

President's Report

News

► I Give results in

Through this year's I Give Internal Campaign, we now have 417 employees giving a total of \$82,380 to student awards through payroll donations, payroll lottery and one-time donations. Several new Department awards and endowments have been created as a result of the campaign.

<http://inside.tru.ca/2013/04/12/internalcampaignwrap2013/>

► Registrar's Office launches redesigned space

Staff in the Registrar's office celebrated the makeover of their workspace on April 10. The consultative process to redesign the space has improved the former trades area's acoustics and functionality.



Celebrating the makeover in the Registrar's Office

► Town Hall: Campus Master Plan

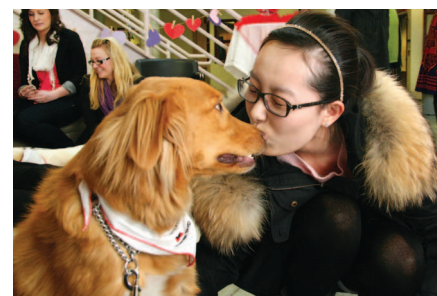
Members of the TRU and general communities were invited to attend a town hall meeting on April 17 to provide input into the direction they would like to see the university go in the decades ahead.

www.tru.ca/vpadmin/campusmasterplan2013/town_hall_meetings

► Therapy dogs wrap up

TRU Wellness wrapped up its pilot project of bringing St. John Ambulance therapy dogs to campus each Thursday from Feb. 14 to April 11 in BMO Student Street.

<http://inside.tru.ca/2013/02/07/therapy-dog-thursdays/>



Therapy dog wrap up

► Measuring learning

The Learning Outcomes and Assessment Advisory Committee (LOAAC) was established this spring to guide an institution-wide learning outcomes and assessment initiative. Comprised of faculty and staff from across campus, the LOAAC will be chaired by **Ginny Ratsoy**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Arts, and Provost Fellow, Teaching and Learning Support. The initiative will itself be managed through the Centre for Student Engagement and Learning Innovation. The TRU and general communities had the opportunity to learn more at a Town Hall featuring **Peter Wolf**, Director of the Centre for Open Learning and Educational Support at the University of Guelph, on April 16.

<http://inside.tru.ca/2013/04/09/new-initiative-to-set-and-measure-learning-outcomes/>

► Distinguished Alumni Awards

Seven individuals were recognized at the annual Distinguished Alumni Awards on April 12. The guest speaker was **Lorne Cardinal**, renowned Canadian actor and director, and TRU Honorary Doctor.

http://www.tru.ca/alumni/distinguished_alumni_awards.html

► Rang De Basanti

The Indian celebration of colour attracted a few hundred participants and onlookers to campus on April 6.

www.flickr.com/photos/thompsonrivers/8632602586/in/photostream



Rang De Basanti

► Celebrate U—Campus Carnivale

This end-of-semester celebration featured a Survivors competition, carnival games, dunk tank fundraiser, BBQ, a thrift store themed party, and more.

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2013/celebrate-u-campus-carnivale>

► Immigration to Canadian communities

Dr. Julie Drolet is among those researching immigration to communities across Canada. The announcement was made March 25.

<http://inside.tru.ca/2013/03/25/tru-researching-immigration-to-communities-across-canada/>



Dr. Julie Drolet

► Leacock winner drops by

Playwright and author **Mark Leiren-Young**, the winner of the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour in 2009 for *Never Shoot a Stampede Queen: a rookie reporter in the Cariboo*, spoke to students in Ginny Ratsoy's class English 4260: Modern Canadian Plays on Page, Stage, and Screen.

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2013/playwright-and-author-mark-leiren-young>

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► **Pride Parade**

The TRU Pride Parade attracted close to 500 people and about 20 resource booths to campus on April 5. The second annual parade was again a peaceful march and celebration around campus.

► **Quirky Biology questions answered**

13 videos created by first-year biology students were screened on April 11 as part of an innovative approach to answer some quirky biological questions. Videos carried titles the likes of "Salmon in a Tree?" and "Why do pitcher plants like having bats sleep over?"

<http://inside.tru.ca/2013/04/08/salmon-in-a-tree-and-other-quirky-biology-questions/>

► **260 Indonesian students**

From April 10 thru May 13 TRU will host the 2013 Overseas Immersion Program of the International Islamic Education Council (IIEC), which consists of three member schools from Jakarta, Indonesia: Islamic International High School, Islamic International Secondary School and Islamic International Boarding School. This delegation also includes 14 official chaperones, and two camera crew members from a local media group in Jakarta.

► **Kamloops Innovation Centre (KIC)**

KIC, partnered with TRU, held an open house and launched the province-wide BC Innovation Council Acceleration Network in Kamloops and the Southern Interior on April 4.

► **Student Engagement**

During Student Engagement Days, March 23 to 27, the new Centre for Student Engagement officially opened its new offices in BMO Student Street, the new Co-curricular Record was launched and the Leadership in Environmental Sustainability Certificate was promoted at UpCycle That!.

► **Carson named to SoBE board**

Starr Carson of KMPG Kamloops joined the advisory board for TRU's School of Business and Economics as announced on March 18.
<http://inside.tru.ca/2013/03/18/starrcarsonsobeboard/>

► **WolfPack Athletes Honoured**

Justin Smeaton, a member of the men's soccer team and **Rolena De Bruyn**, a cross country runner were the major winners as the TRU WolfPack held their annual year end awards banquet Mar. 28.
athletics.inside.tru.ca/2013/03/29/2012-13-wolfpack-awards-banquet-held/

► **Enactus off to nationals**

For winning the category Capital One Financial Education Challenge at the regional championships in Calgary in March, TRU's Enactus team earned the right to challenge for the Canadian title in the same category.

<http://inside.tru.ca/2013/03/20/enactus-thompson-rivers-regional-champs/>

Achievements

► **Alumnus Jon Noel** ('11, BSc Math Honors) is finishing his MSc at McGill and presenting his combinatorics work internationally. He has been accepted to both Oxford and ETH-Zurich to do his doctorate.

► Seven undergraduate Science students attended the Fraser Valley Regional Undergraduate Science Research Conference at Trinity Western University on April 5. Congratulations to **Rolena deBruyn**, winner for best overall oral presentation, "Growing up and changing colour: Why do some marine invertebrates change body colouration during juvenile life?"; **Katie DeGroot**, Canadian Botanical Association Award winner for best poster in botany, "The effect of temperature, planting density and intercropping upon oats (*Avena sativa*) and field peas (*Pisum sativum*)"; and **Richard Msiska**, winner of best poster in the physical sciences/math/computing, "Reverse engineering proprietary serial communication".

► **Cynthia Ross-Friedman**, Biology, was interviewed about her dwarf mistletoe research on the March 16 episode of CBC Radio's Quirks and Quarks.
<http://inside.tru.ca/2013/03/18/dwarfmistletoequirksquarks/>

► **Richard Frimpong Oppong**, Law, is the recipient of the 2013 American Society of International Law Prize in Private International Law for his forthcoming book, *Private International Law in Commonwealth Africa* (Cambridge University Press, 2013). The book provides a comprehensive and comparative examination of private international law in Commonwealth Africa.

► **Paul Dagg**, Vice-Chair of the TRU Board of Governors, was inducted as a member of the American College of Psychiatrists. The College restricts its membership to 750 psychiatrists, mostly from the US and Canada, recognizing leadership in teaching, research, and administration.

Publications

► **Presentations and Proceedings**

> **Ehsan Latif**, Economics
Latif, Ehsan and Stan Miles. "Just in Time Teaching Technique." Thompson Rivers University Teaching Practices Colloquium. Kamloops, BC. Feb. 18, 2013.

> **Peter Tsigaris**, Economics
Tsigaris, Peter. "To MOOC or not to MOOC?" Thompson Rivers University Teaching Practices Colloquium. Kamloops, BC. Feb. 18, 2013.

► **Articles**

> **Larry Iles**, Co-operative Education
Anderson, Earl, Nancy Johnston, Larry Iles, Norah McRae, Nancy Reed, and Julie Walchli. "Co-operative Education and Student Recruitment, Engagement and Success: Early Findings from a Multi-Institutional Study in British Columbia." *Journal of Cooperative Education and Internships*. 46 (2012): 58–76.

Let's Remember

► **Helen Keir**, a school trustee representing School district 29, was the voice of the Bridge River Valley on the Cariboo College Board from 1971 until 1984. She represented the Board as a director of the Association of Canadian Community

Colleges (ACCC) and served as its chair in 1978. The first year Helen joined the Cariboo College board, the college moved from the Residential school on the Kamloops Indian Reserve to its current site.

Events Upcoming

- ▶ **April 19 – May 3**
Graduating Fine Arts student's year-end work is showcased in the 12 Places 12 Spaces exhibit. The senior students have been building for this moment all year.
- ▶ **Through to April 25**
Both Kamloops campus libraries will be open to midnight during exams.
<http://librarynews.inside.tru.ca/2013/04/08/both-libraries-keep-midnight-hours-for-exams/>
- ▶ **Through to April 27**
By donating non-perishable food items to the library, students can waive upwards of \$20 in library fines through the Food for Fines campaign.
<http://librarynews.inside.tru.ca/2013/04/03/its-back-food-for-fines/>
- ▶ **April 30**
TRU recognizes employee years of service and presents merit awards.
See previous years www.tru.ca/hr/dsawards
- ▶ **May 2**
Day of Arts and Science is an opportunity for Grade 11 high school students to experience TRU and to attend abbreviated classes.
www.tru.ca/arts_science
- ▶ **May 6**
First day of classes for Summer Session 2013.
www.tru.ca/summer
- ▶ **May 7–10**
Interculturalizing the Curriculum conference will focus on developing culturally responsive teaching strategies and intercultural perspectives in curriculum.
<http://events.tru.ca/event/2013/interculturalizing-curriculum>
- ▶ **May 14–16**
TRU hosts the BDC E-Spirit Gathering and Awards Gala. The event is the final for the BDC E-Spirit Business Plan Competition, which helps create and promote awareness of business and self-employment as a viable career option among Aboriginal Youth.
www.bdc.ca/EN/espirit/business_plan_competition/
- ▶ **May 20**
TRU will be closed for the statutory holiday Victoria Day.
www.tru.ca/admreg/dates
- ▶ **June 1–5**
TRU is host to the Canadian Botanical Association's 49th annual conference.
www.tru.ca/cba-abc
- ▶ **June 12–14**
Spring Convocation will take place over three days this year at the TRU Gymnasium. See the convocation website to learn how you can get involved.
www.tru.ca/convocation

