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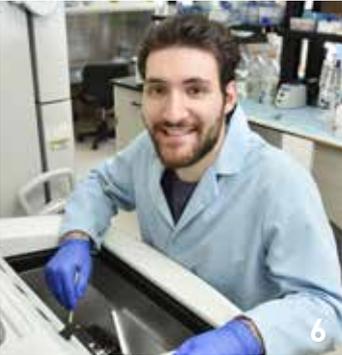
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OF PROMISE.**

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## DEAR VIEWER

I have now served 10 years as president and vice-chancellor of the University of Windsor.

During this time, I have seen countless examples of achievement by students, faculty, and staff. I have met alumni, locally and afar, who have shared their stories of being at the University of Windsor, and who are contributing to society in every way imaginable.

And I have seen the collective power of our donors and volunteers who contribute what they can to making the University of Windsor better.

Our lives are made unique by the stories and life experiences we carry within our hearts, and our lives come together on common ground through stories that move us. As I conclude my time here in June of this year, my final message to all readers is a simple one: thank you for caring about the stories that make us all proud of this great university, and thank you to the writers, photographers, and sponsors who enable *VIEW* magazine to bring these stories to life.

We all know the history of the University of Windsor, beginning with its roots as Assumption College in 1857, through to becoming the University of Windsor by an Act of the provincial legislature passed in 1962, and now to today as an important community centred and internationally connected destination of teaching, research, and creative activity.

The future can never be known with certainty, but I see a path upon which perhaps all universities find themselves. It is one where students remain at the centre of everything we do, but, increasingly, become partners in charting the education they want.

In a world where opportunities emerge and shift more readily, the ability to provide an education that encourages thinking outside of the box will require out-of-the-box thinking. And 21st-century students, who are more connected than ever before, will be a critical part of that thinking.

As well, there will be a greater opportunity to create learning opportunities for people of all ages—young to old—who want to acquire new knowledge and skills as they go through life. I see the University of Windsor at the forefront of shaping this future.

It has been my privilege and honour to be a part of the great story that is the University of Windsor, and its role in Windsor-Essex and the world. It is a story that has made me a better person.



*Dr. Alan Wildeman*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

ALAN WILDEMAN

*President and Vice-Chancellor*



## *Sten Dragoti BComm '14*

# ALUM RUNS WITH THE LATEST TREND: eSPORTS

**Thousands of fans cheer for their favourite team in a packed stadium. But they're not watching football, baseball or even soccer.**

They're watching a video game.

eSports—videogamers competing against each other as individuals or teams—is surging in popularity around the world. The global industry is worth around \$776 million CAD, according to SuperData Research.

UWindsor graduate Sten Dragoti BComm '14 is a part of this burgeoning business as it expands into collegiate competition.

Earlier this year, St. Clair College purchased eSport Gaming Events, the company Dragoti cofounded as a UWindsor student in 2013, signing on the alumnus to manage the college's own teams.

Some 60 US and Canadian collegiate teams now participate, according to the ESPN website list updated weekly as more schools join.

As manager, "My job is to manage and grow the Saints Gaming program," explains Dragoti. He co-ordinates their tournament involvement and finds sponsors.

According to ESPN, top eSports tournaments now draw audiences that rival the biggest traditional sporting events; popular midweek live streams routinely attract more than 100,000 online viewers. Coke and Nissan have joined Logitech and Red Bull as tournament sponsors.

These events are so popular that Cineplex announced \$19 million CAD in investments that will see eSports competitions playing out on Cineplex stages across the country. It invested a further \$6.3 million CAD to create a new competitive gaming league.

In a CBC interview, Dragoti said the biggest challenge for the industry is being taken seriously by the large corporate sponsors that dominate traditional sports. "They didn't grow up with this but they're starting to come around," he said.

In addition to his work building the Saints Gaming program, Dragoti provides marketing services for several Windsor, Ont., businesses, and runs his own website WindsorSite.ca, which offers web services.

He chose to attend the University of Windsor for its business program. Although he, himself, is an excellent video game player—"an early favourite was Diablo and then Starcraft came along"—business is a passion.

"I started my first business in Grade 10. I'd buy individual electronics and bundle them and sell them online. I wanted to save up for a new computer. I saved \$2,000 and built the computer myself."

The success of that venture was an intoxicating taste of entrepreneurship. "Eventually, I want to go back and take corporate law. It would be good for my own business as well as being a consultant for others."

While at UWindsor, he joined the Starcraft Club (a videogame he played competitively). Eventually, Dragoti took over and renamed it the e-sports club.

He met his future business partners, William Girard, Shane Perron and Shaun Byrne, while competing in tournaments. "We started hosting events at the university and St. Clair, and then incorporated as E-sport Gaming Events."

The university's EPICentre initiative provided \$5,000 for the start-up, something Dragoti says was invaluable in helping them get on their feet.

The company put on more than 30 events. These included tournaments in which PC and console gamers compete for cash and hardware prizes, and satellite viewings of tournaments held elsewhere.

The company organized the Good Game Con tournament in 2014 and 2015. Six hundred people attended the first year; 3,000 the second. "We filled up a 20,000 square-foot space in Toronto," says Dragoti. "We gave out \$50,000 in prizes." The money came from ticket sales, sponsorships and a big investor.

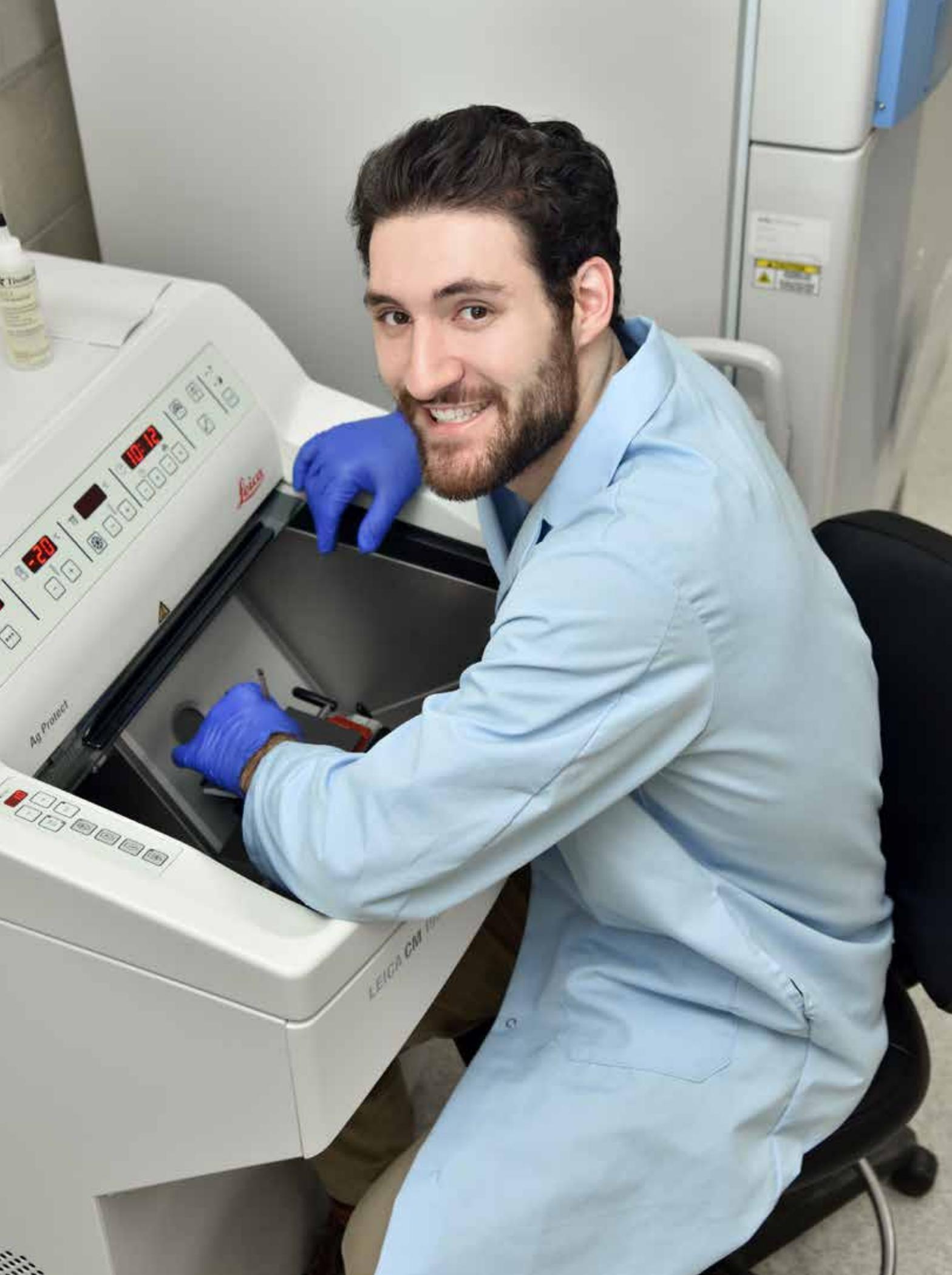
However, when the investor elected to move to California and become involved in e-sports full time, it led to the decision to sell the business to the St. Clair College Student Representative Council Inc.

"We'd done an event for St. Clair—Saints Gaming Live—at their Sportsplex. The numbers impressed them. More than 500 people attended. And one of our live-stream videos got more than 300,000 unique views.

"They saw the potential in collegiate gaming and offered to buy the business."

The UWindsor alum relishes his current role. "I don't like the idea of a 9-5 job. I like the freedom. I get to meet a lot of new people, travel, be involved."

eSports aren't the end of the line for him. "I'd like to be more of an investor at some point. If you have a successful business idea that could make millions—you can pursue it. I'd like that." ■



## *Jonathan Nari*

# BECOMING A BETTER VERSION OF HIMSELF

### **Inspiration can spring from the most unusual of wells.**

For example, during an orthodontist appointment.

Fourth-year Arts and Science student Jonathan Nari, who thought teaching would be his future career, began to consider orthodontics as a profession while having his new braces adjusted.

“All those visits piqued my interest,” he says. “Maybe I’ll find a way to combine both.”

No one would be surprised if Nari, whose program includes a Biochemistry thesis and French minor, found a way to do that. He has set a standard of excellence from his first day on campus in the classroom, the research lab and in the community.

When he arrived in 2014, Nari was accepted as an Outstanding Scholars Program candidate and as a full scholar the following year. The program gives exceptional students the opportunity to be mentored in their discipline and to be paid to work in a research placement for up to six semesters.

“The opportunity has opened the door for me to the world of research. I deeply appreciate a school that rewards academics just as much as it does athletics.”

He has spent 100 hours each semester in the lab with research biologist Dr. Phillip Karpowicz investigating the presence of circadian rhythms in colon regeneration of mice.

The research could help improve the timing of drug administration to patients to enhance drug effectiveness.

“I owe a great deal of my success and advancement to my supervisor, Dr. Karpowicz,” says Nari. “He has been a teacher, an advisor, a mentor, and a role model.

“Through his guidance, I’ve become much better at examining problems thoroughly and analytically. I can’t thank him enough.”

The Interdisciplinary Arts and Science program in which Nari is enrolled is designed for highly motivated students who want a well-rounded and challenging education in the arts, social and natural sciences.

Nari says that, “Arts and Science has given me an interdisciplinary perspective when confronting problems and helped me combine knowledge and insights from the different fields and subjects I’ve studied. I find it has made me a well-rounded student and a jack-of-all-trades, budding-master-of-some.”

He has most enjoyed how tight-knit his program is. “We’re small but that just means we get to know the other students on a more personal level.”

Small program size has also meant seeing the same professors in the classroom over the course of his degree. “Many of them have become inspiring mentors to me, whether they know it or not.”

Nari’s dedication to community service begins with the notion that volunteering is all about giving time to a cause that you enjoy and in which you believe. “I think everyone has a responsibility to give back to their community. Volunteering your time is the easiest, cheapest way for anyone to help and pull their own weight.”

During his time at UWindsor, Nari has compiled a strong volunteer record, serving as a leader on the Outstanding Scholars Student Council for two years, and as co-president of the Bachelor of Arts and Science Association.

He initiated an Outstanding Scholars canned food drive that yielded impressive results.

In addition, he coaches a youth soccer team. “The organization I volunteer for is the same one I played in as a kid. I felt an obligation to give to the next generation of soccer players the same chance I had.”

In summer 2017, Nari served as the University of Windsor’s student representative to the “G7 University Education for All Actions for a Sustainable Future” conference in Udine, Italy.

While there, he worked directly with UWindsor president Dr. Alan Wildeman and others from around the world to chart a course towards global citizenship in higher education.

Beyond being a researcher, leader, and a tireless volunteer, he’s modest to boot says Simon Du Toit, co-ordinator of the Outstanding Scholars program: “Jonathan remains a humble, personable, and highly collaborative leader. I am confident he’ll succeed in achieving his ambitions. He sets the highest standards for himself.”

The key to his success? “Learn how to manage your time effectively and to not procrastinate,” Nari says.

He admits that this is something with which he, himself, has struggled. “There’s always more to do than you initially realize, and less time than you thought to do it all.”

He suggests doing things progressively as they arise, planning, and holding oneself accountable. “The last thing anyone wants is to be scrambling at the last minute. It’s discourteous to the people counting on you, and even more so toward yourself.”

Although he will graduate in June, at press time he’d not finalized a decision on what he will do next. “Whichever path I choose, as long as I’m experiencing personal growth, learning new things, and meeting interesting people, I’m becoming a better version of me, and that’s my overall goal.” ▣



## Dr. Lori Buchanan

# RESEARCHERS WORK WITH BUSINESS, COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH APHASIA

### **There are few things more dispiriting than losing the ability to communicate.**

And yet, every year, thousands of people across Canada awake to a new reality filled with elusive words and illegible text.

It's this growing population that a team from the University of Windsor has set out to provide with a new voice and a new lease on life.

"Losing the ability to communicate can make a person feel lonely, depressed and make it difficult to seek help," says UWindsor psychology professor Dr. Lori Buchanan. "More than 25 per cent of stroke patients are diagnosed with aphasia, which is caused by brain damage and creates some inability to process language."

Aphasia Friendly Canada is a project from the university's Cognitive Neuroscience Laboratory and is operated by Dr. Buchanan, Julia Borsatto, and Laura Pineault. The neurological disorder is more prevalent than cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease and muscular dystrophy, and yet it's a condition that is largely unknown to the general public.

"When you are diagnosed with aphasia there is often this loss of autonomy," Pineault explains. "Many people have likely encountered a person with aphasia but don't interact directly with them because they go out with a caregiver.

"We would like to give them that sense of autonomy back."

Pineault first presented the idea for this project two years ago during the Council of Ontario Universities' Innovative Designs for Accessibility competition, where she was the UWindsor entrant. Since then, she and other members of Buchanan's lab have created toolkits to assist businesses in becoming aphasia-friendly and founded support groups for those with aphasia and their caregivers.

In Windsor and Essex County, 17 businesses are participating in the program and can be identified by the "Aphasia Friendly" sticker in the window.

"Our team goes out into the community and works with businesses to teach them what aphasia is, how they can better communicate with someone with aphasia and provide them with custom materials," Buchanan says.

She adds that local Tim Hortons owner Pat Hayes has enthusiastically enrolled all 13 of his restaurants.

"We give signs to these businesses and created nonverbal menus for them to use in their stores," Buchanan says. "A benefit of this is that not only will you know how to communicate with people who can no longer speak, but you can now communicate with anyone who can't speak English."

Along with the intrinsic benefits to increased businesses, Buchanan says all businesses will be required to be aphasia-friendly once the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* is enforced in 2025.

"Right now, we are offering this service for free, but eventually businesses will have to pay for this," she says.

The team is also hoping to connect with municipalities and first responders.

Borsatto, who began graduate study in clinical neuropsychology this past fall, trained the City of Burlington's parks and recreation last summer.

"To offer hands-on training for the employees, we took a group of people with aphasia to a pool where they knew everyone at the customer service desk and lifeguards would be cognizant of what aphasia is and knew how to support conversations," Borsatto says.

According to the Ontario Stroke Network, there are about 426,000 Canadians living with the effects of a stroke and about 50,000 new strokes in Canada every year. With about 25 to 40 per cent of stroke survivors acquiring aphasia, Buchanan says it's vital for the region to improve its supports: "Windsor is selling itself as a retirement destination, and with an older population you are more likely to get more people with aphasia."

Pineault says southwestern Ontario is a "blackout zone" for aphasia supports, but she hopes this program will help change that.

"We are helping businesses to be compliant, but we are also helping people with aphasia improve their quality of life," she says. "We are working with Windsor Regional Hospital's stroke navigator, and, when someone wakes up with aphasia, we want them to know that they are supported and that there are businesses here that will be accessible for people with communication disorders."

For more information about the program, or to enrol, visit [www.AphasiaFriendlyCanada.ca](http://www.AphasiaFriendlyCanada.ca). 

# CAMPUS NEWS

## DR. ALISTAIR MACLEOD HONOURED



*Author Alexander MacLeod, son of the late UWindsor professor Dr. Alistair MacLeod, speaks about his father's love of the university during a ceremony dedicating the walkway in front of Dillon Hall, last fall.*

***“All of us are better when we’re loved...” — the well-known words of late English and creative writing professor Dr. Alistair MacLeod were remembered by family members, friends and colleagues during a November ceremony to mark the official dedication of Alistair MacLeod Walk, a pedestrian thoroughfare stretching from the campus’s Stephen and Vicki Adams Welcome Centre to the Leddy Library.***

Dr. MacLeod’s words and personal story were immortalized on a plaque marking the spot, which notes the walk will “serve as a permanent reminder of the importance and impact of literature and humanities to a university, and of the power of creativity and the written word in guiding personal journeys.”

Formerly a portion of Patricia Road, the walk honours one of Canada’s most acclaimed scholars and authors in recognition of both his personal and academic contributions.

“Alistair MacLeod inspired generations of students to pursue creative scholarship and was universally admired and respected by the campus community,” said UWindsor president Alan Wildeman.

MacLeod, who died in April 2014, taught English and creative writing at UWindsor for more than three decades and mentored dozens of aspiring young writers. His literary career included the 1999 novel *No Great Mischief* — winner of the 2001 IMPAC Dublin Literary Award, the Trillium Book Award, and the Lannan Literary Award — as well as the short story collections *The Lost Salt Gift of Blood* (1976), *As Birds Bring Forth the Sun and Other Stories* (1986), and *Island* (2000).

In 2000, MacLeod was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. In 2007, he was appointed an officer of the Order of Canada in recognition of his commitment to Canadian literature.

## STATIONARY BIKES ALLOW LIBRARY USERS TO EXERCISE BODY AND MIND



*Above: Maximizing their workout.*

**The installation of three stationary bikes in the Leddy Library meets its mandate to provide a healthy and stimulating learning environment, says Sharon Munro, the librarian who first proposed the measure.**

“The library is thrilled to be able to provide innovative ways to study that promote good health,” she says.

The exercise desks feature a surface to hold reading material or a laptop computer, a height-adjustable seat, an odometer to measure distance pedaled, and resistance

bands for bicep curls. They are located at the northwest corner of the main building’s first floor.

Kinesiology professor Sarah Woodruff has used a similar workstation in her office for about five years to counteract the sedentary nature of academic work.

“It gets your blood flowing to get your brain working,” she says. “This is going to be a great option for students using the library.”

## PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM

**UWindsor resistance program to tackle sexual assault myths.**

The University of Windsor’s Office of Student Experience has invested \$135K into a new program designed to provide women with training to mitigate the risk of sexual assault.

The Sexual Assault Resistance Education Program, or “Flip the Script,” consists of four three-hour sessions that

provide information, skills, and practice in assessing risk from acquaintances; overcoming emotional barriers in acknowledging danger; and engaging in effective verbal and physical self-defence.

UWindsor reports that the program is based on 10 years of research by UWindsor psychology and women’s and gender studies professor Dr. Charlene Senn and her team.

## CELEBRATING THE CAMPUS'S FIRST NATIONS HISTORY



*Above: Part of the Turtle Island Walk day of celebration.*

**The official dedication of Turtle Island Walk took place last fall. Vibrant banners anchor the six prominent seating areas along the pedestrian thoroughfare this week that was formerly part of Sunset Avenue.**

The art featured on the banners is the work of First Nations artist Teresa Altiman who grew up on Walpole Island and draws inspiration from both the landscape and her indigenous heritage.

Turtle Island Walk recognizes the First Nations' history of the land on which the University of Windsor sits with a series of plaques and features the Seven Teachings of the Ancestors - Wisdom, Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty Humility and Truth as well as the art work.

## UWINDSOR WINS eCAMPUS ONTARIO AWARD FOR OPEN, ONLINE, TECHNOLOGY-ENABLED TEACHING AND LEARNING

**The University of Windsor's Office of Open Learning has won the inaugural eCampus Ontario award for achievements in open, online, and technology-enabled teaching and learning.**

UWindsor states that over the last four years, more than 50 instructors have partnered with the Office of Open Learning on projects funded by eCampus Ontario.

"At the heart of all these projects is an instructor, or sometimes a team of instructors, with great ideas and a commitment to doing what is best for their students," says director Nick Baker. "We feel very privileged to work with these committed and innovative instructors in truly collaborative projects that are making a difference."

## A PAIR OF UWINDSOR ALUMNI HAVE RECEIVED ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S HIGHEST CIVILIAN HONOURS: APPOINTMENT TO THE ORDER OF CANADA.

**Governor General Julie Payette announced the appointment of political scientist Janine Brodie BA '74, MA '76 on December 29, and invested movie make-up artist Gordon Smith BFA '75 at a ceremony in Rideau Hall on January 24.**

Dr. Brodie is a Distinguished University Professor at the University of Alberta, where she holds a Canada Research Chair in Political Economy and Social Governance. Her Order of Canada citation notes her contributions as a scholar of Canadian politics and public policy, notably in the areas of social governance and gender politics. Her 1985 book, *Women and Politics in Canada*, was the first on the topic.

Brodie was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 2002 and awarded a Trudeau Fellowship in 2010. In 2013, she became a fellow of the Broadbent Institute and, in the following year, she was awarded the Royal Society of Canada's Innis-Gerin medal for significant and sustained contributions to the social sciences in Canada. She will be invited to accept her insignia at a ceremony to be held later this year.

A master of illusion, Smith is considered a pioneer in the film and television make-up and prosthetics field. He has designed special effects make-up and meticulously crafted cutting-edge prosthetics for more than 80 motion pictures, including *Platoon*, *JFK*, and the *X-Men* movie franchise.

A release announcing his investiture noted the groundbreaking contributions of his Canadian crew in the development of silicone gel prosthetic technology, now the industry standard around the world.

Nominated for an Emmy for his work on the 1995 television biography *Truman, Smith* won a Saturn award for best make-up from the Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror Films for Guillermo del Toro's 1997 *Mimic*.

Created in 1967, the Order of Canada recognizes outstanding achievement, dedication to the community and service to the nation. Their contributions are varied, yet they have all enriched the lives of others and have taken to heart the motto of the order: *Desiderantes meliorem patriam* ("They desire a better country").



*Gordon Smith and Julie Payette*

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BY JENNIFER AMMOSCATO

# STUDENT EXCHANGE: A NEW WORLD OF EXPERIENCE

“It sounds cliché but I could have never imagined how truly amazing going away on exchange would be,” says Lauren Oakley BA '17.

Oakley lived in Jönköping, Sweden, from January until June 2016 while in third year of her Communication, Media and Film program.

Students who return from exchange invariably call it the single most valuable part of their postsecondary experience, says Michelle Fitzgerald BA '99, administrator of International and Exchange Student Services.

“The biggest benefit is “discovering yourself,” says the alumna who graduated with a focus on international relations. “You find your true, unadulterated self. This is you out there, implementing what you’ve learned in the world.”



Lauren Oakley in Jönköping, Sweden

Each year, about 85 UWindsor students journey to one of the institution’s many academic partners that can be found on every continent except Antarctica.

Before they embark on this transformational voyage, some need what Fitzgerald refers to as the “myths” of student exchange dispelled.

## EXCHANGE MISCONCEPTIONS

Many misconceptions muddy some students’ and parents’ ideas about exchange. Among them:

- Its cost is prohibitive (it doesn’t have to be)
- The ability to speak a second language is required (it’s not)
- Exchange is a “party semester” (it’s not)
- Some programs aren’t eligible (all are except Education)
- Grades will drop (not usually)
- Homesickness will be debilitating (not usually)
- The time spent will delay graduation (it won’t).

There are some additional costs such as residence, transportation and health care as OHIP is not adequate coverage for an extended stay abroad.

However, UWindsor residence fees are excused while on exchange (the host institution is responsible for assisting students in finding suitable accommodations). And, exchange students can opt out of UWSA health fees.

In addition, they are still eligible to apply for OSAP and other scholarships to help defray the expenses. For example, a \$750 bursary is available for each exchange semester. One innovative student even started a GoFundMe page.

Students are also encouraged to plan to apply for scholarships or save money.

The cost of going on exchange is well worth it, Fitzgerald says. “I encourage students to think of it as an investment in themselves. The changes and growth they’ll experience will benefit them in ways they can’t begin to know.”

Knowing a second language isn’t mandatory unless the student is taking a language-driven program such as German.

All programs except those in the Faculty of Education are eligible. It does not delay graduation because it is considered a regular semester (or two), simply at another institution that counts towards the student’s degree.

Grades dropping doesn't tend to be an issue for exchange students because those who go are the sorts of individuals who tend to be acutely aware of the value of the opportunity and eager to take advantage of its benefits, says Fitzgerald.

The "typical" exchange student earns a solid "B" or above, and is hungry for new experiences.

Exchanges are limited to the third year of a program, based on the theory that, by then, students should have adapted to the demands of university life and have the skills required for study in a foreign teaching environment.



Michelle Fitzgerald: "I have the best job on campus."

Exchange in fourth year is prohibitive because there is less flexibility in course selection and it can be difficult to find the appropriate course abroad.

Fitzgerald also hastens to correct one more misconception: "Some parents think that, if their son or daughter goes on exchange, they must accept a student in return in their home. But that's not how it works. That's the high school version."

## THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Ideally, interested students set up an appointment to chat with Fitzgerald in advance so they can learn what kinds of paths they might like to pursue, as well as what they can expect along the way.

A committee reviews all exchange applications and interviews qualified applicants. Candidates are ranked and offered placements at partner universities based upon such things as academic ability, the seriousness of their interest, and the suitability of the host institution's program for that student's degree requirements.

Applicants identify their top three choices. "Whether they can go depends on how many pick the same destination. They should be flexible and open to different destinations."

For example, Australia is "crazy popular," Fitzgerald says. "If you want to go there, we're going to make sure that you're the

kind of person who can represent the university well. That you're a proud Lancer and proud of the university as a whole."

This is because the university needs to be able to encourage students to come from Australia in return. "If Australia sends us three, we can send them three," she says. Although the exchanges between countries might not equal exactly each year, it trends evenly, on average.

She would particularly like to encourage students who've never truly been outside Windsor/Essex to think about the program. "They are the ones who need to go on exchange. Through it, they can learn that the world around them is pretty marvelous, and so is their home.

"I love watching them bloom during exchange. They come back so much better than they were before."

## CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

Challenges do arise. "The biggest challenge depends on the individual," explains Fitzgerald. "For some, it might be the financial side. For others, they might feel homesick.

"It's rarely debilitating. But when it happens, it's made worse by overbearing family members, girlfriends and boyfriends."

If they do need someone to talk to while away, students can access the "Keep. MeSAFE" app, launched in November 2017.

It offers the chance to chat with licensed and trained counsellors who can provide advice and support electronically or by arranged phone call. It was created for international students and for both incoming and outgoing exchange students and is culturally sensitive and offered in different languages.

The biggest challenge for most students is coming home.

"You often fall in love with where you are (sometimes literally)," says Fitzgerald. "You don't want the adventure to end. You don't want your freedom to end."

Some people are afraid to leave part-time jobs, worried they won't get another job upon their return. "They need to understand that this is an investment in their future. Frequently, if you're the kind of person who's right for exchange you're the kind of employee an employer would be happy to make room for once you return."

Don't expect to work part-time while on exchange, however. The rules and regulations in effect in the country where they will study might not permit it.

There are those parents and guardians who are nervous at the thought of their son or daughter doing away from their influence for months at a time, but she encourages them to "have faith in the system and the experience, and what you've taught them."

Fitzgerald says that she has "the best job on campus."

"I work with students who are excited, happy, positive. I get to live vicariously through them and build positive connections.

"I have the kind of job that I know I'm making the world a better place and changing it for the better by making this positive difference through what I do."

# Exchange – What It's Really Like

Lauren Oakley

BA '17

**Graduated:**

Communication, Media and Film

**Exchange:**

Jönköping University, Sweden,  
January-June 2016



Lauren Oakley



Lauren Oakley, second from right.



I'd never thought too in depth about going on exchange until I was talking with a friend who was already in the process of applying. I've always loved travelling and was looking for a new experience.

I decided to talk to my parents about it. They were extremely supportive which was the ultimate push for me to go.

I was nervous before I left because I had never travelled alone before. I knew that the pros would outweigh the cons so I was able to push through the nerves. Before I left, my mom bought me a journal to write in and I found that writing in it any time I was worried really helped me.

I lived in a residence. It was an apartment that partnered with the school to rent out rooms to students, however it was not only students that lived in the building.

The biggest challenge was when I actually left to go to Sweden.

I was a bit nervous to travel alone but I was feeling pretty good about it. That is, until my flight from Toronto to Heathrow airport in London landed later than expected.

I had about 45 minutes to navigate my way through the huge airport. By the time I got to security, there was about 30 minutes until my connecting flight was leaving. I thought I'd be okay, until security officials told me that I would not be able to get through in time to board.

I started panicking and a rush of emotion hit me. But I knew that I had to deal with the situation. I worked it out with the airport staff who managed to get me a flight to Sweden eight hours later than my original flight. After that, I just went to a bathroom stall, cried, and moved on.

It taught me that things may not always be in my control but there is always a solution to every

problem and it's all about the way that you react to the situation.

The best part about my exchange was the huge group of friends I made! Jönköping University did an amazing job during our orientation week and it gave me an opportunity to make amazing friends.

Being in a hands-on program that involves a lot of group work, it made me feel extremely comfortable in all my classes because I felt like I knew the majority of people in each one. I made a core group of friends with people from Australia, the Netherlands, America, Canada, and even Singapore. To this day, we keep in contact and are planning a reunion trip!

My life was changed. It sounds cliché but I could have never imagined how truly amazing going away on exchange would be. It was such a learning experience for me in so many ways. From living alone for the first time to getting to experience and fit into a new culture. I grew so much from my time there. I think about my time in Sweden every day and miss it a lot!

If you have even the slightest thought about going on exchange you should book an appointment with someone from the Exchange office to get an idea of what to expect.

Go to orientation week at your host school! It's SO important. It is where I made all of my friends and that was the point where I felt like I had a connection to the school. I can't stress that enough!

The exchange experience has allowed me to adapt to unfamiliar situations easily. It taught me a lot about living on my own and about stepping out of my comfort zone.

I have graduated and am now working, but I have caught the travel bug. I will always be looking for new places to go and new cultures to experience.

## Caroline Voyer

Fourth year, Women's and Gender  
Studies and History (Combined)

**Exchange:**  
Rhodes University, South Africa,  
January-June 2017.



Caroline Voyer



I decided to go on exchange because I wanted to do something in my undergrad that allowed me to be a part of something bigger than myself. I wanted to do something that would set my undergrad experience apart from other students.

Going on exchange allowed me to meet family members from across the world, experience new cultures, gain independence by travelling by myself to a new continent, meet other exchange students from all over the globe, and study completely unique courses from a different university.

I was very nervous beforehand — mostly about doing this huge thing and it not meeting my expectations. I handled this by ensuring I registered for very cool courses, and I made friends who wanted a similar experience, and who also wanted to see the country!

I lived in residence. I loved this experience because it made it so easy to make friends through all the welcome week events and in the dining hall!

The most challenging aspect to my experience was the level of poverty in South Africa. The "townships" are slum villages that surround towns and cities, where black people were forced into as cheap labour during the Apartheid system.

Although Apartheid is over, the townships are still filled with people who live in homes made of scrap metals. It was a huge culture shock, especially because there was a township surrounding Rhodes University. Nothing could have prepared me for this level of poverty. I soon learned, however, that although many people who live in the township are very poor, it does not mean that they are unhappy.

If I had to pinpoint the best thing that happened to me while I was on exchange, it would be the relationships that I formed.

I got to know family members whom I had never met before, the incredible South African women that were a part of my residence building, and friends I met through a church I joined. The people I got closest to were other exchange students from all over Europe.

I did not expect to miss being in South Africa as much as I do. The lifestyle of travelling and studying was so much fun, and the South Africans were such kind-hearted people. I can't wait to go back!

After graduation, I will be going to the Faculty of Education here at the University of Windsor.

Currently, I am enrolled in an African history class, and next semester I will be taking a class on South African Apartheid. Going on exchange has sparked an interest in African history, and taking African history courses while I was there really gave me a solid foundation for these classes.

If you're considering going on exchange, DO IT! Go somewhere that is close to your heart for whatever reason that may be. My connection to my family helped to make my experience more meaningful.

Save up and don't be afraid to spend money when you are there. I will never regret the \$40 I spent to dive with a crocodile, or the \$50 I spent on a safari.

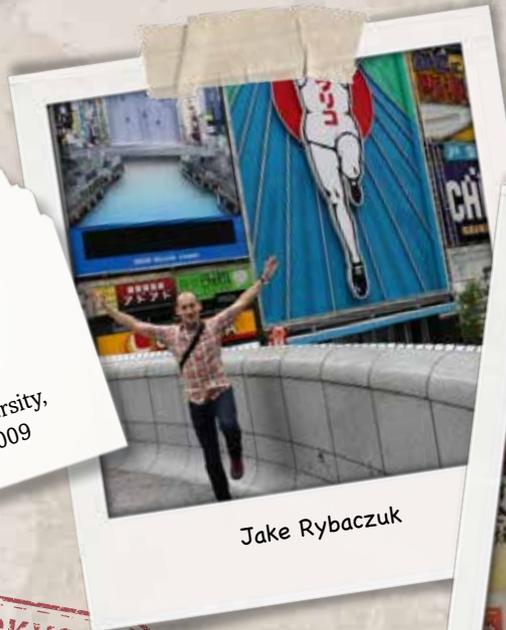


# Jake Rybaczuk

BA '11

**Area of Study:**  
Criminology and History

**Exchange:**  
J International Christian University,  
Mitaka, Tokyo, Japan, 2008-2009



Jake Rybaczuk



Discovering unique cuisine.



During my interview, I was told too many people had applied for Australia and England (my first choices) and was asked how I felt about Japan. So, my destination wasn't exactly planned or decided upon, it just happened.

Tokyo is unlike any city in the world, it's so big and diverse, you feel like some places (Harajuku, Shibuya, Shinjuku) aren't even from this planet! There are cities within the city, it's so big.

I attended International Christian University, in the Western part of Tokyo. It is located in one of the few forested areas sanctioned off from construction.

It's as if the school was built into a forest, and the entrance used to be an airplane landing strip which is now lined by gorgeous Sakura trees. In March, when the trees bloom, riding your bike daily past the pink and white Sakura blossoms is one of the coolest things you can ever experience.

If you are in a country where the culture is vastly different, give yourself plenty of time during the beginning of your exchange to absorb as much as you can. I did not know what to expect at all. You can try to research and understand what you might find before you go, but once you get there all the preparation goes out the door.

Everything was a challenge. From the initial culture shock, to being away from friends, family and your significant other if you have one. You, as well as your relationship with those back home, will be tested. Make sure you plan in advance and do what you can so you can focus on your experience during exchange and not have to constantly put out fires back home.

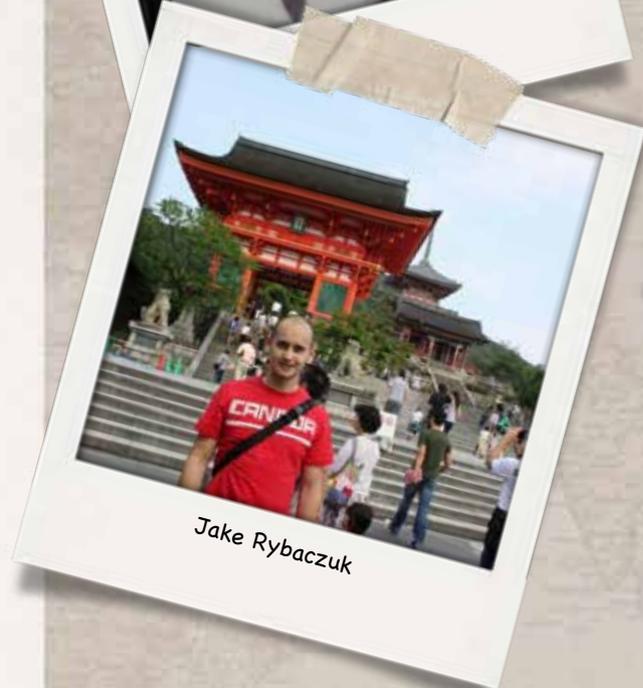
When I arrived, I had great people around me who helped me transition to a culture I had no idea about. If possible, apply to live in a residence because you begin to understand the culture and country much better. I lived in the 1st Men's Dorm with six foreign exchange students and 25 native Japanese regular students.

I primarily studied Japanese history and language, and all except the Japanese language classes were taught in English. I had co-ordinated with the Exchange Office prior to leaving so the classes that I would take would count towards my degree. I even took some that didn't count out of pure interest. Make sure you have room in your degree audit before you do this — it's a great way to learn something new.

I studied under some of the smartest professors I have ever encountered, several were either Yale, Harvard or Princeton educated. Basically, I received an Ivy League education for University of Windsor tuition while on exchange.

Lifelong friendships are made during experiences like this. You become exceptionally close with students on exchange from other countries. Because of exchange, I now have friends in Japan, Sweden, France, Korea, California, Florida, Africa and other places around the world. This circle of friends gives you the opportunity to further learn about other cultures and travel together during school breaks and holidays when on exchange.

I feel travel begets travel. You should take advantage of it when you're young and aren't tied down with responsibilities that can hamper you later in life. Once you see how amazing it is to live in another country and experience its culture, you'll



Jake Rybaczuk

want to learn new languages, continue to travel and become a global citizen.

Some of my favourite memories from exchange are the FOOD! No matter where you go, experiencing new foods will blow your mind.

I currently work at a software company as an account manager and sales representative for the last five and a half years. Our headquarters are out of Dallas, and I travel sporadically to different cities for business.

My student exchange experience has made me realize that almost every company these days is international. Without worldly experience in your younger years, it will be much more difficult to adapt as you move along in your business and personal life.

Don't forget, while you're away you are an ambassador for your school and country. I learned how much Canadians are appreciated and liked around the world, and I had the chance to share about being a Canadian and our culture which helped me strengthen my love for where I live.

Have fun and take chances in life. You won't regret it. ▣

## Find Out More!

### STUDENT EXCHANGE OFFICE

#### International Student Centre (ISC)

Laurier Hall (2nd floor)

Phone: 519-253-3000, Ext. 3934

Email: [exchange@uwindsor.ca](mailto:exchange@uwindsor.ca)

#### General Application Deadlines

**For Fall semester:** January 15 before 4 p.m. (Applications for the Fall semester are usually available online around mid October.)

**For Winter semester:** September 15 before 4 p.m. (Applications usually available online starting early June.)

**Application Form** - All exchange applications are completed on-line. Visit [www.uwindsor.ca/exchange](http://www.uwindsor.ca/exchange) to begin the process.

# LANCER NEWS

Get the latest on the Lancers by visiting [www.GoLancers.ca](http://www.GoLancers.ca)

By Elisa Mitton BComm '05



## 2017 ALUMNI SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

**Star athletes in basketball, football, and track and field were among the inductees in the 2017 class of the University of Windsor Alumni Sports Hall of Fame.**

Coach Ritch Coughlin, football player Gino Castellan, athlete Stephen Gibb, and basketball player Dranadia Roc were honoured at the October ceremony.

**Gino Castellan** BHK '87, BComm '89 was an all-Canadian linebacker for Lancer football and also competed in basketball and track and field. He was the Lancer rookie of the year in 1982, defensive player of the year in 1985, and was twice named a provincial first-team all-star. Castellan is a member of the Gino Fracas Wall of Honour and was selected to the 40th anniversary all-time team.

**Ritch Coughlin** BHK '86 served as an assistant coach for track and field from 1989 to 1998 and for football for 1994 and 1995. His tenure included five consecutive national championships for the Lancer women's track and field squad. In 1995, three athletes he coached in the women's long jump surpassed 6m in the Ontario University Athletics provincial meet — a feat that has never been equalled.

**Stephen Gibb** BFA '85 made the national standards in high jump over five consecutive years and is still ranked high for his accomplishments in 1984. His high jump of 2.10m at the national meet is fifth all-time; his 14.32m in triple jump at the OUA championship is still fourth all-time. His feats in the classroom as well as in competition that year earned him the DeMarco award as the Lancer top male student-athlete.

**Dranadia Roc** BA '09 led the Lancer women's basketball program to its first-ever provincial title in 2009. A three-time OUA all-star, she earned all-Canadian status in 2008 and twice received the Banner Shield as Lancer female athlete of the year. Roc's 1,129 points in her UWindsor career rank as the fourth all-time scorer in Lancer women's basketball.



*Left to Right: Dranadia Roc, Stephen Gibb and Ritch Coughlin.*

**Sport Achievement Awards**, recognizing contributions to sport beyond the University of Windsor campus, went to two outstanding high school coaches:

**Peter Krailo** BSc '72, MSc '73, track and field coach at Chatham-Kent Secondary School from 1980 to 2003; and

**Harry Lumley** BA '75, BEd '76, long-time football coach at Herman Academy, which won 20 city championships during his career.

In addition, Team Achievement Awards were conferred on Lancer golf teams from 1976-77, 1982-83, 1986-87, 1987-88, 1989-90, 1993-94, and 1994-95.

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 St. Clair College Centre for the Arts  
 201 Riverside Dr. W.  
 Tickets \$50 / Students \$35  
[windsor.essex.cmha.ca/events/breakfast-of-champions/](http://windsor.essex.cmha.ca/events/breakfast-of-champions/)



**Keynote Speaker • Sue Klebold**  
 Sue Klebold is the mother of Dylan Klebold, one of the two shooters at Columbine High School--a tragedy that saddened and galvanized a nation.

**Detroit Tigers Canadian Fan Game Night**  
 Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:10pm  
 Comerica Park, Detroit  
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The Real-Time Aquatic Ecosystem Observation Network (RAEON) is a new \$16 million-dollar investment by Ontario and Canada to help maintain the University of Windsor as a world leader in the study of large lakes. RAEON provides cutting edge instruments and infrastructure, such as the autonomous Slocum glider (pictured), that will allow University of Windsor researchers, and our partners at Trent, Carleton, Western, and Saskatchewan universities, to carry out novel research that will enable us to track, understand and monitor the Great Lakes ecosystems in real-time. Under the leadership of Professor and Canada Research Chair Aaron Fisk (pictured), RAEON will provide leaders in government, industry, and even individual Canadian households, the comprehensive science-based data they need to make effective, responsive policy and management decisions to protect the valuable ecosystem services provided by the Great Lakes.

In addition, RAEON will provide unique opportunities for training the next generation of aquatic scientists, through hands-on and field experiences and cross-border collaboration with leading U.S. institutions, including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the University of Michigan.

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# ALUMNI NEWS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Spring is a time of renewal and when we all seem to take a deep breath and come alive again.

At the University of Windsor, spring is also a time when we welcome new graduates to the Alumni Association family at convocation. The excitement is palpable in the Dennis Fairall Fieldhouse during the week-long celebration of graduation.

Parents, grandparents, siblings and friends cheer for their graduate when he or she crosses the stage. As all alumni know, many hours of hard work and dedication go into that quick walk

past the chancellor, president and faculty deans.

Let me extend an early congratulations to our spring 2018 graduates. We hope to see you at upcoming alumni events and on campus in the months ahead.

Hopefully, you will come to know the staff of our Alumni Affairs and Donor Communications office, along with our board members, which include our current executive committee: Beth Ann Prince (president-elect), P.J. Dupuis (treasurer) and John Renaud (past president). We also recently welcomed two new board members: Sara Alhasan BAsC '15 and Brian Porter BComm '04, BEd '12.

This past November, we were pleased to announce the new naming of the room formerly known as Ambassador Auditorium, located in the CAW Student Centre, to "Alumni Auditorium." This is in honour of the legacy that students past, present and future have on the University of Windsor. It is fitting, as the Association hosts many of its major events in the room each year.

This spring, we also say a huge thank you and farewell to our outstanding leader, President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Alan Wildeman who retires from his position in June. Dr. Wildeman has led the university through a major campus transformation, spearheaded critical enhancements to both undergraduate and graduate programs, hired 50 new faculty members and always made time to attend alumni board meetings and events. He has definitely left a positive and significant mark on the University of Windsor and he will be missed.

As we look at welcoming a new president to campus, we will be sure to keep all of our alumni informed of the great work happening at UWindsor. Don't miss out on any communication by ensuring our office has your most current email address. You can do this by visiting our website and following the "update your information" link.

Wishing you all the best for a happy and healthy spring!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jean Wright". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

JEAN WRIGHT BA '71, BEd '72  
*President, Alumni Association*

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## ALUMNI – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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### JULY 2018

- 30 WINDSOR, ON**  
ANNUAL ALUMNI & FRIENDS  
GOLF TOURNAMENT  
Ambassador Golf Club

### SEPTEMBER 2018

- 12 TORONTO, ON**  
ALUMNI RECEPTION AT THE  
TORONTO INTERNATIONAL  
FILM FESTIVAL
- 27 - 30 WINDSOR, ON**  
ALUMNI WEEKEND
- 29 WINDSOR, ON**  
FACULTY OF NURSING  
REUNION CLASS OF '93  
Contact Claudia Campbell by  
email at [claudiac@cogeco.ca](mailto:claudiac@cogeco.ca)

### OCTOBER 2018

- 17 STRATFORD, ON**  
MATINEE OF THE TEMPEST  
FOLLOWED BY DINNER IN  
THE FESTIVAL MARQUEE

### NOVEMBER 2018

- 15 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### OTHER REUNIONS IN THE WORKS

#### SCHOOL OF DRAMATIC ART 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

University Players 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
There are additional events planned to celebrate the special anniversaries during the 2018-2019 season. Visit [www.uwindsor.ca/drama](http://www.uwindsor.ca/drama) for updates and more information.

#### WINDSOR LAW 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Visit the Windsor Law 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary webpage for updates and more information.

#### FACULTY OF NURSING REUNION CLASS OF '79

Planning for the Class of '79 School of Nursing 40<sup>th</sup> reunion is underway! If you were a member of this class please contact Anne (Duffy) Cessford at [cessforda@gmail.com](mailto:cessforda@gmail.com), so you can be updated about the plans for the October 4-6, 2019 reunion.

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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 & FRIENDS GOLF TOURNAMENT – JULY 31



Toronto Maple Leafs alumnus Al Iafrate was a special guest at the tournament. On the course, he signed autographs and posed for pictures with each foursome. In this picture Kevin Graham, Pat O'Halloran, Al Iafrate (Toronto Maple Leafs Alumni), Brendan Falkner BAS '13, and Gary Casey.

### ALUMNI EVENT TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – SEPTEMBER 13



Nan Hudson, Gloria Smith BA '74 and Elizabeth MacDonald BA '74.

### ALUMNI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND AWARDS PRESENTATION – NOVEMBER 16



Odyssey Award recipients Julie Caron BMus '07, BSc '09, Natasha Feghali BA '07, BEd '08 and Emilie Cushman BComm '12.

### ALUMNI SPORTS HALL OF FAME – OCTOBER 1



Eddi Chittaro BA '55, MA '58, chair, Alumni Sports Hall of Fame, with president and vice-chancellor, Dr. Alan Wildeman.

### ALUMNI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND AWARDS PRESENTATION – NOVEMBER 16



Alumni Award of Merit recipients Ferio Pugliese BA '92, BComm '94, Bernarda Camello-Doctor MEd '84 and Vince Bassman BComm '70.

### OTTAWA ALUMNI RECEPTION – NOVEMBER 29



The Honourable Edward Lumley BComm '61, University of Windsor chancellor, with guest speaker, The Honourable Navdeep Bains MBA '01 with president and vice-chancellor, Dr. Alan Wildeman at the National Arts Centre.

# Entrepreneurship and Collaboration in Action



## The RBC EPIC Founders Program

The RBC EPIC Founders program teaches startup founders the theory of the Lean Startup, while working through the Business Model Canvas and Starting Lean methodology. Students/alumni work and are paid full-time from May to July to work with mentors. The EPIC Founders program is also available as a co-op placement.

### Application Process

#### Round 1: Formal Application

Deadline to apply: March 31, 2018

Please submit your completed application to Nicole Anderson: [nicolea@uwindsor.ca](mailto:nicolea@uwindsor.ca)

#### Round 2: Idea Pitch

Successful candidates will be asked to pitch their idea in front of a panel of judges.

### Eligibility

- Student or recent graduate of any post-secondary institution (graduation post 2010)
- Under 29 years of age
- Business idea must be based in Windsor-Essex
- Must have a feasible (validated) business idea, at the beta and/or pre-revenue stage
- Not working full-time elsewhere
- Must dedicate 35 hrs/week on business
- Must be available 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., M-F, from May 7 - July 27, 2018 (excluding holidays), and occasional nights and weekends
- Must be **eligible** to work in Canada
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## 1960s

**Olwyn Coughlin** BA '68, retired, Minister of Word and Sacrament, Presbyterian Church in Canada, Tillsonburg, Ont.

**Frank Giblin** BAsc '65, first recipient, Frank Giblin Lifetime Achievement Award, Oakland University, Rochester, Mich.

**Robert Mullen** BSc '68, JD '71, president, Robert D. Mullen Professional Corporation, Thunder Bay, Ont.

## 1970s

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## 1980s

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## 1990s

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## 2000s

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## 2010s

**Adrian Bennett** BA '11, logistics co-ordinator, BJ Services Canada, Calgary, Alta.

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## Births

**Stefani McMahon** BA '12, a daughter, Elaine Alexandra McMahon, March 29, '17, Windsor, Ont.

**Omar Patwari** BAsc '08, twin sons, Zayd and Aarsh Patwari, Aug. 17, '17, Peterborough, Ont.

## In Memoriam

**Antonio Barraco** MBA '90, June 30, '17, Shelby Township, Mich.

**Michael Bell** BA '66, MA '67, LLD '17, former professor and Paul Martin Senior Scholar in International Diplomacy, University of Windsor, Aug. 24, '17, Ottawa, Ont.

**Norbert Bellaire** BA '70, Oct. 1, '17, Windsor, Ont.

**David Bordoff** BSc '58, Nov. 1, '17, Windsor, Ont.

**Bernard Borschke** BComm '71, July 24, '17, London, Ont.

**Leo Brunelle** BA '60, Sept. 22, '17, Penetanguishene, Ont.

**Jerry Chaimovitz** LLB '79, May 14, '17, Hamilton, Ont.

**Lise Corsini** BA '84, Aug. '15, Chatham, Ont.

**Melissa Costigan** BA '73, Dec. 16, '17, London, Ont.

**Jeffrey Craig** BSc '13, Aug. 7, '17, Windsor, Ont.

**Tracy Cresswell** LLB '88, March 15, '17, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

**Gerald Cronin** BComm '58, Apr. 22, '17, Sudbury, Ont.

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**Yvonne Deery** BSc '64, July 24, '17, Wallaceburg, Ont.

**Glen Delvecchio** BAsc '72, May 29, '17, Burlington, Ont.

**Robert DeMers** BComm '64, Nov. 5, '17, Toronto, Ont.

**Patricia Donnelly** BA '83, Dec. 29, '17, Harbour Beach, Mich.

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**Robert Lesperance** BA '76, Dec. 16, '16, Windsor, Ont.

**Roberto Licata** BA '05, Aug. 17, '17, Windsor, Ont.

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**Paul Moher** BA '75, BComm '76, Oct. 8, '17, Etobicoke, Ont.

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**Henry Seewald** BA '42, March 18, '17, LaSalle, Ont.

**Maurice Sekersky** BAsc '71, Sept. 28, '17, Windsor, Ont.

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**Stanley Soteris** BSc '54, MSc '70, Oct. 1, '17, Oldcastle, Ont.

**Adam Soulliere** BA '12, Dec. 4, '17, Ore.

**Margaret Squire** BA '41, Dec. 20, '17, Amherstburg, Ont.

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**Francis Walsh** LLB '82, Aug. 28, '17, Markham, Ont.

**Judy Wheeler** BSW '98, Dec. 10, '17, Windsor, Ont.

**Shawn Yates** BAsc '82, MBA '92, July 26, '17, Windsor, Ont.

**Margaret Zannier** BA '69, Sept. 11, '17, Windsor, Ont.

## Weddings

**Stephanie DiNunzio** BEd '09 and **Joseph DiNunzio** BEd '09, June 3, '17, London, Ont.

**Chantelle Lachance** BHK '10, MHK '12 and **Christopher Kawala** BHK '10, MBA '12, Sept. 23, '17, Amherstburg, Ont.



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