



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

# REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

June 2012

Inside our new Richardson College for the Environment and Science Complex, 599 Portage Avenue.



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# Nurturing Academic Research and Excellence



## Athletic Excellence Continues

The Wesmen family is growing, with men's and women's teams competing in volleyball, soccer, basketball, wrestling, and baseball (men). Significantly, our men's and women's soccer teams have been accepted into the Canadian Interuniversity Sport - Canada West Conference, a move that means they are now playing at the most competitive level for university athletes.

The women's volleyball team had a great year and made it all the way to the Canada West Final Four. Head coach Diane Scott was named the Canada West and CIS Women's Volleyball Coach of the Year.

It was a very successful year for the College Wesmen teams, winning a combined three league titles. The men's and women's soccer teams each won their second consecutive Manitoba Collegiate Athletics Conference championships. Mick Gale was named the MCAC Women's Soccer Coach of the Year.

The College Wesmen men's volleyball team, competing for the first time, knocked off the five-time defending champions from Red River College to win the MCAC Men's Volleyball title. Head coach Josh Thordarson was named the MCAC Men's Volleyball Coach of the Year. Former Wesmen great JoAnne Small (formerly Wells) led the Collegiate Girls Basketball team to their third consecutive Provincial Championship.



Photo: Wesmen baseball home opener April 21, 2012 at Shaw Park



## CISCO TelePresence in Action

Students like Brienne Hellrung are getting the chance to connect with renowned scholars from around the world without leaving home. UWinnipeg is the first university in Canada to have three CISCO TelePresence units on campus, which enable high-quality distance education and more effective collaboration with research sites in Manitoba and around the world, while promoting energy conservation through reduced travel.

In January, Brienne and UWinnipeg's Global College class connected with Dr. Mishy Lesser, long time human rights and peace activist from Boston, for an in-depth lecture about the genocide in Rwanda.

"It was a very engaging discussion. Dr. Lesser could see the whole class and we could communicate directly with her," said Brienne, who is graduating with a double major in Human Rights and Global Studies and Conflict Resolution.

## This is Our Land: Indigenous Property, Development and Extraction in Canada and Latin America

UWinnipeg's Global College, in partnership with the Department of Indigenous Studies and Master's in Development Practice, offered a topically relevant Spring Institute on Indigenous Property, Development and Extraction in Canada and Latin America featuring internationally recognized visiting lecturers: Dr. Ginger Gibson, an Adjunct Professor at the University of British Columbia in Mining Engineering (with support from the Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation); Dr. Maria Delgado, senior lawyer with the Institute for Liberty and Democracy in Peru; and the Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair, Chair, Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

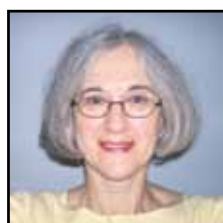


The Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair

"By assembling such an extraordinary group of experts we were able to provide insights on this important issue to graduate and undergraduate students, our general community and most notably, Indigenous communities from across the country," explained Dr. Ross McCormack, Director, Institute for Political and Cultural Studies of the Americas, UWinnipeg.

These lectures are now available on-line, call 204-988-7102.

## Stopping the Bullies



Every seven seconds in Canada, a child is bullied. Bullying is a serious problem in our schools, workplaces, homes, and on-line. UWinnipeg researchers are tackling this issue head on.

Dr. Wendy Josephson, Professor of Psychology, is currently working on a project called StandUp!, creating relevant bullying prevention programs and techniques for children for the Family TV Channel.

Dr. Catherine Taylor, Professor, Faculty of Education and Department of Rhetoric, Writing & Communications, is leading a national study funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). She is conducting a national inventory of programs and policies to foster school connectedness and reduce bullying in Canadian schools.



## Debbie Patterson: Seventh Carol Shields Writer-in-Residence

Debbie Patterson served as UWinnipeg's seventh Carol Shields Writer-in-Residence from January to April 2012. Patterson is a dynamic member of Winnipeg's arts and theatre community, an innovative writer, director, and actor. While writer-in-residence, Patterson worked on her one-woman play called *Tuktoyaktuk and Me*, about global warming and multiple sclerosis.



"My term as a writer-in-residence has been a really good opportunity to get to know other writers in Winnipeg and to be inspired by their work," shared Patterson. "And because I am spending my time meeting with people who are passionate about words and ideas it reminds me of the culturally-rich city that we live in."

Past writers in this program include Margaret Sweatman, Sandra Birdsell, John Weier, Maria Campbell, David Bergen, and Ivan Coyote.

Patterson's residency is made possible by the Canada Council for the Arts, the Carol Shields family, and UWinnipeg. The program honours the memory of Carol Shields, Pulitzer-prize winning novelist and Chancellor of the University of Winnipeg from 1996 to 2000.

## A Change to PACE

More than 3,000 adults who are dedicated to learning new skills and enhancing their careers attend UWinnipeg every year, making PACE one of the fastest-growing areas on campus.

This past January, PACE—Professional, Applied and Continuing Education—replaced the Division of Continuing Education (DCE), which started 30 years ago. PACE more accurately reflects today's scope of adult programming, which encompasses both full-and part-time certificate and diploma programs.

"PACE is a signal to people that continuing education has expanded and offers many new types of programs—not just professional development but new pathways to education," said Erin Stewart, Dean of continuing education at UWinnipeg. Find out more at [pace.UWinnipegCourses.ca](http://pace.UWinnipegCourses.ca)

### NEW - Network Security Diploma

As computer hackers develop new ways to access our networks, business and industries combat these attacks with the aid of skilled network security specialists. As a result, Security and Voice-Over IP are currently two areas of high demand in computer networking employment. Graduates from the Network Security Diploma program can help mitigate threats to organizations and gain marketable skills. Manitoba Job Futures has identified the following as high growth occupations: Network Security Specialist, Network Administrator, Network Technician, and Technical Support.

This joint program between UWinnipeg and **Winnipeg Technical College** blends hands-on learning with theory. Graduates receive in-depth knowledge of and training in various protocols, network standards, designs, and security solutions.

This diploma program is 12 months full-time and begins in September 2012. To find out more, call (204) 982-6633 or visit [pace.UWinnipegCourses.ca](http://pace.UWinnipegCourses.ca)

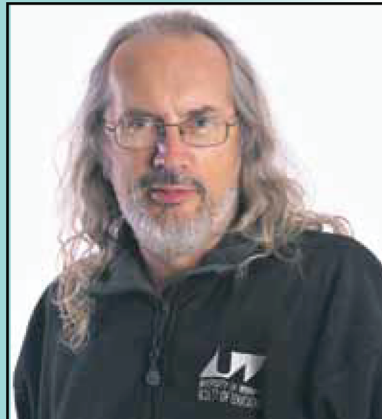


## TEACHING and MENTORING



Photo: (L to R) Jason Garton, Tatiana Carnevale, Professor Alan Wiebe, McKenzie Jane Hill, Grant Andruchuk.

In a unique pilot project, four student teachers worked one-on-one with young car thieves who are functionally illiterate, in a program run by Manitoba Justice. The UWinnipeg students began mentoring young male offenders, aged 13 to 19, in October. The goal was to help them read, write, and eventually learn life skills such as resume-writing and interviewing for jobs.



Dr. Ken McCluskey, Dean of Education, is receiving the esteemed **Spirit of Crazy Horse Award** from Reclaiming Youth International later this month. McCluskey is known internationally for his work in gifted education, mentoring, and at-risk children and youth. His Lost Prizes and related projects serve as models world-wide for those interested in identifying and developing the talents of marginalized young people.

## Northern Summit Promotes Sustainable Future for Churchill

UWinnipeg's Institute of Urban Studies (IUS) recently presented its **Churchill Sustainability Planning Framework** to the Mayor of Churchill, Mike Spence, and his town councillors. The presentation was part of an intergovernmental summit on the development of a sustainable future for Canada's North in March.

This summit used the Churchill Sustainability Planning Framework as a foundation, outlining a number of possible sustainable futures for the northern town and surrounding area. The framework is a result of a two-year multi-stage consultation process in partnership with the local Churchill Sustainability Committee and IUS at The University of Winnipeg, with funding provided by OmniTRAX Inc. It was completed in early 2011.

"This report was created through a strong partnership between the Town of Churchill and its residents, along with UWinnipeg professors and close to a dozen students. The cooperative approach ensured we created a sustainable plan that incorporates ideas from the community with sound policy and scientific research," said Jino Distasio, Director of IUS.

## Collegiate Students at UN



Photo: (L to R) Claire Paetkau, Benjamin Chafe, Karis Hutlet, and Richard Martin, Acting Dean of the Collegiate

Four students from The University of Winnipeg Collegiate were selected to join delegates from around the world at the United Nations Student Conference on Human Rights in New York City in December. Benjamin Chafe, Zainab Doleeb, Karis Hutlet, and Claire Paetkau were chosen to attend this prestigious conference after submitting a personal essay and were the only representatives from Manitoba.

Since returning home, the students have continued in their global citizenship. Doleeb has established a charity to help empower children through education by building schools and was also nominated for the Global Young Leaders Conference, returning to the UN later in June.

The Collegiate is our unique high school on campus. Faculty strives to engage students in a rigorous curriculum that will prepare them for and encourage them to pursue a lifelong love of learning. Find out more at [collegiate.uwinnipeg.ca/](http://collegiate.uwinnipeg.ca/)

## UWINNIPEG'S CANADA RESEARCH CHAIRS

Dr. Jeffery Martin is the new **Canada Research Chair in Fundamental Symmetries in Subatomic Physics**. Dr. Martin is a lead member of the Manitoba team PIPE spearheading research into the manufacture of Mo-99 radioisotopes, which could provide a made-in-Manitoba solution to regional medical isotope needs. PIPE is a non-profit consortium, between UWinnipeg, Pinawa's Acsion Industries, the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority and through it, Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg. An affordable and secure supply of Tc-99m is critical in helping to detect cancers, blocked arteries and heart disease in millions of people around the world each year.

A new commercialization incubator now exists at UWinnipeg to allow for a more entrepreneurial approach to using campus resources. **UWIN Inc.** is pursuing commercial enterprises to generate revenue from third parties through, for example, commercialization of research such as the very promising medical isotope production.

UWinnipeg currently has five Canada Research Chairs:

- Canada Research Chair in Fundamental Symmetries in Subatomic Physics – Dr. Jeffery Martin
- Canada Research Chair in Science Education in Cultural Contexts – Dr. Dawn Sutherland
- Canada Research Chair in Young People's Texts and Cultures – Dr. Mavis Reimer
- Canada Research Chair in Environmental Toxicology – Dr. Charles Wong
- Canada Research Chair in Inner-City Issues, Community Learning, and Engagement – Dr. Evelyn Peters



Dr. Jeffery Martin

## UW's Unique Masters Degree in Development Practice



Megan Prydun has just completed her first year of UWinnipeg's unique Master's in Development Practice (MDP) in Indigenous Development, and was the first recipient of the CN Scholarship.

"I have been searching for a program that could help increase my capacity to serve the global community, domestically and abroad, in a holistic way through a community-based and community-led process," said Prydun. To watch her video testimonial visit [uwinnipeg.ca/index/mdp-our-stories](http://uwinnipeg.ca/index/mdp-our-stories)

The MDP combines health sciences, natural sciences, social sciences, and management disciplines to give practitioners the tools to address the world's most challenging problems while creating leaders in Indigenous Development. Students may pursue the program either on a full-time or part-time basis.

Find out more about this exciting new Masters degree at [mdp.uwinnipeg.ca](http://mdp.uwinnipeg.ca) or email [mdp@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:mdp@uwinnipeg.ca)

## Business Students Show Marketing Prowess

In May, UWinnipeg commerce student Hartley Rogers won top prize in a national competition. "Marketing Idol" is run by Equals6, the professional social network for students. Equals6 student members tackle real-world business challenges. Rogers, who won \$1,200, says it is about more than prize money. "I enjoyed the learning experience of taking on a business challenge and coming up with a creative solution."

In January, Abhilash Tyagi, Geneviève Coulombe, Matt Friesen, Kevin Gooch, and Shantel Saliga placed second in the 30th annual Manitoba International Marketing Competition, the largest of its kind held in Canada for business students. This year's competition included teams from Mexico, Brazil and Ghana.



Photo: (L to R) Matt Friesen, Shantel Saliga, Geneviève Coulombe, Abhilash Tyagi, Kevin Gooch and faculty adviser John Melnyk

Business and Economics is the fastest growing Faculty at UWinnipeg, breaking down barriers between traditional management disciplines and exposing students to a wider range of study than at most business schools.

Find out more at **BusinessEconomics.UWinnipeg.ca**



# Community Learning Thrives at UWinnipeg

UWinnipeg is integrating community learning into all aspects of campus life. We work with thousands of children, youth, and families in the inner-city, mentoring grade school and high school students in our labs and running programs at the **Wii Chiiwaakanak Learning Centre** on Ellice Avenue – which this year started free Ojibwe classes for parents and children, taught by UWinnipeg Elder Tobasonakwut Kinew and his son, Wab Kinew. We also organize sports programs for youth, run the largest inner-city summer camp – **Eco-U Summer Camp** – for children, and offer free legal assistance, public lectures, conferences, and bike repair workshops, among other things.

In April, UWinnipeg's **Innovative Learning Centre** won a national award from Ashoka Canada, The Counselling Foundation of Canada, The J.W. McConnell Family Foundation, Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative and partners, for its program "A Tap on the Shoulder", aimed at closing the graduation gap for Indigenous children.

## UWinnipeg's Model school



Chelsea Bannatyne penned a science fiction story and Marik Beraki focused on one of his passions, basketball. Both Grade 9 students at UWinnipeg's Model School won out over thousands of other students and were selected as finalists in the national Polar Expressions Publishing Annual Student Writing Contest. Marik, originally from Eritrea, has been in Winnipeg just six years. "I love sports so I wrote about basketball. I never expected to even come close to being published. It is pretty exciting."

Chelsea and Marik are two of the Model School's CN Scholars. In June 2011, CN committed funds allowing for creation of the CN Model School Bursaries, helping students like Chelsea and Marik to achieve their dreams. UWinnipeg's Model School is dedicated to students from Grade 9-12 who are identified as being bright and capable but have various barriers that prevent them from reaching their potential. The students come to us from a variety of local inner-city high schools as well as being nominated by non-profit organizations.

## ECO Kids Add Life to Campus

UWinnipeg is now working with 30 inner-city and north-end schools to help close the graduation gap.

**Eco-U Summer Camp** – This summer more than a thousand children once again attend UWinnipeg's popular Eco-U Summer Camp, the largest free day camp for children in Winnipeg's inner-city.

**Eco-Kids on Campus** – Students in Grade 6 visit the UWinnipeg once a week over the course of 10 weeks to engage in fun, science-focused activities with University faculty and students. Hundreds of students have participated in this program since 2007.



Eco Kids add life to campus

## New Indigenous Advisory Circle Now Contributes To UWinnipeg Governance

The University of Winnipeg's Board of Regents in November approved the creation of an **Indigenous Advisory Circle** to ensure the inclusion of Indigenous Peoples' perspectives in the governance of The University. The Circle is chaired by Dr. Phil Fontaine, former National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations.

"Including Indigenous knowledge and systems within western education systems is an essential element in shaping the next generation of scholars and world citizens and repairing those relationships that have been significantly damaged by its long absence," said Dr. Leslie Spillett, Executive Director of Ka Ni Kanichihk and Advisory Circle member.

The Indigenous Advisory Circle meets four times annually and the Circle advises the President and Vice-Chancellor; the Associate Vice-President Indigenous, Government and Community Affairs; Senior Administrators; and the University community. The Advisory Circle's membership represents urban, rural and northern Indigenous peoples in Canada as well as other international Indigenous communities. Members have expertise and experience in a range of areas, but particularly in education and development.



(L to R) Dr. Tobasonakwut Kinew, Dr. Julie Pelletier, Dr. Phil Fontaine, Ms. Jennifer Rattray, Ms. Diane Roussin, Dr. Leslie Spillett, Dr. Lloyd Axworthy, Ms. Kim Murray and Commissioner James Wilson. (absent) Chief Ron Evans, Chief David Crate, Mr. Wayne Dunn, Chief Glenn Hudson, Ms. Leah LaPlante and Dr. Octaviana Trujillo

## Global Welcome Centre assists newcomers

UWinnipeg's Global Welcome Centre, located on Ellice Avenue, provides a welcoming place for 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.

To learn more about UWinnipeg's Community Learning initiatives, visit [communitylearning.uwinnipeg.ca](http://communitylearning.uwinnipeg.ca)

To learn more about Indigenous initiatives at The University of Winnipeg, visit [indigenous.uwinnipeg.ca](http://indigenous.uwinnipeg.ca)

# New Services for Students and the Downtown Community

## AnX Open to Public – Downtown's Rapid Transit Hub



Photo: (L to R) Joe Skaggs, Vice President, Marketing, Follett of Canada; Honourable Erin Selby, Minister of Advanced Education; Dan Vandal, Councillor, City of Winnipeg; Lloyd Axworthy, President & Vice-Chancellor, UWinnipeg; Leo Ledohowski, President & Chair, Canad Inns

At the AnX (formerly the Greyhound Bus Depot at 471 Portage Ave) you can grab a coffee, pick up a magazine, and enjoy a good pizza inside UWinnipeg's newest meeting place.

The AnX is home to the Canad Inns' **Garbonzo's Pizza Pub** and coffee favourite **Starbucks**, as well as **UWinnipeg's Bookstore** (operated by Follett Canada), the largest in Winnipeg's downtown with a selection of more than 90 magazines (ranging from Maclean's to People to academic journals) as well as an inventory of textbooks. The Bookstore's ongoing partnership with the Manitoba Publisher's Association secures the best local and noteworthy titles. It also offers online services at: [www.universityofwinnipeg.bkstr.ca](http://www.universityofwinnipeg.bkstr.ca). The AnX also houses UWinnipeg's popular English Language programs.



## Rapid Transit Hub on Campus

Winnipeg Transit's Balmoral Station, located on the west side of the AnX, is the downtown terminus for Winnipeg's new rapid transit corridor connecting 14 bus routes to the east and south ends of the city, in addition to offering 3 free downtown "Spirit" shuttles.

## UWinnipeg Dedicates The Babs Asper Lilac Garden

The University of Winnipeg announced the creation of the Babs Asper Lilac Garden in memory of Ruth "Babs" Asper, as a tribute to her philanthropic nature, her commitment to community, and her passion for Winnipeg's arts and cultural landscape, particularly for theatre and film.

Located on Colony Street, this garden serves as a new entry way to the newly renamed Asper Centre for Theatre and Film (formerly known as the Canwest Centre for Theatre and Film), UWinnipeg's state-of-the-art performance, production, and teaching facility for theatre and film students. The garden will be adorned by a variety of trees and lilac bushes, along with benches and a walking path. Lilacs were a favourite of Babs Asper, who passed away in 2011.

The Asper Family committed \$3 million to The University of Winnipeg's "A World of Opportunity" Capital Campaign, which helped to establish the Asper Centre for Theatre and Film in December 2006.



## Balmoral Station Bus Routes:

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| 1 Downtown Spirit          | 160 Downtown-University of Manitoba                |
| 2 Downtown Spirit          | 161 University Super Express                       |
| 3 Downtown Spirit          | 162 Downtown-Fort Richmond(UM)-St. Norbert Express |
| 42 Plessis Express         | 163 Waverley Heights Express                       |
| 46 Transcona Express       | 170 Downtown-Fort Richmond(UM)-St. Norbert         |
| 47 Transcona               | 180 Industrial Express                             |
| 48 McMeans Express         | 181 Whyte Ridge Express                            |
| 49 Dugald                  | 183 Richmond West Express                          |
| 137 Richmond Super Express |  |



# Creating a Health and Wellness Hub for the Community



## FALL CONSTRUCTION: Field House, Health and Wellness Complex

The most significant recreational facility ever built for Winnipeg's inner city community is going to add academic and research opportunities on campus, offer more choices for UWinnipeg students and athletes, and create a safe place for neighbourhood children to blossom. Construction begins this summer with doors set to open in Fall 2014. The new Field House is made possible by a \$15 million capital investment from the Province of Manitoba. The City of Winnipeg has also taken a leadership role with a \$2 million dollar commitment.

The new Field House, Health and Wellness Complex will be connected via skywalk to an upgraded Duckworth Centre and Bill Wedlake Fitness Centre, forming a full city block devoted to physical activity and health and wellness on Spence Street.

The Field House will feature three indoor, year-round fields for soccer, flag football, ultimate, baseball, and track and field, as well as cultural and community events. It will also include a large multi-use artificial turf field, a sprint track, a practice gym, a multi-events room, retail and office space, and a studio for activities such as dance and yoga. The new Health and Wellness Centre will offer an expanded athletic therapy clinic, primary health care, chiropractic treatment, x-ray facilities, and nutrition and obesity programs that will be open to the inner city community.

A unique coalition of eighteen youth-serving agencies in Winnipeg is offering input and advice to UWinnipeg as the new Field House takes shape. Groups such as the Boys and Girls Clubs, Rossbrook House, Spence Neighbourhood Association, Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre, and West Broadway Centre are partnering with UWinnipeg to provide more recreational opportunities to inner city youth.

As an immigrant himself from Jamaica, Ken Opaleke is passionate about helping inner city area youth achieve their potential. "It will be phenomenal to have a new Field House a stone's throw from our neighbourhood, a place that kids can walk to and be empowered to come together as a unit on a team," said Opaleke, a youth outreach worker with the West Broadway Centre.



## Inner-city Athletics

Like many of the youth who play for UWinnipeg's Inner City Junior Wesmen, 14 year-old Thierry Niyo is a recent newcomer to Canada. He was born in Congo, grew up in Tanzania, and arrived in Winnipeg three years ago.

Once the new Field House and Health and Wellness Complex opens on campus next year, we hope to attract 500 neighbourhood youth like Thierry.

"We plan to add inner city youth wrestling and baseball teams. Our goal is that every athletic program we develop will have a corresponding junior community team," says Grant Richter, Director of Athletic Program Development and Community Liaison at UWinnipeg. "With a new recreation complex, all we have to do is open the doors and these kids will be there every night."

The Community Athletics program is evolving at UWinnipeg to meet the needs of the neighbourhood and to provide inner city youth with a safe place to play. More than 200 boys and girls aged 8 to 18 now play on UWinnipeg's 11 community basketball and soccer teams. UWinnipeg provides coaching, uniforms, and equipment all for free, plus practice space at the Duckworth Centre when possible.



Volunteer coach Bob Axworthy's Inner City Girl's Basketball team finished second at the Winnipeg Sun Inner City Girls Classic in December.

## Dr. Joel Kettner Adds Health Expertise to Campus

Dr. Joel Kettner, former Chief Public Health Officer for Manitoba, joins UWinnipeg as Visiting Professor and Senior Fellow in Indigenous Development Practice in UWinnipeg Master's in Development Practice program.

Funded by a grant from the MacArthur Foundation, Dr. Kettner will contribute his expertise in health to MDP faculty, staff, and students on theoretical and practical issues as they pertain to health and development.

"I look forward to being part of UWinnipeg's academic community, which is known for fostering and promoting fairness and accessibility," said Kettner. "Sharing my experience and thinking in matters of public health and other medical practice with students and faculty in a global classroom is an exciting prospect. I am very enthusiastic about MDP's broad approach to development, based on its core commitment to health equity and social justice."



## NEW: Faculty of Kinesiology at UW



Effective July 1, 2012, we launch our new **Faculty of Kinesiology** with Dr. David Fitzpatrick as the Acting Dean.

Kinesiology is the study of movement. Graduates work in the school system, with amateur or professional sport teams, in private business, with health and fitness related agencies, in child care settings, and in community sport, fitness, and physical recreation programs.

Building on the strengths of our current **Department of Kinesiology** and **Applied Health**, and the **Department of Athletics**, we are creating new research and academic opportunities for students, including development of new Master's degrees in Coaching and Athletic Therapy.

A newly created **Institute for Youth and Sport** will allow academic researchers to focus on recreational activities and sport with particular emphasis on issues affecting inner city youth. Fitzpatrick believes action-research connects the University with pressing issues in the community, such as evidence-based research on sport concussions that can lead to better awareness, treatment, and prevention.



By next year, UWinnipeg Kinesiology students will also have a new state-of-the-art facility on campus.



# WORLD CLASS SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

## Inside the Richardson College for the Environment and Science Complex

In September, 2011, UWinnipeg officially opened the \$66.58 million **Richardson College for the Environment and Science Complex** which is among the top research and education facilities in North America. More than 2,000 students, faculty and staff attend the complex at 599 Portage Avenue daily, strengthening science and sustainability education in Manitoba, and helping to rejuvenate Winnipeg's inner-city and West End neighbourhoods. The facility includes 30 new teaching and research labs, a vivarium, and a 1,127 square foot rooftop greenhouse. It is one of the most energy efficient educational laboratory buildings in North America, and is targeting LEED Gold designation.

### Dr. Charles Wong

Dr. Charles Wong studies emerging chemical pollutants, such as nanomaterials. These microscopic substances are found in many items, such as Teflon-coated pans. While we use items containing flame retardants everyday, little is known about how these collect in the environment and what their long-term effects might be. As **Canada Research Chair in Environmental Toxicology**, Dr. Wong is developing new and better ways of measuring chemicals to determine how they act in the real world. Traditional pollutants such as pesticides, PCBs and DDT are also of interest. Understanding how to measure these chemicals and how they behave in the environment will lead to better ways to assess human and ecosystem chemical exposure — and ultimately better means by which to protect the environment and our way of life.



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### Clare McConkey

Clare McConkey is studying for a Master's in Environmental Chemistry. She is conducting research on human blood samples to determine how much perfluorinated compounds, such as Teflon, are in our bodies.



### Dr. Ed Cloutis

Dr. Ed Cloutis is busy getting ready to grab and return a piece of an asteroid to Earth. Cloutis is part of a Canadian Space Agency-NASA mission called OSIRIS-REx. The overall goal of the mission is to go into orbit around a near-Earth asteroid (called 1999 RQ36), touch down on it and bring back to Earth up to 2 kilograms of material from its surface. Cloutis, a Geography Professor and Director of the **Centre for Forest Interdisciplinary Research** at UWinnipeg, is one of the Canadian members of the science team for the mission, which will launch in 2016 and return the asteroid sample to earth in 2023.



### Dr. Darshani Kumaragamage



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Dr. Darshani Kumaragamage is seeking practical solutions to minimize the amount of phosphorus going into our lakes. Too much phosphorus in fresh water bodies has a potentially negative impact on the environment because it promotes algal blooms, a serious water quality challenge facing Manitoba. Most soils in the Red River Basin and Interlake area are prone to flooding, which may enhance phosphorus release to the overlying water. Dr. Kumaragamage and her team are studying phosphorous release under flooded conditions to help improve the design and operation of drainage systems suitable for different soil types. The goal is to improve the health of our waterways.



### Dr. Scott Forbes

Dr. Scott Forbes is creating organic fish fertilizer and testing it inside the greenhouse atop the Richardson College for the Environment.

Manitoba has abundant fish resources — in particular invasive European carp, an ecologically destructive species — for which there are no commercial markets. By converting fishery waste and rough fish to organic fertilizer, we can help solve an ecological problem and develop an eco-friendly fertilizer for the rapidly growing organic farming sector. It can also create new jobs for people in rural and Northern communities. Dr. Forbes is working in collaboration with the Fisher River Cree Nation on this project.



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### Dr. Chris Wiebe

Our PRIME lab will be fully operational this summer with completion of a \$1 million project that includes a floating zone image furnace used to grow high quality crystals (one of only a handful in Canada.) It comes with a 9 Tesla superconducting magnet which can measure the properties of new materials down to almost absolute zero (-273 degrees C). This officially makes UWinnipeg one of the coolest places in Canada to study science.

"New materials define our world, from the electronics inside your iPad to the superconducting magnets inside MRI machines," said Chemistry Professor Chris Wiebe, Director of the new facility. "We now have one of the best materials laboratories in Canada, and this provides wonderful opportunities for faculty and students to make important contributions to society."





## Dr. James Currie

Dr. James Currie became the new Dean of Science in March. Currie, a mathematician, joined the Faculty of Science in 1988. "This is an exciting time for science researchers and students at UWinnipeg as we tackle important topical issues such as the production of medical isotopes, while keeping our core values of academic excellence and a strong connection with students."

## Dr. Melanie Martin

UWinnipeg's associate professor of physics, Dr. Melanie Martin, is working on ways to diagnose multiple sclerosis and Alzheimer's disease earlier and with more certainty. As a person ages the brain shrinks, but the brain of someone with Alzheimer's shrinks faster. Martin believes an area of the brain that shrinks rapidly with Alzheimer's disease is the hippocampus, which is responsible for memory.

Martin is currently developing innovative magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) techniques to allow researchers to view the brain in real time and measure brain shrinkage. The hope is this technique will allow doctors to diagnose Alzheimer's sooner and have an objective marker, namely brain shrinkage, to evaluate treatments.

Martin's research team includes UWinnipeg students Kerrie Hayes and Trevor Vincent, along with UWinnipeg alumni Sheryl Herrera, Jonathan Thiessen, and Marzena Kastyk-Ibrahim, a post-doctoral fellow who works with the Alzheimer Society of Canada.



## Dr. Renée Douville

Dr. Renée Douville's laboratory is studying how the human brain protects itself from virus infections. This is important because some viruses can cause brain

damage leading to neurological diseases. By developing a better understanding of how the immune system fights viruses that attack the brain, we hope to design new drugs to treat neurological diseases.

## Herbert Enns

It was Winnipeg's Marshall McLuhan, scholar and prophet of the information age, who coined the phrase "the global village" and predicted the coming of the Internet more than three decades ago.

Today, breakthroughs in communication technologies arrive with dizzying speed, allowing people to connect around the globe instantly. Understanding the potential of and harnessing and growing this power is the purpose of the newly created Cisco Innovation Centre for Collaborative Technologies with Professor Herbert Enns as its first Director.

Enns is an architect, artist, and digital media expert. "With this new Cisco Centre, we are plugging into and engaging an international alliance of creative thinkers."



## Dr. Craig Willis

UWinnipeg's resident batman and biologist Dr. Craig Willis, along with his two UWinnipeg Post-Doctoral Fellows, Dr. Lisa Warnecke and Dr. James Turner, have been receiving international attention for their important breakthrough on white-nose syndrome (WNS) in bats. Their findings, first published in the prestigious journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), sheds important new light on how WNS has killed millions of bats in North America since 2006. It also indicates that Geomyces destructans, the fungal pathogen responsible for the disease, is an invasive species from Europe. Media from around the world have featured Dr. Willis's work.



Although the fungus has been shown to spread by direct contact between bats and trigger certain symptoms of the disease, its causal role in mortality from the epidemic has remained established. Its origin has also been a mystery, although bats in Europe also carry the fungus but without mass mortality.

### GOT BUGS? GET BATS & HELP!

If you want to help UWinnipeg's Batman, biologist Dr. Craig Willis, with his important bat research:

- Get bats! Currently our best defense against WNS is protecting and enhancing summer roosting habitat for bats to ensure their populations are as healthy as possible before the disease arrives. You can help by putting up a "bat house" like the ones found at [www.braecrest.com](http://www.braecrest.com).
- If you have bats roosting in your home, cottage, or bat house, you can also help by participating in UWinnipeg's "Manitoba Bat Blitz." For more information visit [www.willisbatlab.org/bat-blitz.html](http://www.willisbatlab.org/bat-blitz.html)

## Dr. Anuraag Shrivastav



Colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer death despite the fact that it is ninety percent preventable if detected early. Dr. Anuraag Shrivastav, Professor of Biology, is conducting research devoted to the study of cell signaling pathways. These pathways

provide clues about the onset and progression of human cancers, allowing researchers to identify potential biomarkers for the detection of cancer. Currently Dr. Shrivastav and his team are developing a prototype blood test that would red flag which patients should receive more tests, such as colonoscopy. This earlier detection could improve clinical outcomes for those facing colorectal cancer.

## Elements - The Restaurant



Elements - The Restaurant is adding new chemistry to the downtown and West End as it officially opened its doors at street-level inside the Richardson College for the Environment and Science Complex at 599 Portage Avenue.

Students, office workers, and the public can now enjoy locally-sourced meals prepared by the award-winning Diversity

Food Services. All menu options reflect Diversity's commitment to real food prepared with culinary expertise and a commitment to socially responsible practices that consider the well-being of our employees, our guests, the community, and the environment.

Visit Elements Facebook page or [uwinnipeg.ca/restaurants](http://uwinnipeg.ca/restaurants)



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## Dr. Jino Distasio

"Being part of the largest-ever study on mental health and homelessness is rewarding when you watch more than 1,000 Canadians become housed and supported through it," says Jino Distasio, Director, Institute of Urban Studies. "The At Home/Chez Soi project continues to change lives while demonstrating the effectiveness of using a Housing First approach." UWinnipeg's Institute of Urban Studies continues to undertake applied and practical projects that foster community awareness while supporting policy changes that makes our cities more livable. Over the past year, IUS developed a sustainability planning framework for Churchill and is now preparing to work within Winnipeg's inner-city to better understand the housing circumstances among our diverse African immigrant and refugee populations.



# LEADERS OF TOMORROW

The University of Winnipeg continues to be one of Canada's top undergraduate universities, particularly in the areas of diversity, quality of teaching, environmental commitment, and nurturing Leaders of Tomorrow, according to national surveys in both the *Globe & Mail Canadian University Report 2012* and *Maclean's magazine University Rankings 2011*. Meet some of our outstanding students:



## **THEATRE – ABIGAIL GREAVES** **The World is Her Stage**

Seventeen-year-old Abigail Greaves came to study theatre at UWinnipeg the long way 'round. She started out in Devon, England; went to high school at Shevchenko Collegiate in Vita, Manitoba; and now finds herself centre stage at UWinnipeg's Asper Centre for Theatre and Film. Greaves is the first recipient of UWinnipeg's **Garnet Kyle Scholarship**, worth up to \$40,000 — the largest offered to a Canadian student at UWinnipeg.

"My parents had a midlife crisis four years ago and decided to leave England to become farmers in Manitoba," laughs Greaves, whose family settled near Vita in 2007 to raise sheep. "I came from a small high school in Vita with a graduating class of just 26 people, so I was scared coming to UWinnipeg at first. But I am finding the atmosphere is strict but laid back at the same time."

The Garnet Kyle Scholarship is achievement-based, awarded to a grade 12 student with an average of 90 percent or higher.



## **INDIGENOUS STUDIES – ANGEL COMPTON** **Creating Opportunities for Youth**

Angel Compton grew up in Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation surrounded by the legacy of residential schools. Her aunts, uncles, grandparents — all were residential school survivors "and it affected us a lot," said the 26-year-old UWinnipeg student. "Yet even though my family went through that, they always stressed that it was important to get a good education. So here I am."

Compton is one of two students awarded a unique UWinnipeg Scholarship in honour of the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. She is working towards her Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Studies.

"My goal is to return to my home community and hopefully, create a community centre for youth," said Compton.



## **SCIENCE – MATTHEW MORISON** **Tackling Climate Change**

Twenty-two year old Matthew Morison is a science student in his fourth year of a double major in math and geography. Last summer he worked in Churchill as a research assistant and at the Saving York Factory project, established in 2007 by Parks Canada. A multidisciplinary team of experts — including historians, engineers, archaeologists and local First Nations — are studying the historic site's soils, permafrost, vegetation, river erosion, and drainage. Morison is now completing an undergraduate thesis on groundwater hydrology as a result of his work with the project.

Morison's career goal is to make a difference by working to improve climate change models. He recently received a \$6,500 **Sir William Stephenson scholarship\*** to assist him in his studies.

Morison is also an avid drummer with the band Salinas, and loves the arts — volunteering at the Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival, Winnipeg International Children's Festival, Winnipeg Folk Festival, and Jazz Winnipeg Festival.

## **EDUCATION – NATALIE FITKOWSKY** **Inspiring Young Minds**

Natalie Fitkowsky's dream is to be the kind of teacher who really inspires teenagers. She has completed her fourth year in the integrated Bachelor of Education program and in March travelled to Greece through UWinnipeg's Faculty of Education for her final teaching block, at the American Community School of Athens. She recently received the \$6,500 **Dr. and Mrs. Roderick Hunter Scholarship**, established in memory of Dr. R.O.A. Hunter, and his wife Doris Hunter.

"I very much hope to do a Master's degree at some point," she said. "As an educator I want to inspire my students to learn, strive for excellence and become engaged in their community. I hope they become globally aware citizens who embrace the opportunities to discover and question their surroundings."



## **BUSINESS – ETHAN BARON** **The Biz Whiz**

UWinnipeg business student Ethan Baron won a coveted spot in The Next 36, an elite program that selects and supports the next generation of high-impact entrepreneurs with \$50,000 in start-up cash plus high-level CEO mentoring. Baron is the only Manitoban to make the cut from over 1,000 leading Canadian undergraduate students from 62 schools across North America.

"This has been an incredible opportunity," said Baron, who at 19 is already in his fourth year of a double major at UWinnipeg, studying international business and economics and finance. "I am in a team of four people tasked with developing a mobile venture. We have \$50,000 in cash and two high-level CEOs to advise us. I feel as though I am receiving the equivalent of an MBA education."

Baron credits his time at UWinnipeg with helping him achieve this milestone. "In our business faculty, we interact with our professors in a way that is unmatched; I have learned as much outside the classroom as inside it. And our classes are small. That is the biggest advantage."



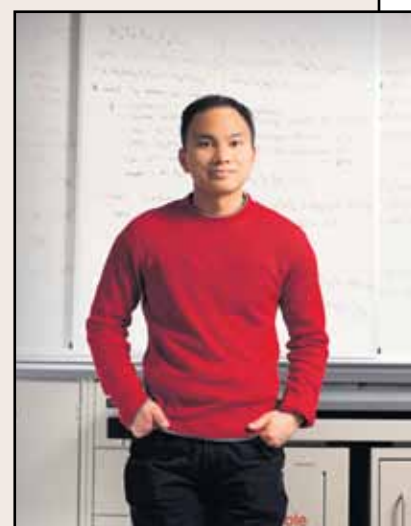
## **CHEMISTRY – PAUL SARTE** **Our Future Professor**

Paul Sarte grew up in a new immigrant household in Winnipeg's West End with a single mother, an experience that encouraged him to work hard.

"My mother was born in the Philippines and she taught me to save my money to pay for university," said Sarte. In December 2011, Sarte's hard work was rewarded as he received the prestigious **Sir William Stephenson Scholarship\*** valued at \$6,500 to assist him in completing his degree.

Paul shares his love of science by volunteering with "Let's Talk Science", which engages inner city youth. He also likes to work with new immigrants and volunteers at UWinnipeg's Global Welcome Centre, helping neighbourhood teens with their high school chemistry problems. "I love teaching, and because I am fluent in French I am able to help some of the teens from Africa. It's good to have a place to come and learn."

Paul is completing a four-year Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and three-year Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. He plays piano, soccer and hopes to become a chemistry professor in the future.



\* In 1984, Sir William Stephenson made a significant gift to The University of Winnipeg to establish the scholarships in his name. Known by the code name Intrepid, Sir William Stephenson started off as a poor Winnipeg hardware salesperson and ended up a Second World War spy legend and the inspiration for Ian Fleming's hero, James Bond.



# Eco-Friendly Initiatives on Campus

The Globe & Mail Canadian University Report 2012 ranks UWinnipeg first in Canada for its environmental commitment. UWinnipeg adopted a comprehensive new sustainability plan aimed at strengthening eco-friendly practices in all aspects of campus life in January 2012, building on numerous initiatives already underway, including:

- An energy retrofit of our main campus over the next three years that we hope will reduce Green House Gas emissions from core buildings by 1,200 tonnes. This represents about 25% of last year's total emissions.

- A major water retrofit project was started this year so all bathrooms on campus will be outfitted with low-flow toilets and sinks. Doug Foster, UWinnipeg's plumber, developed and implemented a retrofit program that promises to save the University in excess of one million gallons of water every year.



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- An in-depth LEED certification process by the Canada Green Building Council: McFeetors Hall: Great-West Life Student Residence and The University of Winnipeg Students' Association Daycare Centre joined an elite group of eco-friendly buildings in Manitoba by achieving Silver LEED status in November.



- A partnership with the Forks Renewal Corporation to send all campus food scraps, containers and cutlery to the Forks to be turned into compost for landscaping, allowing for a neighbourhood-level solution to waste management.
- A hybrid heating system is being installed that will enable the University to replace higher-emitting natural gas with lower-emitting hydro electricity during off-peak times.
- A move to be the first university in Canada to ban bottled water for sale, eliminating thousands of plastic water bottles which had been sold on campus annually.
- Introduction of a sustainable, locally sourced food service on campus called Diversity Foods.
- Use of phosphate-free detergents and environmentally friendly cleaning products on campus.

## Bike Lab 'Carves' Home For Cyclists On Campus

The UWSA Bike Lab is a revolutionary cycling education and advocacy facility that provides the space, tools and support to allow students, faculty, staff, and community members to keep their bicycles running smoothly all year long.

Community outreach programs — including cycling repair, build-a-bike, and cycling safety workshops — will be running over the spring and summer as well as during regular community access hours on Thursday evenings from 4:00-8:00 PM.

For more information, contact [bikelab@theuwsa.ca](mailto:bikelab@theuwsa.ca) or UWSA Outreach and Special Project Coordinator Ted Turner at 786-9779.



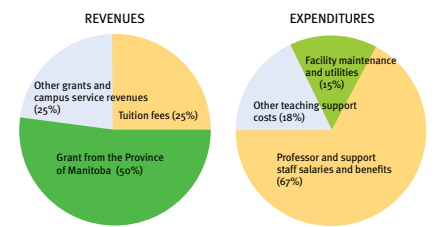
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# Fiscal Responsibility— OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

UWinnipeg prepares a balanced operating budget annually, with revenues and expenditures of approximately \$115 million, including all of our divisions (such as the Collegiate; Professional, Applied and Continuing Education; and English Second Language Programs).

The University's operating budget is funded primarily through a grant from the Province of Manitoba (50%), Undergrad and Graduate student fees (25%), as well as revenues from non-credit programs and other services.

Expenditures from the operating budget include faculty and staff salaries and benefits (67%), facility costs (15%), and student support and teaching costs (18%).



## CELEBRATING A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY UWINNIPEG RAISES \$135 MILLION IN SUPPORT OF STUDENTS



Photo: Campaign donors, Mrs. Louise Leatherdale and Dr. Douglas Leatherdale, UW Foundation Board Member

On September 16, 2011 UWinnipeg concluded its **A World of Opportunity Capital Campaign**, having raised an unprecedented \$135 million, enabling the University to continue its quest for excellence and community renewal. This achievement is only possible because of the overwhelming generosity of our donors: alumni, faculty and staff, corporate and individual friends, whose gifts have sparked a new and exciting chapter in campus history.

Assertive fundraising at UWinnipeg continues with a focus on completion of capital projects, and growth of our student awards program, as well as increased support for academic programs.

The University of Winnipeg Foundation currently manages a \$36 million Endowment Fund supporting over 500 student scholarships and bursaries. Gifts to the University through its Foundation make an incredible difference in the lives of our students and in the ability of faculty and staff to deliver the levels of excellence in education for which UWinnipeg is known.

Consider making a gift today. Donations can be made by contacting us at 204.786.9995 or visit [www.uwinnipegfoundation.ca/choose](http://www.uwinnipegfoundation.ca/choose)

Mail or visit us at The University of Winnipeg Foundation, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor - 491 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada R3B 2E4



## NEW HELP FOR YOUTH IN CARE

Photo: (L to R) Jay Rodgers, CEO, General Child and Family Services Authority; Honourable Kevin Chief, Minister of Children and Youth Opportunities; Shirley Delorme Russell, UWinnipeg graduate; Dr. Lloyd Axworthy, President and Vice-Chancellor, UWinnipeg; Rob Altemeyer, MLA Wolseley

In March, The University of Winnipeg launched the **Youth In Care Tuition Waivers** program so that youth who have grown up in the child welfare system can plan for their academic future at UWinnipeg. This is the first program of its kind in Manitoba and unique in Canada.

UWinnipeg expects to support up to 20 students each year by covering their tuition costs, beginning September 2012. The Province of Manitoba will cover all additional living expenses including housing, textbooks, and meal plans for youth in care, up until age twenty-one. There are more than 9,500 children and youth in care in Manitoba; the majority are First Nations and Métis, and it is estimated that less than 5% are ever able to pursue a post-secondary education.

## UWINNIPEG'S OPPORTUNITY FUND REMOVING FINANCIAL BARRIERS FOR VULNERABLE YOUTH

Kyle Daniels is a 25 year-old single father busy raising his son in Winnipeg's inner city. He is also a successful student who is attending UWinnipeg's Urban and Inner-City Studies program with financial assistance from UWinnipeg's **Opportunity Fund**. It was established to help non-traditional students achieve their full educational potential, and specifically supports Aboriginal students, new Canadians and refugees, war-affected youth, and students from inner-city neighbourhoods.

More than 850 students have received Opportunity Fund assistance since it was created in 2007. Approximately 100 of those students have now graduated.



## EDUCATION IS KEY

### Druxman-designed Necklace

Our third annual I Heart UWinnipeg fundraising dinner to help students in need took place on Wednesday, May 23 with all proceeds from the evening supporting UWinnipeg's **Opportunity Fund**. At the dinner, a special 'Education is Key' necklace designed by internationally-known jeweler Hilary Druxman was unveiled. Druxman, a graduate of UWinnipeg's Collegiate, is donating all proceeds from its sale to the Opportunity Fund.

The public can order this one-of-a-kind necklace for \$35 direct from Hilary Druxman's website [hilyardruxman.com](http://hilyardruxman.com) or from UWinnipeg's bookstore at [universityofwinnipeg.bkstr.ca](http://universityofwinnipeg.bkstr.ca).





MESSAGE FROM DR. LLOYD AXWORTHY, PRESIDENT & VICE-CHANCELLOR

## Creating a Healthy Campus and Community

When the doors of our new Richardson College for the Environment and Science Complex at 599 Portage Avenue opened in September, it was one of the most significant moments our campus and the surrounding West End community has seen in the past decade. More than 2,000 students, faculty, staff, and visitors now stream in and out of the state-of-the-art complex daily, studying and researching the most challenging issues we face: climate change, isotope production and cancer tests, and pollutants in our air and lakes. We are nurturing a new generation of capable and creative leaders.

In the past several years we have been responsible for \$150 million in new investment in facilities in our downtown and West End neighbourhoods. In January we opened the newly renovated AnX — a hub and meeting place with downtown's largest bookstore, Garbonzo's pizza pub, and a Starbucks coffee shop. The city's new Rapid Transit terminal at the AnX adds to our accessibility and commitment to active transportation, as does our new UWSA Bike Lab on campus which is open to both students and the community.

We are poised to go further. This month we are breaking ground to construct the most important recreational facility ever built for Winnipeg's inner city community. The new multi-purpose Field House, Health and Wellness Complex is going to add academic opportunities on campus, offer more choices for UWinnipeg students and athletes, and create a safe place for neighbourhood children to play. Next month we are also launching a full-fledged Faculty of Kinesiology, dedicated to health and wellness research and programming.

In the past several months we also went through a Strategic Review process and invited our students, staff, faculty — and just as importantly — our surrounding community to tell us what kind of university they want us to be moving forward. We received more than 80 thoughtful submissions, including from many community organizations, such as Spence Neighbourhood Association, Clinic Community Health Centre, Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre, West Central Women's Resource Centre, and John M. King School. These diverse voices and ideas allow us to remain connected and relevant in creating a campus that is inclusive and diverse.

We thank you, our government partners, and individual and corporate donors for your input and continued support.



Photo: Dr. Lloyd Axworthy, UWinnipeg President & Vice-Chancellor with students Shauna Fontaine and Dllendra Wanigasekara.

## COMING UP ON CAMPUS

UWinnipeg offers many free public lectures, films, arts shows and events that are open to the public year-round. Check out our events calendar at [www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/siteevent-app](http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/siteevent-app)

### Adventures in Global Citizenship from August 7-15

Offered by UWinnipeg's Global College, this intensive three credit course introduces students to global challenges and opportunities in human rights, and cultivates skills for academic success. This course is offered in partnership with the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, Rotary International, and Folklorama.

Find out more at [uwinnipeg.ca/index/gc-si](http://uwinnipeg.ca/index/gc-si)

### Homecoming 2012 from September 5- 9



You're invited to UWinnipeg's annual celebration featuring tours, lectures, class reunions, a bocce tournament, and more!

Join us for the Annual Homecoming Alumni Wine and Cheese Reception hosted by Dr. Lloyd Axworthy on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in Convocation Hall, \*RSVP to 988-7118 or [alumni@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:alumni@uwinnipeg.ca)

Class Reunion Dinners for the Classes of 1950, 1952, 1957, 1962 and 1972 will be held from 6:00 to 10:00 pm on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at The Fort Garry Hotel (tickets \$60). Contact Steve Pataki at 988-7122 or [s.pataki@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:s.pataki@uwinnipeg.ca)

For the complete Homecoming 2012 schedule and to find out more about alumni events, programs and volunteer opportunities, please call the Alumni Affairs Office at 204-988-7118, e-mail [alumni@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:alumni@uwinnipeg.ca) or visit [UWinnipeg.ca](http://UWinnipeg.ca) and click on Alumni.

### UWSA Freestyle from Oct 1 – 6

Everyone is invited to attend Freestyle 2012 at UWinnipeg and The Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre featuring workshops, special events, films, and radio.

Freestyle offers free hip-hop workshops for youth and adults in Rap Writing, Recording and Performance, DJ Skills, Break Dance & Graffiti Art. UWSA Freestyle is an annual celebration of artistic discovery and community/friendship building. Contact UWSA Outreach and Special Project Coordinator Ted Turner at 204-786-9779 or [outreach@theuwsa.ca](mailto:outreach@theuwsa.ca) to register or for more info.



### Duff Roblin Dinner on October 10, 2012

Proceeds from the dinner go towards the Duff Roblin Scholars Fund, enhancing educational opportunities for Manitoba's Indigenous population.

The event will be held at the Hotel Fort Garry from 6:00 - 10:00 PM

### NEW!

**MOBILE WEBSITE:** On the go? Check out our new mobile website at [m.uwinnipeg.ca](http://m.uwinnipeg.ca). Browse University news and events, transit schedules, campus maps, an online staff and faculty directory, and link to social media.

**TAKE A 3D TOUR:** We are the first school in Canada using 3D interactive technology that lets you fly around our campus to virtually visit thirteen campus locations.

Virtual Visit:  
[uwinnipeg.ca/3dtour](http://uwinnipeg.ca/3dtour)



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## DID YOU KNOW?

As a result of robust fundraising, UWinnipeg now provides \$3.2 million in annual scholarships and bursaries to assist students with their direct education costs – up from \$1.9 million in 2004. That is a 67% increase.

The University also administers more than \$7.1 million in annual assistance for students from the Manitoba Student Aid Program.

Find out more about our financial assistance programs at: [uwinnipeg.ca/index/services-awards](http://uwinnipeg.ca/index/services-awards)

## UWINNIPEG QUICK FACTS ...

### STUDENT STATS (as of Nov 2011)

Undergrad Students: 9,517  
Graduate Students: 481  
Faculty: 342  
Average class size: 35 to 40 students

### Student demographics:

First Nations, Métis, and Inuit: 10%  
Visible minorities: 22%  
Enrollment growth in 10 yrs: 55%

Including our international students, adult learners, and Collegiate students we attract more than 14,000 people to our downtown campus daily.

### ALUMNI

Since 1878, we have had 47,104 graduates. Our alumni live in 70 countries, with approximately half living here in Manitoba.

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