

**University of Windsor
Senate**

5.8: Report of the Provost

Item for: **Information**

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1. Office of Experiential Learning – J. Bornais

a) Hire UWindsor:

Co-operative Education and Workplace Partnerships and Career Development and Experiential Learning, in partnership with the alumni relations department launched a new program aimed at spreading awareness around the benefits of hiring University of Windsor graduates: Hire UWindsor on Wednesday, March 22. The launch event included remarks from representatives of partner businesses Valiant TMS, Vista, and TD Bank Group as well as computer science graduate Noah Campbell (BSc 2020).

Hire UWindsor highlighted the benefits of hiring University of Windsor graduates and engaging with the co-operative education program. It will connect local, provincial, and national employers with the University while delivering to them unique perks. For program updates and opportunities see uwindsor.ca/hireuwindsor.

b) Co-op Employer of the year and Rising Star Student Awards:

Co-operative Education and Workplace Partnerships announced their Co-op & Internship Employer of the Year Award for 2023 which was TD Bank Group. Hosting 62 UWindsor co-op students in 2022 and 60 more in 2023, TD's commitment to the University of Windsor and believing in the benefit of hiring our students make them a worthy recipient. Geraldine Ymana, Team lead for early talent acquisition at TD Bank Group accepted the award on Campus. Geraldine is also a proud UWindsor Alumni!

Rising Star Awards recognizing the outstanding achievements, contributions, and performances of co-op and internship students and their employers, went to:

- Selina Pescara, business co-op student and three-time intern working in both advisor sales and exchange traded funds at Fidelity Investments Canada;
- Celia Liburdi, electrical engineering co-op student and former distribution design engineer at Entegrus Inc.;
- Angel Grace Salomi Richard Samuel, a graduate of the Master of Applied Computing program and former developer for RBC Canada;
- Julie Israel, kinesiology co-op student and former student therapist at Schlegel Villages who will be completing her final co-op work term this summer as a student ergonomist with Hotel Dieu Grace Healthcare; and
- Brandon Mailloux, a computer science co-op student, former programmer with Health Canada and active member of Students Helping Students, an open learning organization on campus.
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c) Nursing Career Fair:

A collaborative effort between the Faculty of Nursing and Career Development and Experiential Learning (CDEL), Friday March 31st we hosted our first in-person Nursing Career Fair since 2019 today! 100 students had the opportunity to meet with over 30 hospitals and organizations on campus with many students being interviewed and even hired while at the fair.

2. Search – Dean of the Odette School of Business

The Odette Dean search has been completed, and unfortunately did not result in the identification of a new Dean. An Acting Dean will be named in accordance with Bylaw 10.

3. Pronoun Project

The pronoun project complete by Fei Qin is now live on the Provost's website:

<https://www.uwindsor.ca/provost/415/understanding-pronouns>

4. Black Scholars

12 faculty searches are shortlisted and the library search has commenced.

5. UWill Discover – Dr. T. Brunet

Top UWill Discover Sustainable Futures students celebrated!

After a successful week-long conference, the UWill Discover Sustainable Futures project celebrated the gold medalists and then ranked three presenters for the top honours of the conference week. UWill Discover facilitators selected three among the group to have the top honours:

- Leah Levy - Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Constraint Poetry on Disability and Disability as Constraint.
- Lila Iriburiro Happy - Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences for her presentation on African Indigenous Knowledge at the Intersect of Environmental Sustainability and Legal Precedent.
- Emmanuel Boujeke - Faculty of Science - for his presentation titled: Spy1-Mediated Cell Cycle Effects Enhance Oncogenic Transformation by Selected Drivers in Human Glioblastoma

The full roster of award winners is posted at the [UWill Discover Sustainable Futures website](#). With over 160 presentations given during the conference week, it was extraordinarily competitive to be among the top presenters.

Lila Iriburiro Happy was able to connect multiple Sustainable Development Goals through her presentation titled African Indigenous Knowledge at the Intersect of Environmental Sustainability and Legal Precedent. "Who we consider as experts starts to diversify when intersectional approaches are encouraged. My research centers African Indigenous Knowledge Systems at the intersection of environmental sustainability and legal precedent. To bridge the current gap in achieving the SDGs, I recommend inclusive consultations to partner for intergeneration, sustainable, and equitable solutions. The UWill Discover conference epitomizes how effective education can be from theory-based to practical application," says Lila Iriburiro Happy, Law & Politics student).

The next exciting steps in the UWill Discover Sustainable Futures project include launching the first UWill Discover journal and selecting four participants from the conference to lead a team to the Model United Nations experience in Washing DC in November of 2023. The team's participation is funded through the UWill Discover Sustainable Futures project.

6. Graduate Studies – Dr. D. Kane

Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS) have been awarded for 2023-2024. 95 scholarships were awarded across all Faculties. 81 OGS (including 3 awarded to Indigenous students), 10 QEII-GSST, 4 International. The allocation for Indigenous students (minimum of 2) and International students (n=4) is defined by the Ministry.

The Canada Graduate Scholarships for Masters students from the Tri-Agencies have been distributed (NSERC - 9; SSHRC - 10; CIHR - 2).

Doctoral award announcements have not been made.