

# IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS IN 2021

DON'T MISS OUT! MARK THESE DATES IN YOUR CALENDAR.



MARCH 29, 2021 | Early bird registration opens for 2021 Highlights in Medicine Conference/Reunion

MARCH 31, 2021 | Dean's Alumni Reception (virtual)

APRIL 30, 2021 | Nomination deadline for the Spirit of the College Award

MAY 1, 2021 | Regular registration opens for 2021 Highlights in Medicine Conference/Reunion

MAY 2021 | Mentorship networking event (check website for more details)

JUNE 1-4, 2021 | University of Saskatchewan Spring Convocation (virtual)

AUGUST 27-28, 2021 | 2021 Highlights in Medicine Conference/Reunion (virtual)



## ONE WITH THE PACK

TOP FIVE REASONS TO BECOME A MEMBER:

- RECONNECT** with your peers
- EXPAND** your professional network
- ACCESS** member events
- SUPPORT** medical students
- CONTRIBUTE** to the college's success

## CONNECT WITH US



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## SEND US YOUR STORIES AND CLASSNOTES

Your story is inspiring. Send us your successes, interesting news stories, class notes or update your contact information.

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COLLEGE OF MEDICINE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

On the behalf of the College of Medicine Alumni Association, please let me take the time to wholeheartedly thank you for your continued dedication to providing first class healthcare to all people everywhere. In a year like no other, it has become increasingly apparent that the true heroes in this worldwide crisis have been those in plain sight, the healthcare workers. Your devotion and sacrifices, made every day, are truly inspiring.

Medical students form an essential link in the chain of the healthcare system,

being at the leading edge of education research, they are the leaders and heroes of tomorrow. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has disproportionately affected students. Financial difficulty and stress are often cited as the two primary reasons why students struggle or withdraw from medical school. This has never been clearer than what students are facing in 2021.

Membership in the College of Medicine Alumni Association provides a unique opportunity to offer support for current medical students in tandem with

alumni sponsored activities.

Please consider purchasing a membership in the College of Medicine Alumni Association today and show your support for the health and wellbeing of tomorrow's heroes, our current medical students.

**Thank you for your support!**

*Terry Zlipko M.D.*

**Dr. Terry Zlipko (MD'74)**  
President  
College of Medicine Alumni Association

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup> & 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**

2021 HIGHLIGHTS IN MEDICINE CONFERENCE AND REUNION

**HONOURED YEARS**

1960, 1961, 1965, 1966, 1970, 1971, 1975, 1976, 1980, 1981, 1985, 1986, 1990, 1991, 1995, 1996, 2000, 2001, 2005, 2006, 2010, 2011, 2015, 2016.

**APART. BUT TOGETHER.**

Join us for an exciting virtual event from the comfort of your home, as we celebrate twice the number of classes in 2021. You will hear dynamic speakers, reunite with classmates, and have an opportunity to show support for medical students.

**Registration opens May 1<sup>st</sup>**  
[www.medicine.usask.ca/alumni](https://www.medicine.usask.ca/alumni)





# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Membership dues have a strong impact on medical education. Introducing four incredible students.



## MEET SEHJAL BHARGAVA – CLASS OF 2022

“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. With your support, we as medical students are empowered to nimbly address needs and gaps, improve the experiences of medical students, and by extension, the health of our communities. Your support through funding not only symbolizes your support for the next generation of physicians, but also directly improves it. The continuity of funding from the Alumni Association could allow us to further innovate to respond to ongoing public health crises, and the impacts they have on us as students and the communities we will serve. 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.”

## MEET ABD-AL-WAHAB KHAWAJA – CLASS OF 2023

“The biggest event that our student-run Global Health Committee hosts is the annual Global Health Conference. It takes a great deal of time and effort from our volunteer team to organize this conference. Funding from the College of Medicine and the Alumni Association is invaluable to all the work that we do. They have funded our conference in past years, and we know we can count on their continued support in the years to come.”



## MEET DMITRY NEYMARK – CLASS OF 2023

“This past year has been incredibly challenging for everyone's wellness. But with the support of the Alumni association, the SMSS wellness committee has managed to run several College of Medicine wide initiatives - student support packages, clerkship lounge food initiative, and the virtual wellness locker for pre clerks. We hope that such initiatives make this difficult year a little bit easier for everyone! Going forward, I believe that the Alumni Association will continue to engage with student wellness and make a positive impact on our wellbeing.”



## MEET BALJIT PANDHER – CLASS OF 2024

“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.”



## Dr. Lou Horlick

Faculty, College of Medicine, 1954-1989  
Department Head of Medicine, 1964-1971  
Member of the Order of Canada, 1994

# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 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.

This award is open to nominations from alumni, faculty, staff and students. 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 August 27th. Nomination forms and terms of reference are available on the College of Medicine website [medicine.usask.ca/alumni](http://medicine.usask.ca/alumni).

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## THANK YOU CLASS REPRESENTATIVES!

### 2021 HIGHLIGHTS IN MEDICINE CONFERENCE AND REUNION



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.

**We could not do it without you!**

Class of 1965	Dr. Jim Wood
Class of 1970	Dr. George Pylypchuk Dr. Bob Cameron
Class of 1971	Dr. Charlie Simpson
Class of 1975	Dr. Lila Rudachyk Dr. Alanna Danilkewich
Class of 1976	Dr. Linda Swab
Class of 1985	Dr. Kishore Visvanathan
Class of 1986	Dr. Janine Benoit
Class of 1991	Dr. Jeffrey Schaefer
Class of 2015	Dr. Adam McInnes

## MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### ALUMNI, WE NEED YOU! BECOME A MENTOR TODAY AND MAKE AN IMPACT.

Mentors not only have the opportunity to influence the future of healthcare, but both research and experience suggest that mentoring relationships lead to increased job satisfaction, a newfound interest in one's work and self-development.

The Synergy Mentoring Program pairs a U of S MD student with a practicing physician in a formalized mentoring relationship. 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.

#### WANT TO LEARN MORE?

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**Mentor Dr. Gary Groot (MD'82) and mentee Cheyenne Lawton (MD'17)**