



Alumni Engagement



Navigating a Challenging Back-to-School Season

From kids coping with new routines to parents juggling work, family and unexpected events like the current teacher's strike, the fall shift in 2025 isn't easy. Educational psychology researcher **Dr. Meadow Schroeder, MSc'05, PhD'10**, highlights the power of routines, while organizational experts **Gillian Rasmussen, BA'00**, **Jackie Killick** and **Kirstie Cantrill** stress the need for flexibility and empathy at work. Their message: when schools, families and workplaces show care, everyone benefits.

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Alumni Features



Reel Scares: Alumni Film Picks For All Ages This Halloween

We invited a variety of UCalgary alumni Halloween experts in media, film, and culture, including **Dallas Flexhaug, BCS'04**, **Jocelyn Illing, BA'21**, **Ishita Singla, BComm'16**, **Teigan Blondin de Boer, BFA'14**, and **Brennan Black, BA'18**, to share their favorite spooky, silly, and spine-chilling films. From kid-friendly classics to cult favorites to grown-up scares, there's some perfect picks here for every age!

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Now Innovating Season Premiere: Carbon Upcycling

Hosted by **Julia MacGregor**, **Now Innovating** is a monthly podcast that aims to inspire the UCalgary community to take steps toward transforming discoveries into solutions, products, and services. Season 7 launches with a focus on the XPRIZE Canada Hub and a conversation featuring UCalgary alum **Madison Savilow, BA'19, BComm'19** of Carbon Upcycling.

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What is Precision Medicine, and How Could it Change Your Life?

Going beyond the one-size-fits-all approach, precision medicine offers faster diagnoses and more effective therapies. Now, the University of Calgary's expertise in this emerging field is accelerating even faster thanks to a \$12-million gift from entrepreneur and philanthropist **Susan Nelson, BA'70**. This donation will enable researchers and physicians to link a huge array of anonymized patient data points from databanks across Alberta, leveraging UCalgary's innovative and established infrastructure, to predict disease and reveal more targeted, customized therapies.

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UCalgary Alum Key to NHL Comeback

After being sidelined by a devastating cartilage injury, Colorado Avalanche captain **Gabe Landeskog** turned to UCalgary sport scientist and alum **Dr. Matthew Jordan BKin'99, MSc'03, PhD'17** and cutting-edge Plantiga technology to make his NHL comeback.



What's on Deck?



AAA Warrior Fathers Screening | Oct.23

Join us for Science in the Cinema: *Warrior Fathers*, followed by a panel discussion and Q&A featuring the film's director, leading star and UCalgary faculty members. The film is the story of a Stoney Nakoda father who searches his upbringing for wisdom on parenting in a colonial world.

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AAA Science Behind Zombie Ants | Oct.29

Come out and join us for this thought-provoking evening with **Dr. Chenhua Li, PhD'23**, as she dives into the eerie world of host-parasite interactions. Dr. Li will share her award-winning research in this exclusive public lecture on the infamous "zombie ant" phenomenon!

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Volunteer for Fall Convoy! | Nov.12-13

You can volunteer to make this fall's Convocation ceremonies memorable for our newest graduates, while welcoming them into our vibrant alumni community! Sign up for various shifts on Wednesday, Nov.12 and Thursday, Nov.13 through our online volunteer portal.

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Calling All Alumni Entrepreneurs



Help Shape UCalgary's Entrepreneurial Future

Are you a UCalgary alum with entrepreneurial experience? The Hunter Hub for Entrepreneurial Thinking wants your input in a short, anonymous survey (5–20 minutes) to help improve support for entrepreneurs and expand campus-wide engagement. The survey explores your journey, including any barriers you faced. Full details are available on the [opening page](#) before you decide to participate.

We Need Your Feedback



Website Feedback Study

The UCalgary Alumni Engagement team is working on improving our website, and we need your feedback. Join us for a one-hour virtual user-experience study where we'll ask questions on how you currently navigate our website and what we can do to improve it. Let us know if you're interested by [filling out the form](#), and someone from the team will be in touch. **All form submissions will be entered to win a draw of one of three Alumni Built Business prize packs (valued at \$100 each)!**

Campus Connect

UCalgary Alum and PhD Student Turns Internship into a Space Exploration Opportunity

What would you do if you stumbled across a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity late at night while casually browsing the web? For **Matthew McConnell BSc'24**, a second-year PhD student in the Department of Computer Science at the University of Calgary's Faculty of Science, that moment set him on a path from Calgary to Québec, and from campus research to lunar exploration.

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New UCalgary Partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters Empowers Youth to Reach Their Full Potential

The University of Calgary and **Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS)** of Calgary and Area have signed a Memorandum of Understanding, through which the community organization will gain a new pool of experienced mentors, with UCalgary alumni playing a key role. Approximately 2,500 alumni already dedicate their time as mentors through formal mentorship programs, mainly on **MentorLINC**, a digital mentorship and career-development platform.

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UCalgary President Ed McCauley Receives Lifetime Achievement Award from U SPORTS

UCalgary President Dr. Ed McCauley was recognized with an award from U SPORTS during Dinos football game on Sept. 27. McCauley is the 2025 recipient of the L.B. "Mike" Pearson Award, which is presented annually to a distinguished Canadian citizen of outstanding lifetime achievements, who, having participated in or supported university athletics, has exemplified the ideals and purposes of university athletics and amateur sport.

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Haskayne Alumni Award Recipients

The **2025 Haskayne Alumni Awards**, presented on Nov.19, will recognize Haskayne School of Business graduates who have shaped their careers and communities while putting these principles into action. This year's recipients are **Deanna Zumwalt, BComm'93**; **Kelly Schmitt, BComm'00**; and **Jordan Lypchuk, EMBA'19**. Their journeys, from launching Calgary's first professional women's soccer team, to leading a high-growth tech company, to building businesses when facing barriers, show how determination and bold action can shape a career.

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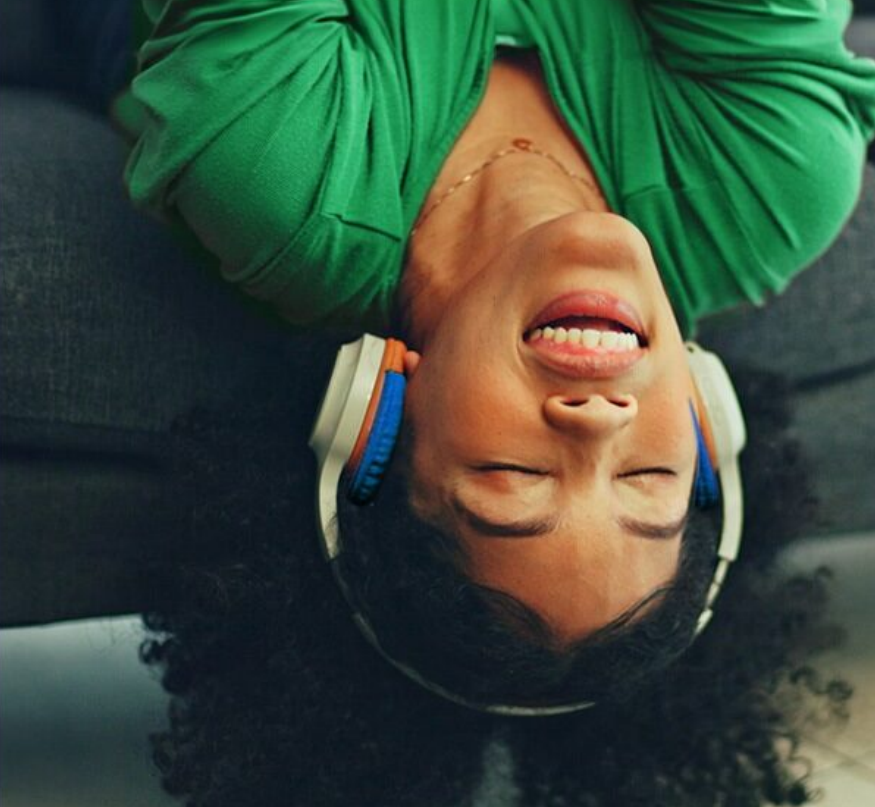
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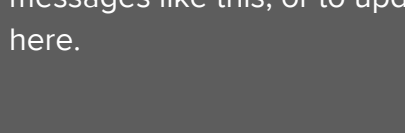
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