THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA

ANNUAL REPORT 2015–2016
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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA

WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO

The Alumni Association of the University of Ottawa represents a global network of more than 200,000 members in 155 countries. We engage our members to support and promote our University as an internationally renowned, bilingual centre of academic excellence. This is accomplished by:

• strengthening relationships between our alumni and their alma mater
• engaging new and existing alumni through events and activities in the National Capital Region and key cities, nationally and internationally
• establishing partnerships and providing services to benefit the careers, families and lives of our members
• celebrating and recognizing university, student and alumni achievements and contributions

Across the country and around the world, we provide uOttawa alumni with the opportunity to stay connected to their alma mater, build their professional and personal networks, and volunteer in meaningful ways to strengthen the reputation of the University in their region.

Regions where we have uOttawa alumni

161,959
4,012
37,373

CANADA  •  UNITED STATES  •  INTERNATIONAL
### Number of uOttawa alumni in each faculty

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<td><strong>Total University of Ottawa alumni</strong></td>
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

My Fellow Alumni,

The Alumni Association is committed to playing a pivotal role in ensuring that our 200,000 members remain active supporters and proud ambassadors of our alma mater. In 2015, many of you had the opportunity to visit our newly minted Alex Trebek Alumni Hall. We have also had numerous opportunities to reconnect through our many activities for thousands of alumni in Ottawa, across Canada and around the world.

In the past year, we continued our efforts to foster a relationship with the University of Ottawa and support it in achieving its Destination 2020 strategic plan goals. Our outreach, finance and governance committees have continued to focus their efforts in line with our association’s strategic goals and priorities, which include increasing our visibility, strengthening financial partnerships and enhancing our policies and processes.

Without a doubt, the activities described here would not have been a success without the impressive support of a host of employees and volunteers. I wish to take this opportunity to thank my fellow board members and the entire team of dedicated staff at the Alumni Relations Office for your enthusiastic and faithful support.

I would be remiss were I not to thank our outgoing president, Allan Rock, for all of his passion and commitment to his alma mater. Over the past eight years, President Rock has proven that ambitious goals can be achieved. His hard work and dedication, together with that of the uOttawa community, has led to our university’s success and progress, putting it on a path to become one of the world’s great universities.

2016 will be a year of change for the University of Ottawa. In June, President Rock will pass on the torch to our president-designate, Jacques Frémont, who will be joined by our 14th chancellor, Calin Rovinescu, in his position since February. We are very proud to have two new leaders of such high calibre, and we are convinced that their dedication and leadership will allow the University to fulfill its mission and pursue its quest for excellence.

Yours truly,

Elizabeth Rody (BA ’83)
President, University of Ottawa Alumni Association
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2015–2016

Front row (left to right): John Gitas, Alexandra Bissinger, Liliane Lé, Elizabeth Rody, Carole Theauvette, Rajinder Narula
Second row (left to right): Ryan Kennery, Diane Plouffe-Reardon, Linda Assad Butcher, Shaunt Tokmakjian, Craig S. Haynes
Back row (left to right): Philippe Beaulieu, Jean-Paul Bédard, Jaime Seidner, Brad Ryder
Absent: Charles-Antoine St-Jean
PROGRAMS OFFERED TO UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA ALUMNI

Over the past year, the Alumni Association has sponsored over fifty activities, which took place on campus, in our key regions, and internationally. Listed below are some of our more popular events.

SUMMER 2015

**Convocation Send-Off Celebration**

In June, the Association welcomed over 300 recent graduates at the Alex Trebek Alumni Hall to celebrate their achievements. This new initiative has since become a tradition and the Association will continue to meet and greet new graduates prior to the convocation ceremonies.

FALL 2015

**uO2.0 Program launch**

The uO2.0 program, which stems from a partnership between the Office of Alumni Relations, the Career Development Centre, and the faculties and services, encompasses a host of services, seminars and networking activities for current students and young alumni, thus providing them with a range of services and events specifically designed to meet their needs. This program is made possible through the financial support of our affinity partner, Johnson Inc. The launch welcomed over 150 participants, including students, alumni and employees.

**uO2.0 - Home Buyers Seminar**

Over 100 participants attended this seminar, which aimed to answer the many questions surrounding the purchase of a first home. The workshop featured representatives from the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation and Johnson Inc., along with several real estate and mortgage professionals, including alumni Dylan Nosé (B SocSc ‘07) and Wendy Jacques (BA ‘87).

**Celebrating alumni at the City of Ottawa**

In collaboration with the CO-OP Education Program, this event was held at Ottawa City Hall with hosts Councillor Catherine McKenney (B SocSc ’93) and Guy Laflamme (MBA ’89). The City of Ottawa employs over 300 University of Ottawa alumni, including six councillors: Catherine McKenney (B SocSc’93), Mathieu Fleury (BSc ’08), Stephen Blais (B SocSc ’06), Jeffrey Leiper (BA ’97), Riley Brockington (B SocSc ’98) and Keith Egli (LLB ’87). This event gave City of Ottawa employees a chance to reconnect with their alma mater, discover what has been happening on campus and network with their peers.
**uO2.0 - Networking 101**

In collaboration with the Career Development Centre, this workshop provided students and young alumni with expert advice on how to network with potential employers. The following professionals helped participants learn the basics of networking and how to leverage their careers:

- Megan Barretta, University of Ottawa Student Ambassador at Public Safety Canada
- Darcy Boucher (BA ’13), Founder and President, Bowda PR
- Marc Villeneuve (BSocSc ’86), Executive Director, Development Office, University of Ottawa

**WINTER 2016**

**uO2.0 - Etiquette Dinner**

The Alumni Association hosted its 14th Annual Etiquette Dinner. Once again, this much-anticipated event attracted over 300 students, alumni and University staff.

During a delicious four-course meal, participants learned the tips and tricks of proper etiquette with guidance from their host, Canadian etiquette expert Julie Blais Comeau, author of the book Etiquette, Confidence and Credibility.

**uO2.0 - Backpack to briefcase**

Based on the speed-dating concept, groups of students and young alumni moved from table to table to learn about educational and employment opportunities in their fields of interest. This popular event helps students and young alumni connect with more experienced alumni and learn about potential careers. The faculties of Arts and Sciences presented this event to 88 students and alumni.
REGIONAL EVENTS

All across North America and around the world, the Alumni Association provides its members with opportunities to renew ties to their alma mater, listen to inspiring speakers, and network with fellow alumni.

Over the past year, a record turnout of 750 people attended regional alumni events held in Toronto, Montreal, the Bay area, Los Angeles, New York, Boston, Vancouver, Calgary, Paris, London and Hong Kong. Our researchers and alumni were guest speakers at these events, a few of which are listed below:

**Regional Programming**

Ottawa – September 2015
Tabaret Society reception
**Host** – Robert Giroux (BCom ’61), President, Tabaret Society, Board of Governors and Elizabeth Rody (BA ’83), President, Alumni Association.

Montreal – November 2015
**Speaker** – André Picard (BAdm ’86), The Globe and Mail journalist on Medicare: A Quirky Past, an Uncertain Future

Toronto – November 2015
**Speaker** – Professor Michael Geist, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa. Law, *Privacy and Surveillance in Canada in the Post-Snowden Era*

*Worldwide regional council locations:*

- Toronto (17,865 alumni)
- Montreal (11,868 alumni)
- Calgary (1,538 alumni)
- New York (421 alumni)
- Boston (271 alumni)
- Bay Area (California) (449 alumni)
- Los Angeles (246 alumni)
- Paris (296 alumni)
- Hong Kong (484 alumni)
- Shanghai (106 alumni)
- Vancouver (1,911 alumni)
- London (223 alumni)
Defy the Conventional Campaign Launch

In May 2015, a tour of 13 key cities served as a platform to launch the Defy the Conventional Campaign, which is the most ambitious fundraising campaign in the history of the University. The Association was the tour’s main financial contributor. In total, over 900 alumni participated in events held worldwide to mark the launch of this campaign.

Vancouver – May 21, 2015
Host – Ian Telfer (MBA ’76 and DU ’15), Chairman, Goldcorp Inc.
Speaker: Mona Nemer, Vice-President, Research, University of Ottawa, Research on heart development

Calgary – May 22, 2015
Host – Ian Telfer (MBA ’76 and DU ’15), Chairman, Goldcorp Inc.
Speakers: Mona Nemer, Vice-President, Research, University of Ottawa, Research on heart development

Londres – June 29, 2015
Speaker – Nikhil Rathi, Chief of Staff and Director of International Development, London Stock Exchange Group. The future of financial markets

Paris – June 30, 2015
Host: Claude Isabelle Bossi, Chair, Regional Alumni Council
Speaker: Jean-Marie Salva, partner, DS-Avocats and Gacia Kazandjian (JD ’04) Counsel, Canadian Desk, DS-Avocats. L’Accord commercial Canada-Union européenne.

Kuala Lumpur – October 14, 2015
Host – Tan Sri Dato’ Dr. Ir Gan Thian Leong (BScA ’84), member, Campaign Cabinet

Shanghai – October 17, 2015
Speaker: Dr. Jacques Bradwejn
Dean, Faculty of Medicine, The Ottawa Shanghai Joint School of Medicine: the first of its kind

Hong Kong – October 20, 2015
Speaker: Dr. Jacques Bradwejn, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, The Ottawa Shanghai Joint School of Medicine: the first of its kind
SCHOLARSHIPS 2015–2016

The Alumni Association is proud to sponsor the following bursaries and congratulates all of the 2015–2016 recipients:

**Alumni Association Leadership Scholarship ($5,000):**
Mario Torres, Faculty of Law

**Arcade Guindon Bursary ($5,000):**
Stéphanie Leroux, Faculty of Health Sciences

In partnership with the Student Federation of the University of Ottawa, the Association also congratulates the recipients for the following scholarships:

**Leadership and innovation ($1,000):**
Curtis McGrath – Telfer School of Management

**Dedication and Involvement ($1,000):**
Emma Lee – Faculty of Sciences

**Bouchard & Latreille: Support and Teamwork ($1,000):**
Peter Johannesen – Faculty of Arts

**Volunteer of the Year ($1,500):**
Marley Barzen – Faculty of Social Sciences

**Student Community Impact ($1,000):**
Mikayla Vattiate – Faculty of Social Sciences
In April 2016, the Association made a $2,500 donation in support of the Refugee Sponsorship Support Program (SSP) – a project of the University of Ottawa Refugee Hub that helps bring refugees to safety in Canada faster by providing free legal advice in support of private refugee sponsorship. We chose to support the SSP with our donation, because it exemplifies the spirit of uOttawa, bringing together over 1,300 students, experts, community organizations and professionals, including many alumni, to offer their expertise in helping refugees come to Canada.

**The SSP has three components:**

» A training program, which trains lawyers and law students on the sponsorship process;

» A matching program, which provides sponsor groups with support from pro-bono lawyers and law students; and

» A public information program, which provides Canadians with easy-to-understand information.

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**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**FOR THE PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30TH 2016**

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This report is based on interim unaudited financial statements.

**Note:**

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Over the past year, the Governance Committee has been overseeing the implementation of the new bylaws it adopted in 2014–2015. With this new governance framework, we are looking to streamline activities and services for our members, and enhance collaboration with our partners and the University.

In 2014–2015, members also agreed to move the annual general meeting from the fall to the spring, in order to maximize the presence of alumni returning to campus during Alumni Week, which is held in May.

To maintain a degree of continuity in our operations and member services, the term of each member of the executive committee was extended by six months, to May 2016, and the term duration of each member of the Board of Directors was reviewed according to the new bylaws. In 2015–2016, each board committee developed tools and policies to provide members with a better understanding of how the association is governed.

At the upcoming annual general meeting in May 2016, the Governance Committee will be presenting the names of directors who are seeking to renew their terms, directors seeking to join the executive and candidates who have expressed an interest in joining the board. The committee will also be presenting a new memorandum of understanding between the association and the University.

Finally, we would like to offer our thanks and gratitude to Brad Ryder (BA ’96, MA ’98) and Ryan Kennery (BA ’09, MA ’11), who have served with much passion and dedication as members of our Board of Directors and as chairs of the Outreach Committee. Brad and Ryan will be missed for their collegiality, expertise and good humour, though we know the association will always be able to count on them being great ambassadors for the University.

### 2015-2016 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Elizabeth Rody (President)
Rajinder Narula
Liliane Lê
Brad Ryder
Jean-Paul Bédard
(Representative to the Board of Governors)
Carole Theauvette (Corporate Secretary)

### FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Rajinder Narula (Chair)
Charles-Antoine St-Jean
Philippe Beaulieu
Alexandra Bissinger
Elias Hage

### GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Liliane Lê (Chair)
Carole Theauvette
Linda Assad-Butcher
Shaunt Tokmakjian

### OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Brad Ryder (Chair)
Ryan Kennery
John Gitas
Diane Plouffe-Reardon
Jaime Seidner
OUR VALUED PARTNERS

The Alumni Association is proud to partner with Johnson Inc., MBNA and Canada Life. We are grateful for their support to our alumni activities and for their commitment to the University of Ottawa. Over 25,000 of our members currently rely on our partners’ services.

JOHNSON

Special rates for our alumni on home, auto and travel insurance.

mbna

With every eligible purchase made using the University of Ottawa Alumni Association MasterCard®, alumni and student programs receive financial support from MBNA.

Canada-Vie

University of Ottawa alumni and their spouses can apply for low group rates on life insurance through our partnership with Canada Life.
The Alumni Association is making good use of social media to stay connected with its members;

- The LinkedIn group has over 7,000 members and includes various regional sub-groups
- The Association’s Facebook page has 4,600 “likes”
- Our Twitter account has 2,000 followers
- Our alumni can use Flickr to view pictures of all events

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