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).
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

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


**Dawn Farough**, Sociology


**James Hoffman**, Professor Emeritus, Theatre


**Donna Petri** and **Tracy Hoot**, Nursing


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


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


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


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

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.