President’s Report

News

► Award-Winning Design
The Old Main addition has received an Honour Award of Excellence for 2014 from the Society of College and University Planning (SCUP) and the American Institute of Architects (AIA). The addition’s designers, Diamond Schmitt Architects, note “this award has some considerable prestige and is a testament to the vision of the Building Committee and that of the university as a whole”. The SCUP/AIA Awards program gives out 19 Honour Awards recognizing projects across the United States and Canada.

► TRU Student Recognized by City of Kamloops
Fourth-year Business student Janice Yeung was one of eight winners of a 2014 City of Kamloops Distinguished Service Award on Apr. 10. The following day, Yeung was also recognized with the TD Meloche Monnex Scholarship in Career Development at TRU’s Distinguished Alumni Awards.

► President’s Annual Merit and Staff Awards
The President’s Annual Merit and Staff Awards held Apr. 22 recognized long-serving employees as well as the following dedicated individuals:

> Teaching Excellence Award: Robin Reid, Tourism Management
> Master Scholar Award: Bruce Baugh, Philosophy, History and Politics
> Award for Excellence in Scholarship: Ehsan Latif, Economics
> Award for Excellence in Internationalization: Emma Bourassa, English as a Second Language
> Distinguished Service Awards: Julie Bowser, Community U, Sherri King, TRU World, Barb Pillar, School of Business and Economics, Wendy Krauza, English as a Second Language
> Environmental Achievement Award: Peter Tsigaris, Economics

► Distinguished Alumni Recognized
The Distinguished Alumni Awards on Apr. 11 celebrated the achievements of TRU alumni Skye Buck, Ken Salter, and Jason Paige. Student Leadership Award winner Larissa Pepper, and CIBC. Lane Merrifield, former Executive Vice President for Disney Online Solutions and co-founder of Club Penguin—the largest virtual world for children—gave the keynote address.

► Williams Lake Gala
The third annual TRU Fundraising Gala was held on the William Lake campus Mar. 29. The “Let’s Go Gatsby” event featured elegant 1930’s decorations, delicious food, cocktails, dancing and both a silent and live auction. TD Canada Trust donated $5,000 to make this event possible in addition to $16,000 raised before the event even began. Funds raised go toward scholarships and bursaries for local TRU students, giving them the opportunity to reach their academic goals.

► Ch’nook Scholars Spring Gathering
At the Ch’nook Scholars Spring Gathering at the Barber Centre Mar. 28-30, 26 scholars had the opportunity to network with each other, learn from industry leaders and hear success stories from their visit to the Tk’emlúps te Secwépemc (TteS). The Ch’nook Scholars Program recognizes Aboriginal business students studying in institutions across BC who demonstrate personal and professional achievements and have made contributions to their university or community. TRU is a regional partner of Ch’nook and currently has two Ch’nook Scholars.

► Trades to Build Habitat Homes
The School of Trades and Technology has partnered with Habitat for Humanity to help build, plumb and wire a duplex on Westsyde Road that will be the new home to two deserving families.
Workers Rights Consortium

Based on a proposal from the TRU Students’ Union heard by the Board of Governors on Feb. 14, TRU is joining the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC), an independent labour rights monitoring organization which investigates and reports on working conditions in factories making university-related apparel on behalf of 180 universities and colleges across Canada and the US. Joining the WRC will minimize the risk and likelihood of the purchase of non-ethically produced material. http://inside.tru.ca/2014/04/11/tru-officially-joins-sweatshop-free-campus-movement/

TRU Joins WestGrid

On Mar. 5 TRU was voted in as a new member of the Western Canada Research Grid, a multidisciplinary network of major research universities in Canada that support high performance computing facilities for researchers.

Athletic Achievements

The WolfPack celebrated teams and athletes at the annual Athletics Award Banquet on Apr. 3. Multiple awards were distributed to recognize players’ athletic, academic and other accomplishments.

SoBE Dean’s Reception

The School of Business and Economics recognized partners, donors and outstanding students and celebrated its 2014 graduating class on Apr. 4 at the annual Dean’s Reception.

TRU World Hosts International Agents

The Kamloops campus welcomed 77 agents from 23 countries including Ukraine, Russia, Vietnam, Venezuela and Brazil on Apr. 8 and 9 for TRU World’s largest Familiarization Tour.

Achievements

Alanna Bekkering was named one of the Sports Task Force Athletes of the Year for her achievements as a fifth-year player for the women’s soccer team.

Third-year JD candidates Chris Albinati, Debra Febril and Julia Rees and constitutional and Aboriginal law professor Nicole Schabus were a successful team in mock negotiations over a mine on pristine Indigenous territories at the 20th Annual Kawaskimhon National Aboriginal Law Moot hosted by the University of Toronto Mar. 6–9.

Colin Carson received the Cliff Neufeld Award for his numerous successes as a fifth-year player on the men's volleyball team as well as his promotion of athletics throughout the community.

Jorri Duxbury, fourth-year player on the woman’s basketball team, is the female recipient of the Dr. Roger H. Barnsley Scholar-Athlete Award for earning top academic marks.

Brad Gunter was named one of the Sports Task Force Athletes of the Year for his achievements as a third year player on the men’s volleyball team.

Matthew Klassen received the KPMG Student Scholars to Business Award at the School of Business and Economics Dean’s Reception Apr. 3, along with a job offer from KPMG. He also won the $5,000 Business Kickstart 101 prize for attending all 20 of the Kickstart events in the program’s inaugural year.

Linda Komori, Marketing and Communications, received the Herbert Marshall McLuhan Graduate Student Award from the University of Alberta in Nov. 2013 for exemplary scholarly work during her Master of Arts in Communications and Technology.

Spencer Reed, fifth-year player on the men’s volleyball team, received the Director’s Award for his contributions to TRU Athletics and Recreation.

Brett Rouault, fourth-year player on the men’s basketball team, was the male recipient of the Dr. Roger H. Barnsley Scholar-Athlete Award for earning top academic marks.

Corey Storkan, second year TRU WolfPack cheerleader, received the Tyler Lowey Award recognizing an athlete who has overcome adversity. He returned to perform at WolfPack games after undergoing heart surgery.

Syd Williams received the “Newcomer of the Year” award for her accomplishments in her first year on the women’s basketball team. Williams was also named Canada West rookie all-star and rookie of the year.

The WolfPack was the top fundraiser during the 2013 Postmedia/Kamloops Daily News “Raise-a-Reader” campaign. The men’s volleyball team raised $1,493.61, while men’s basketball raised $1,005.99, making the WolfPack the top money generator for children’s literacy initiatives in Kamloops for the third straight year.

Tajysa Worsfold received the Cliff Neufeld Award for her achievements as a third-year player on the women’s basketball team as well as her community involvement.

Alan Shaver presents the Dr. Roger H. Barnsley Scholar Athlete Award to winners Brett Rouault and Jorri Doxbury.
Achievements  continued

CREDENTIALS EARNED
Congratulations to TRU faculty and Staff who received their master’s or PhD in the past two years. If you know someone who has achieved theirs please email the name of the recipient, title of degree and institution to president@tru.ca.

► Christine Anderson, TRU World: Master of Arts International and Intercultural Communication, Royal Roads University.
► Lucille Anderson, Biological Sciences: Master of Education in Curriculum & Instruction, Concordia University.
► Dr. Irwin DeVries, Open Learning: PhD in Curriculum Theory and Implementation, Simon Fraser University.
► Susan Forseille, Career Education: Master of Education in Career Development, Thompson Rivers University.
► Dr. Kyra Garson, TRU World: Doctorate in Educational Leadership, Simon Fraser University.
► Sarah Graham, Admissions and Records: Master of Education, Simon Fraser University.
► Dr. Cindy James, Assessment Centre: Doctorate in Educational Studies, University of British Columbia.
► Linda Komori, Marketing and Communications: Master of Arts in Communications and Technology, University of Alberta.
► Sukh Heer Matonovich, Centre for Student Engagement: Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership, Royal Roads University.
► Shawn Read, Career Education: Master of Arts in Learning and Technology, Royal Roads University.
► Diana Skoglund, Marketing and Communications: Master of Arts in Mass Communications and Society, University of Leicester.
► Dr. Iain Stewart-Patterson, Adventure Studies Department: Cross-disciplinary PhD through the Moray House School of Education, University of Edinburgh.
► Sara Wolfe, Student Services: Master of Education in Teaching and Learning, University of British Columbia.

Publications

PRESENTATIONS
► Marion Hannaford, Admissions and Records
► Chris Hunt, Law
► Lindsay Langill, Trades & Technology

JOURNALS
► Jianzhong (James) Gu, Architectural & Engineering Technology
► Chris Hunt, Law
► George M. Johnson, English and Modern Languages
► Kristen Marini, MSc student and Matthew Reudink, Biological Sciences

CHAPTERS
► Susan Duncan, Nursing
► Joe McIntyre, Law

BOOKS
► Karen Hofmann, English and Modern Languages
Upcoming Events

► April 28
Guidance Counsellor Day
TRU will host guidance counsellors from across the province at this newly designed event. Counsellors will participate in a campus tour and collaborate with TRU staff and faculty.

► Apr. 28
Winter 2014 exam period ends.

► Apr. 29 to May 2
Orientation for New International Students
TRU will welcome new international students with four days of orientation on campus and in the community.

► April 30
Last Day to Apply for Fall and Winter Programs
Applications are due for all Fall 2014 and Winter 2015 semester-based programs.

► April 30
New Employee Orientation
The Winter 2014 session will welcome new employees and provide valuable insights from current staff and faculty, a campus tour and a networking opportunity to get to know new co-workers.
www.tru.ca/hr/stafforientation

► May 1
A Day of Arts and Science
Grade 11 students have an opportunity to discover TRU through a range of specially-created classes presented by the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Science.
www.tru.ca/arts_science

► May 5
Summer Session Begins
First day of classes for students enrolled in Summer Session.

► May 16
Eligibility to Graduate
Last day for program advisors to submit lists of students eligible to graduate.

► June 11–14
Convocation
Spring Convocation will be made up of six ceremonies spanning four days at the Tournament Capital Centre. A highlight will be the first graduating class of the Faculty of Law.
www.tru.ca/convocation