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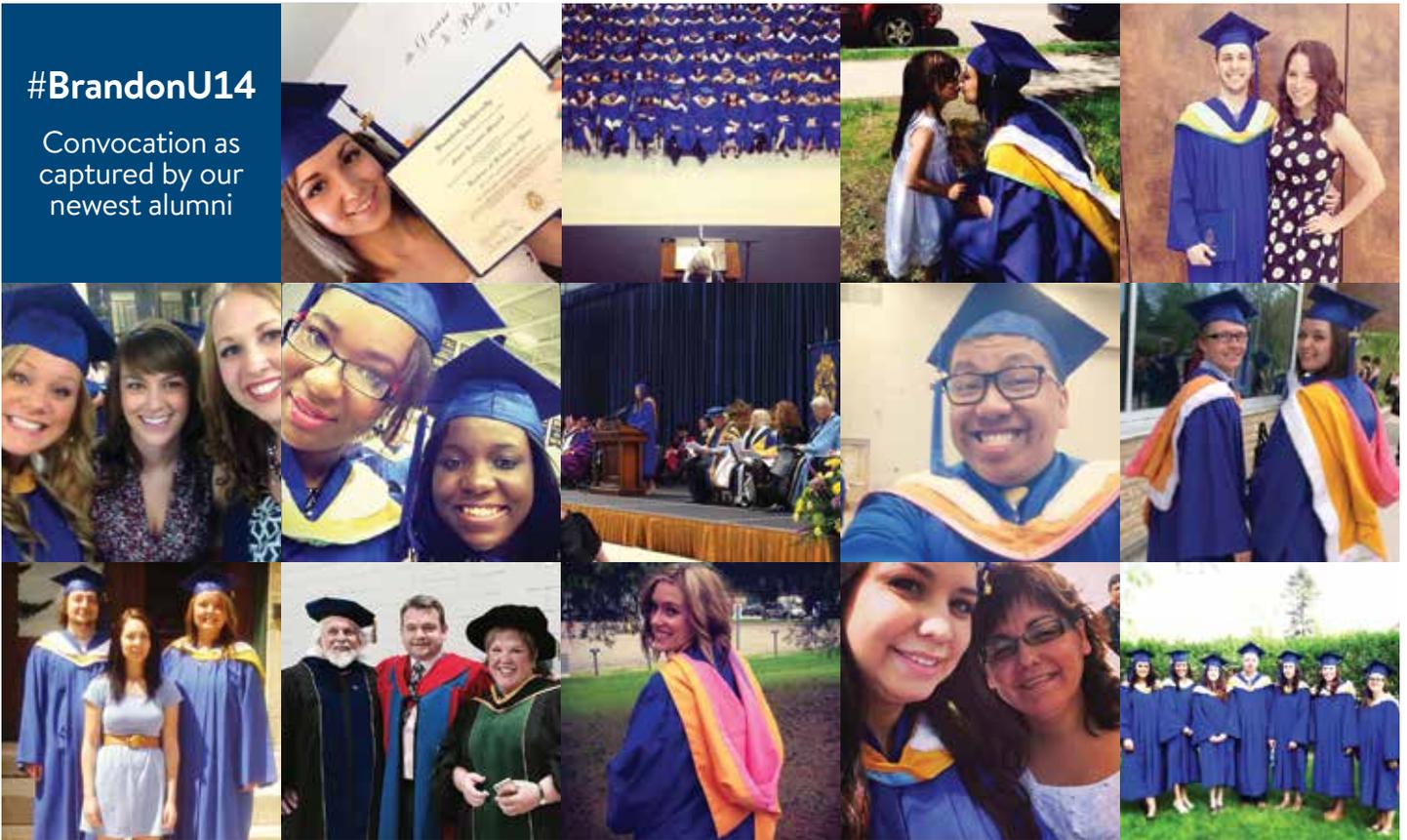
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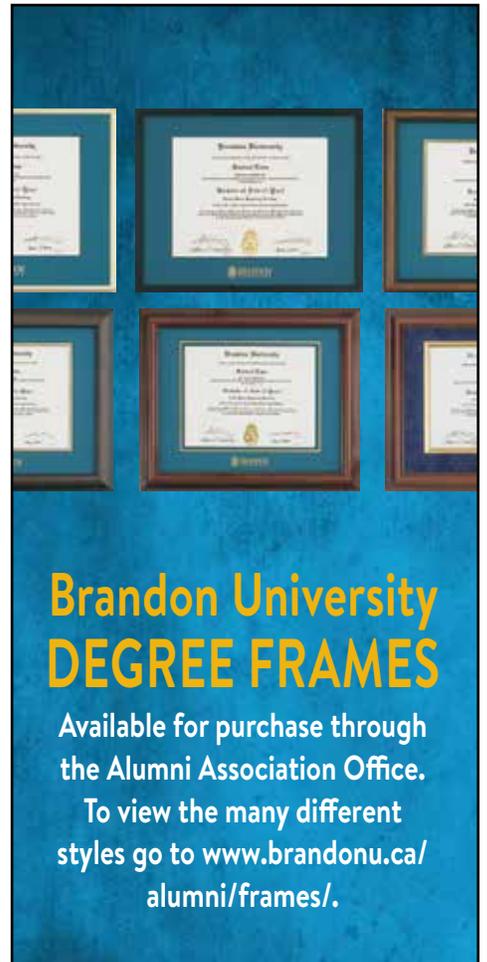
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Convocation 2014

Dr. Poff is presented with a star blanket during this year's ceremony.

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Rural Development Institute

Opening its doors in 1989, this year marks RDI's 25th Anniversary.



Jerry & Marnie Hemmings Award

New award supports student athletes who best exemplify leadership in basketball and scholastic accomplishment.

Send us your stories!

As alumni, you undoubtedly have much to tell about the relationships that you developed while at BU. Maybe you met your spouse, a business partner or a great friend?

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PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL MESSAGE – DR. DEBORAH POFF

This is my last opportunity to speak with Brandon University alumni and friends and I want to say how important I think you are as champions of your University.

For a small University, the focus has to be first on the student experience, then on knowledge creation and then on service to the community. To a large extent, we have re-focused our student services to be a centre of student success since I have been at BU. There are now more positions dedicated to the success of our students and there is new leadership in the Registrar and Student Services area.

This includes putting new resources in our Indigenous Peoples' Centre since we have a number of students

at BU of Aboriginal heritage. It was very important to me that we spend time and resources thinking about and then acting upon those thoughts to provide the necessary support for students who care about their own success to actually be successful. That has been the focus of BUILD—our University strategic plan—since I have been here.

It has been an honour and privilege to get to know so many gracious and giving alumni and friends.

In our commitment to Aboriginal students, we are closely aligned

with the goals of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC), our sister universities and the federal government. At the spring annual AUCC meeting, the University Presidents of Canada adopted national policies to support Aboriginal university education achievement.

We are also in a period of renewal with our faculty. We have a number of new faculty members who are at early stages in their careers. They bring enthusiasm and vision to teaching and research. We have a number of new people in Canada Research Chairs who will contribute to the reputation and prestige of Brandon University as they create new and important knowledge and transmit that new

knowledge to the learned community through their talks and publications and to their students in the classroom. The facilitation of learning for our students is critically important to their personal futures but also important to our city, our province, our country and the world. It is gratifying to be a university President during a period of renewal at a university with a wonderful history and many fine traditions. This is not to diminish the significant contribution of our long-serving educators and researchers and I have been privileged to be not only a BU President but also a teacher and researcher while I have been here. Having said that, renewal is about BU's future and I think we have brought a number of new leading lights on board in the last five years who will take our institution forward as we celebrate Canada's 150th birthday and beyond in the 21st century.

Of course, I am very pleased with the completion of our new Healthy Living Centre. It is a beautiful facility but more importantly we need to remember that universities have always been about educating the whole person. Further, if you read many of the ancient Greek scholars, they understood that education was and is about developing both the mind and body and it was also about education for a larger purpose—for citizenship and for the common good. With this new Centre, we provide a state-of-the-art resource for physical well-being, for competitive varsity sports, for our beloved Bobcats and for the people who study and work at the University. But, equally important, we invite the broader community of local citizens into our facility to participate both in exercise and as spectators to all that the Centre can offer. We have a unique community access agreement between our University and the City of Brandon, welcoming the community into our terrific new Centre.

I am also pleased that through our BUILD campaign, we have increased both the number and value of our scholarships and bursaries quite

significantly. This meets both a recruitment and retention goal that will further the success of BU going forward in increasing the number of graduates who will be productive professionals and leaders.

For the 30-plus years that I have worked at universities, people have written books and articles claiming that universities are in some sort of a sea-change. I will articulate the latest views on that, particularly as it may have an impact on Brandon University.

The largest research universities are interested in more differentiation in the university system in Canada. There is an assumption that funneling most or all of the research dollars into the largest universities will make Canada more globally competitive, particularly in Science and Technology, and will result in more Canadian Nobel laureates and a bigger slice of the economic, global pie in terms of research and development, as well as commercialization and the commodification of knowledge.

That may or may not be true. It is an empirical question. But even if it is true such a perspective ignores a number of other important factors. Research and knowledge creation occurs at many small universities, including Brandon University. This is true, not only with respect to science and technology, but also with respect to many of the Social Sciences, the Humanities, the Creative and Fine Arts and Applied and Professional Studies. Brandon University makes considerable contribution to new knowledge in all of these fields and students benefit from this knowledge creation in the classroom and through interaction with their professors. It is also true that faculty at Brandon University are also engaged in community-based research that is transformative to communities in the region, the province and to our nation. However the nature of universities change, these unique features of BU need to be continued to be emphasized and, when necessary, fought for.



Pictured (from top):

Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger touring Healthy Living Centre construction site, 2011.

Mr. Ed Mazer presents Dr. Poff and her husband, Dr. Alex Michalos, with BU Foundation's Order of the Sheaf certificate, 2012.

Dr. Poff serves chili at the Bobcats' Tailgate Party, 2011.

Dr. Poff & Dr. Michalos honoured at the 4th World Forum on Business Ethics, Hong Kong 2012.

Mr. Drew Caldwell, MLA Brandon East, Dr. Deborah Poff and Premier Greg Selinger at Chamber Luncheon, 2012.



Pictured (from top):

Dr. Poff and Dr. Michalos with alumnus Corey Degagne '13 at the Savoy in London, England, 2013.

Dr. Poff and Mrs. Vicki Klassen, former Associate Vice-President (External), 2011.

Honourary tip-off at Bobcats' game, 2009.

In terms of other new challenges and competitors, Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) and the continued development of online delivery of education is of great value in increasing access for all students in the world through flexible, alternative modalities for accessing credentialing and knowledge development. Having said this, if we determine that Canada can no longer support the personal experience of face-to-face dialogical interaction between a learner and a teacher—a relationship that has been a hallmark of Brandon University—it will be a real loss to the education of citizens that has been central to BU since it was established as Brandon College in 1899. And, personally and professionally, I think that this would be a real loss.

Aside from these things, we are continuing to work toward developing our first mature student housing project. It is challenging but I do believe we will see it through to completion and I also believe that decent, affordable housing is a necessary condition for educational success for people seeking a degree—in this case, people who have the additional benefits and burdens of having families to support while they are students.

Now, for a few more personal comments. I have shared time with many of you, and you have worked very hard to contribute to the betterment and growth of Brandon University. You have been incredibly important to me but more importantly you are vital to the continued success of Brandon University. Part of the greatness of BU's history and its future is its commitment to a great liberal principle—equality of opportunity which is both a democratic and a meritocratic principle. Further, our roots in our Manitoba intellectual forefathers, like Tommy Douglas and Stanley Knowles, go deep. We need to continue to provide education for the further development, not only of the individual, but also to provide leadership for the public good. Tommy and Stanley worked for a better Canada.

We will need more of their ilk for a sustainable future.

As Brandon University, we provide a number of students with the opportunity to attend University who would not necessarily meet the admission requirements of the University of Toronto, McGill or Queens, although frequently they go on to these institutions for post-graduate and further professional education. But initially we give them the opportunity to fulfill their educational and vocational dreams and aspirations, other things being equal. Other things rarely are equal so my primary commitment as President has been to provide support for reaching goals and aspirations through increased help to facilitate the achievement of those goals through degree completion.

Thank you for caring about your alma mater. Please continue to support your University as we move forward under the direction of the next BU President. It has been an honour and privilege to get to know so many gracious and giving alumni and friends. Thank you.

Briefly, a number of you have asked where we are going from here. Well, to a number of global spots in the short run—Berlin, Oxford University, and the University of Macau. I have a book project to write a novel and am undertaking a major research project on the nature of goodness and will be interviewing a number of people who have lived lives of public service as part of that research. Alex just finished a 12 volume encyclopedia and is currently completing two monographs. So, we will be staying out of trouble.

Best wishes to all of you and my warmest regards.

Dr. Deborah Poff
President & Vice-Chancellor

This article was edited from a talk delivered by Dr. Deborah Poff at an Alumni Event held in Winnipeg, May 2014.

Honorary Degrees – Doctor of Laws

Dr. Christopher Summerville

Rev. Dr. Christopher Laine Summerville is a tireless advocate for recovery-oriented mental health services addressing social prejudice, discrimination and social inclusion. Working both in the United States and Canada, Dr. Summerville has served as teacher, pastor, counselor, and mental health specialist. He is the current Chief Executive Officer of the Schizophrenia Society of Canada and Executive Director of the Manitoba Schizophrenia Society, Inc. He has contributed to more than two dozen boards including the Mental Health Commission of Canada. Dr. Summerville grew up in Birmingham, Alabama, and currently resides in Steinbach, MB. He has a BA from Samford University (Birmingham, Alabama), Master of Divinity and Master of Missiology degrees from Reformed Theological Seminary (Jackson, Mississippi), and an earned doctoral degree from Dallas Theological Seminary: Doctor of Ministry (Dallas, Texas).



Mr. Eric “Lyle” Dick

Lyle Dick has authored more than 100 publications in the fields of Arctic, Canadian, and American history and historiography, including four books. He retired in 2012 after a 35-year career with Parks Canada and is now the principal of Lyle Dick History and Heritage in Vancouver. He is Past-President of the Canadian Historical Association, and recent member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. He currently serves on advisory committees for the Canadian Museum of History and the National Capital Commission in Ottawa and participates on the editorial boards of *The Public Historian* and *Manitoba History*. Mr. Dick earned his BA from Brandon University in 1972 and MA from the University of Manitoba in 1978.



Valedictorians

Ms. Ashley Langford

Born and raised in Winnipeg, Ashley graduated with the Governor General's Academic Medal from Collège Pierre-Elliott-Trudeau, and entered the University of Winnipeg in 2003, initially majoring in Theatre before turning her fascination with the human mind into a major in Psychology. Ashley graduated with a BA(Hon)'08 and presented her honours thesis at the 27th Annual Prairie Undergraduate Research Conference and the 18th Annual Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour, and Cognitive Science Conference. In 2010, Ashley entered the Psychiatric Nursing program at Brandon University, hoping to combine her education with the desire to work alongside individuals struggling with mental illness during times of crisis and vulnerability. She plans to begin her career as a psychiatric nurse in acute inpatient psychiatry.



Ms. Sara Bittner

Outgoing, compassionate, and striving for excellence in all that she does, Sara graduated from River East Collegiate in 2009 (Valedictorian), entering Brandon University with the Chernoff Family Award for exceptional academic standing. She maintained a high level of achievement as a music education student, specializing in instrumental music on the flute with a second teachable in mathematics, and performing in a number of musical ensembles including the Symphonic Band, Orchestra, New Music Ensemble, Women's Voices, and Concert Choir. Sara has done volunteer work in Uganda, organized camps for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, and provided spiritual care at Misericordia Hospital in Winnipeg, MB. Sara believes music education is an instrument for positive social change, and hopes to begin her teaching career this fall as a music educator in Manitoba.



Senate Awards

Lifetime Achievement Award

Mr. Doug Adams



Alumnus and dedicated community builder, Doug (BEd'87) gave 18 consecutive years of volunteer service to Brandon University in a number of capacities, including Board of Governors member, BU Foundation president, fundraising campaign volunteer, and Alumni Association president. He was instrumental in re-writing the Foundation handbook and has garnered several awards for his contributions to the University, including Foundation Outstanding Volunteer Fundraising Award (2004), Alumni Award (2006), and Foundation Honorary Trustee Apex Award (2010). A native of Bagot, MB, Doug has worked for the Brandon School Division since 1987 and is a current board member with Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba, past-president of the Brandon West Liberal Association, and director of the Brandon Souris Liberal Association. In 2013, Doug received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his service to BU.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Ms. Florence Brownridge



Born 1928 in Brandon, MB, Florence (BA'49, BSW'51, MS Social Work '58) was a social worker in Canada and the US for more than 35 years until her retirement in 1985, authoring several journal articles on home care, delivering testimony to US Senate and House committees, and publishing the 1988 book, *Homemaker-Home Health Aide Services, Policies and Practices*. As long-time Executive Director of the National Homecaring Council in New York City, she developed standards for service and accreditation, published training materials, and provided consultation to member agencies. Florence's community activities included President, Manitoba Association of Social Workers; Chairperson, Planning Committee, Fifth National Symposium, National Association of Social Workers, Washington, DC; Board and Executive Committee member, The National Assembly of National Voluntary Health and Welfare Organizations, NYC.

Senate Award for Excellence in Research

Dr. Darek Klonowski



Professor of business administration at Brandon University, Darek worked in the private equity and venture capital industry for 15 years, notably at the largest and most successful private equity fund in the Central and Eastern Europe region, advising clients including the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). His academic publications have appeared in *Journal of Private Equity*, *Venture Capital: An International Journal of Entrepreneurial Finance*, *Journal of Applied Corporate Finance*, and *Journal of Investing*. He has written several books on private equity: *The Venture Capital Investment Process* (2010); *Private Equity in Poland: Winning Leadership in Emerging Markets* (2011); and *Private Equity in Emerging Markets: The New Frontier of International Finance* (2012). A four-volume edited collection, *Entrepreneurial Finance*, is slated for release this summer.

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Excellence in Teaching Award

Mr. Daryle McCannell



Daryle McCannell graduated from Bemidji State University, MN, with a BScPE. His first years of teaching were in Sanford, MB, where he also coached varsity volleyball, field hockey, track and field, and junior varsity basketball. In 1976, Daryle and his wife Jane spent two years in Brazil where he taught at the Escola Americana de Brasilia. Returning to Minnesota in 1978, Daryle earned his Master of Science Degree in Physical Education and Health. This was followed by two years of teaching and coaching hockey at Bemidji High School. Upon his return to Brandon in 1981, Daryle became the Program Director of the Brandon Family YMCA.

Since 1987, Daryle has been an Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Education and is currently serving his second term as Chairperson of the Department. During his time at BU, Daryle was Athletic Director (1992-94); Campus Recreation Director (1990-92); and coached Club Volleyball (2004-2007). In 2012, Daryle was presented with the Innovator Award by the Manitoba Physical Education Teachers Association.

Distinguished Teacher Awards



Ms. Stephanie Brown

Teaching at La Verendrye School in Portage La Prairie, MB, since 2009, Stephanie (BGS'07, BEd(AD)'09) strives to create connections with all her students and build mutual trust and respect through encouragement and mentorship activities. Active in her school's athletics, snack, playground fundraising and mentorship programs, she has led student teams to four basketball City Champion titles and three volleyball City Champion titles over the past 5 years. Raised and educated in Portage La Prairie, Stephanie also organizes and coaches a variety of her own children's sports.



Mr. Brad Wall

At Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School for the past four years, Brad (BSc'05, BEd(AD)'07) is a member of the Geography Department, co-coach of the girls' soccer team, and assists with the grad set-up and ceremony committee. He also provides supports for students who require extra consideration. After high school in Brandon, MB, Brad graduated from Assiniboine Community College with an Agribusiness diploma before enrolling at Brandon University. Brad taught senior and middle years in Ashcroft, BC, for three years before returning to Brandon in 2010.



Ms. Sheri Mclvor

Being a teacher has allowed Sheri (BEd'00) to meet people who have inspired her to be a life-long learner and pass that knowledge to her students. Born in Portage La Prairie, MB, she settled in Wabowden, MB, where she returned to teach after completing her degree through the Program for the Education of Native Teachers (PENT) at BU. Sheri began her career teaching math, but began teaching other subject areas that have influenced her life: global issues, first aid, and suicide prevention. An active community member, she volunteers as an Emergency Medical Technician and First Aid Instructor.



Mr. David Matskiw

A strong believer in community, David (BGS'02, BEd(AD)'04) began teaching at Treherne Collegiate in 2004; math, physical education, and biology/sciences. He coaches the Varsity Girls Basketball Program and has proudly kept the tradition of successful basketball alive in his small high school. Originally from Grandview, MB, David earned his degrees at BU. An active member of the Treherne Kinsmen Club through fundraising and supporting programs and initiatives, David and his wife already take their three year old twin daughters to watch games and play in the gym at Treherne Collegiate.

Board of Governors Award

Excellence in Community Service **Ms. Tanya Joice**

Computer Lab Support Analyst at BU, Tanya (BSc'01) is responsible for software maintenance and installation on campus computers, and second level technical support for the IT Help Desk.



She serves on the Student Orientation Committee, is Vice President of the Brandon University Manitoba Government and General Employees Union, representative for the Safety and Health Committee, and active in BU's United Way campaign. Volunteering with Mennonite Disaster Services, Tanya has travelled several times to Minot, ND, to help with flood cleanup and will do the same this summer in High River, AB. She leads a weekly Bible Study group, and helps coach the Westman Dragon Boat Association's team, Brandon Blaze. Raised near Bromhead, SK, Tanya has lived in Brandon since 1997.

BU Provides Free Support to Area Businesses



A long-running BU program offering free expertise to Westman businesses assisted more new partners in 2014. The Business Innovation Zone (BIZ) pairs local merchants with fourth-year business students, to develop solutions to challenges the businesses are facing. BU professor and Chartered Accountant Mike Malazdrewicz started the BIZ in 2002, which benefits 12 to 20 businesses each year.



BU Students Learn Aboriginal Ways

Students in BU's English for Academic Purposes program (EAP) made moccasins during a workshop designed to expose those from other countries, who now call Brandon home, to Aboriginal culture and history. "This is a

shining example of how BU's cross-cultural activities add to our students' experience," says David Rowland, BU's Director of International Activities. Each year, students from Africa, Asia, Europe and South America enroll in BU's EAP program, which in many cases prepares them for continued education at the University.

Bobcats Capture National Honours



Left: Donata Huebert, first team All-Canadian, received her award from Dick White, CIS President. Right: Lee Carter (left) receives his award from Pierre Lafontaine, CIS Chief Executive Officer.

Sophomore Donata Huebert from the Bobcats women's volleyball team was named the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Libero of the Year. Her dominance in the back-court helped the Bobcats finish at 17-5, their best in the program's nine-year history. Head coach Lee Carter was selected Coach of the Year, becoming the third coach in the history of BU Athletics to be voted National Coach of the Year, joining former men's basketball coaches Jerry Hemmings (1980) and Barnaby Craddock (2007). As well, Freshman outside hitter Vaovai Aiono was picked for the CIS All-Rookie Team.

Healthy Living Centre Celebrates Successful Partnership

Staff and students showed their appreciation for the new Healthy Living Centre along with officials from all three levels of government during a celebration of the partnership that made the project possible. Total project cost was \$20,604,182, with the Government of Canada and the Province of Manitoba contributing \$5,310,000 each, the City of Brandon giving \$1,880,000 and Brandon University providing the remaining \$8,104,182.

L-R: Drew Caldwell – Brandon East MLA, Shari Decter Hirst – Mayor of Brandon, Dr. Deborah Poff, Larry Maguire – Brandon-Souris MP



BU Student Takes Anti-Bullying to Ottawa



Krystal Kayne, chair of the BU Anti-Bullying Society, delivered a massive blanket to the Manitoba Legislature and Parliament Hill loaded with more than 7,000 signatures in support of a national anti-bullying campaign. The blanket measures 32 by 42 feet, and was signed by Premier Greg Selinger and several federal politicians from across Canada.

New Book Demystifies Good Writing



Dr. Marion Terry, Department of Education-Graduate Studies, published a new book that gives parents and teachers unpretentious and easy-to-follow help in teaching grammar and punctuation to people of all ages. “I have been told that my approach is one-of-a-kind,” says Dr. Terry. Published by Oxford University Press, *Teaching Grammar and Punctuation in the Twenty-First Century* is her first book.

Rural Manitoba Benefits from Partnership

The Rural Development Institute (RDI) received \$110,000 in funding from the Manitoba government, to assist in new community initiatives including a study of opportunities in Manitoba’s food processing industry. The installment is the third in a five-year, \$545,000 funding agreement between RDI and Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Development (MAFRD). Signed in 2012, the partnership supports RDI’s

research and education programs which bring rural issues to audiences throughout Manitoba and the world.



L-R: Dr. Bill Ashton, Director of RDI, and Dr. Bruce Strang, Dean of Arts, receive a cheque from Mr. Drew Caldwell, MLA for Brandon-East.

New President is a Familiar Face

Following an exhaustive cross-Canada search, the Brandon University Board of Governors takes great pride in announcing that Dr. Gervan Fearon begins a five year appointment as President and Vice-Chancellor, effective August 1, 2014.

Currently the Vice-President (Academic and Provost), Dr. Fearon joined BU in 2013 as part of the senior executive team, developing and promoting academic programming and research advancement, and overseeing the University’s Faculties, Student and Registrarial Services, Library Services, and Information Technology Services.

“Gervan has proven himself to be an exceptional individual,” says BU Board Chair Laura McDougald-Williams. “During his time on campus in Brandon, and in previous senior positions within academia, government and the volunteer sector, Gervan has demonstrated incredible capacity to drive collaborative change, unwavering commitment to excellence, and the ability to connect with everyone that he meets.”

Dr. Fearon holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Western



Ontario, and degrees in Agricultural Economics from the University of Guelph. He served as a Dean at Ryerson University

in Toronto, Associate Dean at York University, Senior Analyst at the Ontario Ministry of Finance (Treasury Board), and Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister at the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. A well-published scholar, he is also the recipient of awards for teaching excellence and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

“I am passionate about education and the transformative opportunities it holds for individuals and communities,” says Dr. Fearon. “Working with students and faculty and staff, I want to contribute to the growth and development of Brandon University in meeting the post-secondary educational needs of both students and the province.”

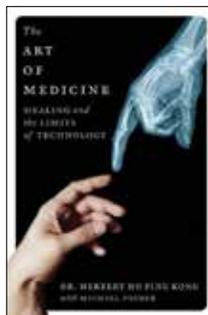
BU Hosts Music Educators' Conference



An award-winning national leader in music education was keynote speaker at the annual Da Capo Conference in January at the University. Mark Reid, Fine Arts Department Head at Vancouver Technical Secondary School and president of the Canadian Music Educators Association, joined a stellar lineup of speakers and facilitators at the all-day workshop of professional development opportunities for music educators presented by the Brandon University Student Music Educators Association (BUSMEA).

The Art of Medicine Gifted to BU's Faculty of Health Studies

Brandon University's Faculty of Health Studies was recently bolstered by the donation of one hundred copies of a new work authored by one of Canada's most



celebrated internists. Gifted to BU by Chancellor Emeritus, Ryerson University, G. Raymond Chang and Donette Chin-Loy Chang, Dr. Herbert Ho Ping Kong's *The Art of Medicine: Healing and the Limits of Technology* will provide students with insight into the core principles of Dr. Ho Ping Kong's patient-centred approach to diagnosis and treatment.

"Dr. Ho Ping Kong is a leader in his field," said Chang. "I know his insight on the holistic approach to patient interaction and diagnosis will greatly benefit students in health-related disciplines at Brandon University and the lay person as well."

Drawn from a clinical career spanning over fifty years, *The Art of Medicine* explores Dr. Ho Ping Kong's choice to focus this book on turning the practice of medicine into an "art" through the use of basic human interaction skills.

NSERC Undergraduate Research Awards



L – R: Ryan Bergen, Lyndon Duff, Danielle Sharanowski, Katrina Cristall, Theresa Urichuk, Tara Steliga, Danielle Dinsdale.

Seven Brandon University students have been awarded NSERC (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada) Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRA). These awards

are valued at \$4,500 per student, with an additional 25% contribution from the Vice-President (Academic & Provost) and often further contributions from faculty members' personal research grants. The students work on a research project in a field supported by NSERC over sixteen consecutive weeks this summer under the direct supervision of a faculty member who holds an NSERC Research Grant.

Professor Captures Screenwriting Award

Darrell Racine, Chair of the Department of Native Studies, won a national screenwriting award for his original dramatic film script about efforts to stop a hydro-electric project.



The Praxis Feature Film Screenplay Competition annually awards Canadian writers. Racine's story, *Crow Nest*, was one of eight selected by a jury of industry professionals, and gave Racine the opportunity to refine the script with American screenwriter Michael Miner, who wrote the 1987 sci-fi movie *RoboCop*.



BU Research Aids Mexican Tourism

Researchers from the University are collaborating with one of Mexico's most significant universities to help guide sustainable, ecologically friendly growth at a favourite tourist destination. In February, a BU team travelled to Puerto Vallarta as part of a unique collaborative partnership with Universidad De Guadalajara, researching increased visitation to the area including emerging opportunities and challenges for whale-watching tours and historic churches. Dr. Derrek Eberts, Department of Geography, was joined by Dr. Daniel Olsen and Dr. Chris Malcolm from BU's Department of Geography, and Robert Moore, a BU Geography (Environmental Studies Concentration) Major.

Rural Development Institute (RDI) Celebrating 25 Years of Partnerships

The late 1980s were hard times for farming and rural communities in western Canada. Grain prices plummeted because of a trade war between the US and the European Community. Interest rates for bank loans were in double digits. Federal and provincial governments assisted farmers with more than \$1.5-billion in direct aid and debt forgiveness.

Against this backdrop, Brandon University introduced a new rural research centre, unique in Canada, to provide a forum for community concerns and to encourage co-operative research projects.

The Rural Development Institute (RDI) was approved by the University's Board of Governors in July, 1987, and opened its doors in September, 1989, thanks in large part to a \$100,000 contribution from the Manitoba government.

"RDI was the first of its kind in Canada, and the first formal research institute at Brandon University," says current director, Dr. Bill Ashton. "We conduct, publish and freely distribute research which draws from rural communities and contributes to the greater public knowledge."

In 1989 newspaper articles, BU officials said that RDI research would be based on concerns raised by community leaders, and that grassroots input will be a key to the success of the institute.



"Studies into rural issues, including residents' health, land-use policies and economic drivers, were rare before RDI came along," says Dr. Ashton. 'Information exchange' is definitely one of the big roles that RDI has fulfilled in the last 25 years.

Through its history, the Institute has engaged in applied research in areas that include immigration and demographic changes; regional economic development; governance and capacity building; and infrastructure and services. This year, RDI is releasing a series of free fact sheets that highlight rural, agricultural and immigration statistics and trends that feature the Manitoba story against a backdrop of Canada. There will also be webinars, discussion papers, think-tanks on rural issues, and a good old cake-cutting party.

"RDI's anniversary theme is 'Celebrating Partnerships,'" says Dr. Ashton. "RDI research is characterized by

cooperative and collaborative efforts, and we have partnered in the last 25 years with educational institutions, communities, government, funding partners, businesses, other rural-related organizations, and rural research centres around the world."

RDI's most recent research project, *Food & Beverage Processing Industry – Growth Pathways to 2020*, is an expansive look at a major economic driver in Manitoba, accounting for 28% of all manufacturing revenue in the province and 15% of all exports, employing 12,000 people or one in every four in the manufacturing sector. "I am hopeful that this Brandon University report can serve as a catalyst for a bright future for the agri-food industry of the province," says Dr. Gervan Fearon, BU Vice-President (Academic and Provost).

You can find out more about RDI and the 25th anniversary celebrations at brandonu.ca/rdi.

Alumni Weekend at Clear Lake, MB AUGUST 8-10, 2014

The Brandon University Alumni Association, in conjunction with the Winnipeg Alumni Chapter, is hosting an Alumni Weekend at Clear Lake, MB, August 8-10. The weekend will include:

Friday: 6:30 pm - Bud, Spud & Steak dinner followed by live music and dance at Sportsman's Park

Saturday: Golf at Poplar Ridge Golf Course (any time during the day) | Happy Hour & Prizes - 5:30-7 pm | Dinner - 7 pm

Sunday: 11 am - Brunch at Sportsman's Park

A block of rooms has been reserved at Smokey Hollow All Seasons Resort | 204-848-2600 | toll free 1-888-465-5695.

To register or for more information contact Laurence Bertram '69 at lbertram@shaw.ca | 204-795-2082 or the Alumni Association Office at alumni@brandonu.ca | 204-727-9697 | brandonu.ca/alumni/events.

TTC 1963-64 Reunion SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

Brandon College Teacher Training Class of 1963-64 will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary Reunion at Oak Lake Island Golf Course, Oak Lake, MB on September 11, 2014. For more information, please contact Class Representative, Joan Veslelovsky at 204-748-3057 or 204-748-7657 (cell) or jveselov@mts.net.



Experience the Pride at BU's Homecoming Weekend

OCTOBER 17-19, 2014
EVERYONE IS INVITED



Join us as we celebrate our alumni! This year we are celebrating the class years of 1944, 1954, 1964, TTC 1964, 1974, 1984 & 1989. Find out if your class is organizing a special class reunion!

Hospitality Room | Victoria Inn

Open for our guests from noon to midnight, both Friday, Oct. 17 and Saturday, Oct. 18.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

Welcome Reception | 5 - 6 pm | Victoria Inn | \$10 (cash bar)

Join together for a relaxed and informal gathering of alumni and friends of all years. Bring your memorabilia and kick-off the Homecoming Weekend reminiscing and catching up with classmates.

Class of '54 Reunion Dinner | 6 pm | Victoria Inn | Cost: à la carte

Members of the Class of 1954 will celebrate their 60th Anniversary with a dinner and lots of reminiscing. Be sure to bring your memorabilia.

Class of '64 Reunion Dinner | 6 pm | Victoria Inn | \$45

Members of the class of 1964 will reunite for their 50th Anniversary. The evening will include dinner, a slideshow, an open mic and lots of time to reminisce. Be sure to submit your update, stories and photos for the Class of '64 Commemorative Booklet.

Bobcat Basketball Action | 7 - 9 pm

Healthy Living Centre - BU | No Cost

Join in the excitement as the Men's Bobcats take on the Acadia Axemen. Alumni can enjoy special seating in the Bobcats' Den!

An Evening with the Stars | 8 – 11 pm

BU's Observatory | No Cost

Join us in the Astronomical Observatory while we explore the beauty of the Summer Triangle. *Please note that guests will be required to take a flight of stairs to access the Observatory.*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Athletics Wall of Fame Brunch |

10 am – 12:30 pm | Victoria Inn | \$40

BU Athletics will be honouring the 2014 Dick and Verda McDonald Sports Wall of Fame class of inductees at a special ceremony. Last year featured the first induction of the unified sports wall of fame and this year's event will welcome the newest members.

BUSU Barbecue | 12:30 – 2:30 pm

Kavanagh Courtyard – BU |

Free-will donations accepted. Proceeds to BU Food Bank.

Enjoy a barbecue lunch and the talents of our School of Music students as they showcase their abilities with an outdoor performance.

Campus Tours | Meet the Deans | 1 – 3 pm

Room 104 – Clark Hall | No Cost

Take a journey into the past and meet the Deans as you visit each faculty and explore the campus. The library will feature the Brandon College and the Great War Exhibit including highlights from the 2013 archaeological excavation at Camp Hughes.

Alumnus Speaker Andreas Souvaliotis '84

2:30 – 3:30 pm | BU Library | No Cost

Captured in his best-selling memoir, titled *Misfit*, hear BU graduate and entrepreneur, Andreas Souvaliotis, tell his raw story of a very different immigrant kid that wouldn't (or perhaps couldn't) stop at anything until he was able to change the world a little bit.

Bobcat Basketball Action | 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Healthy Living Centre – BU | No Cost

The second game of the pre-season series between the Men's Bobcats and the visiting Acadia Axemen.

Alumni Basketball Game | 3:30 – 5 pm

Healthy Living Centre – BU | No Cost

Calling all Bobcat basketball alumni! You put in your time at the old gym. Now it's your time to shine in BU's brand new gym. Team Gold vs. Team Blue—a mix of players from all decades will take part in a fun, spirited game.

Homecoming Banquet |

Reception 6 pm | Dinner 6:30 pm

Main Dining Hall – BU | \$40 (cash bar)

Relax and enjoy an evening of friendship and good food as we recognize the accomplishments of the 2014 Alumni Award Recipients.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

Farewell Brunch | 10 am – 12 pm

Main Dining Hall – BU | \$17

Share your stories and memories with the open mic while you enjoy a hot brunch. The stage is yours!

Register Now!

There are four ways to register:

1. Online: brandonu.ca/homecoming
2. Email: alumni@brandonu.ca
3. Call 1-877-282-4483 or 204-727-9697
4. Mail registration form to:

Brandon University Alumni Association
270-18th St., Brandon, MB
R7A 6A9 Canada

Accommodations

Book your hotel rooms soon! There is a block of rooms reserved for Homecoming Weekend guests at the Victoria Inn until September 18th.

Victoria Inn – Group Booking # 268021

3550 Victoria Ave., Brandon, MB
204-725-1532 or 1-800-852-2710

Room Rates

\$105.99 – Single (includes one free breakfast per room per day); **\$115.99 – Double** (includes two free breakfasts per room per day)

WestJet Flights

WestJet is offering a 10% discount off their best available fare (excluding seat sales/econo fares and web fares) to Brandon University alumni and guests flying in and out of Brandon and Winnipeg, MB to attend Homecoming Weekend. These discounted rates are available for travel up to three days prior and three days after Homecoming Weekend. To book reservations call WestJet Groups Department at 1-888-493-7853 (available through this number only 7 am – 5:30 pm MST) and quote our discount code: CC7501. Discounts cannot be added to existing bookings.

HOMEcoming WEEKEND 2014

REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2014

REGISTRANT:

Dr. Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss

Name:

Maiden Name:

(if applicable)

Grad Year(s) / Type(s):

SPOUSE / GUEST:

Dr. Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss

Name:

Maiden Name:

(if applicable)

Grad Year(s) / Type(s):

Address:

City:

Province:

Country:

Postal Code / Zip Code:

Phone (Home):

Phone (Cell):

Email:

Please check here if we can include your name and class year on our website as an attendee of this year's Homecoming.

I/WE WANT TO REGISTER FOR:

Fri., October 17, 2014	Number	Cost	Total
Welcome Reception, 5 – 6 pm, Victoria Inn		\$10	\$
Class of '54 Reunion Dinner 6 pm, Victoria Inn		<small>à la Carte Pay at Event</small>	—
Class of '64 Reunion Dinner 6 pm, Victoria Inn		\$45	\$
Class of '64 Commemorative Booklet		\$10	\$
An Evening with the Stars BU Observatory		No Charge	—
Sat., October 18, 2014	Number	Cost	Total
BU Athletics Wall of Fame Brunch 10 am – 12:30 pm, Victoria Inn		\$40	\$
BUSU Barbecue 12:30 – 2:30 pm, Courtyard – BU			Proceeds to BUSU Food Bank
Campus Tour, 1 – 3 pm, Room 104 Clark Hall – BU		No Charge	—
Featured Speaker: Andreas Souvaliotis 2:30 – 3:30 pm, BU Library		No Charge	—
Homecoming Dinner & Awards 6 pm, Main Dining Hall – BU		\$40	\$
Please seat me/us with the Class of _____			
Sun., October 19, 2014	Number	Cost	Total
Sunday Brunch 10 am – Noon, Main Dining Hall – BU		\$17	\$
TOTAL ENCLOSED			\$

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Cheque Visa MasterCard American Express

Credit Card #:

Expiry Date (mm/yy):

Signature:

University Volunteers Recognized



BU Foundation President, Nathan Peto, and Dr. Deborah Poff, present Dr. Bill Myers (top, centre) and Pat Britton (bottom, centre) with their awards.

Two outstanding community builders were among those honoured during the Brandon University Foundation Annual Luncheon held on May 27, which recognizes the many who have helped advance higher education at Brandon University over the past year. **Dr. Bill Myers (Associate '68)** was named Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser and **Pat Britton (BA'87)** received the BU Honourary Trustee Apex Award.

BU Alumni Chapter Established in Toronto

The Brandon University Alumni Association is pleased to announce the launch of an Alumni Chapter in Toronto. On June 11, an organizational meeting was held in Toronto where Jason Bernstein '12 was named as the new Chair.

If you would like to become involved in the Chapter, please contact the BU Alumni Association at 204-727-9697 or alumni@brandonu.ca.

In Touch

Stay connected with University friends and classmates.

John Gilbert, BA'85(4yr) Spec. – John recently received his doctorate in Education from the University of Nottingham.

Kyle Rose, BA'05 – Kyle worked as a Recreation Coordinator for the Town of Hinton, AB. A year and a half later, Kyle joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and was posted to Fort McMurray, Alberta. In 2013, Kyle was transferred to Chetwynd, BC. He and his wife Jennifer have two children—Jens and Charlise.

Jade Visser, BEd(AD)'10 – Jade upgraded her teaching qualifications through York University's Additional Qualifications courses, taking Special Education Part 1 and Intermediate Qualifications. May 2013, she became an Occasional Teacher for Hamilton Wentworth District School Board. She really enjoys supply teaching

which has given her the opportunity to meet many students and teach many different grades. She hopes to someday have the pleasure of teaching her own class. She continues to work for the YMCA of Niagara as well, within the Youth Action Program and Summer Camp as a Site Supervisor.

Lyndsay Gillon, BBA'12 – Lyndsay is working as the Human Resource Manager for Jacobson & Greiner Group in Brandon, commonly known as J&G Homes. She is also working on obtaining her Canadian Human Resource Professional designation.

Congratulations to Lauren Marshall, BMus/BEd(AD)'12, who received the Manitoba Education Celebration of Excellence in Teaching Award at an awards ceremony at the Manitoba Legislature on April 10, 2014.

In Memoriam

ALUMNI

Bjarnason, Carl, BA'48, January 30, 2014

Bolduc, Blair L., BSc'00, October 21, 2013

Butt, David A., BSc'85, August 22, 2012

Byron, Robert W., BA'48, September 5, 2013

Gallagher, Sharon D., BGS'79, January 2013

Harkness, Mildred, BGS'83, March 3, 2009

Mitchell, Eva R., Pre.BEd'57, May 2, 2012

Panton, Paul R., Cert. of Ed'66, October 7, 2013

Richards, Robert J., BSc'74, November 6, 2013

Schepp, Sandra M., Cert. of Ed'70, November 19, 2013

Dr. Andrée Dagenais

World of Music

She calls it the “Humble Bungalow”, and her house needs a kitchen renovation. Not surprisingly, Dr. Andrée Dagenais has checkered the linoleum with dozens of floor samples to consider. “If I do something,” she says, “I do it the best I can. I exhaust all possibilities.”

Constantly in motion, Dr. Dagenais somehow finds time away from her role at the BU School of Music for house renovations, community gardening, and cross-country skiing. But make no mistake, music is THE driving force.

“I cannot think of another discipline that extends itself so fully into life,” she says. “It fulfills me on all levels—artistic, social, intellectual, spiritual, and physical.”

Dr. Dagenais came to BU in 2000, having taught at McGill University and University of Saskatchewan. She holds a doctorate from University of Iowa and has adjudicated music festivals across the Prairies, in Ontario, Québec, and Venezuela. She is an associate researcher for the Conseil National de Recherche Scientifique at the Centre de musique baroque de Versailles.

“I figured it out right after high school that I wanted a life in music.” She pauses, adding, “Do you choose music or does it choose you?”

As associate professor conducting the Brandon University *Chorale* Concert Choir, Dr. Dagenais has toured



Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Québec, France, Cuba, and parts of Brazil with the group. “The trips began in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in 2002,” she recalls. “I had a vision that students should experience the many ways, besides reading, that people learn music. We had a Brazilian student in *Chorale*. So we found a festival near Sao Paulo and made the trip.”

Dr. Dagenais feels the cultural immersion provided through the music

tours helps her emerging musicians to better articulate and express themselves. “They really need to be struck by a vivid experience because they have so many influences competing for their attention. They are blasé at an early age. These trips help percolate their own sense of self-discovery.”

She has also realized personal and professional growth during her time at BU. “A quarter-note still equals two eighth-notes,” she says. “That will always be the same but I am a better musician than I was when I first came here. I have grown. I can interpret the music differently and conduct the same pieces differently because of that growth and my new experiences.”

In the coming weeks, her “Humble Bungalow” will also transform. “When I mentioned that something is not quite right in the kitchen, my friend immediately responded, saying ‘it’s the colours’. She said I was at odds with the colours. She was right.” Dr. Dagenais laughs, adding, “People know me. I am transparent.”

BU Chorale Musical Tours

2002 - Sao Paulo, Brazil

2005 - Montreal and Quebec City

Chorale performed at the Université de Sherbrooke, and in a church in Mont-Saint-Hilaire that was originally built in the final years of the 1700s.

2008 - Paris, Tours and Poitiers, France

A French choir from Université de Poitiers came to BU in an exchange, and *Chorale* toured France, performing a baroque mass that had not been performed since

the 1700s in the church of St. Hilaire-le-Grand in Poitiers.

2010 - Cuba

“Cuba has a rich history of rhythms”, says Dr. Dagenais. “Live music is everywhere, even at the rest stops along the highway.”

2014 - Latvia and Estonia

“One of my favourite tours. We got to meet people who were a part of the Singing Revolution, a peaceful, grassroots movement for democracy. We touched living history.”

Heather Russell and Alissa Watson

Intersecting Plotlines

Neither came to Brandon University to become actors. So how did Winnipegger Alissa Watson (BMus/BEd'08) and Brandonite Heather Russell (BA'08) end up best friends, pursuing careers on the stage and screen?

"Theatre and music were passions going into university," says Watson, who graduated with music and education degrees, "but education looked like a more stable career." Russell, a French major, had a similar perspective—"I was going to be a teacher, English or French. No way would I have thought I'd be doing this."

Fortuitously, the two met as cast members in the BU production *Our Country's Good*, under the direction of theatre professor Jim Forsythe. Russell recalls, "I fell in love with the play, the character. It made me feel that acting was something that I could pursue." But neither would find overnight success.

After graduating BU in 2008 with the Governor General's Silver Medal and the Gold Medal for the Bachelor of Arts Program, Russell applied at five big theatre schools including the University of Alberta and York University. She was rejected by all. "I moved to Winnipeg with my now-fiancé," says Russell, "and enrolled at the University of Winnipeg and in the *Professional Training Ensemble* at Prairie Theatre Exchange (PTE) to keep moving forward with acting." Watson, in Winnipeg teaching music



Heather Russell

to elementary students in St. James-Assiniboia School Division, also began taking workshops and PTE night classes. She even travelled to London, England to study at The Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

The two performed whenever they could, in non-professional roles including *13 Plays About Love* at the 2009 Winnipeg Fringe Festival, which earned "Best of Fest" designation.

2011 would be a pivotal year. Watson resigned from her teaching job. "I took a year off to see if acting was my calling," she says. Russell was working as a waitress and hunting for professional acting work, after graduating from the University of Winnipeg with an Honours BA in theatre and the Gold Medal for Theatre and Film. Their big break came in December, 2012, when the two were cast in PTE's *Magical Mystery Munsch*, which toured throughout Manitoba. The following year, Watson and Russell performed in *Night Light* with Manitoba Theatre for Young People, a play about



Alissa Watson

childhood fears taken to elementary schools across the province.

"Alissa is one of my best friends," says Russell, "and it's pretty neat to have her on the road with me. She's one of my bridesmaids for my wedding in August, 2015."

Watson made her Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre debut in the 2013-2014 season opener, *Harvey*. Also last year, Russell acted in and co-produced *The Crackwalker* with funding from the Manitoba Arts Council. Watson and Russell are also two founding members of an all-female *bouffon* collective, The Talentless Lumps.

"People say to me, it must have been scary to quit teaching and jump into the unknown," observes Watson. "I have learned that I need to do what makes me happy, go where my heart is pulling me. Young people often feel pressure to go to school, get a job, get married, have kids. I have learned there is no timeline on things that you feel passionate about."



Richardson Foundation Takes the Lead in Community Support of HLC

The new gym and home of the Bobcats at Brandon University's state-of-the-art Healthy Living Centre (HLC) has a new name—the Richardson Gymnasium. Named to recognize the generosity of the firm and Foundation of James Richardson & Sons, Limited, the gift of \$250,000 could reach \$500,000 when fully realized by matching contributions from the community to the facility.

“Our firm and Foundation have a long history with and connection to Brandon University,” says Hartley Richardson, President and Chief Executive Officer of James Richardson & Sons, Limited, and a trustee of the Richardson Foundation. “We are extremely pleased to be a part of BU’s latest campaign and provide our support for this important community project.”

“We are delighted that the Richardson Foundation shares our vision for the HLC, a community hub for sports and recreation,” says Dr. Deborah Poff, President and Vice-Chancellor of Brandon University. “We look forward to engaging more people in support of this much-needed facility, and making the HLC a gateway to our community.”

Score a Seat Campaign

A major community-based campaign was recently launched for the sale of over 1,000 spectator seats in the Healthy Living Centre. The campaign, *Score a Seat*, allows BU alumni, supporters and friends the unique opportunity to purchase one of the new spectator seats in the gym and have their name, or any inscription of their choosing, affixed on the seat for the next twenty years. Baseline seats are listed at \$500, while Three-Point Line seats sell for \$750 and Centre Court seats are \$1,000 each. Money raised through the *Score a Seat* campaign will be matched dollar-for-dollar (up to \$250,000) by the Richardson Foundation’s gift until December 31, 2014. If a seat purchase does not interest you, donations are always gratefully accepted.

The facility was completed at a cost of \$24.3 million, and has been widely utilized by the entire Westman community since opening its doors in January, 2013. This funding accompanies significant investment from the three levels of government, as well as numerous other gifts from individuals, families, businesses and community groups.



Verda (BA'55, BPed'56) and Dick (BA'60, BEd'67) McDonald have supported the *Score a Seat* campaign by purchasing seats in the new Richardson Gymnasium.

Dr. Tom Breneman, BUILD Campaign Chair says, “This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to show their support of Brandon University’s Healthy Living Centre, and I hope others will join me in donating to the *Score a Seat* campaign. We have formed a community volunteer team to help us reach this goal by the end of the year.”

All *Score a Seat* supporters will receive a full-value tax receipt. Purchase options include buy-now or monthly payments for up to two years, with pledge payments as low as \$20.83/month. To purchase and dedicate a seat in the Richardson Gymnasium or to volunteer, please visit brandonu.ca/scoreaseat or call 204-727-7374.



L-R: Andreas Souvaliotis, BSc'84, and Joe Gisini.

Legacy Giving

Social entrepreneur Andreas Souvaliotis '84 and his partner Joe Gisini are choosing to give back to BU via a gift in their will. Their legacy, or planned gift, and others from BU alumni and friends provide critical support for the future of Brandon University. Knowledge of these gifts and the donors' intentions allow BU to plan with confidence. Donors feel good in knowing that their gift will have a significant impact on future generations of students and they can benefit from significant tax advantages, either now, or to their estate, depending on the type of gift that is established. Life insurance, gifts of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds), or gifts of personal property or

real estate are just some of the other planned giving options.

The A.E. McKenzie Legacy Society recognizes donors that have established a Legacy Gift for Brandon University. The Society is named in honour of Albert Edward McKenzie, the first person to designate a planned gift to BU. This gift saved the University from imminent closure in the 1930's.

Please contact the Department of Institutional Advancement at 204-727-7374, toll-free 1-877-282-4483 or development@brandonu.ca for more information or to advise us of your planned gift for Brandon University.

“We were inspired by the idea of planning to leave behind a final gift for a special school like BU. It's such an easy way to make a significant difference in the lives of future generations and it actually felt so good writing the words 'Brandon University' in our wills!”

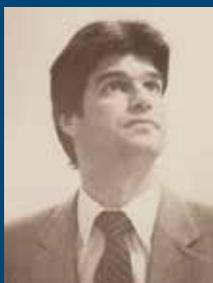
— Andreas Souvaliotis, BSc'84

Jerry & Marnie Hemmings Award

He's put in 40 years coaching the BU Bobcats Men's Basketball team—earning four national championships, 19 conference titles, and 734 career wins—but the iconic Jerry Hemmings is retiring August 31.

“The past 40 years have been great,” says Hemmings, Professor in the Department of Education/Physical Education and Coach Emeritus. “We all have to move on. There's good people waiting for an opportunity, and I'm looking forward to retirement.”

Hemmings' legacy is now guaranteed to last beyond his days on the court. The former



BU basketball player, named the team's Most Valuable Player and BU Male Athlete of the Year in 1971-72, is establishing a new scholarship with his wife Marnie, in

support of BU basketball players.

The creation of the *Jerry and Marnie Hemmings Award* coincides with the 25th Anniversary of the coach's national three-peat, when he took the BU men's basketball team to three straight national titles in 1987, 1988, and 1989, a feat accomplished by only two other Canadian

schools. Hemmings and company also won the national championship in 1996.

Marnie, a Lakehead University graduate, studied at Brandon University from 1980-1982 and worked as a Registered Nurse at the Brandon General Hospital/Brandon Regional Health Centre from 1982 until her retirement in 2010.

Their award will support student athletes who best exemplify leadership in basketball and scholastic accomplishment with preference to students in the Bachelor of Education 'After Degree Program' who have completed the Bachelor of Physical Education Studies degree, or students in the Bachelor of Physical Education Studies degree program.

New Athletic Award at BU



Brian Pallister presents cheque to Dr. Poff and members of the women's Bobcats teams.

Brandon University is pleased to announce the creation of a new scholarship for female athletes through a \$10,000 gift by BU alumnus Brian Pallister, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba and Member of the Legislative Assembly for Fort Whyte. The Pallister Women's Athletic Award will be awarded to a member of one of the Bobcats Women's teams on the basis of athletic promise. Mr. Pallister's donation is being matched by the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative, generating a scholarship of approximately \$900 per year.

"As a father of two girls, I know how important it is to support female athletes," says Pallister. "My wife Esther and I have both benefitted greatly from the joy of sport and wanted to share that joy with others."

"Brian Pallister has been donating to sport at Brandon University for over a decade," says BU President and Vice-Chancellor Deborah Poff. "He credits his days playing for the Bobcats as a catalyst for his future success in business, public life and his personal life."

Prairie Ford Dealers Association



John Kelleher, General Manager, Kelleher Ford Sales, with Dr. Poff.

Marking a significant investment in the Scholarships and Bursaries pillar of the BUILD Campaign, the Prairie Ford Dealers Association has donated \$50,000 to establish a new award entitled the Prairie Ford Dealers Association Scholarship-Bursary. Four awards valued at \$2,500 per year for the next five years will support Aboriginal students in all years of study in all faculties. Brandon University is pleased to announce this new partnership with the Prairie Ford Dealers Association, which is comprised of Ford dealerships across Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

"I've seen first-hand how important athletic awards are to the student athletes and we are so pleased to be able to pay it forward and give back in support of Bobcat Basketball players".

— Jerry Hemmings,
Coach Emeritus

For more information or to make a gift in support of this award call 204-727-7374 or toll-free 1-877-282-4483.



Thank you to the following alumni who supported Brandon University in 2013. Your generosity greatly impacts our students by enhancing and improving BU's programs and services. A portion of your support was generated through the Annual Fund, which raised more than \$60,000.

By Class Year

Class of 1933

Christina E. Storey

Class of 1935

Helen A. Toms

Class of 1941

Margaret L. Eggleton

Class of 1944

Beryl McLeod

Class of 1946

Christine H. Coltart
James G. Lindsay

Class of 1947

Evelyn B. Salt

Class of 1948

Harlaine I. Armstrong
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Olive J. Fleming
Norman W. MacLeod
Doreen P. Shanks

Class of 1949

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Brownridge
Edna M. Crane
Clayton T. Elston
Tena I. Gough

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Patricia A. Coleman
Ivey G. McNeill
Doreen Smillie

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Kenneth H. McNeely

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Kevin Kavanagh
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Ivy M. Young

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Verda McDonald
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Gordon D. Williams
Harvey R. Young

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Marina L. Laking
Mary E. Roach
Norma M. Shepherd
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Harold C. Stewart

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Garth M. Bray
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Mina J. Dyck
Jean Mitchell
Barry Orr
Irene Pettapiece
James M. Simmons
Anonymous

Class of 1958

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James L. Callander
H. V. Davies
Ian W. Dickson
John C. Easter
William J. Friesen
Myrna Hall
Marion Kreshewski
Ron Mitchell
Jean E. Rust

Class of 1959

Alfred R. Brooks
Cameron B. Davreux
Linda E. McDowell
Melva M. Milne
Wayne Pettapiece
Glenyce I. Tweed
William A. Tweed
David C. Wilson

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Donna I. Dickson
Sandra G. Donin
Richard G. McDonald
Wilda McIntyre
Warren K. McKinnon
Donna M. Vrooman

Class of 1961

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Margaret Hanulik
Margaret E. Johnston
R. M. Letts
Brian J. McKenzie
Shirley M. Moore
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Averill M. Whitfield

Class of 1962

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Margaret M. Borotsik
Ronald E. Borotsik
Martha E. Fair
Sherrie B. Francis
Dennis V. Holmlund
H. W. Johnston
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Brian W. Paterson
Bruce Smirl
Lavona Susinski
Daniel C. J. Warnez
Lelonie M. Whitmore

Class of 1963

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Gerald R. Brown
Malcolm W.
Davidson
Eric A. Hillman
Larry E. McCrady
Eldon M.
Montgomery

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Lorna Clark
Carole E. Dence
Catherine Kay
Patricia G. Lee
Isabelle M. Mills
Elizabeth J. Sprott
Patricia C. Thorn
Joan M. Veselovsky

Class of 1965

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Christina E. Cassels
Clair Davies
Donna R. Gamache
Clarice Gilchrist
Margaret Hannah
Jean M. Kustra
David J. McDowell
Robert L. Neumann
Robert Oldcorn
Treva C. Ricou
Laurie R. Ricou
Robert J. Wilkins

Class of 1966

Henry P. Klassen
Richard G. Lawford
Charles A. McMillan
Carol M. Milne
Roland P. North
Freda North

Class of 1967

Prema Bursa
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Adriaan C. de Hoog
Cheryl Johnston
Morna Paterson
Brian C. Phillips

Richard W.

Rosenman
A. I. Watson
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