



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

# Report to the Community

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### New academic programs and initiatives

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### Revitalizing our downtown

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### Creating a greener community

In partnership with the University of Winnipeg Students' Association, UWinnipeg is creating a **progressive cycling centre** on Spence Street for students and the community.





## We are the champions!

UWinnipeg's Collegiate Girls Basketball Team secured its #1 ranking of the season by taking the Manitoba High School Athletic Association AAA Championship for a second year in a row.

"We have come a long way and hope to continue to produce competitive teams in the future. When you win a provincial championship, it's a memory that lasts a lifetime and I can't think of a more deserving group of girls," said Basketball Coach JoAnne Small.

The Collegiate Varsity Girls Volleyball Team also won a provincial championship in November, with one of the team players, Ozana Nikolic, signing to play with the University of Winnipeg Wesmen team for this fall.



# NURTURING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

UWinnipeg Ranks in Top-10 in both the 2010-2011 Maclean's magazine and Globe and Mail surveys

The University of Winnipeg continues to be one of Canada's top small universities, particularly in the areas of class size, quality of education and environmental commitment, according to the Globe & Mail Canadian University Report 2011. New this year, Globe researchers asked six "personality questions" and UWinnipeg students ranked their school in the Top-10 amongst all universities in Canada for diversity and innovation.

**Daria Lukie**  
Business Administration and Accounting

"Choosing what university to go to was one of the hardest decisions I've ever had to make. Being here, I know I definitely made the right decision."



## Debbie Schnitzer –wordsmith & teacher



Dr. Debbie Schnitzer is a writer, filmmaker, activist and an English professor at UWinnipeg who recently earned the Margaret Laurence Award for Fiction for her novel *An Unexpected Break in the Weather*. Her film *Canoe*, with Shelagh Carter won Best Experimental Film & Video, the Grand Remi Award at the 2011 44th WorldFest-Houston International Film Festival. *Canoe* is also one of 14 Canadian films to screen at the 2011 Canada Film Week at the Goethe Institute in Accra, Ghana.

Schnitzer inspires her students. She has won several teaching awards, including UWinnipeg's Clifford Robson

Award and the prestigious National 3M Teaching Fellow, which recognizes truly excellent, dedicated and innovative teachers.

UWinnipeg's Vice-President, Research and International Dr. Neil Besner, a colleague and friend who has worked with Schnitzer for more than 20 years, sees her as "a gifted and inspired teacher, artist and human being who loves her work and loves her students."

Schnitzer is the catalyst for the Experiential Learning Initiatives Network at The University of Winnipeg. As the Co-Director of the Institute for Literacy and Transformative Learning at the Global College, she leads initiatives that provide hands-on experience in university-community partnerships and explores the university as a site of peace-making.

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## HOMOPHOBIA AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A national three-year study involving 3,607 Canadian teens finds public schools a bleak place for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, two-spirited, queer or questioning (LGBTQ) students. UWinnipeg's Dr. Catherine Taylor of the Faculty of Education who co-authored the study with University of Manitoba Sociology Professor Dr. Tracey Peter, find that school hallways are saturated with homophobic language and 21% of LGBTQ students report being physically harassed or assaulted while almost two thirds – 64% - feel unsafe at school.

Taylor also found hope in the student surveys. "It really surprised me that 58% of straight students report feeling upset when they hear homophobic comments. What that tells me is there is a great deal of untapped solidarity in students, and that the public school culture can change."

Taylor is launching a major study this summer of teacher experiences gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, two-spirited, queer or questioning students.



Craig Willis squeezing out of a hibernaculum

## UWinnipeg's resident "batman" gets mobile

Dr. Craig Willis, Associate Professor of Biology and wildlife biologist, earned grants from the US Fish and Wildlife Service worth US\$400,000 for a two-year study of a disease called White Nose Syndrome (WNS) in North American cave bats, tree bats and other mammals that hibernate. Throughout the eastern United States and Canada WNS is causing the fastest decline of wild mammal populations ever recorded and it is spreading fast toward our little brown bats in Manitoba. A fungal infection of the skin seems to be behind WNS but how a skin infection leads to disease and death remains a mystery. Willis and his transnational research team are testing the hypothesis that the fungus is an invader from Europe, as preliminary evidence suggests.

"Understanding this fungus is critical for conservation of North American bats and the ecosystem services they provide," explains Willis. "An individual bat can eat up to a kilo of bugs every year and the bugs they consume include plant-eating pests that damage crops and increase our reliance on chemical pesticides. One recent study highlights the value of insect control by bats at about \$22-billion per year for agriculture in the US alone."

### GOT BUGS?

Get bats and protect them to ensure their populations are as healthy as possible. Help by putting up a "bat house" like the ones found here: <http://www.braecrest.com/> and participate in UWinnipeg's "Manitoba Bat Blitz." For more info visit [uwinnipeg.ca/~cwillis/cwbatblitz.htm](http://uwinnipeg.ca/~cwillis/cwbatblitz.htm)

## Get down to Business

Dr. Melanie O'Gorman has been awarded the first annual Faculty of Business and Economics Chartered Accountants of Manitoba Excellence in Teaching Award, which recognizes members of the FBE who have contributed to the excellence of teaching. O'Gorman has made extensive teaching contributions at the undergraduate level. She has made significant and innovative developments for new courses and she is currently developing the new graduate program in Development and Resource Economics.

## Course of Action!

The Canadian Museum for Human Rights (CMHR) and The University of Winnipeg and its Global College recently signed a memorandum of understanding that will create a partnership that will fulfill common goals of promoting human rights education and encouraging people to take action for human rights.

"The goals of The University of Winnipeg Global College and the Canadian Museum for Human Rights are akin – providing human rights education and empowering people to take action," explains Dr. Marilou McPhedran, Principal, Global College. "Forging strong ties, utilizing our faculties and the CMHR expertise in human rights will enhance the learning experience for all that are engaged and involved to help build better societies that foster global citizenship. This begins with a three-week summer course on human rights issues, *Adventures in Global Citizenship*, this August 2011."

For more information on this course and Global College visit [uwinnipeg.ca/index/gc-si#adventures](http://uwinnipeg.ca/index/gc-si#adventures)

## Coyote call for writers

Ivan Coyote is the Carol Shields

Writer-in-Residence for 2011. Coyote meets with students and the community in private consultations to assist emerging writers hone their craft. Coyote is an award-winning author renowned as a superb storyteller who works in innovative ways to bring her stories alive for her audiences.



"I have really enjoyed my four months here in Winnipeg, and the chance to meet with so many talented local writers," said Coyote. "I found the campus, the faculty and the students all to be exceptionally friendly and welcoming. This, and the weather, almost made me feel like I had come home to the Yukon."

# NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES



## What's in a name?

UWinnipeg has created a Department of Indigenous Studies offering both bachelor and master degrees, headed by Dr. Julie Pelletier. This new department is rooted in the growth, importance and popularity of graduate and under graduate programs formally known as Aboriginal Governance programs.

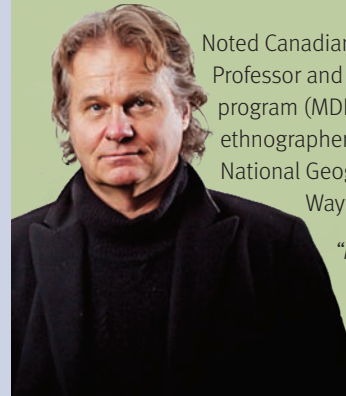
Naming the department "Indigenous" reflects the language used by international organizations such as the United Nations, the International Labour Organization and the Organization of American States, rather than using the term "aboriginal", which is only used in the Canadian and Australian contexts.

"Using this universal term is one of the many steps UWinnipeg is taking in positioning the university as a world hub for Indigenous studies and development," said Pelletier. "Our new name is a more pertinent and relevant title that better describes the cultural aspirations, intellectual focus, current curriculum and course structure of our program."

UWinnipeg's Department of Indigenous Studies offers a multidisciplinary approach that includes courses on the diverse Indigenous cultures, Indigenous histories, conflict resolution and religious studies, with a core focus on policy.

Degrees offered are now called Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Studies and a Master of Arts in Indigenous Governance. The department will also provide crucial support to the new Master's in Development Practice – Indigenous Development when it begins classes in September 2011.

## Master's in Development Practice (MDP) – Wade Davis



Noted Canadian Anthropologist Dr. Wade Davis has joined UWinnipeg's academic team as Visiting Professor and Senior Fellow in the Master's in Development Practice – Indigenous Development program (MDP). Davis is a passionate defender of all of life's diversity and is a world-renowned ethnographer, writer, photographer and filmmaker. Davis is an Explorer-in-Residence for the National Geographic Society known for his prestigious 2009 CBC Massey Lecture Series on *The Wayfinders: Why Ancient Wisdom Matters in the Modern World*.

"I'm excited about being part of a university that is approaching the condition and futures of Indigenous peoples in a fresh new way and from an international perspective," Davis said.

## World hub for knowledge related to Indigenous development

The Master's in Development Practice program combines training in the health sciences, natural sciences, social sciences and management to give practitioners the tools to address the world's most challenging problems while creating leaders in Indigenous development studies. Students may pursue the degree on both a full-time and part-time basis. Find out more about this exciting new degree at [mdp.uwinnipeg.ca](http://mdp.uwinnipeg.ca) or email [mdp@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:mdp@uwinnipeg.ca).

## What's new?

A Master's Degree in Curatorial Practices has been added to the Master of Arts program in the Cultural Studies repertoire. This new specialization is another first for Manitoba and the program is accepting applicants for September 2011. Visual arts are a critically important part of the cultural and economic life of Manitoba and Canada.

The new specialization will prepare graduates to work in visual arts institutions as curators, art historians, critical writers and gallery educators. This program will provide trained curatorial professionals to meet the demand from institutions in Manitoba and across Canada.

To find out more, please contact Dr. Serena Keshavjee, Graduate Coordinator, Art History at 204.258.2993 or [s.keshavjee@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:s.keshavjee@uwinnipeg.ca).



Renowned artist Rodney LaTourelle officially opened his installation *Chronochroma 6* in the Centennial-Duckworth Corridor in November, adding a dash of colour to campus. Photo by William Eakin.

## UWinnipeg has a new Canada Research Chair in Inner-City Issues, Community Learning, and Engagement – Dr. Evelyn Peters

Dr. Evelyn Peters is working closely with the Institute of Urban Studies and is opening the new Centre for Inner-City Research, Community Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE) housed on the third floor of the brand new Richardson College for the Environment and Science Complex, opening this fall.



"The Institute of Urban Studies welcomes Dr. Peters to the University of Winnipeg," said Dr. Jino Distasio, UWinnipeg Associate Professor of Geography & Director, Institute of Urban Studies. "And look forward to a continuation of collaborative work with Dr. Peters."

Canada Research Chair appointments reflect the quality and significance of research undertaken at UWinnipeg and confirm that the University is engaged in excellent research.

"The best part about UWinnipeg is the community feel. The small class sizes are great."

Evan Bennett  
Business



## New Network Security Diploma

Computer hackers are continually developing new ways to gain access to networks. Business and industry demand secure networks and require employees with the skills to help protect them. The University of Winnipeg's Division of Continuing Education has teamed up with Winnipeg Technical College to create the Network Security Diploma program to train students with Information Technology security skills to help mitigate these threats. The program is open to both post-secondary students and those already working in the IT field. This diploma program provides a balanced training approach between hands-on practical experience and the theoretical/conceptual nature of IT security. Graduates will have an in-depth knowledge of various protocols, network standards, designs and security solutions.

"I chose the Network Security Diploma program at UWinnipeg because we have become more reliant on technology and this information must be protected," said Christine Davis. "I really enjoy the smaller class sizes and the interactions with my instructor. I am actually getting hands-on learning experience and the evening classes make it easier. My colleagues have been impressed with my new knowledge and have asked where I am getting my training."

Registrations are accepted at both UWinnipeg and WTC. For information, visit: [dce.uwinnipegcourses.ca](http://dce.uwinnipegcourses.ca) or call (UWinnipeg) 204-982-1156 or (WTC) 204-989-6500.



Christine Davis

## UWinnipeg has five Canada Research Chairs

Dr. Evelyn Peters – Inner-City Issues, Community Learning and Engagement

Dr. Mavis Reimer – Culture of Childhood

Dr. Dawn Sutherland – Indigenous Science Education

Dr. Jacques Tardif – Dendrochronology

Dr. Charles Wong – Environmental Toxicology



Dr. Mavis Reimer

## New Soul Care

A key part of healing in the Indigenous community involves education. UWinnipeg is offering a new diploma in Indigenous Spiritual and Pastoral Care beginning this Fall 2011. This diploma will share the tools needed to assist Indigenous people to heal and offer healing that is holistic, particularly in the aftermath of colonization and the Residential Schools. Through this program, students will learn about Indigenous history and the barriers to spiritual, mental, and physical health, and will be engaged in a practicum.

Bursary assistance is available for students for travel and tuition. For additional information about the Diploma, please contact Professor Chris Wells, Director of Studies. [ch.wells@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:ch.wells@uwinnipeg.ca) or call 204. 786.9857.

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# CREATING A UNIVERCITY

UWinnipeg's most ambitious campus and community redevelopment plan has injected close to \$130 million into Winnipeg's downtown since 2005. Many of these projects and student services are managed by The University of Winnipeg Community Renewal Corporation (UWCRC). Significant projects include:

## Richardson College for the Environment and Science Complex

This Fall, UWinnipeg science students will study in one of Canada's top science facilities. The Richardson College for the Environment and Science Complex is a model of green building technology, constructed to a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver Standard. It is one of the most energy efficient educational laboratory buildings in North America, using less than half the energy of a conventional building.

Approximately 2,000 students daily will use the building, which will house the University's departments of **Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Studies**. The facility will also be a policy centre for environmental issues, community learning, and a centre for applied research in environmental technologies.

The Richardson College for the Environment, situated on the building's 3rd floor, includes the Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Science Education and the Canada Research Chair in Inner-City Issues, Community Learning, and Engagement; the Institute of Urban Studies; the Master's in Development Practice program; the Indigenous Studies department; the CISCO Centre for Collaborative Technologies, which includes a world-class TelePresence system and the endowed Cisco Chair for Collaborative Technology; the University's Sustainability Office; the University's medical isotope initiative; and the UW Community Renewal Corporation.

### Key Building Features

- 150,000 square feet, adding 15 per cent to the built facilities of the UWinnipeg campus.
- Consists of more than 30 research and teaching labs, including a vivarium, and a 1,000-square foot rooftop greenhouse.
- The signature four-storey Atrium incorporates nine living trees and a 3,000-square foot wall of reclaimed hard maple from the roller rink previously on the site.
- Computer-programmed, three-mode air flow system ventilates labs as required, resulting in significant energy savings.
- A heat recovery wheel, highly innovative and unique to Canada, cleans and filters lab air, warm air is re-circulated, resulting in significant energy savings.
- Low flow water fixtures on taps and toilets reduces water consumption.
- Designed by Number 10 Architects of Winnipeg, one of Canada's leading green architectural firms. Construction completed on time and on budget by Manitoba's Manshield Construction.

### Key Building Uses and Community Benefits

- The new facility will house UWinnipeg's existing outstanding research endeavours and attract other top scholars to the university both as UWinnipeg colleagues and collaborators from other institutions. Key areas of specialty are: the global north, climate change, water stewardship, inner-city issues, and research and public policy initiatives associated with sustainability. It will also have a CISCO TelePresence unit for teaching and research purposes.
- The building will also house several of UWinnipeg's Community Learning initiatives including a new Digital Learning Lab will provide space for high-school students to do homework, use computers, experiment with new computer software, create digital art and video games, and edit movies.



The new Richardson College for the Environment and Science Complex at Portage Avenue at Langside.

Learn more about the Richardson College for the Environment and Science Complex Use your mobile phone or visit [sciences.uwinnipeg.ca](http://sciences.uwinnipeg.ca)

## Balmoral Station & Spence Street Bus Loop

Commuting to campus became much easier for students this year, thanks to the opening of Balmoral Station and the Spence Street Bus Loop. Many of Winnipeg Transit's bus routes to UWinnipeg now come to one of these two central locations, giving commuters more convenient access to and from campus. Balmoral Station is located on the west side of the former Greyhound bus depot while the Spence Street Bus Loop is situated in the space between Wesley Hall and the McFeetors Hall: Great-West Life Student Residence.



city.block.stop by David Perrett photo by cam bush

UWinnipeg worked closely with local artist David Perrett and the Winnipeg Arts Council to create a unique work of art on campus. city.block.stop is a transit shelter and sculpture on Ellice Avenue between Spence and Colony Streets featuring sandstone reclaimed from UWinnipeg's historic Wesley Hall, sculptural seating and an ecologically green moss-covered roof accented by laser cut screens. The related Tyndall stone sculpture is inspired by the geography of the city, carved to represent the Red, Assiniboine and Seine Rivers and the surrounding topography.



## The AnX

The AnX, located at 491 Portage Avenue, will provide downtown Winnipeg with one of its largest bookstores for students, office workers and local residents. Scheduled to open in the Fall of 2011, the AnX will also feature Garbonzo's Pizza Pub, a coffee shop, a walk-in medical clinic, a pharmacy and a computer store. The site also hosts Balmoral Station – one of two centrally located transit centres on campus.



Downtown's largest bookstore, run by Follett's Canada, will open inside the AnX by September 2011.

## The Downtown and West End Advantage

UWinnipeg is proud of its relationship with the West End BIZ, the Downtown BIZ, the Spence Neighbourhood Association and other community partners.

Our downtown and West End location offers students a rich menu of choices:

- Easy access to downtown's indoor, pedestrian walkway system which runs for two kilometres, linking 38 buildings
- Access to 56 bus routes around campus
- Walk to vibrant shopping clusters - Portage Place, Winnipeg Square, The Forks Market, the Exchange District, Osborne Village and Cityplace or hop on three Downtown Spirit buses for free
- Walk to downtown attractions – Winnipeg Art Gallery, Manitoba Archives, Manitoba Museum and theatre district
- Walk to West End shops and numerous award-winning ethnic restaurants. The West End is home to the West End Cultural Centre and the Cindy Klassen Recreation Complex, a world class sports facility

## More Dining Options

Faculty, staff, students, office workers and the public are about to enjoy three new delicious dining options as The University of Winnipeg welcomes new culinary partners on campus.

UWinnipeg's award-winning Diversity Food Services will open Elements – The Restaurant, a licensed dining area devoted to local, nutritious foods prepared from scratch inside the new state-of-the-art Richardson College for the Environment and Science Complex.

Canad Inns will open a Garbonzo's Pizza Pub in UWinnipeg's AnX – where Italian meets English pub for pizza and a pint.

At the new Buhler Centre, Plug In Institute of Contemporary Art, in partnership with UWinnipeg, welcomes Stella's Café and Bakery,

which will offer street-level dining and take-away service from 6:30 am to 11:00 pm, Monday through Sunday.

Stella's is expected to open this summer. Elements and Garbonzo's expect to be operational for September 2011.

## Bonnie & John Buhler Centre Opens

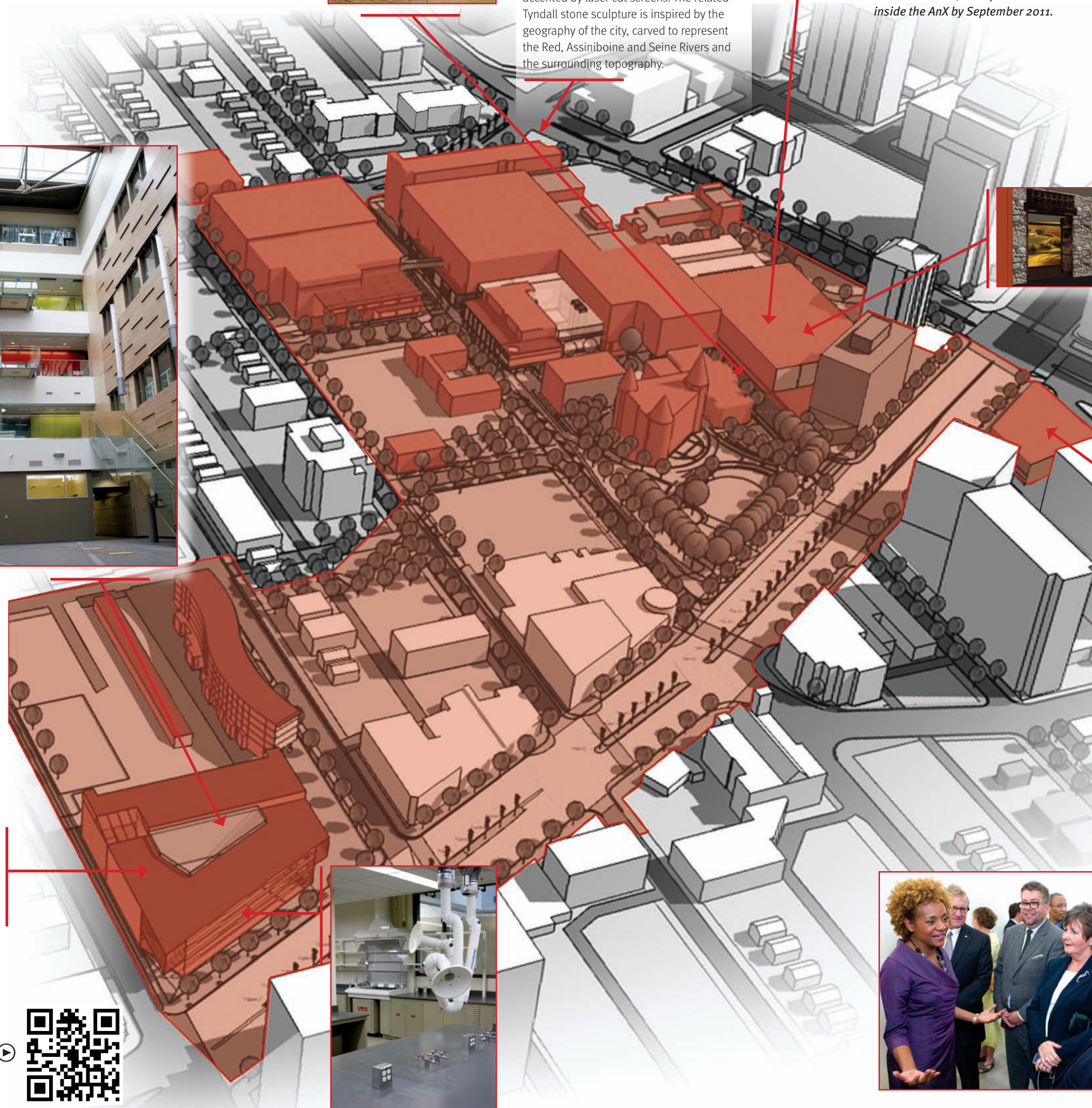
The University of Winnipeg and the Plug In Institute of Contemporary Art officially opened the Bonnie and John Buhler Centre Aug. 26, 2010 with Her Excellency Governor General Michaëlle Jean in attendance. The four-storey, eco-friendly Buhler Centre, with 50,000 sq. ft of space, is home to UWinnipeg's Faculty of Business and Economics and its Division of Continuing Education, blending art, education, and business at one of Winnipeg's most important intersections. It will also soon be home to a CISCO TelePresence unit for long distance video conferencing.

The Buhler Centre is possible thanks to an historic \$4-million dollar gift to UWinnipeg by Winnipeg business icons and philanthropists Bonnie and John Buhler. This donation includes \$1-million to create the Buhler Knowledge Access Fund to provide ongoing business scholarships within the Faculty of Business and Economics to outstanding students and those in need, including single parents and those with lower incomes.

UWinnipeg faculty and staff moved into the Buhler Centre last fall and thousands of students are now attending classes in the building.



Her Excellency Governor General Michaëlle Jean joins Bonnie and John Buhler and Dr. Lloyd Axworthy at the grand opening of the Buhler Centre, August 26, 2010.





## New outreach initiatives on campus

### STRENGTHENING TIES TO INDIA



UWinnipeg is establishing stronger ties to India by creating a learning centre dedicated to young women in the Punjab region.

UWinnipeg President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Lloyd Axworthy attended the opening of the **Bhanohar Education Centre** in January 2011. It offers a library, computer room, and gym. Women develop their skills in reading and writing, and gain access to global current

affairs. The Bhanohar Education Centre is possible because of a generous \$70,000 donation by Ventura Custom Homes Ltd.

### HAITI STUDENTS FIND REFUGE ON CAMPUS

Five Haitian students who arrived in September 2010 from their devastated homeland are adjusting well to life in their new home on UWinnipeg's campus.



UWinnipeg's newest students from Haiti: *Samy Archille, Jean Widny Pervil, Jaquet Duval, Vanessa Laurent, and Héléna Lafleur.*

UWinnipeg is covering significant costs to allow the five students to continue their studies including airfare, tuition, residence fees, meal plans and counselling. We are spearheading a public appeal to raise \$50,000 to cover additional costs such as clothing, books and school supplies, medical supports, and monthly allowances. The University is committed to supporting these five students for a minimum two year period. Donations accepted at [www.uwinnipegfoundation.ca/choose - Haitian Student Bursary](http://www.uwinnipegfoundation.ca/choose-Haitian-Student-Bursary).

### JR WESMEN: GROWING COMMUNITY ATHLETICS



UWinnipeg recognizes that participating in sports can be a critically important part of development in a young person's life, and offers youth a sense of belonging.

UWinnipeg now supports six teams of youth aged 9-13 in partnership with organizations such as the Spence Neighbourhood Association, the

Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba, and the NEEDS Centre. All of our teams participate in the Winnipeg Minor Basketball Association.

The **Junior Wesmen Inner-City team** that was founded in 2007 now attracts about 40 neighbourhood girls to the Duckworth Centre to play basketball. This year we have expanded to include three boys teams, with 80-90 youth involved, aged 14-18. The Inner City Wesmen program is funded through private donations and support from Wesmen Athletics.

In addition to our community clubs, UWinnipeg provides support to the Junior Wesmen, competitive boys and girls volleyball and basketball teams. Soccer will be added in spring 2011 and programs for both baseball and wrestling are in development. Other community athletics include the newly created College Wesmen Basketball programs for Men and Women.

### LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE INNER CITY



*Lloyd Axworthy, Colleen Suche, Chair Legal Help Centre Board; Karen Dyck, Executive Director, Legal Help Centre; and David Barnard, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Manitoba, open the community Legal Help Centre on Spence Street, March 9, 2011*

The **Legal Help Centre**, a joint initiative of The University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba, provides legal information and resources to people with low incomes, a drop-in and referral service, as well as community workshops addressing specific legal issues. The Centre is located in space provided by UWinnipeg at 380 Spence Street. Students from UWinnipeg's Global College and Criminal Justice Department and from the U of M's faculties of Social Work and Law are staffing the Centre under the supervision and direction of volunteer lawyers.

Find out more at: [communitylearning.uwinnipeg.ca](http://communitylearning.uwinnipeg.ca)

## Model School students now graduating



The **Model School** at UWinnipeg's Collegiate high school is an initiative on campus that began in 2008. Students who show potential but need a different kind of learning environment are referred to the Model School by schools and community organizations. Students receive individualized learning plans so they can reach their fullest potential. Seven students graduated from high school in 2011 with six likely to continue with their studies.

## Opportunity Fund helps close graduation gap

UWinnipeg's **Opportunity Fund** provides tuition credit accounts to First Nations, Métis and Inuit students, new Canadians and refugees, and students from inner-city neighbourhoods in Grades 4 to 12. The 'earn as you learn' approach rewards students for each year of school they successfully complete, and for participating in extra-curricular activities. So far, 120 youth are enrolled in the tuition credit program and up to six could be attending UWinnipeg and cashing in their credits this coming September.



A refugee from Sudan, 18-year-old Given Isaac, earned a total of \$1,700 to put towards his first year at UWinnipeg.

*"It has taken a big load off my back and my family's as well," said Given, who has four siblings. "It has a big impact because I can focus more on school and basketball now."*

UWinnipeg has also been able to offer 653 students Opportunity Fund fast-track bursaries thanks to generous donations.

Your donation is welcome at [www.uwinnipegfoundation.ca](http://www.uwinnipegfoundation.ca)

# COMMUNITY LEARNING IN ACTION

The University of Winnipeg is actively dissolving the line between our campus and our community. We believe it is critically important to partner with our neighbours to create a vibrant, inclusive and relevant lifelong learning environment. The University's Board of Regents recently approved a community learning policy to help support and encourage programs and initiatives in the community.

## Eco-Kids add life to campus

The **Innovative Learning Centre** is focused on closing the graduation gap and is now working with almost 30 inner-city schools.

**Eco-Kids on Campus** – Students in Grade 6 visit UWinnipeg once a week over the course of 10 weeks to engage in science- focused activities with University faculty and students. The activities are chosen specifically to connect to the school curriculum and make science fun. Over 350 students have participated over the past four years.

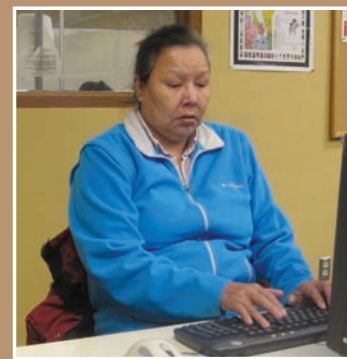
*Dr. Axworthy tours Eco-U camp, Summer 2010*



**Eco-U Summer Camp** - UWinnipeg runs the free-of-charge Eco-U Summer Camp for approximately 1,000 children and youth annually, the largest day camp for children in Winnipeg's inner-city.

## Wii Chiiwaakanak – a valuable community resource

The **Wii Chiiwaakanak Learning Centre**, on Ellice Avenue, is a community outreach centre run by UWinnipeg. We provide access to computers, Saturday personal development workshops, Elder's teaching and sharing circles, as well as fun movie nights. Student volunteers from the University assist neighbourhood children with homework after school. Thanks to a generous donation of \$36,000 from **Jennifer Roblin** and **The Burns Family Fund** through **The Winnipeg Foundation**, UWinnipeg's Diversity Food Services is



now providing nutritious snacks to students of all ages who attend the after-school Let's Talk Science and Homework Club. There are approximately 3,000 visits to the centre monthly.

**Chantelle Awad** appreciates the services offered at Wii Chiiwaakanak.

## Global Welcome Centre assists newcomers

**UWinnipeg's Global Welcome Centre**, located on Ellice Avenue, provides support to immigrant and refugee students to help them succeed personally and academically. The drop-in centre offers mentoring, study skills workshops, free computer classes, and recreational events, assisting at least 25 people each day.



*Student Weyni Abraha*

*"I have been coming to the Global Welcome Centre since I was in high school and now that I am studying at UWinnipeg, I come to get help with tutoring and editing of my papers. Because English is my second language, I need some extra help with grammar. I know this helps raise my marks. It makes a big difference to me to be able to get this assistance."*

**Weyni Abraha**, age 20, is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year student, studying for a BA in Human Rights and Global Studies. She left Ethiopia at 12 years old and became a refugee in Uganda. Wayni and her brother are helping to support her parents and two sisters who remain in Ethiopia.

# MORE GREEN INITIATIVES UNDERWAY

## CREATING SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS

UWinnipeg's new buildings are adding state-of-the-art eco-friendly construction to the downtown. Each new building meets minimum LEED Silver requirements (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design).

Older buildings on campus underwent a comprehensive facilities audit to improve energy and water efficiency. This year, UWinnipeg installed a hybrid heating system, allowing us to cut Green House Gas emissions from older buildings by 1,000 tonnes a year, a reduction of almost 25%. This contributes significantly to our goal to become Kyoto compliant by 2012.

UWinnipeg also launched a major water project to retrofit all bathrooms with low-flow toilets and sinks. This is expected to save as much as 4,536,634 litres of potable water per year.

## SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION

**BUS:** Students and downtown commuters are benefitting from enhanced transit service to campus. UWinnipeg is partnering with Winnipeg Transit to create the new **UWinnipeg Balmoral Transit Terminal**, which accommodates eight existing bus routes, and in the future, Bus Rapid Transit routes will terminate on campus at the AnX (former Greyhound Bus Depot.) The Terminal will include an indoor, security-patrolled waiting area for transit passengers with BUSwatch electronic bus departure displays. The AnX is slated to open in September 2011.

### CYCLE: UWSA Bike Lab

In partnership with the University of Winnipeg Students' Association (UWSA), UWinnipeg is constructing a progressive cycling education and advocacy hub on Spence Street, as part of a commitment to promote active and sustainable transit options for students, staff, and the surrounding community.



The **Bike Lab** uses recycled steel shipping containers, donated by Ken Cranwill of Connexion Industries, as the main construction material. The UWSA Bike Lab will offer free year-round

programming to students, staff, faculty and community members such as bike maintenance and safety workshops. Community programming will include "build a bike" programs where participants will assemble good-as-new bikes from recycled or discarded parts. It also will also feature new bike parking and a cyclist friendly courtyard and meeting place. The facility will be home to the UWSA Ice Riders winter cycling team, already a very popular program on campus.

The project has been realized by a private donation from an alumnus and a \$50,000 capital donation from UWSA. It will be operational by September 2011.

Contact UWSA Outreach and Special Projects Coordinator **Ted Turner** for more info @ **786-9779** or [outreach@theuwsa.ca](mailto:outreach@theuwsa.ca)

**CAR:** In partnership with the Manitoba government, UWinnipeg will be testing the performance of **low-speed electric vehicles**, which will shuttle from building to building on campus. The province is especially interested in seeing how well the electric vehicles operate in winter.

## Over the past several years, UWinnipeg has been an eco-leader:

- First university in Canada to **ban water for sale**, eliminating thousands of plastic water bottles which had been sold on campus annually
- Introduced a sustainable, locally sourced food service on campus called **Diversity Foods** which this year won three major awards: the 2010 Manitoba Excellence in Sustainability Award; the Golden Carrot Award from Food Matters Manitoba for helping to revolutionize campus food services by providing sustainable, affordable, fair and delicious foods; and last April, Executive Chef Ben Kramer and his team won the 2010 Winnipeg Iron Chef competition, beating out some of the finest restaurants in the city
- Phosphate-free detergents and **environmentally friendly cleaning products** used on campus
- **Double-sided printing** as default on all copiers and printers on campus
- Introduced **campus-wide composting** and in September 2010 expanded the recycling program to accommodate milk cartons, juice boxes and all recyclable plastics. We are collecting an average of one tonne more per month as a result.

Find out more about UWinnipeg's sustainability office at: [sustainability.uwinnipeg.ca](http://sustainability.uwinnipeg.ca)

**Peter Tan**  
Environmental Science

*"The University of Winnipeg has provided me with a world class education in the environmental field and I look forward to contributing back to our society through my career."*

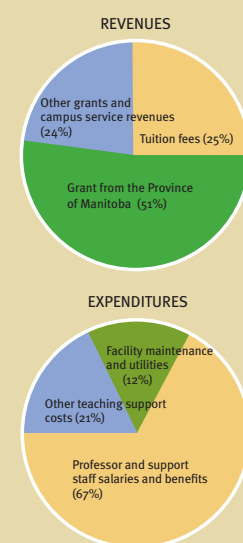


# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

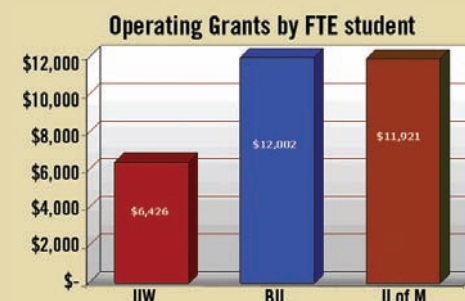
## 2011-2012 OPERATING BUDGET

The University prepares and operates under a balanced operating budget annually.

- UWinnipeg's operating budget is approximately **\$105 million** including the operations of the Collegiate high school on campus and the Division of Continuing Education
- The operating budget is funded primarily through an **operating Grant** from the Province of Manitoba (51%), **tuition fees** (25%) as well as **other grants and campus service revenues** (24%)
- Expenditures from the operating budget include **professor and support staff salaries and benefits** (67%), **Facility maintenance and utilities** (12%) and other **teaching support costs** (21%) including scholarships and bursaries, office and laboratory supplies, and library books.



UWinnipeg faces a historical funding imbalance. When founded in 1967, the operating grant from the province was significantly lower than that of other Manitoba universities. This historic gap means that today UWinnipeg receives just \$6,426 per full time student, while the University of Manitoba receives \$11,921 per student and the University of Brandon receives \$12,002 per student.



## CAPITAL PROJECTS

UWinnipeg funds campus improvements through active fundraising in the community. These funds may not be used to support the ongoing operations of the University.

Four years ago, UWinnipeg launched the most ambitious fundraising campaign it its history with the goal of raising \$70 million. A **World of Opportunity Capital Campaign Celebration Event** is slated for September 16, 2011. Close to \$130 million in economic activity has been generated since the start of the Capital Campaign, with support from government funders and private and corporate donors.

The **2011-2012 Capital and Operating budgets** are posted at [uwinnipeg.ca/index/financial-srvs-budgets](http://uwinnipeg.ca/index/financial-srvs-budgets)

## DINNER RAISES MORE THAN \$40,000



*Denise Ommanney, Dr. Mohinder Singh Dhillon, Dr. Lloyd Axworthy, Devi Sharma*

On Thursday, April 12, the second annual **"I Heart UWinnipeg"** dinner attracted more than 500 people and raised more than \$40,000 to help students in need. Proceeds go to UWinnipeg's Opportunity Fund as well as the Wesmen Athletics Scholarships Fund and Alumni Scholarships.

UWinnipeg President **Lloyd Axworthy** and his wife **Denise Ommanney** hosted the fundraising event with the support of honorary Chair, **Devi Sharma**, Winnipeg City Councillor and UWinnipeg Alumna

[IHEART.UWINNIPEG.CA](http://IHEART.UWINNIPEG.CA)

## JOIN THE UNIVERCITY CLUB

Join the **UNIVERCITY Club** today and help The University of Winnipeg continue to revitalize the downtown.

To find out more please call 415.2472, email [univercityclub@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:univercityclub@uwinnipeg.ca) or scan the code to the right on your smartphone.

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**UNIVERCITY CLUB**



# ONCAMPUS

## JUNE – GRAND OPENING

Monday, June 27, 2011

Grand opening! The state-of-the-art **Richardson College for the Environment and Science Complex** opens on Portage Avenue at Langside.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** noon to 1:00 pm – Greening Our City – Atrium

## JULY – SUPPORT STUDENT ATHLETICS

Tuesday, July 5, 2011

The **Wesmen Athletic Scholarship Golf Tournament** takes place at Rossmere Country Club, Call 415-2472 or email [wesmengolf@boomdonenext.com](mailto:wesmengolf@boomdonenext.com)

## SEPTEMBER – HOMECOMING 2011 WEEKEND

**Friday, Sept. 9th – UniverCITY Open House and Radiothon.** Come take a tour of our renewed campus and meet students and alumni. All Day

**Friday, Sept. 9th – Sunday, Sept. 11th, 2011**

Join us for the **Homecoming Alumni Wine and Cheese Reception** hosted by UWinnipeg President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Lloyd Axworthy in Convocation Hall on Friday, September 9th, 2011 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. RSVP to [alumni@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:alumni@uwinnipeg.ca)

The 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of **Manitoba and Wesley College** Dinner hosted by The Faculty of Theology will be held on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> in Riddell Hall. For more information, contact Sandy Peterson at [s.peterson@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:s.peterson@uwinnipeg.ca) or 786-9320.

**Class Reunion Dinners for the Classes of 1951, 1961, 1971, 1986 and The Collegiate Class of 1981** will be held on Saturday, September 10th, 2011 at the Fort Garry Hotel. For more information contact Alumni Development Coordinator **Steve Pataki** at [s.pataki@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:s.pataki@uwinnipeg.ca) or 988-7122.

For the complete schedule of Homecoming events (including tours, lectures, an ecumenical service and pancake breakfast) and to find out more about alumni events, programs, and volunteer opportunities, please visit [UWinnipeg.ca](http://UWinnipeg.ca) and click on Alumni, or call the Alumni Affairs Office at 988-7122.

## SEPTEMBER – UWSA FREESTYLE 2011

Monday, Sept. 26 – Friday, Sept. 30, 2011

Everyone is invited to attend **Freestyle 2011** at UWinnipeg and The Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre, featuring workshops, events, films and radio.

Join the free youth and student/adult hip-hop workshops in rap writing, recording and performance, DJ Skills, B-Girl/B-Boy Dance & Graffiti Art!

Contact UWSA Outreach and Special Projects Coordinator **Ted Turner** to register or for more info @ 786-9779 or [outreach@theuwsa.ca](mailto:outreach@theuwsa.ca)

## DECEMBER – 2012 OLYMPIC TRIALS

Dec. 15-18, 2011

UWinnipeg, with the **Manitoba Amateur Wrestling Association**, co-hosts the **2012 Olympic Trials** for the sport of wrestling. The trials are scheduled for the Duckworth Centre.

## HOW TO CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

Attending UWinnipeg: [uwinnipeg.ca](http://uwinnipeg.ca)

Living in McFeetors Hall Great-West Life Student Residence: [housing.uwinnipeg.ca](http://housing.uwinnipeg.ca)

Attending UWinnipeg's Division of Continuing Education: [dce.uwinnipegcourses.ca](http://dce.uwinnipegcourses.ca)

Donating to A World of Opportunity campaign or the Opportunity Fund:

[www.uwinnipegcampaign.ca](http://www.uwinnipegcampaign.ca)

Our Community Learning partnerships: [communitylearning.uwinnipeg.ca](http://communitylearning.uwinnipeg.ca)

Request UWinnipeg news via email: [d.poulin@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:d.poulin@uwinnipeg.ca)

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Dr. Lloyd Axworthy, President and Vice-Chancellor, UWinnipeg.

## Message from Dr. Lloyd Axworthy

### There is a buzz on our campus.

The dawn of the 21st century has brought with it an unprecedented transformation at The University of Winnipeg. For the first time in decades, the campus is expanding to better serve future generations of students with world-class facilities, while strengthening Winnipeg's downtown and inner-city neighbourhood.

The state-of-the-art Richardson College for the Environment and Science Complex, which opens this month, is the most advanced post-secondary

science facility in Canada. It joins two new facilities on our new western campus; McFeetors Hall: Great-West Life Student Residence, and the University of Winnipeg Students' Association (UWSA) Day Care, nearby.

The Buhler Centre opened in September 2010 at one of Winnipeg's signature corners, Portage and Colony, strengthening the downtown arts and business hub. It houses our Faculty of Business and Economics, one of the fastest growing on campus, as well as our Division of Continuing Education and Plug In Institute of Contemporary Art and our newest partner, Stella's Café and Bakery. It will also be home to a new CISCO TelePresence unit.

By September 2011 the University's AnX will open, containing the largest downtown bookstore for both students and the public, as well as a restaurant pub, medical clinic and computer store. In partnership with Winnipeg Transit, the AnX will also be downtown's rapid transit terminal, linking UWinnipeg to the south end of the city with numerous bus routes.

Just as importantly as world-class facilities, UWinnipeg recognizes that today's student wants educational choices that are flexible and relevant.

We now offer a Master's degree that is the only one of its kind in the world: a Master's in Development Practice (MDP) focusing on Indigenous Development, thanks to a prestigious MacArthur Foundation grant. Only 23 universities worldwide offer the internationally recognized MDP designation.

We have a strong commitment to adult learners, war-affected children, inner-city youth, new immigrants and Aboriginal students. Those who self-identify as First Nations, Métis, and Inuit are now more than 10% of the student population.

**We thank you, the community, our government partners, and our individual and corporate donors in helping us nurture our next generation of leaders.**

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- Join one of Canada's Top-10 universities and study in new teaching and learning facilities
- Small class sizes mean individual attention from our award-winning professors
- Education that leads to your ideal career with work experience and undergraduate research opportunities
- Study in one of the most energy-efficient educational laboratory buildings in North America- The Richardson College for the Environment and Science Complex, open for students September 2011
- Watch for our new book store opening this Fall



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## UWINNIPEG QUICK FACTS

### MOTTO

*Lux et Veritas Floreant* - Let Light and Truth Flourish.

### STUDENT STATS (OCTOBER 2010)

Undergrad Students: 9,394

Graduate Students: 466

Division of Continuing Education Students:

1,500 adult learners take an average of six courses each annually.

Collegiate: 629

Community Learning: more than 3,000

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