

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT: November 24, 2015

### GENERAL

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) at the University of Manitoba formally opened at the beginning of November with a two day series of events that honoured the process of reconciliation, recognized Survivors and honorary witnesses, engaged almost two thousand school children in dialogue about Residential Schools, truth and reconciliation and officially launched access to the archive of records, testimony and artifacts gathered by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission during its mandate.

The Board of Governors' Executive Committee has approved a change in title for the position of Vice-President (Academic) and Provost to Provost and Vice-President (Academic), effective immediately. As the search process for this position has gotten underway, the evolution of the role, both at the University of Manitoba and at other like universities, has been considered and the change was recommended as a result of this work.

It increasingly has been the case that universities in Canada are implementing a "provostial model", which though not uniform in definition, generally assigns an extensive leadership role within the University to the Provost and Vice-President (Academic). Though this has been the case in practice at the University of Manitoba, the current policy framework does not fully reflect the centrality of the role of Provost and of Vice-President (Academic) to the University, including its responsibilities as senior Vice-President of the University. Work to update the bylaws that define the roles of all of the Vice-Presidents is underway, and this process will ensure that the role of the Provost is fully articulated. The title change has been implemented at this time to facilitate and bring clarity to the Provost search, while signaling to potential candidates the expectations and competencies required for the role.

A call for nominations has been issued to select a Knight Distinguished Visiting Lecturer for 2016. The R.G. and E.M. Knight Fund was established to "enhance the quality of life of higher education at the University of Manitoba by enriching its academic life through the support of a Distinguished Visitors Program". Faculty and staff are encouraged to consider submitting nominations and are reminded that the Fund will support all eligible costs associated with the visit. Further information and forms may be found at [http://umanitoba.ca/admin/president/knight\\_program.html](http://umanitoba.ca/admin/president/knight_program.html)

On October 28, upon the conclusion of my term in this role, Dr. Elizabeth Cannon, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Calgary began a two -year term as chair of Universities Canada's board of directors.

### ACADEMIC MATTERS

- On October 1, 2015 two University of Manitoba alumni were awarded the 2015 Ernest C. Manning Principal Award. Dr. Mark Torchia [PhD/01] and Richard Tyc [MSc/94] received the award for their joint development of the NeuroBlate® System while they were investigators at the St-Boniface Hospital Albrechtsen Research Centre. Torchia (Surgery, Director, Centre for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning) and Tyc (Vice-President, Technology and Advanced Technology at Monteris Medical), launched a spinoff company established in 1999 to create groundbreaking neurosurgical technologies.

The inventors received their \$100,000 award at a gala in Saskatoon. University of Manitoba professors last won a Manning Principal Award in 2010: Professor Werner Ens and Ken Standing were recognized for their work in the field of mass spectrometry that has profoundly shaped drug development, disease studies and agriculture.

- Neal Davies, dean, college of pharmacy, received the 2015 Canadian Society of Pharmaceutical Sciences Award of Leadership in Canadian Pharmaceutical Sciences. This award is bestowed upon a scientist who has demonstrated leadership in advancing the cause of pharmaceutical research and development in Canada.
- Peter Blunden, physics and astronomy, has been elected a *Fellow of the American Physical Society* (APS). Election to this Fellowship is limited to no more than one-half of one percent of the membership in a given year and is recognition by their peers of outstanding contributions to physics.
- Corrie Peters, art student, was awarded the inaugural Salt Spring National Art Prize for 2015. This national competition had artists from across Canada competing for a \$10,000.00 prize award, and a further \$5,000.00 towards a 2016 residency. Corrie was one of 52 finalists and selected for her work titled *Building (All the rooming houses on my street have had their front door removed)*.
- The Canada Council for the Arts announced Reinhard Pekrun from the Ludwig-Maximilians Universität in Munich, as the 2015 winner of the prestigious [John G. Diefenbaker Award](#). Under terms of this award, he will collaborate with Dr. Ray Perry in the Department of Psychology and other Canadian scholars to advance research on the role emotions play in learning, memory processes and cognitive performance. The department is honoured to host the first Diefenbaker award recipient in the University of Manitoba's history.
- The Faculty of Health Sciences' Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program won two national awards of excellence. First, the 2015 Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada's Accredited Continuing Professional Development Provider Innovation Award for their *Oral Systemic Health Inter-professional Education Day*. These Awards recognize CPD providers for their innovative development and implementation of educational policies or processes; administrative policies; and educational processes, resources or tools. Secondly, Ryan Zarychanski, internal medicine, with colleagues at Uniting Primary Care and Oncology (UPCON) at CancerCare Manitoba and the CPD team, won the College of Family Physicians of Canada Continuing Professional Development Award for *Blood Day for Primary Care*.
- College of Medicine Immunology graduate student Rebecca (DeLong) Dielschneider, medicine graduate student, took second place in the National 3MT competition for her work on "*Lysosomes as Targets in Leukemia*". Also, she was recognized by BIOTECanada with the prestigious Gold Leaf Award as a Young Leader in Biotechnology Research.
- College of Medicine graduates performed extremely well on the 2014 Medical College of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE) ranking the University of Manitoba in the top third of the country's 17 medical schools and in some cases first or second.

- Career Services, in partnership with the Engineering and Agricultural student organizations, hosted the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Agriculture, Science, and Engineering Career Fair. Seventy employers participated and more than 1,100 students participated.
- The College of Dentistry's Dental Outreach program collaborated with the Winnipeg School Division to screen children at 16 schools to identify and treat those in need of care. Over the last school year, close to 3,500 kids were screened, with over 1,300 identified as needing treatment and 400 of which warranted treatment at the College's Clinic.
- The Nursing Students' Association organized an awareness walk, "Orange Shirt Day", on September 30<sup>th</sup> to honor the survivors of Residential Schools and recognize the multi-generational impact of Residential Schools on the current and future health status and health services of Indigenous peoples. Almost 150 nursing students and staff participated in the walk from the Helen Glass Centre for Nursing to the National Research Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NRCTC). At the end of their walk the students delivered a pledge to the NRCTC committing to practicing culturally safe nursing care and serving as allies to "Indigenous children, youth, and their families to create an environment that supports, affirms, and celebrates all peoples".
- Let's Talk Science at the University of Manitoba received the *2015 Outstanding Science Organization Award* from the Science Teachers' Association of Manitoba.
- Robson Hall and the Canadian Museum for Human Rights (CMHR) came together to celebrate the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Magna Carta; one of the world's most important historical documents. The event was well attended with a medieval feast, followed by presentations from Professors John Irvine and DeLloyd Guth and a self-guided tour of the museum.
- Robson Hall is honoured to welcome alumnus, Justice Murray Sinclair, as its Distinguished Jurist-in-Residence for the 2016 winter term. He will help shape Robson Hall's established commitment to enacting the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's recommendations pertaining to law schools.
- Alumna and renowned soprano, Andriana Chuchman, made her Los Angeles Opera debut as Lauretta in *Gianni Schicchi*, with Placido Domingo as Gianni Schicchi.

## RESEARCH MATTERS

- The Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS) inducted Dr. James Davie (Biochemistry and Medical Genetics, Cell Biology, Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba (CHRIM), Research Institute of Oncology and Hematology (RIOH)) as a new Fellow on September 18, 2015. Davie is a world-renowned investigator in the field of chromatin and epigenetics. For decades his studies have profoundly impacted our understanding of the genetics of human disease, human development, and the emerging field of stem cell biology.

Fellows are elected by their peers based on their demonstrated leadership, creativity, distinctive competencies and commitment to advancing academic health sciences. Membership is considered one of the highest honours for the Canadian health sciences community. The objective of the CAHS is to provide advice on key issues relevant to the health of Canadians.

With the induction of Dr. Davie, the University of Manitoba now has 25 Fellows of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences.

- Three professors were elected in September to the Royal Society of Canada (RSC), the country's most esteemed association of scholars and scientists. The three scholars are: Fikret Berkes (Natural Resources Institute, Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources), an internationally recognized scholar on the interrelationships between societies and their resources; James Davie (Biochemistry and Medical Genetics, Cell Biology, CHRIM, RIOH), a pioneer in the field of epigenetics; and Estelle Simons (Pediatrics and Child Health, CHRIM), a world authority on anaphylaxis and allergic diseases.

Election to the RSC is considered the highest honour an academic can achieve in the arts, humanities and sciences. The three professors are among 87 new Fellows elected for 2015.

Berkes is an influential scholar and international leader in the areas of commons theory and the interrelations between societies and their resources. Davie is a pioneer in the field of epigenetics (formerly known as the field of chromatin research). His findings have resulted in knowledge translation towards improving human health. Simons has developed novel approaches for investigation of the clinical pharmacology, efficacy and safety of medications used in treatment of asthma, anaphylaxis, and other allergic diseases.

Fellows and award winners from across the country will be officially inducted and honoured on Nov. 27 in Victoria, BC. This will bring the total number of current RSC Fellows from the University of Manitoba to 44.

- The University of Manitoba has moved up 3 spots, 16th place to 13th, among Canada's Top 50 Research Universities, according to ReSearch Infosource Inc.'s latest report. The University of Manitoba received \$154.3 million in research funding in 2014, up 12.4 per cent. Overall, research income rose at 27 institutions and fell at 23. According to ReSearch Infosource Inc. this is the first time in 14 years national combined university research income failed to grow. Research income at Canada's Top 50 Research Universities shrank by -1.6% in Fiscal 2014.
- For the fourth year in a row, St-Boniface Hospital has made the list of top research hospitals in Canada, according to ReSearch Infosource, which ranks Canadian hospitals on their success in attracting support for health research. St-Boniface Hospital is ranked 1st in western Canada (10th overall) for researcher intensity – defined as dollars attracted per researcher – 6th in Canada in the category of small hospital-affiliated research facilities, and 3rd in the country for research activity growth, at 20.9% over last year.
- Game Changer, a new student competition, was launched by the Office of the Vice-President (Research and International), being co-organized by the Technology Transfer Office and the Stu Clark Centre for Entrepreneurship. This exciting, new contest that will give university students and post-doctoral fellows from all disciplines an opportunity to identify global problems and work in teams to devise innovative solutions, with a chance of winning up to \$10,000 in cash prizes, aims to foster entrepreneurial thinking. The five problems that students will form cross-faculty teams to develop solutions for will be announced at an event during Global Entrepreneurship Week on Nov. 17, 4-5:30 pm in EITC atrium.

- Distinguished Professor Digvir Jayas (Biosystems Engineering, Vice-President (Research and International), was recognized by Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba (formerly APEGM) with an Honorary Life Membership for service to the association. He has served the association on several committees including Public Interest Review Committee, Academic Review Committee, Experience Review Committee, Nominating Committee, Publications Committee as member, vice-chair or chair for many years. He served as President in 2005-2006. Currently, he is the President of Engineers Canada.

Jayas was also recently honoured by the India Canada Culture and Heritage Association with its Distinguished Service Award.

- Ninety-one researchers, leading 121 projects were awarded funding from various sponsors totaling \$14,461,203. Those projects awarded more than \$25,000 are:

<b>PI</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Awarded</b>
Albensi, Benedict (Pharmacology and Therapeutics)	Alzheimer Society of Manitoba	Basic and patient-orientated dementia research: Linking novel methods for early stage detection with understanding pathological mechanisms in dementia	\$250,000
Azad, Meghan (Pediatrics and Child Health)	Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba Inc.	Prenatal exposure to non-nutritive sweeteners and the development of childhood obesity	\$40,000
Ball, Terry (Blake) (Medical Microbiology)	Research Manitoba	Characterizing non-conventional T-cell function in latent and active tuberculosis infection	\$73,500
Barber, David (Centre for Earth Observation Science)	Laval University	Oceanic and atmospheric forcing of sea ice dynamic and thermodynamic processes - Equipment	\$43,665
Barber, David (Centre for Earth Observation Science)	Research Manitoba	ArcticNet projects	\$105,399
Becker, Allan (Pediatrics and Child Health)	Andison Family Foundation Inc.	Diagnosing wheezing symptoms in children using mHealth technology	\$25,000
Becker, Allan (Pediatrics and Child Health)	Research Manitoba	The Canadian Health Infant Longitudinal Development (CHILD) Study	\$110,000
Blanchard, James (Community Health Sciences)	CIHR	HIV risk and self-identified healthcare priorities of "high risk" young women in Ukraine and Kenya	\$105,000

Bonnycastle, Marleny (Social Work)	University of Saskatchewan	Youth homelessness: Including the voices who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in Northern Manitoba	\$30,000
Buduhan, Gordon (Surgery)	Health Sciences Centre	Neoadjuvant chemotherapy vs. neoadjuvant chemoradiation in patients with resectable esophageal carcinoma - a pilot randomized study	\$50,000
Burgener, Adam (Medical Microbiology)	University of California, Davis	How did a vaccine enhance HIV acquisition?	\$92,405
Byrne, Alyson (Business Administration)	SSHRC	Women's ambiguous leadership trajectories - identity, motivation, and effectiveness	\$26,789
Cenkowski, Stefan (Biosystems Engineering)	Mitacs Inc.	Prototype of a CHP system based on an upgraded gravity feed wood-pellet furnace integrated with a steam-powered micro-turbine for a small to mid-scale applications using CFD simulation and experimental investigation	\$57,500
Cowley, Kristine (Physiology & Pathophysiology)	Research Manitoba	Neural strategies for functional recovery and therapeutic benefit after spinal cord injury	\$212,450
Crockett, Maryanne (Pediatrics and Child Health)	Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba Inc.	Engaging with private health providers to improve the quality of community management of childhood pneumonia and diarrhea in Uttar Pradesh, India: Exploring factors related to policy development and implementation	\$35,000
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Dart, Allison (Pediatrics and Child Health)	CIHR	An assessment of psychological factors, inflammatory biomarkers and kidney complications: The improving renal complications in adolescents with type 2 diabetes through Research (iCARE) cohort study	\$881,609

Davidson-Hunt, Iain (Natural Resources Institute)	SSHRC	Ethnobiology design and food system innovation for Indigenous and local communities in Canada and Bolivia	\$389,744
Dhingra, Sanjiv (Physiology & Pathophysiology)	CIHR	Preserving the immunoprivilege of transplanted allogeneic mesenchymal cell in the ischemic heart	\$521,185
Ding, Hao (Biochemistry and Medical Genetics)	Cancer Research Society, Inc.	Function of RTEL1 DNA helicase in protecting cerebellar neural stem cells from medulloblastoma formation	\$119,990
Doucette, Christine (Physiology & Pathophysiology)	Research Manitoba	Determining the role of the HNF1aG319S polymorphism in beta cell dysfunction associated with youth-onset type 2 diabetes in Manitoba	\$224,818
Ellison, Cynthia (Pathology)	Research Manitoba	Preventing the progression of acute graft-versus-host disease by modulating microRNAs 155 and 146a in vivo	\$149,174
Fernyhough, Paul (Pharmacology and Therapeutics)	CIHR	Modulation of the DNA damage repair (DDR) response in the treatment of brain tumours	\$300,000
Forget, Evelyn (Community Health Sciences)	SSHRC	Social outcomes and QOL associated with guaranteed annual income	\$185,620
Garland, Allan (Internal Medicine)	Research Manitoba	Sex factors in admission to intensive care units: The role of social support factors	\$26,589
Ghia, Jean-Eric (Immunology)	Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba Inc.	Prenatal antibiotic treatment modulates offspring susceptibility to experimental colitis: A role of the gut microbiota	\$40,000
Gole, Aniruddha (Electrical and Computer Engineering)	Manitoba HVDC Research Centre	Design of long-term power system planning methods that improve the decision making using simulation tools	\$30,906
Gole, Aniruddha (Electrical and Computer Engineering)	Mitacs Inc.	Reliability modeling assessment of power systems containing HVDC links	\$30,000

Hu, Pingzhao (Biochemistry and Medical Genetics)	Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation - Prairies/NWT Region	Improving breast cancer survival and drug response prediction based on mutated gene network	\$217,150
Jackson, Michael F. (Pharmacology and Therapeutics)	Research Manitoba	Contribution of TRPM2 channels to the disruption of CA2+ homeostasis and synaptic plasticity by amyloid B oligomers: Implications for Alzheimer's disease	\$73,500
Kardami, Elissavet (Human Anatomy and Cell Science)	CIHR	The role of FGF2 isoforms in cardiac remodeling	\$646,363
Karimi-Abdolrezaee, Soheila (Physiology & Pathophysiology)	Rick Hansen Institute	Development of clinically relevant therapeutic strategies to enhance remyelination and functional recovery after spinal cord injury	\$36,750
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Katyal, Sachin (Pharmacology and Therapeutics)	CIHR	ATM and TDP1 coordinate neurodevelopment and modulate Top1-mediated anti-cancer therapeutic outcome	\$817,320
Katz, Alan (Community Health Sciences)	CIHR	The Manitoba SPOR Primary and Integrated Health Care Innovation Network (MSN): Management and operations grant	\$500,000
Kazem Moussavi, Zahra (Electrical and Computer Engineering)	Mitacs Inc.	Vestibular response pattern recognition in relation to co- treatment and recovery monitoring of Post Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) symptoms	\$240,000
Keynan, Yoav (Internal Medicine)	Manitoba Medical Service Foundation	Emmonsia Africana sp. nov: Characterization of epidemiology, clinical spectrum of disease, and environmental niche	\$25,000
Kirshenbaum, Lorrie (Physiology & Pathophysiology)	CIHR	Targeting cell death signaling pathways in the heart	\$569,850

Kreindler, Sara (Community Health Sciences)	CIHR	Getting to the source of inter-regional variation in patient flow performance: A complex systems perspective	\$400,000
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Linovski, Orly (City Planning)	SSHRC	Selecting the route: Balancing development and equity in transit decision-making	\$47,092
Marshall, Aaron (Immunology)	Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada	Control of malignant B cell migration by PI 3-kinases	\$160,000
Marshall, Aaron (Immunology)	CancerCare Manitoba	ZAP-70-dependant alteration of PI3Ky signaling enhances microenvironmental interactions and survival of CLL cells	\$36,750
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Martin, Donna (Nursing)	CIHR	The micro- and macro-construction of induced displacement: Experiences, health outcomes and future plans of Little Saskatchewan First Nation	\$617,855
McKenna, Sean (Chemistry)	Cancer Research Society, Inc.	Investigating the regulatory role of RNA-quadruplex helicases on telomerase activity	\$118,600
McKenna, Sean (Chemistry)	Canadian Cancer Society Research Institute	Targeting a unique RNA structural feature to inhibit human telomerase activity	\$199,200
Menec, Verena (Community Health Sciences)	CIHR	The care pathways and health service needs of people with early-onset dementia: A mixed methods study	\$105,000
Murooka, Thomas (Immunology)	Research Manitoba	Dynamic in vivo imaging of DC:T cell interactions and their role in HIV spread	\$225,000
Nickerson, Peter (Dean's Office - Faculty of Medicine)	Anonymous	PET-MRI imaging system	\$1,500,000

Roberts, Daniel (Internal Medicine)	CIHR	Developing renal allograft surveillance strategies: From implantation to late post-transplant	\$300,000
Safi-Harb, Samar (Physics and Astronomy)	Mitacs Inc.	Autonomous modeling of high-resolution x-ray spectra using robust global optimization methods	\$30,000
Schroth, Robert (Preventive Dental Sciences)	Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba Inc.	Does early childhood nutritional status and well-being improve for children with severe early childhood dental caries following rehabilitative dental surgery?	\$40,000
Sherif, Sherif (Electrical and Computer Engineering)	Mitacs Inc.	Spectroscopic optical coherence tomography for ageing assessment of high voltage transformer insulation	\$90,000
Siddiqui, Tabrez (Physiology & Pathophysiology)	CIHR	Regulation of a neuronal synaptic pathway in neurodevelopmental and psychiatric disorders	\$795,210
Singh, Harminder (Internal Medicine)	American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy	Prevention of biofilm formation in duodenoscopes	\$161,712
Snider, Carolyn (Emergency Medicine)	CIHR	Wraparound care for youth injured by violence: A randomized control trial	\$100,000
Soussi Gounni, Abdelilah (Immunology)	Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba Inc.	Impact of sempaphorin 3E on regulatory T cell function in experimental model of sepsis	\$36,750
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't Jong, Geert (Pediatrics and Child Health)	Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba Inc.	Antibiotics exposure and development of chronic disease- an internation consortium study	\$37,910
Tate, Robert (Community Health Sciences)	Research Manitoba	Trajectories of quality of life of very old men: The Manitoba follow-up study	\$45,500
Taylor, Carla (Human Nutritional Sciences)	Research Manitoba	Isolation and characterization of a green lentil bioactive capable of inhibiting p38MAPK	\$36,750

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Thiessen, Kellie (Nursing)	Research Manitoba	Outcomes and costs of maternity care services in Manitoba	\$201,399
Thompson, Shirley (Natural Resources Institute)	Tides Canada	Exploring sustainable livelihoods in fishing	\$34,500
West, Adrian (Physiology & Pathophysiology)	Research Manitoba	Caveolae dynamics mediate mechanobiology-regulated signaling pathways in asthma	\$223,871
Yang, Xi (Immunology)	Research Manitoba	A mechanistic study of the role of co-stimulatory signaling in NKT-mediated modulation of DC/DC subsets in inducing type-1 and type-17 responses in chlamydial lung infection	\$73,500
Zarychanski, Ryan (Internal Medicine)	Manitoba Medical Service Foundation	Intravenous immunoglobulin in severe sepsis and septic shock	\$25,000

## ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Further to the previously-reported achievement of a **Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System Silver rating**, the Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) highlighted the University of Manitoba twice as a top performer in their 2015 annual report. Citations were for a 100% score in Coordination & Planning and for Diversity & Affordability related to innovation for our Pathways to Indigenous achievement. Report is online at: [http://www.aashe.org/files/aashe\\_2015\\_sustainable\\_campus\\_index.pdf](http://www.aashe.org/files/aashe_2015_sustainable_campus_index.pdf)
- **RWLE Policy, Student Discipline Bylaw, Inappropriate or Disruptive Student Behaviour Policy, Violent or Threatening Behaviour Policy, Sexual Assault Policy (UPDATE):** The proposed draft policies are available for download from a consultation website ([http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing\\_documents/behavioural\\_policy\\_review\\_consultations.html](http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/behavioural_policy_review_consultations.html)), along with a summary of the proposed changes. The Office of Legal Counsel has initiated consultations by presenting the policies to various groups, including the Associate Deans (Undergraduate), Provost Council, the Student Experience Committee, the unions (UMFA, CUPE, UNIFOR and AESSES), and the Student Support group. The drafts have been forwarded to all LASH committees, as well as to OSHA. Presentations will continue in the coming weeks to the Present's Advisory Committee on Respect (PACR), to the Sexual Assault Working Group (SAWG), and to the Council on Student Affairs (COSA). A community consultation will also be organized in November at both the Fort Garry and Bannatyne campuses. Members of the University community may provide feedback through the consultation website or by email to the Office of Legal Counsel

(policy.feedback@umanitoba.ca). We have requested feedback in writing before December 18, 2015, as the feedback will be reviewed by the working group starting in January 2016.

- All remaining Truth and Reconciliation storage and compute devices were delivered to the university. These devices remain in powered off state in our data centre as we determine the best way to extract their data. One such service was the TRC.ca email system which we were able to make operational.

## **EXTERNAL MATTERS**

- For the period of April 1, 2014 to November 5, 2015, the University has raised \$94,045,148.93 for the 2015/2016 fiscal year. As of this date, we have raised \$81 million more in our current fiscal year, as compared to last fiscal year.
- To date, we have raised \$367,968,846 towards our \$500 million goal for the Front and Centre campaign, which includes the commitment of \$150 million from the Province of Manitoba.
- On Saturday, October 3, in front of an enthusiastic crowd at Investors Group Field, the University of Manitoba publicly launched Front and Centre: the campaign for the University of Manitoba during an exhilarating halftime show at the Winnipeg Blue Bombers game. University president David Barnard, campaign chair Paul Soubry, and campaign team member – and retired NFL star – Israel Idonije announced the total raised so far, \$215,294,636.30 toward the campaign’s ambitious and transformative \$500 million goal.
- At a lively celebration on October 9 the provincial government announced its support for the University of Manitoba’s Front and Centre campaign, committing \$150 million towards: supporting future leadership; graduate and undergraduate students; advancing research to impact our community in Manitoba and around the world; giving faculty and students a place and a space to thrive; and transforming not only the university but our entire province.
- Nominations for the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Awards closed on October 26 and we are pleased to announce that 49 total nominations were received amongst the five categories. The Distinguished Alumni Awards Celebration of Excellence will be held on May 5, 2016 at the Winnipeg Art Gallery.
- Alumni receptions were held in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Hong Kong to launch Front and Centre: the Campaign for the University of Manitoba from October 13-15. It was a valuable opportunity to meet and visit with more than 150 alumni living and working in Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore, to hear their memories of their time in Manitoba, and to share with them the exciting things happening at the U of M this year.
- Lafarge Canada Inc. has committed \$125,000 to ENGAP Scholarships
- Ladco Company Limited has made a gift of \$250,000 designated to the Faculty of Engineering.
- A gift of \$1,000,000 was received from Esther Suen to establish the Simatelex Charitable Foundation International Study Program

- The Gerald Schwartz and Heather Reisman Foundation made a gift of \$600,000 to the Arni Thorsteinson International Exchange Program.
- CIBC is donating \$500,000 to support bursaries for Asper Business students, including Indigenous students in the Aboriginal Business Education Program, and the creation of the CIBC Student Hot Spot in University Centre
- RBC Financial Group has committed \$1,025,000 to support the Manitoba Online Overcoming Depression (MOOD) Program, the Health Sciences Students Northern Travel Initiative, and the RBC Award in Indigenous Business Education
- Scotiabank has made a gift of \$500,000, specific designation to be determined
- The annual Isbister Legacy Luncheon was held on October 1, 2015 at Marshall McLuhan Hall in University Centre. More than 120 people were present for the reception and luncheon that celebrates individuals who have made gifts through their wills.
- A number of regional campaign launch events will be taking place across Canada in the coming weeks including:
  - Toronto – November 19
  - Calgary – November 26
  - Victoria – November 28
  - Vancouver – December 8
- Premier Greg Selinger made an announcement on September 14<sup>th</sup> in the Engineering and Information Technology Complex (EITC) to provide \$500,000 that will create 18 new engineering seats and a new hybrid pathway between the University of Manitoba and other Manitoba post-secondary institutions. The latter will support increased credit transfer and recognition of prior experience for students coming from other post-secondary institutions the province.
- On October 9<sup>th</sup> Premier Selinger and James Allum, Minister of Education and Advanced Learning, officially announced the provincial government's \$150 million commitment to the Front and Centre campaign in EITC. The Office of Government and Community Engagement (GCE) is working with the provincial government to identify the key projects within the \$150 million contribution.
- October 19, 2015 - Justin Trudeau secured a Liberal majority government for the upcoming 42nd session of Parliament. GCE has secured meetings for President David Barnard and Vice-President John Kearsley with Robert-Falcon Ouellette, MP, Winnipeg Centre, and Terry Duguid, MP, Winnipeg South. Meetings are also to be confirmed with Jim Carr, MP, Winnipeg South Centre and MaryAnn Mihychuk, MP, Kildonan-St. Paul, who both received ministerial posts; Minister of Natural Resources and Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour respectively. Moving forward, GCE will be securing meetings for President Barnard with key Ministers and other Manitoba MPs in Ottawa in February/March 2016.

- The alumni magazine (formerly On Manitoba), has been redesigned with a fresh look and a new name: UM Today The Magazine. Printed and mailed twice a year (spring and fall), the magazine will deliver compelling online content year-round, integrated with our popular UM Today News site. Extensive feedback was gathered from our alumni readers as we set out to build on the long-time success of On Manitoba magazine. With a fresh look and a new name, the magazine is one piece of a larger integrated platform of storytelling that also includes UM Today News, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram and UM Alumni e-news. The fall issue featured a cover story on Manitoba's new Lieutenant Governor, alumna Janice Filmon.