

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MEMBER NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Thank you for showing your support over the past year. These are exciting times for the College of Medicine Alumni Association with plenty to be proud of and a renewed sense of optimism in the air. Several initiatives are moving forward that will advance alumni engagement and create a more inclusive environment for all College of Medicine graduates to call home.

Within the Board of Directors' framework, several subcommittees have been established to target key strategic areas including: events, membership, young alumni, and inclusivity. Each subcommittee is actively working on establishing the College of Medicine Alumni Association as a place where alumni feel appreciated and included, while investing in fun events that bring value to your membership.

Whether you are a new graduate, post graduate resident, in active medical practice, semi-retired or fully retired; please continue to support the Alumni Association and find meaningful ways to get involved.

Jerry Zlipko M.D.

President, College of Medicine Alumni Association

2021-2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - Terry Zlipko (MD'74)
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WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Wendy Vogel (MD'89)

Dr. Vogel joined the board with a desire to give back. She believes that alumni have an important role to play in the greater College of Medicine community. She previously served as a representative for the Class of 1989, as well as Scientific Chair for Highlights in Medicine.

Dr. Vogel is looking forward to supporting fellow alumni and the College of Medicine through her role as Vice-President of the Alumni Association.

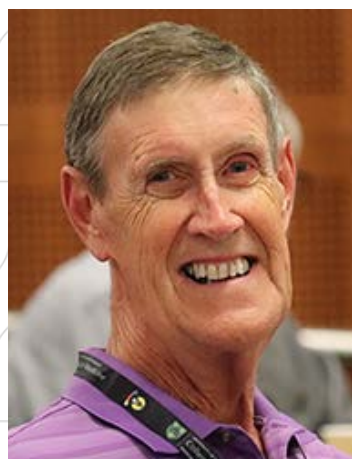
Palak Suryavanshi (MD'19)

Dr. Suryavanshi is a PGY-3 Resident in Otolaryngology based in London, Ontario. Prior to graduation, she was involved with the Student Member Society of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon Council on Aging, Canadian Light Source, and Resident Doctors of Canada.

Dr. Suryavanshi brings a strong voice of advocacy to the board, particularly in addressing the ever changing landscape of medical education and the needs of young alumni.



THANK YOU OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS!



Del Haug
(MD'69)



Anne Doig
(MD'76)



Adam McInnes
(MD'15)



Wayne Clarke
(MD'72)

*Special thank you to outgoing medical student representative, Mr. Mohamed Omar (Class of 2024)

MEMBERSHIP THAT MATTERS

Membership is more than just access to Highlights in Medicine.

Membership fees collected through the College of Medicine Alumni Association go directly into supporting medical student-led initiatives including:

- Healthcare Classic
- Integration Weekend
- Miles for Smiles
- Student Wellness
- Knuckle Cup
- Pre-clerkship support
- Saskatchewan Ultrasound Symposium

If you are an annual member, please consider renewing your yearly membership or enroll in a lifetime membership today. Thank you for your generous support!

Click on the buttons below to submit your membership dues.

RENEW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

ENROLL IN A LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Or mail a cheque, made out to the University of Saskatchewan, to:

Box 19, 4A20 Health Sciences Building
107 Wiggins Road
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"Support from the College of Medicine Alumni Association has allowed me to take on projects that otherwise may not have come to fruition, such as the Pre-Clerkship Introduction to Specialties in Medicine (PRISM) program, and volunteering with the COVID-19 public health response through the creation of the USask Public Health Task Force. Your support this year has been appreciated more than ever by students and will continue to be as we continue to navigate our world as it recovers from COVID-19."

Sehjal Bhargava (Class of 2022)



"To me, the Alumni Association represents a group of individuals who help to directly support the health and well-being of medical students. By funding SMSS led health initiatives such as support packages for students, and other student led wellness activities, the Alumni Association has allowed us to have a more positive medical school experience. In challenging times like these, keeping track of our own health and wellness has never been more important, and I believe the Alumni Association will continue to have a positive impact on student well-being."

Baljit Pandher (Class of 2024)

ALUMNI DONOR PROFILE

Dr. David Tubman (MD'72) honours the legacy of his brother Dr. Douglas Tubman (MD'75), with the creation of the Douglas Tubman Medical Student Bursary



Dr. Douglas Tubman (MD'75) passed away in 2020

"Doug sustained a serious traumatic brain injury in July of 1980. He recovered slowly and was left with disability. Despite this, he was a loving parent, successful physician and stalwart friend to many. He accepted his shortcomings without complaint. His life was an inspiration to all of us.

Prior to his death, we were discussing how fortunate we both were to be educated at the University of Saskatchewan. The Douglas Tubman Medical Student Bursary is a small thank you to the medical school that has affected our lives so deeply."

-Dr. David Tubman (MD'72)

Leave your mark and give today.

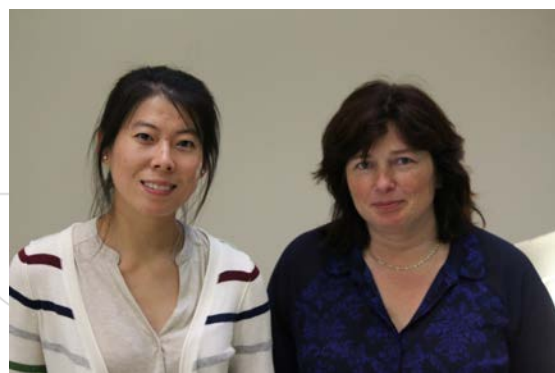
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MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Physician-to-Student Synergy Mentoring Program is recruiting mentor participants. The goal of the program is to provide students with a physician mentor who will help them navigate the medical school experience. The program collects information on the professional interests of both mentors and mentees and tries to match people who will develop meaningful mentoring relationships.

The mentor-mentee relationship can last a lifetime, but it begins with dedicating one hour per month of your time to an open conversation between mentor and mentee.

LEARN MORE



"My experience with the Student-Physician Synergy mentoring program has been so inspirational and motivating. It has helped me feel more like a member of the medical community by connecting me with someone who is well established in her career, whom I can look up to for guidance and support. Thank you for having such a great program in place."

Tinting Li, Mentee, Class of 2017

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 21	Early bird registration opened (Highlights in Medicine)
March 19	Knuckle Cup hockey game (event has concluded)
March 19	White Coat Ceremony (event has concluded)
March 31	Early bird registration closes (Highlights in Medicine)
April 30	Spirit of the College nomination deadline
May 9	USask Alumni Achievement Awards Gala
May 25	Mentorship Networking Event
June 9	Spring Convocation (Medicine)
June 16-18	Highlights in Medicine Conference and Reunion
September 9	Huskie Homecoming football game

For more information on upcoming events or ways to get involved, contact Alumni Relations at:

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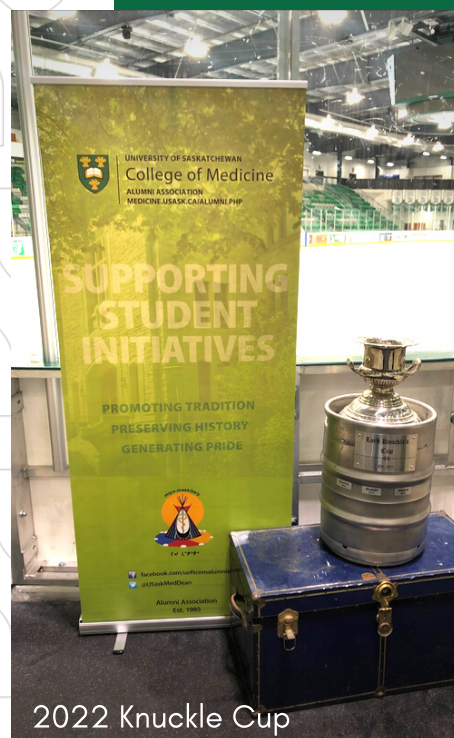
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2022 Knuckle Cup



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2022 White Coat Ceremony



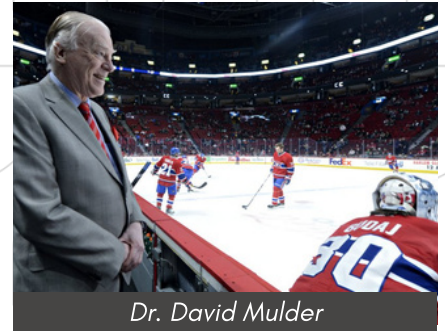
2022 White Coat Ceremony

ALUMNI AWARDS

USASK HONORARY DOCTOR OF LAWS

Dr. David Mulder (MD'62)

A pioneer in trauma surgery in Quebec, Dr. Mulder has served as the team physician for the National Hockey League's Montreal Canadiens for more than 50 years, was the chief surgeon at Montreal General Hospital from 1977 to 1998, and has worked with the McGill University Sports Medicine Centre since 1994. Congratulations Dr. Mulder!



Dr. David Mulder

USASK ALUMNI LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Dr. Sherine Gabriel (MD'82)

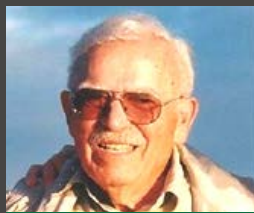
Dr. Gabriel started her career at Mayo Clinic as a resident physician and continued there as a physician, researcher, educator and leader for nearly 30 years, culminating in her appointment as dean of Mayo Clinic College of Medicine in 2012. In 2019, she became the President of Rush University in Chicago, where she is leading the next generation of healthcare professionals. Congratulations Dr. Gabriel!



Dr. Sherine Gabriel

SPIRIT OF THE COLLEGE AWARD

This award was established in honour of Dr. Louis Horlick professor emeritus of the College of Medicine, whose spirit, dedication and enthusiasm was exemplified over his vast career. Dr. Horlick was proud of the College of Medicine, where he personally trained hundreds of physicians and took great satisfaction in hearing of their successes.



Dr. Louis Horlick

Nominees must be associated with the college and exemplify service and dedication going above and beyond the call of duty. All College of Medicine alumni, faculty, residents, students and staff are eligible. Deadline for nominations is April 30 and the award will be presented at the Highlights in Medicine banquet on June 18th. Nominations for 2022 are now open!

[CLICK HERE TO NOMINATE](#)

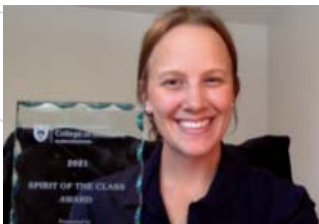
Congratulations Dr. Rachel Asiniwasis, recipient of the 2021 Spirit of the College Award. After graduating from the College of Medicine in 2009, she went on to complete her residency in dermatology at the University of Toronto in 2014. She is passionate about ensuring that all residents of Saskatchewan have access to the best possible healthcare, particularly First Nations communities in northern and remote locations.



Dr. Rachel Asiniwasis

SPIRIT OF THE CLASS AWARD

The Spirit of the Class Award is presented annually to a member of the College of Medicine graduating class that has clearly epitomized their class spirit over the entire four-year program. The College of Medicine Alumni Association was thrilled to present the Spirit of the Class Award in 2021 to Dr. Kate Morrison (MD'21).



Dr. Kate Morrison

HIGHLIGHTS IN MEDICINE CONFERENCE AND REUNION

June 16-18, 2022
Saskatoon, SK

The College of Medicine Alumni Association is excited to once again host alumni on-campus, for the much anticipated return of an in-person reunion and conference.

Alumni are invited to join fellow graduates, peers, and other members of the college community for a multi-day event featuring class reunions, engaging activities, learning opportunities, and so much more.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Register before March 31 and save 10%.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



HONoured YEARS AND CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

The Alumni Association Board would like to thank this year's class representatives, the individuals who volunteer to facilitate a critical link between the alumni, their peers, and the College of Medicine.



Class of 1952 - 70th reunion - Representation provided by Alumni Relations
Class of 1957 - 65th reunion - Dr. Norwood Kavanagh
Class of 1962 - 60th reunion - Drs. Heinz Heese, Zenon Belak and Lorne Sullivan
Class of 1967 - 55th reunion - Dr. Glenn Veeman
Class of 1972 - 50th reunion - Dr. Ken Stakiw
Class of 1977 - 45th reunion - Drs. Don Stefiuk and Dennis Lanigan
Class of 1982 - 40th reunion - Dr. Kathryn Bigsby
Class of 1987 - 35th reunion - Dr. Sanjay Dhingra and Dr. Dee Thompson
Class of 1992 - 30th reunion - Dr. Kathy Ferguson and Dr. Kevin Ewanchyna
Class of 1997 - 25th reunion - Representation provided by Alumni Relations
Class of 2002 - 20th reunion - Dr. Rob Woods and Dr. Anita Dhir
Class of 2007 - 15th reunion - Dr. Breanna Davis and Dr. Tin-Wing Yen
Class of 2012 - 10th reunion - Representation provided by Alumni Relations
Class of 2017 - 5th reunion - Dr. Jessica Harris

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SEND US YOUR STORIES AND CLASSNOTES

Your story is inspiring. Send us your successes, interesting news stories, class notes or simply drop us a line to say hello.

Reach out to the Alumni Office at:

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UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Have you moved? Changed phone numbers? Or have a new email address?

We would love to know about it. Please send your updated contact information to us and we will make sure your alumni record is up-to-date.

[UPDATE HERE](#)

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