

**September 23, 2016**
**Leaders STEM from**

 by *Cindy Wei*

I'm not sure why today's youth are often stereotyped as obnoxious, rebellious phone-addicts who slack in school and couldn't care less about helping others. SLxOntario, a get-together for scholarship winners from seven universities across the province, would change the minds of anyone who still feels that way. On Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, the Schulich Foundation hosted its first-ever event in Canada, meant to connect and inspire over 90 scholarship winners at the state-of-the-art MaRS Discovery District in downtown Toronto.

Or, in the words of David Stein, the co-founder of two software companies and guest speaker at SLxOntario, "the Olympics for Smart People".

David Goodman, the Executive Director of Schulich Leader Scholarships, launched the event and introduced a number of students from various universities, who presented Leader Talks. One Schulich Leader described how her love of art motivated her to create business cards for charitable organizations. Another Leader explained how she overcame 'Impostor Syndrome', when high achievers fail to internalize their accomplishments, believing their successes merely the result of luck. From starting a movement that changed York University's campus culture to patenting concussion-proof helmets to highlighting Canada's role in the space industry, I was blown away by the ambition, talent, and persistence on display in the room.

Mackenzie Collins, who recently settled into her first year of Biomedical Engineering at the University of Waterloo, was one of those Leaders. A brilliant persuasive speaker in both English and French, Mackenzie is not only a three-time Skills Canada provincial champion, but also has three national medals under her belt. I was lucky to chat with Mackenzie during our three-hour round trip, who loves conveying her ideas to interested listeners, but admits to feeling nervous during her walks to the podium.

Another guest speaker with ties to the University of Waterloo was Jordan Banks, the Managing Director of Facebook Canada and one of Canada's 50 Most Powerful Business People. Jordan, with his philanthropic nature and passion for innovation, was appointed to the Board of Governors of the University of Waterloo in 2012. He delivered a lecture about preparing for the future – even joking about how he'd planned on becoming an artist or musician!



During the next rounds of networking, Leaders were assigned to different tables based on personal interests and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) disciplines. As a Kinesiology major, I was assigned to the Behavioural Sciences table, where I chatted with numerous Psychology and Linguistics students over delectable slices of Basque-style cheesecake from Bar Raval, a donation from one of Toronto's hottest restaurants.

A short walk to Hart House ensued, where everyone engaged in an informational speech by one of the University of Toronto's professors. Photos were taken and plates were devoured while Leaders discussed experiences, offered advice, and exchanged contact information. Before I knew it, the clock read 7:00 and it was time to return home, feeling honoured to represent the University of Waterloo at a gathering for "the best and brightest in Canada".

**Green rooftop a serene getaway**

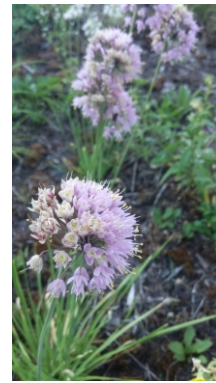
 by *Anne Grant*

"If you're looking for a nature inspired get away from the campus bustle, consider the Faculty of Environment's green roof on the EV3 building," says Bev Raimbault, Faculty of Environment's Ecology Lab Coordinator.

At 500 square metres, the area features a garden of native, drought-resistant plants that are adapted to the local climate and conditions. In order to create a diverse ecosystem, its design includes varying depths of the growing medium, using a variety of materials, and planting a diversity of plant species. Some of the native Ontario species planted on the green roof include: nodding wild onion, wild bergamot, big bluestem grass, and side oats gramma to name a few.

The patio with muskoka lounge chairs and tables is a welcoming space for individuals looking to relax or be inspired in a natural area. You may encounter more than plants; butterflies, nesting ducks and pollinators have been spotted here. The paving stones are highly reflective to keep the building cool and reduce heat absorption. Rainwater from the roof is collected to a cistern for re-conditioning and grey water re-use. By constructing the first LEED® building on campus, the green roof is a great contribution to the building's energy efficiency.

Bev maintains this garden, along with all the [naturalized gardens](#) that surround the Faculty's buildings.



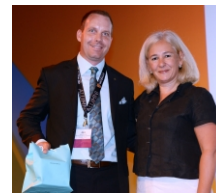
## A Crystal Apple for Coolman

In Belgium last month, the Office of Advancement's very own Jason Coolman, who serves as associate vice-president, development, **was honoured with a Crystal Apple award** by the [Council for the Advancement and Support of Education \(CASE\)](#).

The award is achieved by speakers who receive outstanding feedback and evaluation from their peers at 10 or more international CASE conferences and seminars. Jason's ties to CASE span many years, both as a member and as a volunteer. He has presented at CASE events in Canada, the US and Europe, and has authored several feature articles on the topic of alumni engagement for CASE CURRENTS magazine. He also sits on the magazine's editorial advisory panel, serves on CASE's Board of Directors (District II), is a faculty member for the annual CASE Europe Alumni Relations Institute, and has served as chair of several conferences and workshops. In 2011 Jason received a Rising Star award from CASE, in recognition of his early accomplishments in the field of advancement.

At the awards ceremony, Jason said, "Our institutions are filled with students, faculty and staff who are trying to make positive change in the world - from medical breakthroughs, to social and environmental change, to the next technological revolution - and I'm extremely fortunate and proud to play a part in it."

CASE is an international non-profit organization which helps its 3,670 member institutions build stronger relationships with their alumni and donors, and champions the public support of education.



## Winnie The Pooh and friends visit Senate; other notes



Attendees at Monday's Senate meeting were treated to a scene straight out of the Hundred Acre Wood as **Winnie the Pooh and his friends** paraded through the senate chamber.

The visit was the result of a wager made by Dean of Arts Doug Peers that if leadership giving for the University of Waterloo's United Way Campaign reached 100 percent participation, the University's six deans would dress as Winnie the Pooh characters and give Senate a visit.

Not only was the goal reached even before the official campaign start date, the amount collected exceeded last year's donations - quite a pot of honey for Pooh Bear.

The cast of characters included:

- Dean of Applied Health Sciences **James Rush** as Christopher Robin
- Dean of Science **Bob Lemieux** as Winnie the Pooh
- Dean of Environment **Jean Andrey** as Tigger
- Dean of Engineering **Pearl Sullivan** as Piglet
- Dean of Mathematics **Stephen Watt** as Owl
- Dean of Arts **Doug Peers** as Eeyore

Get Involved Week, which is being hosted by the Federation of Students, ends with **Clubs and Societies Day**. Over 250 student clubs and nearly a dozen societies will gather in the Student Life Centre from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to meet undergraduates interested in getting involved. All undergraduates are encouraged to attend Clubs and Societies Day to make new friends, learn new skills, or simply have a little extra fun on campus. More information [is available online](#).

A new **Weight Watchers series** is scheduled to begin on campus, with the registration and information session taking place on Tuesday, October 4 at 12:15 in PAS 2438.

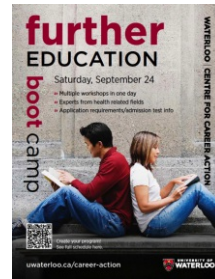
The first week of the series will be Tuesday October 11.

Weight Watchers is giving a free Bento Box (\$20 value) to members who join as of week 1. A minimum of 15 members are needed to run the program. Contact [Paula Rex](#) and confirm by October 1 so that the organizers know if they have enough people to run the series.

The Centre for Career Action (CCA) will be hosting its semi-annual **Further Education Boot Camp** event on **Saturday, September 24** from 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the William M. Tatham Centre (TC). The Boot Camp offers twelve unique workshops for students and alumni. During the event, professionals will talk about experiences in their field and, where relevant, explain how they manage their private practice. Career Advisors will provide specific advice about application requirements for professional and graduate programs.

For more information about further education workshops or to book individual appointments, please visit the [Centre for Career Action](#).

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## Annual Pow Wow takes place this weekend



St. Paul's University College is hosting its **13<sup>th</sup> annual traditional Pow Wow** on Saturday, September 24. The event includes dancers, drummers, craft and food vendors, Indigenous artists, and more.

This year's Pow Wow is being held in partnership with the City of Waterloo, at Waterloo Park West, near the bandshell. The event will go ahead rain or shine from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Link of the day

[Celebrate Bisexuality Day](#)

### When and where

[HeForShe Writing Contest](#), submissions accepted between Monday, September 6 and Friday, October 14.

[Postdoc Appreciation Week](#), Monday, September 19 to Friday, September 23.

[Feds' Clubs and Societies Day](#), Friday, September 23, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Student Life Centre Great Hall, Multipurpose Room, and lower atrium.

[Research Talks event featuring Linda Nazar](#), "New vistas in electrochemical energy storage," Friday, September 23, 12:00 p.m., QNC 0101.

[Getting Started with Quantam Geographic Information System \(QGIS\)](#), Friday, September 23, 1:30 p.m., LIB 329.

[Global Biotechnology Week Celebration: Dr. Elizabeth Edwards, Director of BioZone at the University of Toronto, "Harnessing natural biogeochemical cycles for waste treatment: examples of successful environmental biotechnologies."](#) Friday, September 23, 2:00 p.m., DC 1302.

[Knowledge Integration seminar: "Counter-Intuitive Strange Bedfellows"](#), featuring Mark Rudolph, CEO of justenvironment, Friday, September 23, 2:30 p.m., EV3-1408.

[Student Leadership Program presents Conflict management exploration](#), Saturday, September 24, 1:30 p.m., SCH 108A.

[Further Education Boot Camp](#), Saturday, September 24.

[13th Annual Traditional Pow Wow](#), Saturday, September 24, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Waterloo Park West (bandshell area).

[School of Planning's 2016 Induction Ceremony](#), Saturday, September 24, 9:30 a.m. (reception in EV3 atrium), ceremony at 11:00 a.m., Theatre of the Arts, Modern Languages.

[Writing Centre presents Critical Reading and Listening](#), Monday, September 26, 10:00 a.m.

[Public Lecture: How Can We Help Electricity Access Scale-Up Faster?](#) Monday, September 26, 4:00 p.m., CPH 4333.

[Student Leadership Program presents Troubleshooting Your Time Management](#), Monday, September 26, 6:00 p.m., SCH 108A.

[The First 1,000 Days: A Crucial Time for Mothers and Children – and the World](#), Monday, September 26, 7:00 p.m., Balsillie School of International Affairs.

[Office of Research United Way Bake Sale](#), Tuesday, September 27, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. or while supplies last, Main Lobby, East Campus 5.

[Student Leadership Program presents Personality Dimensions](#), Tuesday, September 27, 11:00 a.m., SCH 108A.

[The Writing Centre presents STEM lab reports: Improve your lab report writing](#), Tuesday, September 27, 1:00 p.m.

[Violence, Education and Life Seminar Series, "The Root of Violence."](#) Tuesday, September 27, 3:00 p.m., E5 6004.

[Student Leadership Program presents Note Taking](#), Tuesday, September 27, 6:00 p.m., SCH 108A.

[P4E Career Fair 2016](#), Wednesday, September 28, 10:00 a.m., Manulife Sportsplex.

[Velocity Start presents Speaking Startup with Cloud Rabbit Designs](#), Wednesday, September 28, 2:30 p.m., Velocity Start, SCH 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

[Women in Mathematics presents Healthy Masculinity: Becoming a Better Man](#), Wednesday, September 28, 5:00 p.m., MC 2035.

[Student Leadership Program presents Get This Term Started!](#) Wednesday, September 28, 6:00 p.m., SCH 108A.

[Velocity Start presents Find Your Kick A\\*\\* Idea](#), Wednesday, September 28, 7:30 p.m., Velocity Start, SCH 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

[Fall Farm Market](#), Thursday, September 29, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Student Life Centre Lower Atrium.

[Go Abroad Fair](#), Thursday, September 29, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Student Life Centre.

[Games Institute Brown Bag lunch featuring Director Neil Randall](#), "A Moment in Time: Remembering the Night that Star Trek First Aired," Thursday, September 29, 12:00 p.m., ECS 1111.

[The Writing Centre presents Tri-Agency Scholarships \(NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR\)](#), Thursday, September 29, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

[Grad Student Open House at The Games Institute](#), Thursday, September 29, 1:30 p.m., EC1 1331.

[WIN Seminar featuring Dr. Genki Yoshikawa](#), "Nanomechanical Sensors (MSS, AMA) towards IoT Olfactory Sensor System," Thursday, September 29, 3:00 p.m., QNC 1501.

[The Equity Office presents a public lecture](#) by Rachel Alicia Griffin, "Sexual Violence and Compassion," Thursday, September 29, 3:15 p.m., QNC 0101.

[Student Leadership Program presents Building your Credibility](#), Thursday, September 29, 5:00 p.m., SCH 108A.

[The Writing Centre presents Literature reviews for grads \(Part B\): Writing it](#), Friday, September 30, 12:00 p.m.

[2016 Darcy Lecture](#) featuring Professor Ty Ferré, Department of Hydrology and Water Resources, University of Arizona, "Seeing Things Differently: Rethinking the Relationship Between Data, Models, and Decision-Making," Friday, September 30, 2:00 p.m., EIT 1015.

[Knowledge Integration Seminar Series](#), Friday, September 30, 2:30 p.m., EV3 1408.

[Dealing with our Darkneses: An Anglican-Muslim Conversation about Transgression, Penitence, and Transformation](#), Friday, September 30, 7:00 p.m., Theatre of the Arts.

[Reunion 2016](#), Saturday, October 1.

[Alumni Big Ticket](#), Reunion 2016, Saturday, October 1.

[AHS Fun Run](#), Saturday, October 1, 8:30 a.m., B.C. Matthews Hall.

[Student Leadership Program presents New to a team - Components of a cohesive team](#), Saturday, October 1, 11:00 a.m., SCH 108A.

[St. Jerome's University building grand opening](#), Saturday, October 1, 3:00 p.m.

[Fresh Market Booth in support of the United Way](#), Tuesday, October 4, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Student Life Centre courtyard.

[Noon Hour Concert](#), Tableau & Trio, Wednesday, October 5, 12:30 p.m., Conrad Grebel Chapel.

[Velocity Start presents Ain't No Model Like A Business Model](#), Wednesday, October 5, 7:30 p.m., Velocity Start, SCH 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

[David Sprott Distinguished Lecture](#) featuring Jack Kalbfleisch, Emeritus Professor of Biostatistics and Statistics at the University of Michigan and Distinguished Professor Emeritus, University of Waterloo, "Match making in a Kidney Paired Donation Program," Thursday, October 6, 4:00 p.m., STC 0040.

[Velocity Start presents Setup Your Business Like A Boss](#), Wednesday, October 19, 7:30 p.m., Velocity Start, SCH 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

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