

President's Report

News

► International Days

TRU's annual celebration of cultural diversity was well attended Mar. 11 to 14. Students, faculty, staff and community members enjoyed theatre, music and dance performances, art and storytelling, workshops and cooking classes, and heard distinguished guest speakers on topics ranging from medicine to tourism to conservation.

Clemantine Wamariya, a survivor of the Rwanda genocide and Yale University graduate, gave an inspirational keynote address on human rights at the opening ceremonies.

<http://inside.tru.ca/2014/03/05/tru-is-colourful-international-days/>

► Aboriginal Awareness Week

Mar. 2 to 8, students, staff and faculty were invited to learn and participate in some of the diverse cultures of First Nations and Aboriginal communities in this region and all over Canada. A daily lineup of events provided unique opportunities to increase awareness of the diversity on campus and celebrate Aboriginal traditions, customs and ways of life.

<http://inside.tru.ca/2014/02/28/a-week-of-games-dance-and-story-telling/>

► Jane Goodall

The TRUSU Common Voices Lecture Series presented a free public talk by international icon **Dr. Jane Goodall** on Mar. 24. Goodall spoke about life with chimpanzees, her 50-year career, the research and conservation efforts of the Jane Goodall Institute, and current threats facing the planet.

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2014/jane-goodall>

► North American Indigenous Peoples Caucus of the United Nations (NAIPC)

On Feb. 28 TRU partnered with Shuswap Nation Tribal Council, Neskonalith Indian Band and NAIPC to host an international seminar on Indigenous Self-Determination. This seminar set the scene for the 13th meeting of the NAIPC on Mar. 1 to 2, which brought together over 100 Indigenous representatives from the United States and Canada to find solutions to complex challenges affecting Indigenous peoples. This is the first time a NAIPC meeting has been hosted on Secwepemc Territory.

► Regional Skills Competition and Try-A-Trade

During the Cariboo Regional Skills Competition at TRU on Feb. 28, students from all over the region competed in seven trades for a chance to enter the provincial skills competition, and over 400 students grades 7 through 9 learned the "tools of the trade" from School of Trades and Technology faculty at TRU's Try-a-Trade event.



Human rights activist Clemantine Wamariya addresses students before her keynote address to open International Days.

► Distinguished Alumni Award Winners Announced

The 2014 Distinguished Alumni Awards ceremony on April 11 will recognize the following individuals for their outstanding community contributions and professional achievements.

- Ken Salter, Bachelor of Social Work, 2000 — Grace Chronister Bachelor of Social Work Award
- Jason Paige, Computer Automated Systems Technician, 2005 — Professional Achievement Award
- Skye Buck, Bachelor of Education, 2010 — Lifetime Achievement Award
- CIBC — Milestone Achievement Award

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

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► **Students Asked to Rate Their TRU Experience**

This term selected students are being asked to participate in one or more surveys, including the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), and the Course Evaluations Pilot. All of the surveys provide important feedback to TRU that is taken into consideration to improve student experiences.

<http://inside.tru.ca/2014/03/04/tru-students-are-being-asked-to-rate-their-university/>

► **Spring Open House**

TRU welcomed high school students, family, friends and the public to the annual Open House on Mar. 21. The event included academic advising, a resource fair, campus and residence tours, a parent information session, and a selection of afternoon seminars for prospective students to learn about resources and strategies to get the most out of their university experience.

► **Job Fair**

On Mar. 6 more than 50 organizations from a range of industries gathered in the Campus Activity Centre to discuss career opportunities with the 1,500 students who attended throughout the day.

► **Beach Day Kicks Off Summer**

Registration for Summer Session got a boost with Beach Day on Mar. 3. Staff handed out snow cones and Summer Session info to get students thinking ahead to summer courses.

<http://inside.tru.ca/2014/02/27/beach-day-theme-kicks-off-summer-registration/>

► **I Give Internal Campaign Breakfast**

The TRU Foundation Internal Campaign Breakfast Mar. 20 launched the annual I Give campaign to encourage employees to support student awards through payroll donations, payroll lottery and one time donations. Last year, 417 employees contributed \$82,380 to help students achieve their educational goals.

Achievements

► **Colin Carson**, fifth-year player for the men's volleyball team is the winner of the Dale Iwanoczko Student-Athlete Award for his outstanding achievement in volleyball, academics and community involvement

► **Jim Cotter** (Computer System Operation and Management Diploma, '02) and his curling teammates took home silver for BC in the Tim Hortons Brier on Mar. 9 in Kamloops.

► **Paul Dagg**, Vice-Chair of TRU's Board of Governors, was recently appointed to the Board of British Columbia's Forensic Psychiatric Services Commission.

► **Brad Gunter**, third-year player for the men's volleyball team, is the first WolfPack player in TRU history to be named "Player of the Year" by Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS). Brad was formally recognized as Men's Volleyball Player of the Year at the CIS Nationals Award's breakfast in Calgary on Feb. 26.

► **George M. Johnson**, English and Modern Languages, was a finalist in the San Francisco Writers Contest for his children's book, *Marisa and the Mountains*, which will be published by Heritage House Press of Victoria in 2015.

► **Stacey Jyrkkanen**, Manager of Health & Safety, was named volunteer of the month by the Canadian Red Cross. She has been involved with the Red Cross since May 2010 and is currently completing her training to become a Disaster Response Team Leader.

► **The School of Trades and Technology** 2013 Training House won a third Canadian Home Builders' Association award, taking home the TOMMIE Award for Excellence in Public or Private Partnership from CHBA Central Okanagan in Kelowna. The Training House is a partnership with CHBA Central Interior.

► **Sydney Williams**, first-year player for the women's basketball team has been named the Canada West rookie basketball player of the year. She is the first TRU player to win the award since the school entered Canada West nine years ago.

► **Ta'quan Zimmerman**, third-year player for the men's basketball team was named to the Canada West first all-star team on Feb. 27.



Jim Cotter ('02) curling for BC at the Tim Hortons Brier.



Brad Gunter, WolfPack Men's Volleyball, was named CIS Player of the Year for 2013-14.

Publications

PRESENTATIONS

► **Toupey Luft**, Education

Dmytro, Dana, Toupey Luft, Neringa Kubiliene, and Catherine Cameron. "Teens in Diverse Cultural Communities Making Sense of Dating Relationships." Society for Research on Adolescence 15th Biennial Meeting. Austin, Texas. March 21, 2014.

JOURNALS

► **Laura Doan**, Early Childhood Education

Doan, Laura. "Mentoring Needs of Novice Early Childhood Educators." *Canadian Children* 32.2 (2013): 21-24.

► **Jon Heshka**, Law and Adventure

Heshka, Jon, and Kris Lines. "One Ding to Rule Them All: A Proposed New Approach to Regulating Brain Injuries in Sport." *International Journal of Sport and Society*. 3.4 (2013): 141-152.

► **Joe McIntyre**, Law

Economides, Kim, Alfred Haug, and Joe McIntyre. "Are Courts Slow? Exposing and Measuring the Invisible Determinants of Case Disposition Time." *University of Otago: Economic Discussion Papers*. No. 1317 (2013): 1-44. Online.

► **Richard Oppong**, Law, and Law student **Lisa Niro**

Oppong, Richard Frimpong and Lisa C. Niro. "Enforcing Judgments of International Courts in National Courts." *Journal of International Dispute Settlement*. 5.1 (2014): 1-28.

► **Dipesh Prema** and **John Church**, Natural Resource Science and **Matthew Reudink**, Biological Sciences

Regner-Shoshani, G, S. Vimalanathan, D. Prema, J.S. Church, M.W. Reudink, N. Nation, and C. Miller. "Safety, Bioavailability and Mechanism of Action of Nitric Oxide to Control Bovine Respiratory Disease Complex in Calves Entering a Feedlot." *Research in Veterinary Science* (2013). Online.

► **Janna Promislow**, Law

Promislow, Janna. Rev. of *Reconciling Sovereignities: Aboriginal Nations and Canada* by Felix Hoehn. *Review of Constitutional Studies*. 18. 1 (2013): 133.

► **Matthew Reudink**, Biological Sciences

Storfer, Andrew, Stephen Mech, Mathew Reudink, and Kristen Lew. "Inbreeding and Strong Population Subdivision in an Endangered Salamander." *Conservation Genetics* 15.1 (2014): 137-151.

► **Katie Sykes**, Law

Sykes, Katie. "Sealing Animal Welfare into the GATT Exceptions: The International Dimension of Animal Welfare in WTO Disputes." *World Trade Review*. FirstView (2013): 1-28. Online.

Upcoming Events

► **To Apr. 28**

Therapy Thursdays: For the Love of Dogs

St. John Ambulance will be visiting Student Street in Old Main and the ground floor in HOL to give students the opportunity to relieve stress by petting or cuddling up with therapy dogs.

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2013/therapy-thursdays-love-dogs>

► **Mar. 26**

Dean's Speaker Series: Douglas Vandor

The School of Business and Economics presents Douglas Vandor, RBC Olympian, who competed in men's rowing at the 2008 and 2012 Summer Olympic Games.

<http://www.tru.ca/business/news/kickstart/speakerseries.html>

► **Mar. 26**

Alumni and Friends Event: Mindfulness & Momentum

Trisha Miltmore will talk about her "13 Elements to Flourish" and strategies to invite joy into your life.

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2014/trisha-miltmore-mindfulness-momentum>

► **Mar. 27-28**

Re-Calculating: A One-Man Play

Written by Lucas Foss and performed by Dave Symington, this play promotes disability awareness and inclusion by reflecting on the life of a middle-aged man who has lived as a quadriplegic since the age of 19.

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2014/re-calculating-play-about-disability-awareness>

► **Mar. 28-29**

TRU Undergraduate Student Research & Innovation Conference

More than 100 student researchers from almost all disciplines will present their findings to students, staff and faculty.

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2013/tru-undergraduate-student-research-and-innovation-conference>

► **Apr. 5**

Roots2Rock: Music In The Round

This music event is a fundraiser for TRU student awards and bursaries.

http://www.tru.ca/foundation/roots_to_rock.html

► **Apr. 7-12**

Directors Festival

The Actors Workshop Theatre features the directing talents of senior theatre students.

<http://events.tru.ca/event/2013/actors-workshop-theatre-directors-festival>