

TABLE TOPICS

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- Almost 51 years to the day since achieving autonomy, members of the UCalgary community came together to celebrate the conclusion of our 50th Anniversary year and to **kick-start the next phase of the Eyes High journey**. “We’ve accomplished so much together since launching the original *Eyes High* strategy in September 2011,” President Elizabeth Cannon told an audience of about 800. “I am thankful for all of your efforts and honoured to be able to celebrate our tremendous progress with you today.” The next stage of our journey will move the university forward boldly over the next five years under the ***Eyes High strategy 2017-2022***.
- The goal of the inaugural Giving Day at UCalgary was to create 50 new scholarships in 50 hours. The outcome exceeded all expectations — thanks to more than 1,200 generous donors, **the final result** of the weekend was an astonishing 120 new awards created and another 50 existing scholarships supported. “As we progressed through the 50 hours, it was inspiring and humbling to see the outpouring of support and generosity from our community,” said Nuvyn Peters, vice-president of Development and Alumni Engagement.
- Giving Day **capped off a remarkable year** for *Energize: The Campaign for Eyes High*, bringing the total raised to date to more than \$850 million, fueled by upwards of 22,000 supporters
- The university signed a collaboration agreement with Kerui Group to offer **short-term training programs** for oil and gas professionals at the Victor International Institute of Petroleum Training in Dongying, China. The course modules will be delivered by top faculty members from the Schulich School of Engineering, Faculty of Science, and Continuing Education.
- The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine launched its **new five-year strategic plan** with a vision of One Community, One Health, highlighting priority areas for the next five years and beyond. “We are on the cusp of a new and exciting phase of rejuvenation, growth and strengthening,” said Dean Baljit Singh.
- Researchers Willem Meeuwisse, Carolyn Emery, and Kathryn Schneider in the Faculty of Kinesiology played an integral role in helping to **shape an international consensus** on preventing and treating sport-related concussions. Integrating the latest academic research along with input from the world’s biggest sport bodies, the consensus document will assist health-care professionals in the care of athletes at all levels.
- Local cycling racers are joining forces with experts at the Human Performance Lab in the Faculty of Kinesiology to **test new fitness technology** that could provide athletes with on-the-spot personal feedback aimed at maximizing their workouts.
- A Faculty of Arts geologist found that fossil groundwater is **vulnerable to modern contamination**. The study, led by Scott Jasechko, shows that over half of global groundwater is more than 12,000 years old — and may not be immune to modern-day pollution.
- Students in the Faculty of Environmental Design worked with the Bridgeland community to **develop plans for a park** under Calgary’s downtown Fourth Avenue Flyover. Ideas from Grade 6 students at the community’s Langevin School inform grad students’ plans for the unused space under the bridge.
- Leon the Frog lives to leap again. The beloved story/poem of Leon, scrawled up the stairs of the Social Sciences tower in the 1970s — and mistakenly erased as part of an effort to remove graffiti from campus — was **restored by a crew** of about 30 volunteers.
- More than 50 keen cleanup crews tackled campus waste during the **eighth annual campus cleanup**. Volunteers picked up almost 330 kilograms of trash, with Residence Services taking top spot for collecting more than 68 kg. Unusual items found include two Santa hats, a stuffed giraffe toy, and a \$20 bill.

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