



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

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 led 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 Leadership and Student Engagement Office is proud to award the **Alyson Woloshyn Legacy of Leadership Award** annually. This award will recognize an outstanding undergraduate student, whose contributions to the University and Calgary communities mirror Alyson’s commitment to always focusing on the development of others, and her passion for continually improving the student experience.

NOMINATION PROCESS

- Students can be nominated by peers, university faculty and staff, or community members;
- Nominators are requested to submit in full their answers to the questions listed in the nominator form which can be found [here](#).
- Nominations will close at **11:59pm on Tuesday, April 30, 2024**;

SELECTION CRITERIA

Nominees for the **Alyson Woloshyn Legacy of Leadership Award** must:

- Be a continuing undergraduate student who is not graduating at either the June or November 2024 convocation ceremonies; and
- Demonstrate a significant history of involvement on-campus and/or in the Calgary Community; and
- The award recipient will be announced in May 2024.

Additionally, the following categories and criteria will be considered in selecting the recipient of this award:

Leadership and Engagement

- Demonstrates significant contributions and involvement on-campus in student leadership roles (*including activities like Student Government, Residence Life, Peer Helper roles and Orientation and First-Year programs*) both out front and/or behind the scenes;
- Demonstrates an ability to help others think beyond “the moment,” and reflect on their experiences;
- Shows consistent and values based leadership, and an altruistic commitment to improving the student experience on-campus;
- Generates ideas, is creative, and seen by others as influential and inspiring;
- Demonstrates evidence they have set goals for themselves, created action plans, and achieved their goals;
- Demonstrates passion, a zest for life, and has fun in everything they do.

Mentorship and Team Building

- Demonstrates a true dedication to mentoring, leading others to achieve their own successes, and encouraging others to shine both on and off-campus;
- Acts as a role model in all of their involvements;
- Always has a way of bringing people together, and of being “the glue” that holds people, a group or team together;
- Understands the importance of and consistently displays an appreciation for others, and as a friend of Alyson’s stated acts as “*a cheerleader, always behind the scenes, always in your ear, always reminding people they are good enough.*”

Community Involvement and Social Responsibility

- Evidence the nominee has “put back in more than they have taken out.”
- Shows Alyson’s “*Woloshyn Warriors*” spirit, and an ability to mobilize others behind a cause;
- Demonstrates history of active involvement in their community, and with larger causes or initiatives that have wider social implications or impact;
- Organization of, and/or participation in community events that raise funds for or educates others about health and wellness, cancer and/or other community and global issues.

SELECTION PROCESS

An award selection committee of University of Calgary staff and students will review nominations. The committee will consider all nominees against the selection criteria of the award.

QUESTIONS

If you have questions about the nomination or selection process, please contact Gareth McVicar, Manager, Leadership and Student Development at gmcvicar@ucalgary.ca.