

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/>



TRU's new Vice-President, Administration and Finance, Matt Milovick.

► Honorary Doctorates

Thompson Rivers University will award Honorary 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



Grade 11 students participate in the hands-on portion of the High School Chemistry Contest, held at TRU on May 15.

► 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. Warveni 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.



Rob Anderson, right, receives the Chair Leadership Award for 2012–13 from Uli Scheck, Provost and Vice-President Academic. Russell Currie, Dean of the School of Business and Economics is also pictured.



Emergency Alert System

TRU ALERT – TEST. This is a test of the TRU emergency alert system (where). Please report any problems with the desktop test to ITServiceDesk@tru.ca. In a real emergency, follow instructions and go to www.tru.ca/alerts.

[Learn More](#)

TRU launched its emergency TRU Alert program on May 2.

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-spirit2013atru/>
- ▶ **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/>
- ▶ **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/tomowenenvironmentaward/>

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.
- ▶ **Mairi 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.
- ▶ **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. **Acacia Schmietenkop** 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.

Achievements *continued*

- ▶ **Rob Higgins**, Biology, was interviewed on CBC Radio's Quirks and Quarks on the March 23 episode. In *The Dracula Ant Drinks Its Young* Rob reveals the unusual eating habits of the tropical Dracula ant, found in Canada only on BC's Cortes Island. <http://www.cbc.ca/quirks/episode/2013/03/23/march-23-2013/>
- ▶ **Randy Porter**, Financial Accountant in TRU's Financial Reporting department, is the newly elected Kukpi7 (Chief) of Bonaparte Indian Band.
- ▶ **Mark Ramsay**, '13 is pursuing a Master of Sociology at Queen's University this fall after winning a Bombardier Scholarship. Mark graduates this June and is Valedictorian for Arts.
- ▶ **TRU World** has reached a milestone: 1405 students are enrolled in offshore programs for the Fall 2013 semester. Congratulations also to TRU World's **Study Abroad Ambassadors**, a dedicated group of past Study Abroad participants who encourage other students to take advantage of the opportunity to enhance their lives overseas. Through their activities, there has been a 10% increase in the number of outbound exchange students for Fall 2013.
- ▶ Five TRU students will receive the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada's 2013-14 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Master's Scholarship of \$17,500 towards graduate studies at any eligible Canadian university. The students are:
 - Cody Campbell**, Tourism
 - Lauren Gagatek**, Journalism, Communication, and New Media
 - Colleen Pastoor**, Tourism
 - Michelle Pugle**, English & Modern Languages
 - Vernon Wilson**, Psychology
- ▶ **Gilles Valade**, Adventure Studies
After a competition that attracted many highly talented applicants, the Canadian Avalanche Centre (CAC) recently announced that the position of Executive Director has been awarded to Gilles Valade. For the past ten years, Gilles has been the Chair of the Adventure Studies Department. The CAC is a non-government, not for profit organization dedicated to public avalanche safety. They coordinate safety programs, deliver awareness and education programs, provide curriculum and support to instructors of recreational courses, act as a central point-of-contact for avalanche information, and encourage research.
- ▶ **Lauren Pilszek**, Athletics and Recreation
Lauren Pilszek, Recreation Assistant was selected from 500 applicants through Elle magazine, to become one of 12 Oakley Canada's ambassadors. With this competition she won an all expenses trip with Oakley to California to visit their corporate headquarters. Being an Oakley's ambassadors will provide her with a platform of support in order to promote living an active and healthy lifestyle here in Kamloops and around this province and neighbors to the east.
- ▶ **Chris Hunt**, Faculty of Law
Chris Hunt is the recipient of the Queen's Law Journal David Watson Memorial Award for his two articles "Conceptualizing Privacy and Elucidating its Importance: Foundational Considerations for the Development of Canada's Fledgling Privacy Tort" and "Privacy in the Common Law: A Critical Appraisal of the Ontario Court of Appeal's Decision in Jones v. Tsige"
 - > The David Watson Memorial Award is distributed annually for the paper published in the Queen's Law Journal that is judged to make the most significant contribution to legal scholarship.

Publications

- ▶ **Presentations and Proceedings**
 - > **Sharon Brewer and Bruno Cinel**, Chemistry
Brewer, Sharon and Bruno Cinel. "Improving Student Accessibility through the use of Remote Instrumentation: the BC-ILN project." Invited talk at Pontifical Catholic University, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. April 19, 2013.
 - > **Naowarat (Ann) Cheeptham**, Biology
Naowarat Cheeptham. "Cave Microorganisms and Drug Discovery Expressed Through Visual Arts: A Collaboration of Artists and Scientists." 20th American Society for Microbiology Conference for Undergraduate Educators. Eaglewood, Colorado, USA. May 16–19, 2013.
 - > **Susanna Fawkes**, Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)
Fawkes, Susanna. "Does Age Really Matter? Age and Phonological Acquisition of L2." 45th Annual BC Teachers of English as an Additional Language (TEAL) Conference. Douglas College, New Westminster, BC. April 26–27, 2013.
 - > **Rob Higgins**, Biology
Higgins, R.J. "The Ants of Canada." Canadian Pest Management Association: Annual General Meeting. Toronto, ON. March 22, 2013.
Higgins, R.J. "The European Fire Ant (*Myrmica rubra*) in British Columbia." Structural Pest Management Association of British Columbia: Annual General Meeting. Coquitlam, BC. Feb. 2, 2013.
Higgins, R.J. "The European Fire Ant (*Myrmica rubra*) in Toronto." Toronto Area Conservation Authority: Invited presentation. Toronto, ON. March 20, 2013.
Higgins, R.J. "Invasive Ants of Canada." Imported Fire Ant and Invasive Pest Ant Conference. Virginia Beach, VA, USA. April 8–11, 2013.
 - > **Ehsan Latif**, Economics
Latif, Ehsan and Stan Miles. "The Impact of Just in Time Teaching Technique on Academic Performance." Third Annual American Economics Association Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education. Chicago, IL, May 2013.
 - > **Peter Tsigaris**, Economics
Tsigaris, Peter. "Classroom games to illustrate and environmental sustainability." Learning Conference. Centre for Teaching and Learning, UBC-Okanagan, Kelowna, BC. May 2013.
- ▶ **Journals**
 - > **Lyn Baldwin**, Biology
Baldwin, Lyn. "Field School." Journal of Natural History Education and Experience. 7 (2013). Natural History Network. Online. <http://naturalhistorynetwork.org/journal/articles/field-school/>
 - > **Ginny Ratsoy**, English and Modern Languages
Ratsoy, Ginny. "Interculturalism and Theatrefront: Shifting Meanings in Canadian Collective Creation." *Theatre Research in Canada*. 33.2 (Fall 2012). 37–55. Print.
 - > **Charles Webber**, Faculty of Human, Social, and Educational Development
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► Chapters

► **Julie Drolet**, *Social Work and Human Service Drolet*, J. (2013, March). "Blizzards." *Encyclopedia of Crisis Management*, Vol. 1. Eds. K. Bradley Penuel, Matt Statler, and Ryan Hagen. Los Angeles: Sage publications, 2013. 49–50.

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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! Technology 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.