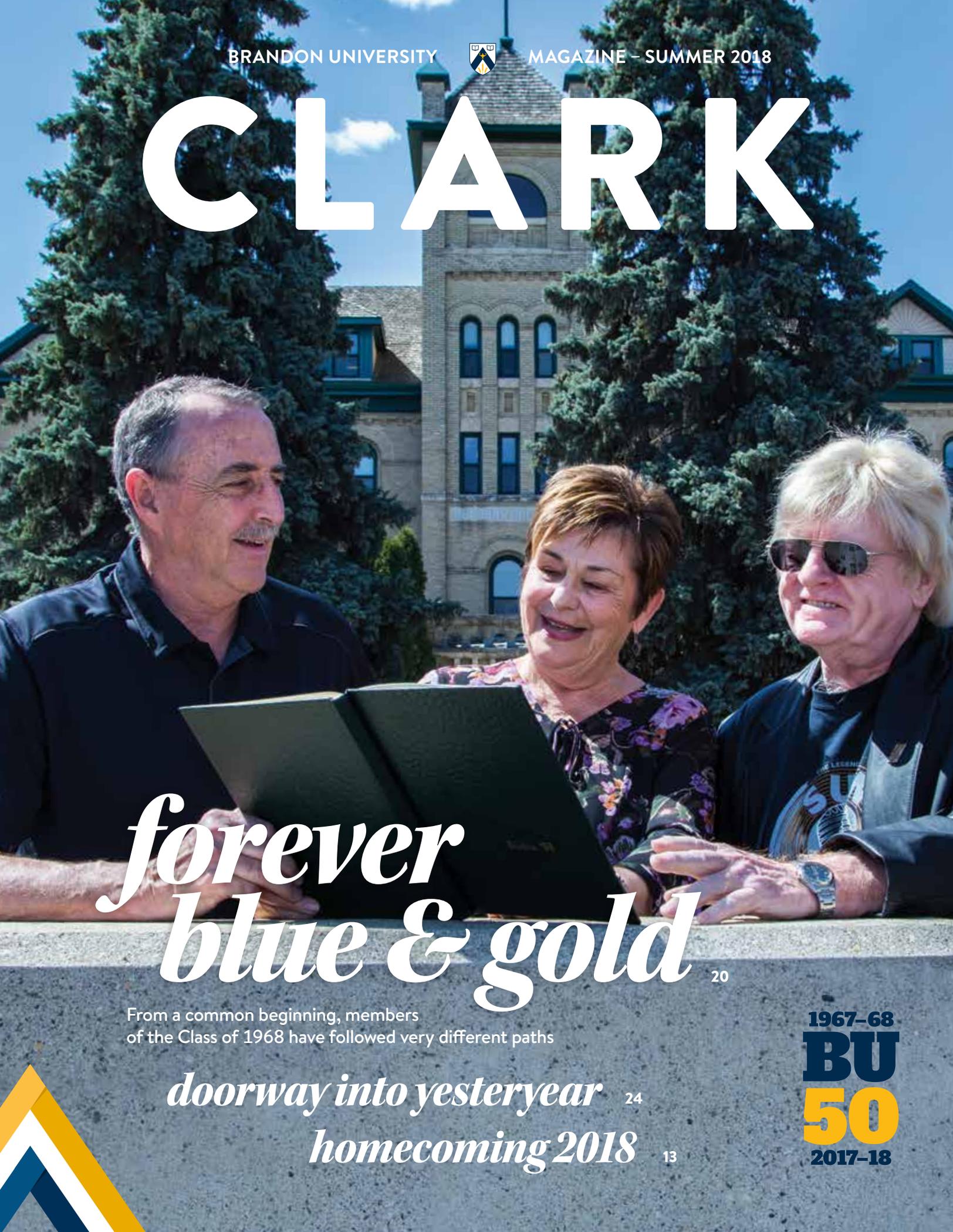




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## *Our Tradition of Ambition*

**A**MBITION IS AT THE HEART of many activities at a university campus. Each year thousands of students arrive at Brandon University to fulfil their ambitions of building a bright future, for themselves, for their families and for the world they will inherit.

Those who work at Brandon University hold great ambition as well. They take pride in helping our students achieve their dreams, and they are committed to advancing BU as an institution that fosters success academically and drives growth and development in the community.

Our faculty are working on countless ambitious projects, shaping our world and how we interact with it through innovation.

This same ambition was present in the founding of Brandon College in 1899 and was exemplified when Brandon University became an autonomous institution in 1967, initiating a period of rapid growth and transformation. We are celebrating that golden anniversary through Homecoming 2018 as we pay tribute to the Class of 1968, the first to graduate with BU degrees, as well as all those responsible for 50 years of accomplishment.

This issue of Clark looks at just a small sample of individuals who have carried on BU's illustrious traditions through the years. We read about the proud members of the Class of 1968, who bridge from our past to our present, as they graduated from being active and dynamic members of our campus to enjoy tremendous success professionally, culturally and as community leaders. We also learn about BU's S.J. McKee Archives, which open a doorway into the

past for us and for future generations, as well as a soon-to-be member of our Athletics Wall of Fame, who came to Brandon University for basketball and went on to spread a legacy of dedication and attention to detail to generations of students across Western Canada.

Herein also is a glimpse into our plans for Homecoming 2018. With the theme of Forever Blue and Gold, this is will be our biggest homecoming ever, and I hope that you will join us for a celebration that is not only for our alumni, but also for our community.

While BU50 has been about celebrating our history, it also gives us an opportunity to take stock of where we are and look forward to what we will become. Brandon University is currently experiencing a tremendous period of vitality. Another notable increase in our student population is projected for the coming academic year, which would mark a sixth consecutive year of enrolment growth. The exemplary work of our faculty continues to be recognized through strong results in research funding awards, and I am moved by your generosity, which has been displayed through an excellent reception to our new 50th Fund as well as a significant increase in donations to our Annual Fund.

As these successes show, ambition continues to drive us at Brandon University, and I am excited to see where it will take us next.

DR. STEVE ROBINSON  
Interim President of Brandon University

# CONVOCATION 2018

## Honorary Doctorate

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Dr. Linda Hutcheon

Linda Hutcheon is a specialist in postmodernist culture and in critical theory, especially irony, parody and adaptation, publishing nine books in this field. She has also co-authored four books with her spouse, physician Michael Hutcheon, on the interdisciplinary links between

operatic and medical history.

Linda holds the rank of University Professor Emeritus of English and Comparative Literature at the University of Toronto.

While in her early years as an educator at Seneca College and McMaster University, Linda began teaching—and then publishing—in the field of Canadian literature. She translated the work of Québec writers Félix Leclerc and Madeleine Gagnon and co-edited a book of interviews and stories on the topic of multiculturalism. Later she wrote two books on Canadian culture.

Since 2002 she has been a co-organizer of “Opera Exchanges” under the auspices of the Munk School of Global Studies Humanities Initiative and the Canadian Opera Company. These Opera Exchanges offer the broader cultural and historical context for an opera being performed in Toronto.

## BU grad keeps growing

Brandon University celebrated its largest graduating class in six years on June 1, 2018 as 583 students received their degrees at Spring Convocation.

Along with graduating students, several others are also recognized at Convocation each year, including those receiving honorary degrees, and awards that honour significant accomplishments. They are highlighted here.

For those who weren't able to attend the ceremonies, a video archive is available at [BrandonU.ca/Convocation](http://BrandonU.ca/Convocation).

Linda has received major awards from the Canadian Council for the Arts, including the Molson Prize for social sciences and the humanities, and the Killam Prize, in recognition of her distinguished academic career.

In 2016, she was awarded the Lorne Pierce Medal of the Royal Society of Canada. She has also been the recipient of major fellowships and honorary degrees in Canada and Europe.

Linda was elected the 117<sup>th</sup> President of the Modern Language Association of America in 2000, becoming only the third Canadian and the first Canadian woman to hold this position.

In 1990, she was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, and in 2010 she was named an Officer of the Order of Canada.

## Lifetime Achievement Award

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Richard Pass

Richard Pass has directed his career to building strong communities and providing much-needed support for families through his dedicated tenure at two of Canada's top charitable organizations: the YMCA and Ronald McDonald House. For the past 12 years Richard has supported

thousands of families living with seriously ill children as CEO of Ronald McDonald House BC & Yukon.

An accomplished leader and passionate advocate for families, Richard found his calling when he developed a Brandon YMCA summer day camp program while studying for his undergraduate degree at Brandon University. After graduation, his passion to help others led Richard to various senior roles including Program Director for the YM/YWCA of Moose Jaw, Sask., Senior Manager of the Outdoor Education and Camping Division for the YMCA of Greater Vancouver, and General Manager & Annual Giving Director of the Downtown Vancouver YMCA. He has held the role of Chief Executive Officer, Ronald McDonald House BC & Yukon, since 2006.

## Lifetime Achievement Award

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### Steve Dzubinski

Steve Dzubinski spent more than 40 years at Brandon University. During his tenure, he served as the Athletic Therapist, treating students, including varsity Bobcat student-athletes, faculty, staff and members of the public.

His skill set allowed him to provide medical care to athletes at the local, provincial, national and international levels. Among the major events that Steve took

part in as an athletic therapist were the Olympic Summer Games on three occasions: in 1976 in Montreal, in 1992 in Barcelona and in 2000 in Sydney. Steve has also provided care at the Commonwealth Games, the Pan American Games, the Canada Games, the World University Games and numerous local and provincial sporting events.

Steve was also an instructor in the Department of Physical Education where he developed and taught courses for the Bachelor of Physical Education Studies degree and served on many committees in the Faculty of Education. He was inducted into the Canadian Athletic Therapists Association Hall of Fame in 2015.

## Lifetime Achievement Award

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### Doris Pratt

Elder Doris Pratt is from Wikoza Wakpa, or Sioux Valley Dakota Nation. She has amassed a great deal of wisdom through a combination of traditional education, including teachings from her family and community knowledge carriers, as well as degrees from Brandon

University and the University of Manitoba.

Doris has been involved in school administration for three

decades and has shared her knowledge as a volunteer and also professionally, serving as an Educational Elder Advisor for the Sioux Valley Education Department and teaching the Dakota language at Brandon University.

She has published widely acclaimed books in the Dakota language and collaborated with Eli Taylor to write a Dakota Word Dictionary as well as a children's book on modern life. Doris has developed educational materials that have been used as resources at Dakota schools and included in treaty relations learning packages distributed to schools across Manitoba, and she has been a mentor and a role model to many successful alumni.

## Lifetime Achievement Award

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### Al Rogosin

Al Rogosin joined Brandon College in the early 1960s as the lone botanist in the newly established Department of Botany. He encouraged field work and the building of the herbarium, a reference plant collection, which was of great use to both students and the public.

Al fosters the development of local partnerships for exploration

and study with those who share their interest in biology and ecology with academics. He believes universities should continue to treasure connections with the broader community.

Al is a board member of the Mixedwood Forest Society, an organization that participates in conservation of and education about natural areas, offering education sessions and field trips from its base in Duck Mountain Provincial Park.

In his retirement Al has maintained his interest in natural history and enjoys spending hours in the herbarium working on the sometimes-pesky problems in taxonomy of plants.

## Senate Award for Excellence in Research



Dr. Sarah Plosker

Born and raised in Regina, Sarah Plosker received her Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics from the University of Guelph in 2013 before joining the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science at Brandon University.

Sarah's research interests straddle the line between pure and applied mathematics and involve

using matrix analysis and operator theory to answer questions in quantum information science. She has received numerous awards including the Governor General's Gold Medal (2014), a Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada Discovery Grant (2014–19), a Canada Foundation for Innovation John R. Evans Leaders Fund Award (2017), and a position as the Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Quantum Information Theory (2017–22).

Sarah's research takes her all over the world to collaborate with mathematicians and physicists, and to give lectures on her results at national and international conferences.

## Senate Award for Excellence in Teaching



Denise Hardy

Denise Hardy is a Registered Nurse with a Bachelor of Science degree from Brandon University as well as a Clinical Instructor Nurse Educator Certificate from the University of Saskatchewan. She joined the Department of Nursing, Faculty of Health Studies at BU in 2004 and

currently holds an Instructional Associate IV position.

Denise has a broad clinical background, primarily in acute medical-surgical nursing, which has enhanced her work in nursing education. She has employed a variety of creative teaching methods in the classroom, laboratory and clinical learning environments. Most recently, Denise led the development of a new Trauma Simulation experience in collaboration with STARS Air Ambulance.

Denise's teaching is motivated by a passion to assist students in becoming future nursing professionals who are knowledgeable, resourceful and committed to high standards in practice.

## BU Alumni Assoc. Award for Excellence in Teaching



Dr. Jacqueline Kirk

Jacqueline Kirk is a professional teacher, an enthusiastic learner, an Associate Professor, and the Chair of the Department of Leadership and Educational Administration at Brandon University.

Jacqueline's study of Educational Administration is driven by an intense obsession with understanding what brings people together to create positive change. Her background in the

field of education includes experiences in both rural and urban schools and in both public and private school systems.

In the Faculty of Education, she currently teaches Classroom Management, Leadership, and the Graduate Summative Seminar.

Before pursuing her Ph.D. in Educational Administration, she worked as a high school principal and as an educational consultant assisting schools with capacity building and technology integration. Jackie is passionate about helping students to explore their boundaries and to develop a greater understanding of their personal identities.

## Distinguished Teacher Awards

### KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 6 – Mary Jane Napolitano

Mary Jane Napolitano is an internationally trained teacher from the Philippines and taught high school there for 12 years.



Mary Jane started her Canadian educational career in Winnipeg at Dufferin School, where she is now in her fourth year teaching Grades 5/6.

Mary Jane is part of the mentorship program for her school division, the school leadership team, and the Parent Advisory Council.

She also helps new immigrants gain volunteer experience in a school setting, providing them opportunities to improve skills needed for their desired careers.

### GRADE 6 TO GRADE 9 – Don Cuggy

For 35 years Don Cuggy has worked as a classroom and literacy support teacher, a staff development coach and a teacher-librarian in the Brandon School Division. Don taught a social studies methodology course at Brandon University for a number of years.



Each role in his career provided Don with an opportunity to work in environments jam-packed with wonderful students, teachers and administrators. Don feels that he has been truly blessed to have had these experiences.

Don has been involved in a wide variety of literacy initiatives. He is a firm believer in the power of language, of kindness and in the potential of every child.

### GRADE 9 TO GRADE 12 – Cameron Watson

Cameron Watson grew up in Killarney and held teaching roles in Thunder Bay, Ont., Lashburn, Sask., and Langruth, Man., before obtaining his current position as a high school teacher at William Morton Collegiate in Gladstone.



Cameron encourages students to fulfill their potential and broaden their worldview, having taken three Education First tours. An avid environmentalist, he founded the WMCI Green Warriors environmental action group.

Cameron is also a longtime cross-country and track-and-field coach. He currently serves as the local President of the Pine Creek Teachers' Association.

## Valedictorians

### Rebecca Storey

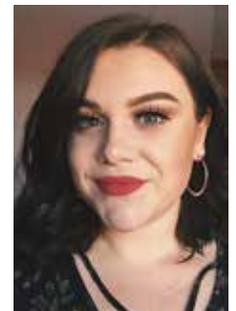
Rebecca Storey is a proud university student and has been a resident of Brandon since the age of four.

Rebecca graduated from École secondaire Neelin High School and attended l'Université de Saint Boniface for one year before transferring to Brandon University. This spring, Rebecca graduated with her 3-year Bachelor of Science degree, with a major in Mathematics and a minor in French. This fall, she will continue at Brandon University in the Faculty of Education as she pursues her career goal of being a French Immersion high school teacher.



### Abby Ziprick

Abby Ziprick was born and raised in Winnipeg before starting her Music Education degree at Brandon University in 2013. Abby has participated in many extracurricular activities, including holding executive positions on the BU Music Students Council and the BU Student Music Educators Association.



In May 2017, Abby represented Brandon University at MusicFest Nationals in Niagara Falls, Ont.

Following her graduation from BU, Ziprick hopes to teach music or drama in Winnipeg, and work toward getting a master's degree in music education.

# CAMPUS

## Dr. David Docherty to be new BU President

**B**RANDON UNIVERSITY WILL WELCOME as its next President and Vice-Chancellor an accomplished academic and administrator who has a distinguished history of leading institutions through growth and transformative change. Dr. David Docherty will commence a five-year term on May 1, 2019.

“The success of any university is measured by the success of our students, our faculty and our staff, and by that measure I am privileged to be joining an extremely successful institution,” said Dr. Docherty. “I am eager to contribute as President to Brandon University’s continuing success, to meeting the challenges and opportunities of growth, and to celebrating and deepening BU’s collaborative and collegial campus culture.”

Dr. Docherty will be coming to BU from Mount Royal University in Calgary, where he is concluding an extended term as President. He holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Toronto as well as degrees from McMaster University and Wilfrid Laurier University.

The BU Board of Governors confirmed Dr. Docherty’s selection at a special meeting in early August.

“This is an exciting time for Brandon University, rich with opportunity as we grow in size and in ambition. Dr. Docherty brings the right mix of experience and enthusiasm to be a visionary and effective leader for BU,” said Derrick Stewart, chair



Dr. David Docherty

of the BU Board of Governors. “Perhaps most importantly, Dr. Docherty has demonstrated commitments — to diversity, to transparency, to personal accessibility, to community-building, and more — that make him a perfect fit for our closely-knit campus.”

Dr. Steven Robinson will remain as Interim President until April 30, 2019.

“We are pleased that Dr. Robinson will continue to serve the University for a few more months in this demanding role. His guidance and hard work have been essential over the past year,” Stewart said. “Brandon University will continue to benefit from his leadership both through the coming academic year and as he returns to his ongoing duties as Vice-President (Academic).”

The appointment of Dr. Docherty is the result of an extensive national search by the BU Presidential Search Committee, supported by executive search firm Perret Laver, who are specialists in educational leadership.

## Cheers! BU uncorks a new beer to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

A GOLDEN ALE is the perfect way to toast a golden anniversary.

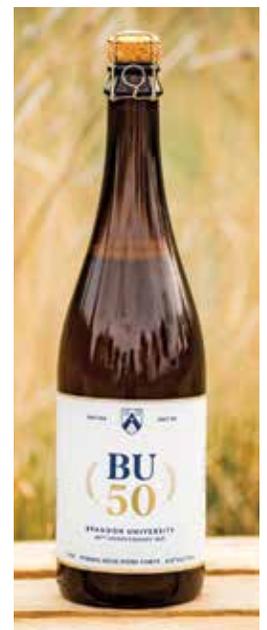
Brandon University has teamed up with award-winning Nonsuch Brewing Co. to create a custom-crafted brew in honour of BU’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The first batch sold out in days, with additional batches being brewed through the summer and fall. They are exclusively available at Manitoba Liquor Marts and beer vendors in the province.

“During this special anniversary year, we are celebrating everyone who has been a part of Brandon College and Brandon University,” said Interim President Steve Robinson. “Along with special events and commemorations, popping

the cork on a custom bottle of beer is a fun and festive way to cheer our anniversary.”

The BU50 Anniversary Ale pours a golden hue, with fruit and fresh bread aromas that enhance its crisp malt flavours. It is ever-so-slightly bitter, at 24 IBU, and is presented in a 750 mL bottle that is sealed with a Champagne-style cork and cage. It retails for \$19.68 in honour of the anniversary year, and a portion of the proceeds will go to the BU Foundation.

The beer reunites BU with alumnus Mark Borowski, head brewer at Nonsuch and winner of a pair of 2018 Canadian Brewing Awards silver medals.





From left to right, Parker Easter, Filsan Abdullahi, Margaret De Jager, Brandy Robertson and Angie Nor Addin of the BU WUSC local committee are joined by Michelle Manks with WUSC-Ottawa).

## BU committee receives recognition at National WUSC forum in Ottawa

THE WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE OF CANADA (WUSC) committee at Brandon University (BU) has been presented with a national award this year.

The BU WUSC Local Committee was recognized for Outstanding Contribution to the Student Refugee Program (SRP) at the national WUSC Forum awards ceremony in Ottawa. The BU WUSC committee was singled out from more than 80 Local Committees for the implementation of its Mentorship Program, which pairs a current BU student with a newly arrived SRP student.

Every year about 130 students from refugee camps in Kenya, Malawi, Thailand, Jordan, and Lebanon are sponsored through the SRP to come to Canadian post-secondary institutions. Brandon University has been a part of this legacy for nearly 40 years, typically sponsoring one or two students each year.

In 2016, when the humanitarian crisis in Syria occurred, displacing millions of people, WUSC put out a call out for increased student sponsorship specifically to help the relief effort. Brandon University agreed to sponsor a third student, and the generosity of BU alumnus Russell Lusk, BA '65, and his wife Corinna Lusk brought the sponsorship number up to four for the 2016–17 academic year.

For the 2017–18 year BU again sponsored three students through the SRP, with a commitment to sponsor three more for the 2018–19 school year. The Lusks have extended their support in each of those years as well.

## Student and Educational faculty members honoured for research

THREE MEMBERS OF THE BU COMMUNITY have earned national recognition this year for their research in the field of educational administration.

Ebenezer Duncan-Williams is the recipient of the Margaret Haughey Award for the best master's thesis in Educational Administration, presented by the Canadian Association for the Study of Educational Administration (CASEA). It is the second time in three years a BU student has won the award, which was earned by Ayodeji Osiname in 2016.

Duncan-Williams' thesis focused on developing an educational framework for young people who are in the justice system or are at risk of offending. With experience working in community corrections, youth intervention and education, Duncan-Williams had found resources in place for people with diagnosed medical conditions but none for those with no diagnosed root cause for their behaviour.

Dr. Alysha Farrell, an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Education, was the recipient of the T.B. Greenfield Dissertation Award by CASEA. Farrell conducted an arts-based inquiry into leaders and how they are shaped by their formative relationships. Her dissertation included the writing and analysis of a three-act play called *Sincere Liars*.

Another Education faculty member, Assistant Professor Breanna Lawrence, has received the David Bateson New Scholar Award. The award recognizes the best paper presented by a graduate student in a Canadian Educational Researchers' Association session at the annual Canadian Society for the Study of Education Conference.



Left: Alysha Farrell and Ebenezer Duncan-Williams display their awards. Right: Breanna Lawrence is recognized by Dr. Louis Volante after winning the David Bateson 2018 Award.

## Researcher sheds light on Gabriel Dumont, North-West Resistance

THE RESEARCH OF A BRANDON UNIVERSITY professor has provided new insight into Métis leader Gabriel Dumont and the North-West Resistance.

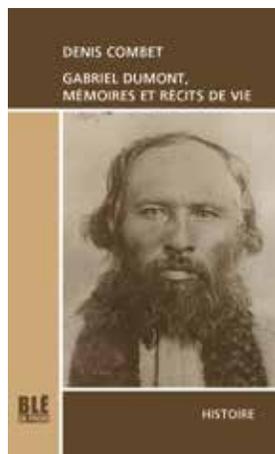
Dumont was a key general in the Métis forces commanded by Louis Riel during the North-West Resistance, which took place from March 26 to June 3, 1885. Also known as the North-West Rebellion, the Resistance was a watershed moment in the recognition of Métis rights, but was also pivotal in the development of a sociopolitical climate and marginalization of the Métis that persist to this day.



Dr. Denis Combet

After reading the unpublished journal of Father Gabriel Cloutier, housed in the archives of La Société historique de Saint-Boniface, BU professor Dr. Denis Combet realized the document brought perspective to his research on Dumont's life. Combet incorporated 120 pages of Cloutier's recollections into his new book, *Gabriel Dumont, Mémoires et Récits de vie*, a significant update on his previous publication of Dumont's memoirs.

"Gabriel Cloutier's journal provides key witness accounts from Métis involved in the North-West Resistance," said Combet, an Associate Professor in BU's Department of Classical and Modern Languages. "They complement Gabriel Dumont's memoirs, as they are showing the burden and danger the Métis families were facing during the fights. The role of Métis women, their courage and initiative, their controversial treatment by the soldiers, and the suffering of the children and the Elders are of great importance in understanding one of the most dramatic episodes of Canadian history."



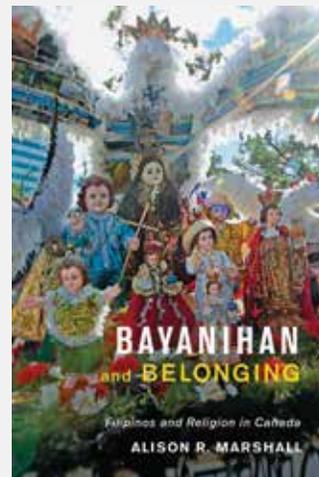
## Book by professor highlights experiences of Filipino community in Canadian life

A NEW BOOK BY BRANDON UNIVERSITY professor Dr. Alison Marshall is the first of its kind: *Bayanihan and Belonging* (University of Toronto Press, 2018) explores the experience of Filipino people in Canada, paying special attention to the importance of religion and belief as well as migration.



Dr. Alison Marshall

"Filipinos make up one of the largest immigrant groups in Canada, and the majority continue to retain their Roman Catholic faith long after migrating," Dr. Marshall says. "Drawing on archival and ethnographic research in Canada and the Philippines from 1880 to 2017, my book aims to understand the role of religion within present-day Filipino Canadian communities."



Drawing on extensive research among the Filipino community in Canada, Dr. Marshall's new book details how many Filipino people who migrated to Canada continue to define themselves religiously.

"Religious belief is often manifested through public and private devotion and practices and through affiliations to certain churches, deities, saints, groups, and festivals," Dr. Marshall says. "I also pay particular attention to what we call the religious underside—the beliefs and practices that are often hidden. These might be a special coin conferring blessings and protection (an "anting-anting") that is buried deep in a pocket."

Early reactions to the book are glowing and sales have been very strong. It is available online at [UTorontoPress.com](http://UTorontoPress.com).



Brittany Bruinooge, right, works with athletes such as Olympian Isabela Onyshko at the High Performance Centre.

## Elite athletes train at Healthy Living Centre

MANY TOP ATHLETES in Western Manitoba are training at the Healthy Living Centre (HLC), thanks to a partnership between Sport Manitoba and Brandon University.

The collaboration has resulted in the development of the High Performance Centre (HPC), where athletes have access to top-quality equipment and training. Used by national and provincial team athletes, as well as members of the BU Bobcats athletic teams, the HPC is Sport Manitoba's first regional high-performance training centre.

Brittany Bruinooge, a Coach/Athlete Development Coordinator with Sport Manitoba provides a collection of services and mechanisms at the HPC, targeting athletes in the Learn to Train and in the Train to Train stages of Canada's Long Term Athlete Development framework. Bruinooge works with the athletes to develop the mental, physical, technical and tactical requirements they need to achieve their desired performance outcomes.



A new joint program in Public History through Brandon University and Assiniboine Community College will be the first in Western Canada. From left are Graham Street, instructor in Interactive Media Arts at Assiniboine; Dr. Rhonda Hinthier, Associate Professor of History at BU; Dr. James Naylor, Professor of History at BU; and Derek Ford, instructor in Interactive Media Arts at Assiniboine.

## Joint program in Public History will help BU and Assiniboine students future-proof their careers

THERE'S A FUTURE IN HISTORY, and a new Public History program will prepare students to take full advantage of that future by accessing the unique strengths of both Brandon University and Assiniboine Community College.

The new program is the first undergraduate program in Public History in Western Canada and gives students a total of four new options to earn a degree. Two of these are new four-year majors from Brandon University, with two new 3+1 options also available that combine three-year degrees from BU with a fourth year at Assiniboine to develop media skills.

The new program formalizes a relationship that has been ongoing between BU and Assiniboine for several years.

"Many of my students are very interested in telling the stories of the history they learn and we have worked closely with Assiniboine students to bring these historical stories to life," says Dr. Rhonda Hinthier, an associate professor of history at BU and one of the organizers of the new program. "The

result has been rich and rewarding for students at both institutions as well as for the museums and archives that we have worked with."

Students in the program will take general history and specific public history courses through BU. At Assiniboine, they will gain valuable practical experience, through the media arts programs, in public history production through film, television, website, and video game design and development.

"Today's media environment offers an incredible number of options for students to pursue, from traditional broadcast storytelling to interactive on-demand and immersive experiences," says Graham Street, an instructor of Interactive Media Arts at Assiniboine. "Through this partnership, we are able to combine hands-on technical skills with meaningful content."

Hinthier and Street have previously collaborated on joint student projects that have produced oral histories of Westman and television commercials for regional museums. Those, as well as new and ongoing projects, will be featured on a new website to be launched this year.



# We're having a party, and you're invited

It's been 50 years since the first class graduated from a newly-chartered Brandon University, and we're putting on a celebration for everyone. Throughout 2017-18, we have been marking this BU50 golden anniversary and it culminates this fall at Homecoming 2018.

This year's Homecoming will welcome thousands back to BU, as we celebrate all alumni and their connections with our biggest Homecoming weekend yet. Join us as we welcome alumni and friends for a weekend of fun and friendship through October 11-14, 2018.

This anniversary is an opportune moment for us to reflect on the accomplishments of the past 50 years, on the history of cherished traditions of Brandon College, and on our opportunities and ambition for our new period of growth.

Homecoming 2018 will be a milestone reunion for many of our alumni. We're especially thrilled to mark the 50th anniversary of the first-ever class to graduate with Brandon University degrees, the Class of 1968. We are also marking special anniversary years for everyone who graduated in a class year that ends in -8 or -3.

Since Homecoming 2018 will be our largest event yet, we are also hearing from many alumni who are looking to plan special reunions. If you're interested in participating in a reunion of anything from Psychology to Philosophy, from BUSU to The Quill, reach out and learn how we can support your efforts to connect and reunite.

A major celebration is planned to recognize Brandon University's rich basketball history at Homecoming. BU Athletics is inviting both men's and women's basketball alumni to celebrate the proud history of College Cap and Bobcat basketball with a reunion and Hall of Fame weekend.

All alumni are invited to Homecoming, as well as their family and friends. Every year we also welcome many former faculty members, staff, and community members who are connected to Brandon University or Brandon College in various ways.

This year, our big 50th anniversary party, is the perfect year to join us at Homecoming!

## Be a part of BU50 Homecoming with special sponsorship opportunities

Homecoming 2018 will be our biggest and best yet — a truly community celebration that brings together thousands of people touched by their experience at Brandon College and Brandon University for a weekend of awards, fellowship and fun.

You can be an important part of this special atmosphere and you can help show your support for Brandon University's deep and ongoing impact to the lives and communities of Westman. Limited sponsorship opportunities are available for you to help make this celebration the most it can be, while also showcasing your proud support of BU.

For details, contact Shawna English by calling 204-727- 7374 or 1-877-282-4483 or email [Homecoming@BrandonU.ca](mailto:Homecoming@BrandonU.ca).



## BU50 Homecoming 2018 Highlights

### ALL WEEKEND

The campus is waiting — see what’s changed, and what’s still the same. We’re freshening everything up for the big event, with special displays, gallery shows, exhibitions and more. Take a spin around the city, too!

#### Powerhouse on the Prairies

For three seasons at the tail end of the 1980s, the Brandon University Bobcats men’s basketball team cemented its reputation as one of the dominant varsity powerhouses in Canada. Brandon University’s Craig Cesmystruk looks back at their legacy with this powerful documentary. Limited seating. Multiple shows this weekend.

#### Under the stars

Get an extremely close-up view of the splendour of the night’s sky through the BU Observatory. On a newly renovated deck area atop McMaster Hall, crisp fall skies will reveal the secrets of the stars and our solar system. The moon will be in a perfect position for observing! Weather permitting.

#### Gallery shows and exhibitions

Take a pause to explore the many art and cultural exhibitions available on campus. Ensure you set aside time to visit the Glen P. Sutherland Gallery of Art, the Tommy McLeod Curve Gallery, and the George and Mary Gooden Gallery. Many areas will also have additional displays set up, including fascinating artifacts, cutting-edge research and enthralling books from faculty members and alumni.

**Homecoming Info Booth — All weekend at the Healthy Living Centre.**

### THURSDAY, OCT. 11

Homecoming 2018 gets underway! Find out what’s happening at the Homecoming Information Booth at the Healthy Living Centre, and take in one of the exciting social and entertainment events we have planned for you.

#### Arts Speaker Series

Hear from one of Brandon University’s faculty experts or a special guest, as they explore a topic that’s near and dear to their heart. This popular annual speakers series kicks off this year at Homecoming.

#### Concert & Reception

Enjoy a casual evening of popular jazz tunes performed live by Greg Gatien, Dean of the BU School of Music, and faculty member Michael Cain, an internationally acclaimed jazz pianist. Meet and greet reception to follow. Limited seating.

#### Celebration of Authors

Help us honour authors who have been featured in the BU Journal of Graduate Studies in Education. This year we are focusing on authors from volume 10, issues 1 and 2, and we will hear short presentations by several authors. All guests are welcome.



## BU50 Homecoming 2018 Highlights

### FRIDAY, OCT. 12

Homecoming continues with a day of reunions! Be sure to catch the energy of the BU campus as you stop by the Information Booth at the HLC. Food trucks will dish out filling fare through the afternoon and into the evening for a real tailgate experience ahead of the evening games.

#### Champagne celebration

Join members of the Brandon University community, past and present, and share a slice of our birthday cake as we toast 50 years of Brandon University.

#### Keynote Speaker

Be on the lookout for an exciting announcement very soon as we reveal a very special keynote speaker. Details will be released online at [BrandonU.ca](http://BrandonU.ca)

#### Homecoming Kick-Off

Reunite with classmates and friends over a light meal in the alumni lounge while you take in a Bobcats game. Show your colours and wear your BU gear — old and new — as you cheer on our teams.

#### Class Reunions

Enjoy a get-together with former classmates and renew the friendships that will last a lifetime.

#### Basketball Reunion

Reconnect with friends and former teammates as the BU Bobcats celebrate basketball teams from all eras. There's plenty of history to recount, from the free-throw line to the trophy case.

#### Cheer on the 'Cats

Our women's basketball team hits the court at 6 p.m. to take on the Dickinson State Bluehawks. Stick around for the men's game to follow at 8 p.m., as they battle the Winnipeg Wesmen.

### JOIN US

It's never been easier to join us for Homecoming! We have secured you great rates on accommodations and flights.

#### Best Western Plus – Brandon Inn

204.727.7997 or 1.800.780.7234  
Group name: Brandon University  
Group booking #2117  
Available until Sept. 10, 2018

#### Clarion Hotel & Suites Brandon

204.728.5775 or 1.800.852.2709  
Group name: BU Homecoming  
Available until Sept. 11, 2018

#### Victoria Inn

204.725.1532 or 1.800.852.2710  
Group name: BU Homecoming  
Group booking #384059  
Available until Sept. 11, 2018

#### WestJet Flights

5% off Econo and Flex fares  
10% off Plus base fares  
For domestic travel into and out of Brandon or Winnipeg to and from anywhere WestJet flies in North America.  
Book online: [westjet.com/conventions](http://westjet.com/conventions)  
Coupon code: V53RV8S  
Travel period: Oct. 4-22, 2018





# BU50 Homecoming 2018 Highlights

## SATURDAY, OCT. 13

There's so much to see and do! Bring family and friends for a full day of fun and fellowship. Check out the BU Bookstore for all your blue-and-gold garb, stop in for a coffee or a catch-up at the Forbidden Flavours, visit the Indigenous Peoples' Centre or see a little bit of everything with a guided campus tour.

### Cartoon Cereal Bar

Something for the young, and the young at heart! Join us in the Evans Theatre for animated amusements — but instead of popcorn, we're serving a variety of cereal and milk to satisfy your morning munchies.

### Athletics Wall of Fame Brunch

A highlight of this year's BU Bobcat basketball reunion, this brunch will feature inductees into the Dick and Verda McDonald Sports Wall of Fame.

### Open Campus & Tours

Come see what's different, and what's still the same. For the self-directed, most buildings are open for you to explore the BU campus and see what's around every corner. Or, current BU students will lead guided tours throughout the afternoon.

### Campus Comes Alive

Come on by and take in one of the many family-friendly events, including food trucks, a classic car show, alumni Bobcats games, research displays, and an Indigenous celebration.

### Alumni Authors & Faculty Book Launch

Paging all alumni authors! We are hosting a book fair for all alumni who are also published. Join us at this book fair to promote your publication and to celebrate your success. All alumni authors are eligible to participate, and to sell their own books.

### Homecoming Banquet and Awards

The highlight of every Homecoming, this year's banquet will be better than ever. Register early — last year we nearly sold out. Help us celebrate award-winners Nathan Peto '08 and Gerald Brown '56, '63, gather with your classmates and friends, and renew the bonds you forged at Brandon College and Brandon University.

### Fifty Fest

The evening is rocking! We are shutting down the street and pitching a tent to host energetic musical entertainment and so much more. Whether you like to sing, dance, or catch up with your besties, tonight we're putting the party back into anniversary party.

## SUNDAY, OCT. 14

Take it easier today, as Homecoming 2018 concludes with a lighter schedule of events.

### Farewell brunch

Share your stories and memories during the open mic as you bid farewell to fellow classmates ... at least until next year!

## AND MORE!

What you see here are some of the highlights. There is much more planned than could ever fit on a few pages, and we are adding even more events all the time.

**Be sure to stay up to date with the full schedule at [BrandonU.ca/Homecoming](http://BrandonU.ca/Homecoming)**

You can find us on social media as well. Search Facebook for "Brandon University Homecoming 2018" to show your friends that you're coming, and to connect with the Homecoming community.





# BU50 Homecoming 2018 Registration

**REGISTRANT**

Mr.  Mrs.  Miss  Ms.  Dr.  Prof.  Rev.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Type(s) / Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g. B.A. 1993)

SPOUSE /  GUEST

Mr.  Mrs.  Miss  Ms.  Dr.  Prof.  Rev.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Graduation Type(s) / Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

May we include your name(s) and class year(s) on our website as an attendee of Homecoming 2018?  Yes  No

At the Dinner & Awards event, please seat me/us with the Class of \_\_\_\_\_ .

**I/WE WANT TO REGISTER FOR:**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11	Time	Place	Number	Cost	Total
Under the Stars	6:30-11:00 pm	Louis Riel Room / Observatory		No Charge	
Pro Series Homecoming Concert	7:30-9:00 pm	School of Music – Lorne Watson Recital Hall		No Charge	
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12	Time	Place	Number	Cost	Total
Champagne Celebration	3:00-5:00 pm	Harvest Hall		No Charge	
Homecoming Kick-Off	5:00 pm	Healthy Living Centre		No Charge	
Under the Stars	6:30-11:00 pm	Louis Riel Room / Observatory		No Charge	
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13	Time	Place	Number	Cost	Total
Athletics Wall of Fame Brunch	8:30 am-12:00 pm	Victoria Inn - Grand Salon		\$50.00	
Cartoon Morning and Cereal Bar	10:00 am-12:00 pm	JRC Evans Theatre		No Charge	
Guided Campus Tours	2:00-4:00 pm	Clark Hall Room 104		No Charge	
Philosophy Reunion & Celebration of Dr. May Yoh	2:00-4:00 pm	He Oyate Tawapi (Ceremony Room), Health Studies Complex, Room 141		No Charge	
Dinner & Awards	Cocktails: 5:00 pm Dinner: 5:30 pm	Harvest Hall		\$40.00	
Under the Stars	6:30-11:00 pm	Louis Riel Room / Observatory		No Charge	
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14	Time	Place	Number	Cost	Total
Farewell Brunch	10:00 am-12:00 pm	Harvest Hall		\$20.00	

**PAYMENT METHOD**  Cheque Enclosed  Visa  MC  Amex  
 Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiry Date (mm/yy) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$**

All prices include applicable taxes.

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

# CLASS NOTES

**Craig Shearer, BA '78** – Craig has recently retired and is living in Coquitlam, BC. Any old friends from the class of 1978 can contact him at [craigshearer@shaw.ca](mailto:craigshearer@shaw.ca).

**Marilyn Slawinsky BSc '84** – After graduating from BU, Marilyn obtained a law degree from the University of Manitoba in 1987. She practised law in Alberta for 25 years before leaving private practice for public service. After spending time with Alberta Justice, the Calgary Police Commission and the City of Red Deer, Marilyn was appointed as a Judge to the Provincial Court of Alberta in 2015. In 2017, she was appointed a Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta. Marilyn and her husband Jack enjoy golfing and travelling, and proudly share a blended family of four accomplished children and (so far) two super cute grandchildren.



**John Gilbert, BA '85** – John is pleased to announce that he is a new father to Alexander Nelson Gilbert, born Nov. 16, 2017 – 7.2 pounds.

**Edward Aquin, Assoc. '94** – Edward is a Nursing Lecturer currently employed with Central Queensland University's School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Sciences located in Mackay, Queensland, Australia. He is responsible for the writing, course coordination and delivery of mental health nursing content within the undergraduate and postgraduate stream. His experience in mental health settings spans over 25 years, across clinical and educational roles held in Canada, New Zealand and Australia. Following the completion of his Masters of Nursing (Clinical) in 2010 at the Victoria University of Wellington, NZ, he returned to BU and undertook the role as an Assistant Professor with the Psychiatric Nursing program. The adventures of the 'Sunburnt Country' beckoned and he returned back to Australia. In his current role he facilitates mental health nursing learning activities and co-facilitates lab teaching and assessments in their simulation learning space on campus ([e.aquin@cqu.edu.au](mailto:e.aquin@cqu.edu.au)).

**David Williamson, Grad.Dip. '03, M.Ed. '05** – David is the dean of the Faculty of Education for University College of the North, where he completed two terms as chair of the Learning Council. His most recent poetry was featured in Aesthetica magazine's 2016 international Creative Writing annual, Contemporary Verse 2 and the 2016 Winnipeg Free Press' National Poetry Month. He is now an associate member of the League of Canadian Poets. David is married to Elizabeth (Sinclair), also a BU graduate (BEd '86, MEd '11). Elizabeth has worked in early years and special education for Frontier School Division for over 30 years and regularly runs in the Manitoba Marathon relay with her students. They live in Norway House.

**Joanne Roberts, Assoc. '10** – Training from a young age, Joanne has studied with many teachers including David Playfair, Elizabeth Rotoff, Jim Forsythe and Joy Lazo. She studied music and acting at Brandon University as well as dance at Royal Winnipeg Ballet. Flexing her acting skills and venturing into comedy, Joanne will be joining Théâtre Cercle Molière for their tour of "De Bouche à oreille". Joanne is most proud of the music studio where she teaches voice and piano, and coaches for auditions and performances. Her students regularly perform at the Winnipeg Music Festival, have gone on to win scholarships and awards, and move onto professional work in music, stage and film.

**Jeremy Roberts, BA '12 (Hon)/BEd (AD) '14** – Moving to Brandon from Flin Flon, Jeremy moved to Brandon to attend university. After graduating and travelling to several parts of the world, he accepted a permanent position in Rolling River School Division. He now resides in a small community outside Brandon with his wife Louise.

**Brittani Enns, BN '15** – After graduation, Brittani worked in the emergency room in Steinbach Hospital for two years. She then pursued continuing education through the Winnipeg Critical Care Nursing Education and received her ICU certification, working in the Medical Intensive Care Unit. Her husband, Cael Enns, is also a graduate of BU and is a medical student at the University of Manitoba. They are now moving back to Brandon to continue their careers and look forward to getting involved in the professional and educational community.

**David Stasica, BBA '16** – David, a former setter for the men's volleyball team, is now a realtor with Royal LePage Alliance in Winnipeg. He says, "I can't thank Brandon University enough for teaching me the value of getting to know and working within my community. BU provided not only academic skills for my career, but also taught me important skills on how to work with people and how to connect as a unit to reach a common goal." David would love to assist fellow alumni and their families with their real estate needs: 204.898.1566 or [david.stasica@royallepage.ca](mailto:david.stasica@royallepage.ca).



**Gertrude Bear, BEd (AD) '17** – Gertrude is now teaching kindergarten at the Northern Lights School Division in Saskatchewan. Gertrude says she had a great experience at BU. "The University was welcoming and the PENT (Program for the Education of Native Teachers) program is a wonderful program. The PENT and library staff were very knowledgeable and helpful throughout my university experience. I was fortunate to meet many friends. Thank you for the wonderful experience!"

## In Memoriam

### ALUMNI

Keith W. Angus, BA '71  
April 19, 2017

Darlene (Way) Arnott, TTC '85  
May 29, 2017

Sandra H. Arthur, BT '77, BEd '85  
April 5, 2017

Ronald Chalmers, BA '70, BEd '72  
February 5, 2018

Patricia M. (Frith) Chefurka,  
BSc '45 — January 21, 2018

William R. Currie, BSc '69  
November 1, 2017

Betty (Birch) Dempsey, TTC '59  
March 8, 2018

Florence I. (Fleming) Dunseath,  
BGS '88 — December 29, 2017

John C. Easter, BA '58, Pre BEd '60  
June 17, 2018

Margaret L. (McKay) Eggleton,  
BA '41 — September 25, 2017

Ruth A. (Watson) Emisch,  
BT '75, BEd '82 — April 17, 2018

Janice Florida, BGS '85  
November 12, 2017

Donovan D. Gayle, BPES '12  
December 15, 2017

Linda M. (Nault) Henry,  
BEd '93, MEd '07 — April 8, 2017

Vivianne (Riddell) Howard,  
TTC '60, BA '71, BEd '82  
August 1, 2016

Walter G. Kruse, BA '78  
May 6, 2017

Charles P. McKinnon, BSc '52  
September 20, 2017

Beryl (Thompson) McLeod,  
Associate '44 — October 15, 2017

Charles O. Meighen,  
Associate '61 — June 21, 2018

Gwendolyn D. Merrick, BT '75,  
BEd '88 — February 14, 2018

Bruce J. Mintenko,  
TTC '59, BA '67, BEd '69  
April 29, 2017

Karel Moravek, BGS '88  
February 9, 2018

Frederick K. Mowat,  
Associate '73 — September 5, 2017

Robert C. Nelson, BSc '58  
December 24, 2017

Clarence V. Pettersen, BA '75  
March 28, 2018

Joan (Donald) Pitcairn, BA '63  
January 29, 2018

Nelson Poets, BSc '70  
January 16, 2018

Robert A. Rennie, BEd '00  
April 11, 2016

Catheryn (Corrigal) Rodger,  
Associate '83 — January 12, 2018

Daniel R. Roy, BSc '92  
June 18, 2018

John W. Russell, BA '66, BEd '69  
December 29, 2017

Stanley H. Searle, BA '41  
May, 2018

Frank Senkow, BA '70, BEd '70  
August 11, 2017

Murray R. Shelton, BA '68  
December 26, 2017

Pauline Stanko, BA, BEd '75  
June 24, 2018

Heather M. Stewart, BA '58,  
Pre BEd '61 — December 25, 2017

Hilton Stewart, BSc '56,  
Cert. of Ed. '61 — August 9, 2018

Lori E. (Draper) Stewart, BA '84  
January 17, 2018

Eleanor V. Stubley, MMus '85  
August 1, 2017

William A. Sutherland, BA '51  
December 26, 2017

Francisca Tungcul, BT '74, BEd '80  
December 16, 2017

Patrick Turner, BSc '69, BEd '72  
September 17, 2017

Michael J. Vaira, BSc '69, BEd '72  
September 17, 2017

Patrick Turner, BGS '75  
April 14, 2018

David B. Westdal, BEd '06  
March 10, 2017

Deborah Wright-Nantel, BA '74  
January 1, 2018

Margaret A. Young, BGS '79  
September 7, 2017

### FACULTY/ STAFF

R.P. Jean Claeys,  
Faculty of Education,  
1980 - 2003  
December 25, 2017

Dr. William T. DeHaney,  
Associate Professor, Sociology,  
1971 - 2003  
February 28, 2018

John "Jack" H. Dodds,  
Physical Plant, 1974 - 2007  
August 12, 2017

Doris Mayoh,  
School of Music, Eckhardt-  
Gramatté Conservatory of  
Music, 1979 - 2013  
April 5, 2018

Dr. Sherry Lynn Peden,  
Associate Professor, Faculty of  
Education, 1991 - 2013  
January 8, 2018

David Rehaluk,  
Inter-Universities North/  
Campus Manitoba, 1993 - 2014  
June 2, 2018

Dr. Susan M. Roddy,  
Professor, Faculty of Science,  
1987 - 2017  
October 5, 2017

David C. Westfall,  
Library, BUNTEP, Faculty of  
Education, 1988 - 2006  
January 13, 2018



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# *forever blue & gold*

## **Success takes many forms, and Brandon University has been a reliable starting point for its development.**

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STORY BY PERRY BERGSON

Fifty years after they attended Brandon College as it transitioned into Brandon University, Bill Hillman, Ron Westcott and Bill and Lana Myers are fine examples of the different ways that lives can diverge from a single starting point.

Hillman became an outstanding educator with a long musical career as a recording artist. Westcott is 48 years into a career in the education publishing industry, while his sporting sideline has earned him a spot in the Manitoba Curling Hall of Fame and on Brandon University's Dick and Verda McDonald Sports Wall of Fame. And as Bill Myers established a long career as a surgeon Lana Myers taught, raised four children and made a significant contribution to the community with her volunteer work.

All of them point to their time at Brandon University as a meaningful start to their later success.

"It's a huge part of our lives and a huge part of the community," Bill Myers said. "I don't think people, generally speaking, realize what a gem it is to have here. Not only the opportunity of going to university in your hometown or home area, it's relatively small so you're not lost."

Westcott agrees.

"I think it was a great stepping stone into business," Westcott said. "You learn a little bit of confidence, you learn how to cope and be

an independent learner. In a way it helped shape my career in publishing, and it's been a great career."

Hillman was the first on campus, leaving Strathclair in 1961.

"It was close to home," Hillman said. "I had never really been away from home and it seemed like a logical progression."

He took science courses, finding his passion in geography under his mentor, John Langton Tyman, who established the department in 1962. Hillman also played football with the Caps, who played at the former Kinsmen Stadium.

"I was a football nut but eventually something had to give," Hillman said. "I couldn't do football as well as carry on with my hectic music schedule."

Hillman played in four bands, including one with classmate Barry Forman. They earned a daily gig performing during CXX-TV's noon show with future BU lecturer Larry Clark on drums.

"We were doing noon shows every day and it clashed with the geography class with John Tyman," Hillman said. "He gave me his notes and let me skip all the classes."

Hillman needed money, so he returned to Strathclair without a degree to teach high school, staying three years on permit.

After he married Sue-On, his wife of 52 years, Hillman resumed his education, earning an elementary teaching degree. He carried on to earn a Bachelor Science and Bachelor of Education degrees, as well as a Silver Medal in Geography in 1971.

He said he loved the educational dynamic at Brandon University.

"There were a lot of bull sessions," Hillman said. "Profs weren't afraid to speak out controversially ... You could speak your mind and have different topics. It was a great experience."

Hillman returned to Strathclair and taught for 30 years, but continued his studies and received his master's from BU in 1991.

He joined the faculty at BU in 2000, and after a decade there in which he battled cancer and CIDP, a nervous system disorder, Hillman retired at 65. He received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the BU Senate at Convocation in 2013.

The Hillmans have a couple of claims to fame. They co-owned

and operated Soo's restaurant in Brandon until 2002 and the couple also released 12 albums, first as Western Union and later under their names, touring across Canada and Europe.

In one of their England recording sessions they were joined by Alan Clark, who later earned a place in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as a member of Dire Straits, and the Hillmans were entertainers of the year in Manitoba in 1980.

Sue-On is also a BU graduate, with a Bachelor of Arts and a B.Ed., and taught English for Academic Purposes at the University. The couple has three children, China-Li, Robin, and Ja-On, all of whom attended Brandon University before going on to successful careers.

"The atmosphere is great and it's a nice, small, compact university compared to a lot of them, which are really sprawling," said Hillman.

They now travel the world, and Bill works on websites, with more than 15,000 pages online.



Bill Hillman

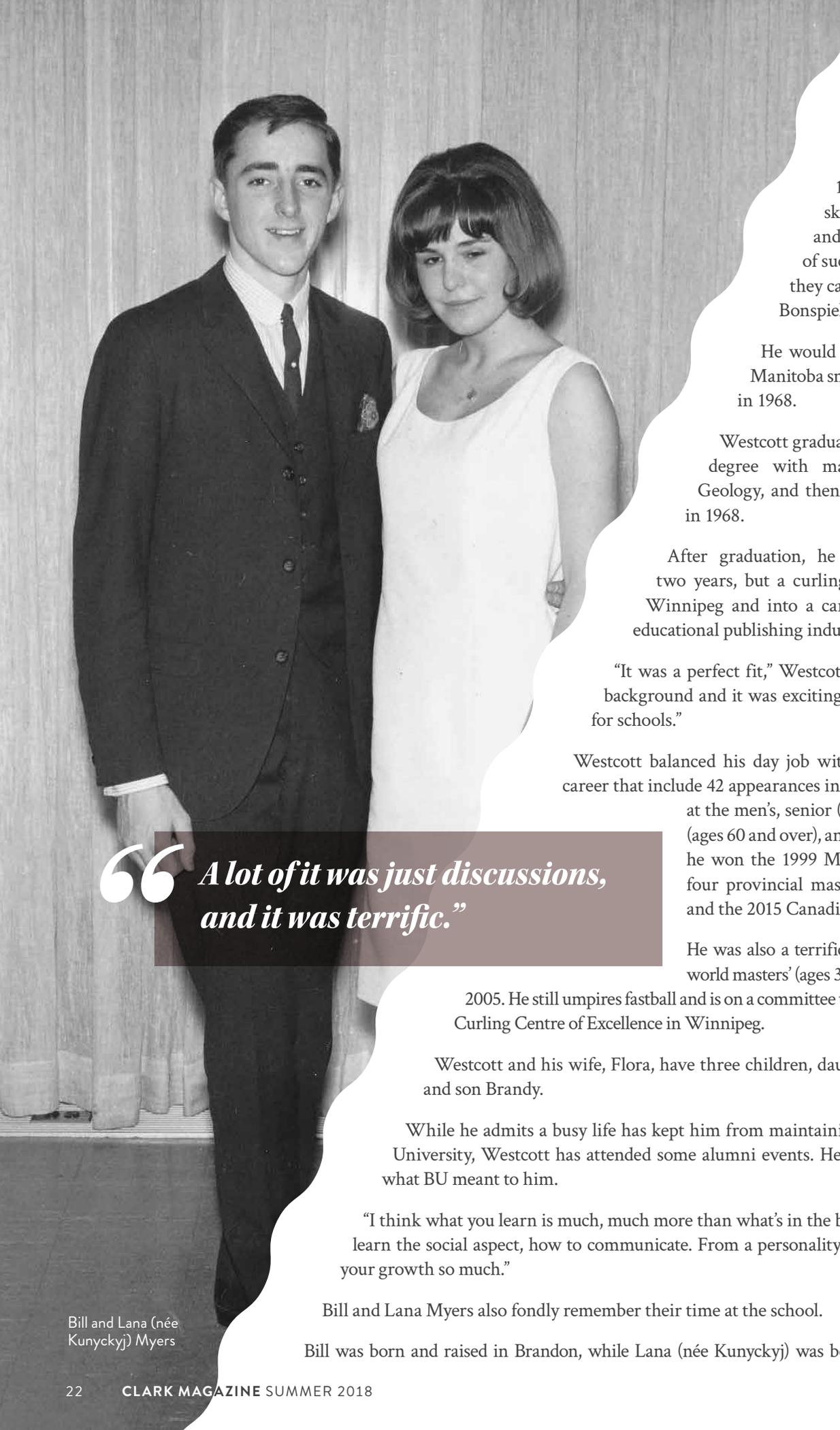
Westcott also remains busy, but in very different pursuits.

This year he coached his daughter and daughter-in-law for Team Canada at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts national women's curling championship in Penticton, B.C. His path in the roaring game also can be traced back to BU.

Westcott wasn't sure what to do after he graduated from high school, although his mother, Jemima, who lives in Brandon's Fairview Home and remains active at 107, encouraged him to continue his studies.

"Being a small-town boy, I was quite happy to stay in the area and go to Brandon College," Westcott said. "It's always a big adjustment. In high school ... the teachers kind of guide you through everything. They make sure your homework is done. At Brandon College, you realized 'Oh my God, I'm on my own.' The profs were there if you asked for extra help but it was a big learning experience."

*“It's a nice, small, compact university.”*



*“A lot of it was just discussions,  
and it was terrific.”*

Westcott's first real taste of curling glory came in 1965. He played third for skip Gary Lumbard's team, and, in an unprecedented bit of success for a university team, they captured the Brandon Men's Bonspiel.

He would later skip a BU team to a Manitoba small colleges championship in 1968.

Westcott graduated in 1967 with a Science degree with majors in Chemistry and Geology, and then took a year of Education in 1968.

After graduation, he taught in Neepawa for two years, but a curling opportunity led him to Winnipeg and into a career as a salesman in the educational publishing industry.

“It was a perfect fit,” Westcott said. “I had the teaching background and it was exciting to be providing solutions for schools.”

Westcott balanced his day job with an outstanding curling career that include 42 appearances in provincial championships at the men's, senior (ages 50 and over), masters (ages 60 and over), and mixed divisions. As skip, he won the 1999 Manitoba senior men's title, four provincial masters men's championships and the 2015 Canadian masters' crown.

He was also a terrific softball player, winning a world masters' (ages 35 and over) slo-pitch title in

2005. He still umpires fastball and is on a committee to establish an International Curling Centre of Excellence in Winnipeg.

Westcott and his wife, Flora, have three children, daughters Raunora and Shea, and son Brandy.

While he admits a busy life has kept him from maintaining a closer bond with the University, Westcott has attended some alumni events. He certainly hasn't forgotten what BU meant to him.

“I think what you learn is much, much more than what's in the books,” Westcott said. “You learn the social aspect, how to communicate. From a personality point of view it just helps your growth so much.”

Bill and Lana Myers also fondly remember their time at the school.

Bill was born and raised in Brandon, while Lana (née Kunyckyj) was born in Germany and, after

Bill and Lana (née Kunyckyj) Myers

stops in Australia and Ontario, relocated to Brandon as a teenager.

The Myers' both graduated in 1965 from Brandon Collegiate Institute and began dating that summer. Both would attend Brandon College that fall, but they had different goals in mind.

Bill did two years of pre-med studies before heading to the University of Manitoba to complete his medical degree. Lana graduated with her Bachelor of Arts in 1968 and would go on to complete an Education degree at the U of M after the pair moved to Winnipeg.

Both found Brandon College a fun place to be.

"It was a fabulous class," Lana said. "It was great. We had such a good time. I don't know how we ever got any marks."

She said there were lots of dances, and the Sigma Mu fraternity had many parties. After each formal event, there would be a "hail to the college," class yells and even faculty yells.

Bill was also an active athlete, playing two seasons with the football team as a six-foot, 155-pound tight end. and also playing basketball. There wasn't a formal football league, so the Caps would meet different squads in exhibition games.

He remembers playing a small American college team in their opponent's homecoming game.

"We underwhelmed them 72-0," Bill deadpans, noting the Caps had to stop at the hospital on their way out of town to pick up their starting and backup quarterbacks.

While Bill took mostly science classes, Lana concentrated on English and history classes.

She recalls taking a seminar-type History class with a dozen others.



Ron Westcott with Team Canada (left to right: Michelle Englot, Kate Cameron, Leslie Wilson, Raunora Westcott) at this year's Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Penticton, B.C.

"It was just fabulous because we just sat around a table and talked," she said. "(The professor) did some teaching but a lot of it was just discussions, and it was just terrific."

The school changed from Brandon College to Brandon University in 1967, and the Class of 1968 had the option of choosing which institution would grant their degree. Most, including Lana, chose Brandon University.

The Myers' returned to Brandon in 1978, and Bill worked as a surgeon for more than three decades. He retired from full-time surgery in 2011 and part-time work at the end of 2014. The couple has four children, Will, Christine, Peter and Melanie.

Lana would earn an Education degree from BU in 1991, with Will and Peter also finishing their schooling at BU.

"I have nothing but good things to say about Brandon University," Bill said.

That's apparent in their continued service.

Lana has volunteered with a wide range of local organizations and was involved with the BU Alumni Association for 17 years. She has also been a member of the Board of Governors and the Brandon University Foundation. Lana was named to the BU Order of Merit in 2009 and was the recipient of the BUAA Exceptional Service Award in 2014.

Bill has been a part of the BU Foundation board since 2011, and received the Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser award in 2014.

All four graduates found their way at Brandon University on different paths that led to separate success.

Westcott said he loves when he drives into Brandon that he sees the same brick facades on the Clark and Original buildings he first encountered in the 1960s. The tradition is important to him, even if it doesn't feel like he left 50 years ago.

"It just seems like yesterday that I was at Brandon University," Westcott said. "Time flies."



# Doorway *into* Yesteryear

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**“The past just won’t go away. It shows up in many places—street names, old letters, unpublished autobiographies, historical postcards, and formal historical writing. We know the past is important. It can be a source of inspiration and pride, regret and shame. It cannot be ignored. Unresolved historical trauma—personal or collective—troubles our present, demanding attention, resolution, and closure. Historical accomplishments, unfinished business ... individual lives, and collective struggles may serve as moral exemplars to those searching for a compass in the disorder of the present. So a history that embraces all human possibility and seeks a full and satisfying account of the past is fundamental to healthy societies.”**

– Tom Mitchell, University Archivist Emeritus

Documents, photographs, and the occasional artifact can all be found in Brandon University’s S.J. McKee Archives.

But while the tall, narrow stacks house material relevant to the University and its history, the McKee Archives are also home to records of import for the city of Brandon and much of southwestern Manitoba.

While many might think of an archives as a museum of sorts, that’s not an accurate interpretation.

“Archives, as institutions at least, exist to acquire, preserve, and make accessible records deemed to have enduring value,” said Brandon University Archivist Christy Henry. “The enduring value can be related to cultural or historical value, but it can also relate to accountability, or evidence, or social justice, or all kinds of things like that. So that’s basically what an archives, as an institution, exists to do.”

And in this day and age, when citizens around the world are demanding transparency and responsibility from their political leaders, it’s interesting to note it was that same expectation that led to the creation of archives in the first place.

“The modern archives date back to the French Revolution because the peasants, one of the things they wanted was access to government records to see what the government was doing with the money—accountability and stuff like that,” Henry said. “Archives, in some ways, are foundational to democracy. It makes things transparent—it allows you to see what’s happening.”



“Technology has increased access to the archives, but has also created extra demands on the profession.”

The S.J. McKee Archives, like Brandon University and Brandon College before it, has an intriguing history of its own.

It began in the mid-1970s, when journalist and local historian Fred McGuinness and Reg Forbes, Principal of the Agricultural Extension Centre in Brandon, convinced Pool Elevators to place their records at Brandon University and fund the creation of the Rural Resource Centre. When that entity became the BU Archives in the early 1980s, Eileen McFadden, the first professional librarian at Brandon College, became its first archivist. The archives was named after S.J. McKee in 1991 when his papers were donated to the institution.

Archivist Emeritus Tom Mitchell said that McKee, who had been teaching at Woodstock College in Ontario, came west when Prairie College was established in Rapid City as a Baptist seminary.

“Prairie College shut down, S.J. stayed, set up the Rapid City Academy, moved it to Brandon in 1891, and the Rapid City Academy — the McKee Academy — became Brandon College in 1899,” said Mitchell, who became University Archivist in 1996. “It was a big deal. So everyone who’s ever attended Brandon College and Brandon University owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to S.J. McKee.”

While things have certainly changed at the McKee Archives over its 35-year

history, one thing that remains the same is the struggle for adequate space and resources. Because the research component of archiving materials can be challenging and time-consuming there’s much more work than can be accomplished by a single archivist. And Henry is the only one in Brandon.

“The challenge in describing archival records is they are unlike books, which will come with a title and an author and a table of contents and maybe an index,” Henry said. “We will literally just be handed a box of negatives. So you have to figure out, what is it? What is the history of the negative?”

When collections, such as those of renowned Brandon photographer Lawrence Stuckey, are donated to the archives, that sets in motion a whole chain of events — applying for a grant in order to hire someone to process and catalogue each item. And that sort of work can take six or seven years.

“It can be overwhelming,” Henry said. “But at the same time, whenever a new collection comes in, we get excited. What is there? Who are we going to tell about it? And there’s a lot of satisfaction when people come into the archives and you’re able to help them find the thing that they’re looking for. I think at the root of it, we are passionate—we believe in the work. We believe that the work is necessary.”

Funding is always an issue, and Henry said there are fewer external resources available now than there were when she took over from Mitchell in 2011.

The National Archives Development Program was cut in 2012, and while it’s been revived to some extent, university archives are no longer eligible for its grants.

One might think the advent of more modern methodology helps streamline the archival process — and it does — but it also creates an entirely new workflow that takes additional time.

“Technology has both sort of hindered and sort of expanded the work,” Henry said. “It’s a good and a bad thing. Technology — digital records — a great deal more effort has to be put into preserving them. And we’re not just saying for five years or 10 years or even our life span. We’re talking hundreds of years.

“But what it does do is get the archives to more people, because we have a website. So technology has increased access to the archives, but has also created extra demands on the profession. Digitizing things doesn’t eliminate the archival work. It’s another step. So as labor-intensive as the work is, digitizing adds extra layers to it, so it actually takes longer.”

Consequently, maintaining the archives now requires even more money and extra storage.

“And that’s an issue,” Henry said. “Each archives generally has a collecting mandate.

Our mandate is quite large because we started as a community archives and then became the University archives as well.”

While technology has some advantages, Henry said paper materials are probably the easiest items to care for. But certain conditions are essential for their preservation, and those are features the McKee Archives doesn't have.

“We need a vault,” Mitchell said. “We've got no temperature and humidity control that are archival grade. So in terms of the progression of this place, that is pretty seminal.”

The good news is that the archives continues to grow as people donate materials, access records, and seek advice.

While space is an issue, both Henry and Mitchell enthusiastically encourage people, especially alumni, to keep contributing to the collection, and to extending the reach and ability of the archives to grow and improve.

Henry feels there's a misconception that archives are only interested in very old photos and writings, such as those from the Second World War and earlier. But more recent records are also worthy.

“Stuff from the '50s, the '60s, the '70s—people think, ‘Well, that's just stuff from my life so nobody's going to care about that,’” Henry said. “But those are archival material too.”

To that end, both she and Mitchell have purposely made themselves ultra-approachable and welcoming when people make inquiries.

“When somebody has the courage to pick up the phone and call the archives to say, ‘I've got this map,’ you have to be very receptive to people and appreciate their interest,” Mitchell said. “I'm really proud of the record of the S.J. McKee Archives in developing a profile, which Christy's continuing to do, that invites people not

only to donate material but to come here for advice and research materials.”

Both Mitchell's and Henry's experience and long-time connections to the community are invaluable when it comes to doing what they do so well.

“Being an archivist is kind of a life sentence in the sense that there are two kinds of control that an archivist has in a place like this,” Mitchell said. “Administrative control, so you've got a number on everything and you know where it is. But the other part is intellectual control. You need to know the content of the records, and that takes a very long time. So you cannot have archivists coming and going in archival institutions because they have no institutional memory.”

“It helps me a great deal, I think, that I'm from this community,” Henry said. “I'm a BU grad. I wasn't born here but I was raised here from the age of two. My great-grandfather was on the board of Brandon College. So I'm connected to the place, which I think helps. Not just in recognizing things but in being passionate about the history of the community.”

While the archives is essentially about collecting, preserving and filing information, Mitchell said verbal exchanges and the interactions between people are the most important part.

“What we've got is basically a kind of terrain for us to talk about the past with people, and help them get where they want, whether it's trying to find a dead relative, or trying to figure out what a photograph is about,” Mitchell said.

Records and artifacts from decades ago have a sort of “mystique” about them, Mitchell said. And they serve to connect the past with the present—and the future.

“What this place is is a big site of memory about things that are salient and important in the culture,” Mitchell said. “That's what an archives is about. We're a doorway into the past. We have sites of memory that people can come and explore. And the more you think about that, the more you appreciate how important that is.”

To contact the S.J. McKee Archives, email [HenryC@BrandonU.ca](mailto:HenryC@BrandonU.ca) or call 204-727-9634.





# COURTING SUCCESS

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## LINDA FORSYTH'S DEDICATION TO PERFECTING HER CRAFT ON THE BASKETBALL COURT SERVED HER WELL OVER A 30-YEAR TEACHING CAREER

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Story by Tyler Crayston

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Shown above – Linda (née Edwards) Forsyth, member of the Bobcat women's basketball team, 1979–82.

**P**RACTICE MAKES PERFECT. Linda Forsyth (née Edwards) did not coin the phrase, but she suggests taking that advice to the bank. She believes it whole-heartedly.

Training is a grind, but you have got to love it because if you do not love the training you are not going to stay in the game. You have got to love the grind.”

Forsyth made her first trip to Brandon in 1979 for the Canada Winter Games where she represented Ontario in basketball. Edwards and the team earned a silver medal after finishing runner-up to Quebec in the final.

“We got these beautiful winter coats from Ontario and I needed it because it was darn cold. I had no idea that I would end up in Brandon the next year.”

Former Bobcat coach Bill Moody and Athletic Director George Birger quickly went to work after the Canada Games to bring the best prospects back to BU. Forsyth, from Ottawa was at the top of their recruiting list.

“Coach Moody just made a cold call really. Let’s pull all of these players together and have a bit of an adventure.”

Quickly, she established herself as a top scorer and rebounder in the Great Plains Athletic Conference. She was named a league all-star

all three years she played, from 1979 to 1982. She was recognized as BU's Female Athlete of the Year, team MVP and earned the prestigious H. Stuart Perdue Award for sportsmanship over the course of her career.

In 1980-81, Forsyth and the Bobcats finished in second-place with a 12-and-4 record and narrowly missed a trip to nationals after a two-point loss to the Winnipeg Wesmen in the GPAC Final.

"Stepping up and competing is what I would like to be remembered for. We played a lot of two-point games against teams that went to nationals. We became very competitive overnight."

Forsyth earned her teaching certificate and an academic scholarship at BU. She used that to complete her master's degree at the University of British Columbia. She also played one season with the UBC Thunderbirds and finished second on the team in scoring.

She married fellow basketball star, Robert Forsyth, who is also a former Canada West all-star and Male Athlete of the Year at UBC.

The Forsyth family has three daughters, Genevieve, Louise and Isabelle. Louise is playing NCAA Division 1 basketball with the Gonzaga Bulldogs. Before that, she was named B.C.'s top high school player in 2016-17 and spent two summers with the Canadian national team.

A return trip to Brandon was nearly booked when Isabelle qualified for the Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships last summer. At the same time, Isabelle was among the top-30 prospects in North America invited to an evaluation camp in Washington, D.C. and the Forsyths chose to attend that event instead.

Regardless of the sport, Forsyth has encouraged her daughters to succeed with a familiar old adage.

"Every practice is more important than any game. Whatever you practice in a team setting you have to practice on your own. The girls have done that in preparation for their success, so there is a work ethic there and that is really important. Also, make sure you are grateful to the coach; develop a relationship with your coach based on mutual value and respect. Let them see your work ethic and every coach will respect that."

Forsyth recently retired after a 30-year teaching career. She started in North Vancouver and later Calgary and Yellowknife before returning to the west coast. She taught in Victoria and then Vancouver for the final 13 years of her career.

"Have passion for what you are doing and show your passion in that moment. That is what carried me through all of those years."



## Filmmaker's look at powerhouse Bobcat basketball team available for purchase

AT THE TAIL END OF THE 1980s, the Brandon University Bobcats men's basketball team was dominant, winning the national title three years in a row.

Craig Cesmystruk, a Web Content Editor at BU, looks back at their legacy in *Powerhouse on the Prairies*, a documentary done in cooperation with BellMTS TV that combines thrilling game footage with interviews with key Bobcat figures.

*Powerhouse on the Prairies* is available for order on DVD or Blu-ray at [PrairiePowerhouse.ca](http://PrairiePowerhouse.ca). A portion of sales will be directed to the Jerry and Marnie Hemmings Award. The documentary will also be screened at the Evans Theatre on Thursday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m., and Friday, Oct. 12 at 4 p.m., during BU's Homecoming 2018 celebration.

## Wall of Fame inductees announced

THE DICK AND VERDA McDONALD Sports Wall of Fame at Brandon University will welcome nine new individuals and two teams during Homecoming 2018.

Joining the fall in the Athlete category will be six basketball players: Courtney Bailey (1983-88), Lynda Kidd Chorley (1964-66), Earnest Bell (1999-2001), Linda Edwards Forsyth (1979-82), Euan Roberts (1991-96) and Marie Rohleder (1983-87, 1988-89). Bob Caldwell (hockey, 1973-75), Bruce Gullett (hockey, football, 1961-65) and Brian Pallister (basketball, 1974-76, 1979-80) will be honoured in the Community Leader category, while the Bobcat men's basketball team of 1979-80 and the BU women's basketball squad of 1980-81 will also be enshrined. The induction ceremony will take place on Saturday, Oct. 13.

# DISCOVERY

## New Canada Research Chair studies rural mental health

AREAS THAT DON'T HAVE ACCESS to adequate mental health care will be receiving greater attention from researchers at Brandon University following the appointment of BU professor Dr. Rachel Herron as a Canada Research Chair (CRC).

Herron has been named the Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Rural and Remote Mental Health, a five-year appointment that is accompanied by \$500,000 in funding from the national CRC program. Herron's research will be used to develop supportive environments for mental health in rural and remote Canada, as well as internationally.

"People living in rural places face a lot of challenges getting the care they need," Herron said. "Research on rural mental health has tended to focus on what is missing: health professionals, specialized health services, public transportation systems, education about mental health issues, and support for family caregivers. We need to work with rural communities to build on what they have and create better places for mental health." Herron is an Assistant Professor in BU's Department of Geography. Her interest in rural health and well-being stems from her experience growing up on a farm in Midwestern Ontario. Her previous projects have focused on the needs of people living with dementia, and their caregivers, in rural Ontario and Manitoba.



Dr. Rachel Herron

Herron's work through the CRC program will focus on caregiving, social inclusion and engagement, as well as the diversity of lived experiences, and how they impact mental health and wellness.

Herron has also received funding for the development of a Rural and Remote Mental Health Laboratory at BU. The Canada Foundation for Innovation will support the lab with \$35,725 through the John R. Evans Leaders

Fund, while Research Manitoba will match that amount. In addition to the insight gained through research, the new lab will offer training and employment opportunities for the next generation of rural and remote mental health researchers.

"Here in Western Manitoba we can truly appreciate the value of Dr. Herron's research," said Dr. Heather Duncan, BU's Associate Vice-President (Research). "Many of us know people in rural areas, or live in small communities ourselves, and we can see the gap in services available compared to larger centres. This research is going to significantly benefit many people in these areas, allowing them to live healthier and more fulfilling lives."

## Rural Development Institute helping to attract soybean processing facility to Westman

THE CITY OF BRANDON is working with the Rural Development Institute at Brandon University to conduct two research projects: a Soybean Industry Supply Chain Assessment and a Regional Assessment of Community Information. Both will advance the efforts of the Westman Opportunities Leadership Group (WOLG) to attract a world-class soybean processing facility to Manitoba.

The Soybean Industry Supply Chain Assessment will compare the competitive advantages and disadvantages of locating a processing facility in either Manitoba, Saskatchewan, or North Dakota. It will also describe the current soybean supply chain in Manitoba and the potential

market for a full line of products that would be generated by a soybean processing facility in the region.



The second RDI project, the Regional Assessment of Community Information, has delivered an Investment Readiness Community Assessment Tool to five Westman communities: Brandon, Carberry, Neepawa, Russell, and Virden. Economic development officers will complete reports based on this tool.

Funding for these RDI projects is provided by the Government of Canada's Invest Canada – Community Initiatives (ICCI) program and the Westman Opportunities Leadership Group.

## Professors celebrate \$2.5 million grant funding multi-university project on Indigenous education

**B**RANDON UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS ARE part of a major collaborative research project on sustainable post-secondary education for Indigenous communities in remote locations.

The project, “Mino Bimaadiziwin: Reconciliation in Action,” teams BU researchers Dr. Patricia Harms, Dr. Serena Petrella and Dr. Wilder Robles with partners from across the province, and was recently awarded a prestigious Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Partnership Grant in the amount of \$2.5 million.

This research project closely follows the call to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, to “ensure that Aboriginal peoples have equitable access to jobs, training, and education opportunities in the corporate sector, and that Aboriginal communities gain long-term sustainable benefits from economic development projects” and also aligns with BU’s commitment to First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities. It will bring post-secondary education into communities that lack programming due to their remote location.

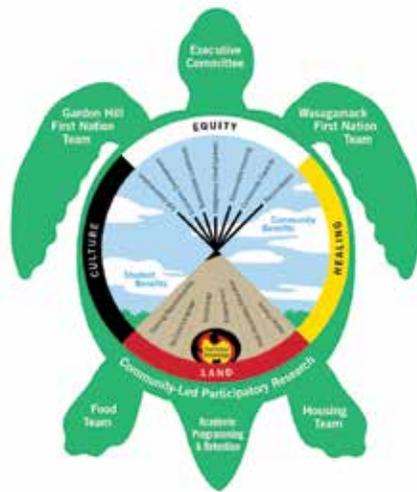
First Nations students participating in the project will be able to attend entry-level certificate programs on sustainable housing design, Indigenous food systems and adult education in their communities. Rather than learn entirely from a classroom, students will directly address the systemic problems in their communities through supported projects-based learning, building 12 sustainable houses in Island Lake, Manitoba, over the six years, and introducing food security programs to alleviate the problem of unreliable food access in the region.

For more information on the research project, see [EcoHealthCircle.com](http://EcoHealthCircle.com).

### Research Connection hits milestone 50th edition

A Brandon University publication that highlights ongoing research in an accessible and easy-to-read way now has more than 50 editions available.

Each *Research Connection* is a two-page synopsis of research that highlights the purpose of the research, how it



is being conducted, the findings so far, and why it is important. Many showcase immediate applications for the findings, or propose intriguing questions for followup research.

All editions are available online at [BrandonU.ca/Research-Connection](http://BrandonU.ca/Research-Connection).



Dr. David Greenwood

### Greenwood’s research links palm trees’ progression north with climate change

A RESEARCH PROJECT conceived by a Brandon University professor on the northward spread of palms has been featured in the prestigious science journal *Scientific Reports* and on Columbia University’s Lamont Earth Institute State of the Planet blog.

Dr. David Greenwood of BU’s Department of Biology co-authored the paper with project leader Dr. Tammo Reichgelt of New-York based Columbia University and Greenwood’s PhD student, Christopher West, of the University of Saskatchewan.

Found primarily in the tropics, palm trees can only become established in climates that don’t freeze. This sensitivity makes palm trees indicators of changing climates both in the remote past and the present day, where their progression north is made possible by increasing temperatures.

The full research paper is open access and can be read at the [Nature.com](http://Nature.com) website.

Greenwood and West’s research is supported by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, through a Discovery Grant to Greenwood, and a scholarship to West.

# SUPPORT

## Celebrating 50 Years

**F**OUNDED AS BRANDON COLLEGE in 1899, Brandon University received its charter as a university in 1967, and is spending the 2017-18 year celebrating this 50-year milestone. To mark the occasion, the 50<sup>th</sup> Fund is offering donors an opportunity to give to any of the University's faculties (Arts, Education, Health Studies and Science) or the School of Music. To date \$41,703 has been raised.



A number of donors have also contributed to the new Brandon College Heritage Fund. Spearheaded by George '62 and Patricia '63, '64 Hickling, this fund will support the preservation of the history and archives of the College. Thanks to their generous gift, and contributions from fellow alumni, this fund is already well established with a balance of more than \$13,000.

### Student awards commemorate Classes of '65 and '67

Alumni Mitch and Anne Taylor, Russell Lusk, Treva and Laurie Ricou, and Don Sherritt have spearheaded an initiative to establish the Class of '65 Scholarship-Bursary. Joined by a number of fellow alumni, the Class of '65 has to date contributed nearly \$50,000 in support of this endowed fund. Approximately \$2,200 will be awarded annually to entering students who have the academic requirements to study at BU, but perhaps not the financial means to do so.

Jim and Karen Doak and Gary and Angela Brawn have made an appeal to fellow members of the Class of '67 to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Brandon College's last graduating class by contributing to a bursary. The Class of '67 Bursary will be given to students with financial need.

### Anonymous Donors Provide Generous Birthday Gift to BU

**ONE COUPLE HAS FOUND** a fitting, and very generous, way to recognize Brandon University's 50<sup>th</sup> year.

The couple has gifted shares to the University valued at approximately \$50,000. Written on their Annual Fund donation form was, "Happy Birthday BU!"

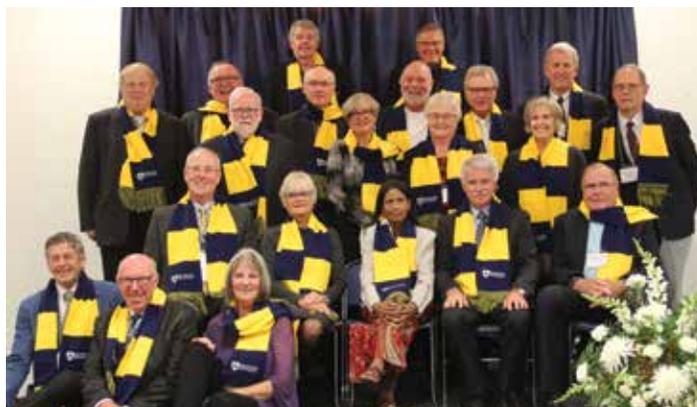
"Brandon University is a high-quality jewel, a treasure," said one of the donors, who wish to remain anonymous. "I wanted to honour the quality of the people at BU—the staff and faculty, as well as the students. The students are extraordinary!"

The donors have asked that \$15,000 be used to establish an endowment that will support student needs in the School of Music. The endowment will fund initiatives such as student travel, instrument repair and maintenance, practice studios and more. The remaining \$35,000 will be used to create an endowment fund to support travel opportunities and experiences for students in all disciplines across BU.

The donation is one of two significant gifts made to the University specifically in honour of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Members of the BU President's Administrative Council also pledged a total of \$50,000 in response to the BU50 staff and faculty fundraising appeal.



Members of the Class of '65 at Homecoming 2015



Members of the Class of '67 at Homecoming 2017



BU Football, circa 1970

## Kickoff held for new Football Legacy Scholarship

DURING LAST YEAR'S HOMECOMING 2017 celebrations, former players gathered for the Brandon University Bobcats/Brandon College Caps Football Reunion. Many of them contributed to the new Brandon College Caps–Brandon University Bobcats Football Legacy Scholarship. This award will be given annually to a student-athlete in good academic standing who is a returning player on a Bobcat team. The recipient must be active in the community and demonstrate strong leadership skills as a member of his/her respective team.

## New piano will 'celebrate Liz'

A BRAND-NEW GRAND PIANO for the Brandon University School of Music will provide quality music for students, faculty and the community for decades to come, and will permanently recognize the legacy of Dr. Elizabeth Grant at BU.

In 1981 Grant founded the Brandon Conservatory Chorale as a project for her Master of Music degree. Since then, it has grown from just 14 members to peak at well over 100 choristers, and has been subdivided into various youth choirs, with singers ranging in age from 5-18, both male and female. The Chorale has also added an adult choir, Bel Canto, in the past five years.

For generations of students, Grant has been known fondly as Liz. Now, 'Liz' is also the name that will be bestowed on the new piano, a Steinway & Sons Model B semi-concert grand. The new piano will be installed in the R. D. Bell Hall, Grant's home as chorale director.

Grant's daughter, Deborah Grant, along with husband, Srdjan Tanjga, and children Marko, Luka and Nikola have announced a generous commitment to anchor fundraising



Dr. Elizabeth Grant

for the piano, partially matched by Deborah's employer. The BU School of Music and the Brandon Conservatory Chorale have launched a campaign to raise the rest of the piano's cost through the sponsorship of individual keys at \$900 apiece. Donors who buy a key will be recognized in the choral hall.

For learn more or to contribute to one of the remaining keys, contact the BU Office of Advancement at 204-727-7374 or 1-877-282-4483. Donations may also be made online at BrandonU.ca/Give, by mail or in person to "Brandon University Foundation", 270-18th Street, Brandon, MB R7A 6A9. All donations are tax-deductible.



George and Mary Gooden

## Bequest will support George and Mary Gooden Gallery of Art

FOR MORE THAN 47 YEARS, George and Mary Gooden contributed to the betterment of Brandon University. George provided leadership to the Foundation until he was 89 years of age and served as President of the Alumni Association and Chair of the Board of Governors. With Mary's support, George actively served on every BU Campaign Cabinet, assisting in raising funds to promote the advancement of higher education at BU.

Both George and Mary were associates of Brandon College, 1942. George later returned to earn his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1964, and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in 1993.

Prior to their passings (George in 2011 and Mary in 2017), they established a bequest to fund an endowment in support of the George and Mary Gooden Gallery of Art. This fund will be instrumental in helping offset the costs of art shows and general upkeep of the gallery.

# DONATIONS

Thank you to the following alumni who supported Brandon University in 2017. Many of these donors gave through the Annual Fund appeal, which raised more than \$228,000. These gifts help us fulfill our academic mission: To be a leading, engaged, and innovative university.

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