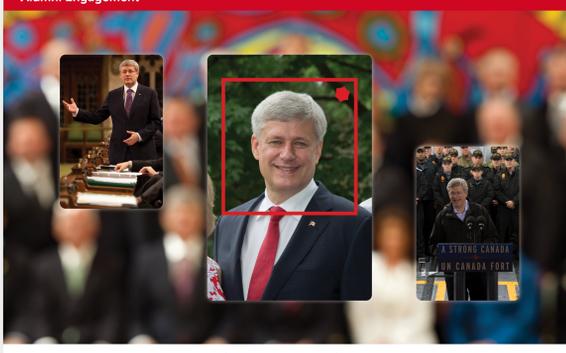


Alumni Engagement



From Campus to Country: Leadership, Institutions and Public Life

Twenty years after first being elected prime minister of Canada, the **Rt. Hon. Stephen J. Harper, BA'85, MA'91, PC, CC**, reflects on leadership, education and the ideas that shaped his path from the University of Calgary to public life. The first prime minister to graduate from UCalgary, Harper looks back on the role of economics, mentorship and disciplined debate in preparing leaders for complex decision-making. This alumni feature explores how institutions like universities shape habits of thought that endure well beyond politics.

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Alumni Features



Anastasia Bucsis on Visibility, Sport and What Comes Next

More than a decade after Sochi, Olympian, trailblazer and advocate **Anastasia Bucsis, BA'17**, returns to the Olympic Games in Milano Cortina as a broadcaster for CBC. The UCalgary communications grad reflects on life beyond the headlines, how LGBTQ2+ inclusion in sport has evolved, and what progress looks like once it's lived in rather than declared.

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"A Rising Tide Lifts All Boats:" at the Forefront of Health Equity

This Black History Month, **Dr. Kannin Osei-Tutu**, founder of the Black Physicians Association of Alberta, reflects on health equity, systems change and the courage to stay the course. "It shouldn't be scary to anybody that we're trying to make the system better for everybody," says the researcher and Cumming School of Medicine senior associate dean.

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38 Years and Counting: The Olympic Oval's Legacy Continues to Grow

Built for the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary, the Olympic Oval has stood the test of time, remaining "The Fastest Ice in the World" and inspiring the newest Olympians competing in Milano Cortina — like **Carolina Hiller-Donnelly, BSc'23**.



In Memoriam: Hude Quan, Cumming School of Medicine

The Cumming School of Medicine is saddened to share the passing of **Dr. Hude Quan, PhD'98** on Feb. 2, 2026. A globally recognized pioneer of data analysis in medical education, he was the recipient of countless accolades and regularly listed among the world's most highly cited researchers. Dr. Quan was honoured with the **UCalgary Distinguished Alumni Arch Award for Lifetime Achievement in 2025**.

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Update from the University of Calgary Alumni Association

UCAA President and Chair **Will O'Yeung, BComm'91**, reflects on the impact alumni make locally and globally and what's ahead in 2026, from milestone events and growing participation to new priorities focused on alumni-built businesses, enhanced communications and meaningful programming. O'Yeung invites grads to deepen their connection during UCalgary's 60th anniversary year.

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What's on Deck?



Grow Your Career: Get Hired Series I Feb. 5-21

It's back! Join UCalgary Alumni for free virtual workshops and a low-cost, in-person mini-conference covering transferable skills, networking, interviews, resumes and personal branding. Learn from career development and HR experts, and leave with practical tools you can use right away. Virtual sessions are still set for Feb. 18 & 26 while the in-person mini conference day is Feb. 21.

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UCalgary Alumni International Women's Day Webinar | Mar. 10

Join UCalgary Alumni for an inspiring and thought-provoking webinar and watch as leading alumni women share stories of the transformative moments in their lives. From professional leaps of faith to personal realizations, you'll hear their remarkable experiences and have the chance to connect with questions of your own.

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Grow Your Career: In the Driver's Seat Series | Mar.-Apr.

In March, join us for the Grow Your Career: In the Driver's Seat series. Whether you're strengthening your network, considering entrepreneurship, mapping out your next big move or just getting your new professional profile pic done, you'll find something valuable in this series. Virtual sessions are set for Mar. 16, 18 & Apr. 1 and this year's in-person mini conference evening is Mar. 18.

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U SPORTS Final 8 Alumni Ticket Offer



Free Alumni Ticket Offer | Mar. 6

Be part of the excitement as the nation's top Canadian university men's basketball teams hit the court in pursuit of the U SPORTS National Championship. The Dinos tip off tournament play in the quarterfinals at **6:00 p.m. on Friday, Mar. 6**. A limited number of free tickets are available for alumni. Register now to secure yours and cheer on the Dinos as they compete on the national stage.

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Awards and Recognition



Arch Awards Nominations Due | Mar. 1

Celebrate over 40 years of the Arch Awards by recognizing outstanding UCalgary alumni. If you know of an incredible graduate who is making an impact on their industry and in their communities, nominate them for a **2026 Arch Award today!** Nominations close at 11:59 p.m. MT on Mar. 1. Need some inspiration? Check out the Arch Award recipient **Class of 2025**.

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Campus Connect

UCalgary Alumni at the Milano Cortina Winter Olympics

Including Olympic medalists like speed skater **Isabelle Weidemann, BSc'23**, Team Canada hockey captain **Brianne Jenner, MPP'17**, and freestyle skier and X Games standout **Rachael Karker, BA'24**, UCalgary alumni once again has a strong presence on the Olympic stage. Among them are the likes of rising speed skating stars **Brooklyn McDougall, BSc'21**, and **Carolina Hiller-Donnelly, BSc'23**, plus international athletes like Team Italy hockey goaltender **Gabriella Durante, BSc'23, MSc'25**. Together, they represent the breadth of UCalgary's Olympic pipeline, from the classroom to the Olympic Oval to the world's biggest winter sporting event, as they compete at the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics.

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Five Distinguished Members of UCalgary Community Appointed to Order of Canada

Five members of the UCalgary community have been appointed to the Order of Canada, including **Dr. Karl Tomm, MD** and **Dr. Eddy Isaacs, PhD** and alumni **Rosalie Silberman Abella, Hon. LLD'90**, **Dr. Gillian Kydd, BEd'82, MEd'96, PhD'04**, and **Whitney Michelle Rockley, MBA'97**. The appointments signify outstanding achievement, dedication to community, and service to the nation across numerous fields of human endeavour.

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New Scholarships to Support Future Economic Leaders

The University of Calgary has established the Rt. Hon. Stephen J. Harper Scholarships in Economics — a new suite of awards honouring distinguished UCalgary alum and Canada's 22nd Prime Minister, **Stephen J. Harper**. These scholarships recognize Harper's legacy in public policy and economic thought and will support both undergraduate and graduate students as they pursue studies in economics. Harper, who earned both his BA and MA in Economics at UCalgary, credits his education here with laying the foundation for his career. The inaugural cohort of recipients will be announced in fall 2026.

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Flames of History on Display at the Olympic Oval

The University of Calgary's Olympic Oval is now home to Excellence in Motion, a new permanent exhibit showcasing a rare collection of Winter Olympic torches — including the iconic torch from the 1988 Calgary Winter Games. Donated in part by local collector **Usman Jutt** and UCalgary, the display traces Olympic history from Calgary through to Beijing 2022 and celebrates the Oval's enduring role in sport and community since 1988.

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Upcoming Events and Programs

- Feb. 10 | Grow Your Career Webinar: Hidden Strengths – Skills You Might Overlook (But Employers Won't)
- Feb. 18 | Grow Your Career Webinar: Personal and Job Search Success
- Feb. 21 | Grow Your Career: Get Hired Event at UCalgary Downtown Campus
- Feb. 23 | Alumni Career Workshop: Resume Writing Resources
- Feb. 26 | Grow Your Career Webinar: Build Your Career Walking Deck
- Mar. 1 | 2026 Arch Awards Nominations Deadline
- Mar. 3 | Alumni Career Workshop: Networking for Personal and Job Search Success
- Mar. 6 | U SPORTS Final 8 National Championship
- Mar. 9 | Alumni Career Workshop: Resume Writing Resources
- Mar. 10 | UCalgary International Women's Day Webinar
- Mar. 11 | Alumni Career Workshop: Thinking About a Career Change?
- Mar. 16-Apr. 1 | Grow Your Career: In the Driver's Seat Series
- Mar. 16 | Grow Your Career Webinar: Networking for Personal and Job Search Success
- Mar. 18 | Grow Your Career: In the Driver's Seat Mini Conference Evening
- Apr. 2 | Webinar: Dig In! To Humanoid Robots and How They'll Transform Society for the Better (or Worse)

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