

Alumni Engagement



Beyond the seat at the table: Women who are rewriting the rules of leadership

In a special Q&A feature, **Deanna Zumwalt, BComm'93**, executive chair of Calgary Wild FC; **Rosa Marchitelli, BA'95**, journalist with CBC News; **Jennifer Thompson, MBA'18**, president of The Confluence Historic Site & Parkland; and **Anila Umar, BSc'06**, outreach coordinator with the Office of the Mayor of Calgary, share insights from their careers and communities. From building professional women's sport and shaping public conversations in journalism to rethinking how history is told and advocating for inclusive communities, their reflections highlight the momentum driving change and the leadership shaping the future.

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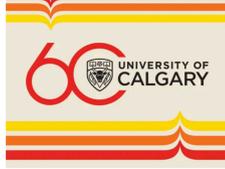
Alumni Features



When Robots Become Real

Humanoid robots are moving from science fiction into reality. UCalgary experts **Dr. Marie Charbonneau, Dr. Marina L. Gavrilova, PhD'99**, and **Dr. G. Kent Fellows, BA'08, MA'10, PhD'15**, explore engineering, ethics and policy questions emerging as artificial intelligence systems take physical form in the world around us.

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Celebrate 60 Years of UCalgary

UCalgary is turning 60 and you are invited to the party! Join us on-campus on Saturday, Apr. 11 for Community Day and enjoy free events, food, music, games and prizes. Everyone is welcome; experience some nostalgia with trivia at the Den, take a walk down memory lane with a campus tour and so much more.

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60 years of UCalgary in one Milk Jar Candle

We teamed up with Alumni Built Business **Milk Jar Candle Company** to create a special *UC60 School Spirit* candle in honour of the University of Calgary's 60th anniversary. Hear from founder **Holly Singer, BSc'12**, about the inspiration behind the scent and a collaboration that was 10 years in the making.



What's on Deck?



Women's Day: the moment that changed everything | Mar. 10

Join **Deanna Zumwalt, BComm'93**, Calgary Wild FC; **Rosa Marchitelli, BA'95**, CBC News; **Jennifer Thompson, MBA'18**, The Confluence Historic Site & Parkland; and **Anila Umar, BSc'06**, as they share stories of their transformative moments. 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 Workshops | Mar. 18

Join us for an evening of career development designed to help get you into the driver's seat of your career. Featuring a special keynote from alum, author and poet **Miranda Krogstad, BA'15**, you'll also have the chance to get a professional LinkedIn headshot and network with fellow UCalgary alumni over complimentary snacks and refreshments. Online registration is also available to watch the keynote remotely.

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Dig In! To Humanoid Robots and How They'll Transform Society | Apr. 2

Humanoid robots are rapidly moving from science fiction into reality. In this Dig In webinar, UCalgary experts **Dr. Marie Charbonneau, Dr. Marina L. Gavrilova, PhD'99** and **Dr. G. Kent Fellows, BA'08, MA'10, PhD'15**, will discuss the engineering, ethical and policy questions that arise as artificial intelligence begins to take on physical form and what it could mean for everyday life.

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Inaugural Champions: The 1965-66 Dinnettes set the bar for UCalgary Athletics

Nearly 60 years after winning the first conference championship in University of Calgary history, the pioneering **1965-66 Dinnettes women's basketball team** was honoured as part of the Dinos Hall of Fame Class of 2026. Their breakthrough season helped establish a legacy for women's sport on campus that continues today.

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1965-1966 UCalgary basketball team recognized for first men's conference title

The **1965-66 University of Alberta in Calgary (UAC) Dinosaurs men's basketball team** captured the first men's conference championship in program's history and came within reach of a national title. Nearly six decades later, the locally built squad was honoured with induction into the Dinos Hall of Fame.

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Update your contact info and win prizes!



By updating your contact information this March, April and May, you'll be entered to win 1 of 60 prizes from our Alumni Built Business community and Manulife in celebration of UCalgary's 60th Anniversary. Prizes include pickleball passes, relaxation massages, scented candles, gift cards and more! You'll also be entered to win two sets of tickets to Calgary Flames games, courtesy of our partners at TD Insurance.

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Campus Connect

Haskayne Business Exchange offers key insights on AI's impact on investing and Alberta energy

At the latest Haskayne Business Exchange, University of Calgary researchers and industry leaders explored how artificial intelligence is reshaping investing and how Alberta could power the next wave of global AI infrastructure. The forum featured insights from fintech entrepreneur Marcos Lopez, BSc'99, and Cristina Lopez, BA'01, BComm'01, chief investment officer at Canada Growth Fund Investment Management, alongside Haskayne faculty examining how AI tools could reduce investor bias and what the rise of data-centre infrastructure means for Alberta's energy future.

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Women's Resource Centre award recipients honoured for leadership and lasting impact

Three members of the UCalgary community were recognized at this year's Women's Resource Centre Awards of Excellence for their leadership, mentorship and commitment to advancing equity on campus. Among the honourees was **Rita Hannawayya, BSc'22**, named Distinguished Alumna for her contributions to biomedical research and neonatal health, alongside fellow award recipients **Ghazal Panahi** and **Muskaan Muse Laroyla**, whose work supports mentorship, advocacy and community impact across the university.

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UCalgary community athletes excel at 2026 Winter Olympics

At the 2026 Winter Olympics, the University of Calgary community delivered an impressive medal haul, with alumni athletes contributing to multiple podium finishes. Among the standouts were **Isabelle Weidemann, BSc'23**, who captured gold in team pursuit; **Brianne Jenner, MPP'17**, who earned silver in women's hockey and **Brendan Mackay, BSc'24**, who secured bronze in halfpipe.

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Teaching Awards celebrate educators who made learning extraordinary

Twenty-six educators across eight faculties will be recognized this Wednesday for outstanding impact in student teaching and learning. The recipients – as chosen by their peers and by students – stand apart for embodying curiosity, expertise, mentorship, patience and empathy, all expertly applied through passion, charisma and knowledge.

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From PhD to R&D: Alum Tracy Lohr's journey from the lab to industry

Academic careers are often considered to be the top job for many PhD graduates, but not for **Dr. Tracy Lohr, PhD'14**. Now a senior research scientist at Shell, Lohr returned to the University of Calgary in late February to deliver the Department of Chemistry's third annual Distinguished Alumni Lecture. During her visit, she met with current students to offer career advice and discuss differences found between academia and industry.

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Upcoming Events and Programs

- Mar. 10 | UCalgary International Women's Day Webinar
- Mar. 10 | Hunter Hub Skills Clinic: Consistent Communication For Entrepreneurial Success
- 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
- Mar. 19 | Highlander's Lecture: In Defence of (Defence) Journalism with Murray Brewster
- Mar. 25 | TC Energy Ingenuity Speaker Series: Bobbie Racette
- Mar. 27 | Hunter Hub Skills Clinic: The Art of Storytelling for Entrepreneurs and the Role of AI
- Mar. 31 | Science in the Cinema: I, Robot
- Apr. 1 | Turning Experience Into Opportunity: Alum Entrepreneurial Journeys
- Apr. 2 | Dig In! Webinar: Humanoid Robots and How They'll Transform Society
- Apr. 7 | Hunter Hub Skills Clinic: Building an Investor Ready Business
- Apr. 11 | Community Day

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