

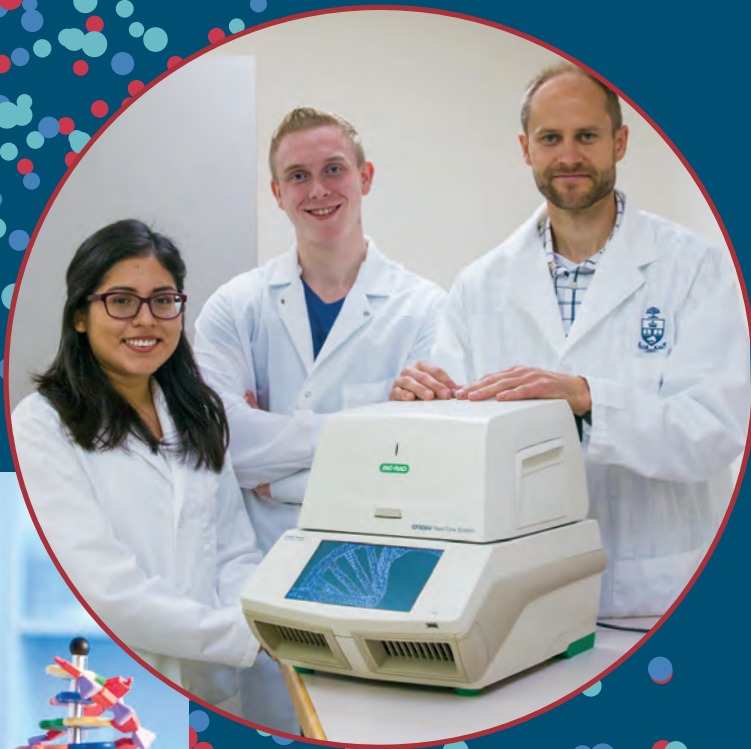


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I am pleased to introduce to you the first issue of Burman University Magazine. As did *Canadian Campus*, this magazine will continue to serve our alumni and friends. It will also serve wider audiences such as prospective students and faculty, Seventh-day Adventist academies and churches throughout Canada, and all those within our central Alberta communities that are interested in the academic, spiritual, economic and cultural assets Burman brings to the region.

At the core of the magazine is Burman's mission: To educate students to think with discernment, to believe with insight and commitment, and to act with confidence, compassion and competence. In short, our mission is three-fold: Think. Believe. Act. I believe it helpful to add the word "imagine" as we consider the past, the present and the future of our institution.

This issue features the story of Charles and Leona Burman, our inspiration when we decided on a new name for this university three years ago. They clearly demonstrated that what can be imagined, can be built upon. We are the heirs of their legacy.

You will also find stories about students and alumni—stories that tell of determination to imagine what the future could look like and to think of how dreams can become reality. They weighed ideas, believed in possibilities and acted with courage and determination.

You will read about our faculty and their passion for their various disciplines. They, too, imagine new horizons and test their ideas with study and research. Then they act by sharing their knowledge and wisdom with their students and, through publications and symposium presentations, with the world.

Stories about our donors and their willingness to sacrifice in an effort to support their belief in the future of this university, and their vision of what their gifts can accomplish, will inspire you.

A Vision for Burman

As I consider my personal history as first an alumnus, then a faculty member and now president, I, too, dream of what my legacy might be. What will Burman University be like in five years? In 10 years?

My imagination is focused on three goals:

1. Enhanced learning opportunities
2. Increased access to a Christian education for all students that desire it
3. Greater commitment to service-learning

Learning Opportunities

Burman offers numerous learning opportunities. We have 11 degree programs; 35 majors, specializations or tracks; and 40 minors. Students can study biology or business, English or education, music or physics, religious studies or outward pursuits. Eighty percent of our faculty hold doctoral degrees. All that is good. I'm confident, though, that we can imagine even better in our quest for excellence.

For instance, when recruiting new faculty, we will identify the best available in Canada. In addition, I want to give current faculty—committed as they are to teaching—more time and support for research and publication to keep them on the cutting edge of their disciplines and to share their knowledge and passion with their students.

Learning opportunities also include a campus that supports our vision. Let me tell you about the library. More than 50 years ago, books and library services were transferred from a room in the Administration Building to the current site—once the cafeteria. At that time, it provided the necessary space, but can you imagine renovating the cold storage room into a vault for historical books? Well, librarian Reuben Buhler did just that and more. Since then, our librarians have found creative ways to add the services that our twenty-first century technological world requires. Now, however, I imagine a future that will build on our past so that we can meet today's (and tomorrow's) needs with the excellence we expect of ourselves.

Increased Access

My second goal, increased access, is also two-pronged. First, I imagine easing the financial barriers that exclude a student from studying at Burman. I dream of growing current endowments for student aid funding

and establishing new ones. Second, I envision a wheelchair-accessible campus where neither financial nor physical challenges present a deterrent to academic, intellectual, emotional and spiritual growth.

Service-learning

Finally, I imagine a campus that is committed to inspiring service in students. Yes, Service Day is part of the Academic Calendar already. And yes, two university tours offer academic credit for service-learning. But I challenge us to think about the possibility of making service-learning a requirement for graduation, to become more intentional in creating—and funding—opportunities to serve locally and globally.



Participation by students, alumni and friends as the university leadership seeks to preserve and build on the Burman legacy, is valued and strongly encouraged by the president. "Burman is also committed," says Agrey, "to keep the focus on the spiritual foundation that defines the university's purpose and mission."

THE BURMAN LEGACY¹

Canadian University College became Burman University in 2015, after the Board of Trustees voted to make the change for two reasons: First, to meet provincial requirements and second, to celebrate the legacy of Charles A. and Leona Burman.

Man of the Hour

Imagine the excitement and celebration in the homes of pioneer families when the province of Alberta was born on September 1, 1905, and Edmonton was named its capital. Now they belonged! Now they were part of the great Dominion of Canada! They would have a voice in the decision-making process in Ottawa.

Inspired by their new status as Albertans, Seventh-day Adventist believers met in Red Deer the following year. They determined to organize themselves formally into a conference to have a voice in the decision-making process of the church.

Their first task was to appoint officers. They needed a president—someone with dedication and administrative experience. He must be energetic, flexible, enthusiastic and creative. He must be a visionary to turn the numerous challenges of pioneer life into opportunities. He must have stamina. So they invited Charles A. Burman. They were confident he would meet their expectations.

A Heart for Evangelism

Charles was not only a visionary, he was a doer. Trained as a teacher and evangelist, he had been serving concurrently as president of the South Dakota Conference and the North Pacific Union. When he and his wife, Leona, arrived at their new post, they did not disappoint their constituents.

Enthusiastically they accepted the mandate to lead their flock in taking the gospel message to everyone in the fledgling province.

The “colporteur ministry” had already proven itself a successful evangelism tool in both the United States and Canada. So the Burmans advocated opening a school where students could be trained in home-to-home sales of religious publications. By January 1, 1907, the new Canvassers’ School began teaching its first nine students. The school’s five staff members included principal, teacher and Conference president Charles Burman and teacher Leona Burman, who also held an administrative position with the Conference. When the term ended, the enrolment stood at 27. The foundations for Burman University and Parkview Adventist Academy had been laid.

A Vision for Education

During this brief but highly successful experience, the Burmans quickly saw the need for a secondary school where students could continue to advance academically. They were confident that the constituency of the Alberta Conference would support their vision. So, although no vote had as yet been taken, nor land obtained for the new school, Charles organized a volunteer logging expedition. A lot of lumber would be needed for a building and “spring break-up” was imminent. Once the ground thawed, roads would become impassible.



“Ma and Pa” Burman

In their book, *Changing Lives: The Hilltop Story*, Edith Fitch and Denise Dick Herr write:

The students addressed [Charles and Leona Burman] as “Ma and Pa Burman,” appropriate titles for the father and mother of Adventist higher education in Alberta.

Elder Burman was especially concerned for students who lacked necessities. Noticing Willie McCready’s worn out shoes, he asked, “Willie, are those the best shoes you have?” In response to Willie’s nod, he said, “Hitch up the horse and sleigh and take me to town.” There, in spite of Willie’s protests, Burman bought him a pair of shoes.

Another time Burman noticed that student Camille Armeneau was canvassing in cold weather without a topcoat. Burman took off his own coat and said, “Try this one. Does it fit?” When Camille objected, “What will you do?” Burman replied, “I can get another one.”

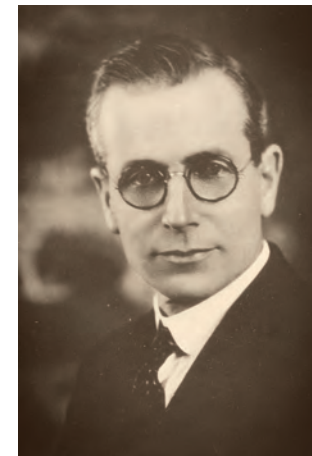
Immediately after the school term ended, Charles had 18 volunteers, 18 horses, three bobsleds, a sleigh and permission from the Alberta government to log on nearby “Crown” land. Within 10 days after the term at the Canvassers’ School ended, they all set out on their expedition. Leona and a 16-year-old student went with them to cook for the men. Three weeks later, they had 1,700 logs for a new school.

That July Adventist believers, invigorated by the Burmans’ vision, voted to establish an academic school. The Conference purchased a farm near Leduc for the new Alberta Industrial Academy (AIA), a school for both academic and vocational training. During the summer of 1907, Charles travelled throughout Alberta, recruiting students and soliciting funds for the school. Thirty-six students began classes that November. The Burmans and two other staff members taught and cared for them.

A Belief in the Future

Alberta Industrial Academy was relocated after the Conference, under

Burman’s leadership, bought land near Lacombe on February 2, 1909. Eighty-one students began the ’09-’10 school year. Leona Burman taught English and geography, but Charles reluctantly decided that he must devote more time to the needs of the Alberta Conference.



Charles A. Burman



Leona Burman

J. Irving Beardsley took over Charles’ responsibilities and served as the school’s principal from 1909-1914. When he returned to the United States, Burman filled in, again assuming two roles concurrently, Conference president and principal of AIA, until a replacement could be found.

Charles A. and Leona Burman’s dreams gave birth to this institution, now bearing their name in honour of their vision, sacrifices, commitment, enthusiasm and just plain hard work.



The Burmans had no children. We are their heirs—we have inherited the imagination that flowed in their blood, the mission that they lived even before it was written down and adopted for this institution. They thought, believed and acted on their belief. Because they did, we are here today.

The resolve to spread the gospel and fulfill the great commission was not unique to Seventh-day Adventists. Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists and Lutherans among others had been engaged in unprecedented ways in missionary work during the preceding century. Many Bible societies and mission boards had been created for the purpose of evangelism. Religious tracts were printed and Bibles were translated to be distributed worldwide. The 1800s were known as the Great Century of missions in the Protestant world.

In 1907 the volunteer “Leduc Loggers” harvested 1700 logs that would become lumber for the new school.

¹Adapted from Edith Fitch and Denise Dick Herr, *Changing Lives: The Hilltop Story*. Canadian University College: Lacombe, AB, 2007.



Burman Student Completes Internship at Canadian Embassy

Beverly Alfred’s learning experience during the first semester of her junior year took place not in Burman’s classrooms, but in Washington, DC at the Canadian Embassy.

During her internship at the embassy from August to December 2017, Beverly improved her communication skills, grew confidence in herself and learned that aside from her goal as ambassador, a career in government diplomacy offers numerous other career opportunities such as becoming a counselor or consul or working as a project manager for development agencies. Beverly explains, “It is imperative that I am not focused on only one aspect of the immense intersection that exists between intergovernmental affairs, diplomacy, economic development and humanitarian assistance.”

When Burman Professor Marc Froese told his international studies students about The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars, Beverly paid attention. As she researched The Washington Center, she learned that its mission is “leveraging all of what Washington, DC has to offer to provide dynamic, experiential learning opportunities to empower and motivate young people to become engaged global citizens.” Intrigued, she decided to apply.

Beverly’s Favorite Quote: “The size of your dreams must always exceed your current capacity to achieve them. If your dreams do not scare you, they are not big enough.”

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

After she completed a complex and lengthy on-line application, she was invited to a skype interview. The next step involved a phone interview with the internship manager at the Canadian Embassy. To finance her internship, she sought funding from the Alberta government and was granted a \$10,000 scholarship.

Beverly, having grown up in Haiti, is fluent in French, English and Creole. Despite that, she did not have much confidence in her conversational skills. During her internship and in class at the Washington Center, she was strongly encouraged to participate and ask questions on assigned tasks.

She was surrounded with other students that were outgoing and confident in their abilities. “Now,” she says, “it’s almost second nature for me to enter formal conversations, participate, ask questions and interact not only with my classmates, but with my professors and others, including those with different cultural backgrounds.”

Beverly writes, “I started this program hoping for a life-changing experience. When I left, I had learned that there is much more to the world, to my future and to me than what I had dreamed.”

Beverly’s mission at the Washington Center and the embassy was to succeed. Her supervisors, especially Marilayne Froment, gave her the necessary support to achieve that goal.



All 36 students were invited to be part of a network that continues to mentor and inform them of volunteer opportunities.



Burman Hosts Leadership Conference for High School Students

Burman University hosted 36 grade 11 and 12 students on May 4–6 at the ACT: Humanitarian Leaders of Tomorrow conference. The conference sponsors, the Centre for Peace and Justice at Burman and A Better World Canada, had invited central Alberta high school teachers and Seventh-day Adventist academy administrators from across Canada to select students with a passion for creating a better world through humanitarian efforts.

These select 36 now came to connect with others that share their passion, to learn from prominent philanthropic trailblazers and to network with local non-profit organizations.

Throughout the event, the students were inspired by Gabrielle Scrimshaw, well-known indigenous activist and speaker from Harvard University, and Andrew Kooman, author of the critically acclaimed play *She Has a Name*, now a feature film. They learned about ethical concerns in humanitarian work from Eric Rajah, co-founder of A Better World Canada, and Adam Kiš, Burman’s professor of anthropology.

They also discovered practical strategies for successful involvement in leadership roles with Rick Wiebe, long-time

humanitarian volunteer, and Azalea Lehndorff, senior medical student at the University of Calgary. She also manages A Better World’s “100 Classrooms” project that ensures increased accessibility to education for girls and women in Afghanistan.

On the last day of the conference, students participated in an expo where they received advice from various humanitarian organizations. These included Amnesty International, CARE, CAUSE Canada and Big Brothers and Big Sisters. All 36 students were invited to be part of a network that continues to mentor and inform them of volunteer opportunities. Most accepted.

Dr. Glen Graham, director of the Centre, points out that ACT: Humanitarian Leaders of Tomorrow and Burman University share the same mission. It is to educate students to think with discernment; believe with insight and commitment; and to act with confidence, compassion and competence. He adds, “I can think of no better way to do that than to mentor and teach high school students how to become the next generation of humanitarian leaders for the cause of peace and social justice.”

Student Wins Provincial Voice Competition

On May 31, 2018 Deepa Johnny, senior music major at Burman University, won the Provincial/ National Vocal competition in Edmonton, Alberta. As the top singer in Alberta, she qualified for the Nationals held in New Brunswick this year.

Over the past four years since she began studying voice, Deepa has participated in local festivals that are held throughout the province. The adjudicator for the Provincial/National Vocal competition, where three Alberta finalists competed in May, was Professor Darryl Edwards from the University of Toronto.

Deepa performed seven pieces in the competition: one opera aria, one oratoria aria and five Greek songs by Maurice Ravel. At the National, she added two pieces: a second aria and “Grace” (by Michael Tilson Thomas) in honor of Leonard Bernstein who was born 100 years ago.

Deepa’s family immigrated to Canada from the Western Asia country of Oman in 2008. Like her dad, Deepa loves singing. She was a member of a praise team in her church.

One of her pastors urged her to take music lessons, so she started studying with Dr. Wendolin Munroe, chair of the music program at Burman. She also joined the choir. Not until then did she think of music as her vocation; she had planned on a career in dental hygiene.



A Verse from “Grace”

Thanks to whoever is there for the sacred joy of music and thank you fiddlers and flutists and divas and rock and roll drummers.

Thanks to whoever has dared give us brave new sounds of music.

Thank you composers, professors, and casual off-the-cuff hummers.

So commend singers down through the centuries, cherished friends Wolfgang, Gustav, George, dear Lenny.

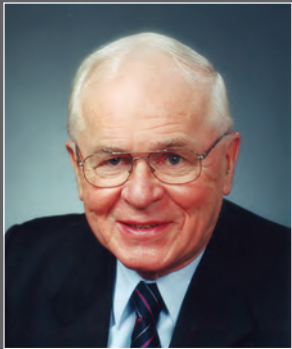
It seems to me that we all feel so close to the truth in the notes our souls declaring and the truth is it feels good. Um um um.

“Grace” was composed by Michael Tilson Thomas in honor of Leonard Bernstein’s 70th birthday, and was among the nine pieces presented by Deepa Johnny at the National Vocal Competition.

Now Deepa is applying to several graduate schools, but hopes to get accepted into Indiana University, Dr. Munroe’s alma mater, to pursue a master’s degree in opera performance. Joining the Burman University Choir and taking singing lessons from Dr. Munroe has “opened my mind to the impact music can have on people,” Deepa says. She adds, “I feel completely prepared for success if that is God’s will for me.”

Professor Munroe attributes Deepa’s success, at least in part, to her strong work ethic.

Deepa Johnny is Dr. Munroe’s second student to qualify for the National Competition.



Douglas James Roche, OC, KCSG

The many positions Dr. Roche has held include

- Chairman of the United Nations Disarmament Committee, the main UN body dealing with political and security issues
- Officer of the Order of Canada
- Founding Chairman of the Middle Powers Initiative, co-sponsored by eight international non-governmental organizations specializing in nuclear disarmament
- President of the United Nations Association in Canada
- Founding President of Parliamentarians for Global Action, an international network of 1,300 parliamentarians in 99 countries
- Canada’s Ambassador for Disarmament

Canada’s “Most Distinguished Peacemaker” to Speak at Lacombe Memorial Centre

Burman’s lecture series *The Denise and Larry Herr Lectures in the Humanities* will have another roster of distinguished presenters for the 2018/19 series. The first lecturer is Douglas Roche. His talk, entitled “Hope Not Fear: Building Peace in a Fractured World,” is scheduled for October 10 at the Lacombe Memorial Centre. Everyone is invited; there is no admission fee.

Parliamentarian, professor, author of 20 books and contributing author of 13 more, including *Creative Dissent: A Politician’s Struggle for Peace* (Novalis, 2008), Roche has long been concerned with nuclear disarmament. According to the *Vancouver Sun*, he is Canada’s “most distinguished peacemaker” (February 4, 2011).

In 1995, Pope John Paul II presented Douglas Roche with the Papal Medal for his service as *Special Adviser on Disarmament and Security Matters*. In 1998 he was named a *Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great*.

In 2009 Roche received the Distinguished Service Award of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians “for his years of Parliamentary service, for his contribution to and respect for the institution of Parliament and for his continued interest and activity in the promotion of human welfare, human rights and parliamentary democracy in Canada and abroad.”

Now in its fifth year since its inception in 2014, the Herr Lecture Series, according to co-founders Drs. Glen Graham and John McDowell, continues in its efforts to “create a forum for community and university engagement to discuss and learn from noted speakers on a variety of topical, relevant, and important global issues.” They add that the series “creates an opportunity for members of different faith groups and political persuasions to learn from each other and to practice a politics of inclusion and openness.”

The Herr Lecture Series is named after Drs. Denise and Larry Herr because, in their many years of service to Burman University, they always modeled the values of intellectual inquiry and engagement with the community.



Each year, the Centre for Peace and Justice invites speakers of renown to present at the Herr Lecture Series. Last March the Lacombe Memorial Centre was filled to capacity to listen to Lieutenant-General, the Honourable Roméo Dallaire speak on “International Conflict Resolution in this New Era.”

Strategic Plan Sets Direction

On April 27, 2018 the Board of Trustees examined, debated and approved Burman University’s Strategic Plan for 2018–2022. Under the leadership of President Loren Agrey, Merle Jacobson HS ’80 guided Burman University through a process to develop a plan that would set the university’s direction for the next five years.



Jacobson recruited a group of more than 50 alumni, students, staff, faculty and administrators. They implemented surveys, assembled focus groups, held workshops and set up project teams. This resulted in engagement from over 30 percent of the student body, 30 percent of employees and 50 percent of faculty. Alumni and the communities of central Alberta also participated.

Elements of the Plan

The completed plan identifies five core values for excellence, service, spirituality, integrity and community. Its goals are focused on

1. Student experience
2. Employee experience
3. Academics
4. Finances and assets
5. Community

Because the full value of a strategic plan lies in its implementation, Jacobson will now also guide that process. Divisional

plans with strategies, tactics and targets for each priority initiative to guide and measure progress will be first on his agenda. Second, he will work with departments and programs to develop work plans with actions and targets. These will provide direction to faculty and staff in their daily roles in support of student success.

Burman University will educate students to **think** with discernment, to **believe** with insight and commitment, and to **act** with confidence, compassion and competence.

Burman’s 2018 -2022 Strategic Plan is posted at <https://www.burmanu.ca/strategicplan>

New Leadership for The Committee of 100

Last June, during the Homecoming 2018 weekend, Dr. Clifford Tym, chair of the Committee of 100, passed the baton to Dr. Ned Price, owner of the Riverstone Dental clinic in Red Deer, AB.

The Committee of 100 is committed to the advancement of Burman University. Incorporated in 1973, the committee was the major contributor to funding the construction of the new Physical Education Centre building.



Burman’s Physical Education Centre is open to university and academy students and staff, as well as central Alberta residents.

After its incorporation, the group functioned continuously for more than a decade. Then in 2007, a small group of alumni and other friends of the university decided to revive it.

Since then, the committee has taken a leading role in various other campus improvements and projects, such as the paving, curbing and lighting at the PE Centre. The committee also purchased a 15-passenger bus and spearheaded the renovation and refurbishing of dormitory lobbies. Members contributed to creating the Alumni Plaza, raised funds for a 100-seat lecture hall and funded a university sign (including landscaping and lighting).

Price, the newly-elected chair, has held membership on the Committee of 100 for a number of years. He and his wife, Larissa (also a member), believe in supporting Burman—not only because the university helped prepare them for their careers, but also because its Christian emphasis aligned with and strengthened their values.

In addition to serving as vice chair from 2013 to 2018, Price has been active on the committee for some time. He looks forward to “creating greater awareness of the benefits the committee provides for the university.” “Our current focus for the campus” he says, “is to increase wheelchair accessibility.”



40th Reunion of Singers: For the May 6 and 7 reunion, hundreds headed to Burman University to celebrate 40 years of choral music under the direction of Dr. Wendolin Munroe. (Photo by Keith Dubuc)

New Faces in Burman Classrooms

Delano Lewis received BSc and MPhil degrees in zoology from the University of the West Indies (UWI). He taught at Northern Caribbean University (NCU)



Delano S. Lewis, PhD, Associate Professor, Biology

After a postdoctoral appointment and an appointment as an assistant scientist/curator at the Florida Museum of Natural History, he returned to NCU where he served as director of research and, most recently, chair of the biology, chemistry and environmental science department.

His specialty lies in insect systematics, but he has training and experience working on reptiles, mammals, birds, and in conservation and phylogenetics. He is originally from Mandeville, Jamaica and is married to Dadria (PhD in counseling and counselor education); they have three children.

Kevin Kiers, a Canadian outdoors man, earned a Bachelor’s degree in education with emphasis in social and natural science from Southern Adventist University. He then continued at his alma mater to earn a Master’s degree in outdoor education. He has had 12 years of teaching experience and has co-led the Alberta Conference Outdoor School for 18 years. For three years he served as Youth Ministries Director in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference before serving in the same capacity at the Alberta Conference of SDA.



Kevin Kiers, M.S.Ed Associate Professor, Outward Pursuits

Kevin’s love of the outdoors was already evident when he undertook multi-day solo river trips at the age of 11. He has participated in and led hundreds of back-country trips since then. He and his wife Lynae have two daughters.

Eduardo Sola Chagas Lima is a Brazilian violinist born in Curitiba. He is currently completing a PhD in education at Andrews University, where

he is engaged in pioneering research on developmental synesthesia and its impact on music learning. He holds a Master’s degree in historical musicology and music theory from the University of Toronto, a BMus in baroque violin and historical performance from the Royal Conservatory of the Netherlands, and a BMus in violin from the prestigious performance program at the School of Music and Fine Arts of Paraná, Brazil.



Eduardo Sola, PhD(c), Associate Professor, Music

Sola has performed across the globe in concerts, recitals and recordings alongside renowned professional musicians and groups as a soloist, leader and chamber musician. He has a substantial record of academic publications and conference papers, appearing internationally as speaker in leading universities. In 2014, he published his first book, addressing music and cognition.

The Impact of a Second Chance

The storm damage was irreparable. North Hall, one of the oldest buildings on campus, had served the school well. Over time it housed the laundry, the maintenance shop and the music department. Decades later, it was home to the physics department. Then it became the Student Success Centre. The student association had also found a space there. Now the time had come to tear it down.

Administrators struggled with the space issue created by the loss of North Hall. Temporarily the Student Success Centre was set up in the basement of the cafeteria—a not very satisfactory solution. Then Dr. Elmar and Darilee (Allen) Sakala caught the vision of converting part of the lower level of the Administration Building into a space for students to find emotional, academic and physical support in times of crisis.

For the past 40 years, Dr. Sakala has taught gynecology and obstetrics at Loma Linda University School of Medicine. Darilee HS '64 holds a bachelor's degree in business administration. They understand from personal experience that students can be viewed as "problems," or they can be viewed as potential "successes." That difference can be life changing.

Elmar recalls, "In 1960, I arrived on campus an insecure adolescent; in 1963, I left campus a confident young man. However, the transition was a rocky one." He states that if there had been a Success Centre on the hilltop almost 60 years ago, he would certainly have been a client. He acknowledges that when he was a student, he made some foolish and unwise choices that led him to be asked to leave school.

Elmar was aware that some people looked at his expulsion from CUC, and all they saw was a problem. They categorized him as a loser, saying, "That young Sakala will never amount to much!" He spent the next year living and working in Calgary with lots of time to reflect on his future. He realized how important it was to live a life of integrity and honesty and decided to return to CUC the next fall to start anew. So he applied for readmission.

Elmar is so grateful there were faculty and staff that saw him not just as a problem, but as a potential success. When David Iglar, the men's residence dean, interviewed him and asked whether he had "turned over a new leaf," Elmar knew he was being asked whether he had had a conversion experience. Since Elmar had made a decision to be honest, he had to admit



A renowned physician, Dr. Sakala HS '63 will never forget the impact of a second chance.

that he had not. But he gave his word to follow every rule to the letter. Much to Elmar's surprise and relief, David decided to give him a second chance. He says, "Where others saw me as a failure, David saw me as a potential success. And that has made all the difference."

Elmar went on to complete degrees in business, education, public health and medicine. Now a renowned physician, Dr. Sakala will never forget the impact of a second chance. And so the Sakala Success Centre was conceived.

Now a multi-room facility, consisting of a reception room, offices and counseling/testing rooms, the Sakala Success Centre is central to the Burman experience. It is a special space dedicated to acceptance, encouragement and guidance.



At its recent grand opening, President Agrey unveils a plaque honoring the role of Dr. and Mrs. Sakala in establishing the Sakala Success Centre.

2018 HOMECOMING

More photos from the 2018 homecoming weekend can be viewed at www.burmanu.ca/alumni/alumnievents.



After receiving a blessing from the Sabbath morning services, nearly 900 people enjoyed food, fellowship, laughs, handshakes and hugs during the Sabbath Potluck held in the Physical Education Centre gym.



During the PAA Class of '98 event held in the Chan Shun Science Centre, Lalitha (Ramalingam) Taylor enjoys a fun photo moment using a unique prop provided by event coordinators.



Friends and former classmates who haven't seen each other for years enjoy a hug and take time to reconnect.



Parkview Adventist Academy teacher Michelle (Reyes) Lintan '12 takes time at the Friday Picnic to blow bubbles with a young friend. Both were enjoying the various activities, food and fun the picnic had to offer.



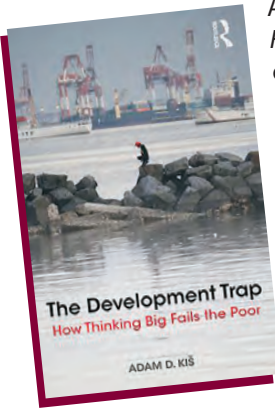
The PAA 40-year class is all smiles as they pose for their official class photo.



Brent Bechthold (att. '02-04) appears to have just "hit one out of the park!" at the Sunday ball tournament, coordinated by Marisa (Nischuk) Jackson HS '95.

Congratulations, Professor Kiš!

A recent addition to the discourse on world poverty is Adam D. Kiš's book *The Development Trap: How Thinking Big Fails the Poor* (Routledge, 2018). Kiš is Associate Professor of Anthropology in the International Studies program at Burman University. He holds a PhD in anthropology from the University of Florida.



Having experienced 10 years of living in developing countries, six of those directly engaged in international development practice, Kiš offers his book as "one voice from the field, enriching the debate with a largely neglected perspective."

Kiš's position lies somewhere between those that argue that poverty can be overcome through development assistance and those that believe that all development intervention is doomed to failure.

When asked what he wants his audience to take away from *The Development Trap*, he writes:

I am truly advocating nothing less than the complete abandonment of thinking too big so that development assistance can really have a positive impact where it is best poised to do so: at the level of individuals and communities. It may not be sexy to support a couple dozen people in their own goals instead of aiming to transform an entire society. But it's sensible. And it is within reach of most development agencies.



DESIDERANTES MELIOREM PATRIAM

They Desired a Better Country

“Desiderantes Meliorem Patriam” is the motto for the Order of Canada—and it accurately describes Howard Gimbel, alumnus and recent appointee to this award. He is a Canadian who “desires a better country.”

Alberta Roots

Like Governor General Roland Michener, first inductee into the Order of Canada, Gimbel was born in the province of Alberta. He grew up in Beiseker, and, like both his parents, he traveled to Lacombe to attend school. He graduated in 1952 from the high school division of what was then Canadian Union College (now Burman University).

As the senior class president, Gimbel encouraged his fellow graduates to be committed to excellence and service. He wrote in the school newspaper:

“We look to graduation, not as an end to preparation, but as the commencement: it is but a foundation upon which we must continue to build character and wisdom.... Let us use the wisdom we have acquired, as the wise use their watches—not for personal display, but rather that we may be more efficient as we serve others.”



Further Education

After graduation, Gimbel attended Walla Walla College (now Walla Walla University) in Washington, completing a degree in physics. Later, he studied medicine and public health at Loma Linda University in California, and completed a residency in ophthalmology at the White Memorial Medical Center in Los Angeles.

“Gadget Gimbel”

All the recipients of the Order of Canada have enriched the lives of others and made a difference to this country. And Howard Gimbel certainly has done that in his four-

decade career as an ophthalmologist and surgeon.

He was fascinated by new technologies, and soon became known as “Gadget Gimbel.” Early in his career, this interest ensured that patients received the most sophisticated care available. In 1964 he founded the Gimbel Eye Centre in Calgary, and in 1974 he became the first Canadian surgeon to use an ultrasonic probe to remove cataracts. He developed new techniques that improved the safety and results of cataract surgery and became active in refractive surgery that allowed tens of thousands of patients to enjoy a world

of clear vision without corrective lenses. His procedures became world standards, and more than 200,000 eye surgeries have been completed at the clinic.

Gimbel Eye Foundation

But that wasn’t enough for Howard Gimbel. Patients, enthusiastic about their care, sometimes gave gifts that encouraged him to share his techniques. In 1984 Judy Gimbel, Howard’s wife, founded the Gimbel Eye Foundation that supports research and educational and service projects, some of which focus on preventing blindness. In the role of teacher and mentor, Howard has broadcast live surgery, co-authored textbooks, contributed to medical journals and spoken at conferences. He holds academic appointments at the University of Calgary and at Loma Linda University.

Judy Gimbel serves not only as the president of the Gimbel Eye Foundation, but she also has personally contributed to eye care. Realizing that more skilled technicians were needed, Judy oversaw the development of an in-house training program and published it in the *Ophthalmic Assisting Guide*. The *Guide* has been translated into three languages and has helped launch the careers of many ophthalmic technicians. Judy inspires the team at the Gimbel Eye Centre as they create a caring environment of open, cooperative communication. Her interest in commitment to educate patients about the relationship of healthy diet and eye health resulted in the video *An Eye on Wellness*. The centre also offers health education classes, assessments and materials.



The Order of Canada recognizes outstanding achievement, dedication to the community and service to the nation. Since its creation in 1967, about 7,000 people—scientists, musicians, politicians, artists, athletes, business people, film stars, benefactors and others—have received the highest level of distinction in the Canadian Honours system.

The Gimbels and Burman University

Howard and Judy Gimbel have been involved with Burman University, contributing to the Chan Shun Science Centre and creating a student scholarship. Burman’s mission statement pledges that it “will educate students to think with discernment, to believe with insight and commitment, and to act with confidence, compassion and competence.” Howard and Judy Gimbel’s lives exemplify this mission. As they researched and innovated, they were “thinking with discernment.” As they advocated a healthy life, they were “believing with insight and commitment.” And as they shared their discoveries with others, providing patient-centered care, they were “acting with confidence, compassion, and competence.” **Think. Believe. Act.**

In the words of the Order of Canada, Howard and Judy Gimbel have “desired a better country.” Burman University knows that they are accomplishing this goal.



Howard and Judy Gimbel



Commitment to Service-learning and Research

Shortly after graduation exercises for the Class of 2018, Professors Paul and DonnaLee Lehmann took a group of eight students to Nepal to meet the service-learning component of their Outward Pursuits class. The purpose was to teach students best practices in providing services in under-developed countries. From May 9–30, the class members worked at Scheer Memorial Hospital, a Seventh-day Adventist institution near Kathmandu.



Students mastered a range of skills to build a maintenance building at Scheer Memorial Hospital near Kathmandu.

Under the direction of local maintenance directors, work supervisors and engineers, the group converted an ancient structure into a maintenance building. They first emptied it of stuff that had collected there over the years. Then, in preparation for a new concrete floor, they removed the old bricks of the original floor. After levelling and preparing the base, they mixed concrete and poured a new floor. They smashed large rocks for building retaining walls. Once the walls were completed, they levelled the ground in front of the building to create an area for a roofed pad. This will provide parking for hospital vehicles, including the ambulances.

The Chief Operating Officer of the hospital is Dr. Jonathon Thorp. (After graduating from Burman University [then CUC], he earned degrees in medicine from Loma Linda and Johns Hopkins universities.) The “new” building, according to Dr. Thorp, had originally been estimated to be a two- to three-year project. The class completed it in a few record-setting weeks.

High-Altitude Research in Tibet and in Bhutan

Following the work at the hospital, Paul and DonnaLee Lehmann extended their visit to engage in high-altitude research. Their seven-day stay in Tibet began with an eight-hour drive from Kathmandu to the Tibetan border. It took them through 14 police and military check points.

Paul Lehmann writes, “Our ancient jeep jolted around twists and turns on highly exposed mountain roads that had no guard rails and numerous wash outs. Monsoon rains obscured our vision for the first three hours, and hairpin corners that left inches between the rear wheels and cliffs’ edges ending thousands of feet below tested even my considerable tolerance for heights.”

Most of their time in Tibet was spent at 14,500 feet altitude or higher. Their lowest point was about 13,500; the highest was 18,200. DonnaLee says, “Everest Base camp is at 17,200 feet. Sleep was almost impossible. It was cold. Thick Yak blankets gave us some protection from the thin, frosty air. But their weight seemed to compress our lungs, making breathing even more challenging.”

Well aware that elevations of 10 to 11,000 feet can kill those negatively affected by altitude, they carefully noted the effects of air pressure on them as they travelled. Neither took any altitude medications or used supplemental oxygen.

On-location photos by Paul Lehmann

Bhutan, the “happiness country” next to Tibet, has high exposed roads and lovely farmed terraces. Legally touring the country requires a hired guide and driver. Paul and DonnaLee decided to visit the popular Tigress Nest Temple to test the effects of 10,000+ ft. elevations while exercising vigorously. Several hundred feet above the temple lies the Tigress Nest Monastery. Reaching it meant climbing up a series of steps cut into logs set at steep angles and then up more steps leading to tenuous ladders. Their guide claimed they are the oldest clients he had ever guided to the top.

As expected, the Lehmanns found that oxygen saturation, tested in part with an oximeter, decreases with altitude. It dropped at times by



Burman Outward Pursuits students, the Lehmanns and local workers “conquered” the massive rockpile to build retaining walls and complete the project.

15 percent. Their heart rates, even at rest, were rarely below 100 beats per minute. Neither suffered any life-threatening issues such as high altitude cerebral edema (HACE), high altitude pulmonary edema (HAPE) or acute mountain sickness (AMS). Paul tested himself for ataxia, loss of balance, but found no ill effects unless he rose too quickly.

Dehydration due to the dry air posed more of a challenge. They drank copious amounts of water to keep their blood thinner. Headaches and loss of appetite all depleted their energy as oxygen pressure dropped. Paul’s most startling experience occurred one night toward the end of their research when they were at about 13,500 feet. He describes it as “astonishingly real and surreal at the same time.” Still partially awake, he seemed attached to a downward spiralling vortex. Though he struggled, full consciousness eluded him for several minutes.

Revisiting an Earlier Service-learning Site

In 1999 Paul was in Nepal on another Outward Pursuits service-learning project at a leper colony.

He, a colleague and 10 students spent five weeks building two brick homes for residents. They built the footings and put up walls and windows. The rest was to be completed later.

Following this year’s research, Paul and DonnaLee travelled to the colony in Khohana. One house had been completed with a second story. The other had

wonderful gardens and steps leading to the rooftop. The Lehmanns met the first recipient from 19 years ago. Her husband had died, but her own leprosy is now under control. She, her daughter-in-law and adult grandson live together.

Friendship blossomed instantly. Paul says, “It was a blessing to go back to see the result of our work.

The value of ‘paying it forward’ was obvious. Burman University does an important work, and DonnaLee and I want to continue being a part of it—even in retirement.”



Breaking rocks for retaining wall



The Lehmanns take a hard-earned rest after the punishing high-altitude climb to the Tigress Nest Temple and Monastery.



After many years, the original owner of the home built by the Outward Pursuits team has a joyful reunion with Paul Lehmann.

Terrace

The Burman Connection

A satellite image of the Pacific Northwest of British Columbia would show dense forests covering the rugged Coast Mountains. The City of Terrace may be a small dot (if visible at all) in this huge area. Five hundred and fifty “as-the-crow-flies” miles northwest of Vancouver, Terrace is the service, educational, medical and transportation hub of the region. According to many, it has the best hiking, rafting, skiing, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, snow-shoeing and mountain biking in Canada. It is also BC’s northern-most point where fruit trees thrive. Its proximity to the ocean, low altitude and protection from surrounding mountains create a natural greenhouse effect. Peaches, cherries, apples, strawberries and more grow here in abundance. The Terrace Farmers Market rivals those held in many other, much larger, southern cities.

The City of Terrace is becoming a vital regional resource for the provision of healthcare services. Burman University alumni are among the healthcare professionals that are making that possible.



Jen and Matt Brucks and their girls enjoy outings in Terrace's beautiful parks.



Vince and Melinda Drouin, pictured with Caleb and Kai, are active leaders in their church.



Hometown Loyalties

In 2002 Vincent Drouin left Terrace with a vision for the future. He returned to Terrace after an absence of seven years. During that time, he had earned a BA in biology '05 from CUC (now Burman) and a DDS from Loma Linda University, a sister university that specializes in health sciences education. He was now ready to set up a dental practice in his hometown.

First Vincent bought an older existing dental practice owned by a dentist who had employed one dental assistant. Since then, Vincent and his wife Melinda HS '04, a dental hygienist, have expanded the Cedar Coast Dental Clinic to six dentists and six hygienists. He explains, “Our clinic offers quality care in a caring environment, and people have responded.”

Not only have patients responded, but other professionals have, as well. In addition to the five dentists and six hygienists for his own clinic, Vincent recruited three physicians, a speech pathologist and others to establish their practices here. Most are graduates of Burman University.

Visions of Service

While lifestyle and affordability are factors in attracting these professionals, so are service opportunities. Desperate poverty is the norm in the numerous communities



Kenny and Michelle Basit with baby Aveline

that are part of this northwest region. Vincent says, “We provide care for a very large, diverse demographic. Many of our patients travel six to eight hours for dental care at our clinic.”

Vincent recruited his brother Olivier and sister-in-law Leah, who is a nutritionist. Dr. Olivier Drouin practices internal medicine. He explains that he sees a wide variety of interesting cases, often presenting in advanced stages due to difficulties in access to healthcare. Because there are fewer subspecialist physicians, he has the

opportunity to manage a range of diseases that would be referred to a subspecialist in a larger center.

Kris '03 and Amanda HS '99 Falk take the family’s ocean boat out regularly to remote communities to provide dental care to the underserved, honoring the clinic’s motto, “Caring for Communities.” Kris’s past experiences have taught him the compassion needed to work with vulnerable, fearful patients.

The city is currently planning on building a new hospital to serve its large catchment area. Burman graduates are a visible presence here and make a strong contribution to the city’s extensive efforts.

Matt and Jen Brucks graduated from PAA in 2002 and from CUC in 2006. Matt’s specialty is ophthalmology. He is one of three such specialists practicing in Terrace, and, at times, his patients travel for days to his office. Jen is a speech pathologist working for the Terrace Child Development Center. She also volunteers with the community garden project and helps with the soup kitchen in town.

Kenny '05 and Michelle Basit write, “It is rare to go out in public and not encounter at least a few of our patients. This speaks to the closeness of the community and allows us to get to know our patients just a little bit better.” Dr. Basit has one patient, an ocean fishing guide, who does not have dental insurance. So Kenny goes fishing on the ocean with him in exchange for dental work.

Terrace, with 12,000 residents, has developed numerous resources to serve the more than 100,000 people living in Nass villages, Hazelton, Prince Rupert, Dease Lake, Telegraph Creek, Kitimat, Smithers, Haida Gwaii and other smaller communities throughout this vast region. The city is currently planning on building a new hospital to serve its large catchment area. Burman graduates are a visible presence here and make a strong contribution to the city’s extensive efforts.



Nathan '13 and Brooke Densmore



Kris Falk on his boat that also serves as a mobile clinic for serving remote communities.



The Drouins, Olivier '06 and Leah '06, with Finley and Ellie

Family photos by Michelle Basit

Exploring New Molecular Frontiers

Biology students will have a new research laboratory this fall. In May, the program acquired a BioRad CFX384 Real-Time polymerase chain reaction (PCR) instrument as well as BioRad T100 thermal cycler as part of the establishment of a molecular biology research lab.

This equipment was purchased in part through generous donations of an anonymous alumnus and in part by allocated departmental funds. “The equipment will allow faculty to quantify gene expression levels in biological samples. It will also provide senior undergraduate students access to state-of-the-art equipment normally reserved for graduate level work,” says Pekka Määttänen, PhD, Assistant Professor of Biology, who spearheaded the initiative.



Professor Määttänen introduces the new Real-Time PCR instrument to students James Southcott and Victoria Soto.

These tools will not only enhance labs in current cell and molecular biology courses, there are also plans to roll out a new course in the fall of 2019 that specifically provides hands-on training in molecular biology.

“It’s exciting to have lab equipment that will allow me to do experiments that I could do only at much larger research institutions during graduate school,” explained Pekka, who is planning, among other things, to use the detection system to look at shifts in specific microbes in individuals undergoing health lifestyle interventions in different locations around the world.

The CFX384 instrument, which normally retails for close to \$52,000, was acquired for a fraction of this cost through deep discounts from BioRad, a company that also provided onsite training and has clearly indicated commitment to and support of smaller teaching and research institutions.

Pekka’s enthusiasm is obvious as he points out that “even though we may not get multimillion dollar grants at Burman, it’s exciting to see that when we come together in our commitment to higher education, some of our dreams can become reality. Research is about ideas, not just fancy equipment. So when students, faculty and alumni put their heads together and are let loose, great things can happen!”

More on the CFX384

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR), developed in 1983 by Kary Mullis (winner of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1993), will repeatedly replicate a focused segment of DNA. This concept is used in biomedical research, criminal forensics and molecular biology.

A Bio-Rad CFX384 Real-Time PCR instrument is modular and goes beyond simple replication and amplification of DNA. It allows the researcher to quantify accurately specific genes or their gene products and to test many samples at once to avoid plate-to-plate variability.

Its fluorescence capabilities measure the expression levels of specific genes using targeted primers. The instrument can be applied to a variety of research questions, including profiling microbial communities. It determines how much PCR product is made by detecting the fluorescence of the product after each PCR cycle.



Legacy Gift Expands Biology Program’s Capacity

Another new lab for students and faculty is the Plant Sciences Laboratory for general biology, plant physiology, human ecology, microbiology, and senior independent research projects in related disciplines of biological sciences.

The biology faculty had long dreamed of a greenhouse lab on campus. Now their dream has been realized thanks to a legacy gift for Edward ’56 and Wanda (Leaming) Chipeur. Their children Gerald HS ’79 and Barbara Fowler HS ’78 Chipeur donated the funds on the occasion of Edward’s 85th birthday.

The Plant Sciences Laboratory will stand as a symbol of the care and service that Edward embodied as he inspired high school students to careers in science. It will also capture his passion for farming and Wanda’s commitment to health as a nurse and administrator.

One exciting aspect of this project is the collaboration it will foster with The Lacombe Composite High School (LCHS). Under the guidance and vision of Steven Schultz, LCHS’s 33-foot diameter geodesic dome greenhouse has won numerous community awards for their EcoVision program that emphasizes the environment, education and the community.



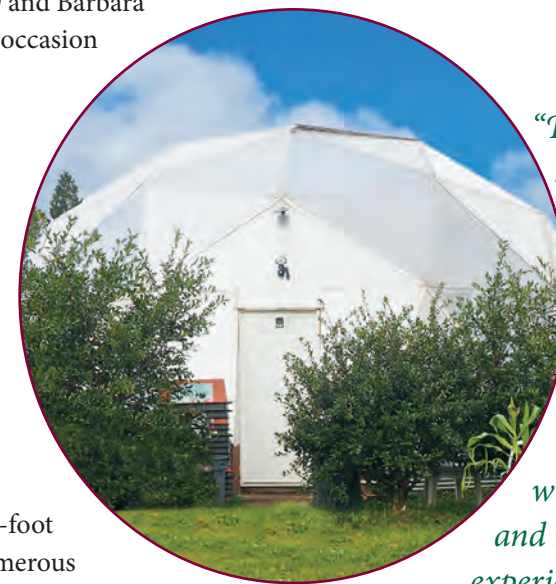
Limes growing in Alberta? It may be winter outside, but for the limes inside the dome it’s summer!

Collaboration with Mr. Schultz and his students will enhance both his EcoVision program and the courses and labs on campus.

The new plant greenhouse will be a state-of-the-art hands-on example of sustainability and stewardship of our world—a living lab to educate and promote both personal and planetary health. Its geodesic dome design maximizes on solar capture during the cold months, but also contains automated systems to cool and maintain growth in the summer. Electronics in the greenhouse are run by solar panels, and solar tubes are used to heat a large water reservoir that will act as a temperature buffer and also house fish. An undersoil heating/cooling system also allows for temperature stabilization, and the insulated concrete fitting (ICF) foundation will further insulate the lower portion of the greenhouse to maintain growing space during the cold Alberta winters.

Designed in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado by a family interested in creating off-the-grid greenhouses for climates that have short growing seasons, the greenhouse has been proven to be successful over the last 30 years.

Alberta’s northern climate will require some heat input during the coldest months (December, January, and February), but it will also allow students and faculty to explore further heat sources such as composting.



“It will be amazing to see what grows from here, and we trust this greenhouse will be a tangible example of how seeds of good will can grow to bless many. This lesson will surely be learned and relearned as students experience the power in a seed with each cycle of planting and harvest.”

Professor David Delafield



Edward and Wanda Chipeur, in whose honor their children have made the gift of a research-focused geodesic greenhouse



PAA: Established in 1907; on the hilltop since 1909

Milton's Story

As one of Canada's only two Adventist boarding academies, Parkview Adventist Academy has the opportunity to attract a diverse student population. Milton Wong is one such student. Originally from Jinan in Shandon Province, China, Milton has made a quick transition to life in Canada. When you ask Milton about his new life at PAA he says, "This is Heaven."



"Fitting in is easier," says Milton, "by participating in team sports."

Milton came to PAA from a traditional boarding school in China with over 10,000 students. "There were eight people to a room; 200 people used one bathroom. There were no showers or toilets. It was very dirty," he said. "The bullying was bad and it was not uncommon for students to end their lives by jumping from the

top of the five-story dormitory."

Milton has quickly become an active participant in life at PAA. He is on the flag football team, is learning to play



Milton (third from left) says the "Dauntless" spring tour brought many opportunities for language-learning and forming new friendships.

basketball and recently joined the "Dauntless" spring tour. "I met many good people on my trip, and that gives me hope," says Milton. "Sometimes, my lack of English causes me a challenge, but I know I can pray as I learn to fit in. I have made friends who are helping me to do this."

For students like Milton, his new life in Canada is opening many doors. "I have learned to do things by myself as I am far from home. I am focusing on language and hope to be a farmer some day; every day brings new experiences."*

When Opportunity Knocks, Oleksii Answers

From the Ukraine to Canada to Malaysia to Brazil, Parkview Adventist Academy 2018 graduate Oleksii Zahreba (recently from Ukraine) is following where God leads. Oleksii explains:

"I am a chaser of valuable opportunities that provide me with life-changing learning experiences. When I found an opportunity to participate in the Global Goals Model United Nations conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, I immediately applied for it. Being chosen out of thousands of applicants was exciting. But seeing so many people help me with fundraising for the trip was totally breathtaking.

When I went to Malaysia, I met many talented and clever young people, who care about the future of the world. Together we learned more about international relations and the work of the United Nations. This opportunity enhanced my worldview and gave me the unique experience of intercultural communication.

I also like to share my faith with others, and serve God in the ways I can do it best. Going on a trip to Brazil with pastor Don McLafferty, the founder of In Discipleship, was a new and fascinating experience. I met young people in Brazil to share with them what discipleship is all about.

My freshman year at Burman University will be busy, as I plan to take all the opportunities I can. As a fully committed Christian student, I will be seeking leadership roles while striving to be academically successful."

Oleksii participated in many of the outreach and service options available at PAA.*



Oleksii will begin his freshman year at Burman this fall term.

* More information about PAA's English as a Second Language, "Dauntless" and service programs is available at 403-782-3381, ext. 4112.

Parkview Adventist Academy: Distinctly Academic, Decidedly Christian

Parkview Adventist Academy sponsored two distinct opportunities involving 25 students over spring break. One trip took the Political Thinking class across the country to visit Ottawa for "Canada 150," while the second trip provided a hands-on mission experience with Maranatha in Panama.

Distinctly Academic—Ottawa

The guide from Education First (EF) tours said that he has faith in the next generation after meeting PAA's "Canada 150" students. "Through trips like these we are able to experience the political systems we learn about so extensively in an academic setting and explore all the nuances of government in conjunction with our rich history," explains recent PAA graduate Miles Schaffrick. For Nathaniel Hyde experiences such as the Ottawa trip help make memories and encourage diversity. "These trips can also help us learn about our past," he adds.

Decidedly Christian—Panama

Aine Schmidt, PAA student participant, reports:

"From working on the school building with old and new friends to swimming in the ocean, I enjoyed every moment of this trip. If I had to choose one thing I enjoyed the most, it was being bilingual in Panama. When I got to work in the medical/dental clinic and the children's ministry, I spoke enough for three or four people in one day! But although my throat was sore and my feet were tired, my heart was full of God's peace and happiness."

Every year, PAA students have opportunities to learn more about themselves while growing academically and spiritually. The staff is committed to continuing to offer these opportunities for growth.

New PAA Principal

After 37 years Mr. Dallas Weis returns to PAA as principal. Since teaching at PAA from 1974–81, Mr. Weis served in administrative positions at a number of Seventh-day Adventist academies. From 1995–2018, he was Director for Admissions and International Student Adviser at Walla Walla University (WA).



The Hilltop Bakery

Since PAA's Hilltop Bakery opened last year, it has provided on-campus student employment and hands-on business experience. The Marketing for Small Business class and practicum prepare students before they join the bakery staff. They learn about marketing strategies and successful business planning, applying these principles to running the bakery.



Parkview Adventist Academy

A grades 10-12 Christian boarding and day academy located on the campus of Burman University

PAA's mission is to encourage students to achieve academic excellence, to accept personal responsibility for mind, body and spirit and to experience spiritual growth as they learn to serve God and their communities.

**Congratulations,
Levina Patzer Stewart,
on Your 100th Birthday!**



Levina Patzer (att. '35-'37, '40-'41) came from southern Alberta to Canadian Junior College (CJC) during the Great Depression. Having grown up with much older sisters, she had been lonesome on the farm. Now she was part of a group of girls for the first time. Life in the dorm was wonderful! She studied, played and prayed with her new friends. Although she worked hard in CJC's laundry to help earn her tuition, times were difficult. Too soon, she had to leave. As she remembers CJC, her thoughts turn to the friends she made, and she looks forward to meeting them again when Jesus returns. She often claims God's promise, "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

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Alumni Profiles

1960s

Clifford Tym HS '61, '62 graduated from the School of Dentistry, Loma Linda University in '68. The Alberta Dental Association and College honored him in May for 50 years of dedicated service in Central Alberta.

In addition to serving his patients in his Innisfail dental practice, Clifford volunteers at the Dental Outreach for Red Deer (DOoR) clinic. The DOoR program was started by Alberta Health Services in 2008 to provide treatment for children from 5 to 18 years of age.

Clifford is also a charter member of CUC's (now Burman's) *Committee of 100* and served as both the first chair and the third chair, turning leadership over to Ned Price in June. (Read more on page 10.)

1980s

Larry Knopp HS '84, '86 plays principal trumpet with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. He has recorded with the New York Philharmonic and artists such as Ray Charles and the Three Tenors. Having completed a master's degree at Northwestern University, and most of his doctorate at the Eastman School of Music, Larry went on to teach at both universities. He is an active clinician throughout North America and Asia, attracting numerous students as an adjunct professor at the University of British Columbia. He is a sponsored Yamaha artist.

Loretta Spangler Knopp HS '82, '86 holds an MA in English Literature from Western University. She taught at PAA, Kingsway College, and is now teaching at Deer Lake School in Burnaby, BC. She authored a Bible study for *The Record Keeper*, has published articles in the SDA church publication *The Messenger*



Loretta (Spangler) and Larry Knopp (both HS '86)

and writes plays for her drama classes. She also organizes biennial international service trips for her students to places such as Mexico, the Dominican Republic and Navajo Nation. She has helped her church Pathfinder group serve in Peru with ADRA.

Larry started the first touring PR musical ensemble for Burman (then CUC), singing bass and playing trumpet. Loretta soon joined him as a soprano and flutist.

Their son, Alexander, following the family tradition, is a violinist. Upon high school graduation last June, he was awarded several music scholarships (one from Deer Lake Academy, one from the BC Ministry of Education and one from UBC School of Music).

1990s

Jayson Lovell '94 holds a Master of Education with focus in curriculum and instruction from the University of Alberta. He has been employed with the Wolf Creek Public School district for 26 years as teacher, principal, the district's first school resource leader, and assistant superintendent. For the past two years, he served as Superintendent of Schools and Chief Executive Officer for WCPS.



Linda Tym HS '99, '03 was recently promoted to Associate Professor of English at Southern Adventist University where she has taught since 2015. Graduating from the University of Edinburgh in 2011, Linda's Doctoral Thesis *Forms of Memory in Late Twentieth and Twenty-first Century*

Scottish Fiction was shortlisted for the G. Ross Roy Medal for Excellence in Postgraduate Study.

Linda has presented research at various symposia and conferences in Canada, the UK, and the USA. Her research and writing have been published in the *Edinburgh Review*, *The Journal of the Short Story in English*, and *Gender: Time*, a Macmillan Interdisciplinary Handbook.

2000s

Jennifer Michel Niswonger '03 writes from Paradise, California, where she works for Adventist Health (AH) Feather River as the Administrative Director of Outpatient Operations. She is experienced in project management, clinic operations, strategy, change management, compliance, privacy, and performance excellence.



Jennifer also volunteers hundreds of hours each year for the elite Baldrige Performance Excellence Program as a lead senior and trainer/facilitator. She works with CEOs, Fortune 500 companies, doctors and nurses from Mayo and Cleveland clinics and others. "The networking is unreal, and the people I meet are amazing," she writes.

Chanda Nunes '03 was ordained on June 2018, to serve as minister of the gospel. Over 600 guests were in attendance to celebrate this historic occasion. Currently, she pastors in the Northern California Conference at the Capitol City Seventh-day Adventist Church in Sacramento, California.



Following her graduation from Burman, Chanda began her pastoral ministry in 2003 at the College Heights Church as youth pastor and Parkview Adventist Academy and College Heights Christian School as chaplain. She earned her Master of Divinity degree at Andrews University.



Ned and Larissa Price with Piper and Hudson.

Ned '03 and Larissa '05 Price own Riverstone Dental office in Red Deer, Alberta. Ned was recently elected chair of the Committee of 100 (see article on page 10). After he graduated from Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, he worked in Calgary briefly before purchasing the Red Deer practice. A sponsor of the city's Festival of Trees, he is also a member of 100 Men Red Deer, a group of men that supports local charities and organizations.

Larissa, a substitute teacher at College Heights Christian School (CHCS), is a member of the Home and School organization at CHCS. For the past three years she has worked to raise funds to build a new kitchen for the school. She continues to support and help give direction to the various programs CHCS's Home and School provides.

Susan Curtis Russell '06

was elected Council member in the Village of Clive in October 2017. Prior to the election, she had already been actively involved in the community in municipal politics by volunteering with a number of organizations and serving on committees. One of her committees was responsible for the purchase and renovations of a building to house Clive's new library.

She says, "After spending many months training and learning everything necessary for elected officials, I know I'll serve Clive well during my term in office."



Dale McCreery '07 is one of five Nuxalk language teachers at a 200-student band school in Bella Coola, British Columbia.

Currently, the band's language program's primary objective is to keep the Nuxalk language alive. Eventually, the goal is to deliver other subjects in the language, including provincial core requirements. Dale has written and revised various resources, always searching for best practices and new methods. His main work as a linguist has been interviewing and documenting languages.

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Colleen Connors '13 was recently promoted to Manager of Media and Communications at the United Nations Global Compact. After graduating from CUC, she worked briefly for the Alex Community Health Centre in Calgary. Then she applied for a one-year United Nations internship in New York City. Later she was hired to coordinate the department she is now managing. While still in CUC's international studies program, she served an internship in Washington, D.C. with the Johns Hopkins Protection Project.

Theresa Donkor HS '11, '15 graduated from the University of Toronto Faculty of Law with a Juris Doctorate degree in June 2018. She will be articling at Osler, Hoskin, & Harcourt, a full-service business law firm in Toronto.

While pursuing her Bachelor of Business Administration degree at Burman University, she was a member of the women's soccer team, the Campus Ministries team, and was a Student Association senator. She also worked at A Better World Canada as a Project Management Assistant.



In Memoriam

Burman University notes with sorrow the passing of the following alumni (based on information received between June 2017 and June 2018)

Bill (Buck or Buster) Anderson HS '73

March 12, 2018

Karen Larson Bottomley, faculty

March 2, 2018

Charles John Brushett (att)

December 7, 2017

Mary (Marie) Romanuk Burak (att)

September 2, 2017

Trudi Aaserude Charles HS '47, C'87

November 27, 2017

Myrn O'Brien Corban (att)

October 19, 2017

Alma Hoff DeBoer, staff

January 17, 2018

Don Donesky HS '48, C'54

October 20, 2017

Benjamin Donkor HS '08

February 10, 2018

Allen Ellison HS '77

August 17, 2017

Larry W. E. Frape HS '73

December 28, 2017

Peter Fritz H '55, C'58

January 17, 2018

Lothar (Ben) Ganz HS '54

June 1, 2017

Vernon Gimbel, staff

February 27, 2018

James Graham Glover (att)

January 26, 2018

Bertha Will Grabo (att)

May 30, 2017

Jason Kindopp HS '87

July 13, 2017

Sharon Fisher King HS '65

December 30, 2017

Larry "Digger" Krivoshein HS '54

July 11, 2017

Joan LeMarquand Lawson HS '60, C'61

May 17, 2017

Bryan Lee C '68, staff

July 14, 2017

Caleb Link (att)

June 19, 2017

Marlene Graham Littman HS '54

September 12, 2017

Gladys Siemens Markin (att)

August 15, 2017

Phyllis Spangler Martell (att)

December 25, 2017

Reuben Matiko HS '37, C'39

July 29, 2017

Elsie Kielbauch Neumann (att)

August 2, 2017

Blaine Neumann HS '81, C'95

December 24, 2017

Henry Neumann HS '78

January 6, 2018

Linda Mabley Niblow HS '65

July 29, 2017

Marion Burch Patzer HS '54

August 27, 2017

Eleanor Sims Polgar (att)

February 1, 2018

Selma Schafer Potschka HS '44

July 25, 2017

Don (Quering) Quiring (att)

April 24, 2018

Eugene Radomsky HS '69

January 4, 2018

Siegfried Roeske C '65

December 11, 2017

Burton Schaber HS '62, C'64

July 21, 2017

Eleanor Peterson St. John (att)

September 26, 2017

Joseph Sule C '66

November 7, 2017

Charles von Henner HS '44

September 4, 2017

Sandra Janet Washington HS '79

December 28, 2016

Lenna McCarty White (staff)

March 10, 2018

Mildred Konschuh White HS '47

September 27, 2017

Joan McKeith Fleming Young (att)

March 16, 2018

John Yuros C '52

April 23, 2017

Arthur Zaft C '64

December 6, 2017



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