Annual Report
2019–2020

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA
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Dear University of Ottawa Alumni and Friends,

This report covers a time period both before and after the COVID-19 pandemic began to spread around the world, forcing changes in every sector, including the University of Ottawa Alumni Association. Our mission to keep alumni our number one priority remains steadfast, though the way we engage with you will continue to evolve and respond to the changes that have affected us all.

Because of public health directives, our newest alumni did not have the chance to celebrate their graduation in person this year. However, between May 2019 and April 2020, we welcomed over 1,000 alumni to local and regional events, creating opportunities for networking, learning and sharing within our worldwide community.

Part of our mandate is to help organize, finance and support activities and services for all alumni. To that end, we have enlarged our spectrum of value-added services to include life and health insurance services through a partnership with our newest affinity partner, Manulife.

As of March 2020, no further business or events were conducted in person, as staff and board members pivoted to remote work, joining the effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. From then on, all meetings of the association were conducted virtually.

It became clear that many University of Ottawa students were struggling with unexpected needs arising from pandemic-related situations beyond their control.

Knowing that our annual Awards of Excellence Gala could no longer take place, we donated $25,000 in funds earmarked for the gala to the University of Ottawa Student Emergency Fund. We are incredibly proud that thanks to the latter, over 500 future alumni have received aid.

Looking forward, we are accelerating our digital transformation to find new and creative ways of supporting the alumni community around the world.

Sincerely,

Valérie Gervais, B.Jour ’08
President, Alumni Association
Our Mission

The Alumni Association of the University of Ottawa exists to strengthen the lifelong connection University of Ottawa alumni have with their alma mater and with each other.

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

Together, we form a global network of more than 250,000 members in over 170 countries. This diverse community is engaged and actively supports the University of Ottawa as a bilingual, internationally renowned centre of academic excellence.
Who We Are

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

Members:
Philippe Beaulieu
Alexandra Bissinger
Julie Cafley
Jocelyne Chrétien
Claudette Commanda
Habiba Chakir
Sylvie Deliencourt
Valérie Gervais
John Gitas
Elias Hage
Paul Okalik
Hugo Martin
Rajinder Narula
Josephine Palumbo
Elizabeth Rody
Patrick Sasso
Jaime Seidner
Carole Theauvette
Shaunt Tokmakjian
Sharon Wong

Executive Committee:
Philippe Beaulieu
Habiba Chakir
Jocelyne Chrétien
Valérie Gervais
Elias Hage
Shaunt Tokmakjian

Members Whose Term of Office Ended in 2019–2020:
Alexandra Bissinger
Elias Hage
Hugo Martin
Rajinder Narula
Elizabeth Rody

Click to see our current board members’ biographies
Alumni Association by Faculty

Total University of Ottawa Alumni

252,716
Sarah Downey, MHA ’92

President and CEO of Michael Garron Hospital
Toronto, Ontario

In July 2020, Sarah Downey completed a three-year term as president of the Toronto Alumni Council, which she joined in 2013. Sarah’s work with the council helped shape the Alumni Association’s outreach strategy in the region though several alumni events, including a memorable and engaging evening in conversation with uOttawa chancellor Calin Rovinescu at the TIFF Bell Lightbox. In September 2020, she became chair-elect of the Ontario Hospital Association board of directors, where she will continue to make an impact in her field.

“Being a member of the Toronto Alumni Council allowed me to meet so many incredible uOttawa graduates who are based in Toronto. Being part of this group also allowed me to stay close to my alma mater, which has a broad range of interesting departments, teachers, researchers and leaders. I strongly encourage my fellow graduates to seek out their local alumni council and stay connected to our university.”

Michael Greaves, BEng ’07

Director, Barclays Investment Bank
Toronto, Ontario

Michael Greaves grew up in Barbados and came to Canada to pursue an education at uOttawa. He went on to complete a master’s at the University of Toronto’s Rotman School of Management and is currently a director in the investment bank division of Barclays. Recognizing how vital support is to success, Michael is committed to helping today’s youth. His passion has led him to serve as co-chair for the Canadian Opera Company’s “Operanation,” which raises proceeds for young opera artists, and to volunteer in Toronto schools educating youth about financial literacy. He continues to give back to the uOttawa community through the establishment of a scholarship in his mother’s name to promote diversity in STEM.

“An ethos instilled in me by my parents was to give back to the community. Even if you had a little, you were still expected to contribute. It is a very Caribbean mentality that I am proud to still carry with me today. As alumni, it’s important that we stay committed to lending what we can to improve the lives of others.”
Duane Green, BSocSc ‘94 (Economics)

CEO of Franklin Templeton Investments Canada and Fiduciary Trust Canada
Toronto, Ontario

A leading figure in economics, Green’s tireless support of the Faculty of Social Sciences has boosted student success as well. The list of Green’s contributions continues to grow. For example, the Alumni Association’s Women’s Leadership Summit was supported by Franklin Templeton Canada, the Duane and Angela Green Bursary in Economics was created thanks to the generosity of Duane and Angela Green, and Duane serves as president of the Faculty’s Campaign Cabinet.

Janice McDonald, BA (Communication) ’88

Award-winning entrepreneur and founder of The Beacon Agency
Creator, host and producer: Fearless Women Podcast
Ottawa, Ontario

In 2020, Janice McDonald authored the national bestseller Fearless: Girls with Dreams, Women with Vision. She was recently selected as a mentor with the Pierre Elliot Trudeau Foundation and continues to commit to entrepreneurism, mentoring women and creating conditions for young people to thrive.

“Difficult circumstances and new challenges offer each of us the opportunity to experience tremendous personal growth.”
Franck Ngandui, LLL ’12; JD ’13

Corporate and commercial lawyer, ROBIC LLP
Montreal, Quebec

Franck Ngandui has been an active member of the Montreal Alumni Council since 2018. He is a graduate of the Faculty of Law Common Law and Civil Law sections and was a member of the Black Law Students Association and the Enactus uOttawa Project Management team during his studies. He was also a member of the Gee Gees football team from 2009 to 2012.

“There is only one thing that makes a dream impossible to achieve: the fear of failure.” — Paulo Coelho, The Alchemist

Vivienne Zhang, MEd ’13

Administrative clerk, Elections Canada
Ottawa, Ontario

Vivienne was new to Canada when she decided to apply to the University of Ottawa. Interested in being close to her family in Ottawa, she went on a campus tour, where she was convinced that uOttawa was for her. Now, working at Elections Canada, she applies the skills she learned in an innovative environment aligned with her values. However, she still finds time to give back to her alma mater as an active volunteer with the Alumni Relations Office.

“Volunteering at uOttawa is not only an immersion in its signature bilingual culture but also a journey to meet people from different and exciting backgrounds, to share knowledge and insights and to develop better communication and understanding through its interesting and beneficial projects. I have fun here.”
These past few months have encouraged us to become more agile, resilient and compassionate. We have banded together to help our families, friends, neighbours, colleagues and communities in need.

During the pandemic, the Alumni Association generously chose to support the University of Ottawa COVID-19 Student Emergency Aid Fund by matching individual donations to a total of $25,000. Thanks to this fund, the University has been able to bring crucial emergency aid to at-risk students who have experienced a heavy financial burden and emotional stress.

The Alumni Association’s donation to the aid fund along with other donations assisted over 500 students. The fund was able to help with emergency travel costs for students caught out of province or out of country when the COVID-19 pandemic began. We also helped international students travel home quickly, before borders closed, so they could spend the summer with their families. These funds also helped many students who had lost employment income.

These sentiments from Jackson, an international student, are shared by many of those who have received support so far: “Without the help from you it would be hard for an international student to survive during the pandemic… And I’m sure everyone who got the help they needed from uOttawa is really grateful…”

“I was really thankful and happy that the University helped me. I stopped working part time due to the fear of COVID-19 and had no income source at all. It is hard to survive as an international student here with no job. The government had not announced any relief funds at the time and the University was able to help me pay rent and utility bills and buy groceries for a month. I will always be thankful for this help. It was a huge relief for me and for my family in India.”

– International Undergraduate Student
Scholarships and Bursaries

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

Alumni Association Mobility CO-OP Scholarship
This scholarship is awarded to a CO-OP student doing a work placement in one of the following areas: Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary, New York, Boston, Los Angeles, the San Francisco Bay Area, London (England), Paris, Hong Kong and Shanghai.

Khatra Badreldin
Faculty: Engineering
Program: Biomedical Mechanical Engineering
Location: Montreal
Organization: CAE Healthcare

Joel Patrick Howard
Faculty: Engineering
Program: Biotechnology
Location: Montreal
Organization: CHU Ste-Justine

Alumni Association Leadership Scholarship
The purpose of this scholarship is to recognize the special merit of undergraduate students who have demonstrated leadership qualities while contributing to the advancement of alumni or University activities in a volunteer capacity.

Dalia Limor Karol
Faculty: Medicine
Program: MD

Arcade Guindon Scholarship
The Arcade Guindon Scholarship recognizes a student who reflects University values in the community.

Amélie Trottier
Faculty: Arts
Program: Theatre
Local Events

Over the past year, the Alumni Association sponsored many activities in the National Capital Region. Here are just some of them.

Convocation

Graduates of the class of 2019 were particularly privileged, with several initiatives put in place to welcome them to the extended family of alumni, including a contest sponsored by the Alumni Association and several partners. First prize was a week-long trip to Paris for two, no less! Over 8,000 student received diplomas during the spring and fall ceremonies.

New programming for Homecoming 2019

Homecoming 2019 (October 4 to 6) took a new direction thanks to consultations throughout fall 2018 with the University community, including many alumni. For the first time, Homecoming was paired with the Panda Game and the association went all out to ensure a pre-game party worthy of the name at Lansdowne Park, in the Aberdeen Pavilion.

The many volunteers were able to welcome and guide visitors all weekend long, whether at the breakfast launch at the iconic Father & Sons restaurant near the campus, the Alex Trebek Lecture featuring Chris Kutarna or the stunning performance of Choir! Choir! Choir! which had everyone singing together in the old chapel in Tabaret Hall.

Myriam Bélanger (Telfer School of Management)
Winner of the trip to Paris

Homecoming volunteers
Etiquette and Wine Tasting Dinner

For the second consecutive year, the traditional Alumni Association Etiquette Dinner got an upgrade with a wine tasting component. Alumna and internationally-renowned sommelier Véronique Rivest had the audience in her hand, through both her expertise and her warmth. The two dinners (one in English and the other in French) were hosted by two Alumni Association board members who took their role as MC to heart, Valérie Gervais and Joséphine Palumbo.

Career Week and International Women’s Day

On March 6, 2020, our final in-person event brought together alumni and students for a roundtable on “The Boss Lady Journey” featuring alumnae whose careers were both inspiring and motivational. Avesta Alani, Gwen Madiba, Isabelle Perreault and Jamie Petten shared their experiences and offered advice to those in attendance. The panel was masterfully hosted by association board member Joséphine Palumbo.

From left: Gwen Madiba, Josephine Palumbo, Avesta Alani, Isabelle Perreault, Jamie Petten
Regional Councils

University of Ottawa alumni belong to a global network of more than 250,000 alumni in over 170 countries around the world!

Alumni worldwide stay connected to their alma mater through dynamic regional events and initiatives and engaging with active regional councils.

Regional councils have been established and alumni events take place annually in:

Canada: Kanata, Montreal, Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver

U.S.: Boston, New York, Bay Area (California) and Los Angeles

Outside of North America: London, Paris, Hong Kong and Shanghai
Regional Alumni Councils in our thirteen key regions are comprised of alumni leaders from all faculties who act as ambassadors for the University of Ottawa. Whether mentoring new alumni, supporting CO-OP students or participating in international recruitment fairs, council members give back to their alma mater while raising the profile of the University. Their involvement in regional events is vital to keeping the alumni community engaged.

uOttawa on the Road programming includes discussion panels, lectures and networking sessions. These events continue to attract alumni across Canada and abroad.

Regional programming

Los Angeles — May 2019
Garden Party
Host: Marc Kayem (BSc ’83, MD ’87)
Attendees: 18

San Francisco — May 2019
Top 5 Start-Up Reception
Top 5 Start-Up speakers: Sarah Abood (BSocSc ’18), Cassy Aite (BCom ’15), Sebastian Hadjiantoniou (PhD ’18), Ashley Kennedy (PhD ’13), Elias B. Hage (BCom ’07)
Attendees: 57

Paris and London — June 2019
Université mondiale pour un monde meilleur
Speaker: Adel El Zaïm
Attendees: 69

Montreal — October 2019
Élections fédérales 2019 : que signifient les résultats pour le Canada et le monde?
Speaker: Patrick Leblond
Attendees: 83

Toronto — November 2019
Legalization of Cannabis: One Year Later
Panel: John Fowler (JD ’13), Alison Gordon, Mark Zekulin (LLB ’07), Lisa Campbell
Attendees: 167

Chicago — November 2019
A Global University for a Better World: Inspiring Tomorrow’s Global Citizens
Speaker: President Jacques Frémont and VP External Relations Jacline Nyman (BAdm ’90)
Attendees: 20

Kanata — November 2019
Chancellor’s Debate: What Will It Take? Staying Competitive in the Fourth Industrial Revolution
Speakers: Chancellor Calin Rovinescu (LLB ’80), Mychelle Mollot and John Proctor
Attendees: 124

San Francisco — February 2020
Top 5 Start-Ups Judging Evening
Speakers: Stephen Daze and the Bay Area Alumni Council
Attendees: 8

Calgary and Vancouver — February 2020
Space, the Final Frontier: Astronauts, Space Travel and the Human Body
Speaker: Odette Laneuville
Attendees: 104
Celebrating Indigenous alumni across Canada

Throughout June 2020, National Indigenous History Month, the Alumni Relations Office, along with the Indigenous Affairs team and the Mashkawaziwgamig Indigenous Resource Centre, celebrated Indigenous students and alumni, using social media to highlight uOttawa’s vibrant Indigenous communities. To better serve the Indigenous alumni community, a self-identification survey was also created to facilitate providing Indigenous alumni with information on special events, activities, student mentorship, volunteer opportunities and more. In partnership with the Indigenous Affairs team, we are currently in the process of establishing a national Indigenous Alumni Council.

The Chancellor’s Debate Comes to Kanata

In November 2019, the Kanata Regional Alumni Council helped host the first ever off-campus Chancellor’s Debate at You.i TV in Kanata North. Chancellor Calin Rovinescu (LLB ’80) facilitated a lively debate with guest speakers Mychelle Mollot, chief marketing officer of Solace and John Proctor, CEO, Martello Technologies, on the topic of “What Will It Take? Staying Competitive in the Fourth Industrial Revolution.” Alumni in the region had the chance to connect with uOttawa students who travelled from campus by bus to take part in this special University event in Kanata North.
Awards of Excellence

In partnership with the University, the Alumni Association works to recognize the incredible achievements of our talented alumni and support our future alumni. The association recognizes the outstanding achievements of its members with the annual presentation of the Alumni Association Awards of Excellence.

Meritas Tabaret Award for Alumni Achievement

Recognizing alumni who have distinguished themselves through excellence and achievement in their professional field throughout their career; have demonstrated leadership in their profession; have made a positive contribution to the prestige, influence and reputation of the University of Ottawa; and have exercised and continue to exercise a strong positive influence in the community.

John ‘Jack’ Kitts
Faculty of Medicine and Telfer School of Management
MD ’80, EMBA ’01

Ottawa Hospital CEO Jack Kitts was named 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient as part of the Best Ottawa Business Awards. Dr. Kitts was also named to the Order of Canada in 2018 for his “distinguished career as an anesthesiologist and health-care leader.” As president and CEO of the Ottawa Hospital for nearly 20 years, he has guided one of Canada’s largest teaching and research hospitals (with a staff of 12,000), developing and implementing unique patient-centred care practices. He has also been influential in creating a more integrated health care system in Ontario. He has led the hospital through a period of massive change in the delivery of health care in Ottawa and Eastern Ontario. He was also the architect of a successful cultural transformation after four separate hospitals amalgamated and became what is now the Ottawa Hospital.

His leadership and management style have served as a model to those he has mentored, including many of his staff, other professionals and organizations as well as many students. He remains actively engaged in the University’s MHA and medical programs as a preceptor, mentor and educator, generously sharing his extensive knowledge and experience with students and faculty.

Dr. Kitts is known nationally for his focus on and expertise in the patient experience, performance measurement and physician engagement, making him a sought-after adviser and inspirational speaker on these key topics in health care today.
**Alumnus/Alumna of the Year Award**

_Recognizing outstanding achievement by one of our members over the past year_

![Image of Rob S.B. Beanlands]

**Rob S.B. Beanlands**

*Faculty of Medicine*

MD '83

Dr. Beanlands earned the CIHR-ICRH/CCS Distinguished Lecturer Award in Cardiovascular Sciences in 2019. He is also the current (2019) president of the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology and a past president of the Canadian Nuclear Cardiology Society.

He is Vered Chair and chief of the cardiology division at the University of Ottawa Heart Institute and the Ottawa Hospital, an international leader in cardiovascular imaging and founding director of the National Cardiac PET Centre (the only PET facility in Canada dedicated to cardiovascular disease), and a professor in the cardiology division of the Department of Medicine, Department of Radiology (cross-appointment) and Department of Cellular and Molecular Medicine (cross-appointment) in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Ottawa. He has been a career investigator supported by the Heart and Stroke Foundation (HSF) and is a Tier 1 uOttawa Chair in Cardiovascular Imaging Research.

In the last three years, he has presented his work at leading centres around the world, including Royal Brompton Hospital in London, Technical University Munich, the Cleveland Clinic, Harvard Medical School (both Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Mass General), Johns Hopkins University and Cedars-Sinai Los Angeles. He was also a specially invited member of the UN expert mission of the International Atomic Energy Agency that recently met in Brazil to deliberate on the future of radiation-based imaging in medicine.

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**Award for Commitment to the University**

_Recognizing an extraordinary alumnus or alumna who has set a high standard for volunteerism or philanthropy in support of the University._

![Image of Marie des Anges Loyer DaSilva]

**Marie des Anges Loyer DaSilva**

*Faculty of Health Sciences*

Dipl. ‘55, Cert. ‘58, BScN ‘60, MEd ‘68, PhD ‘82

Marie Loyer is an excellent ambassador for the University of Ottawa — she’s always there when it’s time to support the efforts of nursing students, professors conducting research into mental health promotion or public and community health, or members of the Faculty of Health Sciences. We are truly fortunate to have her as one of our graduates, staff and donors.

Dr. Loyer DaSilva had the vision after her retirement to create the first research chair in public health and community nursing. The Loyer DaSilva Research Chair in Community and Public Health Nursing was established in 2006, in partnership with the Faculty of Health Sciences. It recognizes the enormous contributions of Professor Marie Loyer.

Marie Loyer has consistently made major contributions to the University of Ottawa (research, teaching, service) as a student, alumna, faculty member and donor, always promoting her alma mater. Her commitment to nursing has not gone unnoticed. In 2010, she received the prestigious Canadian Public Health Association R.D. Defries Award, given to a member who has devoted a lifetime to public health in Canada. She also received the Dean’s Award for Commitment to the Faculty of Health Sciences during the Faculty’s 30th anniversary celebrations in October 2019.
Young Alumni Award

Recognizing significant contributions by an individual in his or her field, whether through professional achievement or community service. The recipient must be 40 years of age or under and set an inspirational example for future alumni.

Soukaina Boutiyeb
Faculty of Health Sciences
BSocSc ’11

Bringing people together, Soukaina is particularly committed to the causes of women’s rights and the promotion of French in minority settings. She is the executive director of the Alliance des femmes de la francophonie canadienne (AFFC) and, since 2017, has been president of the Association des communautés francophones d’Ottawa (ACFO Ottawa). She is the first ACFO president of visible minority background, as well as an immigrant. She was treasurer of the Réseau du patrimoine franco-ontarien (RPFO), member of the executive of the Centre de recherche en civilisation canadienne-française and administrator of the Centre espoir Sophie.

Soukaina played a key role leading the development of the new ACFO Ottawa Bilingual Ottawa project. The project, the result of a $1.25 million grant, aims to develop bilingualism in the city. It is of historic importance for ACFO Ottawa and is by far the largest project it has managed in its 50 years of existence. This funding was made possible thanks to the hard work and leadership of Soukaina, who managed to get various community groups to join forces and build a stronger community.

As part of the #LaRésistance movement, in the aftermath of the announcement of cuts to services in French, Soukaina was an outstanding spokesperson. She was a constant presence in the media educating people on the issue.

Award for Community Service

Recognizing alumni who have made outstanding volunteer contributions in their community.

Jo-Anne C. Poirier
Telfer School of Management and Faculty of Arts
BA ’78, Cert. ’85

Jo-Anne demonstrates commitment to community in everything that she undertakes, whether serving as chair or director for the boards of a number of organizations.

She currently serves as board chair, the Shaw Centre; board chair, the Change Foundation; board member, TVO; board member, Calian Group; board vice-chair, CHEO; and founding co-chair, Public Service Leaders Forum. Past roles include director and vice-chair, City of Ottawa Board of Health (2014–2018); member, United Way Ottawa Community Services Cabinet (2010–12); board member, Crime Prevention Ottawa (2009–13); founding co-chair, Housing Partnership Canada (2013); director and co-chair, Champlain Local Health Integrated Network (2005–10); adviser, Ottawa chapter of Nelson Mandela Children’s Fund (2003–07); trustee, Ottawa Community Agencies Pension Fund (2006–07); and director, Regroupement des gens d’affaires (2003–06).

Under her leadership, VON has received designation as an organization offering services in French under the French Language Services Act.

Cross-generational knowledge exchange is also important to Jo-Anne. She mentors a roster of young people building careers in community service, a personal investment in the future strength of Ottawa.
Honorary Member of the Alumni Association

Recognizing a person who is not a graduate of the University, but whose actions and dedication have had a beneficial impact on the uOttawa student experience.

Robert G. Korneluk

University of Toronto

PhD ’82

Dr. Korneluk graduated with a PhD in developmental biology from the University of Toronto in 1982.

He holds the honour of Distinguished Professor of the University of Ottawa, where he has been a member of the Faculty of Medicine since 1986, serving as professor of pediatrics and of biochemistry, microbiology and immunology. He is scientific director of the Apoptosis Research Centre and senior scientist at the Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario Research Institute.

At the University of Ottawa, he has mentored over 60 graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, with a dozen holding academic positions. He has published nearly 200 reports and book chapters, many of which are highly cited. Along with his long-time colleague, Dr. Alex MacKenzie, he co-founded the Apoptosis Research Centre, to understand the basic underlying principles of cell death dysregulation in disease and how the latter can be manipulated for therapeutic benefit for diseases like diabetes and neurodegeneration. He has received numerous awards and accolades, including most recently Member of the Order of Canada (the first time a scientist at the CHEO Research Institute has received the honour), as well as serving three consecutive terms as a Howard Hughes Medical Institute International Research Scholar.
Financial Report

Period (12 Months) ending April 30th, 2020

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*Operating surplus (deficit) represents “operating revenues” less “admin activities” and “uOttawa programming”
Our Partners

The Alumni Association is proud to partner with Johnson Inc., MBNA, Manulife 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.

Special rates for our alumni on home, auto and travel insurance
uottawa.ca/alumni/home-auto-and-travel-insurance

Preferred rates on life insurance and supplemental health benefits.
uottawa.ca/alumni/content/life-and-health-insurance

The best mortgage offerings for members of the uOttawa Alumni Association
uottawa.ca/alumni/mortgages

Credit card packages tailored to our alumni’s needs.
uottawa.ca/alumni/credit-cards
Social Media Presence

Highlights

In 2019–2020, we experienced the following:

- A 33% increase in our number of Instagram followers
- Consistent monthly increases in our number of Facebook followers
- A slight increase in our number of Twitter followers (5%)
- An increase in the number of requests by students in their final year of studies to join our LinkedIn group
- Posts highlighting our alumni’s accomplishments receiving 60% more “likes” than any other type of content posted
Join us in our virtual communities

By joining our growing community of over 18,000 followers, you will be among the first to know about:

- Events and workshops exclusively offered for alumni
- New offers and discounts for you
- Your peers’ successes and accomplishments
- Networking opportunities
- Alumni Association involvement in the University community
Final Word: Our Community

The University of Ottawa Alumni Association is a vibrant community dedicated to serving the needs of its members. As a University of Ottawa graduate, you belong to this community.

We have created a network of community hubs ready to welcome you and assist you in your career. You can participate in a variety of ways including through social gatherings, mentorship programs, or presentations by industry leaders and futurists. By sharing and working together we can increase our impact on our communities and society.

To contact the association or your regional council you are invited to reach us at alumni.president@uOttawa.ca

Homecoming volunteers