

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: June 24, 2014

GENERAL

The University of Manitoba conferred degrees, diplomas and certificates on 2,873 graduates at its recent Spring Convocation ceremonies, as well as celebrated eight members of the community for distinguished achievement by awarding them with honorary degrees: Marjorie Blankstein, Lorne Davies, Joseph Du, Leah Hollins, Robert Houle, Hubert Kleysen, Israel Idonije and Justice Rosalie Silberman Abella.

At Convocation, the University also elevated three faculty members to the status of "Distinguished Professor", a designation which recognizes extraordinary, internationally-recognized, scholarly or creative achievement and an exemplary teaching record. The newest Distinguished Professors are Dr. Charles Bernstein [MD/85] in internal medicine and Bingham Chair in Gastroenterology Research, Dr. Diana Brydon in English, film and theater and Canada Research Chair in Globalization and Cultural Studies, and Dr. Pat [PhD/99] in community health sciences.

On May 26, Ms. Linda Hasenfratz, CEO of Linamar Corporation, was given the 2014 International Distinguished Entrepreneur Award (IDEA) at the IDEA gala. Ms. Linda Hasenfratz, under whose leadership Linamar has grown from annual sales of \$800 million to over \$3.5 billion, is the thirty-first IDEA recipient. The award was established by the University, its Faculty of Management (now the I.H. Asper School of Business) and the Associates of the School of Business in 1983 to honour a business executive who has achieved outstanding entrepreneurial success and who has made an exemplary contribution to economic life.

ACADEMIC MATTERS

- Rob Gulden, plant science, and Barb Sharanowski, entomology, received the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Teaching Award of Merit and Chang Hee Choi, agribusiness and agricultural economics, was selected to receive the Graduate Student Teaching Award of Merit. These awards are given annually to individuals who excel in teaching an agricultural discipline.
- The Manitoba Writers' Guild presented Jonathan Ball, English, film, & theatre with the John Hirsch Award for Most Promising Manitoba Writer. Elizabeth Comack, sociology, and Lawrence Deane, social work, received with the Alexander Kennedy Isbister Award for Non-Fiction for their book entitled *"Indians Wear Red": Colonialism, Resistance and Aboriginal Street Gangs*.
- Jila Ghomeshi, linguistics, received the National Achievement Award from the Canadian Linguistics Association. The National Achievement Awards are presented to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the field of linguistics and who have earned distinction for themselves and the Canadian linguistics community. Professor Ghomeshi was recognized for her effective communication about language and her engagement with the broader community on the social significance of language and language choices.

- Wayne Simpson and Derek Hum, economics, and Evelyn Forget, medicine were presented with the Mike McCracken Award for Economic Statistics from the Canadian Economics Association. The award recognizes both theoretical and applied contributions to the development or use of official economic statistics. Professors Simpson and Hum were recognized for their important contributions for the development and preservation of original panel data related to the Manitoba Basic Annual Income Experiment (Mincome) and also for their contributions to the analysis of the Mincome data. Mincome was an experimental Canadian basic income project that was conducted in Dauphin during the 1970s. The project, funded jointly by the Manitoba provincial government and the Canadian federal government, ran from 1974 to 1979. The purpose of this experiment was to determine whether a guaranteed, unconditional annual income caused disincentive to work for the recipients, and how great such a disincentive would be.
- Marlene Atleo, education, was the recipient of the 2014 Migizii Award, given to a university staff or faculty member for going above and beyond for Aboriginal students on campus.
- Jennifer Katz, education, received the 2014 Exceptionality Education International Book Prize Award for her book *Resource Teachers: A Changing Role in the Three-Block Model of Universal Design for Learning*. This is a peer-reviewed award judged by a panel from an international selection of reviewers, is supported by the Canadian Association of Educational Psychology.
- Michael Baffoe, social work, received a Silver Angel Award, while attending the G20 Youth Forum, for his humanitarian work with refugees and new immigrants over the past 25 years.
- Christine Cyr has been appointed Director of the Aboriginal Student Centre at the University of Manitoba commencing June 2, 2014. Cyr has been with the University of Manitoba for over 14 years and is currently the Lead Aboriginal Student Recruitment Officer in Enrolment Services. Cyr, who is Cree and Metis, has been very involved on campus and in her community working with both prospective and current Indigenous students.

RESEARCH MATTERS

- On May 20, 2014 the Honourable Michelle Rempel, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification announced \$2.4 million in funding to establish a first of its kind satellite integration facility. The Magellan Aerospace / University of Manitoba Advanced Satellite Integration Facility (ASIF) will be used for research, development and the construction and testing of satellite components. This new funding will establish the University of Manitoba as a leading entity in the area of space systems engineering and enable industry partners to access growing market opportunities in the aerospace industry. In addition, The ASIF will lead to the creation of a research chair in the area of satellite development. The ASIF will be housed at Magellan Aerospace in Winnipeg, following renovations to an existing 6,000-square-foot area to accommodate up to three spacecraft at various stages of assembly and sufficient ceiling height for high crane lifting requirements. The ASIF will be compliant with the cleanliness prerequisites of an ISO Class 8 cleanroom facility that will satisfy the requirements of programs such as the RADARSAT Constellation Mission (RCM) program initiated by the Government of Canada.

- Two University of Manitoba alumni are recipients of 2014 Partners In Research (PIR) National Awards. Dr. Frank Plummer [MD/76], Canada Research Chair in Resistance and Susceptibility to Infections and University of Manitoba Distinguished Professor, will receive the PIR Biomedical Science Ambassador Award. Janice Filmon [B.H.Ecol./63], Chair, CancerCare Foundation Board of Directors and an outstanding community leader in support of health research, will receive the 2014 PIR Ronald G. Calhoun Science Ambassador Award. Both were honoured at the PIR National Awards ceremony May 23, 2014 in Ottawa. The PIR Biomedical Science Ambassador Award recognizes outstanding contributions of a body of work over a period of time to the biomedical sciences and clinical medicine and their promotion to the public by a Canadian researcher. The PIR Ronald G. Calhoun Science Ambassador Award recognizes a member of the community who has provided outstanding leadership over several years in support of health research.
- Dr. Tom Hack (Nursing/Medicine/Graduate Studies/CancerCare Manitoba/St-Boniface Hospital Research) was awarded the Canadian Association of Psychosocial Oncology's (CAPO) 2014 Award for Research Excellence on May 2. The award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to research in psychosocial oncology in Canada. CAPO is an organization of professionals, clinicians, researchers, educators, and others dedicated to the understanding, treatment and study of the social, psychological, emotional, spiritual and quality-of-life aspects of cancer. CAPO leads nationally and globally in promoting capacity for and excellence in psychosocial oncology services to enhance the wellness of individuals and families. The purpose of the CAPO is to foster and encourage interdisciplinary excellence in psychosocial research education and clinical practice in oncology.
- The Health, Leisure and Human Performance Research Institute held their second annual Research Day on May 14, 2014. The day was an opportunity to showcase the cutting-edge research underway by Institute research affiliates and partner organizations in Manitoba. The day was made up of a number of concurrent sessions, a keynote by Dr. Gordon Giesbrecht, a student research poster competition and numerous networking and collaboration opportunities. The University announced its commitment to specific pledges of the Wellness Works initiative proposed by the Manitoba government at the outset of the day's activities.
- The Manitoba Centre for Nursing and Health Research, in collaboration with the WRHA, held a research day for clinicians, decision-makers, researchers and graduate students in nursing and health care in the theme of *Coming Out of Silos: Working Together to Improve Health Care Outcomes* on Friday, May 23, 2014. It included a keynote presentation by Dr. Brenda Roe, the Faculty's 2014 Dr. Helen Preston Glass Researcher in Residence and sessions related to research and quality improvements projects that involve successful partnerships and collaborative teams.
- The Centre on Aging held their 31st Annual Spring Research Symposium at the Bannatyne Campus on May 5, 2014. Minister of Healthy Living and Seniors, the Honourable Sharon Blady and Dr. Digvir Jayas, Vice-President (Research and International) were on hand for the start of the two days of activities. The new two-day format was a resounding success with several hundred participants taking in the wide array of concurrent sessions presented by research associates of the Centre with their collaborating research partners.

- The Manitoba Materials Conference was held on May 6, 2014. Once again, students and researchers showcased posters of their work, covering the breadth of materials research. The event took place over the entire day in the EITC atrium as well as in adjacent rooms. The Manitoba Institute for Materials (MIM) hosts and organizes the conference. MIM facilitates and enhances basic and applied materials science at the university and across the Prairies. The institute encompasses a number of multidisciplinary research themes with professors from numerous departments across campus.
- International agreements signed:

Country – Partner Institution	Agreement Type	Relevant Faculty
Australia, Wollongong University	MOU Renewal	Arts
Australia, Wollongong University	SEA Renewal	Arts
Brazil/Canada, DFATD - Canada Brazil Joint Research Project 2013-15	Student Placement Agreement	Science
China, Ningbo University	Service Provider Agreement	Asper
Croatia, Zagreb School of Economics and Management	MOU	Asper
Croatia, Zagreb School of Economics and Management	SEA	Asper
France, Agro Paris Tech	Internship Contract	
India, Nijalingappa Medical College	MOU	Medicine
India, Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University	Student Internship and Graduate Study Program	Engineering
South Korea, Kyung Hee Cyber University	MOU	Science

- Visiting Delegations from March through April 2014:

Country	Name of Institution	Date at UM	Main UM Faculty
South Korea	Journalists	March 10, 2014	Extended Education
Paraguay	ITAIPU	March 31, 2014	Engineering
Germany	University of Ostfalia	April 5-10, 2014	Science, Department of Computer Science

- Twenty research projects were awarded a total of \$992,411 in funding from various sponsors. Those projects receiving more than \$25,000 are:

PI	Sponsor	Title	Awarded
Belmonte, Mark Biological Sciences	NSERC Engage Grant	Examining dsRNA pesticide durability on crop plants	\$25,000
Fernandez, Enrique (French, Spanish and Italian)	SSHRC	Archiving and interpreting five centuries of Celestina's visual culture	\$88,934
Frohlick, Susan (Women's & Gender Studies)	SSHRC	Gender, youth, and global tourism: Transforming youth and imagining "Life Projects" through intimacies with tourists	\$209,591
Goertzen , Andrew Radiology	NSERC Engage Grant	Imaging of antibody therapeutics in mouse models of Alzheimer's disease	\$25,000
Jaeger, Stephan (German and Slavic Studies)	SSHRC	Between national and transnational memories: World War II in the twenty-first-century museum in Europe and North America	\$86,230
Levin, David Biosystems Engineering	NSERC Engage Grant	Characterization of microbial cultures with hydrocarbon degradative capabilities and reformulation for a bioremediation product	\$25,000
Main, Kelley (Marketing)	SSHRC	Accuracy and defense responses to persuasion related information	\$234,750
Ojo, Olanrewaju Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering	NSERC Engage Grant	Diffusion brazing of aerospace rene 108 superalloy	\$25,000
Shafai, Lotfollah (Electrical and Computer Engineering)	Mitacs Inc.	Development of high-performance microwave radio network systems with broadband and polarization diversity antennas to be integrated with high-speed optical fiber networks	\$57,500
Whyard, Steven Biological Sciences	NSERC Engage Grant	Crop protection technologies using RNA interference	\$25,000

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- The University of Manitoba ART Lab has won the Prairie Design Award of Excellence for 2014.
- Campus Beautification takes place on Friday, June 6, 2014.
- Manitoba Marathon takes place on the University campus on Sunday, June 15, 2014.
- The University of Manitoba and all six campus food service partners (UM Food Services, UMSU, Stella's/Edna Fedya, St. Andrew's College, St. John's College, St. Paul's College) will be participating in the Manitoba on the Menu research project, being led by Food Matters Manitoba with support from the Province of Manitoba. The project will analyze purchasing histories to identify barriers and opportunities to local and sustainable food buying at the University. In addition to confidential business strategy advice provided to food service operators, the project will deliver food system analysis to help grow the production and processing capacity for food in Manitoba. The Office of Sustainability is supporting research through logistical, administrative and coordinating assistance. This project represents an innovative collaboration between the University, all food service partners, and a non-governmental organization. The outcomes of the project will benefit students, staff, business partners and the Manitoba food sector. Manitoba on the Menu will contribute to University strategic priorities related to student experience, outstanding workplace and to focus areas of wellness and sustainability.
- Office of Continuous Improvement (OCI) has been split with non-technical elements being combined with Office of Change Management (OCM) and the technical elements being re-formed as the Project Management Office Information Technology (PMO-IT) and reporting to the Office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO).
- Office of Change Management (OCM) currently reporting to the Vice-President (Administration) will revert back to the AVP Human Resources, and a formal search for a full-time Director will occur imminently.

EXTERNAL MATTERS

- For the period of April 1, 2014 to June 5, 2014, the University has raised \$2,014,448.18 for the 2014/2015 fiscal year.
- Significant gifts and activities in the last reporting period include:
 - The Manitoba Agri-Health Research Network Inc. provided a gift in kind valued at \$400,000 of controlled environment growth chambers to create a Controlled Environment Growth Chamber Facility within the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences. The addition of this facility will enhance public and private sector researchers' capabilities to conduct plant breeding, physiology and pathology research.

- The final disbursement of \$405,822.96 has been received from Mr. Perry J. Ross's estate and company. In total the University of Manitoba has received \$1,473,085.34 from Mr. Ross's estate directed to the Mr. Perry Ross Bursaries Fund, a fund open to any student in any faculty who demonstrates financial need.
- David Barnard, President and Vice-Chancellor, and Tyler MacAfee, Director, Government and Community Engagement, met with the following federal Deputy Ministers in Ottawa to discuss issues of strategic importance to the University of Manitoba: new DM of Finance Paul Rochon; new DM of Agriculture and Agri-Food (and Deputy Minister University Champion for University of Manitoba) Andrea Lyon; and DM Industry John Knubley. This visit was an opportunity to reach out to Senior Federal officials and strengthen linkages.
- The Alumni Association has joined together with Donor Relations to launch a call to all alumni to match the Association's \$1-million dollar donation towards the Active Living Centre, and graduate student support.
- The Alumni Association Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday, June 16th in the Pembina Hall Student Lounge. The meeting will take place at 5:30pm with a light reception to follow afterward and features a special presentation by Canada's "UFO Guy," Chris Rutkowski. A science writer with nine published books on "things that go bump in the night," his views on things "out of this world" have landed him on popular TV shows such as the History Channel's Close Encounters and Indians and Aliens on APTN.
- Homecoming 2014 is scheduled for September 15-21st. Planning is well underway with the annual dinner once again being held at the Fort Garry Campus. This year there are already 14 reunions scheduled with the Faculty of Law and the Manitoban both celebrating their 100-year milestone anniversaries.
- A new Spring Convocation ad was developed and placed in the Winnipeg Free Press on Tuesday, June 3. A "double truck" ad (across the bottom half of a two-page spread), it featured all honorary degree recipients and showcased three of the 2,800 new University of Manitoba graduates.
- President Barnard was quoted in a Winnipeg Free Press story on reactions to the Manitoba Government's Bill 63.