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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 211,000 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

165,873

4,380

40,747

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

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear University of Ottawa alumni and friends,

The Alumni Association continues in its efforts to fulfill its mission of ensuring our 211,000 alumni remain engaged members of the University of Ottawa community and proud ambassadors of their alma mater. Regardless of where they live and work, our alumni continue to demonstrate excellence in their many fields. In 2016-2017, the Association was involved in 65 events in Ottawa as well as 12 other regions with high concentrations of alumni, generating over 13,000 registrations.

Last year was a time of great change for the University of Ottawa. Within just a few months of each other, our new president and our new chancellor took office. Jacques Frémont, professor and experienced academic administrator, and Calin Rovinescu, a highly respected businessman, have already shown great leadership in this very short time.

The Association also continued its efforts to support the University of Ottawa in achieving its strategic goals. Our governance, outreach and finance committees have continued to focus their efforts on our priorities and strategic goals, which include increasing our visibility, our services and enhancing our policies and processes.

In our continuing effort to meet the needs of our alumni, the Association worked with the University to conduct a survey of alumni on the services we provide. We also began to incorporate new technologies and social media into our activities and communications. In fact, the survey results will help, among other things, to guide us in this area. The Association continued to support various University initiatives, including those aimed at helping Syrian refugees.

In addition, the Alex Trebek Alumni Hall was recognized by the City of Ottawa with an Award of Merit in the Adaptation category at the 2014-2016 Ottawa Architectural Conservation Awards ceremony. The award recognizes excellence in the preservation of the city’s architectural heritage.

These many activities and achievements would certainly 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 members of the Board of Directors, the many alumni and students who have volunteered and the entire team of dedicated staff at the Alumni Relations Office for their steadfast and unflagging support.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rody (BA ‘83)
President, University of Ottawa Alumni Association
Member, University of Ottawa Board of Governors
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

Front row (left to right): Liliane Lê, Carole Theauvette, Elias Hage, Elizabeth Rody, Alexandra Bissinger, Emma Bédard
Second row (left to right): Fares El Sabbagh, Linda Assad - Butcher, Charles-Antoine St-Jean, Jaime Seidner, Shaunt Tokmakjian, Rajinder Narula, Brad Ryder
Back row (left to right): Philippe Beaulieu, Jean-Paul Bédard, Diane Plouffe-Reardon
Absent: John Gitas
LOCAL EVENTS FOR UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA ALUMNI

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

SPRING 2016

Alumni Week, April 30 to May 7, 2016

In May 2016, more than 3,800 alumni, members of the University of Ottawa community and their guests took part in Alumni Week. Over 40 events were held during this week of lectures and festivities that featured, among many other activities, talks by uOttawa researchers on current topics, a 3D printing workshop and a Food Truck Rally—there was something for all our alumni, whatever their age or interests. The Alex Trebek Distinguished Lecture series featured 2011 Nobel Peace Prize winner Leymah Gbowee, a true highlight of the week.

uO2.0

In partnership with the Career Centre, faculties and services, the Alumni Relations Office, through the uO2.0 program, helps future and young uOttawa alumni to prepare for the job market and provides professional development activities. The program also gives them access to a range of services and events held throughout the year, especially designed to meet their needs. This program has been made possible through the financial support provided by our partner Johnson Insurance Inc. It was chosen to be presented at the annual conference of the Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education.

uOttawa Innovates

Together with the Alumni Relations Office, the Faculty of Engineering launched uOttawa Innovates in the fall of 2016. Featuring a number of events, this program allows the Faculty of Engineering to reconnect with its alumni, partners and friends in the innovation industry with the goal of creating opportunities to collaborate in the future. This year’s activities included panel discussions on current topics and the world of technology:

- uOttawa Innovates – Toronto (Partner: Pivotal Labs)
- uOttawa Innovates – 2016 Design Showcase (Partner: Faculty of Engineering’s Centre for Entrepreneurship and Engineering Design)
- uOttawa Innovates – The Voice Experience (Partner: Amazon)
- uOttawa Innovates – The Future of the Network (Partner: Nokia)
Career Week, March 6 to 10, 2017

Alumni were very active during Career Week as well. We worked with the Career Development Centre and participated in a number of events during the week. The opening talk, given by Minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities, Carla Qualtrough (BScSoc ‘93), and the uO2.0 Graduating Students and Alumni Career Fair were the flagship events of the week. Other activities included Deconstructing Success: Talking with our Political Studies Alumni, the Faculty of Science’s From Backpack to Briefcase, the Etiquette Dinner and Speed Networking, with Faculty of Arts alumni.

Panel – Women and Mentorship

The faculties of Social Sciences and Arts also partnered in an event featuring a number of inspiring women leaders, which included alumni and professors. Made possible through the financial support of the Women’s Mentor Initiative, this discussion on women and mentorship sold out in two days. Due to the large amount of interest, the event was live streamed on Facebook, allowing us to reach many viewers who would otherwise not have been able to benefit from this event.

Extraordinary Paths: Talking with Our Translation and Interpretation Alumni

This interactive evening with a panel of translation and interpretation alumni was hosted in collaboration with the Faculty of Arts. This event attracted more than 80 participants, who had the opportunity to talk with these alumni about their interesting careers and meet with representatives from a number of industry employers.

Farewell Reception for International Students

Together with the International Office, the Association held a farewell event for international students. This new initiative saw over 50 students from all around the world come together in celebration of their achievements before graduating. 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 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 Mohamed Fahmy lecture, the Panda Game, the Capital Hoops Classic, the Montreal Faculty of Law reception (Civil Law Section) and the Aeroplan Campaign. These activities truly highlight the increased awareness the Association is gaining on campus and demonstrate we’re becoming a partner of choice at uOttawa.
REGIONAL COUNCILS

University of Ottawa alumni belong to a global network of more than 211,000 alumni in over 155 countries around the world! Alumni across the globe stay connected to their alma mater through participating in dynamic regional events and initiatives and engaging with active regional councils.

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

Canada: Montreal, Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver
US: Boston, New York, Bay Area (California) and Los Angeles
Outside of North America: London, Paris, Hong Kong and Shanghai.

Worldwide regional council locations:
- Toronto (19,247)
- Montreal (12,881)
- Calgary (1,782)
- New York (441)
- Boston (304)
- Bay Area (California) (507)
- Los Angeles (251)
- Paris (296)
- Hong Kong (501)
- Vancouver (2,236)
- Shanghai (111)
- London (445)
UOTTAWA ON THE ROAD – ENGAGE LOCALLY, CONNECT GLOBALLY

This annual speaker series in 12 key regions around the world underwent a makeover thanks to rebranding efforts. The series, sponsored by the Alumni Association, was relaunched this year as uOttawa on the Road!

A combination of discussion panels, lectures and networking sessions, these events continues 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 regions. The Paris, London and Boston regional councils supported the University’s recruitment efforts by taking part in recruitment fairs.

Regional Programming

Bay Area and Los Angeles – May 2016
*Diplomacy of Knowledge*

**Speaker:** Allan Rock

Paris – June 2016
*U15*

**Speaker:** Jacques Frémont

Toronto – November 2016
*uOttawa’s Refugee Hub: An Evening of Recognition and Celebration*

**Speaker:** Jennifer Bond, Assma Basalamah (LLL 2015, JD 2016), Susan Frenes and Jacqueline Swaisland

New York – December 2016
*New York Seasonal Alumni Reception with the International Longevity Centre Canada*

Montreal – October 2016
*State of the Nation: A columnist’s final thoughts.*

**Speaker:** Jeffrey Simpson

Shanghai – November 2016
*Cocktail in Shanghai*

**Speaker:** Murray King (LLB 1990), Walt Disney Parks and Resort

Toronto – April 2017
*Biomedicine meets Biodesign: Disruption, Curiosity and Spare Parts*

**Speaker:** Dr. Andrew Pelling

Vancouver and Calgary – February 2017
*Canada-US Relations in the Trump Era*

**Speaker:** Roland Paris

Boston – March 2017
*Curing all chronic disease: Audacious goals to prevent and treat chronic and metabolic disorders*

**Speaker:** Dr. Zemin Yao

London

Held at the London Stock Exchange on June 30, 2016, just one week after the Brexit vote, this event was host to 92 guests. Elizabeth Rody, Alumni Association president, welcomed our new president, Jacques Frémont, at the event, his first in his new role.

Montreal

On April 6, 2017, alumni at the broadcast headquarters for Radio-Canada, Maison Radio-Canada, welcomed us for a panel discussion. Panel members were Michel Cormier, director general of information at Radio-Canada, Madeleine Blais-Morin, journalist and Ottawa parliamentary correspondent, and uOttawa Department of Communication professor Marc-François Bernier (BA Communication ’84). Guylaine Bergeron (BA Communication ’88), who is executive director of communications at Radio-Canada, and Marco Dubé, executive director of regional French-language services, were co-hosts of the event. Marie Grégoire (BA Communication ’88), one of Guylaine’s former classmates, broadcaster and panelist on the ICI RDI program Les Ex, did an exceptional job as moderator. The theme for this panel discussion that took place in French was *Governing the World in 140 characters—Challenges for Journalistic Credibility in an Era of Social Media, “fake news” and “alternative facts.”* The event was sold out a full week in advance of the date, and was filmed by Radio-Canada and broadcasted live on Facebook, allowing it to reach more than 13,000 viewers.
REPORT OF THE OUTREACH AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Association is proud to provide our future and current uOttawa alumni of all ages with opportunities to reconnect with their alma mater. In 2016-2017, over 13,000 alumni registered for more than 65 activities in the National Capital Region and elsewhere in the world.

In partnership with the University, the Association works to recognize and promote the high calibre of its alumni by awarding annual scholarships to undergraduate students as well as prizes and other awards at various ceremonies.

2017 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

The uOttawa Alumni Association recognizes the outstanding achievements of its members with the annual presentation of the Alumni Association Awards of Excellence.

Meritas Tabaret Award: Camille Villeneuve 
Alumnus of the Year Award: Dr. Sethuraman Panchanathan 
Award for Community Service: Dr. Lisa Glithero 
Award for Commitment to the University: Dr. Constance Nozzolillo 
Young Alumnus Award: Andrew Todd 
Honorary Member of the Alumni Association: Bruce Lazenby

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

Alumni Association Leadership Scholarship 
Alexandre Coholan

Arcade Guindon Scholarship 
Doudard Benjamin

Leadership and Innovation 
Ama Ouattara

Dedication and Involvement 
Linx Li Mytkolli

The Bouchard and Latreille Award for Support and Teamwork 
Mayur Tailor

Volunteer of the Year 
Samuel Soucy

Student Community Impact 
Amelia Marrato
### FINANCE REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31ST, 2017

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This report is based on interim unaudited financial statements.

**Note:**
The Association has pledged a total of $500,000 towards the construction of the Alumni Hall. Contributions are being made evenly over a ten year period between 2010 and 2020. Annual contribution expenses toward the Alumni Hall are included under “Project activities” in the financial report.

The Association has a forecasted fund balance of $552,420 at April 30th, 2017.
In the past year, the Governance Committee oversaw implementation of the new administrative policies approved by members in 2015–2016. The Committee recommended some changes to better reflect the responsibilities of members of the Executive Committee and structure of the Finance and Audit Committee.

Following a call for nominations, two new directors joined the Alumni Association. Habiba Chakir (PhD ’03), a graduate of the Faculty of Medicine, who lives in Ottawa and works at Health Canada’s Biologics and Genetic Therapies Directorate. Hugo Martin (LLL 1996) is a graduate of the Faculty of Law’s Civil Law Section and practices business law in Montreal.

On behalf of the Association, we would like thank outgoing member of the Board of Directors Liliane Lê (BScSoc ’97), who served on our Governance Committee and as chair of the governance and outreach committees with much passion and dedication. Charles-Antoine St-Jean (BCom ’76) also left the Board of Directors, and as a result, his position as Association representative on the University’s Board of Governors. He gave countless hours to his alma mater and provided sound advice and guidance. They will both be missed for their collegiality and enthusiasm. However, we know they will continue to be great ambassadors of the University.

Elizabeth Rody, the Alumni Association’s president, was elected Alumni Association representative on the University of Ottawa’s Board of Governors.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2016-2017:
Elizabeth Rody (President)
Linda Assad-Butcher
Jean-Paul Bédard (Representative to the Board of Governors)
Elias Hage
Liliane Lê
Carole Theauvette (Corporate Secretary)

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:
Elias Hage (Chair)
Philippe Beaulieu
Alexandra Bissinger
Fares Elsabbagh

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:
Linda Assad-Butcher (Chair)
Jaime Seidner
Carole Theauvette
Shaunt Tokmakjian

OUTREACH COMMITTEE:
Liliane Lê (Chair)
Emma Bédard
John Gitas
Rajinder Narula
Diane Plouffe-Reardon
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 INSURANCE**

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 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 7,000 members
• The Association’s Facebook page has over 5,000 likes
• Our Twitter account has over 2,600 followers
• Alumni can use Flickr to view pictures from all our events
• And, due to popular demand, the Association now has an Instagram account!

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linkedin.com/groups?gid=126224
uottawa_alumni
Flickr.com/uottawaalumni
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