President’s Report

News

Vice-President, Administration and Finance
Following an extensive national search, the appointment of Matt Milovick to the position of Vice-President, Administration and Finance has been announced. He comes to TRU from the Ontario College of Art and Design University (OCAD U) in Toronto where he is the Vice-President Finance and Administration. Within that portfolio he is responsible for operations and strategic development in the areas of finance, risk management, human resources, facilities, IT services, and commercial/ancillary operations.
http://inside.tru.ca/2013/05/31/tru-appoints-new-vp-administration-and-finance/

Honorary Doctorates
Thompson Rivers University will award Honourary Doctorates to four distinguished individuals when the campus convenes its Spring 2013 Convocation ceremonies at the Kamloops campus on June 12, 13, and 14. The recipients are:

- Marie Battiste, a First Nations educator and researcher whose work urges the de-colonization of Aboriginal education to improve physical, spiritual and mental health.
- Chief Wayne Christian, a North Okanagan First Nations leader who has helped create better conditions for Aboriginals in his own community and around the world.
- Spencer West, a motivational speaker who has turned a disability into an impressive ability to inspire and empower others.
- Mark Brown, a local businessman whose success epitomizes the entrepreneurial archetype of rags to riches.

Aspiring Chemists
This year more than 40 high school students were on campus in Kamloops and Williams Lake on May 15 for TRU’s 16th annual Chemistry Contest for all BC Chemistry 11 and 12 students.
www.tru.ca/science/programs/chemistry/chem_contest

2013 Merit and Service Awards
The President’s Annual Merit and Service award reception on April 30 recognized long-serving employees and the following dedicated individuals:

- Teaching Excellence Award — Campus Faculty
  Mr. Tony Bell, School of Business and Economics  
  Ms. Krista Lussier, School of Nursing  
  Dr. Mohamed Tawhid, Mathematics and Statistics

- Teaching Excellence Award — Open Learning Faculty
  Mr. John O’Brien, Open Learning Faculty

- Master Scholar Award
  Dr. Christopher Walmsley, Social Work

- Award for Excellence in Scholarship
  Dr. Naowarat (Ann) Cheeptham, Biological Sciences

- Faculty Award for Excellence in Internationalization
  Dr. Varveni Jap, School of Business and Economics

- Distinguished Service Awards:
  Dr. Tom Dickinson, Dean, Faculty of Science  
  Mr. Cliff Neufeld, Senior Project Advisor to the President  
  Ms. Janine Chan, Allied Health  
  Mr. Robert Verner, Open Learning Faculty  
  Mr. Wayne Hendry, Student Finance Advisor  
  Ms. Deanna Ries, Athletics

2013 Chair Leadership Award
Dr. Rob Anderson, chair of the Accounting and Finance department at SoBE, received the 2013 Chair Leadership Award from the Office of the Provost

2013 Master Undergraduate Research Mentor Award
Dr. Lyn Baldwin, Biology, received the 2013 Master Undergraduate Research Mentor Award from Research and Graduate Studies.
News continued

- President’s Annual Retirement Dinner
  The President’s annual retirement dinner on May 23 honoured a number of 2013 retirees.

- Emergency Alerts
  TRU has implemented an emergency notification and warning system called TRU Alert, which will allow the University to relay key information quickly via personal and TRU devices to the campus community. 
  http://inside.tru.ca/2013/04/22/tru_alertlaunched/

- E-Spirit Competition & Awards Gala
  35 teams of Aboriginal high school students from 17 different schools across Canada competed in the Business Development Bank E-Spirit Business Plan Competition May 14 to 16 at TRU. E-Spirit provides Aboriginal students in grade 10 through 12 with interactive planning resources, online access to mentoring, and extensive networking opportunities. 
  http://inside.tru.ca/2013/05/10/e-spirit2013attru/

- Food Services
  More choices will be on the menu at TRU starting this fall. Thanks to feedback from students over the course of a 7-month review by Ancillary Services. Food service provider Aramark is expanding and upgrading its services. Aramark’s services will now meet a wider variety of dietary, sustainability, and cultural needs, and provide extended hours of service. A new food court on the 2nd floor of Old Main, a full service Starbucks in BMO Student Street, and a renovated Terrace food court complete with wood burning oven—re-launching in September as the Urban Kitchen—will meet the needs of TRU’s diverse and growing student body. 
  http://inside.tru.ca/2013/04/29/newfoodoptionslookfortru/

Achievements

- Dr. Janet De Silva, ’06 TRU Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, was elected to the Board of Intact Financial Corporation. Currently the Dean of the Richard Ivey School of Business in Asia, Dr. De Silva serves as a director on the Boards of Blue Umbrella Limited, the American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong and the Canadian International School of Hong Kong.

- Carl Archie, TRU BOG member has the honour of being the Ch’Nook Class of 2013 Valedictorian representing BC and Alberta’s top Aboriginal Business Scholars. Carl gave the Valedictory address on May 10 at UBC’s Aboriginal Longhouse.

- Sharon Brewer and Bruno Cinel were recently awarded an HP Catalyst Leadership Fund grant for Project ACCESS: Bridging the Digital Divide via Mobile Access to Remote Laboratories. The $100,000 (USD) grant recognized their work, conducted in collaboration with Dr. Kemi Jona of Northwestern University. Sharon and Bruno were among only 5 Canadian participants invited to the HP Catalyst Summit on STEM education research in Sao Paulo Brazil April 16 to 18.

- Maini Budreau, Graphic Designer in Marketing and Communications, has been invited to participate in creating a mural for the Canada Summer Games in Sherbrooke, Quebec. She is one of over 100 artists contributing a painted tile on the theme of sports for the 20’x21’ mosaic mural project. 
  www.muralmosaic.com/sports/artists

- Naowarat (Ann) Cheeptham, Biology, was awarded the Society of Applied Microbiology’s President’s Fund to attend and give a selected oral presentation in the Microbrew session for the 20th American Society for Microbiology Conference for Undergraduate Educators in May.

- Interculturalizing the Curriculum
  Faculty members participated in an intensive workshop focused on developing culturally responsive teaching strategies and intercultural perspectives in curriculum May 7 to 10. Sponsored by TRU World, the Centre for Student Engagement and Learning Innovation, and the TRU deans, interculturalizing the curriculum will help all students gain the intercultural and global perspectives they need to succeed as citizens and professionals in today’s globalized environment. 
  http://events.tru.ca/event/2013/interculturalizing-curriculum or www.truworld.ca/internationalization/internal/intlcurriculum

- Day of Arts and Science
  Grade 11 high school students experienced TRU and attended abbreviated classes in subjects ranging from microbiology to theatre, animal health technology to journalism at the annual Day of Arts and Science on May 2. 
  www.tru.ca/arts_science

- Tom Owen Environmental Sustainability Award
  To recognize Tom Owen’s outstanding work at TRU in the area of environmental sustainability, this award will be given to a student who displays a keen interest in sustainability through research, leadership and career aspirations. A campaign is underway to build the award to endowment status, which will allow the $500 award to be extended on an annual basis. 
  http://inside.tru.ca/2013/04/26/tomowennvironmentalaward/

- Karen Densky, TESL Coordinator, chaired a panel titled What I Wish I Had Learned in My TESOL Program, for the 23rd TESL Canada conference hosted by TRU in October 2012. For the first time, TESL Canada is making conference videos available online, and Karen’s presentation was one of three videos selected. To view the videos, visit: http://barabus.tru.ca/tesl/

- Julie Drolet, Social Work and Human Service, was invited by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) to serve on one of the peer-review committees for the Connection Grants Funding Opportunity.

- Christina (Dina) Duquette, Director of Budget Development and Internal Audit, has recently been granted her Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA) from the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), recognizing her as a pioneer. The CRMA designation demonstrates an individual’s ability to evaluate the dynamic components that comprise an organization’s governance and enterprise risk management program.

- Enactus Thompson Rivers was a semi-finalist at the Enactus Canadian Championship in Toronto this May. TRU’s team was National Runner-Up in Campbell’s Help Hunger Disappear, raising 46,027 items for local food banks. Acaia Schmietenknap received the Founders’ Bursary, the team’s advisor Bernie Kirkey was a John Dobson Rookie Faculty of the Year Inductee, and Lisa White was awarded Most Supportive Business Advisory Board Member of the Year.

- Daniel Hernandez is graduating with a Bachelor in Computing Science degree from TRU and a Bachelor in Systems Engineering from Universidad EAFIT in Medellin, Colombia this June. Daniel is the first student to complete the joint degree program between TRU and EAFIT.
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Let’s Remember

Dr. Tom Owen recently retired as TRU’s first Director, Environment and Sustainability, a role he filled with passion and humour. Under Tom’s leadership, TRU’s environmental commitment ranking in the Canadian University Report improved from a ‘D’ to a ‘B’ in four years, and TRU now leads its peer group of comparison institutions in sustainability. Among other accomplishments, he also created the Environmental Achievement Award, supervised graduate students, assisted student clubs with their projects (TRU Eco) and provided opportunities for at least five co-op students. Tom will be remembered for his relationships with others, and the mentorship he provided to students. He truly made the most out of life, personally and professionally.

Ron Rosentreter joined Culinary Arts almost 10 years ago with a determination to instill his passion and culinary craftsmanship in students at each level of the program. Prior to arriving at TRU he was an accomplished chef and restaurateur, honing his skills at many culinary competitions, bringing home several gold and silver medals. Three years ago, after taking a course on beekeeping, he arranged to have bee hives installed on the roof of the Culinary Arts Building. Today, thanks to Ron’s efforts TRU has wonderful honey for its cooking and healthy bees in its gardens.

Upcoming Events

June 21 to 23
The inaugural Kamloops THRiVE Festival, a three-day integrated, hands-on festival of arts, culture and healthy living, premieres on various locations throughout campus. For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.THRiVEFestival.ca

June 24
Start of Session 2 for Summer Session 2013. www.tru.ca/summer

June 26
Convocation for students in the TRU and Tianjin University of Technology (TUT) Bachelor of Business Administration in Tianjin, China

Through June 28
Free TRU Fitness classes continue Monday through Friday with options for different fitness levels and abilities. http://rec.inside.tru.ca/fitness/

June 28
Convocation for students in the TRU and Shanghai Institute of Technology (SIT) Bachelor of Business Administration in Shanghai, China

July-August
WolfPack sports camps for children and teenagers offer a range of sports and activities. www.tru.ca/athletics/sportcamps/camp_listings

July-August
EUReKA! Science camps for children and teenagers. www.tru.ca/eureka/summercamp/camp_dates

July-August
EUReKA! Science Camp for 10 to 14 years olds. www.tru.ca/eureka/summercamp/camp_dates

July-August
Campus tours for prospective students, their family, and friends are offered at 10am and 2pm by the Student Recruitment and Liaison Team. www.tru.ca/about_tru/kamloops/visits

July 5–8
This year’s International Research Institute-Language, Culture, and Community conference looks at Building Collaborative Research Opportunities. www.tru.ca/lcc

July 8–12
Summer Camp in Science and Health Sciences for Aboriginal High School Students is for students in grades 8 through 10. Applications must be received by May 31 to be considered. http://www.tru.ca/__shared/assets/aborinsummercampapplic27905.pdf

Aug. 9–11
EUReKA! Science weekend camp for girls 9–14 years old, at McQueen Lake Educational Site. http://www.tru.ca/eureka/summercamp.html

Aug. 23
The 8th Annual Foundation Classic Golf Tournament is a fundraiser for student awards and bursaries. http://www.tru.ca/foundation/golf.html

Sept. 6
The Welcome Back Barbecue will be held on the campus commons to launch the new 2013-2014 academic year.