

Alumni Engagement



The Final Rumble: Creative Arts Community Sparks New Movement

For 12 years, Rumble House has been more than just a gallery; it's been a sanctuary for creativity, inclusivity, and connection in Calgary's art scene. Founded by UCalgary alumni **Rich Th  roux, BEd'03** and **Jess Th  roux, BEd'10**, this unassuming space on 8th Ave. SW became a home for artists, dreamers, and those who didn't fit in elsewhere—a true "Island of Misfit Toys." Now, as they prepare to host their final events and close the doors on this beloved institution, the Th  rouxs are looking ahead to a new chapter, proving once again that art is not just about what you create but who you inspire along the way.

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What's on Deck?



Kick Off 2025 With Mentorship Month! | January

UCalgary grads can make a difference in the lives of current students through Mentor Link. This digital platform facilitates connections between alumni and students, fostering informal mentorship activities like career conversations, professional development advice and networking opportunities.

[Become A Mentor](#)



Wellness Workshop: Healthier Thinking | Jan.15

Healthy thinking is not the same as positive thinking. No one can look at things positively all the time because sometimes bad things happen. This workshop explores the importance of how to think in healthy ways and identify the impacts of our thoughts. Learn practical skills to pursue healthier thinking in the workplace.

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Grow Your Career Conference | Jan.28 - Feb.1

Join us for our eighth annual Grow Your Career Conference. Make your career success a priority in the New Year with two free webinars and a full in-person conference day that includes sessions with professionals and thought leaders on a variety of topics, from career transitions to resume reviews and more!

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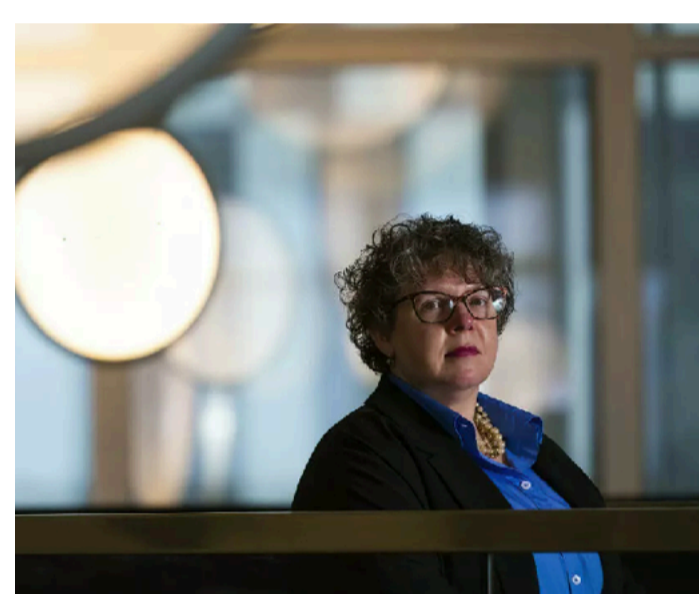
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Alumni Holiday Shopping Guide 2024

As the holiday season approaches, there's no better time to support local entrepreneurs who are all making a difference in our community. This year, consider gifting something meaningful or treating yourself from a selection of incredible products and services from businesses built by University of Calgary alumni.

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Exploring AI's Potential to Revolutionize Education

Dr. Sarah Elaine Eaton, MA'97, PhD'09, Werklund School Research Chair, leads a transdisciplinary team at the forefront of AI research. Their work focuses on leveraging AI to promote ethical teaching, learning, and assessment while prioritizing equity, diversity, inclusion, accessibility, and decolonization in higher education.

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Rudolph May Hold the Key to Tissue Regeneration

Burn survivors typically face lifelong challenges but Dr. Jeff Biernaskie with the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine is looking to change that, teaming up with the Calgary Firefighters Burn Treatment Society - and a herd of reindeer - to advance cutting-edge research.



Giving Tuesday Supports UCalgary Student Food Security Fund

Food insecurity is a pressing issue year-round for students, and it can be especially difficult during the holidays. Giving Tuesday in support of the UCalgary Student Food Security Fund was held Dec.3 but you can still contribute all month long!

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Campus Connect

Six UCalgary Faculty Among Canada's 100 Most Powerful Women

Six UCalgary faculty have been named to WXN's Canada's Most Powerful Women list, recognizing their leadership and achievements. Honorees include **Dr. Kirsten Fiest, BSc'08, PhD'14**, **Dr. Hanan Bassyouni, MD'98**, **Dr. Hadis Karimipour, MD**, **Dr. Deborah Kurrasch, MD**, **Dr. Dianne Mosher, MD** and **Dr. Faren Zaver, MD, MSc'22**.

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UN International Day for Persons with Disabilities

Dec.3 marked the UN International Day for Persons with Disabilities and highlighted the importance of empowering disabled leaders to foster inclusion and sustainability. Meet UCalgary faculty, staff, students, and administrators advancing disability and accessibility from diverse perspectives.

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UCalgary Alumni-founded Companies; PurposeMed and Neo Financial Top Deloitte Canada's 2024 Technology Fast 50

The top spot on the Deloitte list was taken by Calgary-based Neo Financial, co-founded by **Kris Read, BSc'02, MSc'05**. Ranked second by Deloitte, PurposeMed was founded by UCalgary alumni **Dr. Husein Moloo, MD'13, PGME'15**, and **Pete MacLeod, BSc'12** who then brought in **Dr. Caley Shukalek, MD'14, PGME'17, PGME'19**, as chief medical officer.

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The Ripple Effect of Philanthropy

Dick Haskayne's impact at UCalgary is far-reaching, inspiring countless lives. He has motivated future business leaders to prioritize giving back, integrity, and community investment. As he nears his 90th birthday, we spoke with those touched by his vision and generosity.

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Dinos Celebrate 180 Academic All-Canadians

The University of Calgary honoured their student-athletes at the annual Academic All-Canadian Breakfast in MacEwan Hall. A total of 180 Dinos across 25 sports were recognized for their exceptional performances in the classroom during the 2023-24 school year.

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Upcoming Events and Programs

- Dec.25 – Jan.1 | UCalgary Holiday Closure
- Jan.2 – 31 | January is Mentorship Month!
- Jan.15 | Wellness Workshop: Healthier Thinking
- Jan.21 | Science in the Cinema: Inside Out 2
- Jan.28 - Feb.1 | Grow Your Career Conference
- Jan.31 | Crowchild Classic

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