

# THE OPUS SHOWCASE



## WHO ARE WE

OPUS is the Organization of Part-time Undergraduate University of Windsor Students, a student group made up of volunteer part-time students who advocate on behalf of students. OPUS was established in 1969 to provide a means for part time students to have their voices heard on campus.

As OPUS, we believe that part-time students have different needs, concerns and problems distinct from the rest of the student body. These students work hard to balance their many responsibilities of home, family, work and education. OPUS attempts to help students cope with the additional pressures of studies and the adjustment to an academic environment.

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# OPUS

## Are you a Part-Time Student?

The Organization of Part Time University Students (OPUS) is the student body at the University of Windsor, which represents the part-time undergraduate students. A part-time student is defined as anyone registered in 3 or less courses, during a semester. OPUS is led by a volunteer Executive Board of Directors who are all part time students. The executives, along with the volunteers continue the OPUS Assembly of Representatives, which meet once a month during the academic year.

- Learn you are not alone
- Meet fellow part-time students
- Become better informed about issues that affect you on campus
- Help part-time voices to be heard
- Advocate for benefits to you and others like you
- A chance to become a Board of Directors and serve on internal committees
- Volunteer Opportunities such as an OPUS Associate
- OPUS Awards and Bursaries and Free Tuition Draw each year!
- Orientation for Part-Time students, Annual BBQ, Socials, Potlucks, etc. So many fun events!

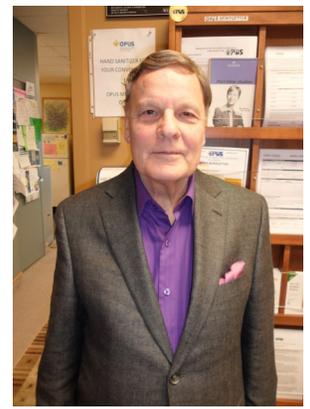
## Benefits to YOU!

## What do we do?

The primary goal of OPUS is to ensure equal opportunity to quality education for all part-time undergraduate students. The greatest function that OPUS performs is that of advocacy, through its participation in the decision making process of university government. OPUS is concerned with both the academic and social well-being of their students. OPUS offers a number of programs and services in order for students to excel. Additionally, there are 21 awards & bursaries offered during Fall and Winter semesters.

# Edward King

## OPUS President



*“The things you are passionate about are not random, they are your calling”*

Hello Students,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Organization of Part-time University Students (OPUS), I would like to welcome all part-time students to the University of Windsor. We hope that your time at the University will be fulfilling. OPUS represents part-time students, including distance education students, provides a number of services and advocates for students. We host orientation events for new students in January and August. We also have a number of activities for part-time students including a barbecue, an awards dinner, some potluck lunches, and several meetings with speakers on topics such as financial awards, student rights and responsibilities, stress management, and academic help. We are also members of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and through this organization we lobby both the Federal and Provincial governments. We also offer a health plan to our members with our CFS membership at a very competitive price.

We are primarily an advocacy organization. I am a voting member of the Board of Governors, which makes all financial decisions on behalf of the University. Along with three other OPUS members, I also sit on the Senate that makes the academic decisions for the University. Members of OPUS sit as voting members on all Senate Committees as well as many other committees at the University. In this way, we are able to represent the interests of part-time students on all issues both academic and financial. If you have a problem or think that any policies at the University should be changed, you can come to the OPUS office or email us at [OPUS@uwindsor.ca](mailto:OPUS@uwindsor.ca), and we will see that the issue is taken to the appropriate committee.

We have an excellent “History of OPUS” written by Mary Schisler, a past president of OPUS. It is available online ([www.uwindsor.ca/OPUS](http://www.uwindsor.ca/OPUS)) or you can find a hard copy in the office.

I would recommend getting involved at the University outside of classes if your schedule allows. Going to the gym, being on an intramural team, joining a club or society, or getting involved with your students’ union will make your university experience richer.

I am also pleased to inform everyone that the OPUS Board of Directors' approved \$5,000 toward the Syrian Refugee Support Program for the 016-17 academic year. Thank you to the Student Affairs office for giving us the opportunity to contribute to the refugee crisis in Syria. On behalf of OPUS, we really appreciate what the university is doing for this cause and we want to thank everyone involved with these efforts. We were also pleased to hear that the university is contributing the remainder of the funds required to support these student refugees.

*Respectfully yours,*

*Dr. Edward King*

# Edward King

A Retiring KING!



“We would like to wish the president of OPUS a happy retirement after twenty years of hard work and commitment to his job here at the University of Windsor. It is hard to believe that this will be his final term at OPUS and we are wishing a most heartfelt farewell to a great colleague, companion, and friend”.

*Executive Director,  
Maryan Amalow*

Please turn to pg. 10 to enjoy a special feature of highlights and memories in celebration of Mr. Edward King

# Edward King, OPUS President



Throughout my life I have prided myself on my commitment to philanthropy and had the privilege of being honoured for my commitment with many awards both on and off of campus. In 2006 I was awarded the University of Windsor Clark Award and in 2008 awarded with the OPUS Lifetime Achievement Award. Outside of my awards on campus, I, alongside my wife Pauline have been honoured for our Volunteer work by United Way, for Volunteer of the Year, by the Catholic Family Services, information Windsor, Windsor Rotary, Retired Seniors Volunteer Program, and the Ontario Government. I am proud of the work and the people I have met throughout my life and all the special relationships that will last an eternity. I will miss being apart of a great team here at OPUS and apart of the University of Windsor at large. With my retirement quickly approaching, I often sit and reflect on how bittersweet this new chapter will be for me. A reflection of how far my journey has taken me and where I hope it continues to go. It will be a nice adjustment and I will miss the responsibility of daily duties that have long accompanied me, but I am also looking forward to all of the future opportunities that are in store. I hope this new chapter of my life continues to encourage, motivate and inspire me in ways that I can continue to do the same in all my future endeavors.

*Sincerely, Edward King.*

# PHOTOS OF ED..



**“Everyday may not be good, but there is something good in every day”**



**“We don't always remember the days, we remember the moments.”**



# OPUS Executives, Staff & Work Study Students!!!

*CELEBRATING THE PAST 20 YEARS FOR DR. KING*



# Maryan Amalow

## OPUS Executive Director

*"We must find time to stop and thank the people*



Dear Members,

On behalf of the Organization of Part-Time University Students (OPUS), I am delighted to extend much appreciation and greetings to everyone making use of our newsletter edition which has very invaluable information. This is your guide to updates of what has happened at OPUS throughout the past year.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of OPUS to welcome all part-time student members to the University of Windsor. I would like to begin my report by thanking the many people associated with OPUS who have made this past year an enjoyable and memorable one, with events like the OPUS Awards, Potluck, Orientation, Head Start and OPUS Part-Time Fall and Winter Social Receptions.

I am proud to be a part of the OPUS team and grateful for the assistance and support from the Board of Directors, our work-study students and our volunteers. What we have been able to achieve together this year has benefited our students and that makes all the hard work worthwhile. I would like to thank each one of you individually, but there is not enough space to mention everyone. I will just say a simple, collective THANK YOU to all!

I would like to thank the University community that has helped us achieve this success in advocating for part-time student rights and access to a better education at the University of Windsor. We are always striving to create awareness of our organization and have developed programs to support that goal. This past year our efforts have been directed at making clear the distinct advantages of facilitating the growth of the part-time student body by making services more user friendly and making more resources available for part-time students including our distance education members. OPUS strives to ensure that services are provided to meet the academic and social

needs of part-time undergraduates on campus at UWind-  
sor.

The objectives of OPUS services are to advance the quality of the total educational experience, in its broadest sense.

For part-time students the best possible undergraduate education means one in which part-time students has the option of participating equally in all aspects of campus life.

In addition, as a part-time student at the University of Windsor, you are a member of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). The CFS unites more than 600, 000 students across Canada and more than 350,000 students in Ontario. Together, we can effectively advocate for an accessible high quality post-secondary education system and for students' rights at both the federal and provincial levels of government.

This past year, for the first time OPUS along with the University held an online meeting with students in order to make the experience of our part-time and distance education students the best it can be. OPUS has been on the lookout for new services and programs for part-time and distance education students. Thank you all (part-time students, board members, health plan administrators, family members and volunteers) for your past and present involvement with OPUS. Your commitment and dedication have helped us to make OPUS a 'UNIQUE' student organization at the University of Windsor. I hope we can continue with this tradition in the coming years. I am confident that by working with our members and university partners, we can ensure that OPUS remains the best organization on campus by providing services and advocacy to meet and exceed the needs of the membership.

I am hoping part time students will be more active and involved in OPUS activities this upcoming year. "Working together works." Get connected with OPUS!

Truthfully, Maryan Amalow

# Steve Jancev

## OPUS Health Plan Administrator



*"May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears"*

Dear Members,

I'd like to welcome all part-time students to the University of Windsor and to the Organization of Part-Time University Students (OPUS). As the OPUS Health Plan Administrator, I manage the operations for the OPUS drug and dental plan including the handling of all student inquiries and ensuring that each issue is dealt with efficiently.

The OPUS Drug and Dental Plan is now providing its ninth year of service to part-time undergraduate students for the 2015-16 benefit year. This is by far the biggest service we provide for our students. Part-time undergraduate students have different needs from those of the student bodies on campus. As a student government that represents part-time undergraduate students at the University of Windsor, our first and primary commitment is to the OPUS membership.

The benefits plan provided by OPUS is based on a pay direct system through the insurance carrier, which is primarily Green Shield for drug and dental services. The pay direct feature benefits members who require and utilize the plan because they are not required to pay up front for a drug or dental claim in full and get reimbursed later. Students are only required to pay the difference they owe to the provider.

For students who wish to OPT-OUT of the OPUS Drug and Dental Plan, they must have existing comparable coverage and complete an OPT-OUT form online or in the OPUS office during the OPT-OUT period. Part-time students can also purchase benefits for their dependents for an additional fee. Distance education, co-op and senior students must OPT-IN to obtain this plan as they do not get charged through their student account. Detailed information regarding the plan can be found on the OPUS website at [www1.uwindsor.ca/OPUS/drug-dental-plan](http://www1.uwindsor.ca/OPUS/drug-dental-plan), on the Green Shield Student Centre at [www.greenshield.ca/sites/student/en/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.greenshield.ca/sites/student/en/Pages/default.aspx) websites or students can pick up information from the office.

*Sincerely,*

*Steve Jancev*



# Bernarda Doctor

## OPUS Vice-President

*“Spread love wherever you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier”*



Hello Students,

It is a privilege to represent you as a student advocate/supporter at OPUS! A well sustained, successful, thriving organization in this university community. On your behalf I am fully committed to preserving these qualities.

This past immediate past school year, OPUS Board and its administration initiated, put to work and still in process a strong Action Plan. Interactive and collaborative connects within the whole student community is one, which yours truly, took the opportunity to get started, by initiation social advocacy and different activities throughout the year such as The Syrian Refugee Crisis Sponsorship .

Our Beloved UWindsor OPUS  
Beloved OPUS,  
Our Alma Mater group  
Because of you, our Head, Heart, and  
Hands  
Are cared for,  
Though our studentship...  
We become critical thinkers,  
Our hearts fully sensitized,  
Our hands do auto-serve.

Metaphorically, planned Student Journeys are challenged and are tested for various reasons. I encourage you to be truly strong in your pursuit. As Plato's teaching goes, "Good actions give strength to ourselves and inspire action in others. You may find your needed multi-advocate in me, being trained in Multi-cultural Family Studies, retired teacher, philanthropist, music artist.

In heartfelt care and support for you all,  
*Bernarda (Berni) Camello- Doctor*

Because of UWindsor, our Alumnae are  
gifted,  
Cherishing, and growing Learnings you  
gave:  
Sharing success gained; supporting  
wanted needs.  
Humanely moulded we are for eternity.

Composed February 9, 2016

# Chris Baillargeon

## OPUS Treasurer

*“There are some people in life that make you laugh a little louder, smile a little bigger, and live just a little bit better”*



Dear OPUS members,

My name is Chris Baillargeon, and I am your elected Treasurer for this fine organization known OPUS. I have been involved on a volunteer basis for the past 10 years, in addition to completing a degree. As many of you can relate, it is a constant juggling act between school, work, family and other responsibilities shared in our individual lives away from attaining our individual goals and objectives towards success.

I have remained committed and involved with this organization, simply because I believe in its core values that in relation to the needs and issues of part-time student's on a daily basis. At OPUS, we represent your voice and advocate on your behalf at various committees, sub-committees and other events held on campus to further your rights in all capacities possible. We are continually pursuing your concerns and rights to improve the overall student experience.

I find myself thinking of direct involvement initiatives, that I not only find rewarding and definitive, but also inspiring and motivating. I would be remiss in not mentioning the involvement efforts we do yearly with the Food Bank Donation Drive. This not only creates value but it reinforces the desire and motivation in coming together to help meet the needs of individual students who cannot afford food allowance on top of a tuition.

Secondly, I would point my interests towards The Syrian Refugee Initiative. I cannot take personal credit for this “Drive to Action”, but myself and my colleagues have come together as an organization to be proud of, to fur-

ther support the lives of many who face difficult hurdles. I believe wholeheartedly in this initiative as well as many others we try to implemented for our students. The Strategic Plan Pillars was created to align our Mission, Vision and Values which is another action plan that expresses how truly passionate our organization is about our part time students and their rights.

Lastly, I would like to thank the individuals in the OPUS office who make it all happen on a consistent, daily basis which provide us board members with an opportunity to be proud to be a part of something great and to feel apart of a reliable and supportive network of people. OPUS offers the systems, resources and tools necessary to help encourage students' towards great success lye in their ability to harness your consistent perseverance.

I recently attended a Canadian Federation of Students conference which also shows such initiative on an ongoing basis recognizing individuals from the university campus-at-large including the various campaigns being instituted as we speak. One of its main campaign strategies is the continue efforts to eliminate high tuition fees in a fight for free Post-Secondary Education. From a grass-roots perspective, other countries have it...why can't we?

Respectfully,

*Chris Baillargeon, OPUS Treasurer*

# Canadian Federation of Students

## Ontario Office

*“The student movement is YOUR movement, get involved!”*

Dear OPUS members,

As a part-time student at the University of Windsor, you are a member of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). The CFS unites more than one-half million students across Canada and more than 300,000 students in Ontario. Together, we can effectively advocate for an accessible high quality post-secondary education system and for students’ rights to both the federal and provincial governments.

Students have accomplished much by working together. Earlier this year, the Ontario government announced an investment of more than \$1 billion in up-front, non-repayable grants to college and university students, including free college and university tuition for students from families with incomes of \$50,000 or less. This is a significant victory for equity and justice, as we know that low-income students are often Indigenous, students of colour, trans students, students with disabilities and students raised in single-parent homes. This win is a direct result of our Federation’s advocacy and campaigns that have for years called for grants not loans.

Your membership in the CFS also comes with many benefits that I hope you take advantage of. For those of you who are taking three courses, or are a student with a disability and taking 40 per cent of a full course load, you are eligible for the International Student Identity Card (ISIC). If you are taking fewer courses, make sure to get a Studentsaver discount card to access savings at stores in Windsor and across Ontario. In addition, right in time for tax season, you can also file your taxes online for free through [ufile.ca](http://ufile.ca). Visit [cfsontario.ca](http://cfsontario.ca) for more information about these and other services.

Grassroots campus organizing combined with cooperative student-owned services form the foundation of our collective work. As a member of the CFS, I invite you to take advantage of the cost-saving services available to you and to get involved in the campaigns for a fully accessible high quality public post secondary education system. For more information about the services and campaigns of the Federation, please talk to your representatives at OPUS or email [federation@cfsontario.ca](mailto:federation@cfsontario.ca).

Best of luck for the remainder of the term

CFS Ontario

# 13th Annual OPUS Barbeque



The Organization of Part-time University Students held another successful BBQ for all the students, staff & alumni. This event promised free food, drinks and a successful gathering!

*“There was a tremendous turnout,” said OPUS staffer Steve Jancev.*

*“Special thanks to Food and Catering Services, our volunteers and the UWindsor Photography Club for their support.”*

This event also provided our students with a wonderful opportunity to connect with an opportunity to meet

and greet with our University President Dr. Alan Wildeman and our Provost Dr. Douglas Kneale and our Dean of Students Dr. Clayton Smith . With enticing offers like FREE food and Drinks how could this event not be a major success!

In addition, a lucky student was able to win a free tuition bursary (up to \$1,500) was announced during and awarded to .



# Welcome to the OPUS Lounge

We welcome all students in our lounge area during office hours throughout the week as a place to relax, unwind, study and socialize. OPUS welcomes all students to make use of this facility and all of its amenities. Students have access to a microwave, water, tea, coffee, fridge, and toaster at no cost! This area was designed with students in mind and actively encourage student's opinions and comments on how we can always improve. This space is always available to student club groups and campus organizations at the University. Students are also have access to the lounge computers and printing/faxing/photocopying services at a discounted rate.



## **I love PIZZA, you love PIZZA, WE ALL LOVE PIZZA!!!!**

Opus has been hosting FREE pizza lunch for all students, faculty and staff since 2013 every Friday at 12:30 pm. We would like to thank and acknowledge the proud sponsorship from Dr. Miletic, the owner of the University's Campus Dental Centre. On behalf of all students, we sincerely thank the Campus Dental Centre for their generosity.



# 23rd Annual OPUS Awards Banquet

Opus celebrated its 23rd Annual Awards Banquet on March 26, 2015 with a successful turnout. This event was created to recognize and highlight the commitment of part time undergrad students, staff and faculty throughout the 2015 academic year. We, at OPUS understand the hard work and responsibility that accompanies students and staff on a regular basis in terms of school, work, family and community and we want to continue applauding your efforts.



*" Providing the topmost quality of service to students, faculty and staff in all academic areas is something that OPUS strives to achieve"*

# 2015 Annual General Meeting (AGM)



The AGM provides an opportunity for OPUS Members to review reports from the OPUS Board of Directors and Staff about the activities that OPUS has been involved with on campus over the past year and to assess the accomplishments that were experienced. Students also have the opportunity to ask questions to the OPUS Board of Directors who report back to students as they advocate on their behalf during committee activities. In addition, we'll be highlighting the OPUS Strategic plan initiatives and the action plan items for the 2015-16 year. The OPUS Vice President chaired this year's meeting as the President was away. Thanks to the Dean of Students Dr. Clayton Smith for attending.

# 5th Annual OPUS Appreciation Week

OPUS celebrated 46 years of excellent services and advocacy for part-time undergraduate students this year along with ringing in the 2015-2016 academic year. The welcome week took place between September 8th—11th, 2015.

Free gift packages were given out. One lucky part-time undergraduate student won a **FREE TUITION BURSARY**.

The winner of the free tuition ballot was announced at the Welcome Week BBQ on September 22nd, 2015.



# OPUS Potluck 2015

Every year, OPUS hosts a Potluck Luncheon in the OPUS student lounge where students, staff and faculty bring dishes from their perspective, unique and exquisite cultural cuisines.

It is a great way for everyone to get acquainted and learn about the amazing diversity that is found right here on campus. This year OPUS provided main course dishes, featuring an Arabic cuisine, along with coffee and beverages.



# OPUS Fall Social 2015

Student recipient of the Fall 2015 \$1,500 free tuition bursary sponsored by Alumni Association; Sameena Sultana, alongside OPUS Executive Director Maryan Amalow, President Edward King, Health Plan Administrator, Steve Jancev and Executive Director of the Alumni Affairs Patti Lauzon.



This years Fall Social was held in the CAW Ambassador Auditorium on October 22, 2015. Students had the opportunity to win the OPUS Bursary in addition to other monetary prizes. Green Shield Canada conducted the keynote presentation, followed by a Q&A. Green Shield Canada is the primary coverage provider for our students. Students and Staff were invited to enjoy FREE food and refreshments at the conclusion of the event.

***WINTER IS AN ETCHING, SPRING A WATERCOLOR, SUMMER ON OIL PAINTING AND AUTUMN A MOSAIC OF THEM ALL."***

*Stanley Horowitz*

# OPUS WINTER SOCIAL 2016

This year's Winter Social was hosted in the OPUS Student Lounge on February 10th, 2016. from 4:00-6:00 PM. The Vice-Provost, Student Affairs and Dean of Students at the University of Windsor, Dr. Clayton Smith gave opening remarks to the students in attendance. Students got an informative workshop from PNB on Immigration Policies and International Relations in order to broaden knowledge frames on International relations and student circumstances. Students in attendance got chances to win door prize raffles sponsored by the University of Windsor Alumni Association, Campus Dental Centre, Campus Bookstore & Pharmacy. Our very own OPUS Work Study Lubna Mohan won the \$250 cash prize offered by OPUS! After the workshop, pizza and refreshments were provided and shared by all. The OPUS Social events are a great way for students and board members to meet new people and network on campus.





University of Windsor

# Celebration of Nations

The World on Your Doorstep



## WE LOVE TO CEBERATE ALL NATIONS!

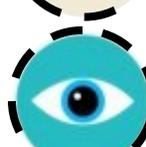
The celebration of Nations is an event that we at OPUS look forward to every year. With over 98 flags already being represented in our Student Common area (CAW) and the number of flags continue to grow. On March 3, the University of Windsor celebrated a culturally rich and diverse student body and Windsor community. The event featured a variety of performances, demonstrations and displays of food, dance, dress, and music!



# Drug and Dental Plans

## BENEFITS SUMMARY

For detailed information including booklet, ID Card & more, visit: [greenshield.ca/studentcentre](http://greenshield.ca/studentcentre)

	<b>Health Benefits</b>	<b>Reimbursement &amp; Maximum Allowance</b>
	Prescription drugs	80% per prescription or refill to a max of \$2,000 per person per benefit year
	Diabetic testing agents, needle/syringes	80% per prescription or refill to a max of \$200 per benefit year, combined with blood glucose monitors and lancets, limited to the overall drug maximum
	<b>Vision Care</b>	<b>Reimbursement &amp; Maximum Allowance</b>
	Eye Glasses/Contacts	\$150 every 24 months
	<b>Professional Services</b>	<b>Reimbursement &amp; Maximum Allowance</b>
	Speech Therapist, Podiatrist	\$20 per visit, up to max of 20 visits per practitioner, per benefit year
	Practitioner (chiropractor, physiotherapist)	\$20 per visit, up to a max of 20 visits for all practitioners combined per benefit year
	Homeopath, Naturopath, Acupuncturist, Registered Massage*	\$20 per visit, up to a max of 20 visits for all practitioners combined, per benefit year
	<b>Medical Services &amp; Items</b>	<b>Reimbursement &amp; Maximum Allowance</b>
	Blood Glucose Monitors and Lancets	\$200 per person per benefit year, combined with diabetic testing agents, needles/syringes
	Braces & Crutches	\$500 per person per benefit year
	Optometric Eye Exams	\$80 once every 24 months, beginning on date of first paid claim
	Orthotics & Footwear	\$200 per person per benefit year
	Prosthesis	\$1,500 per benefit year
	<b>Dental Benefits</b>	<b>Reimbursement &amp; Maximum allowance</b>
	Basic & Comprehensive Basic Services	60% of eligible charges, up to max of \$500 per covered person per benefit year
	Oral Surgery and Endodontics	60% of eligible charges, as part of the basic service max of \$500 per covered person per benefit year
	<b>Travel Benefits Summary</b>	<b>Maximum Plan Pays:</b>
	<b>Your plan covered:</b>	
	Maximum number of days per trip	60 days
	Emergency Services	\$5, 000 000 per covered person per benefit year
	Referral Services	\$50,000 per covered person per benefit year

# Strategic Plan 2015-2017

## Strategic Plan Pillars

### Student Advocacy

To be a leader and resource for part-time students advocating for their interests at the University of Windsor, provincially and nationally.

### Student Services

To provide meaningful and value added services to part-time students. Services that provide a collective and/or an individual benefit to enhance the part-time student university experience

### Student Engagement

Be a leader in providing opportunities for part-time students to engage with each other. Be an agent in promoting and advocating for best practices for student engagement in the learning environment and on campus

### Future Planning

Prepare OPUS for future challenges, ensure financial stability, succession planning and innovative ways to secure and expand OPUS services and viability

## 2014-2016 Accomplishments

- \*Continue committee work representation and monthly meeting reports on campus and at CFS events (All Board members)
- \*Policy/guidelines for monthly board meetings, conflict resolution and in-camera discussions
- \*Work with Nick Baker from CTL –Open Learning courses, online meetings, etc.
- \*How to streamline best practices/parameters for advocacy assistance.
- \*CFS delegates who are planning to attend a conference should also meet in advance of a CFS general meeting. (OPUS Staff and Board member (s))

\*Planning with University and UWSA for welcome celebration and other welcome week events. The welcome celebration, other activities for welcome week and annual appreciation week on September 22

- \*5th Annual Appreciation Week for Part-time students
- \*Organize orientation events for new students
- \*Downtown Campus Committee, format changing Accessibility sub-committees are decentralized/fragmented

\*Holiday charity: Iona College Food Bank Spring Open House  
\*Spring Open House

- \*Policy development monthly board meetings, conflict resolution and in-camera discussions. (Policy / Procedure / Process Target draft completions)
- \*Review Strategic Plan at monthly board meetings
- \*Funding for Awards/ Bursaries and Annual Awards banquet

## Planned/Accomplishments for 2015-2017

- \*Advocate for more non-traditional courses (ie. Evening, online, weekend) incl. 300-400 level
- \*Offer more than just certificate programs for online and weekends
- \*Maintain coalition with GSS and UWSA to collaborate and discuss collective student interests
- \*Senate members from OPUS, UWSA and GSS to meet prior to a senate meeting
- \*Approach student committee, research other institutions and create a letter campaign
- \*Have CFS representative be an event guest speaker and/or board members update students on what CFS is about/issues/campaigns. Appoint CFS board member liaisons.

- \*Investigate OPUS presence downtown and develop ideas/plan.
- \*Bus pass for downtown campus and offer some free passes on occasion.
- \*Bike share program, look into feasibility and research how car share was formed.

- \***Organize a student run charitable event (food bank or other). OPUS organized successful food drive with Iona College Student food bank.**
- \*Increase OPUS awareness using social media and implement new ways (Instagram, Tumblr, etc.)  
**Created OPUS Director at Large Tumblr account.**
- \*Organize a Workshop/Guest speaker event. OPUS organized series of workshops in Jan/Feb. 2016 with View Wide International Group.

- \*Expand involvement in OPUS beyond board members.
- \*Revenue streams; investigate ideas to increase OPUS funds.  
\*Research/apply for Strategic Priority fund.  
Board approved \$5,000 toward the Syrian Student Refugee support program for the 2016-17 academic year.

# Awards and Bursaries



The Organization of Part-time University Students (OPUS) will be recognizing part-time undergraduate students, staff and faculty at our 24th Annual Awards Banquet on Thursday, March 24, 2016. These awards will celebrate and recognize contributions made by the campus community.

## 2015 -2016 OPUS Awards:

- Lifetime Achievement Award
  - Friend of Students Award
  - Teacher of the Year Award
- Volunteer of the Year Award
  - Support Staff Award(s)
    - Faculty Award(s)
    - Appreciation award
- Disability Campus Community Recognition Award
- Student with Disability Achievement Award
- Alumni Association Academic Achievement Award
- Alumni Association First Year Part-Time Undergraduate Student Award
- Wayne Girard Leadership Memorial (OPUS) Award
  - Ken Long Memorial (OPUS) Award
  - Dr.Kathleen McCrone (OPUS) Award
- Mary C. Schisler (OPUS) Award in Dramatic Art

## 2015 -2016 OPUS Bursaries/ Scholarships:

- 2 Alumni Association Part-time Undergraduate Student Bursaries
  - 5 Jeanne Latessa/Iannetta (OPUS) Bursaries
- 2 OPUS Part-time Undergraduate International Student Bursaries
- 1 OPUS Part-time Undergraduate Distance Education Student Bursary
  - 1 Academic Second Chance Scholarship



# 2015 Award Recipients

**Anthony Meloche**, OPUS Vice President.  
*OPUS Lifetime Achievement Award*

**Bruce Tucker**, Office of the Provost & Vice-President, Academic.

*OPUS Friend of Students Award*

**Dr. Brian MacPherson**, Philosophy

*Teacher of the year Award.*

**Dr. Shelagh Towson**, Psychology,

**Prof. Brian E. Brown**, Visual Arts.

*OPUS Faculty Award(s)*

**Martin Deck**, Campus Bookstore,

**Martin Vaughan**, Centre for Teaching & Learning (CTL),

**Susan McKee**, Creative Arts.

*OPUS Support Staff Award(s)*

**Campus Dental Centre**,

**Erin Plumb, Mahbub Khoda, Mike Livingston & Peter Soteros**, Directors 'at Large.

*OPUS Appreciation Award(s)*

**Jacqueline Lee**

*Alumni Association Academic Achievement (OPUS) Award*

**Renee Blanchette**

*Alumni Association First Year Part-Time (OPUS) Award*

**Nicole Lynch**

*Wayne Girard Memorial Leadership (OPUS) Award*

**Christopher McCoy**

*Dr. Kathleen McCrone (OPUS) Award*

*OPUS Bursaries 2015 (valued at \$500 each) were also given to 10 part-time undergraduate students including two international & one for a distance education student. Bursaries are chosen based on financial need (2 sponsored by Alumni Association)*

# Our Objective for 2016



To represent part time students at the University of Windsor in matters affecting university life

To work with other student organizations for the achievement of common objectives;

To promote equal access and opportunity to all education and services at the University for part time students;

To assist and encourage part time students in their academic achievement



OPUS ED Maryan Amalow with Former Ward 2 City of Windsor Councillor Ron Jones who is also a part-time student!

To help provide information of events and services in the University campus to all members of OPUS

To provide them time to time, with the help and participation of the members, extracurricular activities for members to enhance their university experiences;

To encourage all members to become active participants in the Organization and to afford opportunity for giving expression to their opinions upon all questioning bearing on or affecting their interests.

***We want to continue to support and advocate for our students by encouraging diversity, respect and opportunity.***



# Message from Work Study

have  
courage  
&  
be  
kind



Work study students (l to r); Sherry Wahid, Lubna Mohan, Renee Campbell and Robert Wong

Positive Mind.  
Positive Vibes.  
Positive Life.

## **Renee Campbell (editor)**

This was my first year working in the OPUS office as a work study student and I truly have to say, of all the previous work study positions I have had the pleasure of working, this job has been my favourite. The people, the atmosphere, the laughter and memories shared are ones that I will hold dear to my heart. Thank you Maryan, Steve & Ed for welcoming me to the team :)

## **Sherry Wahid (editor)**

It has been my pleasure working with a lovely team of hardworking, supportive, and dedicated team of individuals at the OPUS office this year. The staff and members of OPUS have an admirable drive to advocate and provide services for part-time undergraduate students. I am delighted that I had the opportunity to be part of such an inspiring organization.

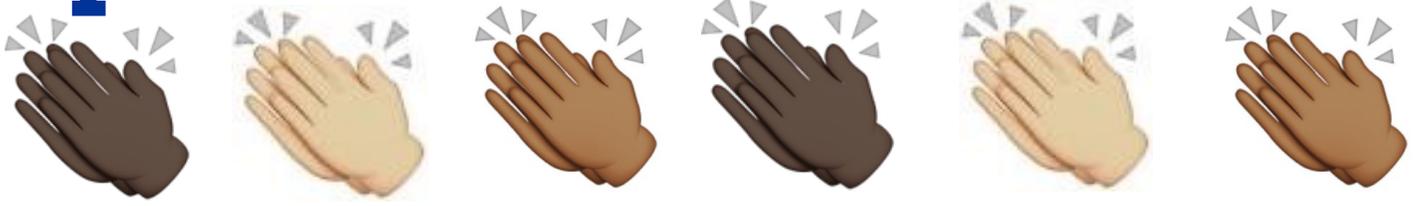
## **Lubna Mohan**

I knew of OPUS before working here. It had, and still does, an atmosphere that was very welcoming and warm. That was one of the major reasons I chose to work here. I am really thankful to Maryan and Steve for being great mentors and I am grateful for the new set of skills and memories this organization has instilled in me. Thank you for such a wonderful experience.

## **Robert Wong**

It's been a fun working in the OPUS office, I've thoroughly enjoyed my Work Study experience in OPUS. I've enjoyed working with the office staff and making new friends within the OPUS community. I'm glad I had the privilege to become apart of the organization which truly upholds and respects their students' rights, serves to help them, and embraces multi-culturalism.

# Special Thanks to OPUS!!



“OPUS has helped me so much with the health and dental plan”

Thank  
You

Thank you!  


“I love coming to the OPUS office . The staff are always friendly and welcoming”

“Thank you Steve and Maryan for letting me study and use the kitchen area to warm my lunches in between my busy class schedule. It has been very helpful this semester. THANK

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THANK YOU!

“As a student getting free food is always a plus and the free pizza is a big plus”.

“OPUS has had a lot of great events where I was able to meet and network with a lot of other part time students and staff “!

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THANK YOU

“For all the great work you do for the students at the University of Windsor, we applaud you. Thank you for making us a priority and advocating for us to have our voices heard”

“Thank you UWindsor for always being there for me. Everyone at the university has been extremely friendly and nice for the 8 years I spent completing my undergrad & grad degrees. I would like to especially thank OPUS. My wife is currently a part-time student here too!” Dwayne Barris

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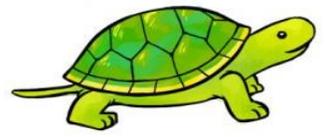
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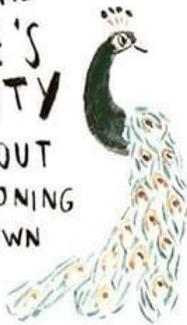
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**We enjoyed working on the 2016 Newsletter. It has been an incredible year at OPUS UWindsor. We'd like to thank OPUS for such a great opportunity.**