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Resilience:
Connecting faithfulness
with innovation

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resiliency; plural noun: **resiliencies**

1. the capacity to stand up to or recover quickly from difficulties; toughness.

"the often remarkable resilience of so many Canadian farmers"

2. the ability of a substance or object to spring back into shape; elasticity

"nylon is excellent in wearability and resilience"

Resilience seems to be a popular, if not overused, word in today's world of academics. And why not? It's a great word that conjures impressions of vigour, determination, and integrity in the face of challenging external pressures. Looking back at our Mennonite ancestors, we see great examples of resilience—those who lived through trying conditions, often cheating death, with a focus on the long view, and a steadfast dedication to their beliefs no matter the cost.

For nearly 20 years, Canadian Mennonite University has been, and continues to be, resilient in a culture where the need and value of a post-secondary Christian education is routinely scrutinized and questioned.

While other Christian post-secondary institutions across North America downplay or even drop their Christian roots through rebranding efforts, CMU celebrates its Anabaptist Christian heritage. Recent issues of *The Blazer* have explored themes such as faith and life (Spring 2017), God's vocational callings (Fall 216), and strength through ecumenical diversity (Spring 2016). In fact, it is CMU's resilience that equips us to inspire, empower, and challenge students with a unique educational mission.

This issue of *The Blazer* is themed, "Resilience: Connecting Faithfulness with Innovation." It's in our faith-based resilience to 21st century societal pressures that CMU finds itself in a unique position to build, expand, and innovate. This resilience echoes through the way CMU interacts with students, the local community, or those beyond.

As you look back at 2017, and ponder the new year ahead, I trust that you will be inspired and compelled by the reflections and stories in this issue.

Kevin Kilbrei

Director, Communications & Marketing

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CMU: Seeking resilience

Last December CMU launched a major renovation project to house a new venture, the CMU Centre for Resilience (CFR), with ecology and economics tucked into a byline. The Centre (to open spring 2018) will be a generative hub and incubator of social enterprises whose work links with CMU's teaching, scholarship, practica, and other activities. These links will be found in many areas of study, including environmental studies, business, and social innovation. Our hope is that the CFR will inspire students, faculty, and others who connect through CMU to be good stewards of God's creation, competent and willing to blend patience and urgency, courage, and inventiveness in all we are and do.

At its core, CFR is committed to nurture resilience—the capacity of social and ecological systems to absorb disturbance, undergo change, re-organize, and all the while retain health of centred purpose and presence. In other words, resilience is about remaining true to what matters most, even when various aspects of an organization or activity take on new forms and look very different from before.

In theological terms, resilience is a way to talk about faithfulness before God through a time of disruption and change in the church, and also in other spheres of our lives. In this issue of *The Blazer*, a wide range of the commitments and activities that characterize CMU education will be described through the lens of resilience as faithfulness that enables innovation.

« At CMU, a university moved and transformed by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, innovation is about new ways of being present to God's ongoing transformation of the world. »

Attending to that word, innovation, gives voice to yearnings that disruptions and changes will not lead to despair and destruction but rather to new manners of flourishing. At CMU, a university moved and transformed by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, innovation is about new ways of being present to God's ongoing transformation of the world. I'm persuaded that faithfulness through the



likes of stewardship—a biblical call and longstanding commitment of the church—has much more potential for innovation and transformation in church and society than we often recognize. If you'd like to chat about that sometime let me know. In the meanwhile, I trust that you will be encouraged as you read about Resilience as Connecting Faithfulness with Innovation through CMU.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Cheryl Pauls".

Peace and joy,
Cheryl Pauls
CMU President



Tim Cruickshank (front) as Guatemala Site Leader atop Ha Ling Peak in Alberta

Outtatown welcomes new program manager

It was both a pleasure and an honour to rejoin Outtatown Discipleship School this past summer. During my time as a Guatemala site leader, from 2012-2014, I fell in love with the mission and vision of the program. Being an Outtatown site leader is often described as a dream job, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. It was nothing less for me.

It was during my undergraduate years that student formation first caught my attention while I mentored and facilitated growth in resident advisors at Tyndale University

College. While engaged in graduate studies at Regent College, my desire for the future was to be part of a program that sought to integrate academic theological reflection into everyday life. I wanted to disciple young adults.

The beauty of Outtatown is its approach to discipleship. Not all discipleship programs are alike. Outtatown's learning-based approach resonated deeply with me as it pursues knowledge of God, oneself, and the world through experiential learning. It combines travel, service, and learning into an unforgettable experience. In a world that is increasingly individualistic and isolated, the community that is formed on Outtatown demonstrates the loving, other-focused community that is at the heart of faith and theology.

These are the personal desires and programmatic visions that are important to remind myself of, while I sit in my office, working out the fine details for this winter when half of our students go to South Africa. As I continue in this role I pray that students leave Outtatown with an enthusiasm to continue seeking God and allowing their faith to impact the rhythms and routines of everyday life, both individually and in community.

Tim Cruickshank

Read a new Outtatown story every month and check out all the great photos from this year's Outtatown students by visiting: outtatown.com/community/story.

MENNO SIMONS COLLEGE NEWS

From Winnipeg to Cambodia: IDS practicum builds relationships

When Tyler Loewen returned from his practicum to complete his four-year Honours International Development Studies degree at Menno Simons College (MSC), he had no idea the experience would lead to full time employment.

Yet, in the new year, Loewen will head to Cambodia for a three-year term with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) where he will serve as Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation Coordinator.

"It's pretty exciting," says Loewen. "In class, we learned the skills needed to do the work. Now I get to take the education I've received at MSC and put it into practice, and so soon after graduation."

For his practicum, Loewen completed a one-year MCC Serving and Learning Together or SALT term in Cambodia in 2015-2016, working with a local partner to build a garden using sustainable agriculture methods to create greater food security for the community.

"I'm most looking forward to reestablishing some relationships and to building new ones," says Loewen. "The opportunity to get to know



the nuances of the communities and to really invest in the place is significant."

Loewen credits the practicum component of the IDS program as its greatest strength.

"I learned so much about community-based development doing the hands-on work during practicum," he says.

In the meantime, Loewen will complete his Honours thesis this fall.

2018 PAX award to recognize musicianship, storytelling and advocacy

By Aaron Epp

Aclaimed Winnipeg singer-songwriter Steve Bell will receive the 2018 CMU PAX Award.

President Dr. Cheryl Pauls will present the award to Bell on April 5 at Gather. Give. Celebrate. Spring at CMU, an annual fundraiser in support of the university.

The award, first given in 2015, honours people and organizations dedicated to service, leadership, and reconciliation in church and society.

Since 1989, Bell has released 20 albums and performed more than 1,500 concerts to over half a million people in 15 countries.

"CMU is honoured to present Steve Bell with the 2018 PAX Award," Pauls says. "Steve is a dearly cherished singer-songwriter for all the right reasons. He is a fine musician, poet, and storyteller. His music springs from the stories and yearnings of others, especially those seeking healing and hope."

In recent years, Bell has used his platform to advocate for the building of Freedom Road, a 27-kilometre road that would end a century of isolation for the people of Shoal Lake 40 First Nation.

« His music springs from the stories and yearnings of others, especially those seeking healing and hope. »

He has also been a strong voice urging the Canadian government to adopt Bill C-262, an act that would ensure that Canadian laws are in harmony with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

"Steve's commitment to access to water for Shoal Lake 40 in recent years has brought together many Indigenous, church, political, and other groups of people, including CMU students," Pauls says. "This effort for the sake of Indigenous communities was a major impetus for our selection of Steve Bell as recipient of the PAX Award."

The Blazer recently caught up with Bell via email.



Steve Bell is an outspoken advocate for Indigenous rights.

What has compelled you to promote Indigenous rights?

Certainly, I am compelled by my faith to want to address systemic injustices that harm God's beloved and hinder human flourishing. But it's more personal than just that. It was Indigenous men that taught me to play guitar when I was a young boy. I loved those fellows, and was struck, even then, by the perplexing incongruity I found between their gentle, loving natures and the homely tattoos that betrayed the deepest pain and harsher realities. I also have Indigenous blood relatives, and an Indigenous foster daughter who now has three children, and whose mother was snatched up in the Sixties Scoop.

How does it feel to be receiving the CMU PAX Award?

I'm not going to lie. It feels very nice to receive an award, even though it's an awkward thing to do. One can always think of a thousand true reasons why it is not deserved. And there's no getting around that. Equally, it must be said that I don't know anyone who does this kind of work alone. There is a deep community of folks who work together to find and tend healing pathways for Indigenous/settler relations.

That being said, the integrity of CMU and the people therein is such that the award is deeply encouraging, and I'll receive it as an affirmation that these efforts are not in vain. Truth is, so many of my efforts have been in tandem with folks associated with CMU that when the time comes, I'll want to hold it up and say, "Look what we've done! Look what we're doing! Consider what we might yet do! Thanks be to God!"

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Communities

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Connecting faithfulness with innovation

How does a church-rooted university remain committed to its core identity and mission?

That question forms the heart of this edition of *The Blazer*. In times of change in church and society, connecting rootedness with flexibility, and faithfulness with imagination, remains a critical calling. In the articles that follow, we explore various forms of resilience that emerge through CMU's teaching, research, and practice, and which shape the lives of students, surrounding churches, and the broader community.



Shaping the singing

By Aaron Epp

For Dr. Jonathan Dueck, CMU is a dream come true. While studying at Canadian Mennonite Bible College in the mid-'90s, Dueck and one of his fellow students wrote posts on the Wittenberg Door, an on-campus forum for student discussion.

During the debate, Dueck and his friend mused about what it would look like if CMBC and Concord College took what they were offering and built on it in a bigger, interdisciplinary way.

Little did they know that a few years later, CMBC, Concord, and Menno Simons College would come together to form CMU, a Christian university that aims to inspire and equip women and men through a variety of disciplines.

This past July, Dueck returned to Shaftesbury Boulevard to assume the role of Vice President Academic and Academic Dean.

"Seeing the institution that CMU has become, and the way that it's engaging the community and church and world, are really exciting for me, and something I've long wanted to be a part of," Dueck says. "I'm more convinced than ever of the vibrancy, potential, and energy of CMU."

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An ethnomusicologist by training, Dueck holds a PhD in Music from the University of Alberta.

When asked about his vision for building resilience through academic programs and university life at CMU, Dueck interestingly points to shape note singing, a form of musical notation that uses shapes to help singers find their pitches.

Shape note singing originated in the 19th century in the United States, and is still practiced today all over the English-speaking world.

If you were to go to a shape note singing event for the first time, Dueck says, you would be asked to choose a song.

Someone would show you how to conduct the group, and pretty soon, you would be leading the group in singing that song.

Immediately, you are shaping the singing, because you are choosing the song and things like the tempo. At the same time, the singing is shaping you because you are engaging with a particular history.

"It's an interesting model of resilience over time," Dueck says. "It's prioritizing relationships in a way that allows for both continuation of relationships and for change in the people that become a part of the community."

What does this have to do with resilience at CMU?

"Communities tend to flourish when the relationships

between the people in them are the core of what happens, and when the things the community does well really comes out of the vision and care and proclivities and loves of the people that are in the community,"

Dueck says. "The people that are here, and the relationships we make,

are the things that allow for long-term resilience."

Many of the innovative things that universities do, Dueck adds, originate with one person having an idea that catches on with the community.

Dueck points to recent faculty discussions around the topic of vocation, as well as CMU's ongoing commitment to create meaningful, long-term relationships with Indigenous peoples as two examples.

Both are things that faculty, staff, and students are talking

about and working on because they have arisen organically as interests within the community.

"That, to me, is (the sign) of a healthy institution," Dueck says.

Building leaders through graduate programs

By Aaron Epp

How is CMU teaching resilience through academic learning? *The Blazer* spoke with students from each of the university's three graduate programs about how their studies are building their strength, innovation, faithfulness, and imagination.



Master of Arts in Theology

Andrea De Avila

Studying at CMU's Graduate School of Theology and Ministry is a lot of work, but for Andrea De Avila, it's worth it.

"I find myself going home and being really excited about what I'm learning," says De Avila, who balances her studies with her work as the associate pastor at Sargent Avenue Mennonite Church (SAMC). "I see my learning actually affecting not just my work, but my life in general—my conversations, the way I go about my day."

Born and raised in Ciudad Victoria, the capital city of the Mexican state of Tamaulipas, De Avila moved to the United States for her post-secondary education. She studied at Hesston College in Kansas before transferring to Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Prior to joining the staff at SAMC, De Avila and her husband, Nate, were pastors of a small congregation in rural Iowa.

De Avila says that some of the things she has learned at CMU have been immediately applicable.

As an example, she points to Expressive Trauma Integration: Caregiving and Conflict Transformation, a course she took at this past summer's Canadian School of Peacebuilding.

De Avila used some of the expressive art exercises she learned in the course with the youth at SAMC at the beginning of September, tweaking the exercises so that they fit the theme of the event.

"It was such a rich time, because I had learned all these activities and now I could share them with the youth to teach something very significant," she says.



Ultimately, CMU is transforming De Avila into a more faithful leader. She finds inspiration in her professors. "They're people who are living out what they say they believe," she says. "That is hopeful, and it encourages me."



Master of Arts in Peacebuilding and Collaborative Development

Krizanti Cruzado

Krizanti Cruzado already had an impressive résumé before arriving at CMU.

Originally from Davao City, Philippines, Cruzado spent 15 years working with

a variety of NGOs, providing community development services, designing and implementing development projects, providing research and development inputs, and facilitating capacity-building workshops across the Philippines.

While working with PeaceBuilders Community Inc. in Davao City for nine years, she facilitated peace and reconciliation seminars, mainly focusing on conflict resolution and conflict transformation. From 2015 to 2016, she served as the disaster response advisor for Mennonite Central Committee in Nepal.

"The MA program at CMU just worked so well. It fits right into my interests and what I already do," Cruzado says of her decision to study at CMU. "I have a lot of practical experience already, but I don't have the theory. For me, being in this program validates a lot of the strategies I did in my job."

Cruzado started her MA in September 2016, and says her first semester was difficult. She had to adjust to a new climate and culture.

Additionally, academics in North America are significantly different than in the Philippines, where essay-writing is more about gathering information than it is about critical thinking and developing an argument.

Cruzado says that CMU has both tested and developed her resilience.

"CMU has strengthened my ability to reason, to comprehend abstract ideas, and to be able to connect experiences with academic theories," Cruzado says, adding that she appreciates the sense of community at the university.

While adjusting to life at CMU was difficult at first, Cruzado is enjoying her studies. She recently began working as a

research assistant at Menno Simons College, something she attributes to the preparation she's received in her classes.

"CMU has improved my self-confidence," she says.

Master of Business Administration

Mike Duerksen

When Mike Duerksen was looking for a stronger foundation in his work leading a Winnipeg-based charity, he enrolled in the collaborative MBA program CMU offers jointly with Bluffton University, Eastern Mennonite University, and Goshen College.

"I wanted more tools to help me become a better leader," says Duerksen, Executive Director of Generation Rising, a Christian organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty in Latin America through education.

Unlike many MBA programs that focus only on developing technical skills, the collaborative MBA program includes additional emphasis on personal formation, competency, relationships, and business without harm to people or the environment.

For Duerksen, one of the best parts of the program was the diversity of students in his cohort. They included people who work in insurance, manufacturing, banking, the energy sector, and the nonprofit world.

He adds that travelling to Costa Rica with his classmates and professors in the middle of the program was another highlight.

While in Costa Rica, they toured different companies with different business models, all of which were focused on the triple bottom line: people, the planet, and profit.

The trip allowed Duerksen to see the concepts he was learning about applied in real life.

Duerksen, who graduated this past April, says the collaborative MBA program has empowered him and his fellow graduates to be stronger leaders.

"I think anyone who's in a leadership position sometimes feels like they're a fraud, like they should know more or be able to handle certain situations better," he says.

"We all feel a lot more confident in our abilities to do our jobs (now). We all feel like we have not only the tools to do our work better, but also the confidence and the language to define the things we're unsure about and then find a way to problem-solve."



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BA with practicum opens vocational pathways

*A **practicum**—a work-integrated learning experience—is a degree requirement within all Bachelor degrees at CMU. Alongside BA studies, and including CMU's Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Business Administration degrees, practicum experiences enrich learning and provide students with opportunities to discern vocational calling and career paths.*

CMU connects with over 500 local and international community partners.

Below, recent alumni reflect on how they have connected their BA degrees generally, and their practicum experiences specifically, to open career opportunities.



Clare Schellenberg ('15)

BA, 4-year, Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies & Biblical and Theological Studies

Practicum: Mediation Services and First Mennonite Church

Currently: Intake worker at Mediation Services and Associate Pastor at Hope Mennonite Church

During my CMU studies, I discovered a lot of overlap between my two majors:

Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies, and Biblical and Theological Studies.

This realization came together for me uniquely in a class called The Politics of Jesus—a class that changed my understanding of who Jesus is and what it means to be a follower and reconciler.

During my studies, I wanted my practicum experience to take these in-class connections and apply them in my community.

My practicum at Mediation Services and my pastoral internship at First Mennonite Church both gave me a chance to explore vocationally my passions for peace, justice, and ministry—and in that they connected my worlds.

They also led directly to my current two jobs as a community intake and outreach worker for Mediation Services, and associate pastor at Hope Mennonite Church.

Neither of these vocational options would have been possible without my academic learning at CMU and my practicum experiences.

I'm deeply grateful for meaningful work that allows me to practice being a follower in very diverse contexts.



Craig Neufeld ('16)

BA, 4-year, Communications and Media

Practicum: Red River Valley Echo, summer 2015

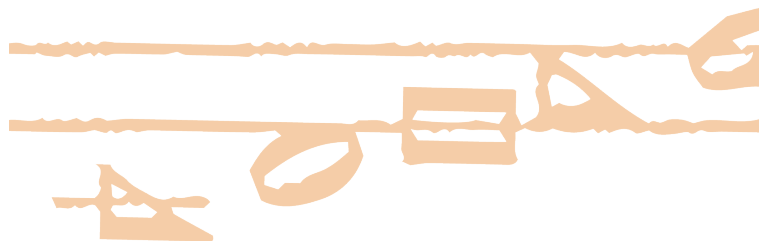
Currently: Sales and Marketing Representative, Friesens Packaging, Altona, MB

Studying Communications and Media at CMU made it clear to me that communication is at the heart of everything we do. Whether it's work, relationships, sports, or life in general, communication will always be at the forefront.

My practicum as a reporter for the Red River Valley Echo also helped shape this view. As a reporter, I did a lot of interviews. I took those interviews and turned them into stories for the public to read.

A poorly executed interview and a sloppy article hold no value, so strong communication skills were needed in developing questions, creating a comfortable atmosphere for the interviewee, and then relaying the story to the public.

Both CMU and the Red River Valley Echo taught me how to be clear and concise, and I carry that with me today as I work as a salesman for Friesens Packaging in Altona, MB. Making phone calls and typing emails are my avenues into building relationships with a wide range of people, and being able to do so clearly and concisely is a large part of what allows me to be successful.



Fa Sol La Fa Sol



Esther Derksen ('16)

BA, 3-year, General/Sciences

Practicum: Assiniboine Park Zoo Veterinary Hospital, 2015-16

Currently: Studying at Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan

When I first arrived at CMU, I felt I was fulfilling my parents' wishes; this was a means to an end. I had decided I wanted to be a veterinarian, and the only thing that kept me from going to vet school was knowing that at least CMU offered the science classes constituting vet school prerequisites.

Besides these necessary courses, classes on food, peace, and philosophy lectures—all with an explicit faith focus—became common in my schedule. In retrospect, this was no

accident, and I can only be thankful I wasn't more stubborn and contrary.

In my third year, I did a practicum with the veterinarians at Winnipeg's Assiniboine Park Zoo. This was my first exposure to ecosystem health and conservation medicine. My mind exploded. For a long time, I'd felt the need to do something in the conflict that exists between agriculture and care for the Earth. Here, as a veterinarian, I could see a future.

CMU demanded an evolution from me, though it took me time to recognize it. I want to share a quote I recently found that I think begins to express the scope of imagination and awe I've only just begun to comprehend.

From Dr. Birute Mary Galdikas: "Looking into the calm, unblinking eyes of an orangutan we see, as through a series of mirrors, not only the image of our own creation, but also a reflection of our souls and an Eden that was once ours."

A further sampling of recent alumni connecting their BA degrees and practicum experiences to open career opportunities

Chris Klassen (2015)

- BA, 4-year, International Development Studies (major)
- Practicum: Transition Winnipeg ("experimenting with local solutions to global challenges")
- Currently: Enrolled in University of Manitoba Faculty of Law

Jaymie Friesen (2016)

- BA, 3-year, Social Sciences Counselling (major)
- Practicum: MCC Manitoba Abuse Response and Prevention
- Currently: MCC Manitoba Abuse Response and Prevention Coordinator

Brent Retzlaff (2014)

- BA, 4-year, History (major)
- Practicum: Siloam Mission
- Currently: Siloam Mission: Research and Evaluation Coordinator

Anna-Marie Janzen (2012)

- BA, 4-year, Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies (major)
- Practicum: Canadian Foodgrains Bank
- Currently: Owner, Reclaim Mending ("a marriage of my love of sewing and my passion for justice.")

Nick Czehryn (2017)

- BA 4-year, Psychology (major)
- Practicum: Department of Biological Sciences, University of Manitoba
- Currently: Enrolled in University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine

Hannah Burkholder (2013)

- BA, 4-year, Psychology (major)
- Practicum: DASCH (supporting persons working with developmental disabilities)
- Currently: School Psychologist

(Note: Within a BA Major, all CMU undergraduate students earn a minor in Biblical and Theological Studies.)

Resilience

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Filled with the fullness of God: the CMU worship experience

by Sue Sorensen

If you've spent your educational life in secular institutions, making time for worship in the academic schedule can feel bizarre. That's how it seemed when I first arrived at CMU—but not for long. I was, ultimately, grateful to find a place for creativity and awe amidst intellectual endeavor. Our theme scripture this year (Ephesians 3:14-21) reminds us to be thankful that we can be "filled with all the fullness of God." God is gorgeously extravagant, and worship times invite us to pause and give attention to that generous fullness. And since God is so varied and extravagant, it makes sense that CMU worship is also varied. We sing many kinds of music, try out different ways of using language, use all our senses. We bring our hearts. When the CMU community (voluntarily) gathers to worship, we don't check our intellectual pursuits at the door. We add to them. Christian education should be attentive to the whole person, and so we take time to reflect, grieve, be angry, rejoice. University life quite rightly consists

of hours of analysis—but if we don't also feed our aesthetic and spiritual selves we won't be truly alive. In *The Educated Imagination*, Northrop Frye offers an hypothesis about why we need both sciences and arts: "one starts with the world as it is, the other with the world we want to have." The academic in me wants to start taking apart Frye's 50-year-old sentence, now insufficient to describe the increasingly fluid borders of our disciplines. But the artist in me quite likes his formulation: in university we need not only to study but also to desire. In Ephesians we hear of "the breadth and length and height and depth" of God's love, a gift that "surpasses knowledge." There is an abundance in God's gifts that is beyond our intellectual understanding. Worship can help us become robust and resilient enough to really and truly love and serve our neighbours. On its own, the human mind cannot possibly do and be enough, but when we give beauty and imagination their due we come closer to God's intentions for our fullness.





Fall@CMU gathers community

By Aaron Epp

Conversation, laughter, food, and song filled another successful Fall@CMU, the university's annual autumnal gathering.

More than 900 people gathered at CMU September 22-23 for the event.

Celebrated at the end of each September, Fall@CMU features opportunities for students, alumni, friends, donors, and community members to connect, learn, play, and celebrate the CMU community.

This year's event kicked off on Friday, September 22 with a gathering of alumni from CMBC and MBBC celebrating their 50- and 60-year class reunions.

Their gathering culminated in supper with CMU faculty, a special gathering of graduates from 1976 through to 1980, and the recipients of this year's Distinguished Alumni Awards.

After supper, everyone moved to the Laudamus Auditorium for a Community Blessing during which reflections by Distinguished Alumni Award recipients were set within worship that included music by the CMU Singers and a prayer for the students, friends, and alumni of CMU.

This program incorporated presentation of the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Awards.

President Cheryl Pauls presented the awards to

Henry Neufeld, who has dedicated his life to reconciliation with Indigenous peoples by living and learning in Pauingassi First Nation; **John Longhurst**, whose writing on faith communities within public media is inspiring to many; **Ken Esau**, an Old Testament professor at Columbia Bible College who has been bringing the biblical story to life for decades; and **Joanne Thiessen Martens**, a researcher in agriculture and ecology whose work exemplifies sound theological and scientific understandings of stewardship.

"The quality of their reflections and stories reflected the grace, humour, and courage of alumni who have embodied callings of faith and vocation," Pauls says. "CMU was deeply honored to recognize each of them."

The awards presentation was followed by a reception in the Great Hall.

Fall@CMU continued on Saturday, September 23 with a variety of events.

The annual Farmers Market featured more than 20 vendors.

The day also included the MennoCross bicycle race, a sausage-on-a-bun lunch, more class reunions, and the MPK Folkfest, a music festival organized by students and held in the Back 40.

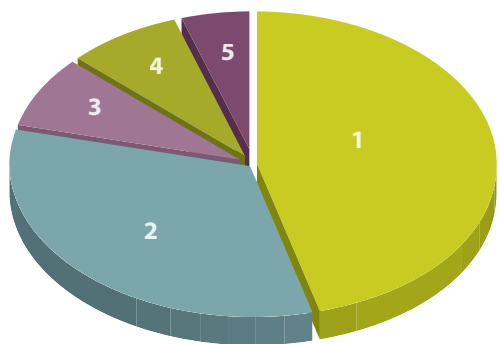


Vision and Generosity: Report to the Community

2016–2017

Vision and generosity are threaded through this Report to the Community. They express the deep care and support of friends, alumni, donors, and church communities who undergird and entrust CMU with its unique mission and vision. The impact of these words is alive in students who are being inspired and equipped for lives of service, leadership, and reconciliation in church and society. Thank you for your vision and generosity. We hope that this report inspires you to continue to engage with a compelling university project.

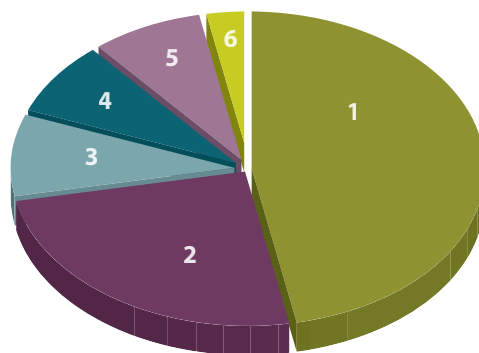
CMU Operations



Total Revenues

\$14,183,747

1. Tuition, Fees, Residence, Meal Plans	\$6,544,131	(46%)
2. Government Grants	\$4,618,037	(33%)
3. Facility Rental and Other Income	\$1,129,076	(8%)
4. Individual Donations and Church Support	\$1,115,670	(8%)
5. Bequests and Endowments	\$776,834	(5%)



Total Expenditures

\$14,103,623

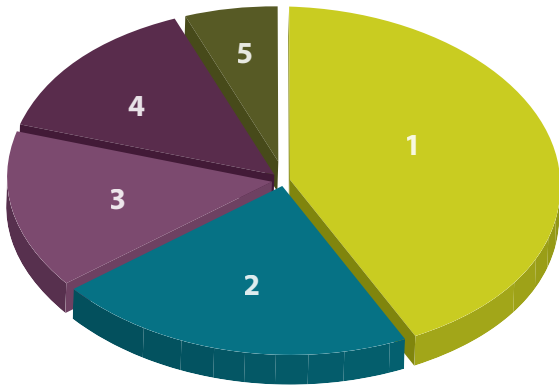
1. Academic Programming	\$6,658,251	(47%)
2. Facilities, Maintenance, Food Services, Rentals, CommonWord	\$3,496,926	(25%)
3. Development, Recruitment, Church Relations, Alumni	\$1,306,068	(9%)
4. Administration and General	\$1,171,678	(8%)
5. Student Services, Residence, Athletics	\$1,141,597	(8%)
6. Scholarships and Bursaries*	\$329,103	(3%)

**This budget expenditure augmented by donor supported Scholarships and Bursaries.*



2016–17 Donor Donations to All Funds

Includes the CMU Fund (Annual Operating), Student Bursaries and Scholarships, Capital Projects (Marpeck Commons), and All Other Funds



Total Donations to All Funds

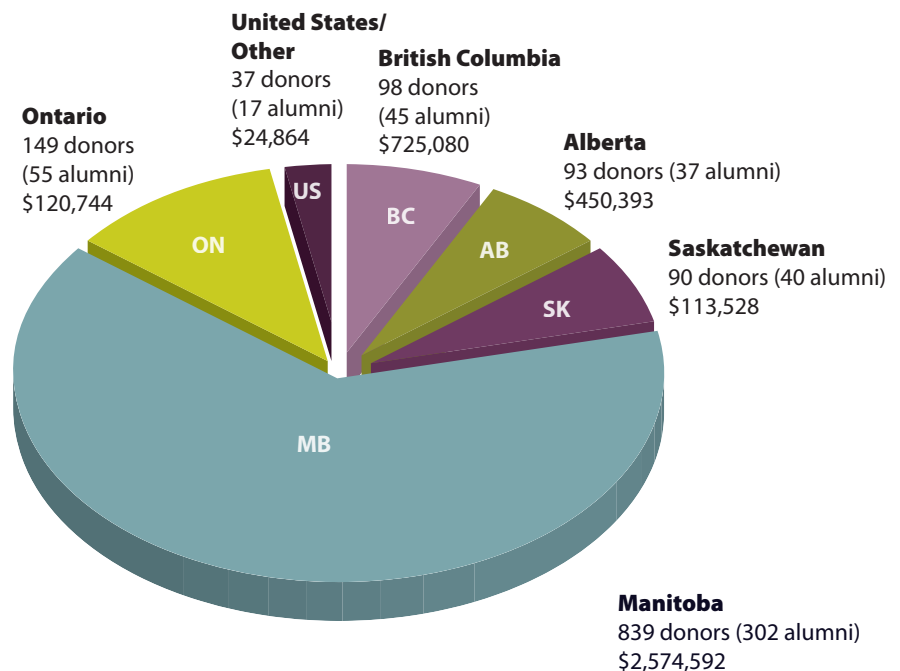
\$4,009,201

1. Marpeck Commons Capital Project (includes ongoing pledge fulfillment)	\$1,706,742
2. CMU Fund (for Annual Operations)	\$871,568
3. Bequests, Endowments, and Other Designated Funds	\$613,849
4. Student Aid Designated Gifts (Church Matching Gifts, Scholarships and Bursaries...)	\$576,201
5. Denominational and Congregational Gifts (from MC Canada and MB congregations)	\$240,842

Number of Donors to All Funds by Region

Total 1306 Donors

496 Alumni Donors



Donations to All Funds by Giving Range

Partners (\$1 – \$999)

\$213,397

922 donors

President's Circle (\$1,000 – \$4,999)

\$503,755

291 donors

Patrons (\$5,000+)

\$3,292,049

93 donors



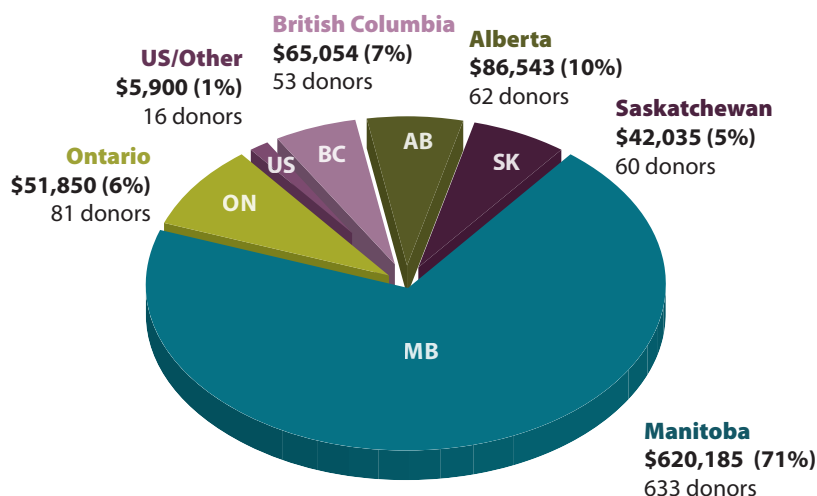
2016–17 Donations to the CMU Fund

The CMU Fund supports all Annual Operations including academic, co-curricular and extended education programming, salaries, and facilities.

Donations to the CMU Fund by Giving Range

Patrons (\$5,000+) \$409,279 36 donors	President's Circle (\$1,000 – \$4,999) \$294,104 182 donors	Partners (\$1 – \$999) \$168,184 687 donors	Total: \$871,568 from 905 donors
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Donations to the CMU Fund by Region



Alumni Giving to CMU Fund
\$295,252

\$558,691

given to students in
Scholarships and Bursaries

\$370,119
from annual donor
gifts and endowment
earnings
(66% of total)

\$188,572
allocated from the
CMU Fund
(34% of total)

193

\$243,007 in
Scholarships

220

\$315,684 in
Bursaries

New Scholarships and Bursaries for 2016-17

CMU Alumni Bursary (\$500)
is funded by alumni and given
to students with demonstrated
financial need.

**Canadian School of Music and
the Arts (CSMA) Bursary** for
students of CMU's CSMA, as funds
are available.

**Christian Investors in Education
(CIE) Fund (\$8,000)** supporting
new and ongoing Indigenous
initiatives, students involved
in cross-cultural practica, and
International student bursaries.

**Hans & Elsie Funk Business
Bursary (2 X \$500)** to business
students with demonstrated
need and preferably majoring in
accounting.

**John R. & Marian Friesen
Academic Excellence Scholarship
(\$1,000)** to a returning student
with a GPA of 3.8 or higher.

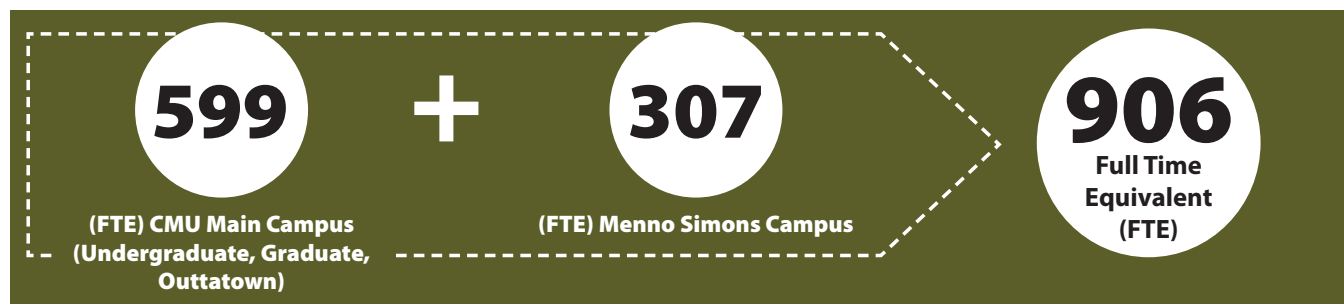
**Katherine Unruh Outtatown
Leadership Scholarship
(\$1,000)** to an Outtatown student
exemplifying leadership capacity,
academic excellence, character,
service, and vision.

LGBTQ Fund (\$1,000) providing
counselling and financial support
for LGBTQ students.

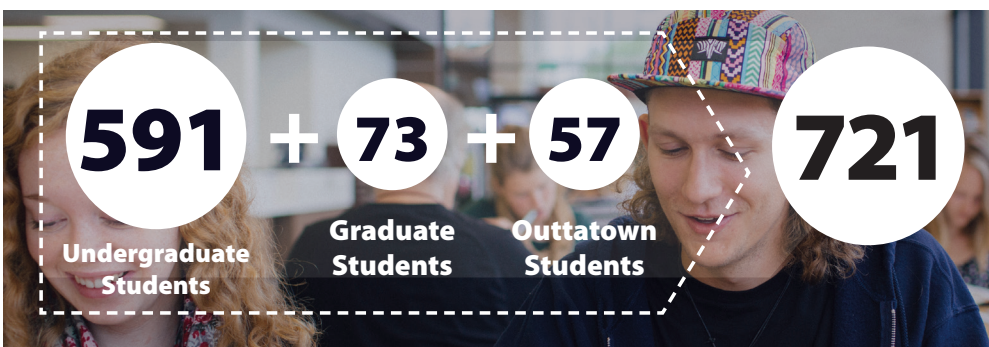
**Manitoba Scholarship and
Bursary Initiative (\$75,000)**
matches CMU donor funds (1:2)
thus providing additional bursaries
and scholarships.

**Menno Simons College Student
Association Scholarship (\$500)**
to a Menno Simons College
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Development Studies or Conflict
Resolution Studies.

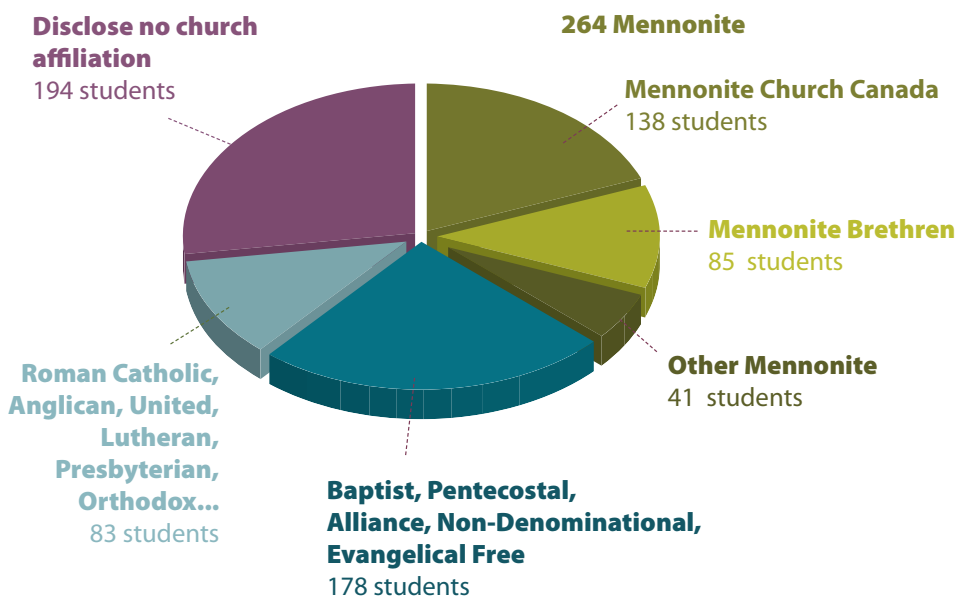
2016/17 Summer / Fall / Winter FTE Enrolment



2016/17 Fall / Winter Student Numbers: CMU Main Campus



CMU Main Campus A Diverse Student Body



Fast Facts

Graduates

138 students graduated with CMU Degrees and Certificates

70 Undergraduate

- 41** - 4-year BA
 - 21 BA
 - 15 BMus & BMus Therapy
 - 5 BBA
- 28** - 3-year BA
- 1** - Certificate in General Studies

11 Graduate

- 6** - MA Theological Studies or Christian Ministry
- 2** - MBA
- 3** - Graduate Certificates in Biblical and Theological Studies

57 Outtatown Certificates

Undergraduates

- 75%** Manitoba **25%** other
- 123** transferred from post-secondary elsewhere
- 78** International students from 25 countries
- 68** previously in Outtatown
- 12** Peguis First Nation students (Peguis-CMU Transition Program)
- 60** enrolled in practica with **55** different community partners
- 190** in dormitories and apartments
- 80-100** involved in each of:
 - fellowship groups
 - music ensembles
 - student leadership
 - varsity athletics (Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, and Futsal)

Community

- 424** children, young people, and adults involved with CMU's Community School of Music and the Arts (CSMA)
- 100** seniors enrolled in Xplore: 55+ Enrichment Program
- 1000's** attended lectures, workshops, concerts, Face2Face

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***In addition, 61 congregations and agencies supported individual students or student related projects**

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The CMU Centre for Resilience: nurturing enterprise for social change

By Aaron Epp

Although it is months away from opening, exciting things are already happening at CMU's Centre for Resilience (CFR).

James Magnus-Johnston, Director of the Centre, is in talks with numerous groups who are interested in being a part of the CFR, which will incubate and nurture social enterprises.

Magnus-Johnston and his colleagues are currently looking at the \$1.7 million centre as two parts: the space on the fourth floor of CMU's historic north side building, as well as the land on the north-west parcel of CMU's property.

The fourth floor will act as office space for social entrepreneurs, and the land will give stakeholders space to experiment with, and showcase, the things they are working on.

Gardens Manitoba, an organization that supports and promotes gardening and horticultural education, is interested in joining the CFR and installing greenhouses on the property.

Compost Winnipeg, a social enterprise that exists to collect compost from Winnipeggers, is also interested in moving its headquarters to the CFR.

The CMU Farm, run by the Metanoia Farmers Workers Cooperative, already occupies part of the land.

"What's neat is the natural interplay between the three stakeholders," Magnus-Johnston says, pointing out that Compost Winnipeg will be able to supply the CMU Farm with compost, and the Metanoia workers will avail themselves of one of the greenhouses.

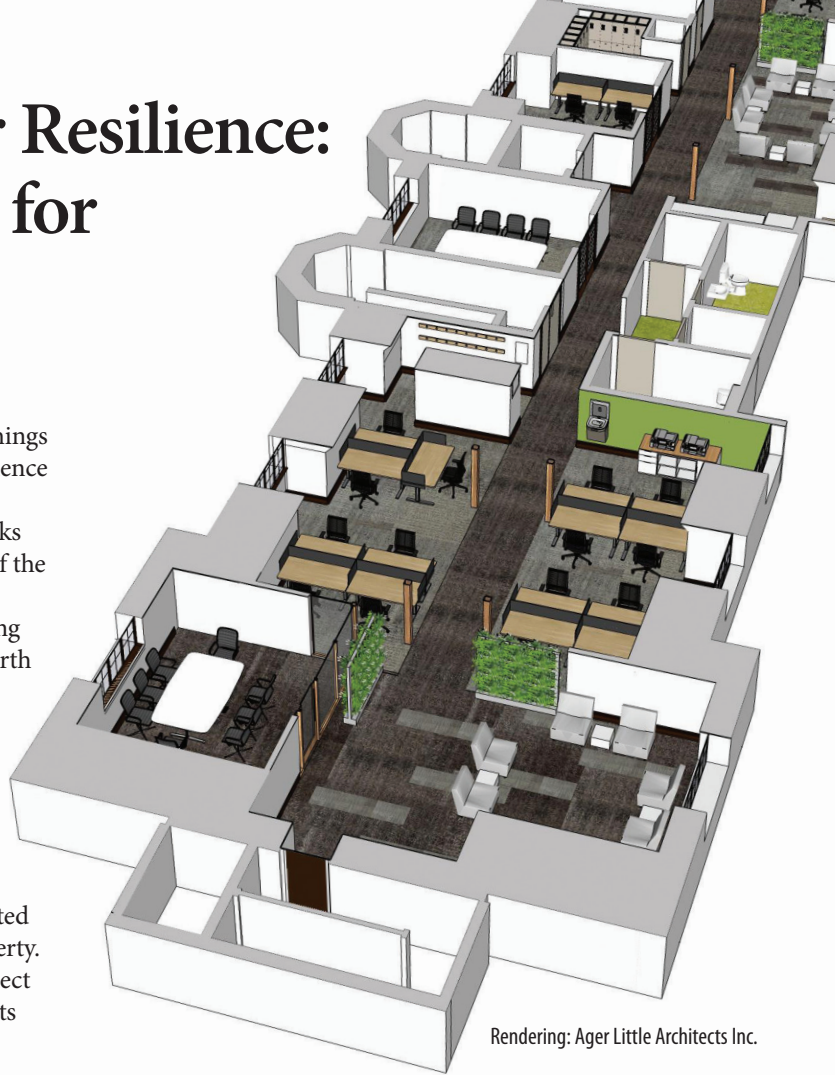


CMU President Cheryl Pauls and CFR Director James Magnus-Johnston are joined by Ian Wishart, Manitoba's Minister of Education (left) and Doug Eycliffson, MP for Charleswood-St. James-Assiniboia-Headingley (right).

On top of that, Magnus-Johnston is talking with a plumber who has built a heat pump that runs on compost. The two are currently researching whether or not

it's feasible for these pumps to heat greenhouses.

"That's where the joy is," Magnus-Johnston says of the interplay that can happen between CFR stakeholders. "As a university, we should be able to experiment with new ideas, and if you think of faith as action in spite of the completely knowable—action in spite of uncertainty—all of these things are acts of faith in that regard."



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The CFR's goal is to develop policy, design, and enterprise innovations for a resilient economy that improves social equity and environmental protection.

"I have a love/hate relationship with the word 'innovation'" Magnus-Johnston says. In trying to make sense of how the CFR will be innovative, he went back to the Latin meaning of the word. To be innovative means to do something in a new way.

Climate change, social inequality, the emergence of a new kind of radicalism and fundamentalism in mainstream culture, First Nations water scarcity—social and ecological problems like these put constraints on the way we need to move forward, Magnus-Johnston says.

"What's beautiful about this is, when you recognize the constraints as real problems, then you start to work at them in new ways—in innovative ways," he says.

He adds that CMU has the potential to make an impact on the church and community with the CFR.

As a community of followers of Christ, people at CMU aren't afraid to look at the problems facing the planet, imagine a better world, take a risk, trust in something greater than themselves, and work toward solutions.

"We're not afraid," Magnus-Johnston says, "of putting things back together again."

MHC Gallery: Art, faith, and community at CMU

By Alison Ralph

When the MHC Gallery was officially welcomed into the CMU community this summer, it was like a homecoming, blending well with the work of the Canadian School of Peacebuilding, and the interfaith peacebuilding efforts of CMU faculty and students.

Located on the CMU campus since 1998, the gallery has hosted more than 200 creative art exhibits from around the world, and featured artists from a variety of faith traditions.

"It's been our mandate from the beginning," says Ray Dirks, the Gallery's Curator. "We are a place for artists of faith to express their faith. We affirm these creative gifts as God-given, valuable to community, and as a calling from the Creator."

The Gallery remains openly Anabaptist, but it is also a place where people of all faiths can meet with respect and acceptance.

"What you see here is only part of what this place is," says

Dirks. "We're small, but we're cutting edge, working across communities."

Over the years Dirks has been working alongside artists from other faith traditions, consulting with the Manitoba government, and developing resources for use in schools, demystifying eight faith traditions active in Manitoba, and encouraging compassion.

"The world is here," says Dirks. "We need to get to know each other and build relationships."

Asked about the transition to CMU, Dirks says it gives the Gallery more grounding, and notes he has high hopes for the future.

"Many universities don't have a gallery space like this. I'm hopeful it will result in more student engagement here."



Mennonite Heritage Centre Archives: In partnership to do more

By Alison Ralph

Mennonites curious to know more about their heritage need look no further than the Mennonite Heritage Centre Archives.

Known to house the best collection of Russian Mennonite historical records in the country, the Archives collects one-of-a-kind documents, including the original letter of invitation from the Canadian government to Mennonites in Russia to come to Canada.

Recently the Archives transitioned to a co-ownership model between Mennonite Church Canada, the Centre for Transnational

Mennonite Studies, and CMU.

"It's a three-way partnership lead by CMU," says Archivist Conrad Stoesz.

Though this change is recent, Stoesz says CMU has long collaborated with the Archives.



Longstanding CMU History professors John Friesen and Adolf Ens sat on the Archives advisory board for many years, while professors from the History department to the Music and English departments continue to bring classes to the Archives to discover the historical treasures they hold.

Stoesz sees this transition as a real opportunity. "Through these partnerships, we can do more," he says.

Each year the Archives field numerous requests; from groups like Theatre of the Beat researching material for a play about conscientious objectors, or the group in Menno Colony, Paraguay, searching for the diaries of land scout Fred Engen, and once from a group working on a war crimes trial.

Still the majority of requests come from ordinary people researching family histories.

"You can't put a value on this work," says Stoesz. "The stories we tell are important. They are central to who we are and the decisions we make."



Resilience in practise: 2017 Distinguished Alumni

By Aaron Epp

A man who has dedicated his life to building positive relationships among Mennonite and Indigenous peoples, an influential media relations specialist, a Biblical Studies professor, and an agricultural researcher are the recipients of CMU's 2017 Distinguished Alumni Awards.

They may come from diverse backgrounds, but all four of these alumni exemplify resilience in their life and work. Each of their stories displays strength, innovation, imagination, and faithfulness.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards celebrate alumni who, through their lives, embody CMU's values and mission of service, leadership, and reconciliation in church and society.

The awards are presented to alumni from CMU and its predecessor colleges: Canadian Mennonite Bible College (CMBC) and Mennonite Brethren Bible College (MBBC Concord College).

CMU President Cheryl Pauls presented the awards at Fall@CMU (formerly Fall Festival) this past September.

"Alumni stories of faith and vocation measure the truth and the soul of a university," Pauls says. "CMU is honoured by the quality of witness and influence, in church and society, of this year's four Distinguished Alumni Award recipients."



Henry Neufeld
(CMBC '52)

Henry Neufeld has spent more than six decades building positive relationships among Mennonite and Indigenous peoples.

Born in Moscow, Russia and raised in Leamington, ON, Neufeld studied theology at CMBC.

He and his late wife, Elna, began working as teachers in Indigenous communities in Manitoba in the early 1950s. From 1955 to 1970, they lived and taught 280 km. northeast of Winnipeg in Pauingassi First Nation.

After serving two years as pastor at Springstein Mennonite Church in Springstein, MB, Neufeld—who is fluent in Ojibway—began visiting northern communities as a travelling pastor. Since then, he has made more than 600 trips.

After 65 years, Neufeld's work still is not finished. This past spring, at the age of 87, he participated in Mennonite Church Canada's Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights. Participants walked 600 km. from Kitchener to Ottawa in support of

the adoption and implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

"I know our celebration on Canada Day was for 150 years, but if we look only at the past 150 years, then we are doing a real injustice to Indigenous peoples, because they have been here for 10,000 or more years," Neufeld says.

"Even though our cultures are radically different, our backgrounds are radically different, we need to recognize and respect each other," he adds. "If we respect each other for who we are and what we have to offer, then we can prosper."

Neufeld has five children, 12 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He attends Springstein Mennonite Church.



John Longhurst
(MBBC '79)

John Longhurst is a communicator, marketer, author, editor, columnist, and media relations specialist in Winnipeg.

In his current role as Director of Resources and Public Engagement at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Longhurst is

responsible for the overall communications, marketing, and fundraising efforts of the organization.

Foodgrains is an ecumenical organization, owned by 15 Canadian churches and church-based agencies.

"I find that endlessly fascinating," Longhurst says, "because I get to interact with so many different people with so many different points of view."

Originally from St. Catharines, ON, Longhurst has had an indelible influence in the Mennonite world and beyond throughout his 35-year career.

He has overseen marketing and communications work at Mennonite Publishing Network, CMU, Mennonite Economic Development Associates, and Mennonite Central Committee Canada.

Since 2003, Longhurst has written a weekly faith column for the *Winnipeg Free Press*, and in 2006, he shared his expertise in the book, *Making the News: An Essential Guide for Effective Media Relations*.

"I was just always curious about why people did the things they did, how things happened, how decisions were made, how the world ticked—endlessly fascinated with it," Longhurst says of why he became a writer. "I wanted to tell stories and kind of interpret the world."

Today, one of Longhurst's greatest joys is mentoring the

next generation of communicators.

"I like working with younger staff, helping them find joy and meaning, watching them grapple with a completely different communications world," he says.

Longhurst attends St. Benedict's Table. He and his wife, Christine, have two adult children.



Ken Esau (MBBC '83)

Born and raised in Coaldale, AB, Ken Esau was planning to become an engineer before studying at MBBC led him in the direction of becoming a teacher.

Since 1991, Esau has been part of the Biblical Studies faculty at Columbia Bible College in

Abbotsford, BC.

At CBC, Esau has taught Marriage & Family, Introduction to Psychology, Modern Western History, World Religions, and courses looking specifically at a number of Old Testament books.

It's his Old Testament survey course, however, that he says has most defined him. Esau has taught the course 90 times.

Formerly a high school teacher, Esau holds undergraduate degrees from the University of Winnipeg and the University of Lethbridge, as well as graduate degrees from the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary in Fresno, CA and Regent College in Vancouver, BC.

Esau is committed to Jesus, Jesus' church, and the Kingdom mission that Christians are invited to participate in.

As a teacher, his first main goal is to encourage young believers to become disciples who are similarly committed to Jesus, the church, and that Kingdom mission.

His second main goal is to encourage students to become life-long learners; passionate people who think critically and are strong communicators.

"There are many others you could have easily named," Esau says of receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award. "It's an honour to be recognized for what is, in many ways, a quiet occupation."

Esau and his wife, Karen, have three adult children. They attend The Life Centre.



Joanne Thiessen Martens (CMBC '96)

Joanne Thiessen Martens is an agricultural research technician in the Plant Science Department at the University of Manitoba (U of M) in Winnipeg.

For the past 13 years, Thiessen Martens has worked on ecological and organic agriculture

research, including a wide variety of projects like cover crops, integrated crop-livestock systems, soil fertility management for organic farms, and more.

What Thiessen Martens most enjoys about her work is that it involves "all the steps in the knowledge-generation process," from discussing theoretical ideas, to conceptualizing experiments, to conducting those experiments, and analyzing the results.

"We're doing everything from the ideas to the nitty gritty of collecting the samples," she says.

Thiessen Martens grew up on an 800-acre mixed farm in Austin, MB.

After finishing a degree in theology at CMBC, Thiessen Martens began studying science at the U of M. She became passionate about agroecology, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in the field.

Thiessen Martens and her husband, Myron, spent 2000-2003 serving with Mennonite Central Committee in northeastern Brazil, where she worked with organic and vegetable farmers.

Thiessen Martens has also travelled to Malawi, where she developed curriculum for local farmers.

Additionally, Thiessen Martens co-authored the third edition of the *Organic Field Crop Handbook* (2016), which is used in university courses around the world. She is also the co-editor of the *Canadian Organic Grower* magazine.

Thiessen Martens and her husband have two children. They attend Fort Garry Mennonite Fellowship.



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CMU Awards 2017

Leadership Scholarships

This past spring, CMU awarded Leadership Scholarships for the 2017-18 school year to Nathan Dueck, Bryn Friesen Epp, Joejin Mildred Peter, and Nicole Ternowesky.



Four Leadership Scholarships are offered to students who demonstrate significant leadership ability, academic excellence,

personal character, service, and vision. Worth up to \$14,000 over four years, the Leadership Scholarship is awarded to recent high school graduates.

Students applying for the Leadership Scholarships are required to provide a resume of their leadership involvement, along with two letters of recommendation, and an essay reflecting on a leader who inspires them.

"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to pursue a humanities degree in a Christian setting," said **Nathan Dueck**, whose inspiration comes from Sir Thomas More, a 16th century lawyer, politician, and later, Catholic Saint.

More's devotion to public service and the courage to abide by his convictions are traits Dueck hopes to emulate.

Bryn Friesen Epp draws inspiration from Clare Schellenberg, pastor at Hope Mennonite Church in Winnipeg, who he says, exhibits vulnerability, strength, integrity, and commitment to service—important qualities of good leadership.

"Clare modelled great leadership for me, and I look

forward to learning from more great mentors at CMU," Friesen Epp said.

Joejin Mildred Peter is inspired by Emily Stowe, an educator, women's right's activist, and Canada's first female medical doctor. Stowe's perseverance, passion, and willingness to share ideas are what stand out for Peter.

"God paves a great path for everyone," she said. "CMU is an opportunity for me to spread my wings, without hesitation."

For **Nicole Ternowesky**, her grade nine social studies teacher, Ms. Harvey's compassion, and dedication to social justice and service, inspired her to get involved in her local community.

Now Ternowesky is looking forward to getting involved at CMU.

"I'm very grateful and humbled to have the opportunity to study in an environment rich in diversity, compassion, and love for God," Ternowesky said.

CMU faculty awarded prestigious federal grants

Two professors from CMU's Menno Simons College (MSC) are recipients of prestigious federal grant funds through the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).

Dr. Jerry Buckland, Professor of International Development Studies, received a grant worth \$263,000. **Dr. Kirit Patel**, Assistant Professor of International Development Studies, received \$75,000.

Buckland's grant is for a five-year project using financial diaries to better understand the finances of vulnerable Canadians, with a view to financial empowerment.



In two phases, Buckland and his team will explore the economic, social, and regulatory implications of financial products and policies for vulnerable Canadians.

Patel's grant of \$75,000 will go toward researching the impacts of Green Benches of State High Courts and National Green Tribunals on disadvantaged communities in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Gujarat states in India.



"These successful grants are a testament to the impressive research track-records of these two professors," said Dr. Neil Funk-Unrau, Associate Dean of the college. "For MSC, it is an affirmation of the academic community that sustains and supports the work done by our researchers."

Impactful Music Therapy Collaboration

This past June, Jewish Child and Family Service (JCFS) honoured CMU's Music Therapy program for its collaboration with JCFS's new Music and Memory program.

In January, staff at JCFS approached CMU about partnering in a brand-new program for older adults in different stages of memory loss.



The goal of the Music and Memory program is to help people with memory loss unlock memories not yet lost to

illnesses like dementia and Alzheimer's, and to reinvigorate participants, enabling them to converse and stay present.

From January to April, CMU Music Therapy program students **Deidra Borus** and **Michaela Olson** met with clients in their homes, bringing iPods pre-programmed with music specially selected for the client.

Initially, they would play the music from the iPod, and listen to it with the clients. But as the semester progressed, Borus and Olson started to bring in the element of live music.

"I would find out what their favourite songs were, and I would learn it on guitar," Borus said. "Playing and singing provided a different perspective."

One client Borus met with showed little response at first. One day, Borus began playing a traditional Jewish hymn, and within seconds, the elderly client started speaking the lyrics and was eventually singing along.

"I'm really proud of the work our students have done this year," said Lee-Anne Adams, one of two Music Therapy faculty at CMU. "They did some very beautiful work. And I'm really pleased to have JCFS acknowledge the success of our partnership this way."

CMU students and staff involved in 2017 Canada Summer Games

One of the biggest events in Winnipeg this past summer was the 2017 Canada Summer Games. From July 28 to August 13, 4,000 young athletes from across the country competed in a variety of sports. It was the 50th anniversary of the Games, and drew an estimated 20,000 visitors to the city.

A handful of CMU staff and students were involved at the Games:

Evelyn Kampen, Hosting Coordinator at CMU and head coach of the CMU Women's Volleyball team, was on the coaching staff of the under 18 girls who represented Manitoba in women's volleyball at the Games. The team won gold.



Thomas Friesen (pictured left), a Communications and Media student, took a year away from his studies to work full-time

for the Canada Summer Games Host Society. Friesen was in charge of hundreds of volunteers, and oversaw the competition venues at triathlon, volleyball, basketball, and golf.

Christopher Neufeld, Director of IT at CMU, served as a race official at multiple cycling events.

Pam Ryzcko, an athletic therapist at CMU, served as a volunteer athletic therapist at the Games.

Lianna Bestvater and **Cara Isaak**, CMU Women's Soccer co-coaches, both worked as volunteers at Games venues.

Jason Friesen, Communications and Media student, recorded voice-over announcements and advertisements that were broadcast at all the venues.

From camp to CMU: Surprised by grace

By Elizabeth Schrag

I'm not sure what it was last February that had me filling out an application to work as summer staff at Camp Mennoscah.

My relationship with this Kansas church camp was shaky at best. I hadn't gone every year as a camper, and not all the years I had attended had been particularly good experiences.

So when I arrived at camp last June, I had come because it was something in which I believed. I had taken enough Biblical and Theological Studies courses at that point to have a vague recognition that, when set up correctly, Christianity could be positive and life-giving instead of horribly destructive, as my own post-high school experience had led me to conclude.

Camp, then, was the best example of Christianity being "set-up" correctly that I could think of: an intentional community that broke bread together; worked, played, and rested together; had healthy intergenerational interactions; and defied gender stereotypes.

What I didn't bargain for when I arrived at camp was, well, the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God. Grace.

When I started working at camp, I viewed all those aforementioned aspects of Christianity as a checklist, as if I could simply mark them off once they happened. I saw them as practices that brought us closer to God. I had gone so long without feeling that overflowing, overwhelming love, grace, and certainty in who I was as a child of God, that I couldn't quite dare to believe that I would again.

But God has a way of overturning our assumptions and our expectations.

Between hymn sings and hug circles, notes of love from our director, and quiet campers pouring out their stories, I regained trust in the loving goodness of other people.

On my last night with campers, I found myself talking to a camper whose difficult story was eerily similar to my own, and in ministering to her, (I guess that's what listening, and sharing, and praying really is), I regained my trust in God, and God's ability to work through what is messy, and broken, and seemingly irreparable.

I went to camp because it seemed like a place to live out what I had learned in textbooks and lectures, but I left knowing God beyond academia.

I affirmed that I need a place to write and think, to make sense of God amidst all the dangerous, damaging religiosity I have, and continue to brush up against. I also learned that God's mercy forces us to reevaluate our doubts, God's grace can sass our bitter cynicism right back, and God's love can come in forms as small as a baby turtle, and as expansive as a prairie sky.

At camp I slammed into a God who is in all and through all. Even me.

Elizabeth Schrag is a second-year Biblical and Theological Studies major.



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Alumni News



Joel Kroeker (CC 1992-95), Victoria, BC, is a registered clinical counsellor, an accredited music therapist, and a Zürich-trained Jungian analyst. Before training as a music therapist, he spent a decade traveling the world as an international recording artist, releasing albums on Universal/True North Records.

Christine Ens (CMB '96), Winnipeg, MB, joined Mediation Services as its new Executive Director this past September.

Dale Friesen (OT '02, CMU '05, OT staff 2005-06), Winnipeg, MB, began working as the Youth and Young Adult Minister at Douglas Mennonite Church this past August. Before that, Dale served as the pastor at Glenlea Mennonite Church in Glenlea, MB.

Christina Schellenberg (CMU '05), Vancouver, BC, is a registered social worker at a downtown hospital.

Julia Thiessen (CMU '04), Winnipeg, MB, teaches Canadian history, Christian Studies, and German at Westgate Mennonite Collegiate. She holds a Master of Arts in Religious Studies from McMaster University and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Toronto.

Kristine Zylstra-Moore (OT '03, CMU '07) and **Peter Zylstra-Moore** (CMU '10), Kenora, ON, own and operate Wild Woods Hideaway, a rustic eco-resort tucked into the forest along the shores of Mink Bay. They aim to make camping available and enjoyable to as many people as possible by providing rustic, hand-crafted accommodations at reasonable prices, access to beautiful and diverse all-season trails, a wood-fired sauna, a dock for swimming and use of canoes, kayaks and paddleboards to explore the lake. They have three children.



Jayme Giesbrecht (CMU 2006-08), Winkler, MB, is an on-air personality at Golden West Broadcasting.

She is the morning show co-host on CFAM 950, CHSM 1250, and CJRB 1220. Jayme is also an accomplished singer who performs a variety of musical styles, including gospel, soul, jazz, and blues. She released her first full-length CD, *To Keep You From Falling*, in October 2016.

Adam Klassen Bartel (CMU '09), Winnipeg, MB, is enrolled in the Library and Information Technology program at Red River College.

Rachel Barber (CMU '11), Winnipeg, MB, recently started a PhD program in English at the University of Manitoba.

Christy Anderson (CMU '11), Winnipeg, MB, recently graduated with a Master of Arts from the University of Manitoba's Department of Native Studies. This past summer, she started a new position at the U of M, working as an academic student advisor for the university's Access and Aboriginal Focus programs.

Mark Reimer (CMU '11), Gimli, MB, works in management at his family's business, Reimer Building Movers. He is currently in the process of taking over ownership of the company, which his grandfather and great-uncle founded in 1953. Prior to moving to Gimli and starting work at the business five years ago, Mark and his wife, Raelynn, lived in Toronto, ON, where Raelynn worked as a model. The couple have three sons.



Anna-Marie Epp-Janzen (CMU '12) owns and operates Reclaim Mending, a mending,

hemming, and tailoring service.

Paul Peters (CMU '12, OT staff 2012-17), Altona, MB, is the director of student life at Mennonite Collegiate Institute in Gretna, MB.

Chris Epp-Tiessen (CMU '13), Winnipeg, MB, is currently working as a Site Leader with Outtatown Discipleship School's South Africa site.

Brette Elias (OT '13), Morden, MB, studied psychology at Briercrest College in Caronport, SK. She is currently working as a Site Leader with Outtatown Discipleship School's Guatemala site.

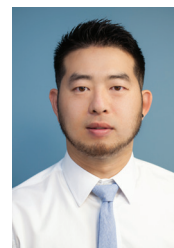


Nicole Richard (CMU '14), Winnipeg, MB, recently began graduate studies at the University of Toronto. She is pursuing a one-year Master's in Music and Health Sciences, and participating in the collaborative program in Neuroscience.

Anna Bigland-Pritchard (CMU '15), Winnipeg, MB, started a post-baccalaureate diploma in Vocal Performance at the University of Manitoba this past September.

Raven Nickel (CMU '15), Winnipeg, MB, is studying education at the University of Winnipeg.

Beth Downey Sawatzky (OT '12, CMU '16), St. John's, NL, accepted a full scholarship from Memorial University and started graduate studies there this past September. She is pursuing a Master of Arts in English Literature.



James Cheng (OT '11, CMU '16), Winnipeg, MB, is the Administrative Coordinator at Menno Simons College. He is currently working on his Master of Business Administration through CMU's collaborative MBA program.

Nick Czehryn (CMU '17), Winnipeg, MB, is studying medicine at the University of Manitoba.

Emily Hamm (CMU '17), Winnipeg, MB, is the Communications and Marketing Coordinator at CMU.

Anika Reynar (OT '13, CMU '17), Winnipeg, MB, began working as an Admissions Counsellor at CMU this past August.



Marriages



Blayne Stobbe (OT '11, CMU '14) and Emily Wiebe, Winnipeg, MB, June 3, 2017

Janelle Hume (CMU '09, CMU staff 2012-15) and Andrew Braun, Winnipeg, MB, June 17, 2017

Abram Thiessen (CMU '16) and **Mattea Nickel**, Winnipeg, MB, June 30, 2017

Amanda Thorsteinsson (CMU '10) and Rudy Gauer, Winnipeg, MB, July 8, 2017

Christine Plett (CMU '04) and Stefan Kendel, Saskatoon, SK, July 22, 2017

Tasha Enns (CMU '17) and Josiah Voth, Winnipeg, MB, July 23, 2017

Micah Zerbe (CMU '16) and **Willow Dyck** (OT '14), Winnipeg, MB, August 5, 2017

Rianna Isaak (CMU '13, OT staff 2015-17) and Benjamin Krauss, Elkhart, IN, August 19, 2017

Reece Retzlaff (CMU '07) and Chris Zablocki, Calgary, AB, September 23, 2017

Jonah Langelotz (CMU '15) and **Raven Nickel** (CMU '15), Winnipeg, MB, September 30, 2017

Bethany Epp (CMU '15) and Holden Bunko, Winnipeg, MB, October 7, 2017

Births and Adoptions

Micael Duerksen (CMU '10, '17) and Janelle Duerksen, Winnipeg, MB, a daughter, Didi Celokuhle Duerksen, January 24, 2015

Carmen Janzen (MacArthur, CMU '05) and Leon Janzen, Calgary, AB, a son, Harvey Solomon Janzen, May 10, 2017



Michael Harms (CMU '11) and **Heather Schellenberg** (CMU '10), Winnipeg, MB, a son, Ira John Schellenberg Harms, April 29, 2017

Deanne Monteith (Wiebe, OT '01, CMU 2001-03) and Adam Monteith, Morden, MB, a son, Hudson David Monteith, June 7, 2017

Jason Peters (CMU '06) and Seyward Goodhand, Winnipeg, MB, a son, Charlie Walter Peters-Goodhand, July 2, 2017

Justin (Francis) Fuhr (CMU '09) and **Meghan Thiessen** (CMU '10), Winnipeg, MB, a son, Franklin Henry Thiessen Fuhr, July 27, 2017



Elisabeth Braul (CMU '03) and Jake Wolfe, Winnipeg, MB, a son, Rudi Zen Wolfe Braul, July 28, 2017

Kinsey Toews (CMU '04) and **Amanda Elias** (CMU '04), Winnipeg, MB, a son, Ari Wilder Toews, July 31, 2017

Rachel Funk (CMU '08) and Jason Wigglesworth, Kitchener, ON, a daughter, Evelyn Funk Wigglesworth, August 7, 2017

Harrison Davey (CMU '14) and **Amy Davey** (Beckwith, OT '09, CMU '12), Winnipeg, MB, a daughter, Irelyn Eila Davey, August 15, 2017

Matthew Fransen (CMU '12) and Amy Sawatzky, Winnipeg, MB, a son, Perrin Wolfgang Fransen, August 29, 2017

Crystal Wikkerink Thiessen (OT '03, CMU 2003-05) and Denley Thiessen, Winnipeg, MB, a son, Caleb Thiessen, September 7, 2017

Sara Jane Friesen (CMU '02) and Jeremy Wiebe, Kitchener, ON, a daughter, Annalina Poppy Wiebe, September 9, 2017



Cory Sawatzky Peters (CMU '08) and **Lindsay Sawatzky Peters** (CMU '04), Winnipeg, MB, a son, Nikolas Sawatzky Peters, September 13, 2017

Paul Peters (CMU '12, OT staff 2012-17), and Carianne Peters, Altona, MB, a son, Simon Alexander Paul Peters, September 21, 2017



Codi Guenther (CMU '08) and Jon McPhail, Winnipeg, MB, a daughter, June Irma McPhail, September 21, 2017

Deaths

Margaret Dyck (MBBC '53), St. Catharines, ON, June 25, 2017

Janet Patkau (CMBC '93), Clavet, SK, August 6, 2017

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Music Therapy graduate making a difference

By Aaron Epp

Jesse Dollimont has always known about music's therapeutic effect, but it became especially real to her while working as an intern at the Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary, AB.

Dollimont, who graduated from CMU with a Bachelor of Music Therapy in 2016, recalls times during her internship when she would go to the hospital's intensive care unit and play music for a child in distress.

Because of the various machines the child would be hooked up to, she could see their heart rate and breathing stabilize right there on the screen soon after she started playing a song.

"It was an incredible thing to watch (my) playing and singing bring everything back to a calm," says Dollimont, who worked at the hospital from September 2016 until this past March. "To watch that result was pretty remarkable."

Although she was nervous going in to the internship, and the first few months were among the most challenging of her life, Dollimont eventually found her equilibrium.

Each and every day became a new adventure, and through it all, she felt comfortable, inspired, safe to explore, and passionate about the work she feels called to do.

"It was a real privilege, because it was very different from the work I'd done as a practicum student," Dollimont says.

Dollimont worked in a variety of units in the hospital, including the ICU, the eating disorders clinic, and with hospice patients.

Alberta Children's Hospital serves a vast demographic, so Dollimont was working with people who speak a variety of languages, from all kinds of geographic areas and faith traditions

"It was certainly challenging work, but really, really rich work as well," she says. "I had a lot of reasons and opportunities to take pause and reflect on why it is I do this kind of work, and sort of reflect on the role of music not only as a healing agent, but its place in our humanity and in our culture."

This past summer, Dollimont wrote the Certification Board for Music Therapists exam and became an accredited music therapist.



Jesse Dollimont enjoys her work at JB Music Therapy

Shortly thereafter, she began working at JB Music Therapy, a private music therapy practice that serves Calgary and the surrounding area.

Dollimont's portfolio is diverse; she works with everyone from young children to seniors, in a variety of settings.

"I'm loving the work," she says. "(It) is not without its challenges, but most days, it is better than I ever imagined it could be."

A life-long music-maker, Dollimont says her time at CMU helped her grow into a more confident, supportive, and passionate musician.

"While the implications and benefits of my music

therapy training are obvious—and impact my work directly every single day—there is much I learned beyond that in conversation, worship, and in the classroom with (my professors) that impact my work just as strongly," she says.

"I could have had a music therapy degree from anywhere, but my studies at CMU... have gifted me with a strength and deep devotion in the work that I do that sustains and transforms me every single day."

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Nov 30 – Dec 1: Opera Workshop:
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Dec 17: CMU Vespers and
President's Reception
Jan 21: CMU Vespers
Feb 2-4: Men's Chorus on tour
to Saskatchewan
Feb 5: Face2Face
Feb 6-7: ReNew Conference
Feb 11: Men's Chorus Festival
Feb 15: Verna Mae Janzen
Music Competition
Feb 18: CMU Vespers
Mar 2: Music Therapy Coffee House
Mar 18: CMU Vespers
Mar 21: Bach at the Bridge
Mar 25: Bells and Whistles with Strings
Attached – featuring CMU's
Handbell Ensemble and
Guitar Ensemble
Apr 4: Jazz at CMU
Apr 5: Spring at CMU fundraiser
Apr 15: Outtatown Graduation Celebrations
Apr 20: Spring Choral Concert
Apr 21: CMU Graduation Celebrations



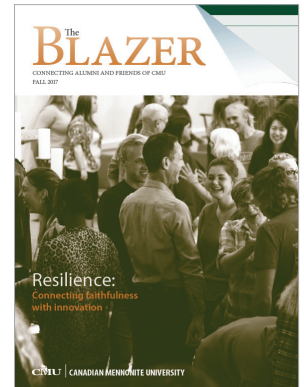
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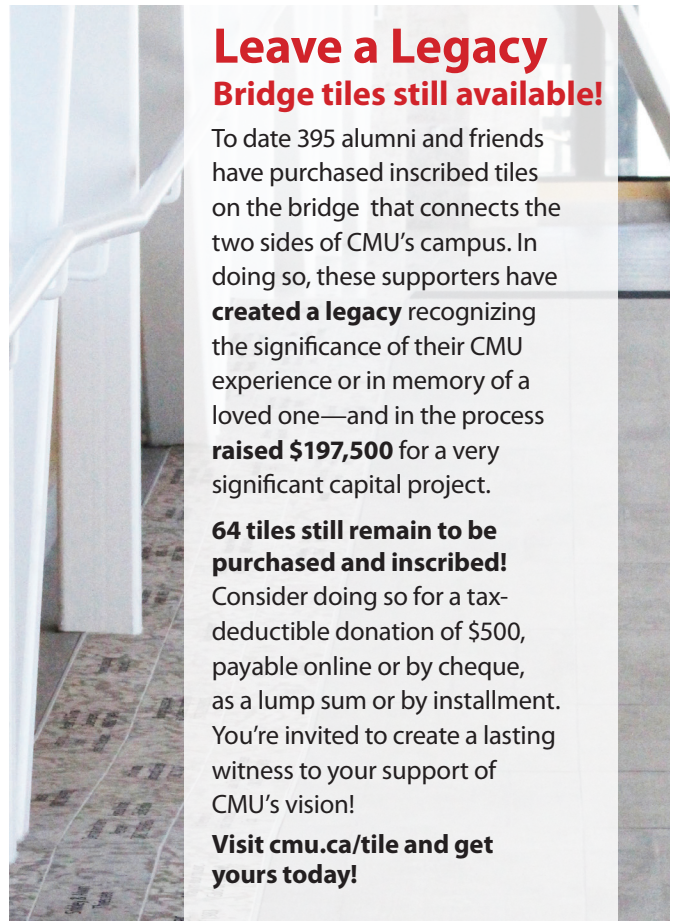
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Instructor: Jerry Buckland

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Instructor: Tabitha Martens

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