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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**WELCOME TO THE FALL ISSUE OF *VIEW*, AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO BE PART OF A MAGAZINE THAT PROVIDES A WINDOW INTO THE IMPORTANT WORK OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND THE LIVES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR INCREDIBLE GRADUATES.**

First, I'd like to tell you how thrilled I am to now officially be part of the University of Windsor family. Over the past two months, I've had a chance to see firsthand what a dedicated and caring campus community we have. And that includes the tremendous role that our alumni play and the impact that they have in the life of our University.

In all, we have more than 140,000 University of Windsor graduates in 120 countries. They really put the reach and impact of our Alumni Association into perspective.

As we know, alumni are the lifeblood of a university and they can have a profound impact well beyond graduation. They provide an example to prospective and current students; they continue to contribute to the success of the university through their ongoing involvement in events and activities; and they also provide financial support and mentorship to our students.

Alumni are the past, the future and everything in between.

And the fall issue of *VIEW* provides a tremendous amount of insight into the special relationship that exists between alumni and the University – that alumni engagement is something that can last throughout the lives of our grads.

*VIEW*'s cover story on the Windsor International Film Festival is a five-star example of how our alumni and students have become such an integral part of WIFF – the No.1 film festival on the TIFF Film Circuit, and Canada's largest volunteer-run festival.

At the helm of WIFF is my colleague and alumnus Vincent Georgie, who serves as executive director and chief programmer – in addition to his role as director of the University's School of Creative Arts in the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. And WIFF's support team is jam-packed with other alumni and university involvement.

Students at the Odette School of Business earn course credits for assisting with various aspects of WIFF while students in Visual Arts in the Built Environment (VABE) program are involved for the first time this year. Among WIFF's core volunteers, 45 hold University of Windsor degrees from a wide range of disciplines.

And the Alumni Association is also front and centre at WIFF. Scores of alumni are among a team of 200 volunteers, and the association's generous financial support has helped expand the festival's screenings throughout the year.

Put it all together and WIFF has grown from a 3 ½-day event 15 years ago to a 10-day event this year with more to come in the future. Ticket sales are expected to be up by more than 30 per cent to exceed 40,000 in 2019.

Congratulations to the University of Windsor Alumni Association and all our students, staff, faculty and alumni who have contributed to WIFF's growing success and stature.

As the saying goes - Lights, Camera, Action! Enjoy *VIEW*.

DR. ROBERT GORDON

*President and Vice-Chancellor*



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## WELCOME FROM BETH ANN PRINCE UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



### Poet T.S. Eliot said that “every moment is a fresh beginning.”

The start of the fall semester brings with it many moments of fresh beginnings for new and returning students, alumni, faculty, and staff. The Alumni Association is proud to be a part of these new chapters and to help UWindsor graduates remember the special moments they experienced at the University of Windsor.

We are proud to welcome the university's seventh President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Robert Gordon. A renowned authority on environmental issues and agricultural engineering in Canada, Dr. Gordon has extensive background as a research champion. We are excited to

show Dr. Gordon our alumni pride and spirit, and to introduce him to the alumni family.

That family, following fall convocation ceremonies on October 19, will grow to more than 140,000 members worldwide. This is an astounding global network connecting all of us and illustrating the power of a degree from the University of Windsor.

Each year, we recognize alumni achievements at our board's annual general meeting (AGM) and awards celebration which will be held on November 14 in Alumni Auditorium. Our award recipients represent the distinguished accomplishments of our alumni at all levels of their professional lives: recent graduates with the Odyssey award, mid-career achievements with the Alumni Ambassador award, and lifelong success with the prestigious Alumni Award of Merit. We hope you will also join us on this important night.

Of course, there are also plenty of Lancer games to attend and cheer on the blue and gold, great performances by the University Players, impressive musical concerts by our talented students at the School of Creative Arts (SoCA) in the Armouries campus downtown, and so many other things happening on campus. I look forward to seeing you at University of Windsor events during the next few months.

I wish you many memorable moments and fresh beginnings this season.

BETH ANN PRINCE BA '91

*President, Alumni Association*



## WERE YOU THERE?

The Alumni Relations and Advancement office wants to be sure you receive important information about the University of Windsor's upcoming alumni events and current projects. To communicate with you in a timely and efficient manner, we need to have your updated email address and contact information.

We are holding several alumni events in the coming year and we invite alumni to these gatherings through an email invitation. We also send out Alumni eNews, our electronic newsletter, each month.

Be sure to update your information. You can do this easily online at [www.uwindsor.ca/alumni](http://www.uwindsor.ca/alumni)  
Just click on "Update Your Information" on the upper, left-hand side.

### ALUMNI NIGHT WITH THE WINDSOR EXPRESS – FEBRUARY 13



*From left: Jake Rondot BHK '02, Dorothy Leung BScN '08, Mike Bates BHK '95, MBA '04 and Settimo Vilardi BFA '98.*



*Alumni Board member Sue Williams BHK '85, MHK '88 sports the Blue and Gold at the inaugural Alumni event with the Windsor Express.*

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION – MARCH 28



*From left: Guest speaker Sarah McVanel and volunteers Iole Iadipaolo BA '69, BComm '76, and Rebecca Burkoski at the inaugural Alumni Association Volunteer Appreciation Celebration.*

### ESSEX REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY EARTH DAY TREE PLANTING EVENT - APRIL 28



*More than 30 Alumni & Friends helped to plant more than 2,000 native trees and shrubs at the ERCA Earth Day Community Tree Planting event.*

### STRATFORD ALUMNI EVENT – MAY 13



*First time attendees Louise Karch BScN '89 with mother Camilla Heckadon, enjoyed the post show dinner in the Festival Marquee.*



*Attendees Linda Wonsel, retired from the Finance department, and Vera Najdovska BA '94 enjoyed the Festival gardens after the play.*

## KEEP IN TOUCH

Events are promoted in the Alumni eNews, and invitations are sent by email. Check the website for updates. If you would like to receive invitations to events in your area, visit [www.uwindsor.ca/alumni/update](http://www.uwindsor.ca/alumni/update)

### ALUMNI EVENT AT MANULIFE – MAY 22



*Melissa Strange BA '07 and Arun Mathur BComm '76.*



*Julia Roberts BComm '05 and Richard Roberts BSc '95 are joined by Katie Mazzuca.*





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### NOVEMBER

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FACULTY OF HUMAN KINETICS ALUMNI  
RECEPTION AT WIFF

**6 WINDSOR, ON**  
FACULTY OF LAW ALUMNI RECEPTION  
AT WIFF

**14 WINDSOR, ON**  
ALUMNI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
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### JANUARY

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### PLANNING A CELEBRATION?

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- Funding to support alumni events or reunions (20 alumni or more)
- Class lists to help contact classmates
- Communication with your faculty or department
- Provide information about campus services available to groups (tours, catering, parking etc.)
- Promotion in Alumni eNews, *VIEW* Magazine and online
- Alumni Association specialty item for participants (depending on size of group)
- Information about discounted hotel rates and area attractions.

Contact us for assistance:  
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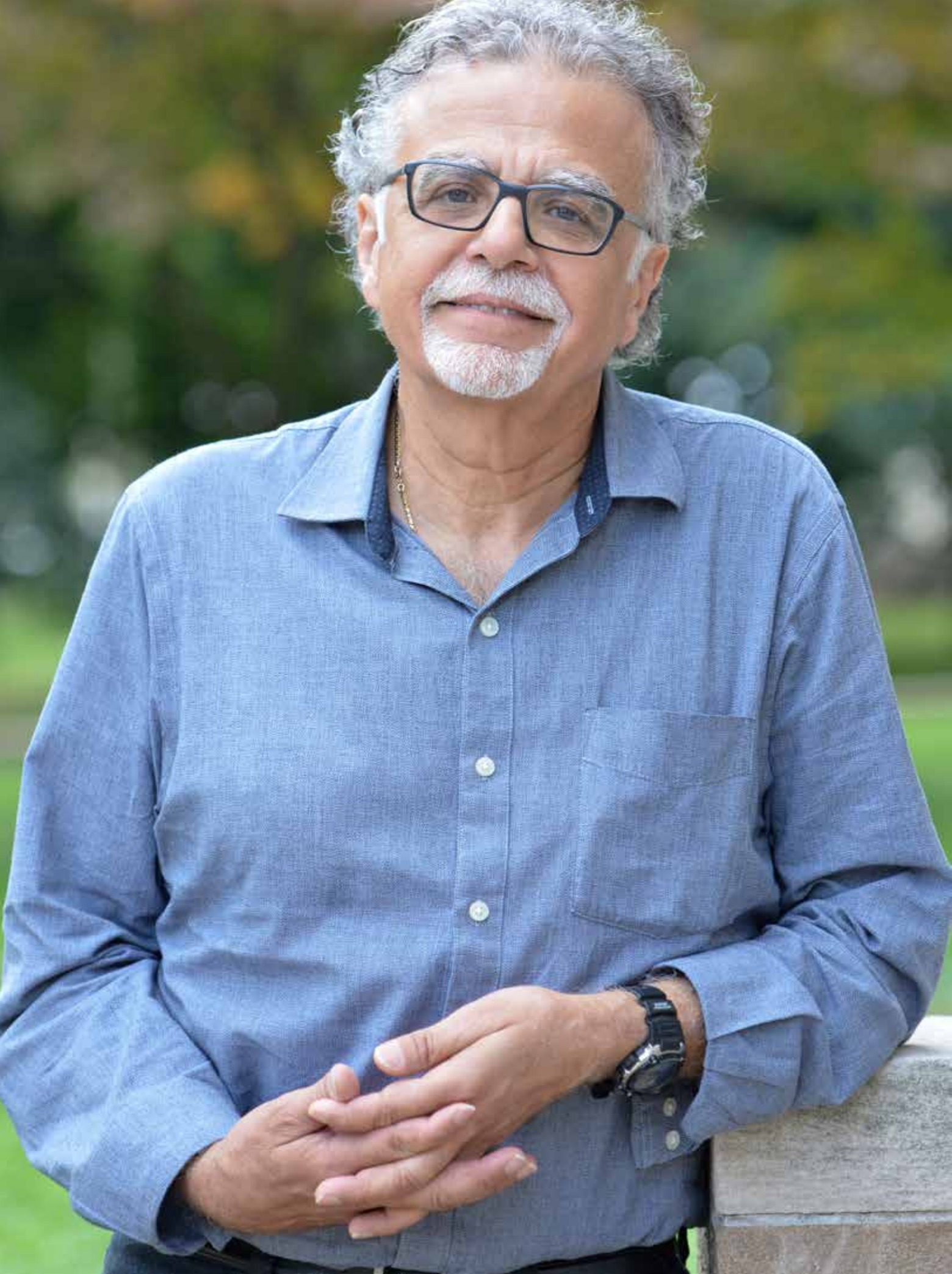
## STAY CONNECTED!

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Visit [www.uwindsor.ca/alumni/update](http://www.uwindsor.ca/alumni/update) to update your email and home address.





# ACADEMIC TORCH PASSED THROUGH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GIFT

**How to celebrate a life well-lived and honour the legacy of a woman who was born, raised and lived in Windsor's west end? How to recognize a woman fully connected to the University of Windsor both because of her own education and the students she mentored? Those are the questions Jacques Aharonian asked himself when he lost the love of his life, Mary Anne Johnston ND '58, BSc '62, BA '78, MA '82, PhD '86, in July 2018.**

Jacques found the answer, in part, by establishing a scholarship in Mary Anne's name. The Dr. Mary Anne Johnston Memorial Scholarship will support a mature student who identifies as female and is returning to study at the University of Windsor. The award is open to undergraduate or graduate students in any academic discipline and endeavours to mirror Mary Anne's own academic journey.

Like many careers, Mary Anne's had several phases and began as a laboratory technologist at Hôtel-Dieu Hospital – a position she held until the birth of her first child. Her next career was raising children Matthew, Christopher and Elizabeth.

By 1974, she had returned to school as a mature student to work toward an Honours BA in psychology, followed by a Master's degree while juggling her studies with family responsibilities. Mary Anne was later accepted into UWindsor's Clinical Psychology PhD program.

While working full-time as a psychometrist at the Windsor Public Board of Education, she wrote her dissertation and was able to apply her academic learning to a community setting – successfully defending her dissertation.

Dedication to helping students brought Mary Anne back to the University of Windsor where she accepted a position as counsellor in the Psychological Services and Research Centre. In her soft-spoken, methodical but determined manner, and with the help of her colleagues, she was able to launch the new Student Counselling Centre in the CAW student centre.

A WOMAN WHO WAS FULLY  
CONNECTED TO THE  
UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR  
BOTH BECAUSE OF HER OWN  
EDUCATION AND THE  
STUDENTS SHE MENTORED

Dr. Johnston was a lifelong learner – not only through her formal education, but through her work with students, in her private practice, and by reading voraciously. She had a love for the community and travel, and considered her relationships with her spouse, children and grandchildren to be the most important part of her life.

Because the university and its students were also such an integral part of Mary Anne's life, Jacques wanted to connect her story with a legacy gift. The Dr. Mary Anne Johnston Memorial Scholarship will begin with annual donations, and an endowment will be established through an estate gift to honour her special connection to the university.

Scholarships provide an opportunity for students to pursue a university degree by alleviating some of the financial stress which can come with post-secondary education. They enrich the student experience by offering an opportunity for students to concentrate more fully on their studies, play varsity sports, or become involved in campus and community activities. Graduate scholarships are especially

appreciated by students who may be returning to school at a time when – like Dr. Johnston – family and other obligations make pursuing an advanced degree financially challenging. ▮

## WAYS TO GIVE:

- Make a tax-deductible donation to the University of Windsor to support a current scholarship
- Establish a scholarship by donating annually
- Create a scholarship endowment. The principal will be invested. Only the interest earned will be awarded thereby providing an award to be given in perpetuity
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## Nicholas Vukotic BSH '09, PhD '14

# PHARMA TO GEOLOGY: NEW INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH CHAIR TO HAVE BROAD IMPACT

**A new \$3.7-million research partnership between the University of Windsor and a local company that develops scientific testing instruments aims to create new research tools and advanced materials the world has never before seen.**

Nicholas Vukotic, principal scientist at Proto Mfg., is UWindsor's new Industrial Research Chair in X-ray Diffraction and Crystalline Materials. He will join the Advanced Materials Centre of Research (AMCRe) in UWindsor's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, where he will work with researchers with complementary interests in synthetic chemistry, catalysis, materials chemistry, materials characterization, and materials applications.

"I am thrilled about joining the exceptional group of researchers within AMCRe at the University of Windsor," Dr. Vukotic said. "This research partnership is all about synergy and brings together two great organizations, which I am proud to be part of."

Vukotic's five-year position is funded jointly by the university, the Natural Science and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), and Proto Mfg., a multinational company headquartered locally that manufactures X-ray diffraction instrumentation and provides laboratory services to companies around the globe.

The position comes with nearly \$3.7 million of funding, of which \$2,354,000 is cash provided by NSERC, Proto Mfg., and the university. Proto Mfg. is also providing \$1 million of in-kind support towards the development of advanced scientific instrumentation, and the university is contributing in-kind support of nearly \$284,000.

Proto has a long-standing relationship with the University of Windsor, said company president Michael Brauss.

"Over the past several years, we have significantly benefited from working with several professors from the University of Windsor, and many of their graduates have become employees of our company," he said.

"Proto prides itself on its innovative products, quality, customer service, and pursuit of excellence, and these traits will only be strengthened by having an Industrial Research Chair at our local university with a close proximity to our base of operations."

THE IDEA IS TO DEVELOP RESEARCH IN NEW FIELDS OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING, MAKING ADVANCEMENTS THAT WILL BENEFIT CANADIAN SOCIETY.

Industrial research chairs create mutually beneficial collaborations between Canadian universities and partners outside academia. The idea is to develop research in new fields of science and engineering, making advancements that will benefit Canadian society. Graduate students and postdoctoral fellows get the chance to do ground-breaking research and develop expertise that will help their careers.

Vukotic specializes in X-ray diffraction (XRD) and the development of advanced crystalline materials. XRD is a non-destructive method to get information about materials, including their chemical make-up and molecular structure. It has applications in the pharmaceutical industry, mining and geology, and in construction and manufacturing. It can be used not only to identify and test the purity of materials, but to test the structural integrity of materials used in the manufacturing of cars, airplanes, power turbines, and in the construction of bridges and buildings.

"To spur the development of new commercial products — allowing Canada to retain a competitive advantage in the global market and an increased quality of life for all Canadians — new technologies and materials are required," NSERC said in announcing Vukotic as UWindsor's latest industrial research chair.

"This research partnership between Proto and the University of Windsor will create an environment that fosters the pursuit of knowledge, innovation, and the development of new technologies and materials within Canada."

Vukotic is a UWindsor grad with a doctorate in chemistry and biochemistry. He has brought numerous patented XRD products to market. The position will give him the opportunity to develop new scientific research tools and create new advanced crystalline materials with industrial applications as nanoporous adsorbents, chemical sensors, and drug-releasing biomaterials.

K.W. Michael Siu, UWindsor's vice-president, research and innovation, said Vukotic's Industrial Research Chair holds great promise.

"Congratulations to Dr. Vukotic for his success, and I certainly look forward to hearing and reading the wonderful and innovative research results that he and his team will produce in the not-too-distant future." ■

## Elizabeth Dillon BScN '19

# A PASSION FOR NURSING: ALUMNA EARNS RECOGNITION FOR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

**Throughout her academic career, Elizabeth Dillon demonstrated a passion for nursing.**

That passion is still going strong as the recent UWindsor alumna embarks on her career, working full-time in the pediatric intensive care unit at Children's Hospital of Michigan while also working part-time in the emergency department of Windsor Regional Hospital.

"I don't sleep much," Dillon said with a laugh.

Dillon, who just turned 23, graduated to many accolades. Not only did she have the Michigan job offer before graduation, Dillon won the Council of Ontario University Programs in Nursing (COUPN) award for excellence in professional nursing practice at the undergraduate student level.

Upon passing her National Council Licensure Examination on the first try, Dillon was awarded an intern designation from the de Souza Institute for continuing education in cancer and palliative care.

She completed the 100 hours of courses for the designation while working toward her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of Windsor.

"Elizabeth is a truly remarkable student who has had a very large impact on the students in our program and on the faculty," wrote Susan Dennison, UWindsor's clinical practice learning specialist, and Lacey Ecclestone, clinical lab co-ordinator, the two instructors who nominated Dillon for the COUPN award.

"Everyone — faculty, staff and students — knows Elizabeth and can attest to her commitment to nursing. She is such an excellent role model, we cannot think of anyone more suitable to be recognized for this award."

Dillon was the vice-president of the nursing society. She was a peer mentor in the nursing faculty's clinical learning centre, a position she earned through her excellent grades. She also served on the faculty's Medication and Patient Safety Advisory Committee, and on the Curriculum Committee.

She was involved in student recruitment, participating in the Ontario Universities' Fair each fall representing the university and the Faculty of Nursing at the event for prospective students. She participated in both the fall and spring Open House, giving incoming students tours of the nursing facilities and talking to them about the program.

"She does not get involved just to build a resumé," Dennison said. "She is sincerely passionate about nursing and education."

COUPN, said Dillon, "exemplifies how to put nursing theory into practice" and "has demonstrated leadership and a passion for nursing far beyond her years."

The Windsor native said she was both honoured and excited to learn about the award. She said she would not have traded her UWindsor experience for anything.

"The faculty has been so supportive in allowing me to be involved in so many other things," she said. "No other nursing program in Ontario was going to give me what I got here."

Ontario universities graduate more than 4,500 nursing students each year. COUPN handed out seven awards this year to students, teachers, researchers and mentors across the province.

Dillon said getting her intern designation from the de Souza Institute was an important goal.

"As a nurse, I see the whole spectrum of cancer care from a new diagnosis to end-of-life care and I am better able to provide for these patients after this designation."

Dillon's investment of time and effort showcases her commitment to nursing excellence, said the institute's executive director, Mary Jane Esplen.

"Her knowledge and confidence facilitated a smooth transition from a recent graduate to a registered nurse who tends to patients with high acuity," Dr. Esplen wrote in a letter announcing the accomplishment.

Founded in 2008 by the Ontario government, the de Souza Institute provides health-care professionals expertise in cancer and palliative care. ■

"NO OTHER NURSING  
PROGRAM IN ONTARIO  
WAS GOING TO GIVE  
ME WHAT I GOT HERE."  
ELIZABETH DILLON

*Opposite: UWindsor's Elizabeth Dillon has received the Excellence in Professional Nursing Practice at the Undergraduate Student Level from the Council of Ontario Universities Programs in Nursing*







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# UWINDSOR IN REEL TIME

## ALUMNI DRIVING FORCE BEHIND WINDSOR INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

**W**hen the curtain opens on the Windsor International Film Festival November 1, the University of Windsor will be there.

In fact, UWindsor has been there all along, says Vincent Georgie MBA '14, WIFF's executive director and chief programmer.

"It's a special relationship."

Students at the Odette School of Business earn course credit for helping to put on the annual festival. Georgie, director of UWindsor's School of Creative Arts (SoCA), teaches the event marketing course, commonly referred to as "the WIFF course."

Students conduct market research for the festival, work as promoters, handle logistics during the festival and do analytics to make the festival better from year to year.

"WIFF is a tremendous learning opportunity," said Georgie.

Students in the MBA program also work at WIFF. With UWindsor's focus on experiential learning – giving students the chance to learn through doing – the festival is a perfect fit, Georgie said.

Through the years, nearly 3,000 students have had a role in WIFF's success. Now that they're no longer behind the scenes organizing the event, many of those former students maintain ties to the festival, buying tickets as patrons, or working as volunteers.

Coursework is but one way in which the festival and the university are inextricably intertwined.

SoCA students in the arts management course intern with the festival, as do students in other programs. The festival hires music students to perform at events.

And this year, in a completely new endeavour, students in the Visual Arts in the Built Environment (VABE) program will turn the alley near the Capitol Theatre that runs from University Avenue to Chatham Street into a whimsical homage to the festival. There will be lights strung between the buildings and the walls will feature colourful murals that visitors can pose with.

"It's going to be an amazing alley," Georgie enthused.

There's a team of 30 people who work year-round to make the festival happen. Most, including Georgie and managing director Hayden Freker BComm '15, MBA '18, are UWindsor alumni. Georgie said he has polled that core of volunteers and found that among them, they hold 45 UWindsor degrees from a wide range of disciplines.

During the festival itself, it takes another 200 volunteers to put on the show. That's where UWindsor's Alumni Association comes in.

"Many alumni volunteer with WIFF during the festival, and throughout the year as members of the board," said Patti Lauzon,

WIFF HAS BEEN NAMED  
CANADA'S NO. 1 FILM FESTIVAL  
ON THE TIFF FILM CIRCUIT, AND  
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VOLUNTEER-RUN FESTIVAL.



STUDENTS CONDUCT MARKET RESEARCH FOR THE FESTIVAL, WORK AS PROMOTERS, HANDLE LOGISTICS DURING THE FESTIVAL AND DO ANALYTICS TO MAKE THE FESTIVAL BETTER FROM YEAR TO YEAR.



## THE UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR AND WIFF: “IT’S A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP.”

VINCENT GEORGIE

UWindsor’s acting director of alumni relations and advancement. “WIFF also regularly features films written, produced, directed or starring UWindsor graduates.”

In 2017, the Alumni Association voted to support WIFF with a \$20,000 gift toward the purchase of a digital projector. Through this sponsorship, the festival was able to extend its reach throughout the year, Lauzon said.

The festival screened films weekly this summer as part of WIFF365, a new, year-round endeavour for the festival. It’s an example of how WIFF has grown in both scope and popularity.

Celebrating its 15th anniversary this year, WIFF began as a 3½-day event. Georgie said when he became involved in 2009, ticket sales were fewer than 2,000.

The festival eventually grew to one week. This year, for the first time, it will be a 10-day event. Because the festival now spans an additional weekend, ticket sales are projected to exceed 40,000, up from last year’s sales of about 30,000.

In 2018, WIFF opened a third site for screenings – the Armouries building, now home to UWindsor’s School of Creative Arts. It’s an example of the symbiotic relationship between the festival and the

school. The university channels 100 per cent of the proceeds from the rent paid by WIFF into student scholarships at SoCA.

Georgie said he knew the Armouries would be a great addition to the festival, but he had no idea how warmly audiences would embrace it.

“People told us it was their favourite venue.”

In addition to when they see movies in the SoCA building, festival-goers will see WIFF’s connection to the university when they purchase their tickets.

WIFF has a new permanent box office at the corner of University Avenue and Pelissier Street. It displays the UWindsor name and logo, a sign of the partnership between the festival and the school.

“Each person attending WIFF has to visit the box office and will see our branding,” Lauzon said. “It’s an opportunity for us to tell our alumni, students, and the entire community that we support the festival and believe in giving back to Windsor-Essex.”

WIFF has been named Canada’s No. 1 film festival on the TIFF Film Circuit, and the nation’s largest volunteer-run festival. Lauzon said the University of Windsor is proud of its association with the festival.

“The community is enriched as a result of WIFF and the Alumni Association is happy to play a role in this story.” ▼



- 1 Vincent Georgie, executive director and chief programmer for the Windsor International Film Festival, addresses the audience at a festival screening at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts during the 13th annual Windsor International Film Festival.
- 2 Windsor International Film Festival board members and volunteers take the stage during the closing night of the 14th annual Windsor International Film Festival.
- 3 Film lovers line up around the corner at Windsor's historic Capitol Theatre to see one of the many screenings during the 14th annual Windsor International Film Festival.

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**PATTI LAUZON**







MY FAVOURITE PART OF  
PHONE-A-THON IS HEARING  
THE SUCCESS STORIES OF  
PAST GRADUATES.

**DOUA BONDOK**



# *Annual Giving Program*

## STUDENTS REACH OUT TO ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

**It's that time again — the beginning of a new academic year which brings with it the University of Windsor's annual Phone-a-Thon campaign. Soon, UWindsor students will be picking up the phones to reach out to thousands of alumni and friends.**

Fall is a very busy time on campus, and a busy time in the call centre as well. Nearly 50,000 people will receive a call over a few short months. Callers engage alumni by answering questions, providing information on campus life, updating their information, and asking for financial support.

"I wanted to get involved with Phone-a-Thon because it's the connection between the University and its alumni," says Jacqueline McFadden, a supervisor in the University's Call Centre. "We are usually the first contact after they have graduated and we keep them a part of the UWindsor family!"


All the money raised supports student and faculty projects across campus. Donors can tailor their gifts to areas that are of interest to them. There are opportunities to support scholarships, faculties or departments, student initiatives, athletics, research, library acquisitions, campus beautification and more. The possibilities are endless. Our student callers provide donors with options.

"Connecting current students with alumni is an important piece of this campaign each year. It is an opportunity for alumni to engage with the university, learn about the amazing things happening at UWindsor, and support the university with a financial gift." says Patti Lauzon, acting director, alumni relations and advancement.

"My favourite part of Phone-a-Thon is hearing the success stories of past graduates," says Doua Bondok. Doua started as a student caller during her undergraduate years. She now mentors callers as one of the call centre supervisors. "We keep our alumni Windsor Proud, and with their support, we help our current students achieve their goals."

"The most rewarding is when we contact the young alumni. We inform them about job fairs and other career driven initiatives they still have available to them."

The call centre has a new location in Lambton Tower. A larger space with work stations surrounded by noise reducing walls provides a comfortable environment for the callers.

Answering the call from a UWindsor student this year is an opportunity to make a positive difference in the life of a student and show your UWindsor pride! 

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**JACQUELINE MCFADDEN**

### WAYS TO GIVE:

- Callers can take your credit card information over the phone
- Cheques made payable to the University of Windsor
- On-line by credit card or debit at [www.uwindsor.ca/donations](http://www.uwindsor.ca/donations)
- Gifts of stocks
- Estate gifts

For more information contact Chris Knack, Annual Giving Co-ordinator at 519-253-3000 Ext. 4279 or [cknack@uwindsor.ca](mailto:cknack@uwindsor.ca)

# CAMPUS NEWS

## FEDERAL MINISTER ON HAND FOR GRAND OPENING OF ESSEX CORE SCIENCE FACILITY



*Douglas Kneale and Minister of Science and Sport Kirsty Duncan*

**Kirsty Duncan, Canada's minister of science and sport, joined interim UWindsor president Douglas Kneale and members of the campus community in June for the official opening of the Essex Centre of Research (Essex CORE).**

The CORE centre, which opened for use in December 2018 and connects to the existing Essex Hall, consists of three floors of open-concept lab space devoted to the following areas of research:

- Advanced materials, including nano-technology and biometrics
- Transitional health, which brings discoveries from the laboratory to the bedside, with particular emphasis on cancer
- Medical physics, including medical imaging and diagnostic technologies

The project was announced in January 2017 during an event with UWindsor alumnus Navdeep Bains MBA '01, minister of innovation, science and economic development. CORE received \$14.95 million in funding from the federal government, \$2.56 million from the province, and an additional

commitment of \$12.8 million from the University of Windsor.

"I'm honoured to be part of a government that is putting science and research front and centre," said Minister Duncan. "This new, state-of-the-art energy-efficient science, research, and innovation facility is home to leading-edge research and development, which will create jobs in and around Windsor and help improve the lives of Canadians."

Faculty of Science Dean Chris Houser says the new spaces, dedicated to research, innovation, and industry collaboration, support both undergraduate and graduate research, which he calls "the most effective experience for students."

In addition to research labs, the centre's hub and meeting rooms are intended as collaborative spaces to advance research undertaken within and between academic and industrial partners.

"This facility is the outcome of a unique multilateral partnership at federal, provincial, and university levels," said Dr. Kneale. "If I had to write out its equation for success, it would be: aesthetically stunning space + brilliant state-of-the-art functionality + human imaginativeness = unlimited research potential."

## DR. ROBERT GORDON NAMED PRESIDENT

**The University of Windsor's Board of Governors announced on May 27, 2019 the appointment of Robert Gordon as the seventh President and Vice-Chancellor. Dr. Gordon's appointment was effective September 1 and followed the retirement of President Alan Wildeman, June 30, 2018.**

Dr. Gordon, prior to his appointment, was Provost and Vice-President Academic at Wilfrid Laurier University, and had previously served as the university's Vice-President, Research. He is a renowned authority on environmental issues and agricultural engineering in Canada, having held a Canada Research Chair in the area of environmental resource management.

"Dr. Gordon is an exceptional leader who will make an outstanding president for the University of Windsor. He is a respected scholar, experienced strategic administrator, and accomplished innovator," said board chair William Willis.



"I'm thrilled to be part of the University of Windsor family and look forward to working with our exceptional students, faculty, staff, alumni, and partners in building on the commitment to excellence that exists throughout our incredible institution," said Dr. Gordon.



*Board of Governors chair William Willis applauds Mary Jo Haddad after her formal installation as Chancellor of the University of Windsor.*

## CHANCELLOR INVESTED WITH RITES OF OFFICE

**Mary Jo Haddad was installed May 28 as the eighth Chancellor of the University of Windsor during the first session of the University's 111th Convocation, in the St. Denis Centre.**

Dr. Haddad CM, LLD, MHSC, BScN, former president and CEO of the Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) and recipient of a 2005 honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Windsor, serves as the titular head of the University and confers all degrees and diplomas on behalf of the Senate.

Dr. Haddad called her first experience in the job an "indelible memory – The thrill of the day was absolutely the students."

## STANLEY CUP WIN MAKES ADJUSTMENT TO WINDSOR GRAD'S RESUME

**A UWindsor alumnus had a once-in-a-lifetime experience, hoisting the Stanley Cup after the St. Louis Blues won its first-ever National Hockey League championship.**

Michael Murphy BHK '91 has been the team's chiropractor since 1996 and shared its victory over the Boston Bruins. The Blues had been the oldest NHL team never to have won the cup.

Murphy is also an alumni speaker, sharing his achievements and career-related journey with students in the Faculty of Human Kinetics – this moment will probably feature in his future speeches!



*UWindsor grad Michael Murphy, chiropractor for the St. Louis Blues, hoists the Stanley Cup after the team won its first-ever NHL title.*



## STUDY FINDS SUPPORT PROGRAM SETS AT-RISK STUDENTS ON ROAD TO SUCCESS



*Celebrating the first class of graduates from the On Track to Success program from left, Lorraine Goddard, future UWindsor student Justin Singkhaew, business professor Rajeeva Sinha, Leamington high school senior Cindy Ramos, and Jeff Berryman.*

### **A United Way program to help vulnerable high school students perform academically is making an impact, according to an independent evaluation report by a UWindsor business professor.**

The results of a study by Rajeeva Sinha were released in June during a celebration of the first cohort graduating from the On Track to Success program, which provides mentoring and other supports to more than 120 students in Leamington and Windsor's west end.

"The On Track to Success program equips the students with assets they need to take charge of their own futures," Dr. Sinha said. "We see statistically significant differences in academic performance measures as well as developmental assets that are indicators of long-term student success."

His report highlighted improved grades, fewer absences, and the development of soft skills such as commitment to learning and ability to work independently as benefits of the program. Ninety per cent of those graduating are enrolled in post-secondary education.

United Way CEO Lorraine Goddard welcomed the evaluation.

"The results of this report confirm what we know to be true," she said. "We can level the playing field for economically disadvantaged students and give them opportunities to

succeed, live up to their true potential, and be ready for 21st century jobs."

The University of Windsor is looking forward to the arrival of its first cohort of graduates from the On Track to Success program, and is rolling out more than a red carpet, says Jeff Berryman, Associate Vice-President Academic — it will offer bursaries worth \$4,000 over four years of study to each of the 10 students it expects this fall.

Justin Singkhaew, who graduated from Leamington District Secondary School, began studies in the drama in education and community program in September.

He says the bursaries will make university more attainable.

"It will really help relieve the financial burden," Singkhaew said. "I've always been wondering how I'm going to pay for my post-secondary education."

Berryman said the money is just part of the welcome the On Track to Success students can expect.

"A team from across campus has been working with United Way since the fall, developing transitional programming for students as they prepare for post-secondary education, and planning programming to support them when they arrive," he said.

Learn more about the On Track to Success program at **[weareunited.com](http://weareunited.com)**

# CLASS NEWS

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Email: [updates@uwindsor.ca](mailto:updates@uwindsor.ca)  
Call: 519-971-3618

## 1950s

**Patrick Suraci** BA '57, author, *A Dream Life*, Archway Publishing, 2019, New York, N.Y.

## 1960s

**John LaPorta** BA '68, MA '70, named Canadian Pediatric Therapy Centre CEO of the year. Port Stanley, Ont.

**Robert Totten** BA '63, owner, Totten & Associates, London, Ont.

## 1970s

**Shakil Khan** BA '72, medical doctor, educator and president, Dominican International Institute, Clinton Township, Mich.

**Borden MacMillan** BA '74, BComm '76, retired regional sales manager, Empire Emco Inc., Rochester, N.Y.

**Naresh Manku** BComm '76, retired mechanical technologist, Ford Motor Co. Canada, Windsor, Ont.

**Steven Melnyk** BA '75, joint appointment professor, global innovation chair in supply chain management, University of Newcastle, Newcastle, NSW.

**Herbert Samek** BComm '79, financial planner, Amherstburg Financial, Amherstburg, Ont.

## 1980s

**Robert Burge** BA '87, MA '89, registrar, Okanagan College, Kelowna, B.C.

**Mark Campbell** BED '83, vice president strategic enrollment management, The New School, New York, N.Y.

**Peter Haggert** BA '82, re-elected president, Scarborough Business Association, Scarborough, Ont.

**Barry Horrobin** BA '87, MA '89, celebrating 30 years at the Windsor Police Service, Windsor, Ont.

**Wanda Keeling-Walter** BEd '88, retired teacher, Thames Valley District School Board, Tillsonburg, Ont.

**Dale Lane** BASc '86, senior plant engineer, Detroit Renewable Power, Detroit, Mich.

**Raymond Tracey** BASc '86, Chair's Citation, Electricity Distributors Association, Essex Powerlines Corporation, Toronto, Ont.

## 1990s

**Shawn Filice** BAS '92, MBA '02, elected to the North West Public Power Association Board of Trustees, Penticton, B.C.

**Peter Gajda** BSH '90, principal, Nakusp Secondary School, Nakusp, B.C.

**Christina Hurlock-Chorostecki** BSN '98, MSC '01, post Masters Nurse Practitioner, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ont.

**William Irwin** BMA '98, secondary organist, Berea-by-the-Water Lutheran Church, Goderich, Ont.

**Steven Jelich** BComm '92, director, Southwest Regional Operations, Enbridge Inc., London, Ont.

**Kristen Ouellette** BComm '98, business transformation and systems integration services, Public Services and Procurement Canada, Gatineau, Que.

**Bruno Pallotto** BA '92, BA '00, principal, Essex Public School, Greater Essex County District School Board, Essex, Ont.

**Michael Rinaldi** BASc '95, senior manager, seat engineering, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, Auburn Hills, Mich.

## 2000s

**Chelsie Abraham** BA '09, BA '10, chief executive officer, Greater Sudbury Public Library, Sudbury, Ont.

**Scott Adams** BHK '01, operations manager, Mayo Clinic, Phoenix, Ariz.

**Steven Bull** BComm '05, owner and producer, Bullitage Media Inc., Toronto, Ont.

**Rebecca Chaves** BA '02, BFA '03, owner, Mama Bump Rentals, Fayetteville, N.C.

**Lauren Eedy** BA '09, editor and columnist, St. Marys Independent Newspaper, St. Marys, Ont.

**Joseph Foglia** BHK '06, chiropractor, Advanced Health & Sports Clinic, Nanaimo, B.C.

**Nicole Griffeth** BA '00, head of dramatic art, Vancouver College, Vancouver, B.C.

**Krista Groen** LLB '08, partner, Strigberger Brown Armstrong LLP, Toronto, Ont.

**Rochelle Ivri** BA '02, citizenship judge, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, Mississauga, Ont.

**Ian Matthews** LLB '07, partner in commercial litigation, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, Toronto, Ont.

**Robin Petersen** BA '08, instructor, EngEasy Canadian Online Education Academy, Penetanguishene, Ont.

**Rosario Romano** LLB '04, newly appointed Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities. Sault St. Marie, Ont.

**Yan Wang** PhD '09, associate professor, mechanical engineering, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Mass.

## 2010s

**Amirali Amirsoleimani** PhD '18, post-doctoral fellow, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ont.

**Holly Echlin** BA '15, PhD candidate in clinical developmental neuropsychology, York University, Toronto, Ont.

**Zain Ismail** BComm '12, principal transformation consultant, The Henry Ford Health System, Detroit, Mich.

**Sameer Jafar** BSH '15, founder, BlackCat Ltd., Windsor, Ont.

**Ayomide Ketiku** MEN '16, field engineer, Niger Delta Power Holding Company of Nigeria, Abuja, NG.

**Tanya Lazor** MSW '13, social worker, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ont.

**Olunike Oyaleke** MM '17, revenue management specialist, Coca-Cola Refreshments Canada, Toronto, Ont.

**Dwania Peele** BA '11, BSc '11, quality control manager, Greenfield Global Inc., Brampton, Ont.

**Ushan Ranaweera** BComm '11, software support engineer, Harry Rosen Inc., Toronto, Ont.

**Tyler Sager** BA '11, coordinator elections & licensing enforcement, City of Brantford, Brantford, Ont.

**Maria Veinberg** BSH '16, MA '18, technical writer, Proto Manufacturing, Oldcastle, Ont.

**Yun Yu Zhang** BComm '14, proprietor and general manager, Alvento Winery, Vineland Station, Ont.

## Births

**Christina Campagna** BA '06, BEd '07, a daughter, Laura Rose Rizzo, June 9, '18, Chatham, Ont.

**Leslie Drouillard** BA '04, BEd '05, a son, Easton Drouillard, March 6, '16, Windsor, Ont.

**Shawn Filice** BSc '92, MBA '02, a daughter, Mai-Lynn Annavella Rele Filice, April 26, '19, Penticton, B.C.

**Sarah Meyer** BA '08, a daughter, Zoey Louise Nelson, March 25, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Christine Pertschy** BEd '07, a daughter, Emma Pertschy-Maloney, June 4, '18, London, Ont.

## In Memoriam

**Bernard Allen** BA '59, Nov. 17, '18, Windsor, Ont.

**Nadine Allworth** BA '90, March 11, '19, Surrey, B.C.

**Richard Annan** BA '73, BMA '77, BEd '78, Dec. 22, '18, Windsor, Ont.

**Gayle Annett** BA '65, Dec. 19, '18, Windsor, Ont.

**Barbara Augustine** MA '67, Jan. 4, '19, Cambridge, Ont.

**Erna Baldwin** BScN '73, Jan. 22, '19, Harrow, Ont.

**Joan Banfield** BA '77, May 13, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Blanche Beneteau** BA '79, Jan. 7, '19, Belle River, Ont.

**Judith Bohonko** BFA '72, BA '85, May 12, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Louis Bontront** BSc '62, March 8, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Ken Boomer** BComm '79, MBA '81, March 4, '19, Oldcastle, Ont.

**Shawn Boxe** BCS '98, May 10, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Margaret Brackell** BA '74, BEd '79, April 10, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Christopher Calcott** BComm '17, June 28, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Richard Campeau** BA '61, March 25, '19, Wingham, Ont.

**Angelo Cerchie** BSc '76, BSc '77, March 26, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Alexander Crane** BFA '74, Jan. 31, '19, Leamington, Ont.

**Lynne Crozier** BA '78, MEd '83, Jan. 14, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Cheryl Cunningham** BA '71, April 16, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Michael Daypuk** BA '51, BBS '58, BComm '79, Feb. 11, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Frank Dietzel** BComm '59, June 2, '19, Essex, Ont.

**Fernando Dipierdomenico** BSc '71, MSc '73, Dec. 27, '18, Amherstburg, Ont.

**Suzette Dorego** BA '98, May 13, '19, Leamington, Ont.

**Maurice Drouillard** BEd '71, BA '75, BEd '75, June 13, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Karen Ediger** BA '75, Feb. 8, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Barbara Everingham** BHK '77, BEd '78, Nov. 20, '18, Windsor, Ont.

**Martin Exon** BEd '84, Dec. 24, '18, Newton, N.C.

**Scott Forbes** BA '75, BEd '76, Jan. 30, '19, High River, Alta.

**Janet Fostey** BA '99, Feb. 13, '19, Belle River, Ont.

**Mary Gavrelets** BA '98, June 14, '19, Essex, Ont.

**Frances Georgeff** BA '73, Feb. 9, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Hugh Graham** BA '48, April 26, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Peter Grant** BA '57, March 3, '18, Cambridge, UK.

**Michael Grosman** LLB '80, Nov. 27, '18, in Toronto, Ont.

**Frances Halpin** BScN '64, Jan. 30, '19, Victoria, B.C.

**Clairanne Harrison** BA '93, April 25, '19, Chatham, Ont.

**John Hartley** MA '84, Feb. 3, '19, Toronto, Ont.

**Edgar Healey** BA '69, MSW '71, Feb. 20, '19, Essex, Ont.

**Kathleen Henderson** BA '74, BEd '75, April 18, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**William Henry** MBA '90, March 20, '19, Toronto, Ont.

**Doris Herceg** BA '81, Jan. 14, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Scott Hossack** BA '95, May 15, '19, Grosse Pointe Shores, Mich.

**Donna Hreceniuk** BScN '70, Jan. 29, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Susan Hudecki** BScN '84, July 7, '18, Hamilton, Ont.

**Dolores Janisse** BA '77, March 7, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Robert Jaques** BComm '70, March 2, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Kevin Kavanaugh** BA '94, March 28, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Ruth Keenan** BScN '96, June 6, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**BoJeong Kim** MSc '72, PhD '81, June 9, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Robert Knuckle** BA '57, March 3, '19, Dundas, Ont.

**Christine Knutson** CSW '81, BSW '81, LLB '85, Jan. 19, '19, Ottawa, Ont.

**Joseph Kuni** BA '71, Jan. 28, '19, Chatham, Ont.

**Nicholas Kupnicki** BSc '63, BSc '94, Feb. 23, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Jan Laba** MSc '63, PhD '70, April 27, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Michael Lavelle** BA '58, MA '68, Oct. 3 '18, Burlington, Ont.

**Debora Lenz** BA '85, May 25, '19, Oldcastle, Ont.

**Patrick Lesperance** BComm '83, Feb. 28, '19, Tecumseh, Ont.

**Michael Maddison** BA '77, Jan. 15, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Gary Malloy** BA '83, BEd '84, May 2, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Orval Mamer** BSc '62, PhD '66, May 23, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Angelo Mazzuchin** BSc '66, MSc '68, PhD '70 July 15, '19, Sudbury, Ont.

**Arnot McCallum** BA '68, Feb. 6, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Mary McClelland** BA '84, Jan. 14, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Heather McCurdy** BA '72, BSW '75, Dec. 24, '18, Pembroke, Ont.

**Vera McGrath** CMLT '44, June 10, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**William McGuire** BA '52, Oct. 25, '18, Windsor, Ont.

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**Virginia McManus** BA '99,  
April 19, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Thomas McManus** BComm '11,  
March 18, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**David McNevin** BA '92, LLB '95,  
July 20, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Patricia McWha** BA '67,  
Jan. 30, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**John Medel** BA '88,  
April 2, '18, Kitchener, Ont.

**Melody Miles** BScN '79, BA '79,  
BComm '88, MBA '89,  
March 17, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Maurice Miskow** BSc '66, PhD '71,  
Feb. 27, '19, Burlington, Ont.

**Nancy Moffat** BEd '92,  
June 14, '19, Toronto, Ont.

**Jacqueline Mojeski** BA '97,  
BEd '98, Feb. 21, '19, Melvindale,  
Mich.

**Mary Molinari** BA '62,  
Dec. 21, '18, Scarborough, Ont.

**Susan Munford** BScN '89,  
May 1, '19, Grimsby, Ont.

**Hodan Nalayeh** BA '98,  
July 12, '19, Kismayo, SO.

**Donna Nielsen** BA '83,  
Jan. 1, '18, Duncan, B.C.

**Vincent O'Neill** BA '59, MA '62,  
April 17, '19, Memphis, Tenn.

**Mary O'Neill** BA '72,  
Dec. 2, '18, Carleton Place, Ont.

**Joseph Palencsar** BA '50,  
Jan. 1, '19, Oregon, Ohio.

**Harry Perets** LLB '77,  
Dec. 20, '17, Guelph, Ont.

**Frederick Perry** BSc '69,  
Feb. 17, '19, Somerset, UK.

**Jeanne Piccinato** BA '72, BEd '74,  
Jan. 2, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**F. Xavier Plaus** BA '63, MA '65,  
PhD '67, Sept. 5 '18, Russell, Ont.

**Karen Pluard** BA '71, MEd '96,  
May 22, '19, Tecumseh, Ont.

**Jeanne Proulx** BA '67, BEd '78,  
April 7, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**John Quint** BComm '79,  
Jan. 21, '18, Tecumseh, Ont.

**Roy Reiche** JD '76,  
Feb. 23, '19, Pembroke, Ont.

**Wayne Reid** BComm '79,  
June 13, '19, London, Ont.

**Joseph Reis** LLB '82,  
July 14, '19, Strathroy, Ont.

**Janet Rieveley** BComm '78,  
Oct. 27, '18, Windsor, Ont.

**John Roberts** BA '67,  
Dec. 12, '18, Hamilton, Ont.

**Alexandre Roy** BSc '18,  
Jan. 29, '18, Windsor, Ont.

**Diana Roy** BFA '73,  
Jan. 18, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Margaret Rush** BA '87,  
Aug. 10, '18, Chatham, Ont.

**Hank Rutkowski** BA '73,  
May 6, '19, Sudbury, Ont.

**John Sargant** BA '67,  
March 19, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Jeanne Sarjeant** BScN '66,  
July 16, '18, Dundas, Ont.

**Anne Sauchuk** BScN '66,  
May 18, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Terrance Scherback** BSc '73,  
BComm '75, May 30, '19,  
Windsor, Ont.

**Helen Sharpe** BA '72, LLB '80,  
Dec. 16, '18, Windsor, Ont.

**Edith Skidmore** BA '49,  
Feb. 27, '19, Leamington, Ont.

**Lorna-Lee Snowie** LLB '82,  
Jan. 25, '19, Guelph, Ont.

**Franklin Spry** BA '71,  
April 5, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Walter Studak** BA '53,  
March 7, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Sheila Sullivan** BHK '70,  
Nov. 28, '18, Kitchener, Ont.

**Eric Tamm** BA '62, MEd '76,  
May 28, '19, Tecumseh, Ont.

**Peter Tinsley** JD '81,  
April 26, '19, Belleville, Ont.

**Janet Truant** BA '80,  
June 7, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**James Valley** BA '79,  
Feb. 15, '19, Kingsville, Ont.

**George VanderZanden** BA '56,  
April 10, '19, Kitchener, Ont.

**Jeffrey Vandusen** BA '09,  
July 11, '19, Stratford, Ont.

**Ronald VanKoughnett** BA '69,  
Feb. 2, '19, Waterloo, Ont.

**Lori Walker** BSc '91, MBA '96,  
June 27, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Susan Walker** BEd '71, BA '86,  
Dec. 18, '18, Windsor, Ont.

**James Wear** BComm '84,  
Feb. 22, '19, Oldcastle, Ont.

**Gregory Weston** BA '93,  
May 8, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Gordon Wilbur** BA '69, BA '84,  
MA '87, Feb. 13, '19, Windsor, Ont.

**Betty Wilkinson** MA '67,  
Jan. 23, '19, Toronto, Ont.

**Gordon Wilson** BA '56,  
April 8, '19, Chatham, Ont.

**Edmund Woo** PhD '68,  
May 28, '19, Newberry, Fla.

**Todd Woytiuk** BA '83, CPA '84,  
Feb. 6, '19, London, Ont.

**David Yawney** BComm '74,  
June 15, '19, Oakville, Ont.

**Karen Zanutto** BA '67,  
July 24, '18, Windsor, Ont.

## Weddings

**Christina Campagna** BA '06,  
BEd '07 and **Michael Rizzo** BA '07,  
Aug. 2 '14, Wallaceburg, Ont.

**Leslie (Weinz) Drouillard** BA '04,  
BEd '05 and Rodney Drouillard,  
March 18, '15, Punta Cana, DO

**Christine Pertschy** BEd '07 and  
Chris Maloney, Sept. 23, '17,  
London, Ont.

**Maria (Diakantoniou) Veinberg**  
BSc '16, MA '18 and Stanislav  
Veinberg, June 2, '18, Windsor, Ont.



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## EPICENTRE CELEBRATES 5 YEARS OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR

The EPICentre team would like to thank everyone who celebrated our 5th anniversary with us earlier this year. Current students, faculty, staff and alumni celebrated EPICentre's achievements at the historic Willistead Manor by honouring past, present and future members. We look forward to celebrating future achievements and milestones with you.

# CONTINUE TO LEARN. CONTINUE TO LEAD. CONTINUE TO GROW. CONTINUE AT UWINDSOR.

**Continuing Education is UWindsor's newest initiative – one with seemingly limitless potential for students, alumni and the community-at-large.**

The program was borne of the need to provide flexible programming beyond existing academic degrees, and provides life-long learning opportunities to facilitate personal, professional and community growth.

By partnering with industry leaders and faculty experts, Continuing Education offers an array of personal interest workshops, certificates and professional certification, as well as skill-building courses presented in a variety of formats – including online, in-class, evenings, and on weekends. And while the concept is not an entirely new one, it is already proving to be a popular one here in Windsor-Essex.

Officially launched earlier this year, Continuing Education has had a busy few months building the beginnings of a solid portfolio and implementing the necessary infrastructure to support it.

"It has been a whirlwind of growth and creating exciting opportunities and partnerships," says Jennie Atkins, Continuing Education Executive Director.

"We have used this time to evaluate potential programming that truly meets the needs of our stakeholders and serves our community in terms of employment and skills development, while balancing individual and special interests."

She says this balance is evident in the current list of offerings, ranging from the Siemens Mechatronic Systems Certification – a highly technical global certification, to the more relaxed Introduction to Acrylics offered at the School of Creative Arts.

Other fall offerings include the much-anticipated Project Management Certificate; a second session of the popular Mandarin 101 slated for the new year; and custom-tailored corporate training workshops in leadership and management developed specifically for local organizations.

Reflecting on the start-up process, Atkins is enthusiastic about the entrepreneurial nature of the team's progress.

"It has been a truly collective effort with a tremendous amount of support from our campus partners, particularly in the implementation of our new online enrolment management platform."

She says the new system is a dynamic, user-friendly portal designed to address the specific needs of non-traditional education.

The system provides an Amazon-like online shopping experience that has been successfully used by such institutions as UCLA Extension, UC Berkley Extension, McGill, University of Calgary, U of T and Western.

"This marks a considerable investment by the University into the continuing

education space and provides an important opportunity to develop and offer programs vital to the prosperity of the Windsor-Essex region," says Jeff Berryman, Associate Vice-President Academic.

Previous Continuing Education students have said the program is a convenient and cost-effective way to improve skills and stay current at a career level.

Atkins says UWindsor is taking an active lead in supporting the development of a professionally trained and skilled workforce. She says everyone – no matter where they are in their career – can benefit from the many choices offered through Continuing Education. ■

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## CHENG NAMED HEAD COACH OF LANCER MEN'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM

**The University of Windsor's Department of Athletics is pleased to announce Chris Cheng as the new head coach of the Lancer men's basketball program. Cheng becomes just the sixth head coach in the history of the program.**

For the past five years, Cheng has served as the first-ever head coach of men's basketball at Nipissing University in North Bay. At Nipissing, he built the men's basketball program from the ground up and led them into their inaugural appearance in U SPORTS in the 2014-15 season.

"We are delighted to welcome Chris as our new head men's basketball coach," said Director of Athletics Mike Havey. "Chris has an impressive coaching resume and brings with him more than 15 years of coaching experience at the post-secondary level. His experience as an assistant coach at multiple institutions, coaching high performance athletes with Team Ontario and Team Canada as well as the last five seasons as head coach at Nipissing University position him well for this new opportunity at the University of Windsor. We are excited by Chris's commitment to a values-based coaching philosophy focused on a culture of family and excellence."

Prior to arriving at Nipissing, Cheng served as an assistant coach at York University. During Cheng's five seasons at York as an assistant and a recruiter for the program, the Lions reached the OUA post-season in each of those years. He also previously served as an assistant coach at Humber College. During Cheng's time at Humber, the team earned two provincial championships ('05, '06) and two Final Four appearances at the national championships. Beyond his duties with the men's varsity team, Cheng also developed and served as the Head Coach for the Humber College junior varsity men's basketball team.

"I would like to thank Dr. Michael Khan, athletic director Mike Havey, and the members of the committee for their confidence and support in



selecting me as their new men's basketball coach," said Cheng. "It is truly an honour to lead this storied program and my family and I are excited to be joining the Lancer family. This opportunity means a lot to us."

In addition to his experience coaching in U SPORTS and the OUA, Cheng has an extensive resume with both the Canadian national and Ontario provincial programs. Currently, he is an assistant coach with the Junior National team for Canada Basketball and went with Team Canada to the U19 FIBA World Cup in Greece in June.

He also previously served as head coach of Ontario Basketball's U17 boys' provincial team from 2010-2012. Cheng's teams captured back-to-back national championships in 2011 and 2012, and he was named the 2011 Ontario Basketball Men's Elite coach of the year. Chris is also a Centre of Performance coach with the Ontario Basketball Association.

"University of Windsor Lancers Basketball is one of the premier programs in the country," added Cheng. "They have a rich tradition of success on the court, in the community, and with their alumni. I look forward to connecting and working with the current student-athletes, alumni, athletics and recreation staff, university faculty and administrators, and the Windsor community. I am excited to get started." ▀





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In July of 2019, the University of Windsor expanded a research partnership with PROTO Mfg. Ltd., a local Windsor/Essex based company which is a global leader in the development and production of X-ray diffraction-based scientific instruments. The research program is led by Assistant Professor and Industrial Research Chair, Dr. Nicholas Vukotic, and supported by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC). The research program focuses on the development of new scientific research tools and the creation of new advanced materials. These new research tools will be used to optimize the production, screening, and characterization of new crystalline materials known as metal-organic frameworks (MOFs). These new materials are constructed from both metals and organic molecules and can be described as 'high-tech' sponges with several potential industrial applications such as absorbents, chemical sensors, and drug releasing biomaterials.

Dr. Vukotic has joined the Advanced Materials Centre of Research (AMCRe) within the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Windsor. AMCRe consists of a critical mass of researchers with complementary interests in synthetic chemistry, catalysis, materials chemistry, materials characterization, and materials applications. The centre allows for an institutional environment which encourages and enhances multidisciplinary, multi-group projects, and strengthens opportunities for new research collaborations with academia, government, and industry.

Dr. Vukotic is currently looking for enthusiastic graduate and undergraduate students to join his lab.  
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