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A photograph of two students, a young man on the left and a young woman on the right, holding a large Ukrainian flag. They are standing in front of a large, multi-story university building with many windows and a central entrance. The flag is blue and yellow, with the text 'standing with Ukraine' overlaid in white. The young man is wearing a black t-shirt with a circular logo and blue pants. The young woman is wearing a black t-shirt and white pants. The background shows a well-maintained lawn and some trees.

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Artist Kailin Grill's work, inspired by the new "Healing Together" Reconciliation sculpture on campus, was presented as a gift to all graduates at Brandon University's Convocation ceremonies this year. Like the sculpture, Grill's art highlights the process of Reconciliation and repairing broken ties. Grill is a student of "Healing Together" sculptor Kevin McKenzie in BU's IshKaabatens Waasa Gaa Inaabateg Department of Visual Art.



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What we are, and what we can be

As some of you know by now, I have had the honour of being appointed to a second term as President and Vice-Chancellor of Brandon University. At the time of the announcement I declared that I have the greatest job in the world, and I'm grateful to have the opportunity to continue in this position for another five years.

My first term has included tremendously satisfying University accomplishments, including the introduction of Indigenous content to all BU degree programs, improvements that make our campus a more welcoming place to study, work and reflect, and the attainment of funding for McMaster Hall upgrades and architectural drawings for Brodie Science Centre renovations. One of the most significant developments was the creation of *Mamaawii-atooshke aakihkiwiin*, our Strategic Plan, which will guide our efforts for years to come. My term also included notable challenges, including financial constraints and the society-altering effects of COVID-19. This should also be viewed as an accomplishment for our entire BU community, based on the team effort that was required to successfully navigate a global pandemic.

These occasions give us reason to evaluate what we are, how we do things, and our strengths and weaknesses. They prompt us to look forward and envision the kind of institution we would like to be.

This issue of *Clark* magazine is filled with fascinating profiles of BU people, illustrating examples of what we are, and what we can be. The story of brave Ukrainian students, who were forced from their homes by war before finding their way to Brandon, shows how Canada can provide security and a bright future to newcomers, as well as how BU cultivates opportunity and hope.

Hockey is a sport that generates great excitement in our country. At its best, it is a source of national pride, but we've also become aware of how it is not immune to society's darker impulses. You'll read about two members of the BU community — one alumnus, and one faculty member — who are making efforts to show the way to a more respectful and inclusive future for the sport.

Ed Bach is a fine educator in our School of Music. We're happy to share the inspiring story of how, through his own perseverance and the wonders of modern medicine, he is recovering from the devastating effects of a tumour removal to return to peak musical form.

Our approaching 125th anniversary in 2024-25 also has me thinking about what BU has meant to our community and what we can contribute in the coming years. As Canada's finest regional university, BU is pivotal to the success of our city and western Manitoba. We are a centre for knowledge, culture and community, as well as a major driver of the economy. I believe we can do even more, both in terms of our local impact and how we can spread our reach nationally and internationally, through our outstanding research, scholarship and the brilliant alumni who proudly call BU their alma mater.

I hope you will join me in reflecting on our accomplishments at BU, and helping us set a direction that will keep us growing, vibrant and vital for the next 125 years.

DR. DAVID DOCHERTY
President of Brandon University



CONVOCATION 2023

Building off the success of an expanded Convocation celebration last year, this spring's festivities honoured Brandon University's Class of 2023 with four moving ceremonies spread across two days. A total of 559 graduates were recognized for their academic achievements in front of their families, friends and peers at the Healthy Living Centre.

A new addition to this year's Convocation was the inclusion of the Migizii mikit, or sacred Eagle Staff, which was hand made for BU to add an Indigenous element to important ceremonial occasions and celebrations.





SENATE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

Megumi Masaki

Megumi Masaki is a pianist, multimedia artist, educator and curator. For over 30 years, she has established an international reputation as a leading interpreter of Canadian and new music. As a Japanese-Canadian artist, her work is connected deeply to building community, acting on Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action, and how human rights and environmental issues can be communicated through music and multimedia performances.

Megumi's collaborations with composers, visual artists, writers, choreographers and scientists have resulted in the creation of 74 original works, and she has premiered over 180 works worldwide. Megumi is a Professor at BU's School of Music and director of the New Music Ensemble and New Music Festival. Megumi is also on faculty at the Banff Centre, Chetham's International Summer School UK, Musiktage am Rhein Germany, and the Casalmaggiore International Music Festival Italy. Megumi is committed to an inclusive Canadian music community.

Megumi has been appointed as a Member of the Order of Manitoba and as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.



SENATE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Dr. Nicholas Watier

Dr. Nicholas Watier is an experimental psychologist with expertise in quantitative methods and visual perception. He obtained his PhD in Psychology from the University of Ottawa in 2012. He is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at Brandon University, where he has taught courses in statistics, perception, and the history of psychology since 2014.

His commitment to teaching merited an appointment as a Teaching Affiliate with the Centre for Teaching, Learning, and Technology, and in 2017, his students successfully nominated him for the Brandon University Alumni Association's Excellence in Teaching Award.

He attributes his accomplishments as an educator to the exemplary professors that inspired him when he was a student. They instilled a conviction that knowledge is created, not transmitted. His teaching philosophy places a high value on personal discovery, as he believes that his role as an educator is not to simply transmit his expertise, but to provide students with the opportunity to develop their own insights.



BRANDON UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Dr. Shelley Kokorudz

Dr. Shelley Kokorudz is an Associate Professor in the Department of Educational Psychology & Student Services in the Faculty of Education. She has been an educator since graduating with her Bachelor of Education degree in 1985.

Prior to her employment at Brandon University, which began 10 years ago, Shelley received her master's degree from BU and was a teacher in the K-12 school system, teaching all grades from 2 to 12. She was also a principal and now shares her experiences with pre-service teachers. She completed her PhD in 2020 and is developing a research agenda around nature-based approaches to teaching and learning.

Shelley is a strong advocate for inclusion of all learners. She is very involved with BU's

PENT program, focusing on the education of Indigenous pre-service teachers.

Her passion reflects her desire to see all students be excited about learning by focusing on the abilities and interests of all learners. This excitement begins with compassionate, confident teachers who believe in children and work to inspire them through their commitment to excellence. Shelley remains faithful to the development of 'teacher heroes' who teach outside ordinary boxes because there is no such thing as an 'ordinary' child.

When she is not teaching, Shelley enjoys spending time with her family, playing her violin and riding her horses.

VALEDICTORIANS

**ARTS — Janice Dutchak**

I am graduating with a Bachelor of Arts four-year honours degree with a major in sociology, crime and community, and a double minor in political science and psychology. As an honours student, I had the opportunity to pursue my passion for learning by completing my honours thesis on the formation of

online deviant subcultures, and in another senior topics course I did a self-study examining sexual violence in the news media. I have been accepted by the Juris Doctor program at the University of Saskatchewan, and I look forward to making my dream of becoming a lawyer a reality.

**EDUCATION — Andrew Brereton-Waller**

I grew up in Virden, Man., and graduated high school from Virden Collegiate Institute way back in 2008. I received my Bachelor of Science here at Brandon University, majoring in mathematics. In my time here in the BU Faculty of Education I received the Manitoba Association of Mathematics Teachers

Scholarship in Education and have been a member of the President's Honour Society both years. In my free time I love getting outside for hikes with my wife and puppy or playing Magic the Gathering with my friends. As an educator, I look forward to sharing my passion for learning and mathematics.

**HEALTH STUDIES — Olufunke Sophia Adeleye**

I came to Brandon University in 2018 as an international student from Nigeria to pursue a Bachelor of Nursing degree, after being inspired by my father who was a Medical Doctor.

Whilst in the pre-nursing program, I discovered

another passion: advocacy through leadership. This passion led me to join the Brandon University Students' Union, first as the Health Studies Director, and later as the BUSU President. I held the role for three consecutive years whilst maintaining a GPA above 3.5.

**MUSIC — Azaria Neuschwander**

Graduating with a double major in vocal and piano performance and a minor in theatre, I have spent the last four and a half years making the most of my time at Brandon University. I was part of the Music Students' Council, took part in several theatrical productions, taught and played for

students at the school, took part in the Brandon Festival of the Arts, and often performed as a soloist.

Following this degree, I plan to travel to Germany and pursue a master's degree in vocal performance.

**SCIENCE — Kieran Taylor**

I am graduating with a B.Sc. (Honours). During my undergraduate studies I pursued a biology major and dual minor in chemistry and mathematics. During my studies, I received the NSERC USRA, an award which allowed me to do research at BU under the supervision of Dr. Cassone. This

research involved creating qPCR primer sets to diagnose numerous soy pathogens. This NSERC USRA gave me practical research skills, and it gave me the experience needed to do similar research with Dr. Madison in 2022. I plan to pursue a career in botany.



CAMPUS

Dr. Bernadette Ardelli fills new Vice President position

RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES will get new prominence at the highest levels of administration at BU, with the appointment of a new member of the senior leadership team.

Dr. Bernadette Ardelli has been appointed to the newly created role of Vice-President (Research and Graduate Studies), with her five-year term to begin on January 1, 2024. Dr. Ardelli has been at BU for 17 years and has proven to be an accomplished educator, researcher and administrator, most recently serving as Dean of the Faculty of Science.

The portfolios of research and graduate studies were previously separate roles that were secondary responsibilities



Dr. Bernadette Ardelli

for administrators. Bringing them together under a single new senior position will increase emphasis in both areas.

“We need to tell our stories. You’re so busy as a researcher that you don’t always have the time to promote yourself,” Dr. Ardelli said, adding she’d like to see support for endowed chairs beyond the Canada Research Chairs program. “I want to get the stories out there so they can be helpful

to people in the community. Once people see what we’re about, they can see the value of investing in BU researchers.”



Chris Lagimodiere appointed as AVP for Indigenous Initiatives

A FAMILIAR FACE who has built close relationships across campus and throughout our region will elevate Indigenous initiatives at Brandon University.

Chris Lagimodiere has assumed the newly created position of Associate Vice-President, Indigenous Initiatives. He oversees all major Indigenous initiatives at BU, as well as the work of the Director of the Indigenous Peoples’ Centre (IPC) and other supports in place to assist Indigenous students.



Chris Lagimodiere

Lagimodiere has been serving for the past two years as BU’s Indigenous Advisor to the President, and prior to that was Director of the Indigenous Peoples’ Centre.

Dr. Wayne Kelly leads Rural Development Institute

A FAMILIAR FACE HAS RETURNED to lead the Rural Development Institute (RDI) at Brandon University. Dr. Wayne Kelly has been named Interim Director of the research centre, which is a leading source of information on issues affecting rural communities in Western Canada and beyond.

Dr. Kelly has worked in innovative rural development research roles as research manager in private sector research and development and for 11 years as a project coordinator and researcher at RDI itself. In those roles, Dr. Kelly has extensive experience developing, leading, and coordinating rural and community development projects with teams of highly qualified personnel, community advisors and partners.



Dr. Wayne Kelly

“I’m very excited to lead RDI in the institute’s next phase at Brandon University; this is a critical time for rural areas, and we can continue to collect and share essential knowledge,” Dr. Kelly said. “I am keen to contribute to our understanding and support to rural communities, regions and people as they navigate the impacts and new realities of COVID-19, population change, digitalization and more.”

BU Foundation presents Apex Award to Gerald Butler



Gerald Butler is presented with the Apex Award by BU President Dr. David Docherty and then-Foundation President Dwight Conroy.

THE BRANDON UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION has recognized Gerald Butler as one of its most dedicated and generous supporters and has presented him with the prestigious Apex Award, the Foundation's highest honour.

"Our family mission is to help people to help themselves to a happy, healthy, abundant life, and we believe that education is a critical part of the solution," Butler said. "Today, in addition to my family and career, my proudest claim is to be a small piece of the beautiful mosaic of people who personify Brandon University."

Butler's lifelong connection to Brandon University and Brandon College was celebrated as part of the annual Foundation luncheon. The Apex Award recognizes meritorious service and outstanding leadership to the BU Foundation. Disbursements through the BU Foundation power initiatives such as research, facility and equipment upgrades, library resources, and last year, nearly \$2 million in scholarships and bursaries.

International geology conference coming to Brandon in 2024

A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL conference will take place in Brandon from May 19 to 22, 2024. Brandon University will host the annual meeting of the Geological Association of Canada and the Mineralogical Association of Canada in conjunction with the International Symposium on Granitic Pegmatites. Pegmatites are a type of crystal-containing igneous rock, including quartz, feldspar and mica.

Between 300 and 500 scientists from around the world, including the United States, Europe and China are expected at the conference, which will be held at BU for the first time.

Hosting the event provides a unique opportunity for BU students and a showcase for the university as



Geologists from around the world will visit Brandon in Spring 2024.

well as western Manitoba. Those interested in contributing to its success through sponsorship or a booth may contact chairs Dr. Paul Alexandre and Dr. Hamid Mumin at Brandon2024@BrandonU.ca.

Dramatic renos at BU's Winnipeg campus support psychiatric nursing expansion

BRIGHT, AIRY, AND WELL-LIT spaces, filled with high-tech equipment, will support an expanded class of psychiatric nursing students at BU's campus in Winnipeg.

In fact, 50 per cent more students than before are already using the space, thanks to renovations over the past year and new funding from the province.

"We have increased our intake to 60 students every year in the Winnipeg program," said BU Dean of Health Studies Linda Ross. "That of course required more space here."

The newly renovated space brings larger classrooms, modern facilities — including realistic mannequins and



BU President Dr. David Docherty speaks with Manitoba Minister Janice Morley-Lecomte at the unveiling of the newly renovated spaces.

electronic beds — additional office spaces, and dedicated student space to BU's Winnipeg campus, which is located in the Rice Centre building on Portage Avenue downtown.

BU receives Eagle Staff to help Indigenize ceremonies and celebrations

THE PRESENTATION OF A SACRED Eagle Staff, or migizii mitik, to Brandon University will help the university include a new Indigenous element in important ceremonial occasions and celebrations.

William Mousseau, an Anishanaabek artisan from Ebb and Flow First Nation, created the Eagle Staff out of natural elements with spiritual significance and symbolic value to the university as well as to Indigenous communities in the region.

“Everything is made by hand, even the letters,” said Mousseau, a former student in BU’s IshKaabatens Waasa Gaa Inaabateg Department of Visual Art. “It took a lot of long, hard, and careful work, and in the end so much that just fell into place.”

The staff is about five feet tall, with a curve at the top. While to some it may look like a shepherd’s crook, the design is a traditional Indigenous one, Mousseau said.



Wil Mousseau, Barb Blind, and Dr. David Docherty share a happy moment during the presentation of an Eagle Staff to Brandon University.

BU CARES research centre retunes name, retains mission



Dr. Michelle Lam

IT’S NOT TOO OFTEN that you can change a name and still stay the same. It’s even less often that what you stand for changes, while not changing at all. But that’s the reality for the BU CARES research centre at Brandon University.

Long known for its mission of advancing education-related research with rural and Indigenous communities, the research centre is retaining that focus while slightly changing its name to better reflect its current approach. Not changing is the CARES acronym, although the words that make it up have been slightly modified.

“The BU CARES name is so evocative of who we are and what we do, and it’s a name that means a lot to the many people we’ve worked with over the years,” said Dr. Michelle Lam, director of BU CARES. “It is a little bit funny that in one way, we’re changing what CARES stands for, literally, but in a deeper way, we wouldn’t dream of changing what we actually stand for.”

The new name now stands for Centre for Applied Research and Education in Indigenous, Rural, and Remote Settings. This replaces the previous acronym, which used outdated and less-applicable terminology.

BU Co-op achieves 100 per cent employment



BU Co-op Coordinator Cora Dupuis (left) receives a ‘100’ emoji certificate from BU President Dr. David Docherty in celebration of the program’s achievement of 100% employment for its students.

THE QUICKLY GROWING CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION program at Brandon University has achieved a new remarkable milestone: 100 per cent employment for summer 2023.

“All the students in the Co-op Program have landed relevant work opportunities that connect to their degree or their future career path,” said Cora Dupuis, the program’s Coordinator. “What started just a few short years ago with a handful of students and employers has grown into a movement that is making a difference. Employers are getting the talent they need, and 51 bright, capable students have found meaningful work to launch their careers.”

Lab aids breast cancer battle

A STATE-OF-THE-ART NEW LAB at Brandon University houses a research team working to save lives through early detection of breast cancer.

The BU Breast Cancer Cell & Molecular Research Laboratory (BCCMRL) is led by Dr. Mousumi Majumder, Canada Research Chair in Genotoxicology. Dr. Majumder and her team aim to develop a highly sensitive blood test capable of spotting breast cancer early in its development.

“Current treatments can save up to 98 per cent of women with breast cancer if the disease is detected early enough,” said Dr. Majumder. “Our goal is to develop tests that can catch breast cancer earlier and using less invasive methods than current diagnostic tests. In addition to the enormous benefits of spotting cancer earlier, this will also mean less discomfort and hardship for women who are at high risk of breast cancer.”



Dr. Mousumi Majumder leads a tour of her lab.

Majumder and her team are focusing on markers linked with breast cancer that can be spotted through a blood test. The BCCMRL will facilitate that work with 1,000 square feet of space, allowing up to 20 researchers and students to produce high-quality data and publish peer-reviewed scientific articles. The creation of the lab was made possible through the support of the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI), Research Manitoba and VWR International (Avantor).

National award for Kathleen Nichol



Photo: Lauren Gattie, CAUT

Kathleen Nichol, centre, is joined by fellow award recipient Chantal Dion of Carleton University and Canadian Association of University Teachers President Peter McInnis.

A RECENTLY RETIRED FACULTY member has been presented with a national award recognizing her efforts in promoting equity at Brandon University.

Kathleen Nichol, who retired as an Instructional Associate in 2022 after more than 40 years at BU, has received the Sarah Shorten Award from the Canadian Association of University Teachers. The award recognizes outstanding achievements in the advancement of women in Canadian universities and colleges. Nichol served as the first chair of BU's Status of Women Review Committee, from 1994 to 2017.

Lauded BU pianist named to Banff Centre

BRANDON UNIVERSITY IS PROUD of Megumi Masaki, who has been named Director of Music at the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity. Masaki will also continue as a music professor in the BU School of Music.

At the Banff Centre, Masaki will lead the vision and implementation of Music programming, developing and nurturing emerging artists alongside world-class faculty. She will guide and deepen music programming, meeting the needs of Canadian and international artists in the 21st century and increasing the profile and reach of our nationally and internationally renowned programs.



Megumi Masaki

“Megumi is at a particularly exciting point in her professional career. Being named the Director of Music at the Banff Centre, which has long been a pillar of the global arts scene, is yet further recognition of her singular talent,” said BU Dean of Music Greg Gatién.

Music programs at Banff Centre provide time and space for artists to push boundaries in honing their skills on the path to realizing their potential, as well as the opportunity to perform and record, while receiving inspiration and advice.

Road from Brazilian Indigenous village to seat of power runs through Brandon University

DR. LUIZ HENRIQUE ELOY TERENA HAS TAKEN A remarkable journey from his youth in a small Indigenous village in Brazil to a key position in the newly established Ministry of Indigenous Peoples in the capital of Brasilia.

It is a remarkable story with a strong Canadian connection. Working actively towards internationalization of its campus, Brandon University (BU), with financial support from Government of Canada's Emerging Leaders in the Americas Program (ELAP), has played an important role in Terena's life journey.

The first Indigenous lawyer to win an Indigenous land rights case in Brazil, Terena was recently named Executive Secretary — roughly the equivalent of a vice-minister — in the ministry, which was established in January to fulfil an election promise made by new Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva.

With two PhDs, in Social Anthropology as well as Law, Terena has impressive academic credentials. His education is particularly uncommon for someone from his background in Brazil, having grown up in the village of Ipegue, in the state of Mato Grosso do Sul. Along the way he made a relatively short, but meaningful, stop at Brandon University (BU). He spent six months at BU, in 2019 and 2020, through the Emerging Leaders in the Americas Program, as part of his dissertation for his doctorate in Social Anthropology at Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ).

"I can confidently say I wouldn't have grown and learned as much as I have these past three years without the support, guidance and mentorship I received during my ELAP internship at Brandon University," Terena said. "My doctoral research internship at BU was a highly rewarding personal experience that I will never forget. Brandon University was an ideal place for me to conduct my doctoral research due to the quality of its faculty and the friendly environment that it offers to international students."

While at BU, Terena was supervised by Dr. Wilder Robles, an Associate Professor in the Department of Rural Development. Robles has supervised nine ELAP students at BU, with students from Cuba, Paraguay, Peru, and Brazil visiting Brandon through the program. The program is meaningful for Robles, who grew up in Lima, Peru before leaving for the State University of Campinas (Unicamp), in São Paulo, Brazil at 19 years old.



Dr. Luiz Enrique Eloy Terena poses at the Human Rights and Alliance of Civilization Room at the United Nations Palace of Nations in Geneva.



Terena visited Brandon University for sixth months from 2019 to 2020 through Canada's Emerging Leaders of the Americas Program.

"The cross-cultural experience students gain is very rich, highly rewarding," said Dr. Robles, who first met Terena in 2011 while visiting Brazil with a group of University of Manitoba students.

Robles and Terena lost contact until 2018, when a colleague recommended an Indigenous Brazilian student who was collecting data for his PhD as an ELAP candidate. Shocked to learn it was the same young man he had met years earlier, Robles reached out to Terena and was happy to submit a proposal to the Department of Rural Development, which sponsors the program at BU. The proposal was successful, and Terena and another Brazilian student, Laisa Hosoya, arrived in Brandon in Fall 2019. Hosoya is currently pursuing a doctoral degree at University of Windsor, Ontario.

standing with Ukraine

**BU welcomes
students
displaced
by war**



Story by Jillian Austin



When Mariia Lytvynenko left her home in Donetsk, Ukraine at the age of 12, she had no idea she would not be going back.

The young girl moved to the eastern European country of Georgia with her parents after the conflict with Russia began in 2014. After a few years, she moved on her own to Poland where she completed her high school education at a boarding school in Warsaw.

Now 19 years old, Lytvynenko has made her way to Canada with her mother where she is a proud student at Brandon University.

“I’m really glad that I’m here, I’m really grateful that I am accepted here, and I’m grateful that I have this opportunity.”

Lytvynenko was able to come to BU through the Canada-Ukraine emergency travel (CUAET) visa program. She was one of three students to arrive at BU during the 2022/23 academic year under the CUAET program, which qualified students for a streamlined admission pathway and financial support, enabled in large part by the generosity of donors.

“People are nice, and I like that people accept foreigners easily. Very welcoming,” she said.

While grateful to be in Canada, Lytvynenko often thinks of the people back home, including her father and grandparents. She hasn’t seen them in about seven years.

“*When I see the people can live a normal, quiet life here and I compare it to what they have there, I’m really sorry about that.*”

“I feel really sorry that people are still there, because it’s really hard there sometimes. They don’t have water for days, they don’t have light, basic utilities, basic needs,” she said. “It’s really hard there when it comes to money and it’s really dangerous. Out of all emotions, I feel sorry for them. When I see the people can live a normal, quiet life here and I compare it to what they have there, I’m really sorry about that.”

Thinking back to when she was leaving Ukraine, she said, “I thought I would be back ... now I understand that I’m never going to be back to live there.”



Mariia Lytvynenko

Lytvynenko is determined to do well in university and live a good life in Canada. With one semester completed, she is thriving, receiving an A-plus in four of five courses. The fifth course was English literature and she received an A-minus – quite an accomplishment, considering English is not her first language.

“I’ve always liked school. Out of all four countries I like (Canada’s) system the most because it gives you a lot of freedom,” she said. “You have choice, you can take different courses and you can switch your majors if you like, and I really like the classes are small so there’s not too many people, and if you have a question the professors can always answer.”

Lytvynenko arrived in Brandon in September 2022, but wasn’t able to begin at BU until January 2023. She got a part-time job and is studying Business Administration. She is considering focusing on accounting after really enjoying the subject.

Lytvynenko said the Brandon community has been very accommodating, and she was pleased to discover there is a large Ukrainian community here. She has enjoyed attending local festivals which celebrate Ukrainian culture.

“I left Ukraine when I was 12 and I got to know different cultures, like Georgian culture, and then Polish culture and now I’m here, so for me it was like recalling my childhood memories,” she said. “I went to a festival ... and when I came back home I told my mom it was something from my childhood memories because it was the way it used to be when I was in Ukraine — even the way people talked, or even the way people organized, all really reminded me of what I had back at home.”

She is adjusting to the small-city life of Brandon, after living in major cities like Warsaw and Donetsk. She called the winter months “pretty brutal” but is loving the warmer weather.

She said she enjoys going for walks and observing what life is like for Brandonites.

“Just walking down the street, I had a thought that people have a really good, comfortable life here,” she said. “Because in our country to have the house like that, it’s only five or maybe 10 per cent, but here it’s a regular small city and people live like that.”

While at times she misses some European ways of life, she said she is so appreciative of the way of life here.

“People can live a really good life here even if they don’t make a lot of money. The quality of life is way better.”

Meanwhile, another university student in Brandon on the Canada-Ukraine emergency travel visa is Andrii Kriukov. He is studying psychology and has completed two semesters.

“To me it means that I have an opportunity to hopefully stay here, get a good education, and also the education system here is way better than in Ukraine, because I can choose my courses,” he said.

He said back home students are unable to switch majors or use credits toward another degree if they change their mind.

"It's a very good opportunity, very good education here," he said. "I can stay here, I can get a job, and that's what I like. I really appreciate the opportunity given to me."

At BU, Kriukov said he appreciates the efforts of the professors.

"They do a lot of interesting in-class activities and they encourage learning, instead of just learning by memorizing."

Kriukov is 19 years old and was about 11 when he left home in Zaporizhzhia when the conflict with Russia started.

"It was pretty bad, and we lived pretty close to the conflict as well, in the eastern part of the country, so we didn't want to stay there in case anything escalated," he said. "So we just left and we temporarily settled in Turkey."

The opportunity to come to BU couldn't have come at a better time, as they were unable to continue living in Turkey.

"We would have had to go somewhere, probably back to Ukraine, so that was very helpful to us. A very good moment for Brandon University to reach out and help."

Kriukov said he has always wanted to come to Canada and was thrilled to have the opportunity. His mother was able to come with him, and she is living in Winnipeg. His father is fighting in the war, while many other friends and relatives remain in Ukraine.

"My grandma actually lives in the part that's occupied by Russia now, close to the war zone, so she hears a lot of bombing, almost every day," he said "Basically, the whole of Ukraine hears rockets and explosions every single day. The whole country. That's norm to them."

He spoke about a friend who used to live in a massive Soviet apartment block. It was hit by a Russian rocket, and they were just on the edge of the deadly zone. His friend survived, but, tragically, the neighbours in the next apartment did not.

"He sent me some photos.

The door that led to their kitchen now led to a huge hole a couple stories down, his bedroom had cracks in the walls, you could see light through all of the walls," he said. "All of the rooms were completely covered in rubble, he had to dig out his dog from rubble to save it. His mom is now disabled because of it."

He spoke about another friend who was able to escape as a refugee. Only women and children under 18 are allowed out, as the men are required to fight in the war.



Andrii Kriukov

"They had to pay some people, literally go to the border at night, in a sketchy place and dig under the fence and climb under the fence, and go to Moldova," he said. "He's now in Poland, thankfully, he's safe."

Kriukov is settling in well at BU and is still adjusting to his new home in Brandon.

The opportunity to come to BU couldn't have come at a better time...

Compared to what he was used to in Ukraine and Turkey, he said Manitoba is different in the way its settlements are structured.

"It's essentially a big highway with a bunch of suburbs," he said. As Brandon is a smaller city, he is happy to be able to get around on his bicycle very easily.

The weather has been a bit of an adjustment, too. Kriukov said he was used to hot summers, but winter, "that's a different topic."

"We do get minus 20 winters over there sometimes, so it is pretty cold, but I don't think we've had minus 40, at least I don't remember it. Thankfully, I am very good with cold so it really didn't bother me, I just put on a t-shirt and a hoodie, and I am good."

When he looks to the future, Kriukov said he sees himself completing his undergraduate education in Brandon, and possibly moving on to a different city or province for a master's degree. He would like to pursue a career in psychology.

"I like it here. Overall, I would say Canada is a very interesting and unusual country to me both geographically, culturally and I guess infrastructurally, but I think I'm getting used to it. It's not that alien," he said. "I feel like it's very welcoming. I think I will be fine."





lip service

Groundbreaking nerve transplant brings joy back to professor's performance

STORY BY LESLIE BRYDE
PHOTOS BY KEYWEST PHOTO

Dr. Ed Bach is using social media to offer hope to other musicians facing major physical challenges to their performance.

In February, Bach posted an almost seven-minute YouTube video, sharing the progress he has made in trumpet playing since undergoing nerve transplant surgery on his lower lip in October 2017.

The surgery, which had never been performed on a professional brass player, was considered a “death blow” to a career, said Bach, who is an Associate Professor in Brandon University’s School of Music.

But the longtime trumpeter was willing to take the risk.

“I had given up,” said the 65-year-old, tears welling in his eyes.

It was the 12th facial surgery for the musician, who earned a Bachelor of Music degree in trumpet performance from BU in 1981. He was born with a cleft lip, which required numerous surgeries during his childhood.

Prior to the nerve transplant, Bach spent more than five years searching for a cause of numbness that developed after a fatty tumour was removed from his lower lip in May 2012. At the same time, a pre-cancerous tumour was removed from the upper lip through cryosurgery. The tumours and ensuing surgery were devastating for Bach’s embouchure, the facial positions needed to properly play a wind instrument.

"I really thought I was out of the woods and on my way to rebuilding my embouchure. But I was experiencing minimal success," Bach said as he recalled the 2012 surgeries and efforts to make a full recovery. "I could play concerts with a group, my quintet, but I had to have someone sitting beside me because I never knew when it would just go numb and stop functioning. You really can't play a brass instrument if your lips are numb.

"I was pretty nervous, pretty scared."

In addition to dealing with the lower lip issue, Bach was battling focal dystonia, a neurological condition that causes involuntary muscle contractions in a body part. In his case, the sides of his mouth.

Among the long list of doctors from whom he sought help was a Halifax surgeon, Dr. Simon McGrail, most noted for repairing torn orbicularis oris, a common injury in brass players, and in particular trumpeters. The orbicularis oris is a facial muscle that encircles the mouth. It can rupture due to overuse and high pressures.

After two visits, Bach said the physician was convinced that was not the issue. The doctor instead was concerned about nerve damage.

Bach said he was then told there was no procedure to repair the damage.

Bach, who began playing the brass instrument when he was eight years old, wondered whether it was time to stop searching for a confirmed diagnosis and accept that he would not be able to play up to the level to which he had become accustomed.

It was a sobering thought for a musician with an extensive list of performances in the U.S. and Canada, including an August 2010 solo trumpet recital with pianist Barrie Barrington at the Augustfest Homecoming Concert Series at BU and an October 2011 solo trumpet performance for a private function at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in New York City. He has also performed at concerts in venues in Europe.

Bach said that as he pondered his future, two friends suggested he contact the Langone Medical Center in New York to find out if the highly skilled doctors there would be able to determine the exact cause of the lip issue.

After reaching out, arrangements were made and Bach met with Dr. Eduardo Rodriguez, a world-renowned plastic

surgeon, and Dr. Farngh-Yang Arvin Foo, a neurologist, in the summer of 2017.

Rodriguez led a medical team that performed one of the most extensive face transplants in history in 2012.

He told Bach that he believed there was a traumatic neuroma — scar tissue that forms at the end of a nerve — that was causing the problem. But he wouldn't know for certain until Bach was on the surgical table.

"I have nothing to lose," said Bach, whose family supported his decision to undergo the nerve transplant. "This really is the last shot. There's not a Door B."

Rodriguez discussed his decision to take on Bach as a patient.

"I don't like to sell people false hope, but I don't think I was going to make him worse," the elite plastic surgeon said.

He said after Foo conducted electromyography and nerve conduction studies on Bach's lip, he believed his initial diagnosis was correct.

There was a three-month wait for the surgery, which took about two hours to complete. It cost approximately \$52,000 US and was covered by Bach's health insurance.

Rodriguez said that after making an incision on the inside of Bach's lower lip, he discovered the neuroma.

"If there is scar tissue in a nerve, it's like a cable, so if the cable is severed at a certain point, this nerve can never reconnect," he explained.

"I really thought I was out of the woods and on my way to rebuilding my embouchure. But I was experiencing minimal success."

After removing the scar tissue, Rodriguez found the impacted lip nerve and grafted a biologic tube, creating a new conduit for nerve transmission to the brain.

It was a difficult task. The surgeon utilized special high magnification glasses as well as a high magnification microscope.

"Finding nerves, they are fine filaments. It's not like finding a pipe. Basically, we're dusting off sand in an archeological site," Rodriguez said. "... We have to find those little wisps of nerves



so we can hopefully connect them or find a conduit to connect them. That's the tricky part."

He also emphasized that the recovery process can be lengthy, something made clear to Bach before the surgery.

"It does take a while for nerves to regenerate. Even though you identify the area that is compromised, it's not like you reconnect it and get immediate recovery. It can take years for what is called cortical reintegration, which is the reorganization of that signal back to your brain," he said.

It is almost six years since Bach's surgery. He has stayed in touch with Rodriguez, providing updates on the lip rehabilitation that started in January 2018.

"I'm really impressed with the fact that he has been able to pick up the trumpet, not only just pick it up, but perform Look at him now," Rodriguez said, adding, "Beyond the surgical success, I can tell you that he is a remarkable patient, too."

He praised Bach's dedication to the physical rehab process.

"I think we have to pay great tribute to the patients that don't give up and once they start feeling some recovery, now they are committed to go the extra mile and do the therapy that is required to make them better."

While no stranger to lip rehab, Bach noted the process following the nerve transplant surgery was taxing.

"Trying to come back initially was brutal," said Bach, who joined the faculty at BU in 2012 after teaching at the University of North Carolina for 23 years.

He noted that focal dystonia did not recur following the medical procedure.

When he felt there was little progress being made during the first year following surgery, he took six weeks off from rehabbing and then returned to playing the trumpet. He told Rodriguez about the break, which the doctor discouraged going forward. Breaking down the scar tissue from the nerve transplant surgery is critical to recovery, he said.

Bach took the surgeon's advice to heart.

"From that moment on, I experimented with practising techniques," he said. "I decided not to think of myself as a trumpet player, but rather as someone who used the trumpet as a form of therapy to get the lower lip to function more normally."

Currently, Bach practises on the trumpet approximately five hours a day.



“I decided not to think of myself as a trumpet player, but rather as someone who used the trumpet as a form of therapy...”

“It is work, it’s drudgery,” said Bach about the long hours doing various technical exercises. “I take (the lip) down to numb every damn day.”

But he has seen notable improvement in his trumpet playing, which is motivation to continue to push himself. Bach’s prowess is featured in the YouTube video, which includes a clip of him playing an etude composed by Robert Getchell.

To date, the video has garnered 2,400 views. It even prompted a professional trumpet player from the UK to reach out to Bach for advice after dental implants.

Another viewer is a longtime student of Bach’s.

Victoria Jordan, 25, has been studying with the professor at BU since the fall of 2016.

She said he has been open with his students about what he has faced over the years, and it has left its mark.

“It’s been super cool to watch just how positive he’s been, even on the days when things aren’t working, or it’s a little harder, or it’s frustrating,” Jordan said.

The video also provided additional insight into Bach’s experiences.

“When I watched it, if I had gone through that, I probably would have just given up but then to see that there is a possibility to keep going, it just takes a lot of work, that is something,” Jordan said.

Greg Gatien, Dean of BU’s School of Music, is also among the video viewers.

Gatien said that it is inspiring to watch.

“I loved the video, and think that it is an absolutely unique document of a person’s efforts to reach a goal. I think, quite frankly, that it will give hope not only to others who face the same issue, but that it gives hopes to others who face obstacles that may seem comparably overwhelming. When we see one person dig so deep and think, on a daily basis, with such a long-range vision it can only help us in thinking about those obstacles that we face.

“I think about Ed’s journey when feeling as though I need to dig a little deeper to get through my work — he gives me hope, for sure!”



A DIFFERENT KIND OF GOAL

**THE ONGOING EFFORT TO
REMOVE RACISM FROM HOCKEY**

STORY BY PERRY BERGSON

Pictured: Wade Houle (M.Ed., 2022).
Photo by CWK Creative.



WADE HOULE'S WHOLE LIFE HAS PREPARED HIM FOR THE WORK HE'S DOING IN HOCKEY.

The former junior player, who works in the Mountain View School Division as an Indigenous education coach, is taking an anti-racism message to current players, with a lifetime of wisdom and the master's degree he earned at Brandon University to lean on.

"I would like to think I have a set of skills and knowledge and a uniqueness when it comes to playing the sport and living in a non-Indigenous town, seeing these things daily sometimes, and seeing kids in schools behave certain ways," Houle said. "The more I learn about becoming anti-racist and anti-sexist, the more I see it everywhere.

"I want to be able to utilize my skills to educate."

As a youngster, he moved from his Métis hometown of Vogan, in Manitoba's Interlake, to Peguis First Nation and later to Dauphin. He left home at 17 to play four junior hockey seasons, finishing up with the Manitoba Junior Hockey League's Dauphin Kings after the 2000-01 season.

"That experience was great," Houle said. "It got me out of my comfort zone... I was an OK hockey player, but I realized pretty quickly that hockey wasn't going to take me anywhere."

“ Being hard on ideas and not people leaves a space that's safe enough for players to want to engage.”

He returned to school, graduating from the University of Manitoba in 2006 and completing his Graduate Diploma in Education from Brandon University in 2018. In 2022, he earned his Master of Education degree.

Houle, 42, taught for 15 years, and last May took on a new job at Mountain View. In essence, he teaches educators at the division's 16 schools how to incorporate an Indigenous perspective into lessons and unit plans while also offering anti-racism guidance. He co-teaches and observes educators in the classroom, then offers his feedback as a means of supporting them.

His interest in anti-racism began when he attended a workshop put on by Dr. Sheelah McLean, a University of Saskatchewan professor and one of the co-founders of Idle No More. He watched her dismantle systems in a friendly way and heard her say things he had felt but had been unable to articulate.

"She really started me on my anti-racism journey and ultimately changed the way I teach in my class, and for the better," Houle said. "Just going through the status quo was not making me happy."

MJHL

Houle reached out to MJHL commissioner Kevin Saurette about potentially doing player workshops, and they announced a partnership in June 2021. He also works with the Keystone Junior Hockey League and with several minor hockey associations.

When he visits the teams, it's not a static two-hour presentation with Houle standing at a lectern. Instead, the young men walk around, talk to each other and their coaches and fill out a work booklet as he shares his stories and message.

Houle tells players not all of them are going to believe everything he says, and the feedback bears that out. But the overwhelming reaction is positive.

"It's a lot of 'Thank you for opening the door,'" Houle said. "We're not solving racism in this workshop. Come next fall, we're going to see more things. It always happens."

The program succeeds because the coaches and the entire leadership of the MJHL have embraced it, he said, adding people learn a lot when they are uncomfortable. It's also about looking in the mirror, a major theme in his workshops.

IT'S NO LONGER JUST A PASTIME. IT'S HIGH STAKES.

He said it's heartwarming when a player who is BIPOC — Black, Indigenous and People of Colour — thanks him because it can have a real impact on their lives.

"It's one thing to face a racist comment on the ice during a game because that's emotional," Houle said. "I do a lot of work about what happens internally, what players are thinking about, what a dressing room feels like on a day-to-day basis and some of those little comments that can eat away at a hockey player's soul."



Dr. Tim Skuce

In recent years, hockey has become an increasingly expensive year-round sport. That often means top players enter silos at younger ages, repeatedly playing with the same teammates.

One of the hardest parts for hockey, Houle said, is admitting it's primarily a white sport.

"Our society and hockey don't look the same," Houle said. "In Manitoba, what's our Indigenous population at? Thirty, 35 per cent? You go to a hockey rink, you're not going to see 30, 35 per cent on the team. It's a culture imbalance and an experience imbalance. Changing that is difficult because hockey is becoming so inaccessible and unaffordable."

Dr. Tim Skuce is an Associate Professor in Education at BU who played junior and post-secondary hockey in the 1980s.

Skuce was also a competitive football player, but said hockey has an especially narrow set of tracks.

"Often it's white, upper middle class, heterosexual," said Skuce, who still plays. "There are all these factors that keep it fairly homogenous. Also, I think what distinguishes hockey in our country is the prominence that it has. It's no longer just a pastime. It's high stakes."

The Hockey Canada scandals in 2022 involving sexual assault have led to organizational change, but also to some players looking at their own histories.

Skuce said it's common for players who believe they behaved badly years ago to harbour regrets. In one instance, former teammates reached out to apologize to a Black pro player given a derogatory nickname decades earlier.

But the problems extend beyond racism, and beyond hockey. Skuce said the sport is a reflection of what's found elsewhere, although the culture of the game can encourage the worst behaviour.

"To say it just resides in hockey would be underestimating the societal structures that also support a patriarchy," Skuce said. "I think the societal structures that warrant certain kinds of behaviour and certain kinds of masculinity can be exacerbated by hockey."

RECKONING

The first major test of Houle's MJHL tenure came on Feb. 19, 2022, when a Dauphin Kings player pretended to shoot a bow and arrow at a member of the visiting Waywayseecappo Wolverines.

Houle spoke with both players, and after a thorough review by the league, the Kings player was levied an 18-game suspension. The impact is still rippling.

"I hate to say it, but it was helpful in this year's session because it was an opportunity to break down the incident itself with the players," Houle said. "It was a benefit in a way. I wish that stuff didn't happen, but it did."



Wade Houle speaks to junior hockey players at an anti-racism presentation

Houle receives a lot of calls about less-publicized incidents that are sometimes much worse, but he never becomes desensitized. When he hears a sobbing parent or coach on the other end of the phone, it stings every time.

WHY DOES IT HAPPEN?

The source of the bad behaviour is a big question stretching well beyond the ice.

Is it learned at home? Is it a character flaw, or maybe teenagers being teenagers? Is it created in the sometimes toxic stew of groupthink?

Houle chuckles when asked.

“That’s the two-hour workshop,” Houle said. “It’s all of those things.”

Even though racism isn’t openly socially acceptable anymore, an inappropriate comment at a family dinner usually goes unchallenged because of the social capital involved. It’s different when the incident is high profile. Houle said organizations compound the problem by distancing themselves from the offender.

“It’s too hard to admit the mistake and

then take on the responsibility of fixing it and owning that that player was part of your plan and at one time fit into your values but now they don’t,” Houle said. “Your values should be reconciliation and reparation but as a society we don’t do that, especially in hockey.”

Skuce agreed, suggesting the act of helping people become more thoughtful and generous should be the goal.

“I’m hoping there is a space for reconciliation rather than just out-and-out punishment,” Skuce said. “I think there is a fine line to say this behaviour, in many instances, is reprehensible and completely unacceptable... Is there a way we can engage in restorative justice?”

THE FUTURE

Hockey is faced by many big questions, but there have been victories. For instance, the sport has taken significant steps to curb hazing, the often humiliating initiation of new players.

“The way the game of hockey is currently being played is a possibility, not a necessity,” Skuce said. “Sometimes

I think we get caught into these cultures (by thinking) ‘No, that’s just what men do. That’s the way it is.’ I’m thinking, no, it’s not actually. We actually created structures and practices so that the game turned out this way.”

It would be easy for Houle to despair, but he chooses not to. He believes society is moving forward, but questions the speed of progress.

“The world my daughters live in, in a lot of ways when it comes to this topic, is better than their grandparents’ world,” Houle said. “There is just so much to learn from all the mistakes we make, personally, but also as a country and a society.

“Unfortunately, what you see as the status quo is being challenged in this type of work, and you have people fighting back.”

Still, the ultimate test lies in personal relationships. And that’s where Houle finds hope.

“Indigenous people in this country and non-Indigenous people, we need to see each other together,” Houle said. “I see more and more of that every day.”

ALUMNI

Educator branches into writing children's books

AS A KINDERGARTEN AND GRADE 1 TEACHER, Carolyn Selent-Wild (BEd '02) knows what children like to read. Now, she's putting that knowledge to use in a new way as a children's book author.

Selent-Wild, who teaches at Mission Hill Elementary School in Vernon, B.C., published her first book this year and already has seven books in her Wild Acres Farm series. The non-fiction early reader books about farm animals and plants found in the Okanagan region support education in math, science, history, literacy and more.

"So far, they are kindergarten and Grade 1 in literacy content, but younger children are enjoying the real photos and colours too," Selent-Wild said. "I plan to expand my writing into the other primary grades and even create chapter books for young readers as I am getting requests for more books and upper-grade levels."

In addition to bookstores in her home region, Selent-Wild's books are available on Amazon and from her website at CarolynWild.ca.



Carolyn Selent-Wild (BEd '02) signs copies of her children's books at the Teach and Learn store in Vernon, B.C.

FOREVER BLUE & GOLD HOMECOMING



Members of Brandon's Sikh community host Langar, a traditional meal promoting oneness and equality in humankind, at the 2023 Homecoming.



Alumni sing along to Hail Our College at the Homecoming Soirée.



Abraham Manyang Kuot (BSc '15) joins via video conference from Sudbury, Ont., as he is added to the Faculty of Science Wall of Distinction by Dr. Bernadette Ardelli during the 2023 Homecoming weekend.

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as Brandon University hits our 125th year!



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A team tribute to the Brandon College Caps



Brandon College Caps. Source: 1951 Brandon College Sickle.

DOCTOR ANGUS (GUS) WILLIAM JUCKES was born and raised in Melville, Sask. He attended Brandon College where he earned his Bachelor of Science in 1951. Jukes was an active ambassador of the College, thoroughly involving himself in extracurricular activities, including athletics and student politics. He served as Senior Stick for his graduating class and was described by his peers as “a combination of physical prowess with sincerity and strength of character” in the Brandon College 1951 *Sickle* yearbook.

The 1951 year was a pivotal one for the hockey program, and as Brandon College Caps captain, Jukes was an integral part of the team. Managed by Professor C. Tyler, they joined the Intermediate Hockey League and competed throughout Canada and the United States, notably visiting Denver University, Colorado College and the University of North Dakota. Jukes and fellow College Caps, Alf Francis and John MacLean, also played for the Brandon Wheat Kings in the Memorial Cup final versus the Montreal Royals in the 1948-49 season. Jukes fondly recalls memories with friend and teammate, Ernie Shaw and others, many of whom were also from the small towns and rural areas of southwestern Manitoba and southeastern Saskatchewan. Jukes continued his hockey career while completing his surgical training and fellowship at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. He and his



Angus Jukes as Senior Stick.

Source: 1951
Brandon College Sickle.

friend, Dr. M.M. Fraser, provided pediatric surgery service to Saskatchewanians for more than 45 years. Jukes was inducted into the Brandon University Dick and Verda McDonald Sports Wall of Fame in 1994.

Jukes and his first wife, the late Marion Ann Rust, both attended Brandon College. Marion was a music student and her family home, the Rust residence, was notably only three blocks from the front door of Clark Hall. They married and had three daughters, Karen, Susan, and Carolyn. Today, Jukes and his beloved wife DeVona continue to live in Regina close to their family and many friends.

The Brandon College Caps Student Athletic Scholarship-Bursary was established with a generous gift of stock from Jukes, valued at \$28,000. The award intends to pay tribute to his teammates and provide student-athletes the opportunity to achieve academic and athletic success as Brandon University Bobcats.

Estate gift fuels discovery through scholarship in chemistry



WILLIAM (BILL) JOHN FRIESEN was the youngest of four children when he moved to Brandon following World War II. Friesen completed his Bachelor of Science at Brandon College in 1958 which led to an exciting career with the Hudson Bay Mining Company in Flin Flon, Man. Friesen embraced northern life and became an avid outdoorsman. He particularly enjoyed camping, photography, and skiing, and was an avid traveller.

He and his dear friend, Bernie Lynn, shared many trips together, travelling the globe and sailing his beloved boat, a GP14, built by Friesen himself. Outside of work, Friesen dedicated much of his time and energy to his community. He was actively involved with local clubs and programs including the Flin Flon Ski Club,

where he was an honoured Lifetime Member, and the Precambrian Sailing Club. He kept in touch with fellow classmates from the Class of '58 as a proud BU alumnus and was a loyal friend to those who knew him best.

Since Friesen's passing in March of 2022, gifts from his estate have provided more than \$557,500 to some of his most treasured organizations. Grateful recipients include Flin Flon Hapnot Collegiate, the local Salvation Army, Doctors without Borders, and his alma mater, Brandon University.

The William John Friesen Memorial Scholarship in Science has been established with a remarkable contribution of \$240,000. The scholarship will be awarded to chemistry students based on their research potential, academic excellence, and leadership capacity.

New 'HERO Bursary' supports queer and gender diverse students



Members of BU Queer, allies, and friends celebrate the new HERO bursary at BU's Pride crosswalk. The rainbow crosswalk — Brandon's first and only Pride crosswalk — was refreshed and expanded this year to include all colours from the Progress Pride flag, which adds black and brown stripes to represent LGBTQ+ communities of colour, along with pink, blue and white from the transgender Pride flag.

AS BRANDON CELEBRATED Pride Week, a new bursary to support 2SLGBTQIA+ and gender diverse students at Brandon University was announced.

Established by campus volunteer organization BU Queer, the HERO Bursary will provide financial support to BU students who self-identify as 2SLGBTQIA+ and/or gender diverse.

BU Queer works in support of Brandon University to raise awareness of equity, diversity, and inclusion in all of its contexts through ongoing education and initiatives. The name of this new bursary was crafted by BU Queer to be an inclusive acronym that stands for Helping Educate Regarding Orientation.

Give online at BrandonU.ca/Give/Donate, by phone at 204-727-7374 or 877-282-4483, or by cheque to BU Foundation, 270-18th Street, Brandon, MB R7A 6A9.

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DISCOVERY

Research project will bring back public space and active transportation ideas from Copenhagen workshop



Rideau Park in Brandon features greenspace, public amenities like a splash park and playground, a toboggan hill, and multi-use paths.

A RESEARCH TEAM IS WORKING with Brandon residents, global leaders in Copenhagen, and Canadian experts to improve public space like parks and pathways, including non-motorized ways for people to get around Brandon.

The “Walking the Walk in Smaller Cities” team has spent the summer engaging Brandon residents through surveys and focus groups to better understand how people in Brandon use and want

to use places like parks and pathways. They’ve taken what they learned from Brandon residents to a workshop in Copenhagen, Denmark, to develop innovative solutions with global experts for making Brandon a more livable city for all.

Brandon University researcher Dr. Rachel Herron is leading the project, which also includes Grant Hamilton, BU’s Director of Marketing and Communications, Dr. Amy Frykoda, a Medical Officer of Health from Prairie Mountain Health, Ryan Nickel, the City of Brandon’s Director of Planning and Buildings, and Brandon mayor Jeff Fawcett.

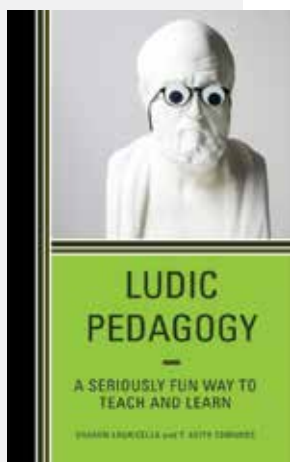
Their summer research included many recommendations that fall under four categories: safety, accessibility for all, meeting human needs, and engagement with the community.

“As we gather with other communities from across Canada and explore what people in other countries have done so successfully, it will be essential for us to stay grounded in the Brandon experience,” Dr. Herron said.

Book underscores effectiveness of fun in the classroom

FUN NEED NOT BE LEFT behind in pre-school.

In fact, Dr. T. Keith Edmunds, an Assistant Professor in Business Administration at Brandon University, and Dr. Sharon Lauricella, of Ontario Tech University, have written the Rowman & Littlefield book entitled *Ludic Pedagogy: A Seriously Fun Way to Teach and Learn*. Fun, play, playfulness, and positivity are the foundational elements of their overarching philosophy.



Undergraduate students conduct science research with federal funding

TEN TALENTED BU SCIENCE STUDENTS are working on significant research projects with federal funding.

The students are recipients of \$6,000 Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRA) from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Council of Canada (NSERC). Support for their projects will be topped up with \$1,500 each from BU, and in some cases additional funding from their supervisors.

This year’s USRA recipients are Carter Loewen, Milah Mikkelsen, Raya Turner and Olivia Erickson in Biology; Juliana Hebert and Michael McFarland in Mathematics and Computer Science; Zakariya Abidullah and Mitchell Stanton in Chemistry; Bryce Friesen in Physics and Astronomy; and Hanna Gross in Geography and Environment.

The students are looking at topics such as quantum computing, agriculture, environmental pollution and cybersecurity. Each student works closely with a faculty supervisor, who guides their efforts and offers insight from their own research experience.

How did technology use change during the pandemic?

SWEEPING CHANGES IN HOW people used technology were one of the side effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, and a new Brandon University project is capturing memories of those changes.

“We’re gathering a base of information about this time period, where some changes have already come and gone, like the practice some people had of washing and sanitizing groceries,” said Sydney Houlihan, a student researcher who is working on the project. “This will be valuable for future historians, especially perhaps when people look at children growing up through these changes, and



how that might have affected them.”

The research is taking a broad look at “technology,” including more than work-from-home. Anything old or new,

from plexiglass shields and homemade masks to air purifiers and sourdough baking, is of interest.

“It’s really about our relationship to the technology, and how the experience of the pandemic — with all its unknowns, swift social transformations, and new expectations — upended those relationships,” said Dr. Rhonda Hinthner, a BU History professor who is leading the research project. “The strength of collecting these as oral history means we can capture experiences that won’t be documented in other ways. It’s somewhat retrospective, but still relatively recent.”

BU researchers feel like a million bucks thanks to Discovery Grant success

MORE THAN \$1 MILLION in new money will flow into Brandon University’s research programs over the next five years through the federal Discovery Grant program.

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) has committed \$1,020,000 to fund four projects led by BU scientists. The Discovery Grants program provides support for long-range projects.

Dr. Margaret Carrington (Physics and Astronomy) received an NSERC Discovery Subatomic Physics Grant worth \$65,000 per year for her field theory research. The other three new grants are Discovery Grants. Dr. Bryan Cassone (Biology) is receiving \$60,000 per year as he studies DEET insensitivity in mosquitoes; Dr. Christophe LeMoine (Biology) is receiving \$44,000 per year to examine the determinants and consequences of metabolic flexibility in animals; and Dr. Michael Charette (Chemistry) is receiving \$35,000 per year as he studies the role of the protein Emg1 in the assembly of ribosomes. All four have been previous Discovery Grant recipients.

“I’m delighted to see our talented faculty members being recognized by NSERC for the quality of their research,” said Dr. Kofi Campbell, BU’s Provost and Vice-President (Academic). “That these researchers have been repeatedly supported through the Discovery Grant program, and with an increased funding commitment, is a testament to the work that they do and its value to our country. I congratulate each of them on this tremendous success.”

In addition to the new awards, six BU researchers have received one-year extensions to their funding due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Vincent Chen (Chemistry, \$37,000), Dr. David Greenwood (Biology, \$29,000) and Dr. Sarah Plosker (Mathematics and Computer Science, \$19,000) received Discovery Grant extensions. Dr. Alexander Koiter (Geography, \$25,000), Dr. Peter Whittington (Geography, \$25,000) and Dr. Rory Lucyshyn-Wright (Mathematics and Computer Science, \$24,000) received one-year NSERC Discovery Grant extensions through the Early Career Researcher classification.



Dr. Margaret Carrington



Dr. Michael Charette



Dr. Christophe LeMoine

SPORTS

Taggart
tabbed as
Interim
Head
Coach



Jaime Taggart

JAIME TAGGART has assumed a familiar position this fall as Interim Head Coach of the Bobcats women's basketball team while James Bambury is on a one-year leave.

Taggart (née Hickson) led the Bobcats as head coach from 2006 to 2011 and has served as an assistant coach for the last two seasons.



Camilo Rodriguez

Rodriguez named BU's first CCAA All-Canadian

Following an outstanding season, Camilo Rodriguez has another accolade to add to his impressive resume.

Rodriguez was named to the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA) men's soccer all-Canadian team, becoming the first in BU history to earn the designation.

Bobcats go the distance to capture futsal crown



With their hearts racing and their guts in knots, the Brandon Bobcats prevailed 8-7 over Saint Boniface in extra time to capture back-to-back Manitoba Colleges Athletic Conference futsal titles in Winnipeg.

Championship MVP Samuel Wetstein scored the game-winner with just under a minute to go in the second OT period.

Bobcats name new women's soccer bench boss

THE BRANDON UNIVERSITY BOBCATS ARE pleased to welcome Orlin Chalmers as the next coach in BU women's soccer program history.

Chalmers brings a lifelong passion for the game and is keen to get started as the next leader of the program.

"I'm excited to hit the field. My passion has always been about the game, and with the opportunity to grow the game and develop talented players here in Brandon that's easily what I'm most excited for," says Chalmers.

"I grew up in a family that football was life. My earliest memories are from that ball, and now that I have a new-found love for coaching it's only grown my love of the game."

Chalmers recently moved to Brandon from Kitchener, Ont. where he was coaching with the Milton Youth Soccer Club. He re-located to the Wheat City to take over coaching duties for the Bobcats and will also be serving the Westman Regional Soccer Association (WRSA) as the organization's Technical Director.



Orlin Chalmers



The Past and Future of *Clark Magazine*

IT'S BEEN SIX YEARS since we introduced *Clark Magazine*, and for many years before that *Alumni News* served as Brandon University's magazine, sharing the fascinating and inspiring stories of the people of BU.

The time has passed quickly, but much has changed in the past six years, particularly when it comes to information and how we consume it. Print institutions that once dominated the media landscape have faded and, in some cases, disappeared completely as many of us are substituting the vast library of content and immediacy available online. Many find that online publications also present a more environmentally friendly option, saving trees and fuel.

At the same time, the cost of printing our beloved magazine has increased greatly, with the cost of everything from paper to ink to shipping continually rising, along with the sheer number of alumni we reach out to, with a mailing list of more than 15,000 people and 600 new BU graduates added each year. The investment of bringing you a quality magazine is growing and straining our resources, both in terms of expenditures and time as we strive to offer the services that are most important to our alumni, our students, and our faculty and staff.

Don't get us wrong, we still believe there is enormous value and importance in sharing the stories of both our university and our alumni. We are committed to shouting from the rooftops (not literally, we wouldn't

want to rile up the bees in our hives above the Knowles-Douglas Students' Union Centre) about the great accomplishments of our alumni and other members of our university community.

What we'd like to know, is how do you like to read about BU and our incredible alumni, students, faculty and staff? Would you like to see *Clark* become an online-only publication? We do have a brand new news website, at News.BrandonU.ca. This new site allows our units greater flexibility in telling their own stories, while giving us new options for visually pleasing layouts and design. If you haven't visited yet, we urge you to check it out as a great way to keep up with the latest news and events happening at BU.

Of course, there is still something that we find very pleasurable about lounging in a comfy chair with the feeling of paper between our fingers as we sit back for a good read. Having a tangible magazine also allows us to reach out directly to many stakeholders who may be very interested in what is happening at BU, but do not make regular visits to our website. Perhaps, we will continue to produce a printed product, but not necessarily at the quantities that we do now.

Like this magazine, the future is an open book. We'd love to hear your thoughts on the future of *Clark Magazine*, or anything else you would like to share about BU and its people. Please email us at ClarkMag@BrandonU.ca to share your thoughts.

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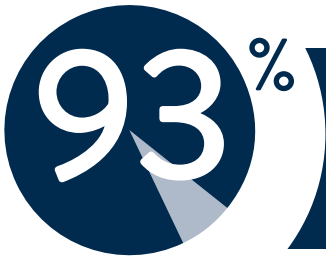
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