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MESSAGE
FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear University of Ottawa Alumni and Friends,

Looking back on 2018–2019, I am proud to share with you some of our accomplishments.

We continued to recognize the achievements of our outstanding alumni at our Alumni Association Awards of Excellence Gala. We were proud to award seven students scholarships. Furthermore, we increased the presence of the Alumni Association in the National Capital Region with the creation of the Kanata Regional Council and internationally by working more closely with the twelve other regional councils.

Our fresh partnership with Desjardins, offering special mortgage rates to our members, has been fruitful. In addition, the Desjardins Financial Series of events has proven to be successful in appealing to a wide generation of uOttawa alumni.

As we look ahead to the coming year, our focus will be to include a digital marketing component in many of our initiatives and to offer relevant and beneficial programming to the alumni community.

Fall 2019 will mark the end of my term as president of the Alumni Association. It has been an honour to serve over the past four years. I would like to thank my fellow board members for their hard work and the Alumni Relations Office for its ongoing support to the Board of Directors, as well as its advice and stewardship. I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to work with the many partners, employees and volunteers who contribute to the success of the association.

I am very much looking forward to remaining on the Board of Directors until the end of my term in May 2020 and to being part of all the exciting projects the Alumni Association will undertake over the coming year.

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

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

How
We recognize alumni achievements and promote benefits and opportunities of value 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

189,354
4,797
36,950

CANADA ● UNITED STATES ● INTERNATIONAL ●
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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

Front row (left to right): Carole Theauvette, Elizabeth Rody, Habiba Chakir

Standing (left to right): Valérie Gervais, Hugo Martin, Shaunt Tokmakjian, Sharon Wong, Philippe Beaulieu, Jocelyne Chrétien, Rajinder Narula, John Gitas

Absent: Alexandra Bissinger, Claudette Commanda, Elias Hage, Jaime Seidner
As a key part of the National Capital Region and the University of Ottawa community, the Alumni Association, along with our partners, proudly supports many activities. Here are a few of note.

**Alumni Week, May 1 to May 7, 2018**

In May 2018, more than 3,000 alumni, members of the University of Ottawa community and their guests took part in Alumni Week. Over 30 events were held, including the Alex Trebek Lecture given by Bernard Kouchner, a ceremony during which six awards were given out to deserving alumni and the inauguration of University Square.

**Page Reunion**

The House of Commons and the University of Ottawa Alumni Association invited over 400 uOttawa alumni who participated in the Page Program over the last 40 years to Parliament Hill to celebrate and meet fellow pages.

**uO2.0 program**

During the year, many new activities were introduced. One was a new monthly series, uO2.0 Tuesdays, which included popular off-campus workshops in Gatineau and Kanata on purchasing a first home. As well, in collaboration with the Montreal Regional Council, we presented a prestigious sparkling wine tasting with alumna and well-known sommelier Véronique Rivest. Also new: the Desjardins Financial Series, which features financial literacy workshops for alumni, attracted dozens of participants, helping them with investment or retirement planning.

**2019 Women’s Leadership Summit**

The third edition of the Women’s Leadership Summit welcomed alumni, students, academics and members of the community. The theme of this edition was “Developing an Entrepreneurial Mindset.” Among the speakers were University of Ottawa alumnae Sarah Abood, Jeanine Hage, Ann Mainville-Neeson, Midia Shikh-Hassan, Rita Theil, Candace Tierney and Holly Todd. The keynote address was delivered by Nicole Verkindt, founder of OMX (Offset Market Exchange), who was named “Canada’s Woman Entrepreneur of the Year” by Startup Canada in 2017.
EVENTS

Convocation
At Spring and Fall convocation, we welcomed over 6,000 new alumni to our ranks via a special video that was shown during each ceremony. The video celebrated students’ very important achievements and emphasized the connection they will always have with the University.

From Ideas to Start-up: Shaping a STEAM future
This multidisciplinary event involving people from diverse backgrounds (science, technologies, engineering, arts, and mathematics, or STEAM) was held during Entrepreneurship Week. Participants were invited to work as a team on a real case, the startup Poly, a young, innovative recycling company created by Faculty of Engineering and Telfer School of Management students.
University of Ottawa alumni belong to a global network more than 230,000 strong in over 150 countries around the world!

Alumni across the globe stay connected to their alma mater through dynamic regional events and initiatives and engagement with active regional councils.

Regional councils that support alumni events have been set up in:

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

**U.S.:**
- Boston
- New York
- San Francisco Bay Area
- Los Angeles

**Outside of North America:**
- London
- Paris
- Hong Kong
- Shanghai
Regional Alumni Councils in our thirteen key regions are composed of alumni leaders from all faculties who act as ambassadors for the University of Ottawa. From the mentorship of new alumni to CO-OP student support and international recruitment fair participation, council members give back to their alma mater while raising our profile. In particular, their involvement in regional events is vital to keeping the alumni community outside of the National Capital Region engaged.

uOttawa on the Road programming includes discussion panels, lectures and networking sessions. This year, more than 600 participants attended uOttawa on the Road events.

### Regional Programming

#### Los Angeles – May 2018

**Los Angeles Garden Party**

**Host:** Marc Kayem (BSc '83, MD '87)

#### San Francisco – May 2018

**Top 5 Start Up Reception with EMBA Class of 2018**

**Speakers:** Top 5 Start Up Winners

**Winners:** GameStrat, Transparent Kitchen and ZoomMate

#### London – June 2018

**uOttawa President’s London Luncheon**

#### Paris – July 2018

**La résolution de problèmes : quand les STIAM s’en mêlent**

**Speakers:** Kevin Kee and Jacques Beauvais (BSc ’85)

#### Boston – October 2018

**Canadian Consulate in Boston All-alumni Reception**

#### Toronto – October 2018

**Air Canada: Transforming into a Global Champion**

**Speaker:** Calin Rovinescu (LLB ’80, DU ’14)

#### Montreal – November 2018

**Sparkling Wine Tasting with Véronique Rivest atop Montreal**

**Speaker:** Véronique Rivest (BA ’88)

#### Mountain View and San Francisco – January 2019

**Top 5 Startup Reception**

**Speakers:** Sharon Wong (BSc ’92) and Stephen Daze

#### Calgary and Vancouver – February 2019

**Refugee Sponsorship: How Private Citizens Can Save Lives and the Global Refugee System**

**Speaker:** Jennifer Bond

#### Mississauga – March 2019

**Novel Approaches for Cryopreservation: Meeting the Needs from Cellular Therapy to Tissue and Organ Preservation**

**Speaker:** Robert Ben (PhD ’94)

### New York – March 2019

**Open to the World: Creating a uOttawa Global Experience**

**Speakers:** Moana Hamilton-Neville and Jaidyn McEwen (uOttawa Model UN Delegation Students)

### Montreal – April 2019

**Intelligence, performance et sécurité : combiner IA et biomécanique**

**Speaker:** Ryan Graham

### New York

For the first time, in April 2019, a special New York alumni reception was held with uOttawa’s visiting Model United Nation’s delegation of students. With the theme of Open to the World: Creating a uOttawa Global Experience, New York alumni and visiting students were given the opportunity to build new connections. There was also much to celebrate, as the uOttawa Model UN delegation performed exceptionally well at the New York competition that week, winning the outstanding delegation award, four position paper awards and three outstanding delegates in committee awards.

### Creation of the Kanata Regional Alumni Council

In February 2019, the recently established Kanata Regional Alumni Council held its first meeting at uOttawa’s new Kanata North space for innovation. A group of alumni leaders held a lively brainstorming session, determining key ways to support and raise the profile of their alma mater in the region, Kanata.

**President:** Jamie Petten (BScSc ’11) President and Executive Director, Kanata North Business Association

**Veronica Farmer** (EMBA ’96) Director of Operations, Kanata North Business Association

**Adina Gottardi** (BSc ’00) Managing Director, ChangeBuzz

**Kylie Hurst** (BA ’11) Lead, Talent Adviser, You.iTV

**Junaid Israr** (PhD ’12) Senior Manager, Cisco Systems

**Bree Jamieson-Holloway** (BSocSc ’07) Founder & CEO, Nurtured Life

**Karolina Kura** (BCom ’14) Recruitment and Candidate Experience Specialist, Kinaxis

**Brian Pratt** (MBA ’97) Head of Webscale Partnerships, Nokia
OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

The Alumni Association is proud to provide uOttawa alumni with opportunities to reconnect with each other and with their alma mater. In 2018–2019, approximately 8,000 alumni registered for more than 60 activities in the National Capital Region and around the world. In partnership with the University, the association works to recognize the incredible achievements of our talented current alumni and support our future alumni.

2019 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

The uOttawa Alumni Association recognizes the outstanding achievements of our members through the annual presentation of the Alumni Association Awards of Excellence.

**Meritas Tabaret Award: Rosa Braga-Mele (MD ’93)**

Thousands of Canadians enjoy better vision thanks to Dr. Rosa Braga-Mele. A renowned surgeon and innovator, she has focused her career on improving cataract surgery through better patient care, surgical practice, technology and training for surgeons. Dr. Braga-Mele has been voted by her peers as one of the top 50 opinion leaders in cataract and refractive surgery and her teaching skills have earned her many accolades, including seven Silver Needle awards for best resident surgical teacher and her medical school’s 2016 Excellence in Community-Based Teaching Award. The keys to her success are what she also prescribes to her three sons: hard work and perseverance. “It’s doing what’s right for you, for your community, for your patients,” she says.

**Alumnus of the Year Award: Chuck Rifici (BASc ’02)**

Chuck Rifici co-founded Tweed, one of the first companies granted a licence to produce and sell medical cannabis by Health Canada. Renamed Canopy Growth, it is the world’s largest marijuana company and the first cannabis producer to go public in Canada. Rifici stepped down as CEO in 2014. The pioneering entrepreneur has continued his leadership in the cannabis industry with Auxly Cannabis Group and Cannabis Wheaton Income, the first “cannabis streaming company” in the world.

**Award for Community Service: Trèva Cousineau (BSc ’59)**

Those who know Trèva Cousineau (BSc ’59) use words like “dynamic,” “generous” and “tireless” to describe this passionate advocate for French education and culture in Ontario. The former teacher and dietitian has devoted herself to advancing and protecting la francophonie, locally, province-wide, across the country and even around the world, for more than 50 years. Her motivation is simple: “When you’ve been given a lot, you have to give back a lot.”

**Award for Commitment to the University: John McEntyre (BASc ’65, MEng ’69)**

John McEntyre was inspired to help engineering students when he attended a design exhibition at the Faculty of Engineering’s Project Integration and Team Space in 2017. The concept of a team space where “bright, enthusiastic, enterprising students” (as McEntyre puts it) could follow through on an idea on their own time appealed to him. His support helped provide student teams with direct support, mentoring, new technology and equipment.

**Young Alumna Award: Frances Tibollo (JD ’15)**

Frances Tibollo stands out as a group leader and outstanding scholar. She inspires those around her to strive for excellence as well. Her community involvement has been recognized through numerous awards and she has made it her life’s mission to advocate for others.

**Honorary Members of the Alumni Association: Cynthia and Yves Bled**

Although retired, these former professors continue to foster student success and recognize student achievements through their generous support of scholarships and bursaries at a variety of institutions, including uOttawa. In 2017, they set their sights on new areas where they could have a lasting impact. They zeroed in on the paucity of female students in engineering. “The results of engineering affect us in every possible way,” says Cynthia. “We need to foster this area.”

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

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

In 2018-2019, the association was able to award six scholarships to encourage and support CO-OP students on work placements outside the National Capital Region.

**Alumni Association Mobility CO-OP Scholarship recipients (with placement locations):**

- **Alana Cunningham Rogers**: Political Science, Faculty of Social Sciences, Vancouver
- **Jean-Philippe Dallaire Dumais**: Chemical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Montreal

**Woosveelt Dumarsais**: Faculty of Law – Civil Law Section, Montreal

**Sarah Horton**: Biomedical Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Boston

**Pascale Lafarge**: Anthropology and Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, Vancouver

**Min Ji Kim**: International Development and Globalization, Faculty of Social Sciences, Paris

**Arcade Guindon Scholarship**: Faculty of Law – Civil Law Section
# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FOR THE PERIOD (12 MONTHS) ENDING APRIL 30, 2019

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This report is based on interim unaudited financial statements.

**Note:**

The association pledged $500,000 towards the construction of Alumni Hall and $500,000 towards University Square.

The balance of the pledge on April 30, 2019 — $50,000 for Alumni Hall and $400,000 for University Square — is to be paid in instalments of $50,000 per year.
Over the past year, the Governance Committee built on the 2017–2018 administrative policies to elevate the level of professionalization, and to update the onboarding guide so as to remain current and meet the needs and expectations of new board members.

The association welcomed a new board member in October 2018, Jocelyne Chrétien (MHA ’06, MBA ’10), who lives in Ottawa and works provincially in the field of health care governance.

On behalf of the association, the Governance Committee would like to thank the outgoing members of the Board of Directors, Fares Elsabbagh, who served on the Finance and Audit committee, and Emma Bédard, who served on the Outreach Committee. They will be missed for their collegiality and enthusiasm. However, we know they will continue to be great ambassadors of the University.

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

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2018–2019:**

Elizabeth Rody, BA ’83 (President)
Elias Hage, BCom ’07 (Vice President and Corporate Secretary)
Shaunt Tokmakjian, JD ’14 (Chair, Governance Committee)
Philippe Beaulieu, BScSc ’91 (Chair, Finance Committee)
Valérie Gervais, BA ’08 (Chair, Outreach Committee)

**FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

Philippe Beaulieu, BScSc ’91 (Chair)
Alexandra Bissinger, BASc ’09, MEng ’13
Jocelyne Chrétien, MHA ’06, MBA ’10
Elias Hage, BCom ’07
Rajinder Narula, BASc ’80

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:**

Shaunt Tokmakjian, JD ’14 (Chair)
Claudette Commanda, BA ’93, LLB ’97
Hugo Martin, LLL ’96
Jaime Seidner, BScSc ’94
Carole Theauvette, BScSc ’79, MA ’83

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE:**

Valérie Gervais, BA ’08 (Chair)
Habiba Chakir, PhD ’03
John Gitas, BSc ’00, BA ’01
Sharon Wong, BSc ’92, MIR ’96
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 their commitment to the University of Ottawa. Over 35,000 of our members currently rely on our partners’ services.

In September 2018, our partnership with Canada Life ended. We would like to thank them for their collaboration over the years. Alumni who have policies with Canada Life will remain supported. A new partnership will be developed in 2019.

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

Credit card packages tailored to our alumni’s needs.

The best mortgage offerings for members of the uOttawa Alumni Association.
The Alumni Association actively uses social media to stay connected with members. We aim to promote our members’ achievements, large and small, and share all the exciting things that are happening on campus and around the world.

- Our engagement rates are consistently higher than the higher ed industry average, and they keep increasing.*
- Our total number of followers is well over 17,000.
- 45% of our increase in followers came from Instagram.

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* Source: 2018 Social Media Industry Benchmark Report, Rival IQ