

# Realize. It starts with you.

In so many ways, the first week of a new semester is the most exhilarating of any week of the academic year. Such was the case this past week as new and returning students, faculty, and staff were fully engaged in activities to kick off the 2014 fall semester.

It started over the Labour Day weekend as students moved into apartments and dormitory rooms across campus. On-campus housing accommodates about 1,200 students who come to us from across the province, throughout Canada and from around the world. Living in residence has advantages for many of these students, because research has shown that students who live on campus are more engaged with the full university experience. Plus, the circular design of our campus means students don't always have to go outside and face the fierce Saskatchewan winter to get to classes!

As this past week came to an end, so too did another fun-filled and informative Welcome Week. Students, faculty and staff enjoyed barbecues and concerts on the Dr. Lloyd Barber Academic Green. There was also a pizza party, volleyball tournament, movie night, Farmer's Market, orientation sessions for students (and even their parents!), and much more. While many of the Welcome Week activities are about fun, they are also designed to prepare our students for academics and university life, students who are engaged with their studies and their university are more likely to remain committed to their education.

If the first week of classes seemed busier than in the past, there was good reason for that. Our early estimate of this semester's student population suggests we are approaching 14,000 full- and part-time students – the highest enrolment in our history and the sixth consecutive year of growth. Graduate students now make up more than 1,600 of the total number of University of Regina students, which is up more than two per cent from this time last year.

The enthusiasm that the early semester brings is sustained, in part, by the many campus events that the University hosts throughout the semester. If you are a regular visitor to our campus, keep coming back, because we love to have you visit. If it's been a while since you've been on campus (or if you've never visited!), why not consider taking in one of the many public lectures, performances or athletic events that we host on campus? You can check out the Events Calendar on our website for all the great upcoming events.

Welcome Week provides a great kick-off to the fall semester, gives our students a real sense of belonging, and lays the foundation for a successful academic year. I hope you are as excited as I am about the upcoming academic year, and all the great things that are in store for our students in the months and years to come.

Dr. Vianne Timmons  
President and Vice-Chancellor



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**September 22 10:00 a.m.**  
**Careers Day**

Open to students and alumni from all faculty backgrounds, the event helps you connect and network with companies that are seeking all types of employment.

Location: Centre for Kinesiology, Health and Sport, Gym 3

For more information, call (306) 585-5161.

**September 22 7:30 p.m.**  
**Luther Lecture**

Speaker: Dr. Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Seattle University

Title: "Climate Justice: Love as Ecological-Economic Vocation"

Location: Rex Schneider Auditorium, Luther College Parking: Lot 3 (M area) and Lot 17

For more information, call (306) 585-5034

**September 24 7:00 p.m.**  
**Centenary Reflections Lecture**

Title: "The Great War as Rupture in Anti-Heroic Comics"

Speaker: Dr. Sylvain Rheault, Department of French

Title: "The Great War and Film Propaganda"  
Speaker: Dr. Christina Stojanova, Department of Film Studies

In this commemorative lecture series an interdisciplinary team of scholars will offer their centenary reflections on the significance of the Great War as a turning point in history and culture. Approaching the war from diverse disciplinary perspectives underlines the profound and sometimes surprising impact of the war, as its influence reached from the Berlin streets to the Canadian prairies, from the musical stage to the graphic novel and from the artist's studio to the psychiatrist's couch.

Location: Dr. John Archer Library, Archives Room, U of R main campus

For more information, call (306) 585-4213.

The tenth annual Alumni Crowning Achievement Award dinner will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at Cenexus Arts Centre. Join us to honour the 2014 ACAA recipients:

**Alumni**  
Crowning Achievement  
**Awards**

**Leonard Schein MA'73** Lifetime Achievement Award

**Courtney Keith BA'04 (Campion)** Outstanding Young Alumni Award

**Sean McEachern BEd'03** Dr. Robert and Norma Ferguson Award for Outstanding Service to the University of Regina and the Alumni Association

**Barry Pittendrigh BSc(Hons)'90 (Luther)** Award for Distinguished Professional Achievement

**Sel Murray BA(Hons)'73, BSW'76** Award for Distinguished Humanitarian and Community Service

For more information or to purchase tickets please go to: [www.uregina.ca/alumni](http://www.uregina.ca/alumni)

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