

April 2016

President's Report

News

TRU Law Opens Community Legal Clinic

TRU officially opened the first community legal clinic in the BC Interior on Apr. 1. The clinic will address the need for increased access to justice and legal services and enable law students to apply practical legal skills.

Open House Exceeds Expectations

Close to 500 prospective and future students, parents, siblings and friends arrived Apr. 2 for Spring Open House, mostly from BC and Alberta. Attendance increased by 45% over last spring, and by 59% over Fall Open House.

Research Story Among Top 25 in Canada

Ryland Fortie, a fourth-year Bachelor of Fine Arts student, is one of 25 finalists in the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) 2016 Storytellers challenge. His video demonstrates how SSHRC-funded research is making a difference in the lives of Canadians.

Health Care Assistant Spaces Funded

One-time funding from the Ministry of Advanced Education will open 15 additional spaces in September's Health Care Assistant intake at Williams Lake for students in 100 Mile, Barriere, Clearwater, Chase and Lillooet, to meet demands for health care delivery in the region.

Women in Trades Supported

The province announced \$1.8 million in funding on Mar. 11 for the Women in Trades Training (WITT) initiative to help support women to train for a career in the trades.

Funding for Co-op

TRU will receive \$75,000 in provincial funding for co-operative education programs to support outreach to more employers and increase employer and student awareness of the benefits of co-op.

Wellness Centre Honoured

The Canadian Cancer Society recognized the TRU Wellness Centre with the WellnessFits Platinum Extra Mile Award for its numerous, progressive health-based initiatives. The new Platinum award was created especially for TRU for going above and beyond.

Investment Strategy to Include Sustainability

TRU will begin including environmental, social and governance factors in its investment decisions through membership in the United Nations-supported initiative called Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI).



Elder Mike Arnouse gives a welcome at the opening of the Community Legal Clinic at the Centre for Seniors Information.



Ryland Fortie's Storytellers video details his journey as a research assistant on the Camera Obscura project.



The TRU Wellness Centre was honoured with the WellnessFits Platinum Extra Mile Award from the Canadian Cancer Society.

3MT Winner Moves on to Regionals

Jared Maida, MSc in Environmental Science student, won the TRU Three Minute Thesis competition on Mar. 18. He advances to the Western Canadian 3MT finals Apr. 29 at UBC-Okanagan.

National Research Grant for New Law Text

Chris Hunt, **Micah Rankin** and **Lorne Neudorf**, Law, were awarded a prestigious \$10,000 research grant from the Canadian Bar Association's Fund for Legal Research, with which they will employ a TRU Law student to assist with their book, *The Guide to the Canada Interpretation Act*.

Curling Wins Silver Medal at Nationals

The WolfPack women's team took silver for the second straight year at the Canadian Interuniversity Sport curling nationals in March. Skip **Corryn Brown**, **Ashley Nordin** and **Erin Pincott** were CIS First Team All-Canadians, and **Samantha Fisher** was a Second Team All-Canadian.

Sustainability Grants Awarded

Four sustainability projects submitted by students and faculty were approved in March through the Office of Environment and Sustainability's \$100,000 Sustainability Grant Fund. This year's winners feature alternative energy solutions and a cultural sustainability project.

- A Bright Idea: faculty members **Travis Hatt** and **Robin Nichol**
- Solar Compass: faculty member **Michael Mehta**
- Solar Street Lamps: students **Chace Barber**, **Tavis Knox** and **Eric Little**
- Sweat Lodge: student **Jordan Robinson**

Funding for Training Equipment

Announced on Apr. 15, TRU will receive \$298,350 from the Ministry of Advanced Education towards training equipment purchases, such as instruments for millwright students, a walk-in freezer for culinary arts students and intravenous pumps for health care students.

President's Annual Merit and Staff Awards

TRU recognized employees for their dedication and years of service on Apr. 20.

- Award for Excellence in Scholarship: **Wendy Hulko**, Social Work
- Teaching Excellence Award for Open Learning Faculty Members: **Elliott Musicar**, Social Work
- Faculty Award for Excellence in Internationalization: **Naowarat (Ann) Cheeptham**, Biological Sciences
- Distinguished Service Award, Faculty: **Elizabeth Rennie**, Library
- Distinguished Service Award, Staff: **Janis Setka**, Facilities
- Distinguished Service Award, Administration: **Janice Karpluk**, Science



Jared Maida will present "Dealing with Disturbance: How Do Rattlesnakes Cope with Change?" at the 3MT regionals Apr. 29.

Unveiling of Ovale

On Apr. 18 TRU celebrated the installation of Canadian artist Claude Tousignant's *Ovale*, on loan from the Kamloops Art Gallery, and unveiled a commemorative plaque in honor of late KAG director **Jann L. M. Bailey**.

WolfPack Athletic Awards

The WolfPack celebrated athletes' success at the 45th annual Athletics Award Banquet on Mar. 24, recognizing athletic, academic and community accomplishments.

Culinary Throwdown

In an alumni chef Burger Battle hosted by TRU Alumni and Friends and the Faculty of Adventure, Culinary Arts and Tourism on Mar. 23, Chef **Corey Davison** (Retail Meat Cutting) won for his chicken slider with student sous chef **Brendon Gulbra**.

Showcasing Research

During Research Week Mar. 15-19, 190 students presented undergraduate and graduate research. Undergraduate Research Mentor Awards were presented to **Jonathan Van Hamme**, Biological Sciences, and **Ginny Ratsoy**, English and Modern Languages. **John Church**, Biological Sciences, was recognized with the Graduate Research Mentor Award.

IDays Brings People Together

TRU's annual celebration welcomed hundreds of people to more than 60 events Mar. 14-18, which included speakers **Craig Kielburger** and Gwynne Dyer, and the Showcase featuring displays and 40 performances.

Williams Lake Gala

The 5th annual TRU Williams Lake Fundraising Gala was held on Apr. 2. The Diamonds and Denim-themed evening featured an auction, dance, and performances.

Lunch with the President

A Lunch with the President was held on Apr. 11 for students.

Achievements

The **2015 Trades Training House** won a Keystone Award (Thompson-Nicola) and Tommie Award (Okanagan) from the Canadian Home Builder's Association for Best Public/Private Partnership between the School of Trades and Technology and the CHBA Central Interior.

Sarah Candido ('10) was recognized as Volunteer of the Year by Community Futures Thompson Country, where she serves on the board of directors as treasurer.

Paul Dagg, chair of the TRU Board of Governors, is the recipient of the 2016 Duncan Graham Award from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, in recognition of lifelong contribution to medical education.

Micah Rankin, Law, appeared before the Supreme Court of Canada in Ottawa on Mar. 31 to argue an important case that will help determine when and how judges must accept plea-bargaining deals.

Publications

PRESENTATIONS

Bradford Morse, Law

Morse, Bradford W. "*Daniels v The Queen*: What Real Difference Would a Win in the Supreme Court of Canada Mean in Law for Metis and Non-Status Indians?" Founding Conference of the Indigenous Peoples Alliance of Manitoba. Winnipeg, MB. Mar. 5-6, 2016.

Dawn Farough, Sociology

Farough, Dawn. "Academic-Community Partnerships: Lessons Learned from the *Home/Less/Mess* Play and Project." Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Vancouver, BC. Mar. 31, 2016.

James Hoffman, Professor Emeritus, Theatre

Hoffman, James. "Treasures and Tea: The British Columbia Theatre History Collection." McPherson Library, University of Victoria. Victoria, BC. Mar. 9, 2016.

Donna Petri and **Tracy Hoot**, Nursing

Petri, Donna and Tracy Hoot. "International Field School Seminar: It Makes a Difference." Western Northwestern Region Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing Conference. Saskatoon, SK. Feb. 18-19, 2016.

Let's Remember

Stephen John Dyer, a former student in Arts, was a very kind and polite young man who always maintained his sense of humour and his enthusiasm for learning. Faculty and staff who worked with him appreciated his sweet nature and his determination to succeed. Hockey and radio were two of Stephen's other passions—he was an avid Canucks and Blazers fan.

James Thomson joined the School of Nursing faculty in 2004. He most recently served as the practice placement coordinator, arranging student placements in clinical practice settings. He was passionate about mental health, specifically within Aboriginal populations. Completing his master's alongside several fellow faculty members cemented warm and lasting friendships with his colleagues.

JOURNALS

Ruby Dhand, Law

Dhand, Ruby. "Creating a Cultural Analysis Tool for the Implementation of Ontario's Civil Mental Health Laws." *International Journal of Law & Psychiatry*. 45 (2016): 25-42.

Matti Haverila, Business and **Kacy Fehr** ('16)

Haverila, Matti and Kacy Fehr. "The Impact of Product Superiority on Customer Satisfaction in Project Management." *International Journal of Project Management*. 34:4 (2016): 570-583.

Chris Hunt, **Lorne Neudorf** and **Micah Rankin**, Law

Hunt, Chris. "*Wilkinson v Downton* Revisited." *Cambridge Law Journal*. 74:3 (2015): 392.

Hunt, Chris and Lorne Neudorf. "The Expert Witness' Duty of Impartiality." *International Journal of Evidence & Proof*. 20 (2016): 72.

Hunt, Chris and Micah Rankin. "Anonymity, the Rule of Law and the Shriveling of the Biographical Core." *McGill Law Journal*. 61:1 (2015): 19.

Hafiz Rahman and Professor Emerita **Zena Seldon**, Economics

Rahman, Hafizur and Zena Seldon. "Spheres of Decision-Making in Small and Isolated Municipalities: The Thompson-Nicola Regional District." *Canadian Public Administration*. 59:1 (2016): 153-174.

Upcoming Events

Apr. 22-29

BFA Graduating Exhibit

Students graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts take over the TRU gallery and studio spaces for a multimedia extravaganza in all shapes and sizes.

Apr. 26

Forums: NWCCU Accreditation

Faculty, students and staff can learn more about the accreditation process and what it means for TRU.

Apr. 28

Day of Arts and Science

Grade 11 students from School District 73 and beyond are on campus experiencing university life through classes and activities in the arts and science.

Apr. 29

Western Canadian 3MT Finals

Cheer on MSc student **Jared Maida**, competing at the 3MT regionals at UBC-Okanagan. #TRU3MT

May 6

BC Secondary Schools Math Contest

Grade 8-12 students from School District 73 are on campus for the BC Secondary Schools Mathematics Contest.

May 6

Alumni Golf Tournament

Network, reconnect and have a lot of fun while raising money for student awards.

May 7

Friends of the Garden Plant Sale

The annual plant sale by FOG and Horticulture supports the TRU Horticulture Gardens and horticulture students.

May 12

Trash Bash

Celebrate our beautiful campus by picking up some trash by yourself or with a team, followed by prizes and a BBQ.

May 18

BC Chemistry Contest

Chemistry 11 and 12 students from School District 73 are on campus for the annual BC Chemistry Contest.

May 19

Annual Retirement Dinner

Celebrate faculty and staff who have recently retired or are about to retire.

May 23

Victoria Day

Campus will be closed for the statutory holiday.

June 4

Charter Alumni Breakfast

Reminisce about the Cariboo College days, connect with other alumni and faculty and view old photos and memorabilia.

June 8-10

Convocation

Celebrate the accomplishments of students graduating with certificates, diplomas and degrees, in five ceremonies over three days at the TCC. Watch the live broadcast on our [Livestream](#) channel.

June 26-29

TEFI9 Conference

TRU is hosting 40 scholars from 11 countries for the ninth international Tourism Education Futures Initiative conference (TEFI 9) on the power of caring.



Proceeds from the annual FOG plant sale support Horticulture student awards and maintenance of TRU's Horticulture Gardens.