



A little over five years ago Tara Chambers decided to turn her life around and come to TRU. The decision has paid off. Not only is she graduating with a Major in English and a Minor in Philosophy, but has a scholarship to pursue a Masters in Medieval Literature at the University of Saskatchewan. She intends to begin those studies this Fall.

TRU a lifesaver for Chambers

Story & photo – Bart Cummins

A TRU program designed to give people a fresh start in life, rekindled Tara Chambers' thirst for knowledge.

"I came from a place of addiction because of some poor life choices," says Tara, who sometime after checking into a rehabilitation centre about five years ago, learned of the Career Orientation and Personal Empowerment (COPE) program at TRU. COPE is the female part of the program. Men's Education and Career Alternatives is the MECA part.

"Without COPE/MECA, I don't know if I would be where I am today; I don't know if I would have made it," says Tara. "They help you with navigating the whole process of advisors and everything else and get you to where you're at the point where people are depending on you."

Tara has come a long way in five years, but hasn't forgotten the COPE/MECA instructors who helped resurrect her dreams and get her believing in herself again. Tara stops by to say hello, have coffee with students and has been a member of the program's speaking panels.

Iris Rich-McQuay and Doug Knowles are COPE/MECA instructors and say even on Day 1, they knew they had a treasure in their hands.

"She had a pretty accurate idea of what was going on," says Doug. "She had good analysis of what's going on around her. She's not a passive consumer of her experiences she doesn't sit around and let things happen to her."

For Iris, she is amazed at how skillfully Tara juggles being a high achieving scholar, "and with being a mom and being a parent. She is always trying to include her son in what she does."

Tara's son, Zachary, will be graduating this spring from Sa-Hali Secondary in Kamloops.

Tara is well aware that she's not singularly responsible for her success. Along with her immediate family, she applauds a cast of TRU instructors the likes of Geoff Bowe (Philosophy), Bruce Baugh (Philosophy), Ginny Ratsoy (English and Modern Languages), Bernard Ingwe (English) and of course, Doug and Iris.

Along with being a self-professed geek of the epic English poem Beowulf, Tara is an avid supporter of TRU. So much so that her dream is to one day be a member of the teaching faculty. That means graduation isn't so much about leaving TRU, but being one step closer to returning.

"Graduating is a little bit of closure until I come back to teach. It won't be goodbye, but see you in a while."

COPE gave Tara renewed confidence to get the most out of her time at TRU. Tara is now graduating with a major in English and a minor in Philosophy, has had research published, has presented at conferences, achieved high marks, and was a frontrunner for Class Valedictorian. All that helped pave the way to winning a sizeable scholarship to do a Masters in Medieval Literature at the University of Saskatchewan. She begins that journey this Fall.

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Chancellor's Welcome

Congratulations graduates, and a warm welcome to esteemed guests, families and friends.

As Chancellor of this university, I am honoured and privileged to be here to celebrate Convocation with you.

Thompson Rivers University is committed to comprehensiveness and to every form of knowledge and learning that prepares students for life and a career.

Your education is not only a significant personal achievement, it is also highly valued by your society and our country. The knowledge and skills you gained to earn your certificate, diploma or degree will help you build a better future for yourselves, and for us all.

As successful graduates ready to enter a career or further your education, your expertise and ideas will reflect the level of education that you received here, and your credentials will be well recognized because of TRU's reputation as an innovative university that is known for a high standard of excellence.

I wish you all the best as you move forward, and ask you to stay in touch with your alma mater, Thompson Rivers University.

Once again, congratulations graduates. You have worked hard, and this day is yours to savour and enjoy.

Sincerely,

Nancy Greene Rainie

Chancellor
Thompson Rivers University



President and Vice-Chancellor's Welcome

Welcome family, friends, and graduates. Today we celebrate the significant achievement of our graduates as they reach a milestone in their academic career. To each of you receiving a credential, diploma or degree, congratulations on your graduation from Thompson Rivers University.

This year's convocations are special as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the establishment of Cariboo College/The University College of the Cariboo/Thompson Rivers University, and there is no better symbol of this university's success than you, our graduating class of 2010.

As members of the 40th anniversary graduating class, you and your nearly 40,000 fellow graduates represent the achievements of our university. Indeed, your regalia symbolizes and celebrates your educational achievement and commitment to your discipline. At this time, it is fitting to acknowledge the support of your faculty, family and friends in achieving your goal.

Your graduation is a gateway of opportunity for your future and I encourage you to choose interesting, rewarding and meaningful paths. Now as Thompson Rivers University Alumni you are building the University's reputation. Whether you are serving our community or people throughout the globe, you always have a home at TRU.

At the end of Convocation, I invite you all to a reception in the Horticulture Gardens. I hope to see you there. Again, congratulations, graduates.

Roger H. Brown

President and Vice-Chancellor
Thompson Rivers University



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Coming home to home care

By Elise Desjardine

Knowledge never dies, it only grows with experience, so Maggie Marsh discovered after enrolling in the revitalized Return to Registered Nursing program at TRU-OL.

Marsh began her career in nursing in 1987, immediately after graduating from high school. She worked as a Registered Psychiatric Nurse (RPN) for six years before returning to school, where Marsh's TRU story began.

To upgrade she enrolled in TRU's RPN/RN Access program (then Cariboo College). After completing in 1992, she became a Registered Nurse (RN). After another six years nursing in mental health, she decided to make a huge life change.

"I left the nursing profession all together and became a Registered Massage Therapist (RMT)," Marsh explained. "I have enjoyed this field for the last 13 years but a few years ago I had to ask myself if I could still do the labour intensive work of

massage therapy for the next twenty years of my working life and the answer was 'no'."

"I never thought that I would nurse again but one day it popped into my head that I could return to nursing," Marsh said. After contacting the College of Registered Nurses of BC (CRNBC), Marsh had a plan. She would complete a CRNBC-accredited "refresher" program, a necessity as she had been away from nursing for more than five years, through TRU-OL's accredited Return to Nursing program.

"I chose to go through Open Learning because it allowed me to still continue to do massage therapy and bring in an income while pursuing my return to the nursing profession," Marsh explained. Through online and distance learning, Marsh was not only able to keep working and fit studying into her schedule but she was also able to stay in her hometown of Castlegar, BC, a six hour drive from

TRU-OL's home base in Kamloops, BC.

"The course work and the tutor's support helped me to recall just how much I still did know," Marsh said. "My life experiences since having left the nursing profession were also acknowledged and respected (by cohort students and tutors)."

After completing her practicum at Nelson Home and Community Care, Marsh was offered casual status as a Quick Response Nurse and after just one month of work the verdict is in... "I love it," Marsh exclaimed.

"Much has changed in nursing in the last decade and the Return to Registered Nursing program helped prepare me for that," Marsh explained. "While I have lamented to my new colleagues that I still feel like a student they have responded to say that we are all students and that even after many years of work, the learning never stops."

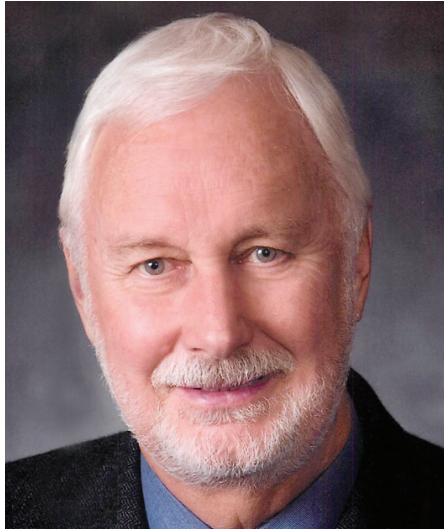


Maggie Marsh is among the first to complete the newly revamped Return to Nursing Program through Open Learning

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Honorary Doctorates



**June 3, 10am,
School of Education, School of Social Work
and School of Tourism**

Claude Richmond will receive an Honorary Doctorate of Laws degree as recognition for over 20 years of steadfast public service to Kamloops, the Kamloops-Thompson region and to the Province. Now retired from the legislature, Mr. Richmond has been instrumental in increasing employment and accessibility for persons with disabilities in British Columbia, changing BC's Adoption Act and introducing the Super Host program. As Minister of Tourism and Expo 86, he tirelessly promoted the province for an event that hosted some 22 million people. Locally his economic development initiatives have included ensuring the BC Lottery Corporation's headquarters, Moly-cop and Pollard Banknote were located in Kamloops. Mr. Richmond never wavered in his support for Thompson Rivers University, including its quest for full university status that was granted in 2005.



**June 3, 2 pm,
Faculty of Arts and
Faculty of Student Development**

Richard Wagamese will receive an Honorary Doctorate of Letters degree recognizing his distinguished, award-winning career as an author. Without the benefit of a formal education beyond grade 9, he is the only Aboriginal Canadian to be honoured with the National Newspaper Award for Column Writing. He has published five novels and two memoirs. His work contributes to non-natives people's understanding of the experiences of native people from both a historical and contemporary standpoint. Mr. Wagamese has contributed to the re-establishment of native teachings by using traditional storytelling methods in all aspects of his career that has included radio, television and newspapers, ensuring oral literature is alive and vibrant. He is a mentor and role model for both Aboriginal and non-native people alike and has volunteered at Friendship Centres, high schools and numerous universities, including TRU, promoting culture, identity and writing.



**June 4, 10am,
Faculty of Science and School of Nursing**

Elsbeth M. McDougall, MD, will receive an Honorary Doctorate of Laws degree recognizing her outstanding achievements in the field of medicine; most notably her work to develop new techniques in laparoscopic renal surgery. A faculty member at University of California, Irvine, Department of Urology, she has continued her clinical and research work in minimally invasive urologic surgery and assisted in the development of a minimally invasive surgery education centre. She is internationally recognized for her laboratory and clinical research in urologic laparoscopic surgery and for teaching courses on fundamental and advanced endourological and laparoscopic techniques. A graduate of Kamloops Secondary School in 1972, Dr. McDougall completed her first year of sciences at Cariboo College before going on to the universities of Alberta and Ontario. Although she was recently chosen one of the top ten American physicians by her peers, Dr. McDougall considers herself a Kamloopsian at heart and plans to return to the Thompson Valley eventually.



**June 4, 2pm,
School of Advanced Technology
and Mathematics, School of Business,
School of Trades and Technology**

Ruth Williams will receive an Honorary Doctorate of Laws degree as recognition for her 25 years of leadership in social and economic development for Aboriginal people in British Columbia. She has been a member of dozens of organizations and is currently the chief executive officer of the Kamloops-based All Nations Trust Company, a company with 200 Aboriginal shareholders including several First Nation communities, Metis and urban Aboriginal organizations. Since its inception in 1987, Ms. Williams has overseen the trust company's shareholders equity increase from \$339,000 to more than \$15 million.

She has been a contributing member of eight non-profit organizations that work to improve the quality of life for Aboriginal persons in the Interior, including the Interior Indian Friendship Society, Kamloops Native Housing Society, and the Native Courtworkers and Counselling Association of B.C. In addition, Ms. Williams has been a member of School District 73 Aboriginal Education Council where she has worked to improve post-secondary education opportunities for First Nations students at Thompson Rivers University and beyond.



Honorary Degree Recipients

- 1999** Nancy Greene Raine
Leonard S. Marchand
- 2000** John Douglas Gregson
Rick Salutin
- 2001** Mary Alice Danaher
Mary Thomas
- 2002** John D. Dennison
Robert Kroetsch
- 2003** Donald Robert Andrews
Stella H. Black
- 2004** Hans Wolfgang Gmoser
Joan Sherman Weir
Dato' Nellie Tan Wong

- 2005** Sir John Daniel
Duncan MacRae
Alex Michalos
Claire Morris
Gilles Paquet
- 2006** John V. Ciriani
Janet De Silva
Suzanne Fortier
Clarence Thomas
(Manny) Jules
Nathan Louis Matthew
James Fraser Mustard

- 2007** Peter R. B. Armstrong
Nancy Edwards
Chad Gaffield
Gordon Gore
Richard M. Hansen
Daphne Odjig
Francis Pang
Ian Tyson
- 2008** Jann L. M. Bailey
bill bissett
Bryan E. Kolb
Ian Q. Whishaw

- 2009** Lorne Cardinal
Mark Madryga
Christopher Duncan Rose
Mark H. Rowswell "Dashan"
Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond
- 2010** Elspeth McDougall
Claude Richmond
Richard Wagamese
Ruth Williams

Valedictorians



Alix Stupich

For the School of Education; School of Social Work & Human Service; and School of Tourism

June 3, 10 am

Bachelor of Social Work

Alix is originally from Nanaimo, and attended Cedar Secondary School where she was awarded BC Female Athlete of the Year, and received a Governor General Medal for top academic achievement. After graduating, Alix came to TRU to play basketball, and for three years was an Academic All Canadian. In her second year of university, Alix was awarded the Fairfax Financial Holdings scholarship for academic standards and extracurricular activities. After completing two years of Arts courses, the premise of social work and helping people motivated Alix to complete a degree in Social Work. She has been an outstanding academic student, and excellent writer, researcher, critical thinker and participatory learner. She is a member of the Social Work Student Club, and the school's International Committee. In May 2009, Alix participated in a Developing World Connections student trip to build a school in Peru.

Alix has two years' eligibility as a varsity athlete, and is returning to Vancouver Island to play basketball while taking courses that will augment her degree and future career aspirations. She is interested in working internationally in the field of social work.



Kimberley Campbell

For the Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Student Development

June 3, 2 pm

Bachelor of Arts

Kimberly is from Hope and attended Hope Secondary School where she received the Governor General's Academic Bronze Medal for the highest GPA in her graduating class. Upon entering TRU Kimberly received the Ambassador's Entrance Scholarship. For four years, Kimberly was a member of the Peer Support team, providing the confidential space for students to talk to trained student volunteers. In 2009-2010, she was the President of the TRUSU History Club, and was also the director of promotions for the 2010 TRU Northwestern Undergraduate Conference: Philosophy, History, and Politics. She has also been involved in the TRU Student Leadership program for four years, and this year she received the Neil Russell Award for Student Leadership.

Kimberly is thankful for the opportunities to participate in campus life and interact with many students, faculty and administration at TRU. After graduating, Kimberly is furthering her studies by entering the secondary education program at either the University of British Columbia or University of Victoria.



Kate Allard

For the Faculty of Science and School of Nursing

June 4, 10 am

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Kate Allard graduated from Haney Pitt Meadows Christian School in 2002. After graduating Kate went to Bible school for six months before becoming a nanny for a Kamloops couple who she accompanied as they travelled across North America. After caring for a child who was hospitalized at Vancouver's Children's Hospital, Kate was inspired to pursue nursing as a career. Kate's mother is also a nurse which also played a role in Kate's decision. She was accepted into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program in 2006, and has maintained excellent grades while participating in an international field school with her cohort in Samoa, followed by a Study Abroad semester at the University of Stavanger in Norway. Kate believes her faculty at TRU have enriched her learning experience and prepared her well with the education necessary for her career in Nursing. She also feels honoured to have spent four years with the students in her cohort.

Kate has begun her career at Shuswap Lake General Hospital in a medical-surgical position, which is providing her with a solid foundation for professional growth



Megan Lepp

For the School of Advanced Technologies & Mathematics; School of Business & Economics; and School of Trades & Technology

June 4, 2 pm

Bachelor of Business Administration

Megan Lepp graduated from Mount Boucherie Secondary School in West Kelowna in 2005. Megan came to TRU after listening to a presentation at her high school by a TRU co-operative education student recruiter. In her second year Megan also took a co-op work term to become a student recruiter. She would definitely recommend the co-operative education as a form of experiential learning as it has opened her eyes to numerous future career choices. Megan participated in TRU's Study Abroad program by spending five months in a global business program at Austria's FH Joanneum University. Megan has an excellent academic record and has participated in campus life as Vice-President Marketing for Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE).

Megan credits her student success to the guidance and support provided by the many wonderful people she met during her co-op work terms and SIFE experiences. Now that Megan has graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration she is pursuing a career in marketing and communications as well as entrepreneurial ventures.

House of Learning Crown jewel opening soon

The House of Learning will be the crown jewel of buildings at TRU once complete this Winter.

The curvy \$32-million structure with its concrete, wood, steel and glass features has been built to rigid green standards under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program. Among the features: a four-storey atrium wall covered in plants and appropriately named The Living Wall, a 300-seat assembly hall with 360-degree seating and modeled after a First Nations pit house, open study areas, and classrooms. In all, the building will be 63,000 square feet, with room to expand when the need arises.

Of the \$32 million cost, the Province of BC has committed \$18 million, TRU \$5 million and \$9 million through fundraising efforts. Most of the \$9 million has been raised.

www.tru.ca/houseoflearning





Medal Winners 2010



Brant Shapka
Business Administration

Brant graduated from NorKam Secondary School in 2005, and continued into post-secondary education at TRU that fall. In high school Brant had focussed on biology thinking he would like to be a physician. However, he decided that he would enter TRU's business program, in which he has successfully achieved the highest GPA for the past two years. Brant really enjoys all music, in particular blues and jazz, fitness and sports in general, as well as reading philosophy. Now that he has graduated, Brant is considering law school or a Masters degree in philosophy.



Kimberly Perreault
Natural Resource Science

Kim graduated from Kamloops Secondary School in 2001. After teaching English in Japan for one year, Kim decided to study at Thompson Rivers University. She tried a variety of courses and found her niche in Natural Resource Science where she has learned much about species and ecosystems. Kim has been a member of the Geology Club and National Resource Sciences Club, and was an NRS work study student for one year. Dr. Karl Larsen hired Kim as an NSERC-funded research student, and she is grateful that he provided her with exciting research opportunities in the isopod lab for two summers. Kim has also undertaken some consulting projects, and she is considering graduate studies. Kim wishes to extend her appreciation to the amazing team in the NRS department, and admires the passion and dedication of her fellow students and professors.



Jeanette Hill
Nursing

Jeanette has lived in Kamloops for 20 years, and worked as a Nurses Aid at Overlander Residential Care for ten years. She decided that she wanted to upgrade her skills and increase her knowledge of the nursing profession. Jeanette took upgrading courses for two years and entered the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program in 2006. Jeanette's practicum experience was at Royal Inland Hospital in the operating room. She is now in the process of being certified as a perioperative nurse, and would like to stay in Kamloops and work in the RIH operating room. Jeanette enjoyed being a part of a cohesive group, and she credits her success to the support of her family, and the students and faculty in Nursing. In her spare time, Jeanette likes to hike and cycle throughout the Kamloops trail system.



Jennifer Mason
Arts

Jennifer attended Kitsilano Secondary in Vancouver, and completed her Bachelor of Arts in 2009. While studying at TRU, she was a peer tutor in the Writing Centre. Since completing her Bachelor of Arts, Jennifer has been studying for a Master of Library and Information Science at the University of Western Ontario. She enjoys creative writing and nature, and aspires to be a children's librarian.



Melanie Perreault
Fine Arts

Melanie graduated from South Kamloops Secondary in 2004. At TRU she received the Visual Arts Diploma Faculty Scholarship, and a Community University Enhancement Fund scholarship. Melanie was a member of the TRU Visual Arts Students Association. Her hobbies include contemporary art, going for walks in the rain, researching the absurd, and hosting tea parties. Melanie is unable to attend convocation as she is doing a Yukon field study course until mid-June. In September she is going to Concordia for a Master of Fine Arts in Open Media.



Alysa McCall
Science

Alysa graduated from South Kamloops Secondary School in 2005 with several scholarships, one of which was a TRU Entrance Scholarship. Alysa's major is Animal Biology and she completed an Honours degree as well as Co-operative Education terms. Alysa credits the Co-op program with finding jobs in her field and peaking her interest in research. Alysa worked at the Wildlife Park in 2007, she received a Canadian University Enhancement Fund award and two Undergraduate Student Research Awards from NSERC to research various aspects of grassland animal ecology over the past three years. Since then, Alysa received a graduate-level NSERC award to complete an MSc in Ecology next year at the University of Alberta where she will study polar bears. In the future she plans to be engaged in the field of wildlife biology with a focus on conservation. Alysa credits her success at TRU largely to the incredible support and guidance of the amazing faculty, as well as endless opportunities for hands-on learning.



Ashley Halden
Social Work

Ashley graduated from Argyle Secondary School in North Vancouver where she was on the Honour Roll from grades 9 to 12, and received an award for more than 100 hours of community service. Ashley was awarded a TRU Entrance Scholarship and the North Shore News Scholarship (from a North Vancouver newspaper), along with other scholarships during her first two years at TRU. She completed a diploma in Child and Youth Care and laddered into the Bachelor of Social Work program. She was an active member of the Peer Support Team during her third and fourth years, and completed practicum placements at Cariboo Child Care, Interior Community Services, and the Ministry of Children and Family Development in Squamish. Ashley is currently working in a remote camp for a hydro-electric project in the Toba Valley, 250 kilometres north of Powell River. She intends to pursue further education and a position in the area of child welfare.



Andreas Christofloyiannis
Tourism Management

Andreas graduated from Ernest Manning High School in Calgary, and completed a diploma program in Alberta before moving to Kamloops to complete his Bachelor of Tourism Management. Andreas has received a number of awards, including the Tourism Sun Peaks Winter Prize, Delta Hotels Hospitality Scholarship, and the Louise McKinley Scholarship. Andreas is passionate about physical fitness and cooking, and enjoys exploring new places.

Within the next five years, Andreas plans to complete a graduate degree at the University of Calgary, and hopes one day to become a post-secondary instructor.



Kendall Walters
Journalism

Kendall Walters graduated from Peter Skene Ogden Secondary, 100 Mile House, in 2006, and went on to complete her Bachelor of Journalism degree at TRU. Last fall she won the B.C. Yukon Community Newspaper Association scholarship, and this year she was nominated for the Alvin and Lydia Grunert Scholarship. An eloquent writer and avid photographer, she has had the opportunity to work at several different newspapers since she began attending TRU. She is excited to pursue a Master of Journalism degree at the University of British Columbia this fall.



Joseph Isaac
General Studies

Joseph graduated from Victoria High School, BC, in 2001, and his pastimes include political activism, cooking, organic gardening, reading, writing, squash, tennis and soccer. Joseph describes himself as an entrepreneur with a successful painting company. He has been accepted into the University of Liverpool's MBA program in the Fall of 2010.

Nothing nerdy about these scientists



TRU collected six Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) of Canada scholarships this year—a prestigious number for sure.

"I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to the scholarship recipients from Thompson Rivers University. This achievement is a testament to your hard work and dedication and the high calibre education you have received from TRU," Cathy McLeod, MP for Kamloops–Thompson–Cariboo.

Six graduating students from Thompson Rivers University's Faculty of Science are among the winners of some of Canada's most prestigious graduate student research awards.

Announced recently by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), the awards are for high-calibre scholars at the master's, doctoral and postdoctoral levels, as well as investments in a wide range of research projects in areas such as computer science, environmental sciences, life sciences and engineering. Eight TRU students applied for scholarships this semester, six were successful — an exceptionally high success rate of 75 per cent.

The criteria for selection given by NSERC is that the student must have a first-class standing in each of their last two years, and only the best will be selected. Once academic excellence is established, the other criteria are research potential/ability and communication, interpersonal and leadership abilities. This information is gleaned from the student's application, and the letters of recommendation written by

faculty who have first-hand knowledge of the student's abilities. Without exception, the successful students have worked on research projects one-on-one with TRU faculty — one of the major benefits of the educational experience at TRU.

Marisa Azad, graduating in cellular and molecular biology, is the recipient of NSERC's prestigious Julie Payette Research Scholarship of \$25,000. Awarded to only 24 of the most outstanding graduate students in the country, her research projects at TRU have been supervised by Dr. Heidi Huttunen-Hennelly and Dr. Cindy Ross Friedman to discover a protein design that promises to deliver new drugs. Marisa is heading to McMaster University for a combined MD/PhD program where she'll be working on practical research projects en route to becoming a physician.

Samantha Keller is one of five students who have won an Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarships of \$17,500. Supervised by Dr. Kingsley Donkor and Nela Mora-Diez, Sam has majored in organic chemistry and is heading to the University of Calgary to where she will study Physical Organic Chemistry (research related to solar energy materials).

Brittany Dever, a Brocklehurst Secondary grad in 2006, has been accepted to the University of Alberta. Her analytical chemistry research on antibiotics with supervisor Dr. Kingsley Donkor, has secured her an \$11,000 Queen Elizabeth II

entrance scholarship as one of the top four students applying to the Chemical Biology PhD program.

Alysa McCall, a biology student has spent a few summers studying the small mammals (deer mice, voles) in the grasslands. Her more current work has been researching spadefoot toads under the supervision of Karl Larsen. This fall at the University of Alberta, Alysa will turn her attention from small mammals to the largest carnivore on the continent, polar bears.

Kendra Robinson, who majored in biology and conducted research supervised by Dr. Lyn Baldwin has been accepted into the master's program at the Pacific Salmon Ecology and Conservation laboratory at UBC. Very much interested in salmonid ecology, she offers of additional scholarship incentives helped her along with the graduate school decision.

Scott Foubister is a physics major whose research projects have been supervised by Dr. Normand Fortier. He is heading to the University of Waterloo (UW) for a research position at the Institute for Quantum Computing (IQC) in Waterloo for a Master of Physics degree in quantum information. At the IQC he will be part of a multi-disciplinary group researching quantum devices and their applications. He has been offered \$21,000 plus a \$10,000 entrance scholarship from the IQC. Plus the NSERC that's nearly \$45,000 for his first year at UW!

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Samantha Keller
Governor General's Academic Medal
(Silver)

Samantha graduated from St. Ann's Academy in 2005, and won an entrance scholarship to attend TRU. She entered the Bachelor of Science program, and decided to major in chemistry after her first year. During her Co-operative Education work terms, she has been a Eureka science camp instructor, and a chemistry research assistant for two terms. Samantha's faculty supervisor, Dr. Nelaine Mora-Diez, presented an opportunity for Samantha to continue her research in Spain, and Samantha subsequently applied for a TRU Study Abroad program. Not only was she accepted to study abroad, but she was awarded a BC Premier's One World Scholarship to study in Spain for one year. Before she travelled to Spain, Samantha took introductory Spanish at TRU, and during her research term at the Universidad Autonoma de Madrid she studied Spanish in the afternoons to become fluent.

Samantha has enjoyed the entire experience of attending TRU - the research mentorship of Dr. Diez and Dr. Kingsley Donkor, and many good times with friends she has met at TRU. Samantha is working as a TRU chemistry research assistant this summer, and has received an NSERC Alexander Graham Bell Scholarship to support her graduate studies in physical organic chemistry at the University of Calgary beginning this fall.

Auzeb Manzoor
Governor General's Academic Medal
(Collegiate Bronze)

Auzeb attended high school in city of Srinagar in Kashmir, India. He completed the Computer Systems Operations and Management program last year, and is now enrolled in TRU's Bachelor of Computing Science program. Auzeb is currently working in Fort McMurray for Syncrude Canada on a Co-operative Education work term. He is a member of the TRU Muslim Students Association, and enjoys listening to music, playing soccer and hanging out with friends.

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Brenda Matsen Health Science

Brenda graduated from Correlieu Secondary School in Quesnel, and subsequently completed a diploma in Dental Hygiene. She has worked in private dental offices and community dental health programs, and was a program manager in the Northern Interior Health Service Delivery Area. After obtaining the TRU Bachelor of Health Science in 2009, Brenda became Northern Health's Regional Manager for Dental Health Programs. She plays an active role in the lives of her four sons, and intends to pursue graduate studies.

Jenny Dahl Education

Jenny graduated from Peter Skene Ogden in 100 Mile House and won a scholarship for English literature. At Thompson Rivers University, she has received many awards, including the Kamloops Women's Association Bursary, Retired Teachers' Bursary, and the English and Modern Languages English Award. Jenny is considering further studies in linguistics and special education. She enjoys the outdoors, and plays the piano and violin.

Dawn England Commerce

Dawn graduated from Swift Current Comprehensive High School in Saskatchewan. Upon graduating, she received an Innovation Credit regional scholarship and a Lieutenant Governor Award. Dawn and her husband have worked in, managed and owned a number of printing plants and publishing businesses. Now that she has completed her Bachelor of Commerce degree, Dawn would like to work with the Saskatchewan government in assisting youth in the areas of economic development, education, training, and housing and lifestyle initiatives. Dawn has dedicated much of her free time to supporting her family, and is now making comprehensive plans to complete excursions in Canada from coast to coast to coast.



Getting hands-on learning around the world



Mexico (Modern Languages)



Eastern Europe (Anthropology/Sociology)



Philosophy in the Aegean (Philosophy)



Lesotho, South Africa (Nursing)



Philippines (Anthropology/Sociology)



Japan (Geography)

Field schools present students with amazing opportunities to immerse themselves in other cultures and in doing so, better grasp the theory behind their learning.

Since 1993, Dr. David Scheffel has led field schools related to Anthropology/Sociology and says the experiences go far beyond what classrooms and textbooks can offer. "Especially in anthropology where students confront societies very different from their own, direct contact with real life individuals and the conditions of their daily existence provides a type of learning that cannot be replicated in the classroom," says

Dr. Scheffel. "In most students, such encounters lead to entirely new ways of seeing the world and themselves."

DUAL CREDENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES

With the establishment of a TRU Global Competency credential, students gain recognition for international experiences such as field schools and other initiatives and training that contribute to the development of global competency. The credential will be offered cross-institutionally and administered through the office of the Dean of Students.

Axworthy Founding Dean of Law



The announcement of government plans to establish a Law School at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, and the announcement of partnership plans between TRU and the University of Calgary will bring economic benefits and national and international recognition for both the university and the community. In May, Chris Axworthy became the founding dean of the TRU Faculty of Law and took some time to sit down with the TRU Convocate.

Convocate: Congratulations on being named Founding Dean of Thompson Rivers University School of Law. What attracted you to the opportunity?

CHRIS AXWORTHY: To be part of establishing a new law school, the first one in Canada for 35 years, is pretty hard to resist. It is virtually a once in a lifetime opportunity and the primary reason I was attracted to come here. The dynamism and energy in university was the second important reason. Obviously the university and supporters of the university decided that a law school was something they wanted to develop, so they just went ahead and did it. That is an energy, a get-it-done type of approach that just doesn't exist in other Canadian universities. And thirdly, the interior of BC and Kamloops is a very attractive place to live so the location was an attraction as well.

Convocate: What are the first steps?

CHRIS AXWORTHY: There are a lot of pretty obvious steps, but there are some more complicated ones. We have to be accredited with the Federation of Law Societies of Canada, and this is the first time that there has been any really formal process in place for law school accreditation imposed by the legal profession. Secondly we have to go through the province's Degree Quality Assessment Board process of having the program approved by the Ministry of Advanced Education.

We have to be a formal law school as soon as possible so that when students apply they know the program will lead to the legal education they need to be accredited lawyers. The formalities are also necessary to attract future faculty members. We will be setting procedures to establish admission requirements and then putting a website together because that is where potential students will be looking to see what the law school has to offer.

In a more complex sense, we have to determine what the library looks like, how the legal education is delivered and how we move forward into the future are all interesting challenges.

Convocate: Speaking of library, this is the first new Canadian law school created in the digital age, what will the law library look like?

CHRIS AXWORTHY: The library is certainly one aspect affected by digitization. We will find the balance between books physically in the library and databases that students can access. More often the sources of material for students to read are available online so a library card may not be as important as a Kindle or an iPad, especially as students are more comfortable with digitized information. The need for books is certainly not eliminated, but the library is going to look quite different, and should free up resources space-wise and financially as well.

Convocate: TRU will be licensing the curriculum from the University of Calgary's Faculty of Law, will that not speed up the accreditation process?

CHRIS AXWORTHY: I expect that it will. The collaboration with Calgary ensures that the curriculum is a modern and sophisticated one giving law students here the very best educational opportunities available anywhere. Having this solid foundation upon which to

build means that when the Law School opens its doors to the first cohort of students in September, 2011 it will hit the "ground running".

Convocate: Why is it important to create a Law School at TRU? What are the benefits to the region and to the university?

CHRIS AXWORTHY: It has been identified all across Canada that there are many parts of the country, especially outside the metropolitan areas, that there are simply not enough lawyers and people cannot access the legal services they need for everyday matters such as child custody, real estate, wills and divorce. And much legal service is preventative advice; lawyers help people make the best decisions to avoid legal ramifications. So being in area like Kamloops, which is surrounded by underserved communities, will provide more access to legal services for rural communities. If lawyers are educated here they are likely to stay here. Another reason is to offer the type of legal education that lawyers in these communities need, our program can focus on the legal concerns of this region, such as Aboriginal and environmental issues.

The other, is that we plan to start out small, only 60 students, and I expect the school will stay that way for some time. Smaller class sizes mean that every student will know every other student, and much of what happens after law school.

So there are significant benefits to the region, and economy of the region and the people of the region. And for the University, it's a prestigious faculty to have and will of course bring prestige to campus.

Perhaps, just as importantly though, is the example the University sets to its constituents of its willingness to continue to change and to continue to seek out new opportunity, it's pretty impressive.

Career Highlights

Law school: Graduates from London Metropolitan Law School in 1970 followed by graduate studies at the McGill University School of Law.

1984: Serves as the founding executive director for The Centre for the Study of Co-operatives at the University of Saskatchewan. Its purpose is to increase the understanding that co-operatives play in economic and social development.

1988: First elected as Saskatchewan Member of Parliament for the NDP in the riding of Saskatoon-Clark's Crossing.

1999: Appointed Attorney General and Minister of Justice for the province of Saskatchewan and in 2001 takes additional responsibilities as the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs.

2000: Appointed Queen's Counsel.

2008: Appointed to a five-year term as Dean of Robson Hall (University of Manitoba Faculty of Law) in the spring of 2008.

Dean's List



Faculty of Science

Dean Dr. Tom Dickinson,
April 1, 2010

"I have enjoyed being part of the senior leadership team at TRU and I find the mixture of jobs that make up the Dean's position both challenging and rewarding. I am looking forward to working with a really fine group of colleagues to deliver what I think is an exceptionally good undergraduate science education."



TRU World

Dr. Wesley J. Koczka,
AVP International and
CEO Global Operations
May 1, 2010

"TRU has an excellent reputation around the world for its programs and marketing innovation. I am excited by this opportunity to continue the momentum of the individuals at TRU World that have created an enterprise that hosts more than 1200 students from 70 countries on its campus and has more than 1000 students enrolled in programs in China, India, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand."



Office of Vice-Provost Students

Dean of students
Christine Adam,
May 18, 2010

"Supporting university students in the pursuit of their personal and professional goals is my passion," said Christine Adam. "To be able to return home to British Columbia and work with the team at TRU to create a campus that excels in engaging its students is truly an amazing opportunity."



Faculty of Arts

Dean Dr. Michael Mehta,
July 1, 2010

"I am honoured to be moving to Kamloops and joining TRU during what promises to be another exciting period of growth at the university. As TRU moves closer to its goal of being the University of Choice for Environmental Sustainability, it is a great privilege for me to be sharing my knowledge and experience in any way I can to help make that happen."



Faculty of Human, Social and Educational Development

Dean Dr. Charles Webber,
July 1, 2010

"It will be a privilege to lead this new Faculty. The colleagues assigned to the unit are strong teacher-practitioners and scholars with expertise that is so necessary in their fields of study. It is exciting to become part of Thompson Rivers University when it is at such a pivotal point in its history."



School of Nursing

Dean Dr. Barbara Paterson
July 15, 2010

"I am excited about working with the faculty at Thompson Rivers University School of Nursing because I appreciate their commitment to student learning and to the scholarship of teaching. I am confident that as we work together with our community partners we will contribute to the reputation of the School of Nursing as among the best in Canada."



40th Anniversary Party plans shaping up

Founded in 1970, TRU celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. A number of events have been planned to recognize the occasion, with the biggest celebration reserved for September.

Some of the events planned:

September 8

The event gets underway in Williams Lake with the official opening of The Gathering Place and a Fundraising Cyclethon leaving for 100 Mile House.

September 9

The Fundraising Cyclethon leaves 100 Mile for Cache Creek.

September 10

In Kamloops, the celebrations tie into the Welcome Back BBQ, with evening entertainment and a family BBQ. The Cyclethon riders are scheduled to arrive in Kamloops.

September 11

There will be Faculty/School/Alumni break-out sessions, lectures, exhibits, tours, retirees breakfast, varsity athletic events.

More information: www.tru.ca/40

TRU Garden Tours run throughout the summer

Have summer company who have never experienced the TRU Horticulture Gardens? Why not have them take on a free tour. Or maybe you would like to know more about the flora making the TRU campus beautiful.

The TRU Friends of the Garden Society is conducting free walking tours every Wednesday up to Aug. 25. Start time is 6:30pm.

Meeting and start location is place is behind House 10.

For more information, phone 250.377.6057.



TRU President Dr. Roger Barnsley (right) and Dr. Wesley Koczka (left), had the honour of hosting Mr. David Mulrone, Ambassador of Canada to the People's Republic of China, on Monday May 10, 2010. Ambassador Mulrone was in

Kamloops to meet with representatives from the University and the community. He also took the time to meet with Canadian students who have studied in China and Chinese students studying at TRU.



Estil is Secwepemctsin for stop. There are 33 of the signs on the Kamloops campus.

New stop signs; Dziekanski endowment created

Thirty-three bilingual traffic signs are stopping traffic on the Kamloops campus. Estil is Secwepemctsin for 'stop'; the signs are the first significant public indicator that TRU is located in the heart of Secwepemc territory.

VOKEY WINS TRU-OL PRIZE VALUED AT \$9,500

TRU-OL announced the winner of its first ever tuition credit contest entitled Grow Your Education, Compete to Complete, which ran from January 29 to April 18, 2010 on Facebook. April Vokey, of Chilliwack, BC, was randomly selected from 151 contestants. She won a full sponsorship of fees for up to 60 TRU-OL credits, a prize valued at up to \$9,500.

TRUSU RENOS WIN AWARD

The Object, TRU Student Union's newly renovated space, won a silver award for public, institutional and educational spaces at the Interior Design Institute of BC Awards of Excellence. Commissioned by Stantec, the \$1million renovation transformed a generic open box common area into a family room style space for students to gather in large or small groups for lounging or project work.

DZIEKANSKI REMEMBERED THROUGH ENDOWMENT

An endowment will be established at TRU as a result of a settlement made by the RCMP to Mrs. Cisowski, Robert Dziekanski's mother. Robert died two and a half years ago at the Vancouver Airport while he was en route to Kamloops from Poland to join his mother who resides in Kamloops. The \$20,000 will establish a student assistance endowment, which will produce an annual bursary, the first of which will be awarded in Fall 2011.

LEGAL ADMIN GRADUATES

In August 2010, the first set of three students who received Law Foundation of British Columbia Scholarship funding for the TRU Legal Administrative Assistant Program will graduate. This initiative involved a successful funding application by Tourism Management faculty member Gail McKay, LLB, resulting in a grant of \$62,500 in scholarships for nine TRU students from the Kamloops region.

2010 Teaching Excellence Awards



Lyn Baldwin (left), Cynthia Ross Friedman (middle), and Lian Dumouchel

The Teaching Excellence Awards are presented to those instructors who exemplify the best qualities of teachers, both in and out of the classroom.

2010 Distinguished Service Awards



Lori De Frias (left) and Marg Hanna (right)

The Distinguished Service Awards are presented to those employees who demonstrate outstanding abilities and contributions to our university. Donna Petri and Pina Russo were also recognized.

Professor Emeritus

Berndt Sigloch

School of Business and Economics

Berndt Sigloch joined the department of Business and Economics at Cariboo College in September 1980 and retired from the department of Management in the School of Business and Economics at Thompson Rivers University on January 31, 2010.

Berndt was a major contributor in the development and teaching of career and university transfer courses for business students and in the articulation and delivery of the original BBA program and subsequent introduction of an Accounting major. Contributions to the multiple transformations of Cariboo College, partnership with Simon Fraser University, emergence of the University College of the

Cariboo and ultimately Thompson Rivers University, included service as liaison with SFU as inaugural BBA advisor and chair of the BBA committee, chair of the BC Commerce Articulation Committee, and member of the BC council on university transfers. Committee service at TRU extended from appointments to performance reviews, curriculum development, and scholarly activity to grade appeals and Chair and Dean evaluations.

Berndt's most cherished rewards did not come from personal awards but from the achievements of many students who gained perspective, competence, confidence and pride from their studies, and from the recognition and appreciation of his contributions by students and colleagues.



2010 Awards for Excellence in Scholarship



Dr. Jonathon Van Hammer (above)

TRU recognizes excellence in research, scholarly activity or the production of creative works over a sustained period of time representing a significant contribution to the field of inquiry with the presentation of the annual Award for Excellence in Scholarship to Faculty. Dr. Roger Yu was also recognized.

2010 Environmental Achievement Award



Dr. Penny Powers (above)

The department of Environment and Sustainability presents this award to recognize individuals within the TRU community who have made, or are making, substantial positive contributions to environmental sustainability.

40 Years of Service

began work in 1970



Lois Peters (above)

TRU launches Alvin & Lydia Grunert Scholarship



These students were among the top 10 from each school and faculty invited to the Alvin & Lydia Grunert Scholarship reception in March.

To recognize and foster academic achievement, TRU launched a major new annual award, seven scholarships valued at \$5,000 each, offered to the top nominee from each faculty and school and one athlete. More than 900 top TRU students met the scholarship's Fall criteria. Of those, only the top 10 from each area were selected, for a total of 70 nominations.

The inaugural winners (with an average GPA is a 4.276, only .054 short of a perfect 4.33) of the Alvin and Lydia Grunert Scholarship are:

Jeremy Avery (Bachelor of Arts), Natascha Hedrich, (Bachelor of Sciences/General Sciences), Alexander Condon (Bachelor

Business Administration), Andrea Keim (Bachelor of Science in Nursing), Jamelia Easton (Bachelor of Education), Brittany Hansum (Bachelor of Tourism Management), Brennan Arduini (Athletics: Bachelor of Science, Chemical Biology).

In 2011 an award will be added for Trades and Law in 2012.



Medal haul for TRU Trades at Skills Canada events

Jonathan MacIntyre (left), Auto Service Technician Year 4 and Dan Hall, Electronics Year 2, received gold medals at the 16th Annual Skills Canada Competition May 20 to 23 in Waterloo, Ontario. The event attracted more than 500 secondary and post-secondary students from all regions of Canada Students competing in more than 40 trade and technology events.

The victories were the second for each of the two TRU students. Dan won in 2009 and Jonathan in 2008. With the win, Dan will be advancing to the World Skills in London, England in October 2011. Jonathan will not because of his age.

AT THE BC COMPETITION

Ten students won medals at the BC portion of Skills Canada held in Abbotsford. Earning gold and a place at the national Skills Canada Competition in Waterloo, Ontario were Dan Hall, Electronics Year 2; Jonathan MacIntyre, Auto Service Technician Year 4; Cullen Smart, Welding B; and Jon Paterson, Electrical Year 4. Cailan Libby an Industrial Electrician student in year 4 won silver. Eric Vanderburgh, Carpentry Year 3; Preston Evans, Carpentry Foundation; Alison Graber, Electrical Foundation; Jesse Carlson, Industrial Electrician Year 2; and Jacob Gage, Welding C were each awarded a bronze medal.

Burgeoning scientists impress judges with their knowledge

TRU students won in every major category at the Annual Regional University Science Undergraduate Research Day at the University of the Fraser Valley on Friday, March 26.

Best Overall Poster

Alexa Daneluk "Isolation and Screening for New Antimicrobial Agents in Cave Bacteria"

Best Overall Oral Presentation

Lyssa Martin "Dwarf Mistletoe Cell Cultures: Establishment of Callus and Discovery of Endophytes"

Best Poster in the Discipline of Botany (Canadian Botanical Association Prize)

Andrew Owusu "Proteins from Dwarf Mistletoe: A Basis for Gender Differentiation"

Best Oral Presentation in the Discipline of Botany (Canadian Botanical Association Prize)

Arvin Dwarka "Identification of A Gender-Specific Marker in the Genome of Dwarf Mistletoe"

Howling for the WolfPack

A year of firsts for TRU Athletics during 2009-10 season

Larry Read, TRU Sports Information Officer

ICE HOCKEY RETURNS

2009-10 saw the return of ice hockey to TRU. What a return it was. Not only did the team finish second in the BC Intercollegiate Hockey League, but they became a Saturday night tradition in Kamloops. Most of their home dates on Saturdays drew over a thousand people to Memorial Arena. The

atmosphere was one envied among the rest of the league.

CIS MEN'S VOLLEYBALL HOSTS

For the first time, the WolfPack hosted a CIS championship. The men's volleyball team was the host club of the 2010 Championships in March. Seven of the top teams in the nation, including the

WolfPack battled for the national title. The WolfPack wound up sixth after losing to Queen's University.

*PACK PLAYERS GARNER AWARDS

Hosting the nationals capped off a pretty successful season for our men's volleyball team. For the first time, two players from Thompson Rivers captured major CIS

honors. Gord Perrin (3rd year, outside hitter, Creston, BC) was named to the CIS First All-Star team. As well, Kevin Tillie (1st year, left side, Cagnes Sur Mer, France) became the first player in school history to be named the CIS Rookie of the Year. Both those players received individual honors from the Canada West Athletic Association. Perrin was a First Team All-Star after finishing second in kills and points. Tillie was a Second Team All-Star and named the Canada West Rookie of the Year. He was the third member of the WolfPack to win that honor, following in the footsteps of Perrin and Robin Schoebel.

One other member of the WolfPack family won a major Canada West honor. Basketball player Greg Stewart (4th year, forward, Kamloops, BC) was named the Defensive Player of the Year.

FULL STANDING IN CIS

In early May, TRU was given 'full standing' in the Canada West Universities Athletic Association. That means our place in the CIS is assured.

The WolfPack women's soccer team also captured a medal this season. Under the direction of first year head coach Tom McManus, TRU finished with the bronze medal in the BC College Athletic Association.

CROSS COUNTRY COMING THIS FALL

Looking ahead to next year, the TRU family is expected to grow to 11 sports with the addition of cross country running.



Ice hockey made a triumphant return to TRU in 2009-10. Playing their home games out of Memorial Arena, the TRU Open Learning WolfPack became a Saturday night tradition en route to finishing second in the BC Intercollegiate Hockey League.

Photo - A. Snucins



Kevin Tillie of the men's volleyball team became the first WolfPack to be named CIS rookie of the year.

Giving back

Being a member of the WolfPack family means giving back to the community in a variety of ways. Sometimes it's participating in the Santa Claus parade or fundraisers like Wendy's Dreamlift Day or the Run for the Cure.

Other times it's making Christmas shoe boxes as Chloe and Abbey McAuley (top, right) of the women's soccer team do with April Reed of the U-10 Orange Crushers. Or, it may be giving elementary school students some pointers as Kaitlyn Widsten (below, right) of the women's basketball team does at Rayleigh elementary.



Graduating Players

The following WolfPack players have played out their varsity sports eligibility and are no longer able to suit up for TRU. But that doesn't mean they're not able to help out in other ways like being an assistant coach, team manager, or helping with publicity.

BADMINTON

Brennan Arduini (Kamloops), Ming Wong (Kamloops)

MEN'S BASEBALL

Jordan Broatch (White Rock), Scott Nevison (North Vancouver), Yoshi Nakamura, (Yokohama, Japan), Matt Walker (Bowen Island), Bryan Burston (Kelowna)

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Drew Bleth (Ridgeview, Washington), Jeff Friesen (Duncan), Sean Garvey (Kamloops)

MEN'S GOLF

Brennan Arduini (Kamloops)

MEN'S HOCKEY

David Boychuk (Edmonton, Alta.), Mick Ludvig (Kamloops)

MEN'S SOCCER

Kyle Bowman (Kamloops), Kyle Halvorson (Armstrong)

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Jesse Lebert (Kamloops)

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Ashley Shannik (Kamloops), Lindsey Niminikin, (South Slokan)

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Robin Schoebel (Monaco), Behlul Yavasgel, Aydin, Turkey (Men's Volleyball)*

* first player to graduate playing all 5 years in CIS with TRU

