

# President's Report

## News

### ► International Days

The annual 5-day festival ran Feb. 4–8 and featured a range of presentations, lectures, movies, demonstrations, displays, food tasting, flag parade, the performance Showcase, and more. The Honourable John Yap, Minister of Advanced Education, Innovation & Technology & Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism delivered the welcoming address at Friday's International Showcase. [www.tru.ca/internationaldays](http://www.tru.ca/internationaldays)

### ► Civil minded

Creating cultures and environments of civility was the theme for the campus-wide Professional Development Day on Feb. 20. Sara Hacala, author of *Saving Civility: 52 Ways to Tame Rude, Crude, and Attitude for a Polite Planet*, delivered the keynote address. [www.tru.ca/hr/pdday](http://www.tru.ca/hr/pdday)

### ► Making science real

Children young and old explored the world of science at TRU during Family Day of Science on Feb. 19. Demonstrations, presentations, and exhibits were all part of the activities. <http://events.tru.ca/event/2013/family-night-science>

### ► Beyond the sage on the stage

The annual Teaching Practices Colloquium on Feb. 18 featured the theme Teaching and Learning in Multiple Modalities. The importance of using multiple modes in order to engage students and how doing so will improve learning was examined. [www.tru.ca/tpc](http://www.tru.ca/tpc)

### ► Therapy Dog Thursdays

St. John Ambulance Therapy Dogs will be on campus every Thursday from Feb. 14 through April 11 as part of the stress-reduction efforts by TRU Wellness. Students and staff are encouraged to head over to BMO Student Street between 10am and 2pm each Thursday for unconditional canine comfort. [www.tru.ca/wellness](http://www.tru.ca/wellness)

### ► Margaret Atwood speaks at TRU

Acclaimed author and poet Margaret Atwood was on campus as part of the TRU Students' Union's Common Voices Lecture Series. <http://inside.tru.ca/2013/01/31/canadian-novelist-and-poet-margaret-atwood-at-tru-feb-15/>

### ► Networking with industry professionals

A Networking 411 session on Feb. 12 was an opportunity for students in Business and Economics to meet working professionals in their areas of study. On Feb. 13, students in Sciences, Health Sciences, and Animal Sciences had the opportunity to meet professionals in their areas of study.

*Business and Economics* | <http://events.tru.ca/event/2012/networking-411-business-and-economics-students>  
*Sciences* | <http://events.tru.ca/event/2012/networking-411-sciences-health-sciences-animal-sciences>

### ► University Village consultation

TRU Community Trust hosted the first of three public consultation sessions for the University Village concept on Feb. 14. [www.tru.ca/vpadmin/university\\_village](http://www.tru.ca/vpadmin/university_village)

### ► Access to Justice, Still?

Society of Law Students Thompson Rivers University held its first annual Students in Law Conference Feb. 7 and 8 to present different concepts of justice along with discussions around the different barriers to justice that currently exist.

### ► Turning up the energy savings

Part of celebrating International Sweater Day on Feb. 7 meant turning the temperature down in a number of buildings by as much as three degrees. The simple act translates into a lot of energy saved. Check out the energy dashboard for the various buildings at TRU for Feb. 7 and others. <https://my.pulseenergy.com/ThompsonRiversUniversity/dashboard/-/overview>



Latin-Caribbean dance classes were held on Wednesday as part of International Days



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### ▶ WolfPack Supporters

A donor wall was unveiled in the Tournament Capital Centre to recognize supporters of TRU's athletic programs from April 1, 2005 – 2011. The Champions are donors who have given \$20,000 and over, the Varsity category is donors who have given \$10,000 and Partners category are donors who have given \$1,000 and over.

### ▶ Local businessman pledges \$250,000 towards students

Guy Mercier, the former long-time owner of Acres Enterprises, announced a gift of \$250,000 at TRU's 21st annual Foundation Gala on Feb. 2.

<http://inside.tru.ca/2013/02/03/over-a-million-dollars-in-funding-celebrated-at-foundation-gala/>

View photos from Gala: [www.flickr.com/photos/thompsonrivers/sets/72157632695665491](http://www.flickr.com/photos/thompsonrivers/sets/72157632695665491)

### ▶ BC's Lt. Gov. tours campus

BC Lt. Governor Judith Guichon took a whirlwind tour of campus on Jan. 31. Among the stops was the Science building, Brown Family House of Learning, the Campus Activity Centre to meet members of TRU Students' Union executive, and the renovated front of the Old Main building. <http://inside.tru.ca/2013/01/31/bcs-lt-governor-on-campus/>

### ▶ Open Learning recording sizeable growth

TRU's Open Learning division announced on Jan. 30 an overall growth rate of just under nine percent. <http://inside.tru.ca/2013/01/30/open-learning-division-continues-to-grow/>

### ▶ 2013 Internal Campaign

The TRU Foundation launched its annual appeal to faculty, administrators and staff to make a contribution to student awards or other departmental initiatives (field trips, equipment or special awards). The goal is to raise \$75,000 between March 4 and 22. [www.tru.ca/makeagift](http://www.tru.ca/makeagift)

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## Achievements

### ▶ Duncan MacRae

TRU honorary degree recipient Dr. Duncan MacRae was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal on Friday, February 8 for his work in education in trades and technology.

### ▶ School of Trades and Technology

Canadian Home Builder's Association Central Interior and Thompson Rivers University School of Trades and Technology received a gold award in the Excellence in Public or Private Partnership category for the 2012 Training House at the Kelowna CHBA Central Okanagan regional homebuilder TOMMIE Awards.

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## Events Upcoming

### ▶ Feb. 28

Live at TRU! music series welcomes the African vocals and instruments of Ezra.

[http://inside.tru.ca/2013/01/11/culturaleventsseries\\_12\\_13/](http://inside.tru.ca/2013/01/11/culturaleventsseries_12_13/)

### ▶ Feb. 28–March 2, March 7–9

TRU Actors Workshop Theatre's first production of 2013 is *Curse of the Starving Class*, which is was written by Sam Shepard and is directed by TRU Performing Arts faculty member Wesley Eccleston. <http://inside.tru.ca/2012/09/04/black-box-theatre-marquee/>

### ▶ March 4

The President's Lecture Series presents Bob McDonald, host of CBC Radio's *Quirks and Quarks*. The lecture is free but space is limited.

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2013/bob-mcdonald-quirks-quarks-presidents-lecture-series>

### ▶ March 5, 13, 22, 28

During any of the Study Abroad information sessions, learn more about taking a semester in another province or country and have those courses count towards your credential.

<http://inside.tru.ca/2012/12/06/study-abroad-information-sessions-2/>

### ▶ March 6

Investigative reporting lecture by Paul McKay.

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2013/investigative-reporting-lecture-paul-mckay>

### ▶ March 6

School of Business and Economics Dean's Speaker Series presents Knowledge Network president Rudy Buttignol.

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2013/sobe-deans-speaker-series-rudy-buttignol-knowledge-network>

### ▶ March 7

Job Fair is an opportunity for students to learn more about the opportunities and career paths available to them. The event attracts 60–70 organizations each year from all over BC from the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2013/job-fair-2013>

### ▶ March 7, 17, 21, 28

Environmental Science Series features presentations by Masters students, on forests, conservation, and more.

[www.tru.ca/science/programs/msces/mscseminar/](http://www.tru.ca/science/programs/msces/mscseminar/)

### ▶ March 7, 28

Science Seminar Series features local and visiting faculty presentations.

[www.tru.ca/science/happening/seminars](http://www.tru.ca/science/happening/seminars)

### ▶ March 21

Live at TRU! music series welcomes African dancing by Jacky Essombe.

[http://inside.tru.ca/2013/01/11/culturaleventsseries\\_12\\_13/](http://inside.tru.ca/2013/01/11/culturaleventsseries_12_13/)

### ▶ March 25

Senate meets for its March meeting.

[www.tru.ca/senate/meeting\\_schedule](http://www.tru.ca/senate/meeting_schedule)