

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: March 19, 2019

GENERAL

The 2019 Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) research final competition takes place Monday, March 18 from 7-9 PM at the Robert B. Schultz Lecture Theatre at St. John's College. The 3MT® challenges students to consolidate their ideas and research discoveries so they can be presented concisely to a non-specialist audience. Seventy-three students applied, thirty-six competed in the heats, and fourteen students were selected by the judges to present their research at the event finals. The winner takes home the Dr. Archie McNicol Prize (\$2,500) and will advance to the regional finals.

Nominations for the Board of Governors alumni representative position opened on February 15 and will be open until March 15, 2019. University of Manitoba alumni elect three fellow graduates of the 23 University of Manitoba Board of Governors positions. The election period will be from April 15 to May 15, with the successful candidate announced the following week.

The University of Manitoba Bisons track and field teams hosted the 2019 U SPORTS Track and Field Championships March 7-9. Across 6 events, twenty-nine Bison athletes found the podium, the women's team secured a 9th place finish overall and the men's team earned a national bronze medal, its first national team medal since 1996.

Dr. Janice Ristock, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) has established an advisory committee chaired by Dr. Catherine Cook, vice-dean, Indigenous, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences to consider the current mandate of the vice-provost (Indigenous engagement) (VPIE) position at the University of Manitoba and the needs and supports required to move forward. The committee, which includes an Elder; Indigenous faculty, staff and students; and senior academic leadership, plans extensive consultation with the community and will provide recommendations on the role/mandate of Indigenous senior leadership, required supports and associated reporting structures/units, with a final report due summer 2019.

ACADEMIC MATTERS

- The University of Manitoba Space Applications and Technology Society (UMSATS) has won the 2017/18 Canadian Satellite Design Competition. It is a competition for teams of university students to design and build a fully-operation cube satellite – cubesat in engineering terms – a small, operational satellite that can conduct a space mission. (UMSATS) is one of University of Manitoba's largest interdisciplinary student groups consisting of undergraduate to graduate students, from many faculties including Engineering, Physics, Biology, Business, Education and Kinesiology.
- Two teams of students from the Asper School of Business recently finished first in two categories (finance and business policy) at the Inter-Collegiate Business Competition (ICBC). ICBC is the world's most academically rigorous case competition, and Canada's oldest, largest and most prestigious competition for undergraduates.

- The Asper MBA Case Competition team won the Haskayne Ivey East Meets West MBA Case Competition. East Meets West aims to be the premier leadership competition in Canada. The competition challenges team members to work through live business cases that challenge the fiscal demands of a good business with the ethical demands of good leadership and how they can be used together to further business goals.
- The ninth annual Teacher Recognition and Manitoba Medical Students' Association Awards Dinner was recently held at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. The Teacher Recognition Awards, voted on by medical students, honour excellence in teaching at the Max Rady College of Medicine in categories such as innovation, inspiration, mentorship, patient advocacy and small-group teaching. Awards were also presented to medical students who have distinguished themselves in the categories of citizenship, global health, community service, leadership and professionalism.
- Ruthanne Dyck and Teresa Rogers, education, alumni were named at the 2019 list of "Canada's Outstanding Principals" by The Learning Partnership, a not-for-profit organization with a focus on "preparing students to thrive in a diverse, connected, and changing world."
- Örjan Sandred curated a GroundSwell concert at the Winnipeg art gallery where two of his compositions had their Winnipeg premieres.
- Paula Berry, student, music, is the only Canadian semi-finalists in the prestigious 2019 Lotte Lenya competition held annually in New York City. The Lotte Lenya Competition recognizes talented singer/actors of all nationalities, ages 19-32, who are dramatically and musically convincing in repertoire ranging from opera/opera to contemporary Broadway scores, including the works of Kurt Weill.
- The Winnipeg New Music Festival had a special kickoff with an outdoor concert on the Assiniboine River called Glacial Time. The University of Manitoba percussion ensemble performed the Canadian premiere of John Luther Adams' piece *Inuksuit* as part of the opening night festivities.
- The Desautels Faculty of Music hosted Conductor Emeritus Craig Kirchoff, University of Minnesota on campus for a three-day residency. Craig Kirchoff is one of the finest and most sought after wind conductors and teachers in the world.
- Two students from the college of nursing competed in the 8th annual Shanghai International Nursing Skills Competition, marking the first time the University of Manitoba has participated in the invitation-only event. There were 11 international teams, including three teams from Canada as well as teams from the United States of America, Netherlands, Great Britain, Finland and China.

RESEARCH MATTERS

- Distinguished Professor Digvir Jayas was recently awarded the Engineering Institute of Canada's (EIC's) K.Y. Lo Medal for significant engineering contributions at the international level. Jayas, who is currently the vice-president (research and international) at the University of Manitoba and interim president of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, held a Tier 1 Canada

Research Chair in Stored-Grain Ecosystems from 2002 to 2009. He pioneered the concept of drying grain by forcing air horizontally rather than vertically to reduce energy costs during the drying process, resulting in more uniformly dried grains. The K.Y. Lo Medal was established in 1997 to recognize and encourage Canadian contributions to the field of engineering on the world stage, and to honour K.Y. Lo, Professor Emeritus of the University of Western Ontario.

- On Jan. 28, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research awarded \$10,446,074 million in funding to support University of Manitoba researchers investigating health issues affecting the lives of Canadians. The fourteen investigators and their projects are:

PI	Project Title	Awarded
Albensi, Benedict (Pharmacology and Therapeutics/St. Boniface Albrechtsen Research Centre/Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba)	Sex-based differences associated with mitochondrial dysfunction in Alzheimer's disease	\$725,985
Czubryt, Michael (Physiology and Pathophysiology/St. Boniface Albrechtsen Research Centre)	Targeting scleraxis to combat cardiac fibrosis	\$1,017,450
Dixon, Ian (Physiology and Pathophysiology/St. Boniface Albrechtsen Research Centre)	Ski is a negative regulator of cardiac fibrosis	\$684,675
Fernyhough, Paul (Pharmacology and Therapeutics/St. Boniface Albrechtsen Research Centre)	Muscarinic receptor antagonism as a novel mechanism for sensory nerve repair	\$1,090,125
Giesbrecht, Ed (Rehabilitation Sciences)	Evaluation of a peer-led eHealth wheelchair skills training program: Training to Enhance Adaptation and Management for Wheelchair users (TEAM Wheel)	\$566,099
Kauppinen, Tiina (Pharmacology and Therapeutics/Kleysen Institute for Advanced Medicine, Health Sciences Centre/Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba)	Microglia and cognitive impairments in offspring exposed to gestational diabetes mellitus	\$1,051,875
Mahar, Alyson (Community Health Sciences, Manitoba Centre for Health Policy)	Understanding cancer burden and outcomes for Canadians living with intellectual and developmental disabilities	\$298,352
Mark, Brian (Microbiology)	Development of a therapeutic modality to treat GM2 gangliosidosis	\$547,740
Marshall, Aaron (Immunology)	Control of B cell metabolism by the PI3K pathway: applications for autoimmunity	\$956,250
Mcmanus, Kirk (Biochemistry and Medical Genetics/Research Institute of Oncology and Hematology)	Exploring and Exploiting Reduced USP22 Expression in Colorectal Cancer	\$807,075
Roos, Leslie L; Brownell, Marni (Community Health)	Health, Well-Being, and Disease-Birth to Adulthood in Manitoba	\$244,799

Sciences/Manitoba Centre for Health Policy)		
Schweizer, Frank (Chemistry; Medical Microbiology)	Preclinical studies on aminoglycoside-derived antibiotic adjuvants (AGDAAs)	\$646,425
Thiessen, Kellie (Nursing/Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba); Whitecloud, Katherine (Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs)	Welcoming the 'Sacred Spirit' (child): Connecting Indigenous and Western 'ways of knowing' to inform future policy partnerships to optimize maternal child health service delivery initiatives in remote Canadian regions	\$810,901
Woodgate, Roberta (Nursing/Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba/St. Boniface Albrechtsen Research Centre)	Non-suicidal self-injury among youth: Perspectives of youth who self-harm, their families and service providers	\$539,324
Woodgate, Roberta (Nursing/Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba/St. Boniface Albrechtsen Research Centre)	Designing a Responsive and Integrative Model of Respite Care for Families of Children with Complex Care Needs and Conditions (CCNC) through Patient-Oriented Research	\$458,999

- On January 30, the Honourable Kirsty Duncan, Minister of Science and Sport, announced funding to Canada's most talented scholars, including early-career researchers. These awards are supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council through Insight Development Grants and Talent scholarships and fellowships. Eleven University of Manitoba researchers and thirty graduate students and one post-doctoral fellow, are among the recipients:

Insight Development Grants		
Recipient	Project Title	Awarded
Alexandrin, Elizabeth (religion)	Mystical Messianisms and the End of Religion	\$54,565
Buchanan, Sean (business administration)	Uber'ing away stigma: The impact of sharing technology on stigmatized occupations	\$66,786
Charron, Andrea (political studies)	Canada's Use of Economic Sanctions: Still Symbolic?	\$27,833
Fenton, Lara (kinesiology & recreation management)	The Gender Project: Using drag performance to explore gender identity with transgender youth	\$58,694
Hande, Mary Jean (community health sciences)	Migrant Care Work and the Geopolitics of "Aging in Place" in Canada	\$64,840
Li, Fabiana (anthropology)	Who Owns Quinoa? Extending Food Security and Intellectual Property Rights from Peru to the World	\$64,430
Mann, Janelle (economics)	Unintended consequences of fuel ethanol: market competitiveness and climate change	\$42,566
Perry, Adele (history)	Connecting the Fur-Trade and Transatlantic Slavery, 1821-1865	\$36,977
Peyton, Jonathan (environment & geography)	Energy Imaginaries: Legacies of Unbuilt Megaprojects in Canada's North	\$47,232

Tamtik, Merli (education)	Indigenous Youth Entrepreneurship in Winnipeg, Manitoba	\$38,701
Torrie, Virginia (law)	Farm Insolvency Law During the 1930s and 1940s: An Empirical Study of the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act in Manitoba and Ontario	\$43,765
SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowships		
Charlton, Adar	Reading Belonging: Northwestern Ontario Anishinaabeg Readers and Literature	\$81,000
SSHRC Doctoral Awards		
Cameron, Barbara	Art as anodyne in the romantic drama of Tennessee Williams	\$60,000
Joseph Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships – Doctoral		
El-Bialy, Rowan	The influence of message framing on attitudes towards policy change to address inequities	\$105,000
Petsnik, Corey D.	Does primed attachment security attenuate antisocial reactions to witnessing ostracism and prompt assistance of ostracized targets	\$105,000
Petty, Sarah K.	Friendship impairments and social anxiety: the impact of perceived responsiveness on self-disclosure and intimacy	\$105,000
Joseph Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships – Masters		
Akhmetova, Roxana	Interaction and Collaboration between Indigenous Peoples and Newcomers in an Age of Reconciliation	\$17,500
Aske, Katherine	Changing farmland tenure in Alberta: social impact and environmental implications	\$17,500
Biihun, Hannah J.	'Land Grabs' on the Prairies: Changing farmland ownership in Manitoba	\$17,500
Brais, Nicolas	Self-compassion as a protective factor for perceived academic competence after a failure	\$17,500
Burns, Kleighton T.	Canada Graduate Scholarship Master's Program	\$17,500
Cadger Maclean, Chantal J.M.	Sustainability Learning in Faith-based Communities	\$17,500
Coutts, Jenna	Buddhist Moral Philosophy: The Challenge of Emptiness and Ethics in Svatantrika	\$17,500
Dilay, Ariane	Environmental Justice in India: A study on the use of environmental impact assessment in environmental courts	\$17,500
Dryden, Robert P.	Efficacy of a motivation treatment intervention for first-generation university students in an online learning environment	\$17,500
Duris, Jessica M.	A Behavioural Index of Mindful Care	\$17,500
Henderson, Emily D.C.	Non-Indigenous Involvement in Indigenous Performance Arts: A Starting Point for Engaging in Reconciliation?	\$17,500
Lehew, Kristine M.	Children in the Archives	\$17,500
Madziak, Rebecca E.	Canadian graduate scholarship-master's application	\$17,500
Morgan, Kasey R.	Constructing Literary Celebrity: The Paratexts of Aphra Behn and Delarivier Manley	\$17,500
Morrison, Catherine	Implicit Bully and Victim Stereotype Reinforcement by Others	\$17,500
Ndhlovu, Butho	Assessing Climate Change Adaptation Policies and Strategies: Planning in Canadian Prairie Capital Cities	\$17,500
Peebles, Ashley E.	Reimagining Micro-gravity Interiors	\$17,500

Piper, Jessica	Biological Architectures: Combining vernacular and biological strategies to facilitate a paradigmatic shift in sustainable architectural practice	\$17,500
Pongoski, Maria L.	An Evaluation of Rates of Skill Acquisition for Children with Autism in an Early Intensive Behavioural Intervention Program: Does the Difficulty Level of Training Tasks Influence Rates of Skill Acquisition?	\$17,500
Rempel, Zachary J.	Hunting, identity and provincial resource management: experiences of contemporary Wabaseemoong hunters in Northwestern Ontario	\$17,500
Silla, Francesca	An Exploration of the Nature of Visual Attention Deficits in Poor Elementary School Readers	\$17,500
Spearman, Claire E.	The Story, the Sacred, and the City: Constructing community through storytelling spaces	\$17,500
Star, Jared K.	Negotiating boundaries and navigating identities in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Two-Spirit and Queer social service provision	\$17,500
Struck, Shannon L.	The association between maternal participation in the healthy baby community support program and the school readiness of children at kindergarten: a Manitoba population-level retrospective longitudinal analysis	\$17,500
Vucic, Analucia	Water Deviations: Exploring the Socio-Environmental Effects of Aqueduct II in Cadereyta, Querétaro, México	\$17,500
Wall, Jason R.	Decolonization of Indigenous Architecture	\$17,500

- Fifty research projects led by thirty-one investigators received a total of \$5,154,672 in grant funding from multiple sponsors. Those projects receiving more than \$25,000 are:

PI	Sponsor	Title	Awarded
Aluko, Rotimi (Food and Human Nutritional Sciences)	Mitacs Inc.	Enzyme-assisted conversion of oat flour into protein isolate	\$ 360,000
Anderson, Hope (Pharmacy/St Boniface Albrechtsen Research Centre)	CIHR	Novel strategies to target HER2 positive breast cancer cells while circumventing anti-HER2 cardiotoxicity	\$ 105,000
Arora, Sandeep (Marketing)	Mitacs Inc.	Assessing the impact of customer service strategies on loyalty	\$ 30,000
Becker, Allan (Pediatrics and Child Health)	Winnipeg Rh Institute Foundation Inc	Development of collaborative strategies for prevention of allergy and asthma	\$ 25,000
Beddoes, Jonathan (Faculty of Engineering)	NSERC-PromoScience	Lasting STEM outreach to Indigenous youth in Manitoba	\$ 300,900
Bohm, Eric (Surgery)	Arthritis Society	Randomized controlled trial of simultaneous vs staged bilateral total knee replacement	\$ 358,060
Cha, Young Jin (Civil Engineering)	NSERC-Engage	Deep learning based on active noise control for airplane cockpit	\$ 25,000
Currie, Robert (Entomology)	Alberta Beekeepers Commission	Increased sustainability managing bee pests (Varroa Mites and Nosema)	\$ 25,884

Doupe, Malcolm (Community Health Sciences)	Manitoba Health	Western Regional Training Centre (WRTC)	\$ 155,000
El-Salakawy, Ehab (Civil Engineering)	NSERC-CRD	Assembly and connection of precast/prestressed concrete member - validation and optimization of two accelerated construction methods	\$ 111,738
Filizadeh, Shaahin (Electrical and Computer Engineering)	Mitacs Inc.	Control of modular multilevel converters for specialized functions	\$ 60,000
Hanson, Mark (Environment & Geography)	Mitacs Inc.	Freshwater oil spill remediation study at the IISD-Experimental Lakes Area: (The FOReST Project)	\$ 30,000
Jian, Fuji (Biosystems Engineering)	Mitacs Inc.	Drying, harvest, and storage conditions of buckwheat hay used for commercial production of rutin	\$ 60,000
Kazem Moussavi, Zahra (Electrical and Computer Engineering)	NSERC-Engage	Investigating the network connectivity requirements for an interactive high-resolution virtual training session	\$ 25,000
Kindrachuk, Kenneth (Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases)	Research Manitoba	Characterization of the molecular pathogenesis of severe influenza-bacterial co-infections at the alveolar-capillary barrier	\$ 130,000
Klonisch, Thomas (Human Anatomy and Cell Science)	CIHR	Highly selective targeting of c-Abl in human glioblastoma	\$ 60,000
Koksel Ustundag, Havva (Food and Human Nutritional Sciences)	NSERC-Engage	Effects of extrusion cooking and the use of oxidizing/reducing agents on the techno-functional properties of pulse flours	\$ 25,000
Larcombe, Linda (Internal Medicine)	SSHRC-Connection Grant	Sayisi Dene First Nation intergenerational engagement in land and resources use knowledge sharing for environmental repossession	\$ 49,985
Loewen, Laura (Faculty of Music)	SSHRC-Connection Grant	A New dawn for Art Song Performance Practice: The music of Ana Sokolovic as a vehicle for inter-University collaboration and innovation	\$ 26,031
McGavock, Jonathan (Pediatrics and Child Health/Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba)	CIHR	Deepening the roots of living in a good way for Indigenous children: The Indigenous youth mentorship program	\$ 1,495,000
McGavock, Jonathan (Pediatrics and Child Health/Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba)	Canadian Diabetes Association	Deepening the roots of living in a good way for Indigenous children: The Indigenous youth mentorship program	\$ 250,000
Mundy, Christopher (Centre for Earth Observation Science)	NSERC	De-icing of arctic coasts: Critical or new opportunities for marine biodiversity and ecosystem services? ACCES	\$ 203,490
Ominski, Kimberly (Animal Science)	Mitacs Inc.	Economic and environmental impacts associated with removal of productivity-enhancing technologies in the Canadian beef cattle industry	\$ 240,000

Rachul, Christen (Office of Educational and Faculty Development)	Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada	Realist evaluation of competence by design in postgraduate medical education	\$ 25,400
Roos, Noralou (Community Health Sciences)	Mitacs Inc.	Program evaluation - One child at a time, one family at a time	\$ 30,000
Siddiqui, Tabrez (Physiology & Pathophysiology)	Health Sciences Centre Foundation	Pathogenic mechanisms of aberrant plasticity and cognition in a genetic model of comorbid intellectual disability and autism	\$ 70,000
Stobart, Jill (Pharmacy)	Research Manitoba	Cerebrovascular effects of ensheathing pericyte voltage gated calcium channels	\$ 130,000
Strachan, Leisha (Kinesiology and Recreation Management)	Mitacs Inc.	The G.I.F.T (Girls Incredible Football Team) Project	\$ 90,000
West, Adrian (Physiology & Pathophysiology, Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba)	Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba	Development of a 3D bioprinted model of pulmonary artery smooth muscle to study persistent pulmonary hypertension of the newborn	\$ 59,540
Whyard, Steven (Biological Sciences)	Mitacs Inc.	Development of a novel Saccharomyces yeast RNAi production and delivery platform	\$ 345,000
Zahradka, Peter (Physiology & Pathophysiology/St Boniface Albrechtsen Research Centre)	Mitacs Inc.	Validation of a metabolite profile for diagnosis of peripheral arterial disease (PAD)	\$ 58,000

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- The Office of Sustainability, along with student groups across campus, have begun a small-scale organics collection pilot project. This student led initiative is growing (currently three student associations involved) and the Office of Sustainability continues to work with the groups to refine the process and increase the amount of waste diverted.
- Throughout the month of January, the Office of Sustainability hosted a variety of public engagement sessions at the Bannatyne and Fort Gary campuses, which focused on the proposed objectives and actions for the renewed Sustainability Strategy. Visitors were asked for comments and suggestions on how to refine the actions as well as to address any topics identified as missing or not highlighted enough within the draft plan. In addition to these public events, targeted engagement sessions took place to review the proposed strategy.
- The province-wide Jack Frost Challenge ran from February 3-9, encouraging teams of 1-5 people to log 130 km of outdoor activity during the week. The Office of Sustainability hosted a variety of outdoor events throughout the week to encourage the campus community to get out and enjoy winter, with a total of eight University of Manitoba teams officially registered for the event.
- The Indigenous Summer Student Internship Program has once again been launched and is being funded through the VP (Administration). Approval of internship opportunities has been completed and the recruitment process has begun.

- In January, 2019, Learning & Organizational Development (LOD) launched the Enhanced Orientation program for new employees, building upon the existing New Support Staff Orientation. This series of hosted events includes a complimentary group fitness class in the new Active Living Centre, campus tours, a nature walk guided by staff of the Sustainability Office, and a presentation and artifact viewing at the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation. This program provides engagement opportunities for new staff and contributes to an enhanced onboarding experience and campus networking.
- In February 2019, Learning & Organizational Development (LOD) began offering the “Ethics in the Workplace” workshop designed to meet the new Continuing Professional Development 4-Hour Verifiable Ethics Requirement of the Certified Professional Accountants. Developed in-house by LOD Instructional Designers with support from Financial Services, the Access and Privacy Office, and Audit Services, the workshop is available to all staff, will meet the needs of our designation holders, and is recommended for all employees who have significant financial roles.
- In February, 2019, Learning & Organizational Development (LOD) partnered with the Manitoba Employment Equity Practitioners Association to host a leadership panel in honour of Black History Month celebrating the important history, people and experience of the African Canadian and African American communities. Panelists included: Alexa Potashnik, founder and president of Black Space Winnipeg; Maurice Alexander, treasury board analyst, Government of Manitoba; and graduate student Craig Brown. The panel was moderated by Patricia Kumbakisaka, western Canadian regional coordinator and political event manager at Equal Voice.
- A Federal Court of Appeal hearing has been scheduled for March 5 & 6, 2019 in Access Copyright v. York University. This appeal will consider whether the trial judge was correct in finding that York’s copyright guidelines do not comply with the Fair Dealing copyright exception. York’s guidelines follow the same industry standard as the University of Manitoba and other Canadian institutions. The decision is likely to be appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada regardless of its outcome, however, the Federal Court’s disposition will be informative in the interim.
- Staff from the Copyright Office attended the inaugural York University Accessibility Symposium on January 29, 2019 with staff from the UM Libraries and participated in a panel presentation on Canadian Perspectives on the Marrakesh Treaty: From Inception to Implementation.
- The Access and Privacy Office has been working with the Faculty of Education to provide their undergraduate students with training on the use of social media. An hour long session on social media and professionalism was presented by UM staff at the Bachelor of Education Program Day in January, 2019.
- Financial Services generated 12,774 T4 slips and 13,630 T4A slips for 2018 taxes. Of the T4 slips generated, 3,853 were printed, while 8,921 were issued electronically.
- New and refreshed dining concepts were opened at the Bannatyne campus, including a full-service Tim Hortons, Chop N Top, Healthy Kitchen, and a flex station currently featuring Bridge Drive-In (BDI). Initial customer volumes have been strong.

- A resident student feedback mechanism called “Napkin Talk” was introduced at the dining hall, encouraging student feedback and dining services management response. Students have embraced this process and we are working to improve based on their comments.
- The new e-transfer student refund process has been soft-launched and is becoming popular. Expected soon is a secure on-line fillable form for students and enhancement to administrative processes.
- February 5 was the first winter fee payment deadline with the newly extended dates. Student payment activity was steady in the weeks leading up to the deadline, with minimal line-ups on the final two days. The majority of questions fielded were related to personal bank card limits and deferral options for government loan delays. Université de Saint-Boniface thanked us for the positive impact this change had for their students and staff.

EXTERNAL MATTERS

- The University of Manitoba is on track to meet its 2018/2019 campaign benchmark of \$45,000,000. The last Front and Centre Campaign total, announced on May 29, 2018, was \$466,495,719.
- Gifts in the last reporting period include:
 - The late Stephen M. Dawyduk generously bequeathed more than \$352,000 to support medical or scientific research at the University of Manitoba.
 - The University of Manitoba officially opened the Campus Children’s Centre at a ceremony Tuesday, January 8. The newly expanded daycare centre offers 54 new spaces for children, all of which have been filled primarily with the children of students. The project’s funders include the Government of Manitoba, which provided capital funding of \$600,000, the University of Manitoba Graduate Students’ Association provided \$300,000, and the University of Manitoba Student Union gave \$2.4 million to this initiative. The funding will also support Campus Children’s Centre in its efforts to weave traditional teachings into the day care’s curriculum, preparing the next generation to continue the process of reconciliation.
- The Seniors Alumni Learning for Life Program winter session launched on February 13. This is the second year the University of Manitoba has held a winter session. Typically, the program is held only in the fall and spring, but based on feedback, a shortened winter session has been added. The spring session will begin on April 10 and will run until May 29.
- The second phase of the Branding Initiative is coming to a close with refinements and formalization to the brand strategy expected to be complete by end of February. The third phase, involving creative exploration and visual expression, will continue throughout March.
- The Next Generation Web Experience has moved forward to the design phase of the project with wireframes and visual design. Since the new year, a series of wireframe workshops have been held with 59 of our key stakeholders in an effort to ensure content needs and priorities are met on key landing pages. Discussions on the Initial Site Build, involving top level pages and user journeys, are underway. Balance of content to be addressed through phased site migrations following the launch of the Initial Build.

- The 2019 Faculty, Staff and Retirees Campaign will be taking place from March 1- 31, 2019. In addition to raising funds for the University's strategic priorities, the goal of the campaign is to promote the culture of philanthropy within our internal community.
- For the past 60 years, the University of Manitoba Distinguished Alumni Awards have honoured trailblazers, innovators and visionaries—graduates whose outstanding accomplishments have inspired people close to home and around the world. This year's recipients have made an impact in the fields of finance, social advocacy, community leadership, and university education. The 2019 Distinguished Alumni Awards Celebration of Excellence will be held the evening of Wednesday,

May 8 in the Manitoba Room in UMSU University Centre where we will be celebrating and recognizing the accomplishments of the following five alumni:

- Lifetime Achievement – Dr. Hersh Shefrin BSc (Hons)/70
- Professional Achievement – Marcia Nozick BA/75 MCP/88
- Community Service – Gemma Dalayoan BEd/83 MEd/90
- Service to the University of Manitoba – Romel Dhalla BA/99 BComm (Hons)/04
- Outstanding Young Alumni – Lindy Norris BA/07 BComm (Hons)/09

This inspiring evening of celebration will feature live performances and a gala reception as we honour the 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the University of Manitoba and global community.

- On Sunday, April 28 a special appreciation brunch will be held to celebrate the tremendous service Chancellor Harvey Sectar and Sandra Sectar have made to the University of Manitoba over the past nine years in the role of Chancellor of the University of Manitoba.