

Office of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Message from the Provost

Dear Faculty, Students, and Staff,

Thank you once again for hosting and participating in the past week of events and activities in honour of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

As I noted in my previous email to the UWinnipeg, we recognize this time of remembrance can be especially difficult for Indigenous members of our community, and we stand in support of Survivors of Residential and Day Schools, as well as our Indigenous faculty, staff, students, and communities.

As part of our ongoing commitment, Dr. Chantal Fiola, AVP, Indigenous Engagement, in collaboration with the PVPA Office, will be holding consultations with Indigenous faculty, staff, and students on the Mastercard gift and other TRC-related initiatives. These conversations will help guide our collective work of centring respect, responsibility, and relationship.

In respect and relationship,
Pavlina Radia
Provost and Vice-President, Academic



Updates on Strategic Initiatives

Strategic Enrolment Management

The Strategic Enrolment Management (SEM) initiative is advancing into its final stages.

On September 8, a **final SEM Consultation Session** was held with faculty and staff, both online and in person. The session provided a valuable opportunity for a presentation of the SEM survey findings, discussion of the latest SEM Plan draft, and questions and feedback. Thank you to all who participated and contributed to refining the SEM Plan.

On September 16, 2025, the revised SEM Plan was approved by the Senate Academic Planning Committee.

Next Steps:

- The plan will be presented to **Senate** for approval on October 30.
- The **Board of Regents** will review the plan after Senate approval.

Many thanks to the members of the SEM Steering Committee and Sub-Committees and to all faculty, staff, and students who have engaged in this process. Your contributions are helping shape a strategic path forward for enrolment, retention, academic programming, and student success at UWinnipeg.

Work-Integrated Learning Working Group

The Office of the PVPA has initiated the formation of a new Work-Integrated Learning Working Group, comprised of faculty and staff, to draft an institutional work-integrated learning strategy. This group first met on August 19 to review existing opportunities for experiential/work-integrated learning at UWinnipeg and begin discussions on an institutional strategy.

The working group will meet again on **October 7**.

Teaching and Learning Working Group

The Teaching and Learning Working Group met on August 18 to review online resources curated and collated by the Director, Academic Programming and EDI, and the PVPA Office. The group also discussed a preliminary budget outlining the resources required for the new Teaching and Learning Centre.

The working group will meet next on **October 8**.

Deans and Directors Retreat

On August 25, the University held a **Deans and Directors Retreat** to discuss strategic academic initiatives for 2025–2026. The retreat provided an opportunity for academic leaders to share priorities, align plans, and contribute to shaping the University's direction for the coming year. Discussion focused on high-level initiatives including finalizing the SEM Action Plan, launching an academic planning framework, strengthening student supports, advancing work-integrated learning, and expanding professional development. The day also allowed for collaborative dialogue, idea-sharing, and community-building among academic leaders.



Calls for Participation

Foundations Program Working Group

As part of the Strategic Enrolment Management (SEM) initiative, we invite faculty to join the **Foundations Program Working Group**. This group will lead the development of a first-year Foundations Program focused on student transition, academic readiness, and pathways into degree programs.

We are seeking faculty with interests in learner-centred curriculum design, student supports, and interdisciplinary approaches to teaching. If you are interested in participating, please email provost@uwinnipeg.ca.

AI Working Group

We invite faculty and staff to join a new Artificial Intelligence Working Group. This group will examine the role of generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) in the University's teaching, learning, research, services, and operations, and guide the development of an institutional roadmap for AI literacy and ethical use.

We are seeking faculty and staff with interests in innovative pedagogy, digital literacy, ethical and responsible AI practices, and expertise in the technical aspects

of AI. If you are interested in participating, please email provost@uwinnipeg.ca.

Upcoming Events



57th Algonquian Conference

Oct. 17-19

Multiple UWinnipeg Campus Locations

UWinnipeg is pleased to host the 57th Algonquian Conference: "Bridging Knowledges, Building Trust." [Learn more.](#)



The Future of Indigenous Language Technology

Oct. 18 | 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

High school students are invited to [register](#) for this exciting concurrent event of the 57th Algonquian Conference.

September Event Highlights

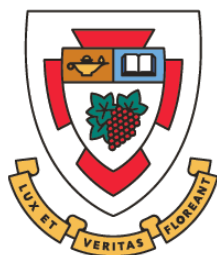


Bonnycastle Lecture: Senator Kim Pate

Sept. 25 | 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

3C00

Join Senator Kim Pate for the 2025 Bonnycastle Lecture, where she will share insights from her lifelong advocacy on justice reform and human rights in Canada. [Learn more.](#)



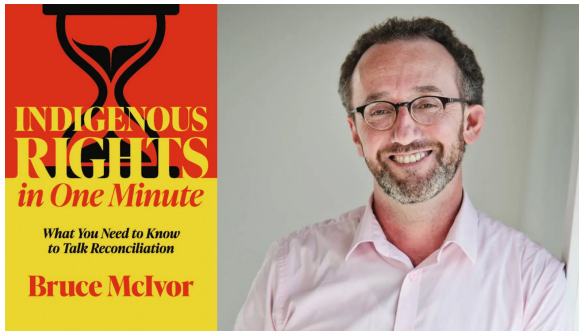
Lux et Veritas: Shedding Light and Truth on UWinnipeg's History with the Indian Residential School System

Sept. 25 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

3C00

This talk will explore links between

residential schools and UWinnipeg's founding colleges, emphasizing the University's ongoing responsibility to address these historic harms. [Learn more.](#)

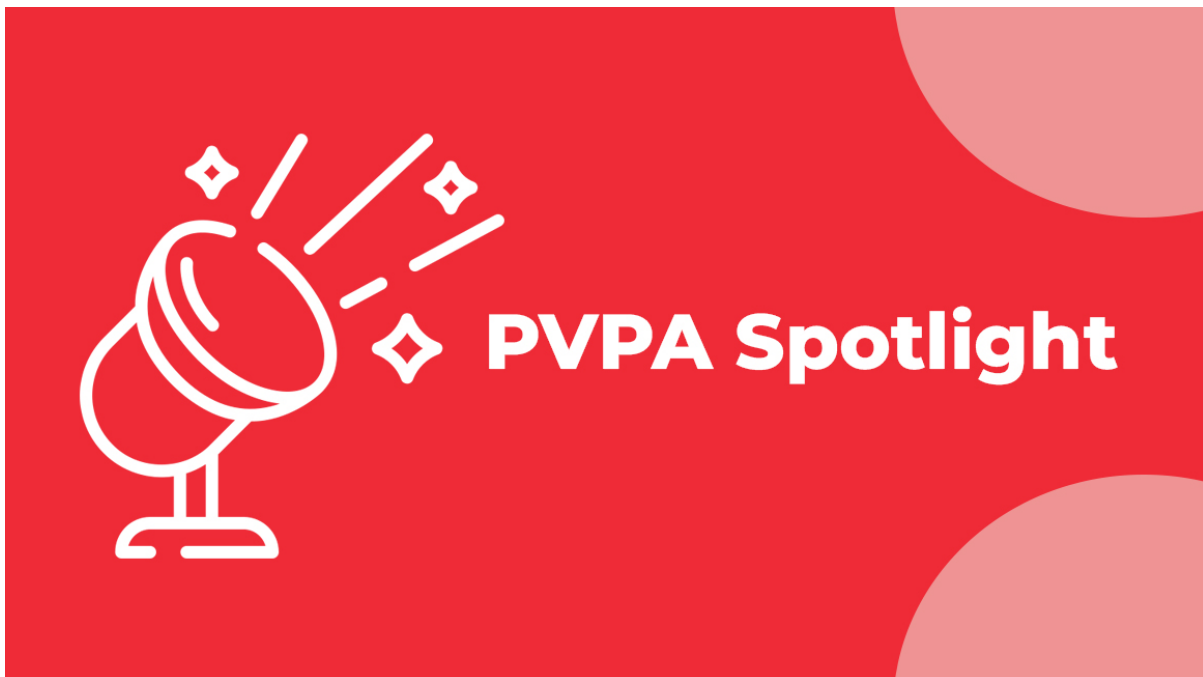


Fireside Chat & Book Signing with Bruce McIvor

Sept. 29 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Convocation Hall

Lawyer, author, and educator Bruce McIvor will host a fireside chat and book signing, sharing stories from his work on Indigenous rights and reconciliation in Canada. [Learn more.](#)



UWinnipeg Move-In Party

Students moving into McFeetors Hall at The University of Winnipeg this fall were treated to a special party to welcome them into residence for the upcoming academic year.

The first-ever McFeetors Hall move-in party took place on August 29 in the plaza outside the six-storey student dormitory. A DJ spun tracks and slices of pizza were handed out as a photo booth flashed nearby.

About 90 students moved in last Friday, and another 60 on Saturday. A week of welcome programming followed. Moving can be a stressful time for students, some of whom are leaving home for the first time, so the move-in party will become an annual event.

A big thanks to Jennifer Trotman, Director of Campus Living, and all of the UWinnipeg staff and students who made this event a success!



UWinnipeg at BE-STEMM 2025 Conference

The University of Winnipeg was proudly represented at the **BE-STEMM 2025 Conference**, hosted by the Canadian Black Scientists Network. This national gathering of researchers, students, and professionals celebrates Black excellence in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine.

With support from the Office of the Provost, a contingent of UWinnipeg faculty and students attended the conference, gaining invaluable opportunities for learning, mentorship, and community-building.

UWinnipeg attendees included assistant professor **Mary Adedayo** (Applied Computer Science), ACS graduate student **Faith Akinyemi**, and undergraduate science students **Esther Akinpelu**, **Paul Bahiga**, **Olaoluwa Oke**, and **Malia Atangabua**.

The conference had a profound impact on participants, fostering confidence,

academic ambition, and a deeper sense of belonging in STEMM. Attendees described research as a more collaborative, inquiry-driven process, and spoke to the inspiration they gained from mentorship and representation.

In their words:

“I am returning as someone who is more engaged in research and community building. I see how much my own confidence and voice have evolved....I got the chance to hear from Black professionals thriving in various STEMM fields, which helped me refine my vision not just in terms of what I want to do, but also how I want to lead, mentor, and create impact in my community.”

“Before the conference, I thought I had a decent idea of what research looked like... but this conference turned that upside down. The conversations were different. Like, actually different... because they wanted to understand.”

“Being surrounded by accomplished and educated Black scientists inspired me and encouraged me to aim higher with my education.... Seeing people like me thrive in higher education within STEM fields and make a positive impact in our community was truly inspiring.”



In Memoriam Dr. Jane Goodall

In Memory of Dr. Jane Goodall (1934 - 2025)

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Jane Goodall, whose pioneering work in primatology and tireless advocacy for conservation and social justice inspired people worldwide.



In September 2015, UWinnipeg welcomed Dr. Goodall as the second lecturer in the Axworthy Distinguished Lecture Series on Social Justice and the Public Good. On that occasion, the University proudly bestowed upon her an Honorary Doctor of Laws in recognition of her groundbreaking contributions.

Her legacy continues to resonate within our community. For more information see [Remembering Dr. Jane Goodall](#) and our [Honorary Doctorate webpage](#).

Faculty, Staff, and Student Supports

As we are in the midst of a busy Fall Term, we wanted to remind faculty, staff, and students to take time to care for their mental health and well-being. Please know that resources and supports are available for those who may need them.

Faculty and staff can access:

- Klinik Crisis Line: 204-786-8686
- Mobile Crisis Service: 204-940-1781
- [Employee & Family Assistance Program](#)

Students can access:

- Klinik Crisis Line: 204-786-8686
- Counsellors at the [Wellness Centre](#)
- [Indigenous Student Services](#) staff
- [International Student Services](#) staff

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