



Alumni Engagement



Start Small. Learn Fast. Keep Going.

Have you been thinking about starting something of your own? A business, a creative project, or even a new way of thinking? You're not alone. More people than ever are looking for ways to bring their ideas to life, whether out of necessity, curiosity, or the desire to build something meaningful. For **Dr. Chad Saunders, MBA, PhD'06**, from the Haskayne School of Business, entrepreneurship isn't just about launching companies. It's about learning to act on ideas.

Drawing on years of research, teaching, and mentorship, Saunders offers practical, encouraging advice for anyone wondering how to move from inspiration to execution. From reconnecting with your network to testing ideas and finding support, Saunders explains how to see what works, adapt when needed, and stay resilient when momentum slows. Whether you're pursuing a side hustle, exploring a career change, or bringing innovation into your current role, his advice is universal: you don't need a perfect plan to start, only the courage to take your next step.

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Alumni Features



Meet Them Where They Scroll

Pop culture isn't just for scrolling, it's a bridge for real talk between parents, teachers and kids. From K-pop and Taylor Swift to Netflix and memes, educators are using today's media to spark curiosity, empathy and critical thinking. See how meeting them where they scroll opens deeper conversations.

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Eight Years of il' taa'poh'to'p

On Nov.26, the Office of the Vice-Provost (Indigenous Engagement) will commemorate eight years since launching il' taa'poh'to'p, the University of Calgary's Indigenous Strategy. Join us for a special keynote by Niigaanweewidam Sinclair and to celebrate our collective journey with il' taa'poh'to'p.

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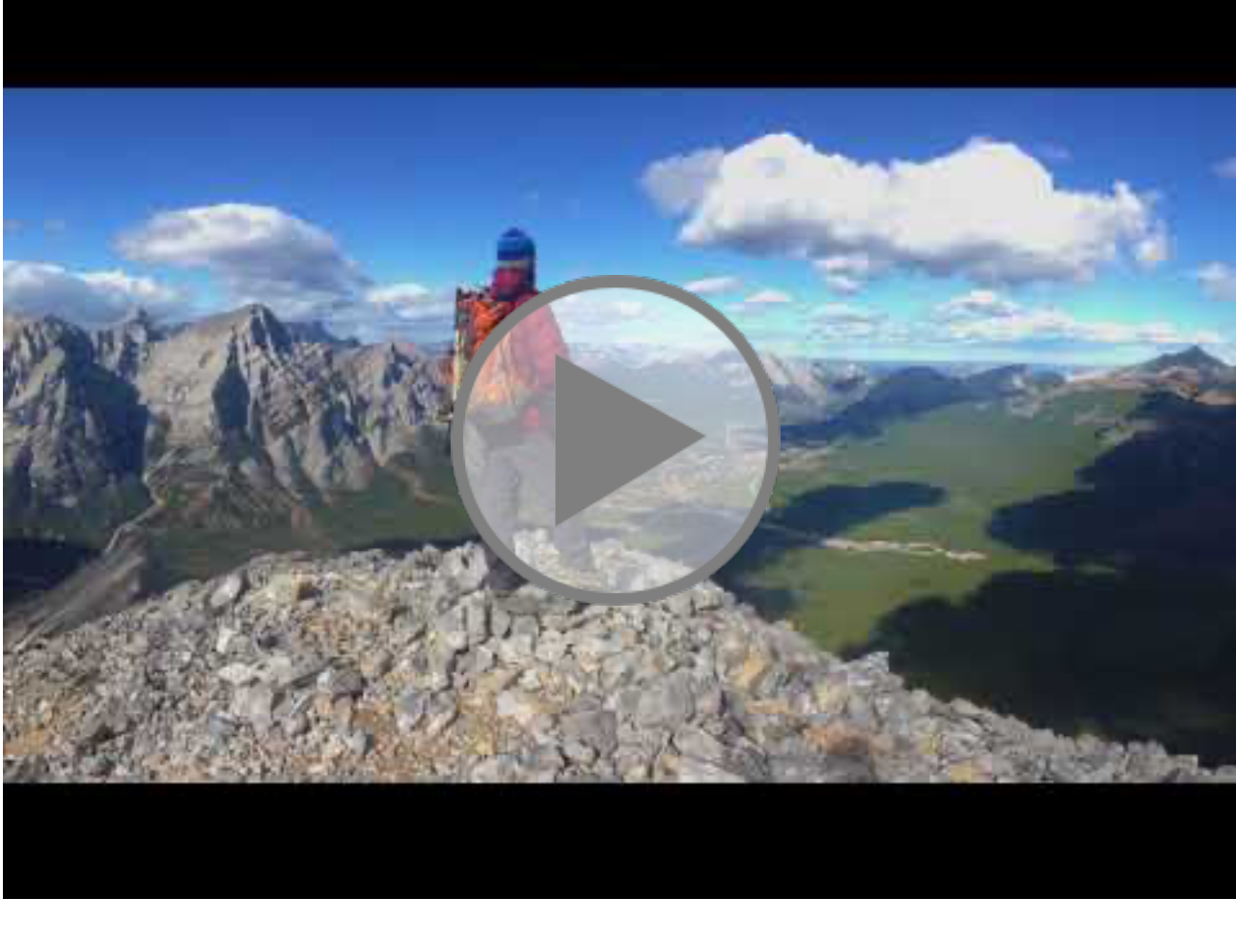
UCalgary Well Represented in Avenue Top 40 Under 40

Nearly half of **Avenue** magazine's 2025 Top 40 Under 40 honourees are UCalgary alumni, faculty and staff! Recognized for shaping Calgary's future through innovation, research, entrepreneurship and community impact — from health care and AI to law, art and sustainability — these trailblazers exemplify UCalgary's bold, problem-solving spirit.

[See The Winners](#)

UCalgary Alum Showcases the Power of Digital Storytelling

A former patient turned digital-storytelling pioneer, **Dr. Michael Lang, MSc'15, PhD'22**, shares how his cancer journey inspired award-winning narratives that help patients, families and health-care providers explore the "unsaid and unsayable." Speaking at UCalgary's annual Schumacher Lecture, he showed how storytelling reveals the person behind the disease and fosters more meaningful care.



UCalgary60 Stories



Growing Up at UCalgary

UCalgary is ready to celebrate its 60th anniversary in 2026! We're launching 60 stories that articulate some of the experiences, vision, expertise and drive of the people who have been a part of the UCalgary community.

When **Kathleen Ralph, BFA'16**, thinks back on her childhood, the University of Calgary isn't just the backdrop of her story - it's at the heart of it.

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Share Your UCalgary60 Story

In just 60 years, UCalgary has become one of Canada's top research universities, a community defined by bold ambition, entrepreneurial spirit and global impact. UCalgary60 celebrates the people and stories that shaped our past while inspiring an even more innovative future. Have a story to share? Submit your UCalgary60 story through our form!

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What's on Deck?



Career Workshops | Nov.17 & 20

Participate in our Alumni Career Workshops for practical advice from experts and fellow grads. **Nov.17 – Career Change:** Learn how to pivot with confidence and identify your transferable skills. **Nov.20 – Networking:** Build authentic connections that open doors. Gain insights, strategies, and inspiration to take your next step.

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Alum Night: Your Next Chapter | Nov.27

Greetings Class of 2025! Join us for **Alum Night: Your Next Chapter**, an evening to connect and empower you as you write your next chapter! Meet a diverse group of alumni, including accomplished professionals, mentors, Alumni Built Business entrepreneurs and industry experts. If cost is a barrier, please reach out to our office.

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Volunteer at Skate The Halls | Dec.6

Help bring the holiday magic to our alumni and their families by volunteering at **Skate The Halls**, our annual Skate with Santa event, this year with the special twist of a Holiday Market! It all takes place at the Olympic Oval on the afternoon of Saturday, Dec.6th. You can sign up today through our **volunteer platform** to be part of this festive holiday tradition!

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Continuing Education Special Event



Experience Continuing Education | Nov.18

Curious how UCalgary Continuing Education can help you advance your career or pursue a passion? Join us **Tuesday, Nov.18**, from 12–6 p.m. (MT) at the Downtown Campus (906 8 Ave SW) to explore flexible learning options, meet instructors and program experts, and experience life-long learning through engaging bite-size sessions.

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Campus Connect

UCeed Marks Five Years of Startup Success with \$30M Under Management

UCalgary's UCeed investment funds have helped launch 62 startups across health, energy, and social innovation — turning research into real-world solutions. With \$30 million under management and a growing portfolio, this milestone reflects the entrepreneurial spirit of our alumni community. Whether as founders, funders, mentors, or innovators, UCalgary grads are helping shape the future of Canada's innovation economy.

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Two UCalgary Alumni Receive Killam Awards

The 2025 Killam Awards celebrated two of the University of Calgary's top educators for their exceptional commitment to mentorship and student success. Among the recipients are **Houston Peschl, BA'98, MBA'10**, who empowers students through collaboration and entrepreneurial thinking, and **Suzette Mayr, BA'90, PhD**, who fosters creativity and emotional well-being in her graduate students. Together, their work highlights how mentorship can inspire confidence, curiosity, and excellence across disciplines.

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UCalgary Researchers Receive Canada Research Chair Renewals

On October 22, 2025, the Government of Canada announced the renewal of five Canada Research Chairs Program (CRC) appointments at UCalgary, spanning five different faculties. These renewals reaffirm the institution's strength in research excellence across disciplines from engineering to arts, social sciences, and natural sciences.

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UCalgary Radiology Fellowship Shapes Global Medical Leaders

From Medicine to clinics worldwide, the EFW Radiology Fellowship at the Cumming School of Medicine is training some of the world's top radiologists. Over the past decade, the program has advanced subspecialties like neuroradiology and interventional imaging, strengthening patient care at home and driving innovation across international health systems.

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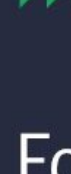
GRADexpo Connects Prospective Students to Graduate Life

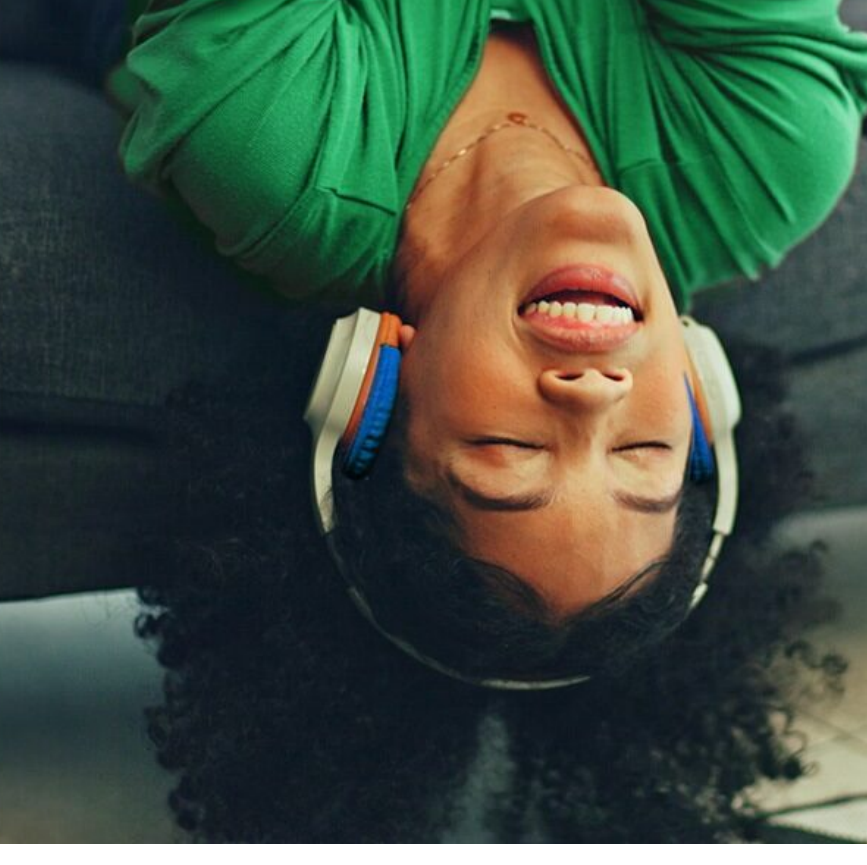
The University of Calgary's Faculty of Graduate Studies hosted its first-ever GRADexpo on Oct.29, uniting 14 faculties, campus resources, and more than 450 prospective students. Attendees explored over 225 graduate programs, connected with faculty and staff, and gained insights into admissions, funding, and career development, all in an accessible, welcoming environment.

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Upcoming Events and Programs

- Nov.12-13 | Fall Convocation
- Nov.17 | Alumni Career Workshop: Career Change
- Nov.18 | Hunter Hub Skills Clinic, Stress Management for Entrepreneurs
- Nov.20 | Alumni Career Workshop: Networking
- Nov.20 | Highlander's Lecture: Defending Canada's Interests
- Nov.22 | TransFORM (part of the Movement Research Festival)
- Nov.25 | Science in the Cinema: The [M] Factor
- Nov.27 | Alum Night: Your Next Chapter
- Nov.27 | Haskayne Business Exchange: Toronto
- Dec.2 | Social Impact Starter Series: Transformational Connections
- Dec.3 | Alumni Career Workshop: Career Planning
- Dec.3 | Science in the Cinema: Low Priority
- Dec.4 | Alumni Built Business Mixer
- Dec.6 | Alumni Holiday Market & Skate With Santa
- Dec.8 | Alumni Career Workshop: Resume Writing Resources

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