President's Report

News

Justice Murray Sinclair Lecture
The TRUSU Storytellers Gala and President’s Lecture Series jointly presented keynote speaker Justice Murray Sinclair, Commissioner of Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Oct. 26. His talk addressed the fundamental questions of the six-year commission: what happened in residential schools, who is responsible, and what can we do to assist moving reconciliation forward.

Fall Convocation
Witnessed by family, friends and members of the TRU community, about 270 new graduates crossed the stage at Fall Convocation on Oct. 16. New Provost and Vice-President Academic Christine Bovis-Crossen presided as master of ceremonies. TRU bestowed Professor Emeritus designations upon retired faculty members Roger Collins and Christopher Walmsley.
http://inside.tru.ca/2015/10/08/fallconvocation2015/

TRUly United Campaign
Building on last year’s successful collaboration between the TRU United Way Committee and the Foundation’s Giving Campaign, TRUly United launched Oct. 19 with the goal to raise $200,000 for student support and the community. The amount raised with new and increased gifts will be matched by the Kelson Group. Ends Nov. 6.
http://www.tru.ca/foundation/giving/employee/truly-united.html

Grant to Study Deadly Bat Disease
Microbiologist Dr. Naowarat (Ann) Cheeptham and Adjunct Professor Dr. Cori Lausen have been awarded a $75,000 USD research grant to advance the search for effective biological controls of the fungus that causes White Nose Syndrome, which is decimating North American bat populations.

Research Day 2015
Faculty members learned about new initiatives including the Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program and the Research Groups and Centres Fund at the third annual Research Day on Sept. 17. The event also showcased the new Research Storyteller video campaign.
http://inside.tru.ca/2015/09/17/research-day-2015-what-is-your-tru-research-story/

Premier’s International Scholarship Winner
Paige Bewley is enriching her Bachelor of Nursing studies this fall with an exchange in Norway. Now, thanks to the Irving K. Barber BC Scholarship Society, she can immerse herself in her study abroad experience without a financial burden.

Fall Open House
Over 300 prospective students and their families toured campus, attended workshops, demonstrations and information sessions, met current students and professors and learned more about TRU programs at the annual Fall Open House on Oct. 17. The event drew the highest participation to date from faculties and program areas, involving nearly every department, and included more than 30 booths at the day-long resource fair.
http://www.tru.ca/openhouse.html

Study Abroad Scholarship winner Paige Bewley.
WolfPack Scholarship Breakfast
Canadian rower Will Dean, a PanAmerican and Olympian, gave the keynote address at this year’s WolfPack scholarship breakfast on Sept. 24. The event raised over $200,000 for student athlete awards.

TRU Law Partners with Centrepoint BC
The TRU Faculty of Law signed an agreement on Sept. 17 with Centrepoint BC, the Interiors’ first all-inclusive meetings facility designed specifically for conflict resolution.

Business Kickstart Speakers
SOBE’s 2015-16 speaker series launched with talks by Bruce Gysel, Associate Vice President Finance at FGL Sports on Sept. 29, and Peter Antturi, President of Anglemont Financial Services on Oct. 26. The talks provide students with insights into career possibilities and an opportunity to network with the local business community.

Microbes Art Us
Works of art by TRU faculty, students and alumni, inspired by and exploring perspectives of microbes from Dr. Naowarat (Ann) Cheeptham’s drug discovery research, are on display Sept. 21 to Jan. 10 at the Telus World of Science in Vancouver.
http://inside.tru.ca/2015/09/22/tru-research-on-display-at-science-world/

Over 300 people attended the fourth annual Pride Parade on Oct. 1, including students, faculty, staff, community organizations and Kamloops community members. The event was organized by the TRUSU Equity Committee.

Lepin Awards Support Graduate Students
The Ken Lepin Research Graduate Studies Awards and the Ken Lepin Prize of Business Excellence, Entrepreneur & Communication (MBA) were presented to nine outstanding graduate students at a ceremony on Oct. 8.
http://inside.tru.ca/2015/10/08/lepin-awards-support-grad-students/

FederalPollingStationonCampus
TRUSU was successful in obtaining an on-campus polling station for the federal election on Oct. 19, open to eligible voters living on campus or within the polling area. The station was part of TRUSU’s voter participation campaign.
http://trusu.ca/news/campaigns/on-campus-polling-station/

Artwork Unveiled
A painting by Bachelor of Science graduate Erik Prytula (’15) was unveiled on Oct. 7 in its new home in the Ken Lepin Science and Health Sciences Building. Called Taking Flight, the piece commemorates Prytula’s Haida heritage and the journey students take when they come to TRU.
http://inside.tru.ca/2015/10/08/erikprytulaaboriginalpainting/

Artist and biology grad Erik Prytula with his painting, Taking Flight.

VisitersonBeijing
The Early Childhood Education department and TRU World delivered a very successful two-week professional development program for 25 daycare directors from some of the most prestigious daycares throughout Beijing, Sept. 28 to Oct. 9.

Alumni and Ale
The second alumni event held in Vancouver, “Alumni and Ale” at the Steamworks Brewpub on Oct. 15 welcomed approximately 50 TRU alumni. More regional alumni events are planned for the near future.

Lunch with the President
A lunch with the president for new faculty and staff was held on Sept. 29 and Oct. 9.
Karen Hofmann, English and Modern Languages, won honourable mention for her story “Vagina Dentata” in Room Magazine’s 2015 Poetry and Fiction Contest, judged by Shani Mootoo.

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Nathan Matthew, Honorary Doctor of Letters (’06), received a Certificate of Outstanding Contribution as an Indigenous Education Leader from the University of British Columbia Faculty of Education (“Education’s 100”) for his contributions as a leader in the local, provincial, and national dialogue on self-determination for Aboriginal education.

Matt Milovick, VP Administration and Finance, was appointed to the Board of Directors of BCNET, a not-for-profit, shared IT services organization for higher education and research in BC.

Achievements

Christine Adam, Dean of Students, was named Director-At-Large of the Canadian Association of College and University Student Services (CACUSS) for 2015-16, a national non-profit association for student affairs professionals.

Robert Atwood, Natural Resource Science grad and president and CEO of Hummingbird Drones Inc., won the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award from Startup Canada.

Lea Bucknell, Visual Arts, has a solo exhibit at the Cube at the Kamloops Art Gallery through Oct. 31, titled Inherit, Revise, Repeat. Her work focuses on people’s attachment to place.

Egan Chernoff (BSc ’15), received a Certificate of Outstanding Contribution from the University of British Columbia Faculty of Education and was recognized as one of “Education’s 100” alumni, for his contributions to the research, advancement, and promotion of teaching and learning math.

Irwin DeVries, Director of Curriculum Development, Open Learning, has been appointed co-editor of the International Journal of E-Learning and Distance Education, the journal of the Canadian Network for Innovation in Education.

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Publications

PRESENTATIONS

Tesh Dagne, Law


Cindy James, Assessment Centre
Stacey Jyrkkanen, Safety and Emergency Management

REPORTS

Donna Murnaghan, Nursing


JOURNALS

Tesh Dagne, Law

Cindy James, Assessment Centre

Courtney Mason, Tourism Management


BOOKS

George Johnson, English & Modern Languages

Let’s Remember

Jann Bailey, Honorary Doctor of Letters ('08), was a champion of arts and culture. As the executive director of the Kamloops Art Gallery since 1987, she was a co-researcher in both the first and second Small Cities Community University Research Alliance (CURA) projects from 2001 to 2012. She was recognized with a Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012 for her passion, leadership and community involvement.

Ken Brooks, IT Services, helped look after over 1,300 workstations in computer labs spread over six campuses in five different communities, serving both students and faculty. He was promoted to Supervisor, Lab Support Services in 2014. His great sense of humour took centre stage on his comedy show on TRU Campus Radio CFBX 92.5 FM, The Wing and a Prayer Show.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 27
New Researcher Orientation Breakfast
Researchers joining TRU within the last five years have an opportunity to introduce themselves, discover how the Research Office can help advance and promote their research, and make connections with colleagues.

Oct. 28
Career Mentoring: All Faculties
Students in all faculties have an opportunity to gain knowledge and insight into their chosen careers without the pressures of an interview.
http://www.tru.ca/alumni/events.html

Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18 & 25
International Student Career Cafe
Career Education leads group discussion on career issues related to international students, held at Common Grounds.
http://events.tru.ca/event/2015/international-student-career-cafe
Oct. 29
Live at TRU!: Ensemble Caprice
The annual Live at TRU! Series launches the 2015-16 season with Ensemble Caprice, performing baroque music on period instruments.
http://events.tru.ca/event/2015/live-tru-ensemble-caprice

Oct. 29
Environmental Sciences Seminar Series: Dr. Dominique Sigg
Dominique Sigg presents “Invasive Animals in BC: Their Impacts and Management”.
http://www.tru.ca/science/programs/msces/mscs

Nov. 17
Transitions to Postsecondary Day
Aboriginal high school students from District 73 and area will learn about programs and supports at TRU at the 10th annual event.
http://events.tru.ca/event/2015/transitions-day-aboriginal-high-school-students

Nov. 17
Business Kickstart: Tom Gaglardi
A conversation with one of Canada’s most successful hospitality and real estate moguls, president of Northland Properties Corp, which owns more than 50 hotels and 140 restaurants in Canada and the UK.
http://events.tru.ca/event/2015/business-kickstart-tom-gaglardi

Nov. 18
Common Voices Lecture Series: Richard Florida
TRUSU presents urban theorist Dr. Richard Florida, best-selling author of The Rise of the Creative Class and director of the Martin Prosperity Institute at the University of Toronto.
http://events.tru.ca/event/2015/common-voices-lecture-series-richard-florida

Nov. 26
Live at TRU!: Gordie MacKeehan and His Rhythm Boys
Upbeat folk sounds from Prince Edward Island, winners of the 2014 East Coast Music Award for Roots Traditional Group Recording of the Year.
http://events.tru.ca/event/2015/live-tru-gordie-mackeeman-and-his-rhythm-boys

Nov. 26-28 and Dec. 3-5
Actors Workshop Theatre: The Mail Order Bride
Directed by Heidi Verwey, Alberta playwright Robert Clinton’s story illuminates the struggle many Canadian settlers faced—to find a wife—in a family portrait spanning three generations.
http://events.tru.ca/event/2015/actors-workshop-theatre-mail-order-bride

Oct. 31
Xeriscape Gardening Seminar
Xeriscaping expert Gwen Steele shares practical information to create a water-wise garden. Sponsored by the Horticulture program and the Thompson Shuswap Master Gardeners Association of BC.
http://events.tru.ca/event/2015/xeriscaping-seminar-gwen-steele

Nov. 3
Career Mentoring: Graduate Studies
Graduate students have an opportunity to gain knowledge and insight into their chosen careers without the pressures of an interview.
http://www.tru.ca/alumni/events.html

Nov. 4
Career Mentoring: Computer Science
Computer science students have an opportunity to gain knowledge and insight into their chosen careers without the pressures of an interview.
http://www.tru.ca/alumni/events.html

Nov. 5-6
Long Night of Procrastination
Study sessions, tutoring, wellness activities and midnight pizza will be offered during this overnight study event at the main Library.
http://www.tru.ca/library/inap.html

Nov. 11
Remembrance Day
Campus closed for the statutory holiday.