



Organization of Part-time  
University Students  
University of Windsor  
Canadian Federation of Students Local 106

# ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

*Students  
advocating  
for  
students!*

## WHAT IS OPUS?

### Your Part-Time Student Union!

The Organization of Part-Time University Students (OPUS) is a student organisation supplying part-time undergraduate students with programmes and support for University of Windsor. OPUS has a long history on campus, and was established in 1969 to provide part-time students with a means to hear their voices on campus.



2020



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## OUR MISSION & MANDATE

OPUS IS A DYNAMIC ORGANIZATION THAT ADVOCATES AND PROMOTES A REWARDING UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR EXPERIENCE FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS. WE BELIEVE THAT PART-TIME & MATURE STUDENTS HAVE DIFFERENT NEEDS, CONCERNS DISTINCT FROM THOSE OF THE REST OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY.

THESE STUDENTS WORK HARD TO BALANCE THEIR MANY RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOME, FAMILY, WORK AND EDUCATION.

OPUS STRIVES AND ADVOCATES TO HELP STUDENTS COPE WITH THE ADDITIONAL PRESSURE OF STUDIES AND THE ADJUSTMENT TO AN ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT.

# OPUS



# OPUS BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

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**WORK STUDY STUDENT**

**PRIYATHARSHINI SADANANDAM**



# OPUS Welcomes the University of Windsor seventh President and Vice-Chancellor

**ROBERT GORDON**

Dr. Gordon's appointment was effective September 1, 2019 and follows his term as Provost and Vice-President, Academic at Wilfrid Laurier University which began in July 2018. Gordon, a leading authority on environmental issues and agricultural engineering in Canada, previously served as the university's Vice-President, Research. Before joining Laurier, Gordon was dean of the Ontario Agricultural College at the University of Guelph, where he led the largest agriculture and food faculty in Canada. Gordon has also served in various academic and administrative capacities, including as dean of research at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College — now the Faculty of Agriculture at Dalhousie University.

He held a Canada Research Chair in Environmental Resource Management while at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College. He also headed the environmental management section of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture, where he administered the province's Environmental Farm Plan Program. Gordon earned bachelor and master's degrees in engineering from McGill University, and a PhD in Land Resource Science from the University of Guelph. Throughout his leadership roles, Gordon has also maintained a strong research profile. He has published more than 160 refereed journal articles, and has supervised more than 50 graduate students, and eight post-doctoral fellows during his career.





# A MESSAGE FROM OPUS PRESIDENT

**CHRIS BAILLARGEON**

My name is Chris Baillargeon, and I am currently your elected President for the Organization of Part-time University Students for the 2019/2020 semester year.

I have been involved with OPUS for a few years. As many of you know, it can be a constant juggling act between school, work, family and other commitments to keep on track with your future endeavours. This especially becomes apparent with the financial commitment one makes in pursuing their goals and meeting overall expectations towards success. As President, I remain involved with this organization due to its core values and commitment to believing in students, as well as, advocating for part-time students throughout the campus community in various capacities by addressing your concerns as the need arises. We continue to improve the overall student experience through constant growth and change. We work together to inspire and motivate you to be your very best.

Part of this is accomplished through involvement in various initiatives on campus such as social events held throughout the semester, orientation, Friday pizza days and the annual OPUS BBQ. Our Strategy, commitment and goals continue to help guide our organization's mission, vision and values to deliver on our services.

Lastly, I would like to thank the OPUS staff for their continued dedication and commitment in making it all happen on a consistent, daily basis for students, board members and the greater university community-at-large. OPUS offers the systems, resources and supports necessary to help encourage students' enthusiasm to be a great success. Get involved, get connected! You are the voice that will make change for the better. We offer a lounge for students to study, rest, socialize with their fellow peers. This is all inclusive of what is provided to you as a part-time student to further your goals and make your student experience a memorable one here on campus.





# A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MARYAM AMALOW

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Organization of Part-Time University Students (OPUS), I would like to offer a warm welcome from the University of Windsor. To all of the new and returning students at the University of Windsor, welcome! I am very pleased with your decision to attend UWindsor, and I am sure that before long Windsor, especially OPUS, will feel like a second home. I would like to begin my message by thanking 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, Educational and Wellness Workshops.

We, as devoted members of OPUS, celebrated our 50th year anniversary in March of 2019. We awarded staff and faculty members who have been committed to part-time student advocacy and leadership. I am proud to be the Executive Director for a very strong and diverse organization within which we have been advocating for part-time & mature students for such a long period of time. Our 50th anniversary will forever be embedded within history as the day in which all our achievements were celebrated. I hope to continue providing an excellent experience for all part-time and mature students at the University of Windsor.

I am proud to be a part of the OPUS team and grateful for the assistance and support from the Board of Directors, our staff 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 will just say a simple and collective THANK YOU to everyone!

Our focus is to emphasize the importance of remaining as a member of OPUS in order to take advantage of all of our amazing services, including financial support such as bursaries and scholarships. We provide access to an excellent space that students can utilize which includes computers, printer, a kitchen, as well as a lounge area. The OPUS office is accessible to everyone and is a one-stop shop for information pertaining to part-time and mature students. We have four senators that represent you the senate committee to ensure that your rights are protected and that the part-time and mature students experience at the University of Windsor continues to be a great one. This includes maintaining the quality of both: academic programming, specifically that the University continue to offer a rich variety of academic disciplines and fund diverse research; and services available to students, including academic counseling, writing help, psychological services, career counseling, services for students with a disability, and many other valuable student resources.

OPUS has been on the lookout for new services and programs for part-time, mature and distance education students. There are many sponsors who helped contribute to our activities throughout the years. We thank them dearly for supporting our members.

Your commitment and dedication have helped us to make OPUS a 'UNIQUE' student organization at 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. Working together works.



***Get connected with OPUS! Students advocating for Students.***



# A MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH PLAN ADMINISTRATOR

**STEVE JANCEV**

Dear Members,

I'd like to welcome all part-time and mature undergraduate students to the University of Windsor. As the Benefits Plan Administrator, I manage the operations for the OPUS Drug and Dental Plan including the handling of all student inquiries and ensuring that each matter is dealt with efficiently. OPUS has been proud to provide this essential service to students for over 13 years. Our benefits plan provider is Green Shield Canada along with the Canadian Federation of Students.

Our insurance coverage is based on a pay direct system where students are not required to pay up-front and wait to get reimbursed later like some other student plans. Students are only required to pay out of pocket and wait for reimbursement later during the blackout period while we wait to receive the enrolment data from the university.

We're excited that our insurance provider worked to bring BEACON to the health and dental plan effective Sept 1, 2019. BEACON uses a heavily researched and proven effective mental health support therapy called cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT). This service allows students to connect with mental health professionals and provide CBT digitally. Students can access BEACON through their benefits plan, using the psychology benefit \$500 per year combined, including \$300 per year for the BEACON program.

Visit <https://info.mindbeacon.com/gsc-students> for more information.

For more information about this vital service, visit [uwindsor.ca/OPUS/drug-dental-plan](http://uwindsor.ca/OPUS/drug-dental-plan) or [student.greenshield.ca](http://student.greenshield.ca).





# A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

**DIANA MARION**



Yes we are here! Your University of Windsor student organizations still advocate for you. I am Diana Marion your VP and we are OPUS, your student organization for part time and mature undergraduate students at the University of Windsor. Thanks to our student membership, student government still thrives. We are here to serve you. We work hard to provide solutions for you. As office staff, work study students, board members and executive members we are all of us dedicated to being the best we can be as servants to you, our student membership. Do not hesitate to visit our office, contact us, or stop us in the hallways to voice your concerns.

Please do consider the OPUS lounge as your lounge. Engage with your student organisation and attend our many events. We offer bursaries, door prizes, swag bags, and awards, but mostly, we offer a companion on the journey that is the part time student of University of Windsor. OPUS for me is an Optimistic Presence Unifying Students and I am its VP here to advocate and to serve.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

**SAMEENA SULTANA**



There can be many situations that can lead to a number of challenges, and require you to prepare ahead of time before considering any of your school work. I have achieved a BA in Child Psychology, and an Honors BA in Developmental Psychology while studying part-time. Without OPUS, I would not have started my education or simply wouldn't have been able to achieve it. I have been involved with OPUS for over four years and currently, your Treasurer. It's an honor to be given the opportunity to be your voice and to represent your interests in various committees. It's our mission to advocate for you on issues and concerns that could affect your academic life. We would love to hear any feedback or ideas you might have, or you can drop it off in our suggestion box outside the OPUS office. We would be very happy if we could be of any assistance to you in any way possible.



# A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR AT LARGE

**BERNARDA DOCTOR**



Please know that I am driven to do humanitarian efforts on your behalf. It is at this time of my life that creating music has become important – a synergy that blends my mind, emotions and deeds – spontaneous expressions of my faith in God (and the Holy Spirit in me). As a result, approval of our university anthem "[Beloved U-Windsor](#)" is in progress. Sing it with great pride! For over 21 years, I sustained (and will keep going) my part-time studentship for obvious reasons: CARE/SERVICE for ALL! I need ongoing self-growth alongside my students in Windsor and Essex/Tecumseh communities. I am with the Student Senate Caucus, Residential speaking on your behalf.... Please be in touch if you wish!

# A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR AT LARGE

**DONNA PATERSON**



Serving as an OPUS Board member for a second term has been a great opportunity to be a voice for our part time student members. I have had the opportunity to participate on committees such as the Student Senate Caucus and Implementation Committees, Leadership courses, OPUS BBQ's, Awards banquets and Social events. OPUS is a positive, driving force within the University that values the part time student experience. As a past recipient of a bursary award the benefits have supported me not only financially, but also as an opportunity to be a part of an advocacy group that upholds their mission statement. Come and see the opportunities that await you on your journey.



# A MESSAGE FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

**DR. EDWARD KING**

Although I am not as involved with OPUS as much I was during my years as President, I am still very active. This past year I remained on the Senate and also served on Senate Governance which appointed the recipients for honorary degrees at Convocation. Additionally I served on the University Library Administrative Committee, the Library Committee on Permanence, Renewal and Promotion and several Library Search Committees. I was also a member of UCAPT which deals with the renewal, promotion and tenure of faculty members.. OPUS advocates effectively for part-time students and in cooperation with UWSA and GSS for all students.

We are also on the Provincial Executive Committee of the Canadian Federation of Students where I served for many years as the provincial representative for OPUS. We offer many benefits to our members including an excellent health plan, advocacy generally and individual help for students with problems whether academic or personal.

We also represent part-time distance education students. We have an excellent "History of OPUS" written by the late Mary Schisler, a past president of OPUS. I would strongly recommend getting involved at the University of Windsor outside of classes. This will make your life at the University richer and involved students do better academically.



# A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR AT LARGE

**JANICE MCADAM**

Throughout the year, OPUS hosts many events to promote our commitment to you. A recent event, the Winter Social, held on February 13, 2020 was a huge success. One of the many guest speakers was Bill Marra from Hotel Dieu - Grace Healthcare. He described the support offered to the community who are in need of mental health assistance. Another guest was Lori Maisenville, a therapeutic facilitator who described this

method as an alternative to reducing stress.

More examples of OPUS' successful activities are the free pizzas offered every Friday; this event is always an opportunity to meet the hard working staff of OPUS and mingle with other students. If you have not had the opportunity to visit OPUS, please drop in to see the wonderful facility, which is located at the CAW centre.





# SECRETARIAL STAFF



## FATIMA LATIF

OPUS has taught me great things since day one. Thank you for helping me improve my skills and decision-making skills as a Communications Coordinator along with balancing it with my engineering degree. OPUS is fantastic organization it makes me will forever grateful for the knowledge & adroitness that I have gained working under OPUS. You make it easy to want to work hard.

## AMANDA ABUGU

Working at OPUS as an Administrative Clerk has been such a fascinating work and life experience. I have already learnt so much and met so many wonderful people. It is great to work with a team that is like family to me. There are always so many fun events at OPUS so please do join us and make use of our great services!! ☺



## PRIYA SADANANDAM

An amazing workplace for any Ignite Work Study Student!! OPUS is a great organisation to work with. A very positive work environment where I got the opportunity to learn, grow and evolve while working along with amazing people. I'll forever cherish this experience. :)

## GURWINDER KAUR

My time at OPUS has been productive and enjoyable. I thought that as an administrative assistant my job will be simply keeping everything filed and organized and scheduled. But actually I learned that admin is the building block of the entire office, makes everyone's lives function more smoothly and with good access to information when they need it. "OPUS is the back bone of part time students. Thanks for choosing me!"





# A MESSAGE FROM A PART-TIME ALUMNI

**CHRISTIE NELSON**

During my 9 years as a part-time student at the University of Windsor, there are many lessons I learned including the following: you cannot know everything, networking is one of the keys to success, all students have commonality, education has no end (initially stated and reinforced by my father), you must do the work, there are no shortcuts to success, get to know your professors, learn how to leverage your connections, ask questions in lectures, make mistakes only to learn from them and never be afraid to ask for help!

As a mature student, a mom, a filmmaker, artist and part-time employee for the Windsor-Essex Compassion Care Community (Communications Consultant), being a part-time student at the University of Windsor came with its challenges but the benefits outweighed this, making me feel unstoppable. That's right, with my child on my hip, pen in one hand, notebook in the other, having assignments, working hours at my job, with passion and poise, I managed to complete my undergrad in Communications Media and Film all while maintaining a level head. No road worth travelling is travelled alone, so I had some great support along the way including Student Accessibility Services, friends, family, professors, and the Organization of Part-time University Students otherwise known as OPUS. OPUS truly helped give me a space where I could get work done while enjoying others company and in 2016 OPUS recognized me with the Wayne Girard Leadership Memorial Award which was truly encouraging.

During this life changing academic journey, I have concluded that life is less about finding yourself, and more about creating yourself. Through education and experience, all of this is made possible and when you have the support you need, the creation process is even better. This is where OPUS steps in. Be it a space to meet people, study or eat, a smiling face to greet you or someone to provide you with the encouragement or insight you need to get through the day, OPUS can be and has been that support. Thank you.



**DISCOVER  
THE PATHWAY  
TO YOUR  
POTENTIAL**



COME LEARN ABOUT OUR PART-TIME PROGRAMS  
AND YOU COULD WIN A \$500 BURSARY!

Students are eligible to receive full health & dental insurance coverage.

**Connect with OPUS!**

Ambassador Auditorium  
CAW Student Centre  
University of Windsor

RSVP to 519-971-3603 or  
opus@uwindsor.ca



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of Windsor





*“Our hearts break today for all the families that have lost loved ones,” said UWindsor president Robert Gordon. “We mourn as the world mourns with us at the loss of promise and possibility.”*

## IN MEMORY OF 5 PLANE CRASH VICTIMS - OUR LANCERS...

The University of Windsor confirmed five members of their university community were on a Ukrainian passenger plane that crashed in Iran. Dozens of Canadians, many of them students, were among the 176 people killed when the plane crashed minutes after takeoff from Tehran's main airport, Ukraine's government said on Wednesday. The five wonderful souls— biology research assistant Samira Bashiri, engineering doctoral candidates Hamidreza Setareh Kokab, Pedram Jadidi, and Zahra Naghibi, and her spouse Mohammad Abbaspour Ghadi — had “unlimited” potential to add to human discovery according to various members of the university community.

The five were among 176 passengers, many of them university students and some professors, bound for Canada. There were a total of 167 passengers and nine crew on board Ukraine International Airline Flight PS752. All 176 people died when the Boeing 737-800 crashed minutes after taking off from Tehran’s Imam Khomeini International Airport en route first to the Ukrainian capital Kyiv.

**THE MEMORY OF YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN OUR HEARTS. - OPUS**



# OPUS SERVICES

## ADVOCACY

At the university level: by serving on numerous committees where decisions affecting part-time & mature students are made.

We address issues such as accessibility, course and program offerings, fees, student services, quality of student life and more.

Beyond the university level: OPUS activities include liaising with other part-time & mature student associations from other universities, working with the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) to develop and maintain relationships with local MP's and MPP's, lobbying efforts concerning part-time & mature student issues, researching and collecting data on part-time & mature student trends.

## STUDENT LIFE

Lounge, Study & Kitchen Area

Newsletter

Printing, Faxing & Photocopying

Information Sessions/ Workshops

Health & Wellness

Professional Development

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES STUDENT SERVICES

Drug & Dental Plan

Awards & Bursaries

Bus Pass

Free Tuition & Orientation Bursaries for New Students

Free Welcome BBQ

Volunteer Opportunities

Student Refugee Support Program

Free Pizza Fridays for all Students

Student Funding Support





# OPUS OBJECTIVES FOR STUDENTS

To represent part-time & mature 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 & mature students;

To assist and encourage part-time students in their academic achievement



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

From time to time, we provide, with the help and participation of the members, extracurricular activities for the members to enhance their University experience

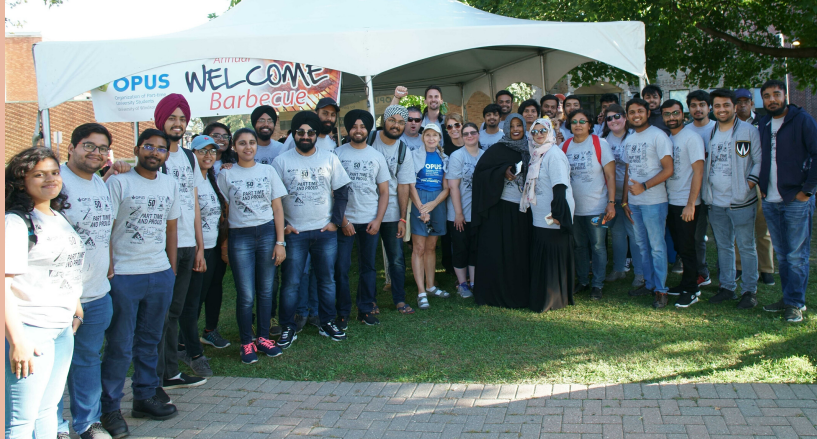
To encourage all members to become active participants in the Organization and to afford opportunity for giving expression to their opinions upon all questions bearing on or affecting their interests



"Our students are able to expand their understanding on what it takes to adjust to the on campus journey and apply it to student advocacy."



# OPUS ANNUAL BBQ 2019



Executives and staff of the Organization of Part-time University Students welcomed guests to the 17th annual OPUS barbecue Thursday, and gave one member a special welcome — education student Bianca Lenarduzzi won a draw for a free tuition bursary, provided by the University of Windsor Alumni Association. More than 400 students, staff, and faculty enjoyed a free meal, received information on campus and community services, and entered a door prize draw. Ryan Flannagan welcomed the students





## OPUS Fall Social 2019

OPUS Fall Social is hosted every year for students to gather for an evening with insightful talk and socialize.

"The event could not have been a success it was without our volunteers and staff who worked behind the scenes to ensure everything ran smoothly," says executive director Maryan Amalow.

"We host these gatherings to bring students together to discuss important issues that affect student life and show the value of their membership."

Part-time engineering student Yazan Kaloti won a prize draw for \$250.

### Guest Speakers:

- Professor Cynthia Stirbys from the School of Social Work
- Kayla Weiler of the Canadian Federation of Students Ontario
- Yahia Abdelbar of TD Canada Trust
- Hussein Zarif of Canada by Choice Immigration
- OPUS staff discussed mental health programs available through Beacon and insurance provider Green Shield.







## OPUS Food Canned Drive for Charity 2019

“OPUS is very pleased to be a part of such a noble and needed cause, We appreciate the generosity of donors and encourage everyone to get involved and make a difference this holiday season.”

MARYAN AMALOW





## FALL OPEN HOUSE 2019 -OPUS BOOTH



FALL OPEN HOUSE 2019! What a great day OPUS had meeting potential students joining the lancer family next fall.



## Muslim Chaplaincy Ribbon cutting ceremony

The ribbon cutting celebration to officially launch the Muslim Chaplaincy at the University of Windsor. This collaborative initiative cannot succeed without the joint efforts of students, University administration, the Muslim community, and other on-campus mental health service providers. OPUS & UWSA had been grateful to be a part of this chaplaincy and work towards providing better services in the future.



# Lunch to explore the pastabilities of student solidarity

A wonderful time where students came together in solidarity to enjoy the Students Solidarity Pasta event. We are very excited that we served and fed around 280 students with delicious pasta, salad and bread rolls!



## Students Solidarity Pasta 2019

Special thanks to the Policy Management Board (OPUS ,UWSA) who sponsopred the Solidarity Pasta Event. We also want to thank catering for their services and their support. Special shout out goes to our volunteers who came out to help along with our student leaders OPUS, UWSA, and GSS. A great afternoon right before the finals!





# OPUS POTLUCK LUNCHEON

IT'S TIME TO KEEP ASIDE WORK AND INDULGE IN  
SCRUMPTIOUS DELICACIES





# Staff Servant Leadership Training Workshop

ENGAGING MINDS, EMPOWERING SUCCESS.



"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." -John F. Kennedy. OPUS board and staff members are proud to complete such amazing workshop - Servant Leadership for Board of Directors, Leading through Service. We are proud to be the first student association in the University of Windsor to be a part of this engaging workshop and to know the various tactics of leadership.



"Our fingerprints don't fade from the lives we touch" - Judy Blume



# WINTER SOCIAL 2020



"OPUS hosted its annual Winter Social on February 13, 2020 with an amazing turnout from part time, full time & graduate students from across the university. Our keynote speakers included Jessica Sartori from John McGivney Children's Centre giving an insight about the agency programs and services, about the various volunteering and career opportunities available for students, Bill Marra from Hotel Dieu Grace Healthcare, who talked about programs and services provided by the foundation, mental health initiatives and support services for students. We also had Kevin Suretter from Ontario Energy Board to talk about electricity and natural gas bill and how to manage our bill, monitor and evaluate our utilities. Rebecca Cao represented Xpress Career and gave an insight on how to land in our dream job, prepare a proper resume, analysis of the job market and interview preparations, Lori Maisonville from the Therapeutic Touch Service talked about wellness of students and how to replace unwanted stress with relaxation. We are very grateful for our speakers in providing our students with valuable insight into their areas of expertise! OPUS door prize winner was Daljeet Singh!

A Big thanks to University Pharmacy for sponsoring the door prize gift.





# FREE FRIDAY PIZZA

Sponsored by: Campus Dental

Since 2013, OPUS Free Pizza Lunch was started by Dr. Kamouni, in Opus lounge & Board room to provide all students a free pizza lunch every Friday afternoon. Dr. Milteic - the owner of the Campus Dental Centre has taken the initiative to continue this gesture & reinforce community & the unity of students, alumni & faculty members here at the University of Windsor. A huge thank you to the Campus Dental Centre for supporting full-time, part-time, mature, graduate and undergraduate students by providing annual bursaries for all students! -This is also an opportunity for students associations OPUS, UWSA and GSS to connect & discuss any student concerns. The area is also always open during regular hours to all students to study, socialize & enjoy free tea, coffee and water. See you Fridays!



## AN EVERY FRIDAY HAPPINESS



# THE OPUS FAMILY!

"ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE, TOGETHER WE  
CAN DO SO MUCH." --HELEN KELLER









# OPUS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS 2007 - 2018



**YOU ARE  
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CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS  
FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE DES ÉTUDIANT-E-S

The Canadian Federation of Students is Canada's largest and oldest student organisation, uniting more than 650,000 students across the country.



2007: Josie Iannetta

— *OPUS Past President*

2008: Dr. Edward King

— *OPUS Current President*

2009: Badaruddin

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— *OPUS Past President*

2010: Mary Schisler

— *OPUS Past President*

2011: Marty Lowman

— *OPUS Past President*

2013: George McMahon

— *Former Dean of Students*

2015: Anthony Meloche

— *OPUS Vice President*

2016: Chris Baillargeon

— *OPUS Treasurer*

2017: Bernarda Doctor

— *OPUS Vice President*

2018: Maryam Amalow

— *OPUS Executive Director*



# 2019-2020 STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY

The Organization of Part-time University Students (OPUS) is a student group at the University of Windsor made up of volunteer part-time students who provide services and advocate on behalf of part time students. OPUS has a long history on campus and was established in 1969 to provide a means for part-time students to have their voices heard on campus. OPUS has had a strong and participative presence on campus. OPUS feels this Strategic Plan will continue to build on the foundation that has been laid.

**The Strategic Plans Four Pillars** guide OPUS's Strategic Direction and include;

Student Advocacy;

Student Services;

Student Engagement;

Future Planning.

This plan outlines a disciplined approach to support the ongoing transformation and growth of OPUS in assisting to provide a rewarding and engaging student experience at the University of Windsor.

The Strategic Plan aligns well and is guided by the OPUS vision and mission.

## **OPUS Vision**

The vision of OPUS is that all part-time students enjoy an engaging, fulfilling and rewarding experience at the University of Windsor.

## **OPUS Mission**

OPUS is a dynamic organization that advocates and promotes a rewarding University of Windsor experience for part-time students.

## **The Goals of the Strategic Plan Four 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**

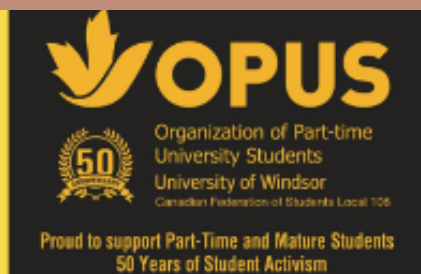
Prepare OPUS for future challenges, ensure financial stability, succession planning and innovative ways to secure and expand OPUS services and viability.

**Each Strategic Pillar has activities, initiatives and deliverables attached to them to achieve our goals**

## **Learn More....**

Please review our website [www.uwindsor.ca/opus](http://www.uwindsor.ca/opus) for the complete OPUS 2012-2015 Strategic Plan and the many exciting events, activities and services OPUS has to offer.





# 27th Annual Awards Banquet

FRIDAY, 22 MARCH 2019 AT 6:00 PM  
IN THE ALUMNI AUDITORIUM

## 2019 AWARD RECIPIENTS

OPUS SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AWARD: DAVID BUTCHER, FINANCE

OPUS FRIEND OF STUDENTS AWARD: ALICE MILLER, REGISTRARS

OPUS TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD: DR. RICHARD CARON, MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS

OPUS FACULTY AWARD(S):

DR. JOHN CAPUCCI, LANGUAGES, LITERATURES & CULTURES, DR. ROBERTO MUSCEDERE, ENGINEERING &

DR. JEAN-PIERRE DE VILLERS, LANGUAGES, LITERATURES & CULTURES

OPUS SUPPORT STAFF AWARDS:

XAY TANG, PUBLIC AFFAIRS & COMMUNICATIONS, ROBERT MASINO, FACILITY SERVICES,

TINA PALMER, COMPUTER SCIENCE

OPUS STAFF/FACULTY LEADERSHIP AWARD: DR. PIERRE BOULOS, CENTRE FOR TEACHING & LEARNING

OPUS DISABILITY CAMPUS COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD:

DAVID RYAN-SODERLUND, STUDENT DISABILITY SERVICES

OPUS APPRECIATION AWARD(S):

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS (CFS) ONTARIO, FOOD & CATERING SERVICES AND MOHAMMAD

AKBAR, OPUS DIRECTOR AT LARGE

OPUS SPONSOR APPRECIATION AWARD: ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

OPUS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD: CANDACE SPENCER, PART-TIME STUDENT

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: RHONDA VACHERESSE, PART-TIME STUDENT

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FIRST YEAR PART-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARD:

DAVID BRANTON, PART-TIME STUDENT

OPUS STUDENT WITH DISABILITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: DENISE DEBLOCK, PART-TIME STUDENT

OPUS DR. KATHLEEN MCCRONE AWARD: FASIHA BASHIR, PART-TIME STUDENT

OPUS MARY C. SCHISLER AWARD IN DRAMATIC ART: ARIEL CLARKE, PART-TIME STUDENT

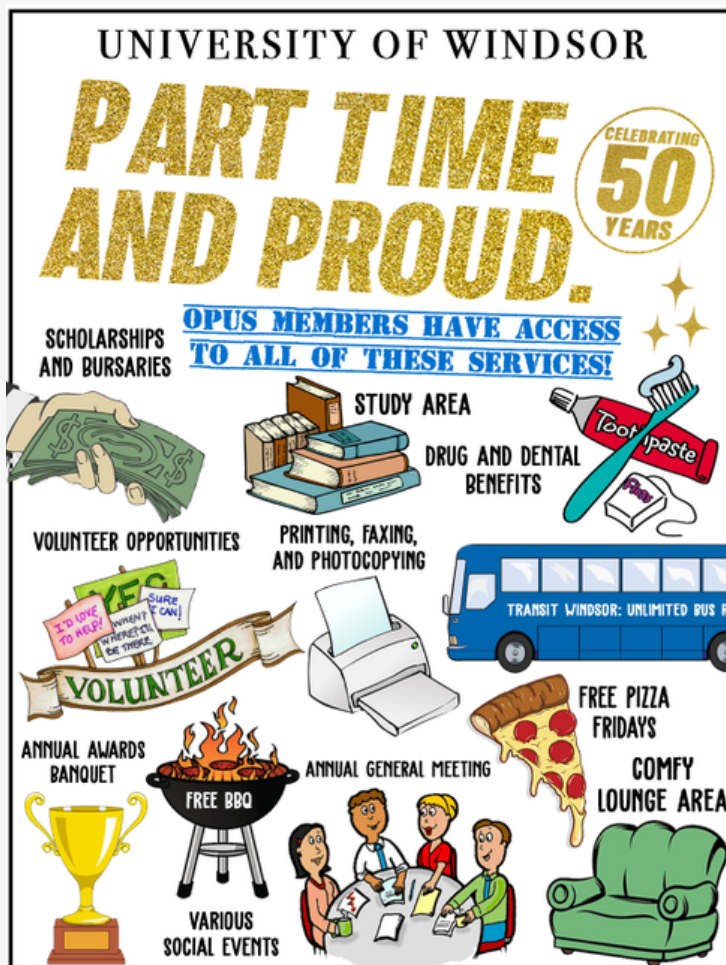
OPUS KEN LONG MEMORIAL AWARD: SAMEENA SULTANA, PART-TIME STUDENT

OPUS WAYNE GIRARD MEMORIAL LEADERSHIP AWARD: AMY BLOK, PART-TIME STUDENT

OPUS VEK TERNOEY ACADEMIC 2ND CHANCE AWARD: AALAA AL-ABID ALRSOL, PART-TIME STUDENT



# OPUS OUTREACH 2020



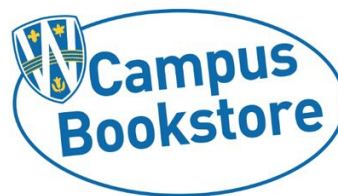
It was a great turnout at OPUS Outreach days at Toldo Health Education Centre and Odette School of Business as well as CAW Student Centre, meeting with our lancers and sharing with them all great services that we offer throughout the academic year! We are very proud to be advocating and providing great services over past 50 years. Our next stop - downtown campus!





# OUR SUPPORT SYSTEM!

Coming together is a beginning, staying together is a progress, and working together is success! - Henry Ford



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