

Alumni Engagement



Blind Trust at 100 km/h: The Partnership Behind Canada's Fastest Paralympic Duo

She talks. He follows. Together, they win. Paralympic skier Sierra Smith, BKin'25, to guide him down the mountain. Through a headset, she calls every turn, jump and shadow as they move as one, where timing, skill and precision are paramount. What began as a chance opportunity has quickly become one of Canada's most remarkable Paralympic partnerships, earning three medals in their debut in Milano Cortina and proving that at nearly 100 km/h, trust isn't just important, it's everything.

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UCalgary Giving Day is April 9-23. Make your gift at ucalgary.ca/givingday

Alumni Features



A New Way to Make an Impact

This Giving Day UCalgary alumni, who graduated between 2021-25, can participate in a new way. Through USpark, recent graduates can direct \$25 of university funding toward the areas of student life that matter most to them, from scholarships to mental health to experiential learning, with no personal donation required!

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Changing the Game for Good

From UCalgary Dinos champion to championing women's athletics, newly inducted hall of famer Marilyn McNeil, BPE'68, EdD reflects on 60 years of progress towards gender equity in sport. What also thrills McNeil is UCalgary's Dinos Women Student-Athlete Award fund, an initiative committed to gender equity.

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This is 60 at UCalgary

We threw the biggest celebration that campus has seen in 60 years, and the UCalgary community showed up in full force. Thousands filled campus, music carried through the quad, and at one point a sea of dinosaur suits set a Guinness World Record! Community Day was truly something you had to see to believe, and these images captured just a fraction of the energy.

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Help Students Stay Nourished

Join us in combatting student food insecurity. Your generosity helps ensure that every student is nourished, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential. For every alum who donates this Giving Day — regardless of the amount or fund — the UCalgary Alumni Association (UCAA) Board will donate \$50 to the Student Food Security Fund.

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How well do you know UCalgary? Test yourself and double your impact this Giving Day

For more than 60 years, donors have supported UCalgary talent, innovation and impact. Now it's your turn! Give April 9-23, and your gift could be matched for double the impact — but only while matching funds last.



What's on Deck?



Dig In! Mental Health Survival Guide 2026 | May 20

In a time of global uncertainty where doom-scrolling all too easy, join us online for a panel of experts at the intersection of geopolitics and mental health. From inflation and global conflict to the emotional toll of it all, they'll help unpack what's happening and how to cope. Featuring Julia Wigmore, MN'16, Jason Ribeiro, PhD'23, and director of the School of Public Policy, Carlo Dade.

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Alumni Field Trip: In the Garden | May 23

May marks the start of gardening season in Calgary and this Alumni Field Trip is the perfect way to get ready. Learn practical tips on growing, composting and preserving food, followed by an opportunity to explore the amazing Silver Springs Botanical Garden, the city's largest volunteer-run community garden. Featuring Lex van der Raadt, MA'15, Jack Goodwin, BSc'09 and Dr. Anne Katzenburg.

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Update Your Contact Information Contest | May 30

Update your contact information and you'll be entered to win 1 of 60 prizes from a variety of Alumni Built Businesses in celebration of UCalgary's 60th Anniversary. Prizes include pickleball passes, relaxation massages, scented candles, gift cards and more. Next prize draw is April 30 so enter today to have the best chance to win! Contest Rules

Update Your Info

Make an Impact at Your University



Volunteer with us!

Are you looking for a way to give back and contribute meaningfully to your alma matter? This is your opportunity to apply to the UCalgary Alumni Association (UCAA) Board of Directors, contribute to a UCAA board committee or become an alumni representative on the UCalgary Senate. Time commitments vary between 3 to 10 hours per month.

Learn More & Apply

Campus Connect

Arctic Mission Launches: UCalgary-led Team Partners With NASA to Decode Sea Ice. Dr. John Yackel, MSc'95, PhD, a professor of geography in the Faculty of Arts, has received funding from the European and Canadian space agencies (ESA and CSA) to lead an international team, including NASA scientists, on what he describes as a large-scale electromagnetic physics project. Yackel and team are supporting the work of the CSA and ESA, as they are working to ensure the images and data captured by billion-dollar Earth observation satellites are as accurate as possible.

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Getting Ahead of Tomorrow. Looking back on 60 years and ahead to what's next, University of Calgary President Ed McCauley shares how UCalgary's entrepreneurial spirit and deep community ties continue to drive real-world impact. It's a story of bold ideas, collaboration and a university built to tackle the challenges that matter most.

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2026 Community Report: Celebrating 60 years of Transformation, Progress. The 2026 Community Report explores how innovation, entrepreneurship and community connection continue to shape Calgary and beyond. This year's Community Report presentations offered the campus and the wider community a moment to reflect on how far the university has come and how its next era is taking shape through the Ahead of Tomorrow 2023-2030 strategic plan.

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Annual Tea Dance Ceremony Validates Eighth Report of ii' taa'poh'to'p Strategy. A powerful moment of reflection and renewal, the Annual Tea Dance Ceremony brought community together in a space grounded in tradition and shared understanding. The gathering validated the latest ii' taa'poh'to'p report and reaffirmed UCalgary's ongoing commitment to reconciliation and walking forward together.

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International Academic Partnerships a Vital Part of UCalgary's 60-year History. International partnerships have been part of UCalgary's story from the very beginning, shaping research, student experiences and alumni impact around the world. From long-standing collaborations like its two-decade partnership with Nanyang Technological University to a growing global network, these relationships continue to define the university's reach. It's a reminder that UCalgary's impact doesn't stop in Calgary, it spans continents.

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Upcoming Events and Programs

- Apr. 9-23 | Giving Day
Apr. 16 | Alumni Career Workshop: Career Planning
Apr. 29 | Alumni Career Workshop: Networking for Personal and Job Search Success
May 1-30 | Mental Health Awareness Month
May 6 | Alumni Career Workshop: Resumé Resources
May 11 | Alumni Career Workshop: Career Planning
May 20 | Dig In! Mental Health Survival Guide 2026
May 23 | Field Trip: In the Garden

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