

# President's Report

## News

### ► Strategic Priorities Consultation

A Town Hall for the Kamloops community to gain input towards TRU's Strategic Priorities is scheduled for Nov. 26, and comments continue to be collected through various online options. Town halls were also held on campus in Williams Lake Nov. 15 and in Kamloops Nov. 18.

<http://www.tru.ca/president/strategicpriorities.html>

### ► Agreement Reached with Faculty Association

TRU and TRUFA reached a tentative two-year agreement in early November.

<http://inside.tru.ca/2013/11/02/tru-reaches-agreement-with-faculty-association/>

### ► Virtual Doors Open

TRU hosted the Open Educational Resource university (OERu) international partners meeting and launch on Oct. 31–Nov 1, with a presentation by Sir John Daniel.

<http://inside.tru.ca/2013/10/25/tru-hosts-official-launch-of-the-open-educational-resource-university/>

### ► Transitions Day for SD73 Aboriginal Students

About 200 high school students in grades 10 and 11 from School District 73 were on the Kamloops campus Nov. 14 for Transitions to Post Secondary for Aboriginal students. "We know that many of TRU's Aboriginal students come from the school district—unofficially it's around 70 percent," said Joanne Brown, Coordinator Services for Aboriginal Students at TRU.

<http://inside.tru.ca/2013/11/06/aboriginal-high-schoolers-to-get-a-glimpse-of-university-life/>

### ► Foundation Donor-Student Awards Ceremony

A few hundred students received cheques for scholarships and bursaries during the annual TRU Foundation Student-Donor awards on Nov. 21.

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2013/tru-foundation-donor-student-awards-ceremony>

### ► United Way Raises Thousands

TRU's annual fundraising campaign for the United Way raised \$60,000 in October and November, with much of that coming from nearly 200 employees who signed up for the payroll deduction program.

<http://inside.tru.ca/2013/11/08/tru-meets-its-targets-in-united-way-campaign/>

### ► Funding for Trades and Culinary Seats

The BC government announced Oct. 30 it will fund nearly 100 new student spaces at TRU in Trades and Culinary Arts in both Kamloops and Williams Lake.

<http://inside.tru.ca/2013/10/30/province-announces-money-for-trades-training/>

### ► Apprenticeship Funding

Advanced Education Minister Amrik Virk was on campus Nov. 19 to announce a new front-loaded apprenticeship pilot that focuses the main block of classroom and co-op training in the first 61 weeks instead of the traditional block-release model where classroom work is spread over four years. The approach will help the commercial truck and transport mechanic apprentices move into their work-based training already equipped with skills their employer-sponsors needs, and allows the apprentice to stay in the workplace without interruptions to go back into the classroom.



## Have your say.

[tru.ca/strategicpriorities](http://tru.ca/strategicpriorities)

Town Halls on Nov. 15, 18 and 26 continued TRU's Strategic Priorities consultations.



Local high school students visited TRU on Nov. 14 for the annual Aboriginal Transitions Day.



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*Alanna Bekkering, Women's All Canadian #1, helps Women's Soccer bring home bronze at her third national championship.*

## News continued

### ► University Village Consultation

The third public consultation on the needs of TRU's University Village development plan was held Nov. 19.

### ► Awards for Service

Staff at Williams Lake campus were recognized Nov. 15 with the annual Staff Awards and a lunch with the President.

### ► WolfPack Soccer Represents at Nationals

For the first time, both Men's and Women's WolfPack Soccer teams advanced to the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) National Championships in the same season. The men took home the silver medal on November 9, and Justin Wallace was named Men's Soccer Player of the Year. The women won the bronze on November 8. Several WolfPack players were recognized with PACWEST and CCAA Soccer Awards—see Achievements.

<http://inside.tru.ca/2013/11/06/packsoccernationalsbound/>

### ► Faculty of Nursing Alumni Event

Nursing held an Alumni and Friends reception Oct. 29, with an address by the new Dean, Dr. Donna Murnaghan.

### ► Enactus Program Showcase

The Enactus (formerly SIFE) student club held its Showcase Nov. 7, highlighting its community projects and outreach.

<http://www.enactustru.ca/>

### ► Remembrance Day Ceremony

The annual campus-wide Remembrance Day event was held Nov. 8.



## Achievements

► TRU faculty from a variety of disciplines were among the panelists at the REEL Change Sustainability Film Festival October 17 to 19. Participating in the forums were **Darryl Carlyle-Moses**, Geography (screening of *Lost Rivers*); **Peter Tsigaris**, Economics (*Revolution*); **Ed Walker**, Culinary Arts (*Hungry for Change*); **Paul Clark**, Marketing, International Business and Entrepreneurship (*Plastic Paradise*); **Kevin Scollon**, Horticulture (*In Organic We Trust*), and **Susan Purdy**, Biological Sciences (*Salmon Confidential*).

► **Stacey Jyrkkanen**, Health and Safety, was elected to the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Canada Government Affairs Committee, which monitors, raises awareness and conducts advocacy related to emergency management policy at all levels of government in Canada.

► **Karla Karcioğlu** is one of this year's five winners of the Jack Webster Foundation Student Journalism Awards, selected from journalism schools across BC. The award comes with a \$2,000 cheque towards her studies.

► **Wes Koczka**, late Associate Vice President, International and CEO Global Operations, was recognized by the Canadian Bureau for International Education with a 2013 Excellence Award. Wes received a posthumous CBIE Member Emeritus Award to recognize his long-term service and support. "Wes believed universities have an obligation to not only educate individuals, but also to nurture citizens with learned worldviews to assist them in advancing humankind in an increasingly global society."

► **Linda Kupp**, Institutional Planning and Analysis, was recently elected President of the Canadian University Consortium (CUSC), which assesses the Canadian university experience by surveying representative student populations enrolled in participating universities.

► **Bill Roberts**, Psychology, has been appointed as the new Editor of the *Canadian Journal of Behavioural Science*. The peer-reviewed journal is published jointly by the Canadian Psychological Association and the American Psychological Association, with grant support from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). Bill previously sat on the editorial board.

► **Christopher Séguin**, Vice-President of Advancement, and alumna **Amy Berard** (BBA '13) were recognized by Kamloops Business as winners of the inaugural Kamloops Under Forty Awards. Christopher and Amy were each profiled in the August/September 2013 issue, highlighting their leadership in the community.

► **Cindi Thompson**, TRU World, completed her Master of Arts in Leadership thesis on "Enhancing Employee Engagement at TRU World".

► Four **WolfPack** players are among the winners of this year's Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) Soccer Awards: **Justin Wallace** is Men's All-Canadian #1 and Men's Soccer Player of the Year; **Oriol Torres** is Men's All-Canadian #3; **Alanna Bekkering**, attending her third consecutive national championship, was the BC nominee for Women's Player of the Year, and is Women's All-Canadian #1; and **Bronwyn Crawford** is Women's All-Canadian #2. Justin and Alanna were also named the PACWEST Players of the Year, and **Tom McManus** won PACWEST Women's Coach of the Year. Justin and Oriol were PACWEST Men's 1st Team All-Stars, and **Kyle Fertile**, **Travis Froelich**, and **Ashley Raynes** were 2nd Team All-Stars. Alanna, Bronwyn, and **Marlie Rittinger** were PACWEST Women's 1st Team All-Stars, and **Kelsey Martin** and **Laura Smylie** were 2nd Team All-Stars. Laura and **Braeden Burrows** were named PACWEST Playoff MVPs.

## Publications

### JOURNALS

- **Tom Pypker, Natural Resource Science**  
Moore, PA, TG Pypker and JM Waddington.  
“Effect of Long-Term Water Table Manipulation on Peatland Evapotranspiration.” *Agricultural and Forest Meteorology*. 178-179 (2013): 106–119.  
  
Motahari, M, P Attarod, TG Pypker, V Etemad and A Shirvany. “Rainfall Interception and Canopy Storage Capacity of a Pinus eldarica Plantation in a Semi-arid Climate Zone of Iran.” *Journal of Agricultural Science and Technology*. 15 (2013): 981–994.
- **Joanne Rosvick, Physical Sciences**  
Rosvick, Joanne. “Star Formation Near Berkeley 59 — Embedded Protostars.” *Astronomical Journal*. 146 (2013): 142. (Online – print forthcoming.)

## Upcoming Events

- **Nov. 26**  
**Town Hall: Strategic Priorities Consultation**  
This is another opportunity to participate in the consultation for the document that will help guide TRU over the next five years.  
<http://events.tru.ca/event/2013/town-hall-strategic-priorities-consultation-0>
- **Nov. 27**  
**Lecture: Genetically Engineered Foods and Human Health**  
A cross-Canada speaker’s tour to provide the public with an opportunity to discuss concerns around GE foods from a scientific and regulatory perspective.  
<http://events.tru.ca/event/2013/genetically-engineered-foods-and-human-health-cross-canadas-speaker-tour>
- **Nov. 28**  
**Academic All Canadian Athlete’s Reception**
- **Nov. 28**  
**Arts Colloquium Series: New Tricks: What I Learned Teaching and Researching the Kamloops Adult Learners Society**  
Presented by provost’s Fellow Ginny Ratsoy of English and Modern Languages.  
<http://events.tru.ca/event/2013/arts-colloquium-series-ginny-ratsoy-english-and-modern-languages>
- **Nov. 28**  
**Experiential Learning Series: Working with Community Partners—Student Consulting Projects**  
Presented by Lian Dumouchel, TRU World.  
<http://inside.tru.ca/2013/09/12/experiential-learning-series/>
- **Nov. 28–30**  
**Actors Workshop Theatre's presents Enemy of the People**  
Written by Henrik Ibsen, directed by Wesley Eccleston.  
<http://events.tru.ca/event/2013/live-theatre-enemy-people-0>
- **Dec. 4**  
**Centre for Optimization lecture series: Diffusion and SIS Models**  
[http://www.tru.ca/science/research/cods/Upcoming\\_Events.html](http://www.tru.ca/science/research/cods/Upcoming_Events.html)
- **Dec. 6**  
**Experiential Learning Series: Service Learning 1000’s Impact on ESL Students**  
Presented by Wendy Krauza, Jim Hu, and Heather Wisla  
<http://inside.tru.ca/2013/09/12/experiential-learning-series/>
- **Dec. 24 to Jan. 1**  
**TRU closed for the holiday season.**

