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Dear University of Ottawa alumni and friends,

This past year, your Alumni Association has remained focused on creating more opportunities for you to remain connected with your university and fellow alumni. More than 5,210 of you took part in 67 alumni events in Ottawa and in 12 other regions.

We are also committed to providing long-term benefits that allow alumni to thrive as individuals. In 2017–2018, we negotiated a deal with our newest affinity partner, Desjardins. As of February 2018, alumni have access to mortgage services at preferred rates, as well as cash-back benefits.

This was also a year of great renewal within our Board of Directors. Three new members joined our board, which now reflects the diversity of our alumni community. Not only have we achieved gender parity, but also we have strong regional representation and a team of eminently qualified directors committed to our mandate.

This year we organized a strategic retreat, during which we reaffirmed our vision, mandate, partnership strategy and commitment to you, our alumni. This renewed alignment among our committees and with our University partners will serve as the basis for our future activities: we intend to increase our visibility and services while enhancing our policies and processes to better serve our alumni community.

We continue to enjoy a collaborative and mutually beneficial relationship with the University of Ottawa, as exemplified in many joint initiatives on campus, including the creation of the new University Square.

As we look ahead to the coming year, one of our areas of focus will be the regional activities and new ways of connecting alumni around the world.

I am profoundly honoured to work with the many partners, employees and volunteers who contribute to the success of the Alumni Association. Thank you to my fellow members of the Board of Directors, the many alumni and students who have volunteered, and the entire team of dedicated and talented staff at the Alumni Relations Office for their unwavering support.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rody (BA ‘83)
President, University of Ottawa Alumni Association
Member, University of Ottawa Board of Governors
WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO

Mission
We strengthen the lifelong connection University of Ottawa alumni have with their alma mater and with each other.

Vision
Our alumni form a diverse, engaged community that actively supports the University of Ottawa as a bilingual, internationally renowned centre of academic excellence.

How
We recognize alumni achievements and provide benefits and opportunities that matter to our alumni, whether they are looking to enrich their career path, build their network, find inspiration or continue learning.

Regions where we have uOttawa alumni

159,285
4,392
50,601

CANADA ● UNITED STATES ● INTERNATIONAL ●
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<td><strong>Total University of Ottawa alumni</strong></td>
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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

Front row (left to right): Fares Elsabbagh, Rajinder Narula, Elizabeth Rody, Sharon Wong, Carole Theauvette
Second row (left to right): Valérie Gervais, Jaime Seidner, Emma Bédard, Shaunt Tokmakjian, Alexandra Bissinger
Back row (left to right): Hugo Martin, Philippe Beaulieu, Elias Hage
Absent: Claudette Commanda, Habiba Chakir, John Gitas
LOCAL EVENTS

Over the past year, the Alumni Association sponsored more than 50 activities in the National Capital Region. Here are just some of these events.

Alumni Week, April 29 to May 6, 2017

In May 2017, more than 3,000 alumni, University of Ottawa community members and their guests took part in Alumni Week. Over 30 events were held during this week of lectures and festivities that featured talks by uOttawa researchers on a range of current topics. The popular Food Truck Rally returned to campus, and there was something for all our alumni, whatever their age or interests. The Alex Trebek Distinguished Lecture series featured Sheila Watt-Cloutier, a true highlight of the week.

uO2.0

The Alumni Relations Office, in partnership with the Career Centre, faculties and services, has developed the uO2.0 program to provide future and young uOttawa alumni with professional development activities and help them prepare for the job market. The uO2.0 program also features a range of services and events held throughout the year that are tailored to the needs of younger alumni. This year, the program hosted the Etiquette Dinner with world-famous sommelier and alumna Véronique Rivest and etiquette expert Julie Blais Comeau. Guests at this event learned about wine and proper table manners to enhance their professional skills. The uO2.0 program is made possible thanks to the financial support provided by our partner, Johnson Insurance Inc.

2018 Women’s Leadership Summit

For the first time, the Alumni Association held the 2018 Women’s Leadership Summit with the help of Franklin Templeton Investments. More than 250 people participated in this event that focused on how to empower women to change today’s society. Among the speakers were University of Ottawa associate professor, Catherine Mavriplis, and alumni Janet McKeage, Debbie Pinard and Rita Theil. The keynote address was delivered by Danièle Henkel, who was a dragon for five seasons on the Quebec version of “Dragon’s Den”.

Convocation

In June and November 2017, the uOttawa Alumni community welcomed 8645 new alumni. For the first time, the University of Ottawa held its June convocation ceremonies at the Shaw Center. The Alumni Association was present to provide these brand-new alumni with information on how they can stay connected to the University and their faculties. The Association also handed out free gifts to congratulate these new alumni on their graduation.
LOCAL EVENTS

Channel your Inner Hurdler with Sekou Kaba

In February 2018, the Alumni Association and Community Life welcomed Olympic athlete and alumnus Sekou Kaba to campus. More than 40 people listened to Sekou Kaba deliver an inspiring and motivational speech. A networking session followed, during which alumni mingled and enjoyed the opportunity to chat with the Olympian.

Farewell Reception for International Students

In partnership with the International Office, the Association held a farewell event for international students. This initiative saw over 50 students from around the world gather in celebration of their achievements before leaving the University. The goal of the event was threefold: to promote the Association and its activities, to welcome these soon-to-be alumni to their new alumni community, and to encourage them to stay engaged with their alma mater.

Partnerships on campus

Throughout the year, the Alumni Association sponsored several events coordinated by various services and faculties at the University. This included: the Shawn and Khush Singh Distinguished Lecture Series featuring keynote speaker Lieutenant-General (ret) the Honorable Roméo A. Dallaire, the Panda Game, the Men’s Hockey Golf Tournament and the Aeroplan Campaign. These activities truly illustrate how awareness of the Association is growing on campus and how the Association is becoming a partner of choice at uOttawa.
Regional councils that support alumni events have been set up in:

**Canada:**
- Montreal
- Toronto
- Calgary
- Vancouver

**U.S.:**
- Boston
- New York
- Bay Area (California)
- Los Angeles

**Overseas:**
- London
- Paris
- Hong Kong
- Shanghai
The regional councils are composed of uOttawa alumni volunteers who are very involved with the University of Ottawa. Their participation in regional events is vital to keeping the alumni community outside of the National Capital Region engaged. Regional events include discussion panels, lectures and networking sessions. These events continue to attract many alumni in numerous countries: this year, more than 500 participants attended uOttawa on the Road events.

Regional councils are becoming increasingly active, with some organizing additional events in their region. For instance, the London and Boston regional councils supported the University’s recruitment efforts by taking part in recruitment fairs.

**Regional Programming**

**Los Angeles – May 2017**
*Los Angeles Garden Party*
*Host:* Marc Kayem (BSc ’83, MD ’87)

**San Francisco – May 2017**
*Top 5 Start-Up Reception with EMBA Class of 2017*
*Speakers:* Top 5 Start-Up Winners

**Paris – June 2017**
*Faire des affaires en Europe: De l’opportunité à l’action*
*Speaker:* Philippe Muffat-es-Jacques (MBA ’85)

**Paris – September 2017**
*Une soirée au théâtre suivie d'une réception pour les diplômés*
*Speaker:* Michel Laliberté (BA ’94)

**London – September 2017**
*What Antarctica can teach us: An expedition to the edge of the world to fight climate change and gender inequality*
*Speaker:* Dr. Cathy Sorbara (MSc ’09)

**Montreal – October 2017**
*Dragons and Entrepreneurs: A pitch competition showcasing uOttawa start-ups*
*Dragons:*
Hubert Marleau (BScSc ’67), Chantal Durivage (BA ’93)

*Teams:*
Elizabeth Audette-Bourdeau (BCom ’16),
Frank Bouchard (BASc ’11, MEng ’13), Frazer Nagy (BScSc ’15),
Andrej Sakic (BScSc ’14), Geneviève Proulx (BA ’07, MA ’12)

**Hong Kong – October 2017**
*uOttawa Alumni Reception at the Hong Kong Consulate*
*Speaker:* Jeff Nankivell

**Toronto – November 2017**
*Problem-Solving through STEAM*
*Panel:* Kevin Kee, Hanan Anis, Adam Shuhendler

**Mountain View and San Francisco – January 2018**
*Top 5 Start-Up Reception*
*Speakers:* Alain Doucet (B.Adm. ’82, B.Com. ’83) and Stephen Daze

**Calgary and Vancouver – February 2018**
*Biomedicine Meets Biodesign: Disruption, Curiosity and Spare Parts*
*Speaker:* Andrew Pelling

**Montreal – March 2018**
*Air Canada: Transforming into a Global Champion*
*Speaker:* Calin Rovinescu (LLB ’90, DU ’14)

**Toronto – March 2018**
*Canada-US Relations in the Trump Era*
*Speaker:* Roland Paris

**New York – April 2018**
*uOttawa's Refugee Hub*
*Speaker:* Jennifer Bond

**Montreal**

Held in partnership with Desjardins, our October 2017 Montreal alumni event Dragons and Entrepreneurs: A Pitch Competition Showcasing uOttawa Start-Ups spiced up our fall gathering by allowing alumni to participate in a live pitch competition. Participants watched four student and young alumni teams pitch to seasoned dragon/alumni entrepreneurs, and then cast their votes at the end of the night for their favourite start-up. The four start-up teams were: Welbi; Transparent Kitchen; Coworking et Aventure Mille Montagnes; and Wipebook. Our dragons were Hubert Marleau (BScSc ’67), who chairs the board of Palos Capital Corporation and Chantal Durivage (BA ’93) who is co-president of Groupe Sensation Mode. The event was broadcasted live on Facebook to an audience of over 756 viewers.
2018 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

The uOttawa Alumni Association recognizes the outstanding achievements of its members by presenting the Alumni Association Awards of Excellence each year.

**Meritas Tabaret Award**
Catherine Cano
Catherine Cano has over 20 years of executive leadership in broadcasting, during which time she won two Geminis and the Michener Prize, one of Canadian journalism’s most distinguished honours. In 2017, she was named one of Canada’s Most Powerful Women and Innovator of the Year by Women in Communications and Technology.

**Alumnus of the Year Award**
Guy Laflamme
Guy Laflamme was executive producer and director of Ottawa 2017, which delivered a monumental showcase of events and experiences in Ottawa to celebrate Canada’s 150th anniversary.

**Honorary Member of the Alumni Association**
Tony Durst
In the 1990s, Tony Durst initiated the CO-OP program at the University of Ottawa that allowed chemistry students to gain career experience over eight months at a time. Years later, the University adopted this model and mandated all Faculty of Science programs to offer a CO-OP option.

**Award for Commitment to the University**
Jean Desgagné
Member of the Regional Campaign Cabinet, Jean Desgagné created the Desgagné/Soden Family Scholarship at the Telfer School of Management. He is an integral member of the team responsible for creating the new Financial Research and Learning Lab at the University of Ottawa, a mentor with Telfer Capital Markets Mentorship program, and a frequent speaker at the Telfer Finance Society.

**Young Alumnus Award**
Gwennaelle Madiba
Gwennaelle Madiba helped the Canadian Red Cross raise over $10,000 in two weeks for the people of Haiti after an earthquake devastated that country in 2009. She participated in the Ontario Task Force on Campus Racism and organized the first AECUO Gala Rising for Change, the New Era of Congo.

**Community Service**
Sylvie Bigras
Sylvie Bigras is a volunteer member of the Gee-Gees Volleyball Development Fund, director of the Ontario Trillium Foundation and a longstanding mentor to the next generation of sports administrators. She played a leading role in Canada’s successful bid for the 2015 Pan Am Games, and has worked with Canada’s Sports Hall of Fame, the Gold Medal Plates fundraising dinner and the Hockey Canada Foundation Gala.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

The University of Ottawa Alumni Association contributes to the success of future alumni by offering scholarships to undergraduate students.

In 2017, the Association decided to increase the amount of funding allocated to scholarships to reflect increases in tuition and living costs.

In 2017, the Association also created a new scholarship to encourage and support CO-OP students on work placements outside the National Capital Region, awarding $2000 for work placements elsewhere in Canada and $3000 for placements outside of Canada.

**Alumni Association Mobility CO-OP Scholarship awarded to:**
Adelise Lalande

**Alumni Association Leadership Scholarship awarded to:**
Noémie Beauchemin

**Leadership and Innovation scholarship awarded to:**
Mohamad Awada

**Dedication and Involvement scholarship awarded to:**
Kanchi Baijal

**The Bouchard and Latreille Award for Support and Teamwork scholarship awarded to:**
Marcus Mattucci

**Volunteer of the Year prize awarded to:**
Iris Wong

**Student Community Impact scholarship awarded to:**
Ovini Thomas
**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**FOR THE PERIOD (11 MONTHS) ENDING MARCH 31ST, 2018**

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<td>Op. surplus (deficit)</td>
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This report is based on interim unaudited financial statements.

**Note:**

The Association has a cash balance of $683,876 as of March 31, 2018.

The Association has pledged $500,000 towards the construction of Alumni Hall and $500,000 towards University Square. The balance of the pledge at March 31, 2018, $100,000 for Alumni Hall and $450,000 for University Square, is to be paid in instalments of $50,000 per pledge per year.
Over the past year, the Governance Committee oversaw the implementation of new administrative policies approved by members in 2017–2018. The Committee recommended some changes to better reflect the responsibilities and obligations of members of the Association.

Following a call for nominations, three new directors joined the Alumni Association:

- Sharon Wong (BSc ’92) lives in California and works at LinkedIn.
- Claudette Commanda (BA ’93, LLB ’97) is an Algonquin Anishinabe from Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation who has dedicated her career to promoting First Nations rights and is currently a professor at the Faculty of Law.
- Valérie Gervais (BJour ’08) currently lives in Ottawa and is a strategic communications consultant and manager of the Canadian Club of Ottawa.

On behalf of the Association, we would like to thank the outgoing members of the Board of Directors: Diane Plouffe-Reardon (BA ‘70), who served on the Outreach committee; Linda Assad-Butcher (Dipl ’66, BScN ‘70, MEd ‘86), who served on the Governance Committee; and Jean-Paul Bédard (BSc ‘86), who was a member of the Board of Directors and an Association representative on the University’s Board of Governors. Jean-Paul Bédard dedicated countless hours to his alma mater and provided sound advice and guidance. We will miss the collegiality and enthusiasm that these three members brought to our board. However, we know they will continue to be great ambassadors for the University.

Elizabeth Rody and Claudette Commanda currently serve as representatives for the Alumni Association on the University of Ottawa’s Board of Governors.

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2017–2018:**

Elizabeth Rody  
(President)

Carole Theauvette  
(Vice President and Corporate Secretary)

Shaunt Tokmakjian  
(Governance Committee Chair)

Elias Hage  
(Finance Committee Chair)

Emma Bédard  
(Outreach Committee Chair)

**FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

Elias Hage  
(Chair)

Rajinder Narula

Habiba Chakir

Philippe Beaulieu

Fares Elsabbagh

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:**

Shaunt Tokmakjian  
(Chair)

Jaime Seidner

Carole Theauvette

Hugo Martin

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE:**

Emma Bédard  
(Chair)

Alexandra Bissinger

John Gitas

Sharon Wong

Valérie Gervais
Our Partners

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

Johnson

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

Desjardins

In February 2018, the Alumni Association signed an agreement with Desjardins as a financial partner. Thanks to this agreement, our alumni can benefit from Desjardins’ best current mortgage rates, along with valuable cash-back benefits. We are pleased to welcome Desjardins as our newest partner!

MBNA

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

Canada Life

University of Ottawa alumni and their spouses can apply for low group rates on life insurance through our partnership with Canada Life.
JOIN US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

The Alumni Association actively uses social media to stay connected with its members.

- Our LinkedIn group has over 7,200 members
- The Association’s Facebook page has received over 5,500 likes
- Our Twitter account has over 2,700 followers
- Alumni can use Flickr to view pictures from all our events
- The number of Alumni Association Instagram followers doubled in less than 6 months!

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Flickr.com/uottawaalumni facebook.com/uOttawaAlumni