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AUGUSTANA ALUMNI LEADERSHIP AWARD

This year, the Augustana Alumni Leadership Award was given to Emil Yim, a 5th year bachelor of science student double majoring in kinesiology and psychology. Emil is very active on campus, having been a resident assistant, a campus ambassador, a photographer for the student run newspaper the Daglightale, a photographer for the student run magazine the Medium, a member of the cross-country running team, 4th year representative on the Augustana Student's Association, and a representative on the students union. Alongside those activities, Emil is a member of many clubs, including the Earthwise, history and science clubs, and has also worked at the café, in the cafeteria and at the climbing wall. Emil modestly admits "I feel that there are others who contribute more to this campus than I have" but still strives to give back to Augustana and help out wherever he can. Congratulations Emil, on a much deserved award!

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Emil Yim, 2016 Augustana Alumni Leadership Award Recipient

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Two years ago, in my *Circle* message I wrote about change. One year ago, I wrote about transition. With a vision in hand and leadership transitions in the university mostly complete, an appropriate theme for this year's *Circle* is ambition. I am proud of Augustana's lofty ambitions and of the University of Alberta's ambitious vision for Augustana.

The latter first: this past fall, after a year of extensive consultation, President David Turpin and the Board of Governors released *For the Public Good*, the university's new strategic plan. Objective Nine of that plan focuses specifically on the multi-campus nature of the university. With reference to Augustana, it calls for an effort to strengthen our campus "as a leading liberal arts college, and as a living laboratory for teaching and learning innovation, to the benefit of the entire university." This is a role that my colleagues and I embrace. We are encouraged by the growing recognition that it is not just Augustana which has been strengthened by the merger in 2004; it is the entire university, which can learn and borrow from Augustana as it focuses increasing attention on the quality of the undergraduate student experience.

Here on campus our ambitions at this time are focused on preparations for 2017-18, the launch year for several exciting initiatives. I'm pleased to provide a short summary.

First, we are busy with details and logistics related to both the Augustana Calendar, which will change the rhythms of our traditional terms to accommodate more experiential learning opportunities for students, and the First-Year Seminar Program, a new investment in student success and a proven "high-impact practice."

Second, we will soon complete the Alver & Arlene Person Pedway, which will link the second floors of the Library and Founders' Hall. This passage-way will connect Learning~Advising~Beyond services at one end with a planned Learning Commons at the other. The Learning Commons will not only create new visibility for the Writing Centre, study skills workshops, accommodations services, counseling and other programming. It will also facilitate one-stop convenience for students. For staff in the library, Student Life, and LAB, it will create new opportunities for collaborative planning and program delivery.

Third, over the coming summer we will complete ambitious renovations of three science labs and related support spaces



Dean Berger ringing the convocation bell to begin 2016!

in the Science Extension. This project, which is funded through federal and provincial funds, will be the first stage of a more ambitious phased plan to create improved, 21st century learning environments.

Finally, we are raising our philanthropic ambitions and focusing our fundraising primarily on programming needs and expanded learning opportunities for students, especially through research, community service, practical and other experiences that provide opportunities to apply and test classroom learning beyond the boundaries of the campus.

Kudos to our faculty and staff. The scope of our ambition is made possible by their dedication to student learning, their openness to change and their willingness to dream. And thanks to all of you. We couldn't embrace the future with such confidence were it not for the generous support of our alumni and friends.

Warm regards,
Dean Allen Berger

AUGUSTANA WELCOMES NEW TREATY BEAR STATUE

In late September, Augustana welcomed the Treaty Bear. The statue is a marker bear that exists as one in a series of bears installed throughout treaty six territory (which includes the larger Sweetgrass Bear sculpture on North campus), and will remain at Augustana on a one-year loan from sculptor Stewart Steinhauer of the Saddle Cree Nation. As a visual representation of the treaty relationship that we at Augustana are all a part of, the Treaty Bear calls us to engage together in the important work of reconciliation, work that Augustana is deeply committed to.



The objective of these statues, according to sculptor Steinhauer is to “create an experiential moment for observers, transforming them... into participants” and brings to our campus “Indigenous knowledge, passed generation to generation [that] has been preserved and recorded in a specific

format, both in form and practice: in granite.” As a smooth, rounded, inherently welcoming statue that evokes a desire to touch, the Treaty Bear reads “We Are All Related” in both English and Cree syllabics, and certainly lends itself to an experiential moment for those who stop to ponder the statue and its meaning.

The Treaty Bear was welcomed to campus with a ceremony that included Associate Dean Academic Dr. Karsten Mundel, Aboriginal Student Office coordinator Megan Caldwell, and elder Mary Moonias from Louis Bull Nation in Maskwacis who performed a blessing. It is our hope that members of the Augustana community and guests to our campus will visit the statue to pause, reflect and experience our treaty relationships in the way that sculptor Stewart Steinhauer envisions.

A GREAT TIME TO BE AT AUGUSTANA

By Cameron Raynor, Augustana Medium

It’s been just over four years now since I arrived at Augustana. Although the decision to move was impromptu, I couldn’t have chosen better if I tried. I didn’t know anything about liberal arts, interdisciplinary education or think much about class schedules at the time, but I don’t think there’s been a better time to be an Augustana student.

Over the past few years, liberal arts and less specialized approaches to education have started to come into their own. At the same time, Augustana has positioned itself as a laboratory for innovative teaching. Augustana students are more often than not the first to benefit from new approaches to postsecondary education from professors that care about teaching.

There are few other campuses I’ve encountered where there is so much regular interaction between students and faculty who are studying different disciplines. And exposure to other disciplines is important.

Many of the challenges facing the world today require solutions that will come from collaborating and working between disciplines. It doesn’t make sense to specialize early in a world where the pace of change is faster than ever. World leading companies of today often weren’t even on the radar four years ago. In many ways, the pace of change is faster than the rate at which people can become educated for it.

The idea that breadth and variety is an essential part of a great education program isn’t new. Stanford, Yale and Harvard all have liberal arts or breadth requirements not unlike the Augustana Core. It seems that now, more than ever, it is Augustana’s time to shine.



*Sunset over Augustana.
Photo by Lane Anderson, Augustana Medium*

“At Augustana, I learned what it was like to be heard and helped by others. I want to offer that same experience to my clients and to have a positive impact on their lives.”

Profile by Pam Chamberlain

Tony Nguyen has an ambitious goal: to change people’s approach to fitness.

While growing up in Whitehorse, Yukon, Tony was an avid athlete. After high school, he was recruited to play on the Augustana men’s basketball team. As a member of the Vikings, he learned skills such as teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and time-management—skills which would serve him well later when he started up his own business.

Tony, a Registered Kinesiologist, has co-founded the Edmonton-based company F.R.E.E. Fitness.

His company’s innovative model allows a client free coaching for two weeks during what Tony calls the “commitment phase.” The trainer helps with a physical training program and a review of eating habits. Tony holds clients accountable for meeting their commitments and helps them eliminate unhealthy habits, preventing them from reaching their fitness goals.

After two weeks, Tony explains, “If the client has followed through during the commitment phase, the client earns the privilege to ‘pay how you feel.’ We show we care about our clients’ health without putting a price on our service.” The company also offers free fitness camps outdoors every Friday evening with the goal of giving people a positive experience and the confidence to become more active, whether at home, outdoors, or at a gym.

Tony encourages his clients to eat healthfully, to exercise for fun, to live balanced lifestyles, and to love themselves. This is harder than it sounds, he says, in a society that bombards us with weight-loss



TONY NGUYEN

BA Kinesiology '14

advertisements. “The traditional fitness industry thrives on making people feel dissatisfied with how they look. We can lose sight of what being healthy feels like because we are chasing an unrealistic image of what fitness looks like.”

“I still love sports and the high I get after a sweaty workout,” Tony says. “But most of all, I love meeting new people, helping clients, promoting fitness, and giving back to the community. At Augustana, I learned what it was like to be heard and helped by others. I want to offer that same experience to my clients and to have a positive impact on their lives.”



NICOLE MACDONALD
Biology/Chemistry, Doctor of
Veterinary Medicine

Nicole Macdonald has known since she was in kindergarten that she would become a veterinarian.

Nicole studied biology and chemistry at Augustana. Not only did her professors help her achieve the marks she would need for veterinary college, but they also gave her opportunities for hands-on experience.

In her third year, Nicole applied to the Western Veterinary College in Saskatoon. “Having a well-rounded education from Augustana gave me an edge,” she says. “I had good writing skills, and with my

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Profile by Pam Chamberlain

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In the summers, Nicole, who had grown up around cats and dogs, focussed on gaining more experience with large animals. One summer, she lived with a friend’s parents in Oyen so she could volunteer in a rural vet clinic. Another year, she spent six weeks in rural Uganda working with goats through Vets Without Borders.

After graduating, Nicole began working at a mixed-animal practice in Ponoka. Along with two other vets, she cares for cats, dogs, horses, cattle—and occasionally sheep and goats. “I love all animals. They don’t judge, and they love you anyway.” Although animals can’t tell her what’s wrong when they are ill, Nicole enjoys the challenge of figuring out the problem and making things better.

Physically, a vet’s work can be demanding. Nicole is often on call during calving season and is called upon to do tough procedures like C-sections. However, the hardest part of the job is emotional. When an animal dies as a result of injuries, or when an owner decides it’s time to euthanize a beloved pet, it takes a toll on Nicole. “It’s draining,” she says. “I’m never the same. They take a piece of me when they go.”

But the rewards of the job outweigh the challenges. “It’s the little victories that keep me going,” Nicole says, “like saving a golden retriever that has been hit by a car or delivering a live calf during a C-section. That makes my day. Then I know I’ve done a good job.”

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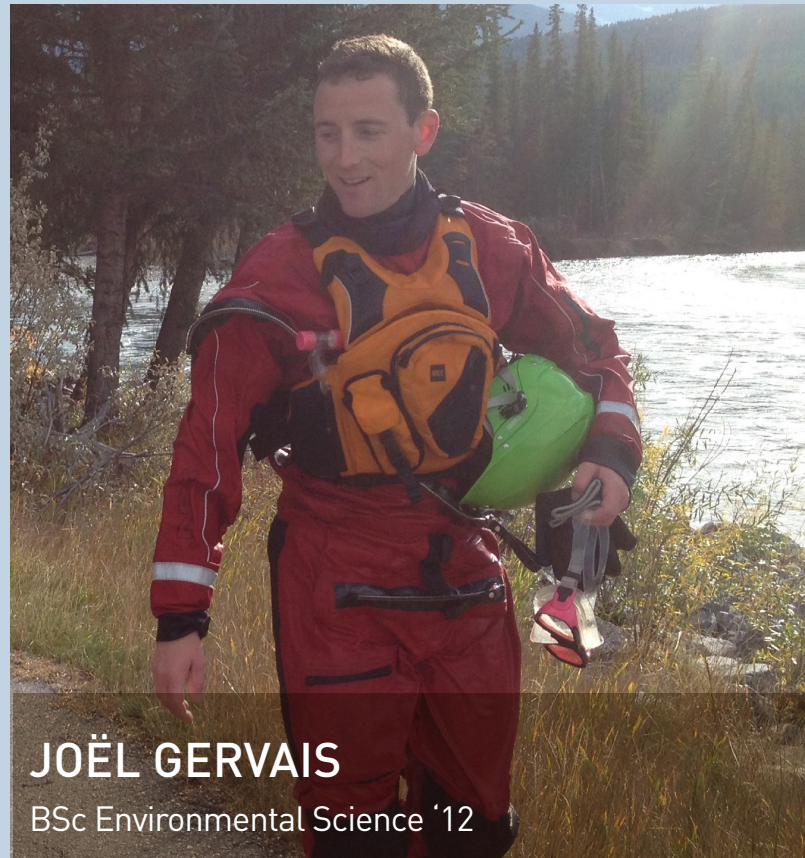
When administrators at Bermuda’s international airport needed to upgrade the approach lighting system, there was only one option: build new platforms in the ocean. However, driving steel piles into an environmentally sensitive bay would disturb not only seagrass beds but a number of endangered species. The airport needed a construction plan that met regulatory requirements and minimized impact to these species and their habitats. That’s where Joël Gervais came in.

Joël, a biologist and environmental scientist at Associated Engineering in Edmonton, completed assessment for the project and weighed the environmental sensitivities against the construction needs to create a construction plan that would mitigate environmental impacts.

“It was an interesting challenge,” Joël recalls. “I had to apply my usual freshwater ecology and construction knowledge to a marine and coastal environment, learn about marine biology, and teach myself about cetaceans, coral reefs, coastal reptiles, and marine chemistry.”

Joël first got his feet wet as a biology student taking samples and measurements in Stony Creek, Miquelon Lake, the Sturgeon River, and ravines south of Camrose. “Our professors took us into the field to apply what we’d learned in the classroom,” he explains. “The hands-on experience was invaluable.” He credits Dr. Hood, Dr. Hvenegaard, Dr. Audet, and Dr. Hallstrom for kindling his desire and drive for ongoing learning and application of knowledge in everyday scenarios.

Joël loves the challenge of developing innovative solutions to environmental problems. He is now consulting on projects in Edmonton and throughout Alberta, Saskatchewan, Northwest



JOËL GERVAIS

BSc Environmental Science '12

Territories, and the national parks. His work often includes planning and assessment for construction and reclamation where sensitive fish, wildlife, and plants are involved.

As new environmental protection policies are implemented, companies and governments need help finding new ways to operate that meet or exceed regulations. “Environmental degradation is no longer an accepted cost of doing business,” Joël explains, “and many of the new policies are creating new challenges. We take on many one-off projects with unique problems, and come up with solutions that haven’t been tried before. As an environmental scientist, I wear many different hats, and I am always learning. Augustana prepared me for that.”



SHAY BARKER

BA History '11

In Grade 9, Shay Barker knew Augustana was the right choice for her. “When you come from a small town and graduate with the same 30 people you went to kindergarten with, it’s important to go to a community-focused university where you can be more than a number.” As it turns out, community has become the focus of Shay’s career.

Shay’s professors challenged her to think in new ways. “Classes were never just about content,” she remembers. “At Augustana, you don’t simply graduate with letters after your name. You graduate with a solid foundation to become the person and professional you want to be.”

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Shay’s team is implementing a 10-year strategy for economic development that integrates the concept of placemaking. Placemaking connects a person’s place to economic vibrancy, community resiliency, and community identity. It encourages the creation of public spaces that promote pride of place and a sense of community. “When people love their place,” Shay explains, “they are more likely to spend time and money there, support local businesses, and participate in local recreation. The fabric of the community is continually strengthened as more people fall in love with their place, resulting in a strong and diverse community.”

Shay’s passion for community was born in Jasper and fostered at Augustana, and it continues to guide her career in economic development. “I value community,” she says, “and I want my career choice to make a positive impact.”

Today, Shay is an Economic Development Officer for the City of Airdrie. As part of a team of five, her goal is to attract new businesses to Airdrie and support the retention and expansion of local companies. She helps clients find suitable spaces for their businesses and advises them on the city’s policies and processes.

Shay is proud to be a part of a well-respected team that wins awards for its projects and strategies. “Our municipality is forward thinking, growing, and establishing itself as a major hub for industry in Alberta,” she says. In fact, Airdrie has been named one of Canada’s top places to start and grow businesses.

The Augustana Alumni Office hosts a variety of events throughout the year, from the kid-friendly to the academic, the formal to the festive. Check out our upcoming events below and contact the alumni office to register: augalum@ualberta.ca or (780) 679-1626.

JANUARY 22: INTERNATIONAL FOOD FARE

2017 is Canada's 150th birthday, and what better way is there to celebrate a birthday than with great food? The International Food Fare is a student-led celebration of food, music and clothing from around the world! Tickets will be available through the alumni office or online at <http://aug.ualberta.ca/foodfare>.



JANUARY 27-28: HOCKEY ALUMNI WEEKEND

Register online at <http://aug.ualberta.ca/hockeyalumni>

FEBRUARY 3: ENGLISH COMPOSERS AND POETS LUNCHEON

Join Augustana alumnus and international pianist Joel Harder, New York City tenor Dominic Armstrong and Augustana English professor Paul Harland for an interdisciplinary, engaging discussion of a unique all-English language program of songs by British composers and poets.

MARCH 24: CCAA CURLING NATIONALS ALUMNI RECEPTION

Register online at <http://aug.ualberta.ca/curlingalumni>



APRIL 15: EASTER EGGS-TRAVAGANZA

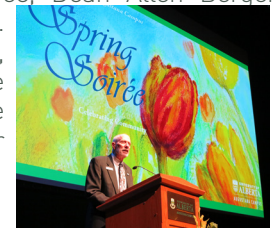
Alums David Arial and Lindsay Sims clowning around with Martin Luther! Don't miss our annual Easter Eggs-travaganza which includes crafts, cookies, clowns, and a chocolate hunt around campus. And be sure to register early because this event sells out every year!

MARCH 29: LAST LECTURE

Last year, Alex Carpenter presented "There is no "Try": Zen and the Art of Living and Learning (and Rocking!)". Who will the Augustana community vote to hear this year?

APRIL 25: SPRING SOIREE

At Augustana's annual Spring Soiree, Dean Allen Berger delivers his Report to the Community. Mingle with alumni, faculty, students, and community members to share student achievement, celebrate community partnership and visit our lovely campus!



MAY 17: NATIONAL PARKS AT CANADA'S 150: MIXING CELEBRATION WITH CONCERN

Join Augustana environmental science professor Glenn Hvenegaard in Calgary on May 17th and in Camrose on October 5th for a lecture on Canada's National Parks as centrepieces of conservation and tourism, but also as concerning excessive developments that have the ability to threaten ecological integrity.

SUMMER 2017: AUGUSTANA DAY OF SERVICE

Last year, we hosted over 40 people at the Augustana Miquelon Lake Research Station, where they insulated and dry walled the garage, spread topsoil, and installed a water collection system among many other tasks. We'd like to thank everyone who took part! Watch for details on our next day of service!



LUNCH & LEARNS

Every year, alumni hosts a number of Lunch & Learns. These events bring in experts from Augustana and around the community to present on a variety of topics for students, staff & faculty, alumni and the general public to enjoy over the lunch hour. Visit <http://aug.ualberta.ca/alumnievents> for more information and to register for the events below!

February 9: How Old is Canada Anyway? Reconsidering the Importance of Dominion Canada Day

March 8: Fish Traps & Shell Middens! Is Traditional Ecological Knowledge the Way to Sustainability?



Augustana alumni Koren Lightening-Earte and Ryan Mason were celebrated at the Alumni Awards Ceremony on North Campus



Lead class organizer Daniel Johnson receives a thank you gift!



Student chaplains host Oktoberfest



Started Green & Gold Day off right with a BBQ and Green & Gold jello cups



Class of '56 in Founders' Hall



Celebrating Oktoberfest in the Performing Centre



Following the jello, a giant dodgeball game in the quad!



Class of '66 Reception in Founders' Hall



Class of '66 on the steps of Founders' Hall



Dean Allen Berger greets Class of '66 in Founders' Hall



Class of '66 reunite and can't help the laughter



Lois Kimball, class of '56 organizer greets former classmate

Every fall, we host an Alumni Weekend to welcome our over 9,000 alumni back to Augustana. Whether you graduated from Camrose Lutheran College, Augustana University College, or the University of Alberta's Augustana Campus, you will find something for you!

Next year's Alumni Weekend will be held September 22-25, 2017. Attend a class get-together to reconnect with old friends or reach out to a favourite professor! Join us for another Oktoberfest: it was such a success, we are bringing it back again next year! If you'd like to organize a class reunion or cohort gathering, please contact the alumni office at augalum@ualberta.ca or (780) 679-1626.



No Oktoberfest is complete without bratwurst!



Alumni Polka band performing at Oktoberfest



Student volunteers getting into the Oktoberfest spirit



Director Claude Lapalme of the Red Deer Symphony Orchestra addresses guests at the Alumni Reception



Annual Dean's Brunch, hosted in the Wahkohtowin Lodge



Dean Berger addresses Alumni at Annual Dean's Brunch



Photo booth fun at Oktoberfest



Assistant Dean External Relations Tim Hanson enjoying brunch



NEW EXTENDED EDUCATION PROGRAMMING

By Kate McConnell

In 2015, Augustana launched the Augustana Extended Education (AEE) program. Utilizing Augustana's liberal arts and sciences faculty expertise through intensive, open enrolment short term courses, seminars, workshops, and certificate programs, AEE programs are designed for community members and professionals from every sector who seek to expand their skills at a top 4 Canadian University. Over the past year and a half, AEE has launched 7 new programs with repeat delivery due to high demand, to over 150 attendees from 47 rural communities.

New Program: Creative Leadership through Arts

This winter, AEE will launch a pilot of Creative Leadership through Arts: Leadership & Playfulness, the first in a series of 1-day short courses designed to offer a modern and innovative approach to developing and fine-tuning leadership skills through arts-based practices and activities, including improv, music compilation, creative writing, and filmmaking. This program is for those already in various levels of leadership positions and those looking to move into a position of leadership. No creative experience is expected or required.

Program Highlights

- Clarify and enhance your leadership abilities through facilitated discussions on leadership theory, case studies, group networking, combined with unique arts-based workshops
- Learn how to build meaningful connections within your team by evaluating how perception is influenced, and by integrating diversity
- Acquire the tools to creatively overcome hurdles and develop 'outside the box' solutions for challenges
- Explore creative ways to effectively adapt to quickly changing environments and circumstances
- Learn how to 'inspire' rather than 'instruct'



More information about Augustana's Extended Education Program, including courses on offer can be found at www.ualberta.ca/augustana/programs/community/extended-education

AUGUSTANA ALUMNI COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE: JEFFREY BEHRENS, '10 BA

In his first of a three year term as Augustana's alumni council representative, Jeffrey Behrens graduated from the University of Alberta's Augustana Faculty with a bachelor of arts, double majoring in political science and history. He served as President of the Augustana Student Association and received multiple leadership and academic awards during his time there. Jeffrey also earned a master of arts degree in comparative politics and international relations from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario.

As a political communications specialist, Jeffrey has worked for the Legislative Assembly of Alberta in numerous roles, most recently as Legislative Assistant to the Capital Region Caucus. He recently returned to the University of Alberta with Facilities and Operations.

Diagnosed with a degenerative retinal disease as a child, Jeff is a passionate advocate and supporter of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and has volunteered in numerous capacities with the organization and affiliated physicians.

In his spare time Jeffrey enjoys cooking and continuing his research in European politics and Church history.



BATTLE RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION PROGRAMMING

Contributors: Alexis Anderson and Charlene Brown

Augustana's partnership with the Battle River School Division (BRSD) is one of mutual benefit. As part of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Augustana and BRSD, both organizations work to foster a distinctive and innovative relationship towards the end of student learning by developing programs to connect our students with those within the community.

Our MOU includes a variety of joint and cooperative activities and one such program is the Grade 7 Science Fair, in its second year of partnership between Charlie Killam School, Our Lady of Mount Pleasant School, and the Learning-Advising-Beyond Office at Augustana. Augustana students start working in classrooms in September to support and mentor grade 7 students in creating innovative projects to present at a science fair that takes place on Augustana Campus in February. This all-day event consists of a variety of activities including a welcome from the Dean, the science fair

event and judging, an exciting chemistry demonstration, educational sessions planned by Augustana students, and new this year, exploring the science of music! In addition to hosting the grade 7 students and their parents, we bring guest judges from the community such as members of city council, members of local businesses and representatives from the two school divisions, as well as university faculty.

Another is the *Klassics for Kids* program which arose out of a focus group in 2010 that saw a gap in classical music programming focused on young people within our community. As a result, Augustana's music conservatory administrator, Charlene Brown, and local elementary school administrators began producing a concert performance that takes place annually and brings young students onto campus to engage in classical music through a storyline or theme. These performances are no longer than an hour, and are attended by kindergarten to grade four students, as higher level classes have more opportunity for band instruction. An instant success, *Klassics for Kids* uses music to teach and inspire fun.

Lastly, a number of junior and senior high school students from Charlie Killam, Bawlf, and Ermineskin schools



Thomas and Charleen Schoen performing in Klassics for Kids in 2012



October 27th screening of The Pass System for Jr/Sr High School Students



Children participating in 2016's Grade 7 Science Fair

(although the last is not a part of BRSD) were invited to Augustana in October to attend a screening of the documentary *The Pass System*, followed by a panel discussion with the director Alex Williams, Indigenous studies and history professor Daniel Sims, and Bruce Cutknife, member of Samson Cree First Nation and Indigenous Education Coordinator for the Nipisihkopahk Education Authority. The documentary, which is an investigation of First Nations people living under and resisting a system of racial segregation in Canada, was shown at the Jeanne & Peter Lougheed Performing Arts Centre, and gave students the chance to grapple with a difficult subject by asking questions of experts on the topic. It is through events and relationships like these that we hope to strengthen ourselves, as well as the community around us.

VIKINGS ROOTS RUN DEEP

The Vikings hockey tradition has gone on strong through our years as Camrose Lutheran College, Augustana University College, and finally, the University of Alberta's Augustana Campus. A Canadian institution that boasts both competition and collegiality, hockey seems to have a lasting impact even on those who are not regular players. And those who have come to Camrose to hone their talent make lifelong friends, becoming part of a tradition where "Vikings" is more than a simple team name, but a family. Ken, Mike and Paul Lovsin embody that dynamic quite literally, as two generations of players that can't seem to get enough of Augustana, of hockey, and of bearing the name "Vikings".

Hockey flows through the veins of the Lovsin boys. Brothers Mike and Ken grew up in Peace River with sticks and pucks as much a part of their winter as the ice and snow. Mike was first encouraged to attend Augustana (then Camrose Lutheran College) by Larry Stewart, who played on the National Championship team in '74/'75, as well as Joe Voytechek, who had coached the championship

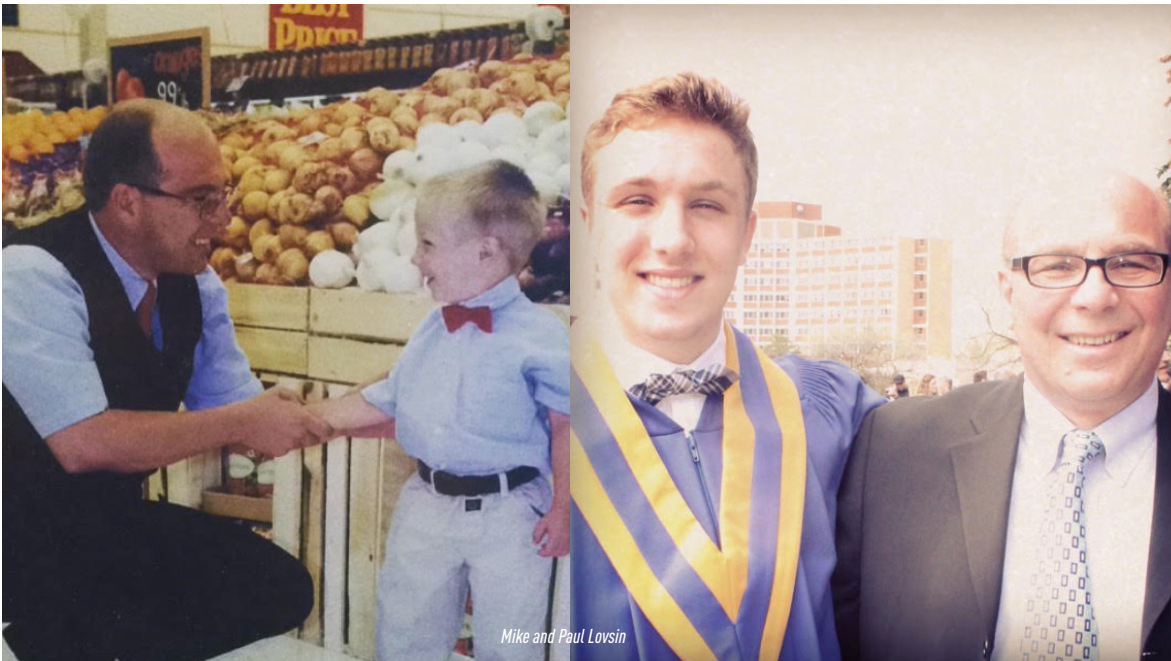
team, and was still the coach when Mike became a Viking in 1979.

"It was my first time moving away from home; I had all of those feelings of nervousness and excitement" Mike recalls fondly as one of the highlights of his time here, followed by another: the trip the Vikings took overseas the Christmas of 1979 to play in Finland and Sweden as one of the first amateur teams to enter the Soviet Union at the time. Mike spoke not of the number of goals he scored, or how well they ranked in the tournament, but instead about the young men he met while playing for the Vikings, many of whom he is still in contact with today. "You forget about the wins and losses, but not the people."

Ken Lovsin saw what a great experience his brother Mike had had playing and studying in Camrose, so it was natural for him to follow suit, attending Camrose Lutheran College from 1984-1986. Ken continued on to have an impressive hockey career, playing a game in the NHL and several as part of Team Canada, even winning silver at the

1994 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway. "Growing up, every four years we watched the Olympics on TV and I dreamed of playing for my country at an event like that," Ken recollected. "My time at Augustana helped to hone the skills I needed to make the progression to the Olympic program."

And now, thirty-or-so odd years later, Ken's nephew and Mike's son Paul Lovsin dons the same jersey as the men in the family before





Ken Lovsin

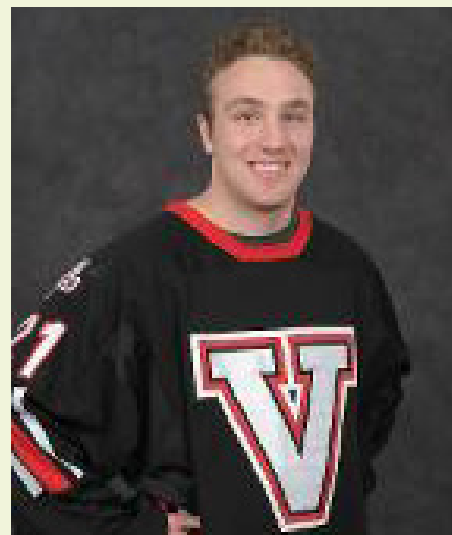
him. A familiar story, Paul grew up skating and playing hockey, and chose Augustana through his familial and personal connections; his family friend Curtis Skip (whose father also happened to play for the Vikings) had been here for a couple years when Paul decided to move to Camrose and begin his undergraduate degree. Paul doesn't feel as if he has anything to live up to, but instead cherishes the important role hockey plays within his life. "Hockey is a big part of my family. My uncle played at a very high level, and was an exceptional talent. My dad got me into skating."

Paul plans to carry on his family's tradition in more ways than one. A first year business economics student, he hopes to take over the family's grocery store chain after he completes his degree. The Freson Bros. chain boasts 15 small-town stores across Alberta which are all owned and operated by Mike, Ken and their third brother Doug.

Paul's dad is excited about his son not only playing as a Viking as he once did, but for having the opportunity to stay, live and graduate from the University of Alberta's Augustana Campus, something that was not yet possible for him as a student of Camrose Lutheran College. The small class sizes and tight-knit community does not only allow a better environment in which to learn, but also to make connections, two things Mike recognizes as "a good foundation for the rest of your life."

"The best time of my life was in Camrose, I wish that for Paul too."

Come celebrate the Viking tradition with Mike and Paul Lovsin (Ken sends his regrets) at this year's Hockey Alumni Weekend, which takes place January 27th to 28th, 2017. To register, visit <http://aug.ualberta.ca/hockeyalumni>.



Paul was this year's recipient of the annual \$1000 Alumni Entrance Award, given to an incoming student descended from an alumni. This award, along with the Alumni Leadership Award, is supported by several alumni that pledge monthly, yearly, or give one-time gifts to the Alumni Awards Initiative. Thank you for your support!

For more information on how you can support Augustana's Alumni Awards, please contact Bree Urkow of the Augustana Development Office at 780-679-1131 or bree.urkow@ualberta.ca.

AUGUSTANA TO HOST CCAA CURLING NATIONALS

By Melissa Wilk, *Augustana Medium*

After a successful curling season last year, Augustana was selected to host the 2017 CCAA Curling National Championships in March 2017. The championships take place at the 100-year-old Rose City Curling Club.

"This is huge for Augustana. This is the first time Augustana has ever held a National Championship, and it's a great opportunity to showcase Augustana, our curling program, and our rink," said Roger Galenza, head coach of the curling team. Galenza said that the National Championships are an excellent way to recruit new players. "People will see what we have to offer. It's absolutely wonderful for us to have Nationals here."

Galenza has been coaching the Augustana Curling team for several years. In the 2014/2015 season, he won the ACAC Coach of the Year award.

Galenza said that last year's season brought a lot of success for the men's team. "The men won silver at the ACAC, and then went on to win bronze at the 2016 CCAA Curling National Champions—that was a big success.

"The women's team didn't quite make the ACAC conference finals, but our lead and second ended up getting the ACAC All-Conference Award."

Galenza said he thinks the women's team will be strong this year. "We have new students coming in, as well as the returning players. I'm looking forward to a real positive year for the women."

Jensen Manners, a curler and second-year management student, said that she is looking forward to a fun and exciting season. "We have Nationals to look forward to in March, and it will be a great experience. Nationals will bring a lot of nation-wide curlers to the area, and the Augustana Curling program will get invaluable exposure," said Manners.

Manners won the Female Athlete of the Year award at Augustana's 2016 Colour Night. "It was an honour to be recognized for my hard

work and dedication. Curling is what I love to do."

Manners also won the ACAC All-Conference Award last year, along with her teammate Katelyn Skolski, a second-year kinesiology student.

Skolski said that she is looking forward to working with a great group of people this year.

"We have lots of new talent coming to the team, and I'm excited to be representing Augustana at Nationals."



CALLING ALL ALUMNI CURLERS!

Join your organizers Dione (Litun) Suchodolski '06 and Mari (McLachlan) Poohachoff '14 for a Curling Alumni Reunion on March 24th and 25th, 2017. Start off with a curling alumni social and craft beer tasting on Friday night at Founders' Hall, and then on Saturday, watch the CCAA National semifinals and finals at the Rose City Curling Club, followed by a pizza supper and a mini Alumni Bonspiel. Visit <http://aug.ualberta.ca/curlingalumni> to register!

AUGUSTANA UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ON TYPE I DIABETES

While a number of University students fill their summers with beaches and campfires to de-stress from their year of hard work, fourth year science student Deanna Funk remained in the classroom and in the lab.

As a research assistant to Augustana physical education professor Dr. Jane Yardley for the last two summers, Deanna has been studying islet cell transplantation in patients with type 1 diabetes. This research began out of Dr. Yardley's work as a member of the Alberta Diabetes Institute, the world leader in the transplantation of islet cells, a process which takes healthy islet cells from donor cadaveric organs and places them in the liver of diabetic patients to reverse the effects of insulin deficiency. Dr. Yardley, along with a few colleagues on North Campus, is in the process of testing participants to examine the effects of aerobic exercise on blood glucose in islet transplant patients, but before the work began, the group had to do a widely cast study of the information that was already available; that's where Deanna came in.

"My task was to find any and all studies on islet cell transplant recipients performing exercise and to write a literature review on the topic" Deanna explained. A daunting assignment for any scholar, and an impressive undertaking, especially when it comes to undergraduate research. Deanna rose to the challenge, writing a literature review that went through a number of rounds of editing before being published in the NRC Research Press' journal of Applied Physiology, Nutrition, and Metabolism. Deanna then presented some of the data from this study at the 19th annual Canadian Diabetes Association Professional Conference on October 29th in Ottawa.

Dr. Yardley continues to be impressed by Deanna, whom she describes as "an organized, motivated, and industrious student, who is able to work with a great deal of independence. She...is producing better work than several masters' level students that I have worked with in the past." As for Deanna, she's simply glad for the experience. "I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to publish as an undergraduate student," Deanna said. "I am honored and humbled to have worked with Jane and to have experienced the research world in the way I have."



Canadian Diabetes Association conference at the Shaw Conference Centre in Ottawa, Ontario



Photos courtesy of Deanna Funk

AUGUSTANA IN THE NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

The University of Alberta's 2016 strategic plan *For the Public Good* posits Augustana as "a living laboratory for teaching and learning innovation, to the benefit of the entire university." taken this call to action seriously, beginning with the implementation of a new calendar in 2017 to help connect students through experiential learning opportunities, and provide an alternative to the traditionally rigid university structure.

However, the onus is not merely on how students learn. What about the ways in which we teach, the courses and even the environments? Augustana has begun a number of initiatives to offer different ways of teaching to result in the best undergraduate education possible.

"This semester we have introduced a new classroom that is furnished with trapezoidal tables that have the flexibility to be used for group work as well as larger group seminars" says Associate Dean Academic Karsten Mundel, who spearheaded the initiative. The classroom also uses large touch screens so that students can collaborate digitally as they work in teams, and is used for classes taught in a non-traditional way. "If you wanted to lecture, it'd actually be really hard to" says Associate Dean Teaching Janet Wesselius, who credits the classroom as a way to foster a different level of student engagement and a different way of learning in general.



Associate Dean Teaching Janet Wesselius

Another example of this innovative way of learning and teaching is the digital humanities course that Augustana will be taking part in through our association with COPLAC, the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges. These courses will be co-run and team taught through video conference technology, with students from a number of COPLAC institutions contributing to a class that defies physical limitations.

The last initiative is a teaching commons, to be available to faculty next January. An online repository on pedagogy, the teaching commons will include online discussions and blogs on best practices, and will be open for all interested faculty to join. As a small campus, we already know how collaboration inspires success, and fostering this sense of community engagement is one of the ways in which we hope to teach innovatively.

We hope you'll always remember where you came from and take advantage of opportunities to stay connected with your fellow Augustana/AUC/CLC alumni. Not only can you benefit personally and professionally, but together we can make a difference in our communities and around the world!

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It's important to keep us up to date with your most recent contact information! Visit aug.ualberta.ca/mycontactinfo/

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SPIRIT OF THE LAND CONFERENCE

By Carey Anglestad

Spirit of the Land, a project coordinated by Augustana's Chester Ronning Centre, hosted their 5th annual conference from November 4-6, 2016. Under the theme of Reconciling Land, Life and Livelihood, the conference aimed to provide a safe and welcoming space for the community to come together and talk about issues of reconciliation between Settler-Indigenous relations as well as a wider reconciliation with ecology, economy, community and spirituality.

Topics included

- The relationship between economy, community and ecology
- Hopeful visions for land, water and agriculture
- Settler-Indigenous Reconciliation in Canada
- How to grow micro-greens
- Clean energy in Canada

Set up in a round-table format, the conference was centered on the dialogue between different members of the community — from politicians/city councillors to farmers, local business owners and industry workers. Students and community members came together to discuss each presentation, and pose questions to the speakers.

Speakers at the conference came from across Western Canada and Alberta. The Friday night keynote was Dr. Alexandria Wilson, a community leader and professor at the University of Saskatchewan's College of Education, and an organizer for Idle No More, working to protect water, land and Indigenous sovereignty. On Saturday, Treaty Six Grand Chief Randy Ermineskin and Karen Mahon, Canadian director of STAND and environmentalist, spoke in the morning. After lunch, participants heard from a panel on the topic of "Growing the Ecological Soil, Growing the Community Soul" from Siddhartha, founder and director of Pipal Tree in Bangalore, India; Kim Cornish, founder of the Alberta-based Food, Water, Wellness Foundation; and Ryan Mason, owner/farmer with Reclaim Urban Farm in Edmonton. Finally, David Dodge, of Green Energy Futures and chair of Energy Efficiency Alberta, a new \$648 million dollar crown corporation, presented. On Sunday morning, hands-on workshops were offered where participants could learn about solar energy or microgreens.

Dean Allen Berger, city council member Agnes Hoveland and MLA Bruce Hinkley welcomed participants to the conference, which began with a pipe ceremony, and ended with a round dance.

"When I first attended the conference four years ago...I was very newly introduced to these ideas of environmentalism and living in a sustainable way. I was intimidated by them. I felt I had no authority to be able to say what was right and what was wrong, but when we went to the conference and we heard the speakers and had chances to talk at our round tables, my opinion was respected. I was able to hear other people's opinions and I just felt it was a really nice space for everyone in the community to come together." - Carley Angelstad, Spirit of the Land Assistant Program Coordinator

"We are promoting a safe and welcoming atmosphere. This way we can have open, respectful, honest conversations and see what new solutions or ways of approaching the issues will come out of it." - Rajan Rathnavalu, Project Coordinator



It was a pleasure to have Treaty 6 Grand Chief Randy Ermineskin and Elder Roy Louis on campus



Dr. Alexandria Wilson discussing her work to protect land, water and Indigenous sovereignty

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35 YEARS

Dan Morris, Custodian in Facilities and Operations

What is your fondest Augustana memory?

"Attending all the Viking Cup tournaments over the years and in 2002 watching our Vikings actually win that tournament [of which my future son-in-law was part of]."



What kind of legacy do you hope to leave at Augustana?

"Helping our students in whatever small way achieve their dreams and goals. It is often not what you did or what you said that counts, it is how you made a person feel that they remember."

"Dan's diligent and humble approach to work along with the comradery he shares with his team is definitely valued. He truly fits the definition of a servant leader." – Chris Blades, Manager in Facilities and Operations

30 YEARS

Yvonne Becker, Associate Professor of Physical Education

What is the biggest change you've seen occur at Augustana?



"In my own work on campus, it has been very

exciting to be a part of the growth of the discipline of Physical Education from a two-year transfer program to a four-year undergraduate degree that has very significant enrolment levels."

What kind of legacy do you hope to leave at Augustana?

"I have always held one thought in the front of my mind over my many years on this campus... how can I be sure to do what I can to create meaningful experiences for students? It is my hope that the many, many students that have passed through my teams and classes left Augustana with an understanding of their role as persons who can be helpful in creating a more respectful, caring world."

Paul Harland, English Professor

"A gifted teacher, an excellent scholar, a supportive colleague and a major contributor to the development of the English program at Augustana" – Harry Prest, former Augustana English Professor



Paul (Sparky) Johnson, Drama Professor

"In his years at Augustana, in addition to the countless students he has inspired and the many productions he has directed, Sparky has exemplified the ideal of service leadership."



– Alex Carpenter, Associate Professor of Music, Chair of Fine Arts and Humanities

Phil Merklinger, Philosophy Professor

"Every year I have students tell me how kind and thoughtful Phil is to them; they invariably say that they can tell Phil anything because he accepts them." – Janet Wesselius, Associate Dean of Teaching



25 YEARS

Kim Misfeldt, German Professor, Acting Vice Dean

What is your fondest Augustana memory?

"Probably needs to be watching faculty, staff and students being amazed and laughing at Faculty Follies: at the silliness, the costumes and best of all, our ability to laugh at ourselves. 2017 is yet another Faculty Follies year - mark your calendar!"

What kind of legacy do you hope to leave at Augustana?

"The legacy is a community legacy not a personal one. It is the valuing of the student experience such that students want to be here and faculty and staff want to spend their lives working here."



"Kim's commitment to student success goes above and beyond the classroom and office and traditional role of teacher. Along with excellent teaching, verified by her 3M fellowship and McCalla Award, Kim hosts thanksgiving dinner for international students and German movie nights, demonstrating an unparalleled level of passion and dedication to her students." – Allen Berger, Dean

themselves through the music we are learning, through those little moments in the studio or class when the wow happens and they do and see things in a totally different way! Being around them keeps me young!"

services, and buildings to serve our students better."

20 YEARS

Charlene Brown, Music Conservatory Administrator



What is the biggest change you've seen occur Augustana?

"Watching us grow into the Little engine that could and HAS DONE very big things!"

What is your fondest Augustana memory?

"All of the great interactions I get to have with students, both young children and young adults. It is especially great to watch a student discover

"Charlene is an institution in Camrose when it comes to music education." – Alex Carpenter, Associate Professor of Music, Chair of Fine Arts and Humanities

Stacy Lorenz, Associate Professor of Physical Education



What is your fondest Augustana memory?

"It has to be when I was a student here actually - something related to a buzzer beater three-point shot in a rare home playoff basketball game!"

What is the biggest change you've seen occur at Augustana?

"Definitely becoming part of the University of Alberta. It's enabled Augustana to stabilize its academic programs and add much-needed staff,

Cindy Roose, Executive Director of Augustana Students' Association



What is your fondest Augustana memory?

"Having the opportunity to work with great people and wonderful student leaders over the past 20 years."

What kind of legacy do you hope to leave at Augustana?

"I hope that through my work with the Students' Association, I can leave (with the help of countless student leaders) a vibrant student-run organization that helps to enhance the student experience for decades to come!"

"She's one of the most hardworking people I've met, who does not strive for personal success, but looks to instill it in others around her." - Ben Curry, Augustana Students' Association President.

40 YEARS

Monica Andersson works in food services and has been invaluable to Augustana. She recently recieved the Betty Osterud Award for outstanding dedication and personal contribution to our students.



25 YEARS

Gary Snyder is not only a valued social sciences faculty member, as an Associate Professor of Kinesiology here at Augustana, but also coached Vikings hockey for a number of years.



20 YEARS

Varghese Manalor, Associate Professor of Economics and Management, is also known for his field experience program tours to India and his work with the world development charity *Sahakarini*.



RYAN MASON RECEIVES ALUMNI INNOVATION AWARD

Augustana's alumnus Ryan Mason, along with his business partner Cathryn Sprague, received an alumni innovation award last September for their contributions to urban agriculture and food sustainability. In the first year of its inception, the alumni innovation award is given to those who have significantly impacted their profession, community, the U of A, or society at large by developing an innovative program, process or product. Ryan and Cathryn seem to have checked off all four on this list, as they successfully began and continue to operate an urban sustainable farming business that grows and delivers fresh, delicious produce.

Ryan received his bachelor of arts from Augustana in 2009 and went on to complete a master of science ('15) at North campus. It was there, while doing graduate studies at the U of A's Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences, that he met Cathryn Sprague, BCom('09), MSc('14), as they both worked on master's degrees in environmental sociology. With this shared passion for gardening and food security, Ryan and Cathryn decided to reclaim vacant urban land and use the space for growing food in an effort to improve the local food system. In May 2014, Reclaim Urban Farm was born.

Now, Ryan and Cathryn work 15 plots of land borrowed from community partners throughout the Edmonton region. They focus on growing nutritious food with the lowest environmental impact and on educating local communities on growth and sustainability. They plant every week year-round, including micro-greens indoors during the winter, and harvest on average 45 kilograms per week, easily doubling or tripling that during the summer months. Reclaim shares its produce with its partners and supplies the City Market Downtown, retail locations, several Edmonton restaurants and have recently opened a Community Supported Agriculture program wherein customers can order boxes of fresh vegetables (and sometimes fruit) directly from their website. Congratulations Ryan and Cathryn, keep up the delicious work!



Photo Credit: John Ulan

BRIGHT HORIZONS FOR ALUMNA KOREN LIGHTNING-EARLE

Augustana alumna Koren Lightning-Earle ('04) also received an alumni award last September. The alumni horizon award, which recognizes outstanding achievements of University of Alberta alumni early in their careers, was given to Koren for her leadership work in local and national Aboriginal communities.

Koren is Cree from Samson Cree Nation and is not only a leader within the Aboriginal community, but a role model for her peers as well as younger generations. She received her bachelor of arts in sociology ('04) from Augustana and went on to complete a bachelor of laws ('07) at North campus, as well as a master of laws at York University ('16).

Along with her impressive academic success, Koren is committed to enhancing the future of First Nations peoples by taking on many roles within her community, including president of the Indigenous Bar Association, vice-president of the Kasohkewew Child Wellness Society, co-chair of the First Nations Women's Economic Security Council and member of the Federal Court Aboriginal Bar Liaison Committee. Koren was also an elected council member for Samson Cree Nation from 2011-2014 and is co-founder of Hub, a community mobilization program to help reduce crime. She is also a sessional instructor at Maskwacis Cultural College, a post-secondary school within the Four Nations of Maskwacis, Alberta. As if the sheer number of her achievements listed isn't enough, Koren is also married, has two young daughters, and is the sole practitioner at Thunderbird Law. Congratulations Koren!



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THE ALVER AND ARLENE PERSON PEDWAY

By Sydney Tancowny

Camrose Lutheran College alumni Alver and Arlene Person have brought many gifts to our campus. Ardent supporters and volunteers for all things Augustana, both could be found at many events and everywhere on campus over the years. The construction of the Alver and Arlene Person Pedway, made possible in part from leadership gifts in their name, will link the second floor of Founders' Hall to the second floor of the Forum Building. The pedway is phase two of the Founders' Hall renovation project that has renewed our iconic century old building to accommodate learning on campus for our second one hundred years. "The pedway will move students through the two busiest buildings on campus and connect them to services essential to maximizing the opportunity of a liberal arts degree," said Dean Allen Berger.

The second floor of Founders' Hall houses the Learning-Advising-Beyond (LAB) student services, and with the construction of the pedway, an opportunity was created to build an innovative academic centre for students on the opposite end as well. The pedway will connect student services in LAB to the planned Learning Commons on the Library's second floor—a multi-use area for student engagement, tutorials and workshops, as well as access to learning support services. On one end of the Person Pedway, students will receive help on how to create their academic plan and on the other side they will receive support with putting their plan into action. Alver and Arlene would surely appreciate the opportunity this new pedway brings to campus.

Alver and Arlene Person began their association with Augustana together: they met and graduated from Camrose Lutheran College and the institution



Alver and Arlene Person in attendance at the Spring Soiree in 2008

became part of who they were as they built their life together in Camrose. When asked about the couple, Bonita Anderson, Augustana's Director of Development, told of how Arlene had come to "check her out" on her first day on the job. Two weeks later at the Battle River Community Foundation's annual Community Builders Dinner (where several years later they were recognized as Community Builders themselves), Arlene took Bonita by the hand and introduced her to the entire community. "That was Arlene," said Bonita, "a true ambassador of Augustana and so passionate about her community."

Alver was a gentleman, described as soft-spoken and old fashioned in the best sort of way. After graduating from Augustana, he became the Director of the Burgar Funeral Home, a position that was described as a perfect fit for his compassionate nature. When age and reduced mobility limited Alver's attendance to events on campus, the couple, with Arlene as his caregiver, continued to make campus visits a priority. When Alver passed away in 2011, the whole community attended his funeral—a true measure of respect for a man who loved his community.

"They were the kind of people you love to just sit with and have a conversation," said Debra Olafson in the Alumni office, "and Arlene could be depended upon to help us host visitors on campus – she knew everyone!"

Alver and Arlene were very generous to Augustana and, over the years, supported



Dean Allen Berger (Right) showing John and Carmen Person (Left) where the Alver and Arlene Person Pedway will be built

many initiatives and programs on our campus with Chaplaincy, the Ronning Centre, and the Music Department as frequent recipients of their philanthropy. Forty-five years ago, they were among the first to establish a student award in the Community Awards Program at Augustana – a program designed to engage the local community in supporting student success. For Alver and Arlene, the growth and strength of a community comes from within, and supporting your community is not something you simply think about, it is something that you do.

Funds for the Alver and Arlene Person Pedway have been given in the couple's honour by their two children and their

spouses: John (CLC '84) and Carmen Person (CLC '88) and Steve and Kathy Haugen. The pedway is projected for completion at the end of January 2017. With the Learning-Advising-Beyond offices already built and available to students, and the Learning Commons scheduled to be completed this coming summer, the Alver and Arlene Person Pedway is the next step in supporting student success at Augustana. Once again, Alver and Arlene are at home on campus.

To learn how you can make a difference at Augustana, contact the Development Office: (780) 679-1558

Dr. Megan Caldwell has been appointed as the Interim Aboriginal Student Advisor. Augustana wishes Petra Cegiely all the best in her role as mom! Congrats!

Tom McManus has been hired as the new head coach of the men's soccer team.



Kim Misfeldt, Fine Arts & Humanities, Augustana Campus is a recipient of the 2016-2017 McCalla Professorship. This award recognizes our colleagues' outstanding contributions to the university community and their commitment to

integrate teaching, research and learning through their careers.

Lowell Niven has been appointed Head Coach, Nordic Sports which will encompass Cross Country Skiing and Biathlon programs.



Augustana Campus wishes our newest retirees all the best! **Marilyn Harder, Anne-Marie Link, Linda Ruiter and Jeremy Mouat** are thanked for their valuable service to Augustana.



Campus Sustainability Leadership Award winners: **Chaplaincy & Dr Glen Hvenegaard!!** Great Work!

The Augustana Chaplaincy won an award



for their leadership in both social and environmental sustainability, which they have demonstrated by building community, supporting diversity and reaching out to campus community members regardless of their faith-related beliefs. The chaplaincy has created a culture of sustainability through initiatives such as SCORE! an annual free cycling event, and free weekly soup dinners that support local produce and restaurants.

Glen Hvenegaard is a professor of Geography and Environmental Studies at the Augustana Campus, and he won an award for his commitment to environmental sustainability. He has been critical in the formation and management of the Augustana Miquelon Lake Research Station, and he participates in events that help further sustainability work at Augustana.



Alex Carpenter, Associate Professor of Music, has begun his appointment as Chair of the Department of Fine Arts and Humanities as of July 1, 2016.

Amy Guerber, Assistant Professor of

Business, has resigned to take a new tenure-stream position at West Texas A&M University & Jerome Melancon, Lecturer in Political studies has resigned to take a tenure-stream position at the University of Regina. You will be missed for all your significant contributions at Augustana and to the students! Wishing you all the best!

Facilities & Operations brought in SolGreen Solutions, a green solar table manufacturer, to create a "smart table," which has solar panels built into its canopy, so while providing shade to students and staff, it will also be able to charge their portable devices, such as smartphones, laptops, and tablets. The "smart table" also features LED lighting and is wheelchair accessible.



Augustana Environmental CSL won in the post-secondary category at the Emerald Awards which recognizes and celebrates outstanding environmental achievements across all sectors in Alberta on June 8, 2016. Dr Karsten Mundel gives credit to the community partners, faculty members and students who engage in the amazing projects that resulted in our recognition by the Foundation.

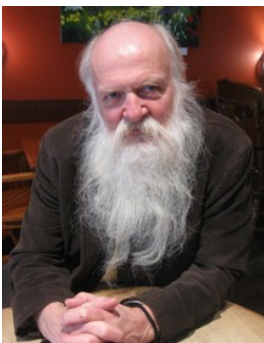


Pictured: Alexis Anderson, Shara Harke, Dr Glen Hvenegaard & Dr Karsten Mundel. This award is also shared with Stacey Rempel and Amber Basarab from the Community services Learning Program.



The LAB Office earns Gold Green Spaces Certification. Left to Right: **Alexis Anderson, Stacey Rempel, Amber Basarab, Kyla Sawden, Jayla Brewer, Shara Harke.** Missing: Sarah Tregonning.

Dr David Goa will be ending his service as Director of the Chester Ronning Centre for the study of Religion and Public Life effective June 30 2016. Wishing Dr Goa all the best in his retirement!

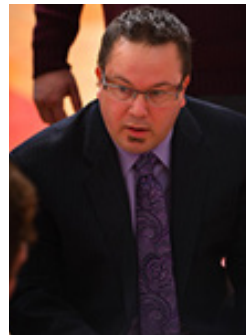


The two appointments that will

be continuing Dr Goa's work are Dr Catherine Caufield as Associate Director (Research) who is responsible for assessment, planning & grant writing, including the initiatives started by Dr Goa with International Fellows Programs, and Dr Ian Wilson as Associate Director (Programs) for such things as Ronning Centre speakers, workshops, linkages to Augustana classes and programs, Spirit of the Land programming, and support of undergraduate researchers at Augustana through Ronning Centre Research Associates and practice Associates. Dr Wilson teaches part-time at Augustana in the Department of Fine Arts and Humanities. He specializes in the Hebrew Bible, Ancient Israel, and the Ancient Near East.

Michelle Pratt formerly of Facilities & Operations will be taking over the position of Marilyn Harder upon Marilyn's retirement on June 30th. Michelle will be the new HR Advisor at Augustana. Congratulations Michelle!

Basketball Alberta has appointed **Dave Drabiuk** as the Men's director of Coaching Development along with Dave Oldham as the Women's Director of Coaching Development. Dave has been coaching basketball at Augustana since 2004. Congratulations on your appointment Dave!



Ed Henry has resigned as Custodial Supervisor at Augustana. We wish you all the best in your new endeavors.

Rosemary Graham will be filling Thomas Hanson's position at the Help Desk in TLS. Welcome Rosemary!

Les Parsons (previously Head Coach Augustana Vikings and Camrose Ski club in Camrose) has been hired to coordinate the implementation and delivery of Ski Fit North Alberta's program and services.

Robert Brennan won the national and prestigious award: the Canadian University Council of Chief Information Officers (CUCCIO) IT Innovation Award. Keep up the good work!



Sydney Tancowny has been hired as the new Communications/Administrative Assistant in the Development office. Her role will include newly focused responsibilities of writing for donor communications as well as administrative assistance.

Kate Anderson has joined Augustana for the casual Administrative Assistant position in Augustana's Registrar's Office. Welcome Kate.

1940

Lloyd Marler '40 celebrated his 100th birthday. Many best wishes from Augustana.

1950

Lois (Moe) Aspenes '52 and husband Wilf celebrated their 60th Anniversary on August 4, 2016 with their family. What a milestone for such a wonderful couple!!

Fran (Daly) Reed '59 is co-chair of the Grateful Grannies in Camrose. She recently traveled to Uganda for the first Uganda National Grandmothers Gathering. This organization supports the Stephen Lewis Foundation which benefits African grandmothers caring for orphaned grandchildren and others affected by HIV/AIDS. Fran enjoyed the tours of two of the Ugandan grandmothers' homes that were funded by the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Fran spoke on the land grabbing that often occurs and can leave the grandmothers with nothing and nowhere to live to raise their grandchildren. The land grabbing happens when other male relatives in the family take the land owned by the deceased, instead of leaving it to the grandmothers who, according to Ugandan law, should be able to inherit the land to raise the orphaned grandchildren. Fran loved the excitement and joy these grandmothers showed over the smallest of gifts and possessions, such as a new cement floor. Thanks for all your work Fran!

1960

Ivar Saugen '60 was inducted into the Camrose Composite High School Wall of Fame on November 20, 2015.

Merry (Robinson) Vandervalk '60 and husband Jack Vandervalk are the 2016 environmental stewardship award winners as determined by Alberta Beef Producers. VXV Farms and the Vandervalk family have a cow-calf operation in the Porcupine Hills area. Wishing you all the best!

Russell Nielson '66 will be retiring as an Associate Broker of Royal LePage Rose Country Realty Ltd. Wishing you all the best in your retirement Russ!

1970

Gerald Pilger '74 was inducted into the Camrose Composite High School Wall of Fame in November 2015.

Carol Breitreutz '77 is involved with her Rotary Club of Camrose Daybreak and the Little Free Libraries project. They will be installing 5 Little Free Libraries at various places around Camrose and are in need of books to fill them. Camrose & Area Men's Shed partners helped with the project. Contact the Alumni office if you wish to contact Carol.



Rick Bergh's '79 book, *Mr. Lumberjack* was chosen as one of the top 4 favorite children's books by Lana Shupe during Children's book week. Rick will be heading to the CBC for the Little Library Stewards/YYC Author Appreciation Day on June 11. This event is promoted by Angela Knight of the CBC Calgary Eyeopener.

Arden Spachynski '79 received the Outstanding Mentor Award from the Association of Professional



Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta at the Summit Awards. The award was presented for his commitment to mentoring and his experience in electrical engineering.

1980

Bob Bailey '80 accepts the Canadian Band Directors' Association (Alberta chapter) Director of the Year award, the "Elkhorn Award". Bob is a music teacher at Charlie Killam School having also taught in Rocky Mountain House and Manning. He has recently completed his 32nd year of teaching bands and choir. He is a member of the Alberta Choral Federation, the International Bandmasters' fraternity Phi Beta Mu, and the Alberta Band Association.



Nancy Gibson '82, daughter of Professor Emeritus Dr Garry Gibson and wife Dorothy, and mother of current student Sam Kohlman, presented a reading of her acclaimed play/musical *Dark Side of the Rainbow*. This work was created by Nancy (and student and alumni collaborators from the high school where she

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teaches in Wisconsin) in response to three student suicides at a neighbouring high school. Two of the three students were transgender. The play was recognized with five awards at the Wisconsin High School Theatre Festival. Nancy and colleagues have also created a related Break the Hate Habit Workshop. They hope to bring both to the International Thespian Festival in June. Nancy shared her work on January 2, 2015 at Augustana Campus in the new Wahkohtowin Lodge in the Forum.

Leslie Parsons '82 received the Citation Award for his generous time given to the life of Augustana. All the best Les!

Dr Neil Haave '82 has been promoted to full professorship. Neil's accomplishments are many, including his work as a teacher, scholarship of teaching and learning contributions, leadership and service contributions to the Augustana community. Best wishes Neil on your promotion.

Michelle Trumpour

'83 and **Gordon Lobocetta** will be heading to Cambodia on a Habitat Global Village Trip in May 2016. We hope that your trip was successful and rewarding!



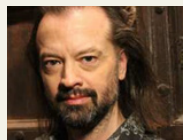
Dale Johnson '86 and **Erika Hoveland-Johnson '95** own a company called Lynmar Entertainment. They work in relationships co-producing and raising funds for the movies in which they have been involved. Dale is an executive producer and some of his independent films are *Pawn Sacrifice* and *Lost City of Z*. Erika recently completed a role as Elizabeth in Shakespeare performances of *Richard the Third* in Detroit. Erika has a passion for acting. She works at the business by being involved in the creative side of the films.

Robert Broen '88 was inducted into the Camrose Composite High School Wall of Fame in November 2015.

Bart Eriksson '88 has published his first fantasy novel: *Escape From Rindorn*. He has a sequel started and hope to have a series written. Augustana wishes you all the best on your writing journey!

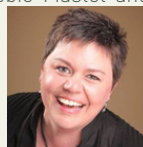
Joel Wilkinson '88, former Vikings biathlete, national team biathlete and ironman triathlete presented on the topic of Sport Psychology, Mental Toughness and Performance to Camrose Biathlon Camp athletes and in a public workshop for the Camrose Community in July 2016.

Nathan Berg '88, an internationally recognized opera singer appeared at the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra in April 2016 along with conductor Jayce Ogren.



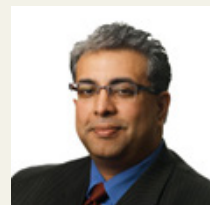
1990

Debra Mastel '93, opened "Debbie Mastel and Associates". Her business does Mapping, Sourcing & HR Consulting, Career Strategy services, and HR Advisement & Consulting out of Calgary. Congratulating you on your new business and many successes!



Jonathan Hawkins '91, **Michelle Kennedy Hawkins '97** and sons Caleb and Josiah were excited to welcome 1-year-old Mindy into their family at the end of June, 2016, as a beautiful adopted daughter/sister. Jonathan is still the assistant registrar at Augustana and Michelle continues to teach as a contract instructor with the Augustana Music Conservatory.

Sandeep Dhir '94 & Adam Letourneau '94 have received the Queen's Counsel designation in 2016 which is in recognition of their contributions to the legal community.



Bonny Cheng '95 joined Mari & Akihito Kawamoto '06 in August for a tour of Augustana Campus. She is a math teacher in Hong Kong. It was wonderful to show off our campus! Great to see you.

(Bonny Cheng & Debra Olafson, Alumni Asst)



Bruce Cutknife '97 received the Lois Aspenes Award at the 2016 Spring Soiree. Bruce also received the Wetaskiwin & District Heritage Museums 18th Annual Pioneer of the Year Award on June 11, 2016 at a community event held in Wetaskiwin. All the best Bruce!



Sarah Tregonning '98 has taken on the role of Augustana's students Accessibility and Success Advisor. Good luck!

Ronald Thomas '99 and Angie Thomas have a son, Owen Maxwell Thomas who was born on April 23, 2016. Congratulations and wishing you all the best with your new family!

Brendan Lundy '99 has done it again by placing first in the Edmonton 42 kilometre Marathon. This was his 91st marathon! Congratulations on your accomplishment!

2000

J a m e s Appleby '02 and **Angie (Bannerman) Appleby '04** have opened a new micro-creamy named *Stoney*



Brook Creamery near Steinbach. They are selling organic, whole milk in returnable glass bottles and are trying to keep pesticides out of their diet. Their hope is to have organic yogurt and other products available in the future. Wishing all the best to you and your family in your endeavors.

Hans Olson '03 was one of ten recipients awarded \$10,000 each for their creativity and imagination by the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Arts Awards Foundation. Hans was recognized for his feature film, *Figurine*. Great job Hans!



Amber Othen '03 & Matthew Pagels '03 along with big sister Ruby are excited to welcome Juno Simone Othen-Pagels on May 27! Juno weighed 7 lbs 10 oz. and was 19.13 inches long. Wishing you all the best on your growing family!

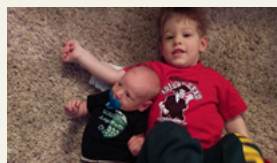
Joshua Mohr '04 has joined the law offices of Knaut Johnson Francoeur. Joshua is the Chair of the Management Council for the Jeanne & Peter Lougheed Performing Arts Centre and member of the Camrose Daybreak Rotary Club and the Camrose Kinsmen. Joshua is married to **Danielle (Sutton) Mohr '03** and has a son. Best wishes Joshua & Danielle!



Sarah Holmes '04, Derek Kilbourn '03 and their 3 year old son Colin welcomed Linus George Holmes Kilbourn into the world on April 18, 2016. Wishing you all the best as your family grows!

Tim Wintoniw '05, Cross Country Ski Coach, has accepted an Assistant Coach position with the National Development Centre in Thunder Bay – an opportunity to Coach elite athletes who will represent Canada on the world stage. Wishing you all the best in your new position at Thunder Bay!

Martina (Tobler) Brewer '07 & Jordan Brewer '05 welcomed a new addition to their family



– a new brother for Lukas. Logan Edward Odin Brewer arrived on December 27 at 3:53pm weighing 6 lbs 8 oz. Martina & Jordan say are all adjusting well and Lukas is in love with his little brother. Martina has resigned as the Financial Aid Officer at Augustana. Wishing you all the very best.

Mari (Kondo) Kawamoto '06 and Akihito Kawamoto '06 visited Augustana Campus in August. Akihito has just retired



from Professional Hockey in Japan and Mari teaches piano in her home. Gary Snyder (former coach to Akihito) joined our tour on campus and offered to give them a tour of the new rink in Camrose. Tanya Pattullo, Patron Services Manager of the Lougheed Performing Arts Centre gave us a tour and Mari enjoyed the Grand Pianos. Mari & Akihito & family met with a group of Alumni at Jubilee Park that day and travelled to Lethbridge and Victoria where they met with Dr Milton Schlosser (former music teacher of Mari's). Thanks for the visit!

John Pattison '06 is currently in the final year of his PhD studies in Natural Resource Management at the Natural Resources Institute of the University of Greenwich, UK. It is a great place to study and live and John is quite enjoying it. His research is on poverty traps and the impact of social and environmental policies on rural populations in three mountainous areas of India. Experience - and some funding! - for this research came through his previous job as Project Manager for the Alleviating Poverty



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and Malnutrition in Agrobiodiversity Hotspots Project at the University of Alberta. "It has been an interesting journey so far" Tim Says, "and I look forward to where it will take me next."

Amanda Miles '07 tells us that she grew up playing basketball, and came to Augustana to continue. While here, she worked with Dave Drabiuk and Stacey Lorenz. She is currently a director for a youth basketball organization, working with Ontario basketball as a coach in a few of their development programs, and with Canada Basketball in their TAS program which helps to develop young athletes. In her spare time she is doing research about early specialization in sport and the sport psychology consequences of it. Keep up the awesome work Amanda!

Naomi Armstrong '07 is working as Community Planning and response Coordinator for the Canadian Red Cross. She was interviewed on her work with the Canadian Red Cross and the Fort McMurray fires in May 2016. Keep up the good work Naomi!

Nansee (Cowan) Hughes '08 writes that last summer she participated in the Centre for Opera Studies in Italy program in Sulmona, Italy, where she worked with many amazing people. It was definitely an experience she will never forget. This summer, Nansee will be performing with Opera NUOVA in the role of Giulietta in Bellini's opera *I Capuleti e i Montecchi* in Edmonton. She writes



"I am incredibly excited to be working with NUOVA in their 6-Week Intensive Program. It is a wonderful program that many young working professionals have participated in and I am so incredibly privileged to be a part of this family."

Steve Johnsen '09 & Jalene (Blades) Johnsen '06 have a son Keaton Robert born on November 26, 2015. Wishing you and Keaton all the best!

Eric Gustafsson '13 is the "New Kid in Town" on the TV series Heartland and plays the role of Clay McMurtry. Wishing you all the best in your new adventure!



2010

Benjamin Rix '11 (far right side) and 3 other partners have opened the newest brewery in Edmonton called *Bent Stick*. They chose the name *Bent Stick* because "We are different and we want to be a bit bent"



Tyler Sehn '11 has published a book called *Daughter of Shadow*. Good luck in your career as a writer!

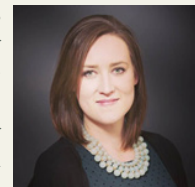
Shara Harke '12 has resigned from her position as CSL Team Lead. Jayla Brewer '06 will be taking on Assistant Supervisor of LAB. Good luck to both of you!

Thomas Hanson '13 has worked at the Help Desk in TLS since graduating from Augustana. He will be entering law school this fall at UBC. Augustana wishes you well in your future endeavors! Good Luck!

Tia Lalani '13 is the new Communications Assistant at Augustana for a ten month term. She completed an MA in English from North Campus U of A in 2015 and has just returned from New York University where she completed a Summer Publishing Institute with emphasis on Marketing.

Emily Smeaton '14 has been accepted into law school at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops and she hopes to study environmental law.

Laura Friesen '14 has been advised that her undergrad work will be published in the Canadian Journal of Higher Education. Laura's work with Dr Purc-Stephenson (supervisor and second author) was published in April 2016 and focussed on barriers individuals from rural areas face accessing university. Great work Laura!



Kalissa Bliet '14 will be continuing her education and leaving the Financial Aid position she was filling. Good Luck in your future endeavors Kalissa!

Vanessa Rice '15 has been hired as an Admissions Advisor in the Prospective Student Office to replace **Karli Kuruz '14**. We welcome Vanessa to her new position and all the best to Karli in her travels.

Brittany Johnson '15 has received the Government of Alberta's Indigenous Graduate Award (\$15,000) and the Rupertsland Metis scholar Award (\$20,000). Brittany is finishing the coursework for her MA in Native Studies, and will spend the next year on her thesis. Well done Brittany! Wishing you all the best!

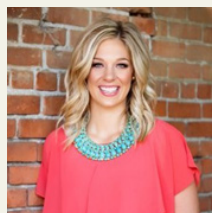
Erin Specht '15 received the Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award for her researching policy and legislation surrounding the use of beavers as an ecological restoration tool. Erin's work was also presented at the Wildlife Society's 22nd Annual International Conference in Winnipeg. Keep up the great work Erin!



Joel Danyluk '15 has accepted his dream job with Contiki Holidays and The Travel Corporation as the sales manager for Alberta and the Prairies. Joel is thankful for his time working with Scotiabank and is grateful for the opportunity to meet some amazing people. "I believe everything happens for a reason and am excited for this new journey" he

says. "Today is my first day with Contiki and I am off to Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna, Tyrol, Hopfgarten, Niederau, and Munich." All the best Joel!

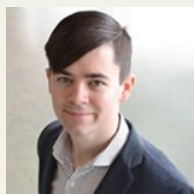
Joelle Johnson '16 has opened a new wedding planning company based out of Edmonton called "Hitched by Joelle." Her business caters to both weddings and event design. Her company's mission is "To create a day of magic and bliss for our clients and their loved ones built on the foundation of creativity, love, and respect." In doing so she is able to make authentic connections which allows her to master each couple's vision and bring that vision to fruition. Joelle's favourite part of wedding planning is the unlikeliness of doing the exact same thing twice. Every single couple is different and therefore have different ideas for decor, entertainment, and venues which keeps things fresh and exciting. Visit her website at www.hitchedbyjoelle.com.



Sarah McCrae '15 has joined Augustana Student Life as a Student Engagement Coordinator, covering for Angela Chytracek's leave. Welcome

Kimberly Corbiere '16 has joined the Innovation Physical Therapy team in Edmonton! Good luck and best wishes!

Geordie Nelson '16 will be serving as the Assistant for Chaplaincy during the 2016-17 academic year. As a student, he was involved in a number of leadership activities such as Residence Assistant, Augustana Student Association Councillor, Student chaplain and member of the Earthwise club. Welcome Geordie!



IN MEMORIAM

Wilda Vesta (Schreiber) Gibbon on May 14 2015 of Stettler AB
Irene Beatrice Moench on February 26 2016 of Camrose AB
Irma (Theroux) Soneff on December 4 2015 of Jarrow AB
Grace (Borseth) Eliason '36 on February 14 2016 of White Rock BC
George Norman Osness '38 on September 21 2016 formerly of Camrose AB
Eleanor Florence Stark '40 on March 23 2016 of Camrose AB
Severin Heiberg '41 on July 18 2016 of Vancouver BC
Mary (Muirhead) McRae '43 on February 2 2014 of Calgary, AB
Verna (Pahl) Ross '44 on September 28 2014 of Edmonton AB
Almira (Hoyme) Mann '44 on July 21 2016 of Penhold AB
Rev Allen Severson '46 on July 16 2016 of Camrose AB
Doris Evelyn (Collin) Radke '47 on May 15 2016 of Camrose AB
Marguerite (Jones) Dickson '48 on October 28 2015 of Collingwood ON
May (Heather) Corbiell '48 on January 19 2016 of Strathmore AB
Phyllis (Lyseng) Eide '48 on July 1 2016 of Grande Prairie AB
Andreas Jensen '50 on August 12 2016 of Victoria BC
Kathleen (Rasmussen) Thronson '51 on January 6 2016 of Camrose AB
Honourable Mr Justice Erik Lefsrud '51 on June 27 2016 of Edmonton AB
Sonia (Rogstad) Johnston '53 on May 24 2016 of Spruce Grove AB
Helen (Sivertson) Odland '53 on November 18 2014 of Vauxhall AB
Alma (Odegaard) Marlow '56 on May 11 2016 of Lougheed AB
Rudy Lemke '58 on November 20 2015 of Saskatoon SK
Karen (Jacobson) Jarvis '59 on June 17 2015 of 100 Mile House BC
Edwin Dennis Grover '61 on February 23 2016 of Clyde AB
Marsha Ellen Block '66 on November 15 2015 of Edmonton AB
David Trautman '87 on December 11 2015 of New Norway AB
John David Austin '88 on March 17 2016 of Edmonton AB
Jason Homan '02 on June 7 2016 of Calgary AB
Johnathan Doig '04 on July 8 2016 of Camrose AB
Brent Jonson '05 on February 10 2016 of Camrose AB
David James Hrabi on May 26 2016 of Edmonton AB

Rev Arthur Holmes (Dean of Students at Camrose Lutheran College) on April 4 2016 of Farmington MN. Rev Holmes hired December 6, 1966 as the Vice President of Development for CLC and served in that capacity until 1969. In 1971 he became the Dean of Students and in June of 1972 he resigned. He worked for CLC for six years in total.

Rev Allen Severson graduated from Camrose Lutheran College in 1946. He continued his schooling at CLBI, Luther Seminary and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Saskatoon (1951) and Bachelor of Divinity from Luther Seminary (1952). Allen was an avid sports fan and served as statistician and sports writer for the Camrose Lutheran College Viking hockey team as well an organizer on the Viking Cup Committee.

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