

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: May 23, 2017

GENERAL

Each year, twelve Manitobans are invested into the Order of Manitoba, an honour that recognizes the contributions that have been made to enriching the social, cultural and economic well-being of this province. Four of this year's inductees are University of Manitoba graduates:

- David Angus [BComm(Hons)/82]
- Selwyn (Sel) Burrows [BA/65]
- Rey D. Pagtakhan PC [MSc/69]
- Phillip James (Jim) Peebles [BSc(Hons)/58, DSc/89]

In recent weeks, the University of Manitoba has been the site for a range of exciting science activities for K-12 students:

- April 3rd marked the first time the University of Manitoba hosted the Sanofi Biogenius Canada (SBC) Manitoba competition. SBC is a national science research competition open to high school students which saw 14 competitors from local schools vie for a chance to go to the national SBC event in May in Ottawa. This year's schools represented included Acadia Junior High, Fort Richmond Collegiate, Grant Park High School, Vincent Massey Collegiate and St. John's Ravenscourt. One of the country's most prestigious science competitions, SBC pairs exceptional young students with academic mentors to pursue real-world research projects, and participants have produced many promising scientific breakthroughs. Justin Lin, a Grade 12 from St. John's-Ravenscourt School, earned top honours at the competition. He was chosen by judges for his research project that explores a potential diagnostic test for ALS. Lin's mentor was Max Rady College of Medicine's Dr. Jiming Kong (Human Anatomy & Cell Science). Lin will go on to compete in the national competition where the grand prize is \$5,000 and a place at the 2017 International BioGENEius Challenge in San Diego this coming June.
- On April 5th, more than 500 students from Grades 4 to 12 participated in the 47th annual Winnipeg Schools' Science Festival on the Bannatyne Campus. This marked the sixth year that the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences has hosted the event. More than 300 science-fair projects were displayed from across 35 Winnipeg School Division schools.
- More than 1,000 schoolchildren attended the University of Manitoba on May 12 and spent the day engaged in hands on science activities. On May 13, the Faculty of Science along with the Faculties of Science, Engineering, Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth and Resources, Agricultural and Food Sciences, Arts, School of Art and Kinesiology and Recreation Management put on Science Rendez-Vous, a science and engineering carnival for children and adults.

On May 1, the appointment of Ms. Lynn Zapshala-Kelln and Vice-President (Administration) of the University of Manitoba was announced, effective June 5, 2017. Ms. Zapshala-Kelln comes to the University of Manitoba from the Government of Manitoba, where she has served in a number of senior roles including as Secretary to Treasury Board.

The 2017 Distinguished Alumni Awards Celebration of Excellence was held May 2 at the Metropolitan Entertainment Centre. A sold-out crowd of almost 300 guests were in attendance to celebrate the 2017 award recipients:

- Lifetime Achievement: John Patkau [BA/69, BES/69, MArch/72] and Patricia Patkau [BID/73]
- Professional Achievement: Reva Stone [BA/68, BFA(Hons)/85]
- Community Service: Sr. Lesley Sacouman [BA/75]
- Service to the University of Manitoba: Isabella Wiebe [BMROT/86]
- Outstanding Young Alumni: Desiree Scott [BA/16]

On May 3rd, Great-West Life, Investors Group and Power Corporation of Canada announced a \$10 million investment to establish the Institute for Leadership Development. An additional \$2 million for the project will be provided through the Leader's Fund, made possible through personal philanthropic gifts from the companies' executives, board members and staff. The Institute for Leadership Development will be a nationally recognized teaching and research institute focused on developing leaders in Manitoba.

ACADEMIC MATTERS

- Digvir Jayas, vice-president (research and international), biosystems engineering, has been appointed as chair of the Board of Management of TRIUMF. Based in Vancouver, TRIUMF is Canada's national laboratory for accelerator-based science and nuclear and particle physics research.
- Sally Ogoe sociology, student, has been selected for the 2017 Summer Internship at the United Nations in New York.
- Shayne Reitmeier and Tharuna Abbu, students in the Max Rady College of Medicine, were recognized for founding the LGBTTTQI* Interest Group. They are dedicated to raising awareness of the health-care needs of LGBTTTQI* populations, are members of UMQueer, and are involved in planning the University of Manitoba's Pride Week.
- As part of the Decolonizing Lens series, there were two screenings on April 10th of the work of Indigenous women artists who call attention and respond to the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirited People in Canada.

These included:

- THE REDress REdress PROJECT (Tina Keeper)
Features the artwork of Manitoba Métis artist, Jaime Black, and highlights the efforts of Indigenous women to challenge gendered and racialized violence against Indigenous women in Canada.
- 7 MINUTES (Tasha Hubbard)
Marie's walk from her university library to her home takes seven minutes. It's a walk she has made many times, but one night she is followed by a man who tries to get her into his van. Marie's story speaks to the threat Indigenous women confront on a daily basis.

- A RED GIRL'S REASONING (Elle-Máijá Tailfeathers)
After the justice system fails the survivor of a brutal, racially driven sexual assault, she becomes a motorcycle-riding, vigilante who takes on the attackers of other women who have suffered the same fate.

The Decolonizing Lens is a monthly film series co-organized by Jocelyn Thorpe, women's & gender studies, and Kaila Johnston, National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, and brings together Indigenous filmmakers, their films, and their audiences. The series is being sponsored by the Margaret Laurence Endowment Fund, Women's & Gender Studies, and the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.

- On April 8th, about 100 guests – mostly adults with special needs and their care providers – shared fun, games and lunch with 100 student volunteers from the College of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene at the fourth annual Sharing Smiles Day. The event helps dentistry and dental hygiene students increase their confidence to work effectively with all clients and raises awareness of oral health.
- From April 17th to 19th, the Max Rady College of Medicine's Annual Art Show was held showcasing the creativity of students, faculty and staff. This year's theme was Unveiled -- addressing the often-veiled subject of mental health.

RESEARCH MATTERS

- On April 6th, the recipients of the inaugural 2016 Terry G. Falconer Memorial Rh Institute Foundation Emerging Researcher Awards and the 2016 Dr. John M. Bowman Memorial Winnipeg Rh Institute Foundation Award were celebrated at an awards ceremony, lecture and reception. The Falconer Awards are given to academic staff members who are in the early stages of their careers and who display exceptional innovation, leadership and promise in their respective fields.

The recipients are:

- Applied Sciences - Dr. Puyan Mojabi (Electrical and Computer Engineering)
- Health Sciences - Dr. Ji Hyun Ko (Human Anatomy and Cell Science) and Dr. Kathryn Sibley (Community Health Sciences)
- Humanities – Dr. Étienne-Marie Lassi (French, Spanish and Italian)
- Interdisciplinary - Dr. Neil Bruce (Computer Science)
- Natural Sciences - Juliette Mammei (Physics and Astronomy)
- Social Sciences - Dr. Chad Lawley (Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics).

The 2016 Dr. John M. Bowman Memorial Winnipeg Rh Institute Foundation Award recipient is Distinguished Professor Charles Bernstein (Medicine, Gastroenterology); and Director of the Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Clinical and Research Centre and the Bingham Chair in Gastroenterology Research. A public lecture was held following the awards presentation entitled: Made in Manitoba Research: Advancing our understanding of inflammatory bowel disease. Bernstein's research has enhanced our understanding of IBD to improve the approach to disease management and the health and quality of life of persons affected by it.

- Twenty-three researchers were awarded funding from various external sponsors totaling \$1,184,485. Those receiving more than \$25,000 per project are:

PI	Sponsor	Title	Awarded
Aluko, Rotimi (Human Nutritional Sciences)	NSERC	Development of a production method to isolate acid-soluble collagen from eggshell membranes	\$25,000
Chelikani, V.G.B. Prashen (Oral Biology)	Cystic Fibrosis Canada	Role of chemosensory bitter taste receptors (T2Rs) in cystic fibrosis	\$196,000
Chen, Ying (Biosystems Engineering)	Mitacs Inc.	Optimizing natural fibre quality for industrial applications	\$26,666
Desmarais, Annette (Sociology)	University of Guelph	Becoming a younger farmer	\$26,332
El-Salakawy, Ehab (Civil Engineering)	NSERC	Bio-based fiber composites for seismic rehabilitation of circular bridge columns	\$25,000
Fransoo, Randall (Community Health Sciences/Manitoba Centre for Health Policy (MCHP))	Research Manitoba	Supporting decision making for the prevention of chronic diseases and reduction of high health care utilization	\$30,000
Ho, Ngai Man (Carl) (Electrical and Computer Engineering)	NSERC	Research on an active power filter for single-phase LED lighting networks	\$25,000
Hossain, Ekram (Electrical and Computer Engineering)	Carleton University	Enabling technologies for future software-defined and virtualized wireless networks	\$50,000
Irani, Pourang (Computer Science)	Mitacs Inc.	Novel acoustic-based interaction techniques for smartwatches	\$98,000
Morrison, Jason (Biosystems Engineering)	Mitacs Inc.	Optimizing natural fibre quality for industrial applications	\$26,666
Porter, Michelle (Kinesiology & Recreation Management/Centre on Aging)	Mitacs Inc.	The impact of renovations in long-term care living spaces on residents with dementia, their families and the staff that care for them	\$180,000
Porth, Lysa (Warren Centre for Actuarial Studies and Research)	NSERC	Sustainable agricultural risk modeling and developing satellite-derived index insurance	\$294,702
Stewart, Tara (Community Health Sciences)	Research Manitoba	Policies and program innovations that connect primary health care, social services, public health and community support, in Canada: A comparative policy analysis	\$34,000
't Jong, Geert (Pediatrics and Child Health)	Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba Inc.	Research outline for an experimental program in clinical pharmacology research in paediatrics with focus on diabetes and obesity	\$25,000

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- The University entered a guilty plea for 1 of 5 charges (failure to put up guard rail) under the Workplace Safety and Health Act related to an August 19th, 2014 incident in Physical Plant. The University was ordered to pay a penalty of \$10,000 plus 30% costs and surcharges relating to the guilty plea, with payment of the penalty to the court within the next six months. The remaining four charges were stayed.
- The University signed the Recognition and Educational Services Agreement (the “Agreement”) between the University and the International College of Manitoba Limited (“ICM”), thereby renewing the arrangement to deliver the ICM Program under the current agreement, set to expire December 31st, 2017. Pursuant to the Agreement, ICM recruits and offers a range of academic and other supports to international students who, because of English language proficiency and/or academic standing, would not ordinarily be eligible for direct admission to the University. The University provides services and facilities in support of ICM’s teaching and learning role, for which ICM pays a royalty fee. The University also provides academic oversight of the university-level courses offered by ICM.
- Effective April 4th, 2017 access to the Accessible Customer Service Training Webinars were provided to the University community. A memo to the Deans, Directors and Department Heads was sent from President Barnard on April 4th, 2017 advising of this new mandatory training. Completion of the training will be tracked and monitored in compliance with the Customer Service standard. Deadline for training is November 1st, 2017.
- The Copyright Compliance Strategy that began in April 2015 is now complete. Copyright Office staff met with all University of Manitoba teaching units and several administrative units to implement a multi-part compliance and due diligence plan. Over the course of two years, a large number of communications tactics were deployed as part of the Strategy, with successful results and large spikes in users of the Copyright Office services.
- Implementation of the new budget model has begun with the launch of an internal project sponsored by the Vice-President (Administration) and the Provost. This will build on the foundational work performed by Huron Consulting. The Huron-led project is winding down with a Steering Committee meeting in May and the software build-out concluding in June.
- The University’s REACH-UM vendor, Monster, served notice that they will not support the University’s customized environment beyond December 31st, 2017. The recruitment function will be moved to the University’s main human resource system (VIP) with implementation taking place in early November, 2017 in order to provide an opportunity for training and testing.
- The University and UNIFOR held their first full bargaining session on April 18th, 2017. The parties are developing a list of topics for discussion and a schedule of meetings which will continue into September 2017.
- In 2016, the University in partnership with Fort Whyte Alive installed five wood duck boxes at the Fort Garry Campus. A field investigation carried out this spring found one destroyed box, successful nesting in three boxes, and a dozen abandoned eggs in the fourth box. The destroyed box will be

replaced with consideration being given to additional boxes. Wood ducks are cavity nesters that rely on existing tree cavities, limiting available nesting habitat. In urban areas, suitable nesting habitat is further limited by tree maintenance programs which remove older trees that are more likely to contain cavities.

- The Office of Sustainability held Earth Day celebrations on April 21st, 2017 at the Bannatyne (am) and Fort Garry (pm) campuses with over 170 students, faculty and staff participating. Interactive trivia games to raise awareness of sustainability issues were set-up with prizes of native seeds that support pollinators, herbs and vegetable seedlings, and reusable coffee mugs being awarded.
- The University in consultation with Environment Canada was granted a permit to allow for the implementation of a goose management strategy to encourage geese on campus to relocate to alternate parts of campus. The University's long time pest control contractor was hired and following Environment Canada's recommendations, proceeded with culling of the goose eggs. The methodology used by the contractor drew major concern from University faculty and students, resulting in negative press coverage by CBC and the Winnipeg Free Press. A meeting of key stakeholders was held on April 24th and no further egg culling has been conducted. A Goose Awareness and Education Plan is in development and will be in place for Spring 2018.

EXTERNAL MATTERS

- For the period of April 1st, 2017 to April 21st, 2017, the University has raised \$532,662.84 towards the 2017/2018 fiscal year. The total amount raised in the 2016/2017 fiscal year was \$45,378,088.79.
- As of April 21st, 2017 we have raised \$281,337,039 in philanthropic gifts towards our cumulative campaign goal for 2017/2018 of \$305 million. We are continuing discussions with the provincial government regarding a \$150 million commitment towards our \$500 million goal for the Front and Centre campaign.
- Significant gifts in the last reporting period include:
 - Mrs. May Tadman Tallman established a bursary for accounting students at the I. H. Asper School of Business, with a gift of \$100,000, in memory of her late husband, Mr. Alex Tadman.
 - The Tallman Foundation continued its support of the Tallman Foundation Award with a further gift of more than \$113,000.
- On March 23rd, the University hosted a reception to reconnect with alumni and friends living in Edmonton. The event took place at the Art Gallery of Alberta and featured student speaker Ms. Rebecca Kunzman, first-year student in the Faculty of Law.
- On March 29th, the Seniors' Alumni Learning for Life Program began its spring session with 66 registrants.
- On April 20th, Alumni Relations hosted an alumni mentorship roundtable in partnership with the Graduate Students' Association and Career Services. The event aimed to engage alumni from various industry sectors with current graduate students to provide advice and guidance on how to be

successful before and after graduation. The event hosted 13 alumni mentors and over 60 graduate students.

- On April 27th, David Barnard, President and Vice-Chancellor, met with Dylan Jones, Deputy Minister, Western Economic Diversification, to discuss the University's possible partnership with the SHAD program, a summer enrichment program for high-achieving high school students.
- On May 24th, the results of the election for the position of Alumni Representative to the Board of Governors will be determined.

The candidates are:

- Samuel Davidson [BComm(Hons)/15]
- Marcelo Dubiel [BSc(ME)/11]
- Jerome Knysh [BSc(IE)/84, ExtEd/87, MBA/90]
- James Mansfield [MSC/90]
- Derek Neufeld [BSc(ME)/11]