



## Alyson Woloshyn Legacy of Leadership Award

### AWARD INTRODUCTION

“What will be your legacy?” was a question [Alyson Woloshyn](#) asked often, but it was also a question she embodied every day until her passing from brain cancer on May 27, 2012. Beginning her work at the University of Calgary in 2003, Alyson laid the foundation of the University’s student leadership programs, and in every part of her work, demonstrated a true dedication to mentoring, leading others to achieve their own successes, and letting others shine. A key trait of Alyson’s leadership was that she knew everyone had the potential to lead.

In the Calgary community, after her diagnosis in early May 2009, Alyson became a fierce advocate for Cancer Research, and her goal to raise \$50,000 towards that research lead to raising in excess of \$100,000. In Alyson’s own words *“I have always believed that you need to put back in more than you take out. I have tried to live this philosophy by donating my time and money often. I believe that we all have a social responsibility to improve our community and I hope that through my example, others will also look to donate their time and money and put a little back into our shared global pot.”*

To recognize Alyson’s work and legacy at the University of Calgary and to honor the memory of this exceptional woman, the Centre for Career and Personal Development is proud award the **Alyson Woloshyn Legacy of Leadership Award** annually. This award will recognize an outstanding undergraduate student, whose contributions to the University and Calgary community mirrors Alyson’s commitment to always focusing on the development of others, and her passion for continually improving the student experience.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

#### Eligibility Requirements

Nominees must:

- Be a continuing undergraduate student who is not graduating at the June or November 2026 convocation ceremonies; and
- Demonstrate a sustained history of involvement on campus and/or within the Calgary community.

#### Assessment Criteria

Nominators are asked to provide detailed evidence of the following key areas. The recipient will be selected based on evidence across the following three areas:

## I. Leadership and Engagement

The nominee demonstrates:

- Sustained and meaningful involvement in student leadership roles (e.g., Student Government, Residence Life, Peer Helper roles, Orientation and First-Year programs), in visible and/or behind-the-scenes capacities;
- The ability to support reflection and growth in others, encouraging them to think beyond immediate experiences;
- Consistent, values-driven leadership with a demonstrated commitment to enhancing the student experience;
- Initiative and creativity in generating ideas or leading projects;
- The ability to set goals, develop action plans, and achieve measurable outcomes;
- A positive and enthusiastic approach that contributes to an engaging and supportive environment.

## 2. Mentorship and Team Building

The nominee demonstrates:

- A strong commitment to mentoring and supporting others in achieving their goals;
- Role model behaviour across their activities and interactions;
- The ability to build connection, foster collaboration, and strengthen team cohesion;
- Recognition of others' contributions through encouragement, appreciation, and advocacy;
- A supportive presence aligned with Alyson's legacy—uplifting others and reinforcing their confidence and sense of belonging.

## 3. Community Involvement and Social Responsibility

The nominee demonstrates:

- Meaningful contributions to community initiatives that reflect a commitment to giving back;
- The ability to engage and mobilize others around a shared cause;
- Sustained involvement in initiatives with broader social impact (e.g., health and wellness, cancer awareness, or other community/global issues);
- Participation in or leadership of events or initiatives that educate, raise awareness, or generate resources for community causes.

## **NOMINATION PROCESS**

Students may be nominated by peers, university faculty and staff, or community members.

Nominators are requested to provide detailed information on the [nomination form](#) about how the nominee demonstrates leadership & engagement, mentorship & team building and community involvement & social responsibility. Nominations will close at **11:59pm on Sunday, May 31, 2026.**

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

An award selection committee comprised of University of Calgary staff and students will review nominations. The committee will consider all nominees against the selection criteria of the award. The award recipient will be announced in July 2026.

## **QUESTIONS**

If you have questions about the nomination or selection process, please contact the Centre for Career & Personal Development at [ccpd@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ccpd@ucalgary.ca).