

**CONVOCAATION
NEW LOCATION**

After 50 years at TCU Place, convocation ceremonies will finally return to campus at the University of Saskatchewan this year, to the new state-of-the-art Merlis Belsher Place complex. We take a look at the changes that are in store for this year, spotlight the award winners and honorary degree recipients, and feature a few of the graduating students who will take part in the Spring Convocation ceremonies from June 3-7.

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USask names McCreath its 16th chancellor

KRIS FOSTER

The next chapter of Grit McCreath's University of Saskatchewan (USask) story is set to begin when she steps into her new role as chancellor.

The three-year appointment—approved by University Senate at its April 27 meeting—starts on July 1, when McCreath takes over from Roy Romanow, who was named chancellor in 2016.

"This is truly one of the most significant honours I can think of," said McCreath, who graduated from USask's College of Education in 1991. "I am so humbled to be able to serve in this role because the university has been central to my life even as a child."

From spending Sundays on campus with her parents as a youngster, to being a student and alumna, to being a member of the University Senate and the Board of Governors, McCreath has held many roles at USask, giving her time and energy for the better part of 20 years.

Most recently, McCreath was



McCreath

named the university's inaugural honorary ambassador, a role she has held since 2015. Duties for that position included meeting with and hosting alumni and donors, recruiting students, mentoring individuals and groups, attending university events and ceremonies,

and providing the president with feedback from the community.

"I see this role as an extension of my work as the university's honorary ambassador," said McCreath, who spent 32 years as a teacher and education administrator in Saskatoon, Toronto, Edmonton and Calgary. "I am excited to enhance the university's reputation, celebrate its history, support the exceptional leadership of President Stoicheff, and work with students, faculty and alumni."

McCreath is very familiar with the university—as is her entire family with more than 20 degrees in total: her parents were graduates, as are her three siblings, her husband (and many members of his family), and one of their two children. This level of connectedness makes McCreath well positioned to share with others "all the things that make this such an incredible place."

McCreath, who was named a 2019 recipient of the Saskatch-

ewan Order of Merit, said she looks forward to showing as many people as possible how essential the university is to the province and beyond.

"Two of my strengths that will serve me well in this role are relationship building and communication," said McCreath. "As we continue to deliver on the promise of our university plan to be the university the world needs, I am thrilled to use my skills to bring USask to centre stage and show the world the value our institution brings."

"Grit McCreath has long been one of our university's proudest supporters and to have someone with such significant connections to our institution step into this role to serve our university is really meaningful," said Peter Stoicheff, USask president and vice-chancellor.

"The qualities Grit brings to this prestigious role will serve our university exceptionally well and I could not

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

A lot happens at the USask during the weeks when *On Campus News* isn't published. Here are a few of the top stories from news.usask.ca:

Research funding

Two University of Saskatchewan (USask) research centres—the Canadian Light Source (CLS) and VIDO-InterVac—will receive a total \$13.4-million increase in operating support over two years from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI)—one third of the total \$39 million awarded to seven national facilities on April 29. Announced at USask by Canada's Minister of Science and Sport Kirsty Duncan, the funding is intended to help ensure the long-term sustainability of nationally important research facilities by alleviating budget pressures related to challenges in securing partner funding.

Health hub opens

The new Ron and Jane Graham Sport Science and Health Centre at USask's Merlis Belsher Place was officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 3. The state-of-the-art centre will serve Huskie student-athletes as well as athletes from the city and across the province and is designed to be a hub for researchers, physiotherapists, dieticians, mental health professionals, sport psychologists and trainers. The Grahams, both former Huskie athletes, funded the project with a \$2.068-million gift. The Grahams also donated \$4 million to build dual basketball practice courts at Merlis Belsher Place that were also unveiled.

USask signs MOU

USask President Peter Stoicheff met with Prince Albert Grand Council (PAGC) Grand Chief Brian Hardlotte in Prince Albert on April 24, to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between their organizations. The PAGC represents 12 First Nations and 28 northern communities under its umbrella. The agreement establishes networks of diverse expertise needed in the development efforts of PAGC communities, and collaboration on projects and research activities that have mutual benefits for both partners. It assures PAGC's input into programs and courses offered by the university, especially at the USask campus in P.A.

Arts initiative

The University of Saskatchewan Art Galleries and Art Collection has been awarded \$480,150 to develop a digital service to help arts organizations in the province better engage with their audiences. The Canada Council for the Arts provided \$482,150 for the three-year project, with the investment made through the Canada Council's \$88.5-million Digital Strategy Fund. By partnering with digital design experts at USask, the project aims to employ user-centred and service design methods to make new technologies accessible to smaller arts organizations in the province. The project will run until February of 2022.

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PEOPLE OF THE PLAN

The University of Saskatchewan's new seven-year plan through to 2025 is entitled *The University the World Needs* and has been gifted Indigenous names *nikānitān manācihitowinihk* (Cree) and *ni manachihitoonaan* (Michif), which translate to "Let us lead with respect." In each issue of *On Campus News* in 2019, we will take a look at the 12 major goals of the new plan by profiling individuals involved in the university's commitment to Courageous Curiosity, Boundless Collaboration and Inspired Communities. In this issue, we profile Dr. Patti McDougall (PhD), vice-provost of teaching, learning and student experience at USask.

COMMITMENT: BOUNDLESS COLLABORATION
(Invigorate the impact of collaboration and partnership in everything we do through strategic goals.)

GOAL: ALIGN STRUCTURES
(Ensure that academic, administrative, and physical infrastructure enable collaborative opportunities for all students, faculty, and staff)

Patti McDougall: Supporting student success

JAMES SHEWAGA

Dr. Patti McDougall (PhD) is passionate about the people and the programs that are the heart of the University of Saskatchewan (USask), but above all she is dedicated to supporting students and improving the student experience at USask.

As the university continues to implement its progressive new seven-year plan, USask's vice-provost of teaching, learning and student experience wants to ensure that students are always top of mind.

"Students have a strong voice in this," said McDougall. "Not only are they good at telling us what we should be doing and knowing about what we should be doing, but they also have a really good sense about where the priorities should be. We have a university plan, a strategic framework that we have all agreed to and that we are excited and inspired by, and from that I will be responsible and participating in creating an institution-wide plan that will speak to student experience, teaching and learning, and strategic enrolment management."

McDougall has overseen plenty of positive initiatives instituted across campus over the past few years, and appreci-



Dr. Patti McDougall (PhD) is the vice-provost of teaching, learning and student experience at USask.

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ates the university's commitment to expanding student supports, increasing collaborative learning opportunities, and to community-engaged scholarship. Objectives

of the new plan will be to continue to modernize institutional practices and policies and eliminate barriers, while aligning systems and structures as well as the university's

physical and virtual environments.

"I think structures can be anything from the physical spaces that we have, to the way we organize, to processes and practices," she

said. "It's a term that we use to describe all those sorts of things. In the last 20 years, it's amazing how many of our structures have changed. We have new buildings on campus, we have the Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre, we have spaces like the Health Sciences Building.

"And we have also changed our perspective and our approach as well as the structures that we have in place, so that we can show the value that we place on diversity and inclusion. So, our culture has changed over those last two decades."

Moving forward, McDougall wants to ensure that the priorities of the new plan continue to serve the needs of the students, faculty and staff who create a vibrant campus community.

"The goal will really be to make sure that we continue along the path to ensure that we are able to speak about that emphasis on the quality of undergraduate experience, the quality of graduate student experience, and the way that we support and empower our students," she said. "That, I think, is a niche for the University of Saskatchewan. How we look after each other; that defines us." ■

Ferrari earns prestigious Steacie Fellowship

 USASK RESEARCH PROFILE AND IMPACT

Maud Ferrari, an exceptional University of Saskatchewan (USask) behavioural ecologist who studies predator-prey interactions, has received one of Canada's most prestigious awards for young scientists.

Ferrari is one of six academics in Canada this year to be awarded a \$250,000 E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Fellowship by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC).

The Steacie Fellowship, which is held for two years, honours "outstanding and highly promising faculty who are earning a strong international reputation for original research." It enables academics to be relieved of administrative and teaching duties to focus on their research.

Ferrari, an associate professor in the USask departments of veterinary biomedical sciences and biology, was feted at a May 6 awards ceremony at Rideau Hall, the Governor General's official residence in Ottawa.

"Maud collaborates with



Associate professor Dr. Maud Ferrari (PhD) in her lab.

 MARTIN LIPMAN/NSERC

scientists around the world and is developing a global presence in the research community for her stellar work on behavioural ecology, including the impact of climate change on marine ecosystems—an important area of global concern," said USask's Vice-President Research

Karen Chad.

Ferrari has written more than 170 peer-reviewed papers and is regarded as one of the most innovative researchers working in the fields of aquatic and behavioural ecology. Her research interests include threatened native species, invasive species,

aquatic stressors and pollutants, habitat degradation, and climate change.

"I started my research curious about the ways prey can survive and even thrive while surrounded by predators," she said. "Over the last 10 years, I have used this knowledge as a tool to assess and monitor the health and stability of aquatic ecosystems that have been modified by human activities, including that of the Great Barrier Reef, an area of focus for me for the next few years."

Ferrari's research excellence has earned her the Governor General's Gold Medal for best PhD thesis at USask, an NSERC post-doctoral fellowship, and the Outstanding Young Investigator award of the Animal Behavior Society. Last year, she earned a place in the Royal Society of Canada's College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists.

Ferrari is a member of both the Western College of Veterinary Medicine and the College of Arts and Science. Her USask research labora-

tory currently includes a post-doctoral fellow, four PhD students, four master's students, and three undergraduates.

Ferrari, who grew up in France and is bilingual in French and English, earned a degree at the Université Grenoble 1, France, and a PhD at USask, writing a thesis that earned her an NSERC Doctoral Prize in 2010. She carried out post-doctoral training at the University of California, Davis. Since obtaining her PhD in 2009, she has published widely in top-tier peer-reviewed journals in collaboration with academics around the world.

Ferrari is an advocate for women in science and science outreach. She has contributed to academic news sites such as The Conversation Canada to share her research findings with the public, and is involved in children's science outreach programs.

"I'm very humbled and thankful to have been given this unique opportunity," Ferrari said. ■

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Every month in *On Campus News*, we highlight an exceptional graduate of the University of Saskatchewan in our Alumni Spotlight feature. In this edition, Dr. Rita Orji (PhD'14) discusses her time on campus and landing her dream job.

Dr. Rita Orji (PhD) attended the University of Saskatchewan as a Nigerian international student and earned her PhD in computer science in 2014.

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Rita Orji: Breaking down barriers

 TARYN RIEMER

Computer science and empowering people are two unlikely passions to combine, but that's exactly what Dr. Rita Orji (PhD) has done.

Orji came to the University of Saskatchewan (USask) in 2010 to complete her PhD in computer science. Originally from Nigeria, Orji was finishing her master's degree in Turkey when she decided to come to Canada and the main reason she chose to come started during her admissions process.

"I had professors in the department reaching out to me and they kept in communication with me," she said. "As an international student who's never been to Canada, any clue you get at that point could be the decision marker. Because professors reached out to me, I felt more at home, I felt like I had known people at the U of S compared to

other places that gave me admission around the world."

Orji came to USask not completely knowing what the focus of her research would be, but by having those professors reach out and make connections, she knew she would be supported in her work no matter what she chose to do.

"That activated the spirit of innovation me," she said. "I was able to innovate and think without boundaries, explore many possibilities without fear because there were no limitations. I was not afraid of being judged and that actually built me to who I am today."

Orji eventually decided to focus on human computer interactions, specifically looking into persuasive technology.

"I investigated how we can design interactive systems (mobile

applications, social media applications, games) to help people to adopt behaviours and actions that are beneficial to them and their community," said Orji, whose research has won numerous awards, including the prestigious Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship.

Orji looks at aspects of people's lives such as healthy eating, physical activity and discouraging decisions of risky behaviour. After she graduated in 2014, she completed two years of post-doctoral work at Yale University, McGill University and the University of Waterloo. Her post-doctoral work earned her the prestigious Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and Banting fellowships.

Orji is currently an assistant professor in computer science

at Dalhousie University. She is working with graduate and undergraduate students to continue her research and expand it to include other areas of persuasive computing for social and public good, such as risky behaviours, mental health, safety and security, and environmental protection.

Along with her research, Orji has been working hard to change the industry she is a part of.

"I want to see a time where we don't have this thing called visible minority," said Orji. "I want to be able to serve as a role model to motivate other youths to pursue their dreams irrespective of their background. Your colour does not matter, your gender does not matter. You can actually achieve anything you set your mind on."

Orji hopes her work will make

an impact on policy decision on a national and global scale. She's been working on this by speaking at places like the United Nations and the Canadian Parliament to get her message and her story out to the public.

"I'm not only a woman and a computer scientist, I am a woman of colour," she said. "I came from Africa, born and raised by a parent who had no formal education and survived on a very tight budget. So, I broke a lot of barriers and fought a lot of battles to get to where I am. I tell people nothing is impossible; you can really do whatever you want to do. Don't let anybody tell you it's not possible. I am evidence that nothing is impossible." ■

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a communications officer
in Alumni Relations.**



Convocation ceremonies back on campus

Students line up for the University of Saskatchewan's Spring Convocation procession at Saskatoon's TCU Place in 2018. Convocation ceremonies were held downtown from 1968 to 2018.

DAVID STOBBE

JAMES SHEWAGA

For the first time in 50 years, convocation is coming back to campus at the University of Saskatchewan (USask).

The university will begin a new tradition when convocation ceremonies move to the state-of-the-art Merlis Belsher Place facility on campus from June 3-7, after being held in downtown Saskatoon at TCU Place since 1968. The annual Graduation Powwow will also be held in Merlis Belsher Place for the first time on May 31.

USask President Peter Stoicheff is pleased with the move to the university's new facility.

"Seeing convocation come back to campus after many decades is very exciting indeed," said Stoicheff. "It conjures images from the past of graduands lining up around the Bowl to enter Convocation Hall, but adds our contemporary reality of many thousands of students graduating across eight ceremonies and the need for a venue that can accom-

modate these numbers.

"With the return to campus in Merlis Belsher Place we reacquaint families and friends and supporters with the unique beauty of our buildings and grounds, and reconnect graduands and alumni with their colleges and schools for events and celebrations. The new location also gives us the opportunity to make changes to the convocation ceremonies themselves that all will appreciate."

The opening of Merlis Belsher Place—a 120,000-square foot multi-sport complex featuring twin ice rinks and dual basketball courts—made the move possible, providing more space than the 104,000-square foot, 2,000-seat TCU Place. The university's new facility can accommodate more guests, with 2,700 seats in the main arena and capacity for up to 3,700 spectators with the addition of floor seating, and offers a larger staging area for graduates, making it well-suited for convocation.

"We're very excited about the decision to bring it back to campus and we're excited about showcasing Merlis Belsher Place, which we had a little involvement in the design, with convocation in mind," said University Registrar Russ Isinger, who oversees convocation preparations.

"One of the great benefits of Merlis Belsher Place is it seats a lot more people than TCU Place. As more and more students attended convocation over the years, we had to limit tickets for students at TCU to three or four per ceremony, but we won't have as much of a problem with that at Merlis Belsher Place. So, this will be a great opportunity for students to celebrate with more friends and family."

In addition to increased seating for guests and a larger assembly area for graduates, the new facility offers video capability on the centre score clock, close proximity to staff offices and parking, as well as a hotel right on campus for convocation guests.

Isinger said the new convocation location is also a chance to bring the community to campus and alumni back to USask to share in the week-long celebrations.

"It presents us with a lot of exciting opportunities to have a convocation week full of activities, not just the ceremonies, but to have the grads and alumni on campus and to have events in the colleges and elsewhere on campus," said Isinger.

Along with the new location, the organizing committee is endeavouring to shorten the length of ceremonies by moving some award presentations to a separate event and by trying to limit the length of speeches.

"The ceremonies were getting quite long, so we did have a mandate to see how we could shorten them and bring the focus back to the students themselves, since it is their day," said Isinger. "So, we are moving some of the awards out of the ceremonies and looking at how speeches

are delivered. I think those will be good changes."

However, like any major production with multiple moving parts, there are logistical challenges to moving to a new location. While Isinger feels the organizing committee is fully prepared for the changes, there will be a few anxious moments until the first ceremony is completed.

"I think we are right on track, but we are going to be nervous until it's over and we have gone through it once and have seen it work in the new facility," said Isinger, who has been involved in planning 121 convocation ceremonies over his 16 years in the Teaching, Learning and Student Experience portfolio.

"We have 50 years of experience moving people around the stage at TCU Place, so we have to conceptualize how that will now work inside the new building. But overall, I think we feel pretty good about our planning and preparation." ■

Constant's professional path leads to archaeology

CHRIS MORIN

Follow your dreams. That's the lesson that Honey Constant will take with her as she walks across the stage at Merlis Belsher Place during Spring Convocation.

Constant knew she was always destined to work in the field of archaeology. And while her academic journey has taken several turns, it's a combined passion for science and culture that has motivated her to succeed. It was during a family visit to Ottawa when she was 16 years old that Constant had the epiphany that would shape her professional path.

"My cousin and I went to every museum we could find, but it was while we were at the Canadian Museum of History when I remember thinking 'what can I do to work here?'" said Constant, who started at the University of Saskatchewan (USask) right out of high school. "I knew I was going to be an archaeologist even before I started my classes."

But after diving into a full course load during her first two years, Constant started to wonder if she was in over her head.

"My mom sat me down and we figured out that I needed a break," said Constant. "So, I went to SIAST (now Saskatchewan Polytechnic) and got my certificate to be an esthetician. And when I was done that I returned to USask and I was ready to go. Once I started taking my third- and fourth-year classes, I began to enjoy school here a lot more because I was connecting my classes to my culture."

Returning to her academic work with a newfound vigour, Constant became involved with the International Student and Study Abroad Centre (ISSAC) in the



“ I use archaeology as a way to reconnect with my culture.

— Honey Constant

Honey Constant will graduate with a Bachelor of Science (majoring in archaeology) at University of Saskatchewan Spring Convocation next month. CHRIS MORIN

Building Bridges program, bringing USask students together for intercultural programming and social events. She also began working at Wanuskewin Heritage Park as a senior guide, something she attributes to strengthening her cultural connections.

"After I had done the field school for USask out there, I saw a job opportunity and I applied during my fourth year," said Constant, who will graduate with a Bachelor of Science at June's Spring Convocation. "I've been balancing

work and school at the same time now, and it can be difficult, but it's also quite helpful because they both address the same topics.

"I grew up with culture, and my grandparents have traditional knowledge they share with us. We are from Sturgeon Lake First Nation, but I lived a fairly urban lifestyle and didn't get to connect to the land and the teachings until I got older," she continued. "I felt like I was missing out on so much of the Plains Cree worldview because I wasn't connected with the language

beyond basic words and understanding. So, when I first went to Wanuskewin, I was amazed. It was powerful for me, because the culture was portrayed in an authentic way."

When she starts her master's program this fall at USask under the guidance of archaeology professor Dr. Ernie Walker (PhD), Constant will be developing archaeological programming for Wanuskewin from an Indigenous perspective. While continuing her work as a guide, she aims to continue her

research, and ultimately help teach others, and herself, about Plains Cree culture.

"I use archaeology as a way to reconnect with my culture," said Constant. "Some of my family members had a bad experience with residential schools and felt that I would have an easier time if I didn't speak Cree. But now I am slowly learning to snare rabbits. My family is teaching me traditional crafts and encouraging me to practice Cree. It's nice to learn the history and to be able to share what I do." ■

2019 Spring Convocation

More than 3,700 University of Saskatchewan students are expected to cross the stage at Merlis Belsher Place to receive their degrees at Spring Convocation from June 3-7. Along with celebrating this year's graduates, the university also awards honorary degrees and earned doctorates. In addition, at this time of year the university also spotlight's excellence on campus by announcing its award recipients, including handing out the Master Teacher Award, New Researcher Award, and the Distinguished Researcher Award, as well as its Celebration of Teaching and Research Awards. Here is a look at this year's recipients:



LOUISE HALFE
Honorary Doctor of Letters

Louise Halfe—Sky Dancer—is a Cree poet and writer, Elder and teacher. Born in Two Hills, Alta., she attended a residential school as a child and has drawn on this experience to explore resiliency, reconciliation and the legacy of colonialism, in her poetry. She has received numerous literary awards, and served for two years as Saskatchewan's Poet Laureate. Halfe has served as an instructor in university courses, and as a speaker and reader at conferences, workshops and literary festivals in Canada and abroad. She is an Elder and advisor on Indigenous traditions at the Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre, helping students and building bridges between Indigenous and non-Indigenous members of the campus community.



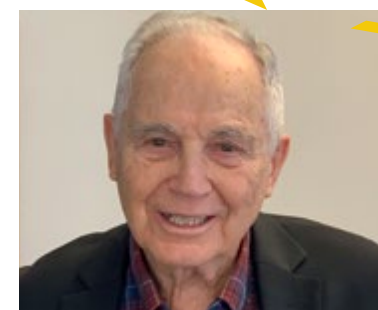
TIM HEARN
Honorary Doctor of Laws

Tim Hearn grew up in Regina, and received a bachelor's degree in science at the University of Manitoba. He began his career with Imperial Oil as a marketing representative in North Battleford, Sask., and went on manage international business ventures associated with Imperial Oil and parent company Exxon Mobil. He capped his 40-year career at Imperial Oil as chairman and CEO from 2002 to 2008. Hearn, who now runs his own company, Hearn & Associates, was inducted into the Saskatchewan Oil Patch Hall of Fame in 2011 and has served on the board of directors of the Royal Bank of Canada and the C.D. Howe Institute. Hearn has also led numerous fundraising campaigns, including the Calgary Campaign to End Homelessness.



GERALD MCMASTER
Honorary Doctor of Letters

Born on the Red Pheasant First Nation near North Battleford, Sask., Dr. Gerald McMaster (PhD) is a Plains Cree artist, curator and professor. McMaster studied at universities in Canada, U.S. and Europe, before returning to Saskatchewan in 1977 to serve as co-ordinator of the Indian Art Program at the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College. He became the first Indigenous curator at the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Ottawa in 1981 and Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Visual Culture and Curatorial Practice at Ontario College of Art and Design University in Toronto in 2015. He is an officer of the Order of Canada and received a National Aboriginal Achievement Award. In 2018, McMaster was named adjunct curator at Remai Modern.



DON SEAMAN
Honorary Doctor of Laws

Born in 1925 in Rouleau, Sask., Seaman earned a degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Saskatchewan (USask) in 1947. Seaman and his brothers established the Seaman Engineering and Drilling Company, which became Bow Valley Industries, and also started his own company, D.R.S Resource Investments, in 1988. His contributions to the oil and gas industry have been recognized by induction into the Saskatchewan Oil and Gas Hall of Fame, inclusion on the USask College of Engineering Wall of Distinction, and a life membership in the Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors. Seaman and his brothers have also been strong supporters of the communications program in the College of Engineering.



DIGVIR S. JAYAS
Earned Doctor of Science

From humble beginnings as a student and farmhand near New Delhi, Dr. Digvir Jayas (PhD) went on to earn his doctorate in engineering at the University of Saskatchewan and is now a distinguished professor and vice-president at the University of Manitoba (U of M). Dr. Jayas also serves part-time as the interim president of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada. Before assuming the position of vice-president (Research and International) at the U of M, he held the position of vice-president (Research) for two years and associate vice-president (Research) for eight years and is also a former Tier 1 (Senior) Canada Research Chair in Stored-Grain Ecosystems. He was appointed to the Order of Canada in 2018.



ALISON NORLEN
Distinguished Researcher

One of Canada's leading contemporary artists, Alison Norlen is a professor in the Department of Art and Art History at the University of Saskatchewan and is renowned for her large-scale drawings and complex sculpture installations. Since joining USask in 1999, Norlen's work has been featured in 28 solo exhibitions, five two-person exhibitions and more than 50 group exhibitions. Her work has been exhibited in major Canadian galleries including the National Gallery of Canada, Winnipeg Art Gallery, Toronto's Power Plant Gallery, and the Mendel Art Gallery, as well as showcased internationally. She was awarded the College of Arts and Science's Distinguished Researcher Award in 2013 and 2018 and the USSU Teaching Excellence Award for 2018/19.



VINCE BRUNI-BOSSIO
Master Teacher Award

Vince Bruni-Bossio is an associate professor in the Department of Management and Marketing and the Director of the Edwards Experiential Learning Initiative (EELI) in the Edwards School of Business at USask. He exemplifies the qualities of a master teacher through his devotion to the scholarship and practice of experiential learning, and his tireless contributions to the teaching and learning environment. Bruni-Bossio was awarded the Edwards School of Business Most Effective Professor Award (2015), the USSU Teaching Excellence Award (2015), the Provost's Award for Outstanding New Teacher (2016), the Provost's College Award for Teaching (2017), and the MBA Most Outstanding Teaching Award (2017).



CHANCHAL ROY
New Researcher Award

Dr. Chanchal Roy (PhD) is an associate professor in the Department of Computer Science at the University of Saskatchewan and is a prolific and influential researcher in software engineering. He is an internationally recognized expert in software evolution and maintenance, and a world leader in software clone detection and management. Roy's emphasis is on building tools to assist software engineers in developing sustainable, reliable, efficient, scalable and cost-effective software. In 2018, he earned the New Researcher Award in the College of Arts and Science and has also worked on major research projects with the Global Water Futures program and the Plant Phenotyping and Imaging Research Centre.



GREG PENNER
New Researcher Award

Dr. Greg Penner (PhD) is an associate professor and Centennial Enhancement Chair in Ruminant Nutritional Physiology in the Department of Animal and Poultry Science in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources at the University of Saskatchewan. He was hired in 2009 after obtaining his bachelor's and master's degrees at USask and his PhD from the University of Alberta. Penner has published more than 100 peer-reviewed papers and trained 26 undergraduate, 22 graduate students, and four post-doctoral fellows. Penner also has an active extension program helping to communicate research results to end users, and serves as co-chair for the Saskatchewan Beef and Forage Symposium.

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Mykel Kowaluk will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in regional and urban planning in June.

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Mykel Kowaluk (left) is a nationally ranked competitive kayak athlete.

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Chasing the national team dream

Competitive kayaker completes regional and urban planning degree at USask

JAMES SHEWAGA

Mykel Kowaluk plans to make June a most memorable month.

The University of Saskatchewan (USask) honours student from Saskatoon will celebrate spring convocation at Merlis Belsher Place next month when he graduates with a bachelor's degree in regional and urban planning. But his plans for June also include trying to earn an opportunity to compete for Canada internationally.

"Getting my degree and earning a spot on the national team would make for a pretty incredible June," said Kowaluk, a nationally ranked sprint kayak athlete who has raced in the Canadian championships since he was a teenager. "It's going to be rewarding to get my degree and it has been a long time coming, so it will be a pretty proud moment. It will be exciting to kind of close this chapter in my life and move on to the next."

What's next for Kowaluk will depend on how he does at the Canoe

Kayak Canada national team trials June 21-23 in Dartmouth, N.S., and the 2019 Canadian championships from Aug. 27 to Sept. 1 at Regina's Wascana Lake.

"More than anything, I want to make the national team and from there the goal would definitely be to compete internationally. That would be the ultimate dream," he said. "I have been on the fence about what to do next, but I think at the end of this year and at the start of next year, we will see where I stand as far as national rankings go, and then I will make the decision whether to focus on an athletic career, or start my professional career."

After beginning his university education by studying kinesiology, followed by a year off working in the construction industry, Kowaluk found his niche in the planning program at USask. He took full course loads in the fall semesters, with the winter semesters off to train in Florida with the national

kayak development team in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

"I kind of took the long route to getting my degree, but it worked out well for my academic side and athletic side," said Kowaluk, who studied full-time in 2017/2018 and 2018/19 to complete his degree and his work placement, one of his favourite parts of the program.

"I did a work placement this term at the Saskatoon Health Authority that was an optional class for planning students, so I got a bit of professional planning experience and it was absolutely amazing," he said. "That was really beneficial, getting that hands-on experience."

While he looks forward to starting his professional career in planning in an urban or rural setting in the future, Kowaluk is also firmly focused on competing for Canada in kayak. After a winter of dryland strength and fitness training, Kowaluk hit the frigid waters of the South Saskatchewan

River in late March and is now busy gearing up for June's national team trials. In competitive kayak circles, many Olympic-calibre athletes don't hit their peak until their 30s, giving the 25-year-old Kowaluk hope his best times on the water are still ahead of him.

"If you look at Canada's past top two performers at the Olympics and world championships, they were Adam van Koeverden and Mark de Jonge, and they were winning medals well into their 30s when they hit their peak," Kowaluk said. "So, maturity obviously is a huge factor in this sport and it is more of a late bloomer sport, so I still have time to develop."

Kowaluk, who also referees senior, junior and midget hockey in Saskatchewan during the winter, is hoping his new dryland training regimen will give him an edge on the water at the national team trials in Dartmouth, and should feel right at home on Wascana Lake

at the Canadian championships in Regina.

"That Wascana race course has kind of a home feeling for me," said Kowaluk, who made the finals in all eight of his events at nationals in 2018 and came home with a bronze medal in the open men's K-4 200m. "The first time I ever won a national championship was when nationals were there in 2010. Nationals were there again in 2014 and I walked away with a handful of medals then, too. So hopefully I can get a couple more this year."

But first for Kowaluk will be walking across the stage at Merlis Belsher Place at spring convocation, celebrating completion of his long journey to his bachelor's degree.

"I am definitely looking forward to it," he said. "There are not too many people in my family who have a university education. The family is generally blue-collar and farmers, so it will be a pretty proud moment." ■

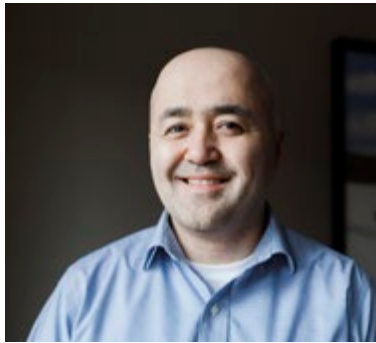
Graduation Powwow moves to Merlis Belsher Place

JOHN SHELLING

Remember the times Graduation Powwow was held in Convocation Hall, the PAC or the Education Gymnasium? Or when the beat of the powwow drums could be heard coming from Griffiths Stadium?

The University of Saskatchewan (USask) powwow has been held in many different locations across campus since it started in the 1980s. On May 31, the Graduation Powwow is moving to the new Merlis Belsher Place and Graeme Joseph, team leader of First Nations, Métis and Inuit student success at USask and the chair of the Graduation Powwow committee, said it will be an improved experience for all involved.

“Since I’ve been involved in powwow on campus it has always been planned for The Bowl,” Joseph said. “But weather is so unpredictable, we’ve held it in three different locations over the course my four years involved. Merlis Belsher Place will improve the experience for spectators, drummers and dancers, but will also give a greater level of security for people planning on attending.”



Joseph

Last year the committee decided two days before powwow to move inside to the Education Gymnasium, based on the weather.



Head dancers Laryn Oakes (left) and T.J. Warren (centre) lead the procession at the 2018 Graduation Powwow. DAVID STOBBE

“It was something we planned for, but it wasn’t ideal,” Joseph said. “And it was stressful for everyone involved. In the end I was happy how our committee and volunteers pulled together despite all the challenges.”

Another significant change to the Graduation Powwow is that it is now officially an event associated with convocation week. Graeme said convocation moving back to campus was a great opportunity to combine the two celebratory events together.

“We have over 3,000 Indigenous students on campus now,” he

said. “Honouring their academic success in a meaningful way within their own culture is something that is important to the university and to the students. Making Graduation Powwow an official convocation event furthers our commitment to them and their communities.”

While this year’s Graduation Powwow will look different in

Merlis Belsher Place, the planned activities remain the same, as the powwow continues to be the largest annual Indigenous event held by the university—and open to everyone. ■

John Shelling is a communications and publications specialist in Teaching, Learning and Student Experience.

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McCreath takes the mantle from Romanow

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be more pleased to welcome someone of such outstanding character.”

“With my sincerest gratitude, I also want to thank Roy Romanow for his service as chancellor over the past three years,” said Stoicheff. “It was my honour to work alongside of Roy and see how he advanced USask’s priorities and reputation on the provincial,

national and international stages and we are pleased that he will continue to contribute to our university in other capacities in the future.”

As chancellor, McCreath will preside at university convocation ceremonies, confer degrees, chair University Senate and serve on the Board of Governors.

“It is my hope that I live up to the high standards set by my predecessors in this role, particularly Roy Romanow, Blaine Favel and Vera Pezer,” said McCreath.

“With the support of my husband Scott and my sons Andy and James, I am certainly up to the challenge.” ■



Elders and other members of the Indigenous community and Buffalo Circle Campaign participants join together in the Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre at USask.

DAVID STOBBE

Buffalo Circle Campaign connects non-Indigenous allies

MEGHAN SIRE

Properly and respectfully introducing Indigenous ways of teaching, learning and living into a complex education system steeped in tradition can be an intimidating undertaking.

Staff and faculty often rely heavily on their Indigenous colleagues to help guide the process, according to Dr. Stryker Calvez (PhD), manager of Indigenous Education Initiatives in the Gwenna Moss Centre for Teaching and Learning at the University of Saskatchewan.

Calvez, who is Métis from the Red River territory, said Indigenous faculty and staff are often placed in a role of “unofficial knowledge keeper for all things Indigenous,” which is both daunting and time consuming.

“Unfortunately, their engagement in this work is expected because many people are unprepared or uncomfortable with the role of

Indigenous advocate, and default to people who appear to have the ‘right’ cultural experience,” said Calvez.

“Distributing that type of work among Indigenous and non-Indigenous people with different skills, abilities and knowledges would allow Indigenous faculty and staff to focus on what interests them—whether it is to indigenize the university, support their home communities, or be involved in some other aspect of academia.”

To help address these concerns, Calvez and his colleague Dr. Rose Roberts (PhD), an education development specialist within Calvez’s office, recently launched the Buffalo Circle Campaign. The Buffalo Circle is a group of non-Indigenous senior leadership, staff and faculty

at USask who were acknowledged as outstanding allies and were nominated to be part of the circle by Indigenous staff and faculty.

Calvez said those who agreed to be part of the circle committed to being visible allies by wearing the Buffalo Circle regalia and to support each other.

“Indigenization, decolonization and reconciliation are unachievable without concerted engagement and support by non-Indigenous people,” said Calvez. “There’s so much more potential to change the university campus if we can engage with the whole community. We want to help the allies help themselves. Before the Buffalo Circle, allies rarely had an opportunity

like this to network with each other, which means allyship was growing slowly.”

Roberts said it was important to her and Calvez to help unite the newly formed group. The teachings of the buffalo kept coming up during their planning discussions, and so they asked Elders if it was appropriate to incorporating the image and teachings of the buffalo into this initiative. Elders helped Roberts and Calvez draw metaphorical connections between the power of the herd versus the individual effort.

“In the centre of the buffalo herd are the young ones,” said Roberts, a Nihithow iskwew originally from Stanley Mission. “In this case, the young are the up-and-coming allies. In the next circle are the nurturers—they are the ones who are going to be protecting and teaching the young ones, our

new allies. The outer circle has the experienced buffalo breaking new ground while guiding and protecting the inner circles.”

Calvez said the first circle of allies have prioritized what they want to do next, which is to develop a better understanding of what it means to be a Buffalo Circle ally and to continue learning about the buffalo nation and the role it plays as a teacher, nurturer and caregiver. The information the allies gain from this work will help them prepare new nominees in the fall.

Dr. Alison Oates (PhD), associate professor in the College of Kinesiology, is one of the 62 allies in the first circle. Along with other allies, Oates participated in a three-hour welcoming ceremony and later attended a traditional feast that closed the first circle

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Former Huskie football star tackles teaching

JAMES SHEWAGA

From studying game plans to writing lesson plans, Tristian Koronkiewicz has quickly made the transition from the football field to the classroom.

The 23-year-old completed his fifth and final year with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies in 2018 in award-winning fashion by being named a Canada West conference all-star and a second-team all-Canadian for his superb season on the field, and honoured as an Academic All-Canadian for his outstanding work in the classroom. In November, the 6-foot-5, 250-pound defensive end helped the Huskies capture their first Hardy Cup league championship since 2006, while also completing his Bachelor of Education degree in December.

“There was no better way to finish my Huskies career,” said Koronkiewicz, who led the league in quarterback sacks with seven in eight games and added three more sacks in three playoff games. “We hadn’t won a Hardy Cup since 2006 and I was able to accomplish that with my teammates and it was a fantastic experience and I loved every moment of it.”

After originally hoping to sign a contract with a Canadian Football League team after graduating, Koronkiewicz has wasted little time in kicking off his teaching career, signing a contract with an elementary school in Regina to finish the school year. He has quickly found that his lifelong love of football has been matched by his newfound passion for teaching.

“I love it because the kids bring so much energy to the classroom and it just makes it so much easier



Former Huskie football star Tristian Koronkiewicz is now teaching in Regina after graduating from USask's College of Education.

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Former Huskie defensive end Tristian Koronkiewicz makes a tackle during an Oct. 4 Canada West game at Griffiths Stadium.

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to be a teacher because they are excited to learn and they love their teacher and they love being at school,” said Koronkiewicz, who is now working in a structured learning classroom at Regina’s George Lee School, after previously serving as a substitute teacher and working with at-risk youth for the Ranch Ehrlo Society. “They are so passionate about learning and that makes me even more passionate about being a teacher.”

Like many students who make the adjustment from high school to university, Koronkiewicz admits he had to learn how to study before learning how to teach. Balancing athletics and academics proved challenging at first, but Koronkiewicz found a way to excel in both, earning

all-star status in football and All-Academic honours in his studies for averaging better than 80 per cent while completing a full course load in the College of Education.

“In the first couple of years, I have to say I struggled a little bit,” said Koronkiewicz, who served as a kindergarten student-teacher in the 2018 fall semester while finishing his final year of football. “It’s a lot of time management and that was one of my weaknesses entering university. But I got the hang of it and I was able to finish my last two years as an Academic All-Canadian, so that was great. I started focusing more on school and not just football, because I knew football was not going to last forever. Overall, university was a great experience and I loved my time

as a Huskie student-athlete.”

After closing out his career in November when the Huskies’ thrilling playoff run ended in the national semifinals, 2019 has also been a year to remember for Koronkiewicz. In addition to landing his first teaching contract, Koronkiewicz and his fiancée Tayler Dreger—high school sweethearts who came to Saskatoon to attend university together—have bought their first home in Regina and celebrated the birth of their baby boy Cohen on April 26.

“It’s a big change, but it’s a good change,” said Koronkiewicz, who also made the final home game of his career all the more memorable when he returned a fumble for his first career touchdown at Griffiths Stadium in October. “Obviously

I miss football and it is one of my passions and I hope to coach football in the future. But after my fiancée and I both graduated in December with our education degrees, we moved back home to Regina and we have family here, so it has made the transition a lot easier. And with starting teaching, buying a house and having a baby, it’s an exciting time.”

Koronkiewicz and his fiancée plan to return to campus in June to celebrate USask spring convocation and stroll across the stage at Merlis Belsher Place to officially accept their education degrees.

“This was a journey we took together, so we definitely want to walk across the stage and complete it,” he said. ■



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Ambulances support USask Mozambique project

 KRISTEN MCEWEN

For expectant mothers in the African country of Mozambique, reaching medical services could mean walking up to 15 kilometres over sandy and difficult terrain.

Two years into the five-year University of Saskatchewan (USask) research project, the Mozambique-Canada Maternal Health project has delivered a total of six ambulances—three conventional ambulances and three local ambulances—to be distributed throughout three districts in Inhambane, Mozambique.

The Mozambique-Canada Maternal Health Project aims to reduce maternal and newborn mortality and improve sexual and reproductive health by taking a woman-centred and gender sensitive approach to mobilizing communities, increasing capacity in the health-care system and conducting research in 20 communities in the province.

“The roads are so intensely difficult that it takes quite a long time (to travel),” said project director Dr.

Jessie Forsyth (PhD), noting that it’s challenging for vehicles to cross terrain as well.

Forsyth has been in Mozambique since July 2017 and became project director in 2018. Originally from Nova Scotia, Forsyth initially became involved with the project as a gender advisor, working with the team in integrating gender analysis across all programming areas.

Principal investigator and USask epidemiologist Dr. Nazeem Muhajarine (PhD) noted that the project is working with the provincial health directorate in Inhambane and local health workers to provide both training and infrastructure support, such as ambulances, maternal clinics, waiting homes, and updated medical training and materials.

“With our presence there, we are contributing much needed assets to the health-care system, for example, equipment and material, infrastructure and management as well as clinical know-how in the form of initial and continuing clinical



Dr. Nazeem Muhajarine (PhD) of College of Medicine and Dr. Jessie Forsyth (PhD), director of the Mozambique-Canada Maternal Health Project. 

education,” he said.

In December 2018, the project received three ambulances to transport patients from local health posts to larger health facilities located in the districts of Zavala, Morrumbene and Vilankulo.

In March, the project had three local ambulances delivered. Also known as motorcycle ambulances, these vehicles have a sidecar, with

cushions and storage space for basic materials. The vehicles will be travelling up to 15 kilometers between a rural community and the nearest health post. If there is a need for more advanced care, patients can be transported by one of the larger ambulances to a referral hospital, Forsyth said. The local ambulances will be driven by someone from the community who knows the area

well, and can respond to emergencies to take women to the nearest health post.

“We will also be providing upgraded and gender-sensitive first-aid and emergency training for those using the ambulances—the drivers, health workers involved in the (patient) transfer,” Forsyth said.

Unlike the larger ambulances, these local ambulances are intended to stay within the community and be managed by the community, she added.

Establishing infrastructure is one of multiple interventions the project is working on in these communities. The team is also working to ensure that local women are empowered to become leaders in their health care needs, research, training and health management.

During the next three years, the project will continue to provide updated medical training for health workers in sexual and reproductive care for women alongside community-level sexual and reproductive health education.

“It’s really encouraging to see how much we have accomplished in two years, and it is a testament to our partnerships and the quality of our team here and in Mozambique,” Muhajarine said. ■

Kristen McEwen is a communications co-ordinator in the College of Medicine.

Indigenizing teaching and research

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with Elder Timothy Eashappie Sr., who is from Carry the Kettle First Nation east of Regina.

During her 10 years at USask, Oates has learned as much as she could about Indigenous teachings and pedagogy. She also works to find new ways to indigenize the courses she teaches.

“Originally I wondered how I

going to indigenize my teaching or my research,” said Oates.

“I study the brain, and not even the cultural effect on the brain. I didn’t know what to do, but then I realized that it’s not always what you’re doing, but sometimes it’s how you’re doing it.

“I’m willing to try, and something that Stryker said always

sticks with me: I have to remember to have courage and at least try. And if I get it wrong, I hope someone tells me that I got it wrong, but I’ll still keep trying.” ■

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May 15, 7:30pm, Grace-Westminster United Church social hall, 505 10 St. E. Reading, studying and talking about literary works helps us make sense of the world. In this series of community talks, members of the Department of English explore diverse literary topics. Presentation is free and open to the public. This presentation by Sheri Benning of the Department of English.

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- **Conducting Clinical Research: Getting Started & Avoiding Pitfalls.** May 29, 9am–4pm, St. Thomas More College.

This full-day, interactive workshop is designed for individuals who are new to clinical research and want to build their knowledge and understanding. It will also be of interest to experienced individuals who are looking for a refresher course. This workshop will present the fundamental knowledge and skills required to get started and avoid pitfalls.

- **Research Disaster Clean-Up and Recovery.** May 29, 4–5pm, St. Thomas More College. This session will discuss strategies for handling problems that arise when the unexpected occurs. Questions and active discussion are encouraged and registrants are encouraged to submit and forward hypothetical problems for discussion. Submit questions to ctsuevents@usask.ca and indicate they are for the research clean-up session.

- **CTSU 25th anniversary wine and cheese event.** May 29, 5:15–7:30pm, University Club. To commemorate our 25 years of service and to demonstrate our appreciation to our partners who have contributed immensely to our success, we invite you to join us in this evening of celebration.

- **Conducting Clinical Research: Running an efficient research site.** May 30, 9am–4pm, St. Thomas More College. This full-day, interactive workshop is designed for those who have experience working in clinical research or who have a good understanding of the basics (having previously taken our workshop Conducting Clinical Research: Getting Started and Avoiding Pitfalls). This workshop will provide the most up-to-date knowledge and methods for running an efficient research site.

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Clockwise from left: Prime Minister John Diefenbaker hands in his ballot after voting in Prince Albert in 1958.

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Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King stands on the railroad platform in Prince Albert in 1926.

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Prime Minister Wilfrid Laurier (centre) arrives on the railroad platform in P.A. in 1910.

PRINCE ALBERT HERITAGE MUSEUM

Election exhibit examines province's place in political history

SEAN CONROY

Dr. John Courtney (PhD) reflects on one of the highlights of Elections, Parties and Leaders, the exhibit currently on display at the Link Gallery in the Murray Library, which he has co-curated with Patrick Hayes of University Archives and Special Collections (UASC).

"The show presents unique features of Saskatchewan and Canadian political history," said Courtney, a senior policy fellow in the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy at the University of Saskatchewan, who donated an array of paraphernalia from his personal collection to UASC. Much of his collection was obtained while researching party conventions as far back as Robert Stanfield's Progressive Conservative leadership bid in 1967.

Courtney cites several items on display as highlights, from an autograph book dating back to Confederation (notable signatures include Sir John A. Macdonald and Queen Elizabeth) and a ballot box from Canada's introduction of the secret ballot in 1874.

But the most unique feature of Saskatchewan's political history? It's

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Elections, Parties and Leaders commemorates the constituency of Prince Albert having the special distinction of being the only riding in Canada to have elected three different prime ministers.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier was elected in 1896 in a district called Saskatchewan, N.W.T., which included Prince Albert. Laurier soon resigned that seat, as he had also been elected in the district of Quebec East. Until the early 20th century, it was possible for run simultaneously in two ridings in the same election.

William Lyon Mackenzie King was first elected Member of Parliament from Prince Albert in a byelection in early 1926. He was subsequently re-elected there in the general elections of 1926, 1930, 1935 and 1940, but was defeated in 1945.

John G. Diefenbaker was first elected in the Prince Albert constituency in 1953. He was re-elected in that riding in the next nine elections: 1957, 1958, 1962, 1963, 1965, 1968, 1972, 1974 and 1979.

Courtney acknowledges that P.A.'s historical distinction was borne of partisan campaign strategies and highlights the ever-changing nature of voter preferences and electoral alliances.

"It was a safe Liberal seat," he said, referring to Laurier and King. "And for Diefenbaker, it became a safe Conservative seat."

In addition to Courtney's contributions, the exhibit incorporates items from UASC, the University Library and the Diefenbaker Collection. Aside from the space he freed up at home and in his office by donating approximately 100 boxes of research and teaching materials, Courtney's motivation for providing his precious mementos to UASC to display is to continue to tell Canada's story.

"That's what archives are for," he said. "To preserve our history."

Elections, Parties and Leaders will be on display until the end of June in the Murray Library. ■

Sean Conroy is the communications officer in the University Library.

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McKay was born in 1892 at Fort à la Corne in the Northwest Territories, where her father worked at a Hudson's Bay Company trading post. After later completing high school in Prince Albert, McKay enrolled at the University of Saskatchewan in 1912 on scholarship and graduated three



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Annie Maude "Nan" McKay graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 1915.

years later with a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in English and French. Throughout her time as a student, McKay played on the university's women's hockey team, served on the executive of the Students Representative Council and the Pente Kai Dekka sorority, worked as the staff artist for *The Sheaf* student newspaper, and was secretary of the campus YWCA and the Literary Society.

Upon graduation, McKay was hired in 1915 as an assistant librarian at the University Library and worked



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After graduating, Annie Maude "Nan" McKay worked in the University Library for 44 years.

there until her retirement 44 years later in 1959. During her time on campus, McKay became the first secretary-treasurer of the University of Saskatchewan Graduates' Association, which was established in 1917 and later renamed the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association.

The following year, McKay worked as a volunteer nurse during the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918 that swept across the country. For her service, she was selected in 1922 to unveil a plaque commemorating the undergraduate



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A portrait photo of Annie Maude "Nan" McKay, who retired from the university in 1959.

student who died of influenza while working as a fellow volunteer nurse at the university. McKay is one of the 20 volunteer nurses who have their names recorded on the wall in the north stairwell of the Peter McKinnon Building, in honour of their service during the pandemic.

An avid fan of horse racing and the Saskatchewan Roughriders, McKay was named one of the University of Saskatchewan's 100 Alumni of Influence in 2007. She passed away on July 27, 1986 at the age of 93.