

Alumni Engagement



They're Doing Everything Right - But Still Going Hungry

They skip meals. They sleep in cars. And they're sitting for hours in MacHall. At the University of Calgary, food insecurity is a growing crisis—affecting nearly one in three students. Many are doing everything “right”: working part-time jobs, managing student loans, and keeping up with coursework. But rising tuition and the cost of living are forcing too many to choose between rent, tuition and groceries. This Giving Day, the UCalgary Alumni Association is making student food security its top priority. Learn how alumni are rallying behind the Student Food Security Fund to ensure no student is left hungry—and how every donation can go twice as far thanks to matching incentives This Giving Day.

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UCalgary Giving Day is on now!

Make your gift April 2–16 at ucalgary.ca/givingday

Combating Student Food Insecurity

The Student Food Security Fund supports initiatives that improve access to affordable, nutritious food — like distributing free fresh fruit around campus, offering affordable meal kits and more — so students can focus on their studies, instead of worrying about where their next meal is coming from.



Alumni Features



More Than a Meal: How Students Led UCalgary's Food Security Movement

Former SU President and recent grad, **Shaziah Jinnah-Morsette, BA'24, BA'24**, helped build UCalgary's Campus Food Hub — transforming a single cupboard into a student-led movement grounded in community, dignity, and care. With insights from **Karen Gallagher-Burt, BSW'08, MSW'13**, Director of Strategy with the Distress Centre, discover how the Hub is reshaping food security on campus—and why this kind of support is about far more than what's on the plate.

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UCalgary Vet Med Unit Leads Charge on Animal Health and Food Sustainability

The Diagnostic Services Unit (DSU) serves as a vital resource for veterinarians and livestock producers. Pioneering innovative solutions, the DSU delivers precise diagnoses across a diverse range of animals—from household companions to livestock and wildlife —improving animal health, advancing agricultural practices, safeguarding public health, and securing Canada's food supply in the face of ongoing and emerging global challenges.

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Is This Safe to Eat? Your Food Packaging Could Tell You!

Every meal starts with the soil beneath our feet and ends with fresh, safe food on our tables. UCalgary researchers and alumni, like **Kathryn Wolfe, BSc'21**, are innovating the farm-to-table journey. Wolfe's food-packaging sensors help consumers quickly detect harmful bacteria, ensuring safer meals for everyone.



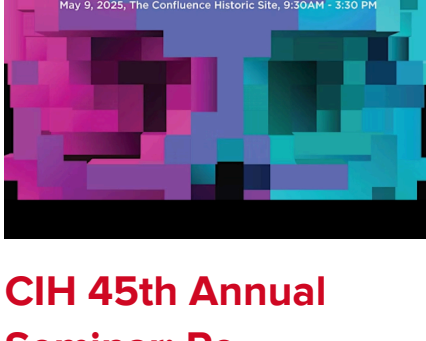
What's on Deck?



Creating Tomorrow Agriculture 2.0: Fuelling the Future | April 12

Imagine a collar that detects illness in cattle —or packaging that knows if food is fresh. At UCalgary, we're not imagining. We're making it happen. We're **Creating Tomorrow**. Join UCalgary and the Calgary Stampede at Aggie Days for a hands-on look at the future of agriculture—plus games, music, and giveaways for the whole family.

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CIH 45th Annual Seminar: Re-Imagining Death | May 9

Everyone dies—but how we experience death changes across time and culture. In the West, we've moved from premodern familiarity to modern avoidance to today's spectacle. This seminar explores how technologies like AI and holograms, along with social shifts like environmentalism and declining religion, are reshaping how we encounter death.

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Dig In! to Food Security Solutions Webinar | May 15

Join us for a free Alumni webinar where we'll dive into practical tips for eating well on a budget, the impact of community gardens, and what it takes to ensure all communities have access to the food and resources they need. Whether you're passionate about sustainability, food security, or just curious to learn more, this session offers something for everyone.

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Alumni Exclusive Offer



SlamFest 2025 With Alumni Pricing | May 2

SlamFest is the official pre-season kickoff for the Calgary Surge — a high-energy celebration of basketball, community, and entertainment. Hosted in partnership with the University of Calgary and UCalgary DINOS, SlamFest offers fans a unique chance to connect with players, enjoy exciting competitions, and experience the energy of Surge basketball before the season tips off. This is where Calgary comes to play — and everyone's invited.

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UCAA Town Hall



UCalgary Alumni Association (UCAA) Town Hall | May 14

Did you know that as a UCalgary graduate, you automatically become a member of the UCalgary Alumni Association? And did you know that there's a Board of Directors that advises UCalgary on creating entertaining and informative events, community and Alumni Built Business supports, and benefits for alumni? Find out about the work that the UCAA Board does and let them know what's important to you at a free virtual Town Hall.

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Campus Connect

Embracing ADHD: UCalgary Grad Champions Neurodiversity and Inclusion

Rochelle Lamoureux, BA'09, advocates for neurodiverse individuals by sharing her personal journey with ADHD. Diagnosed in elementary school, she faced academic and professional challenges due to misconceptions about the condition. Embracing her neurodiversity led her to a fulfilling career supporting marginalized communities, highlighting the power of accepting one's unique traits and fostering inclusive environments.

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UCalgary Alumni and Students Among Alberta's Top 30 Under 30

Students and alumni from the University of Calgary are among this year's Alberta's Top 30 Under 30 honourees, including UCalgary Students' Union President **Ermia Rezaei-Afsah**. Each year, the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation recognizes young changemakers contributing to the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Selected by their peers, these outstanding leaders are driving impact in diversity in health care, sustainability, mental health awareness, education access, gender equality, and beyond.

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UCalgary Alum Helps Pioneer Satellite Technology to Avoid Space Debris

UCalgary scientists, including **Dr. David Knudsen, BSc'84, PhD'90**, have collaborated with the University of Alaska Fairbanks to detect plasma waves generated by space debris using data from the CASSIOPE satellite. Their findings could enable the development of automated systems that allow satellites to identify and avoid dangerous debris, addressing the increasing risks posed by the crowded conditions in low-Earth orbit.

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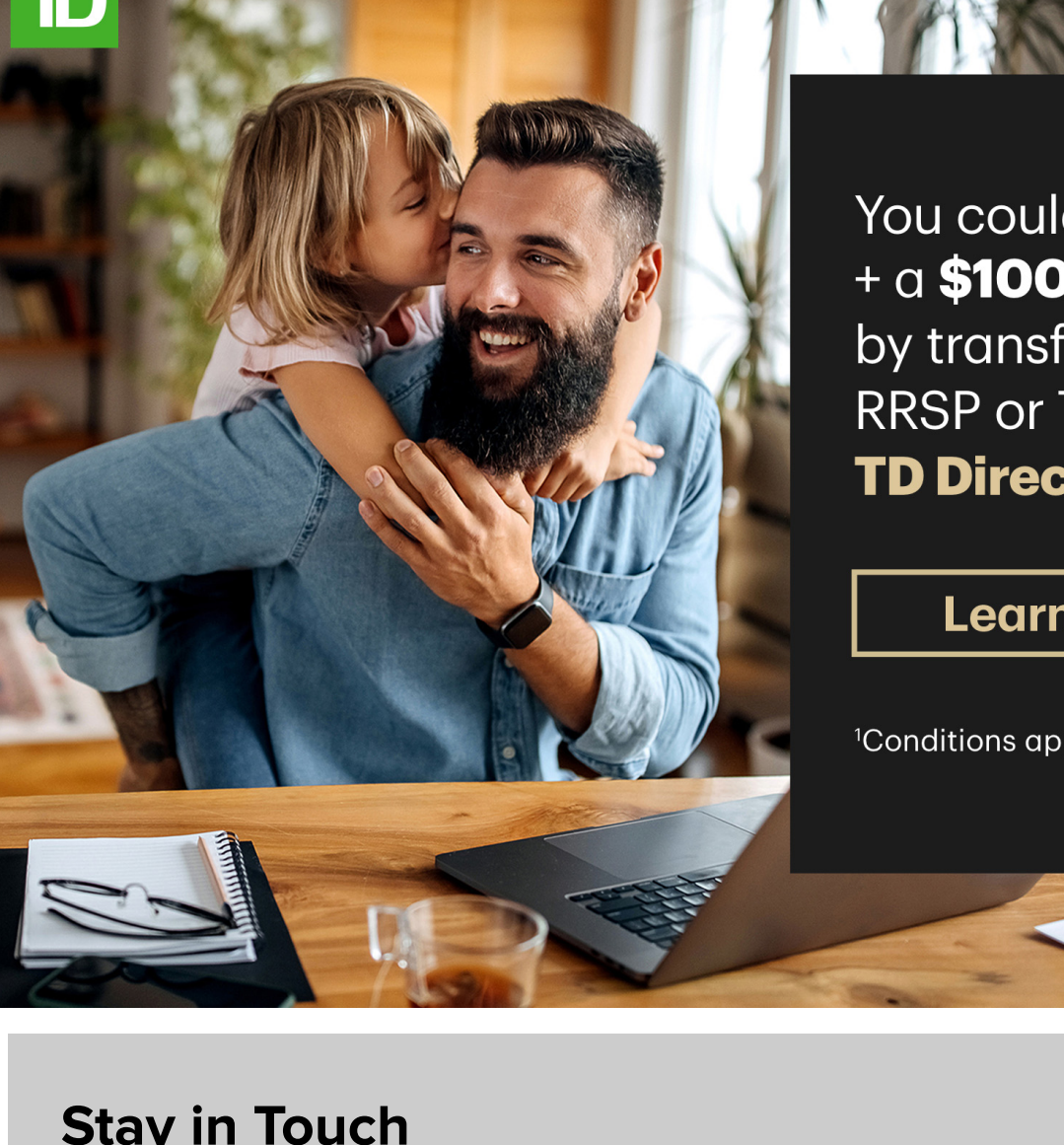
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Upcoming Events and Programs

- April 8 | Alumni Career Workshop: Career Planning
- April 9 | The Calgary Atlas Project: Mapping Forgotten Histories of Calgary
- April 9 | Alumni Wellness Workshop: Understanding and Managing Anxiety
- April 16 | UCalgary Giving Day
- April 22 | Alumni Career Workshop: Thinking About a Career Change?
- April 29 | Alumni Built Business Mixer: Table Topics
- April 29 | Science in the Cinema: Black Panther
- April 30 | Master of Management Program Career Pathways
- May 1 | 2025 CSM Alumni of Distinction Awards
- May 2 | SlamFest
- May 6 | Thriving Under Pressure: Stress Management for Entrepreneurs hosted by Sarah Mateshaytis, MSW'20
- May 14 | UCAA Board Town Hall
- May 15 | Dig In! to Food Security Solutions



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