

# YEAR IN REVIEW



UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE  
STUDENTS' UNION  
2013-2014

Working on the  
Multi Faith  
Prayer Space!



Shana

Love'm  
Piggy  
Banks!



Michael

Committees  
for the  
WIN!



Katie

Clubs Rule!



Adam

Yay CAUS!



Sean

# UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE Students' Union



## The General Assembly

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### **BACK TO FRONT**

*(left to right)*

*(back):* Rui (Brad) Zhang, Nigel Peters, Charlie Helmer-Smith, Tye Cusack, Katie Kalmar, Bonnie Farries (Chair), Preston Crow Chief, Chris Hollingsworth, Lisa Hildebrand

*(middle):* Adam Long, Shuna Talbot, Sean Glydon, Michael Kawchuk,

*(front):* Miller Wiens, Dee Goyal, Megan Sutherland, Brenna Scott, Victoria Wells.

### **MISSING**

Jesse Baker, Matthew Fosen, Shelley Qian, Shashi Kant Ghai, Ben Goodwin.

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# WELCOME



## Address & Remarks

### President's Address

The University of Lethbridge Students' Union Year in Review is our opportunity to reflect on everything during the past year from triumphs to challenges and everything in between. To say that we had an exciting year would be an understatement, but as a result I think we have all grown both personally and professionally. Michael Kawchuk, Adam Long, Katie Kalmar, Sean Glydon and I can all agree that we will reflect on this year with pride.

The Students' Union was established to represent students, provide quality service, and unforgettable events. This year alone we established new events, like Frostbite, and we were able to represent students both within the University and externally following the most significant financial cut to post-secondary education in 20 years. We were also fortunate enough to secure space in the revitalization of U-hall for a multi-faith prayer space and we also did some of the most outstanding fundraising for our food bank.

The executives may have dedicated ideas and energy to the Students' Union throughout the year, but without the support of our General Assembly, our wonderful staff, and our volunteer core, we would have been unable to achieve all of our initiatives and successes. We also wouldn't have been able to mobilize the student body during challenging situations. As you read through the pages of our year please keep their efforts and contributions at the forefront of your mind. On behalf of the 2013-2014 Executive Council we want to recognize everybody who has made this adventure possible. *Shuna Talbot - 5th year of B.F.A in Theatre Studies, Dramatic Arts major*



**Be Afraid - It Could Happen to You!**  
*Sean Glydon, Shuna Talbot*



**Executive Council**  
*Katie Kalmar, Sean Glydon, Adam Long,  
Michael Kawchuk, Shuna Talbot*



**Executive Council**  
*Michael Kawchuk, Shuna Talbot, Adam Long,  
Sean Glydon, Katie Kalmar*



**General Assembly Chair**  
*Bonnie Farries*

### Remarks from the Chair

It has been an absolute joy to be the Chair of the Students' Union General Assembly this past year. Watching this group of student leaders engage University Administration and government at all levels to promote student issues has been inspirational. The whole student population should be proud!

Despite some difficult times with budget cuts and vacant spots on council, this year has seen many victories. From not one or two new events but multiple activities that have never been experienced before to the continuation of the tried and true. Strong advocacy for student issues like tuition and fees was always front and centre. This could not have been done without the tireless efforts of the executives and the ULSU staff members.

With busy schedules, active social, academic and work obligations, the 2013-2014 ULSU Student Council showed great commitment to representing students with passion, thoughtfulness and courage. It is a huge responsibility to manage millions of dollars and to effectively allocate grant funding to student groups but each decision made was properly considered.

Congratulations to the successes of the last year! I am proud and honoured to have been a part of your journey. *Bonnie Farries - Chair of the 2013-2014 General Assembly*



**Executive Council**  
*Shuna Talbot, Michael Kawchuk, Adam Long,  
Sean Glydon, Katie Kalmar*



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*Katie Kalmar, Shuna Talbot, Michael Kawchuk,  
Sean Glydon, Adam Long*

# STUDENT COUNCIL & STAFF



## General Assembly of 2013-2014

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Shuna Talbot  
President



Katie Kalmar  
VP Academic



Michael Kawchuk  
VP Operations & Finance



Adam Long  
VP Student Affairs



Sean Glydon  
VP External



Chris Hollingsworth  
Board of Governors Rep  
AVP Advocacy



Dee Goyal  
Arts & Science Rep



Brenna Scott  
Arts & Science Rep



Victoria Wells  
Arts & Science Rep  
AVP Policies



Megan Sutherland  
Arts & Science Rep



Lisa Hildebrand  
Arts & Science Rep



Charlie Helmer-Smith  
Arts & Science Rep  
AVP Academic



Rui (Brad) Zhang  
International Rep



Tye Cusack  
Management Rep  
AVP Volunteer



Miller Wiens  
Health Sciences Rep



Nigel Peters  
Education Rep



Preston Crow  
Chief  
FNMI Rep



Jesse Baker  
Residence Rep



Shelley Qian  
Calgary Campus Rep



Shashi Kant Ghai  
Edmonton Campus Rep

## General Assembly of 2013-2014



Ben Goodwin  
Fine Arts Rep - AVP Events  
(May - November)



Matthew Fosen  
Fine Arts Rep  
(January - April)

## New Staff



**The Zoo Manager**  
Shawn Mullen



**Zoo Server**  
Joanne Kaltenbrunner

## Permanent Zoo Staff

**The Zoo Manager**

Shawn Mullen

**Head Cook**

Scott Shillington

**Zoo Server**

Joanne Kaltenbrunner

## Permanent Office Staff

**General Manager**

Cheri Pokarney

**Bookkeeper/Service Centre Manager**

Randy Ockerman

**Operations Coordinator**

Tracy Merrifield

**Executive Assistant**

Susan Curtis

**Administrative Assistant**

Maiko Ogita

**Communications Coordinator**

Marika Stevenson

**Health Plan Administrator**

Shelley Tuff

# ADVOCACY & REPRESENTATION



## Notable ULSU Committee Activity

### Active ULSU Committee List

1. Fresh Fest Committee
2. Legislative Review Committee
3. Student Engagement Committee
4. Zoo Management Liaison Committee
5. Awards Committee
6. Elections Committee
7. Transition Committee
8. Hiring Committee
9. Event Planning Committee
10. Advocacy Advisory Committee
11. Executive Accountability Committee
12. Health and Dental Appeals Committee
13. Full-time Employee Review Committee
14. General Manager Review Committee
15. Budget Committee

### Student Engagement Committee

The Student Engagement Committee (SEC) has given all students on campus the opportunity to share their creative ideas and thoughts about how to make the overall Students' Union organization better. During the 2013-2014 academic year, the ULSU invited students to become active members of the Student Engagement Committee by speaking with pupils at Club Rush Week and sending e-mail reminders of when the meetings were. Adam Long and Katie Kalmer organized the meetings and stayed focused on the goal of this committee throughout the entire year. The goal for SEC was to get more students engaged not only with ULSU events but with all opportunities and activities that took place at the University of Lethbridge. We only had a total of four official meetings throughout the year but continuously encouraged students to share ideas by stopping by the office or speaking with an executive personally. Some of our most successful ideas included decoration ideas for Frostbite 2.snow, interesting challenge ideas for Spy vs Spy, and thoughtful Student Speaker Challenge topics. Although

we never had a high attendance rate at the meetings, the students who did attend shared insightful ideas and contributed to discussion so we could brainstorm more ways to improve Students' Union initiatives. Since the ideas were so diverse and appreciated, we noticed students sharing their excitement of these events with their friends, therefore leading to an overall increase in attendance to all ULSU events. This committee will continue again next year to engage more students on campus to become involved with the Students' Union organization.

*Megan Sutherland - 3rd year BSc., pre Education, Mathematics major*



**Executive Council**

*Michael Kawchuk, Sean Glydon, Adam Long, Shuna Talbot, Katie Kalmer*

### Executive Accountability Committee

It is a remarkable system setup where the General Assembly (GA) and staff members evaluate the Executive Council (EC) on their performance. The Executive Accountability Committee (EAC), an internal ULSU committee, was formed at the General Assembly meeting in October. The EAC met a few times over the duration of three months to implement an up-to-date survey with all components targeting the betterment of the Executive Council and the ULSU as a whole. In the past, the survey has been the most accurate means to yield anonymous results. This year, we decided to continue with this format. As well, the EAC was fortunate in that the survey had previously gone through great scrutiny and most errors were eliminated. Nonetheless, the EAC perused the survey and made proper amendments.



The total number of questions were kept the same, but the EAC improved the survey by adding, deleting, and substituting questions deemed to be appropriate. The survey was distributed to all General Assembly members and staff with the exception of the Executive Council. The response rate was extremely high at 83%, which meant a more accurate representation of the EC. These results were presented at the January General Assembly meeting and discussed with individual executives on a one-on-one basis. Overall, it was determined that the EC had done a spectacular job with small room for improvement. The survey depicted that the EC focused on students first and promoted the ULSU extremely well. They were asked to increase their focus on team building and communication with the GA, which was done. Overall, the Executive Council's performance this year, was worthy of praise and exemplary to all future EC. *Dee Goyal - 4th year B.Sc., Neuroscience major*

## Advocacy Committee

The Advocacy Committee (AC) met monthly to discuss, review, and approve the external advocacy policies drafted and presented by VP External, Sean Glydon. Sean and his committee were successful in approving eight external policies that address student concerns outside of the usual internal responsibility of the Students' Union. These policies serve to provide direction to the University of Lethbridge Students' Union, and the Provincial and Federal governments. They are listed below with a brief description, any further information can be provided by the ULSU.

**MNIFs:** Mandatory non-instructional fees, are fees that

operate as "back-door tuition" that are not currently regulated by the university or provincial government. This policy outlines the importance and interest of regulating these fees.

**Market Modifiers:** In an attempt to adjust the price of tuition dependant on the market for jobs, this policy has been created to speak to this idea/adjustment.

**Mental Health:** This policy speaks to the need for mental health issues of students to be addressed by government and the university.

**FNMI Participation:** This policy states the ULSU's continued interest in finding ways to engage FNMI students.

**ULSU Contributions:** This document speaks directly to how the ULSU will make future contributions to outside organizations, mainly to the University itself.

**University Sustainability:** This policy is designed to state the ULSU's dedication to supporting environmental sustainability projects within the university.

**Elections Policy:** This policy outlines the necessity to have venues for students who are away from home to vote in municipal, provincial, and federal elections. This document also strongly supports the need for there to be on-campus voting booths.

**Deferred Maintenance:** As the government of Alberta has reduced the deferred maintenance grants to the university, this policy states the importance of deferred maintenance in managing the overall preservation of university buildings. *Lisa Hildebrand - 5th year B.A., History major*

## University Affairs - Working Together

### Honors Thesis Program

It is always a frustrating moment when student opportunities shrink. Recently, prerequisites were revised for the honors thesis program restricting students from pursuing an honors thesis outside of their program. That is to say, a student majoring in neuroscience will not be able to conduct an honors thesis in biology even if they meet the prerequisites. In the past, students could enroll in any honors thesis program given that they had taken the required courses. The decision to change the criteria surrounding the honors thesis program was made without the knowledge of any student representatives. This is especially concerning given that this decision directly impacts all students who wish to explore closely related research fields. Although the process to revert this change is lengthy, few steps have been taken. Firstly, VP Academic, Katie Kalmar, was made aware of this change. Subsequently, it was discussed with faculty members to get their opinion on the matter. Most of the professors were unaware of the change. This concern was passed to the upcoming council as it is something that needs thorough investigation. *Dee Goyal - 4th year B.Sc., Neuroscience major*

## Course Evaluations

Course evaluations are generally met with apathy by the student body; however, students cannot be entirely blamed for this. As final exams approached, students had copious amounts of studying to deal with. At such a stressful time, course evaluations did not rank highly on a student's list of priorities and to some extent, rightly so. In order to address this problem of course evaluations, ULSU VP Academic, Katie Kalmar and I worked closely to come up with possible solutions. We sought the opinions of university students and faculty members regarding this matter. The faculty members we spoke with reported a participation of less than 30% and added the resounding bias involved. To further bring light to this matter, an article was published in the *Meliorist* titled, "Course Evaluations: Your Chance to Assign a Grade." Other ideas were brainstormed such as, conducting the course evaluations a month prior to the final exam stretch or having them done in-class (perhaps on the last day of classes) as opposed to online. This would promote a higher participation and alleviate the bias involved. On the side, we also looked at conducting mid-course evaluations. That way, current students enrolled could have taken advantage of the improvements. All in all, definite progress was made in trying to increase the participation in course evaluations. However, this initiative has also been passed along to the upcoming council to progress further. *Dee Goyal - 4th year B.Sc., Neuroscience major*

## Multi Faith Prayer Space

One of my major initiatives for the year was establishing a safe, neutral space on campus to meet our student's different spiritual and religious needs. We had a huge opportunity with the planning monies given to the University of Lethbridge for a new science building. For the first time in a longtime the University would have space available and it would be our opportunity to secure some of this space for this important purpose.

We were fortunate enough to receive a lot of support from the University Administration; a variety of departments, and most importantly it was one of our priorities

as an Executive Council this year. During the functional planning process of the destination project we were able to secure space in U-hall after the renovations are completed. The next challenge was accommodating this need until the project is completed; since that could take up to eight years. We have been collaborating with facilities drafting a functional planning document for this specific project and at this moment are working to find a temporary location for this space until the renovations are completed. The challenge that we will have moving forward will be to ensure that as we transition from executive to executive that this project will be transitioned as well. This is important so that we can ensure that the space is allocated and more importantly done right. *Shuna Talbot - 5th year of B.F.A in Theatre Studies, Dramatic Arts major*

## Destination Project

The destination project is an initiative that the university has been pursuing for a very long time. The idea of this project is to help move the University of Lethbridge from Alberta's destination university to Canada's destination university. This project stems from the need for proper science lab facilities. The current labs that are available seem as if they were added as an after thought and are so outdated it is impressive that we are doing any science research at all. There are also a lot of health concerns and other issues at this current location. What's really exciting about the destination project is that it isn't only an opportunity to build a fantastic science building, but it is also an opportunity to create more space on campus.

In the 2013 provincial budget, the University of Lethbridge received 10 million dollars in planning monies for this project. It will be completed in three phases: The construction of a science building, the construction of a new plant, and finally the revitalization of U-hall. The ULSU directly contributed to the functional planning of both the new science building and the revitalization of U-hall. We helped with deciding the type of study space that would be available and we also requested club space within the project, which will hopefully be a priority for the institution. *Shuna Talbot - 5th year of B.F.A in Theatre Studies, Dramatic Arts major*

## Travel - Conferences, Seminars, Meetings & Debate

### Conference List

TYPE	WHO ATTENDED	DATE	PLACE
CAUS Changeover	Sean, Shuna, Armin, Julia	May	Canmore, Alberta
CASA Foundations	Sean, Shuna, Brady	May	Ottawa, Ontario
BoG Retreat	Shuna, Chris	June	Calgary, Alberta
CASA Policy & Strategy	All EC	June	Lethbridge, Alberta
COCA	Adam	June	Halifax, Nova Scotia
CAUS Government Orientation	Shuna	July	Edmonton, Alberta
Students' Union Development Summit	Shuna, Katie	August	Vancouver, British Columbia
CAUS Lobby-Con	Shuna, Sean	November	Edmonton, Alberta
CASA Advocacy Week	Shuna, Sean	November	Ottawa, Ontario
CASA AGM	Shuna, Sean	March	Charlottetown, PEI
CAUS Lobby-Con	Shuna, Chris, Sean	April	Edmonton, Alberta
GA Transition Retreat	Incoming & Outgoing GA	April	Bowden, Alberta

### Council of Alberta University Students Report

This was an exceptionally busy year for the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) and Alberta post-secondary education in general. It was a year fraught with uncertainty and massive cuts, the largest that we had seen in over 20 years. Budget 2013 was unveiled last March and delivered a massive 7.3% cut to the sector, resulting in almost 12 million dollars in cuts to the University of Lethbridge. In order to combat this, at least in part, the University increased our mandatory non-instructional fee from \$12.50 per course to \$37.50 per course, a 300% increase.

In the past, these fees had been a big deal at the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary, costing their students \$290 and \$450 per year respectively. During this time, the fee at the University of Lethbridge had remained relatively constant since it had been instituted. The largest problem with these fees is that there is no regulation mechanism. We saw this past year, a university has carte blanche to essentially raise these fees by however much they feel. So, starting in May, these fees became our biggest lobby priority. They were soon joined during CAUS' priority selection by asks such as rural and aboriginal bursaries, re-instating a student work program, and legislating the tuition cap, to name a few.

One big win that we did have during the transition of our terms,



**CAUS Meeting**

*Shuna Talbot, Sean Glydon, Bridget Pastoor*



**CAUS Meeting**

*Shuna Talbot, Adam Wood, Raphael Jacob, Petros Kusmu, Bev Eastham, Conner Brown*

was a joint letter from the ULSU and the University of Lethbridge to the Alberta Government protesting the charging of property taxes on the U of L residences, hopefully with a calmer year next year we can make progress on this.

When our terms began, Thomas Lukaszuk was the Minister of Advanced Education and we spent most of the year working with him. He instituted the practice of having quarterly meetings with Alberta student leaders and it seemed like we were progressing with our goals, especially surrounding MNIF regulation, and then there was a cabinet shuffle. In early December, Dave Hancock was given the portfolio of Advanced Education, making him the fourth Minister in the past three years. It has been somewhat disheartening to have to essentially start over, but at the end of the day, the only thing you can control about something like this is your attitude and effort, so CAUS continues to push hard for our priorities.

One really cool thing that happened this year was the conclusion of the Ignite project. The project represented the culmination of two years of work, and was completely unique and unprecedented, being completely student

driven, and representing a comprehensive snapshot of Alberta post-secondary education. The aim of the project was to determine where post-secondary education in Alberta was, and where it should be going. This was accomplished through the hosting of a conference which brought together all stakeholder groups (industry, faculty, administration, students, etc) for fulsome discussions. This past fall we completed the on-campus engagement portion, holding focus groups and surveys on 25 of the 26 Alberta campuses. At the end of it all, we collected a massive amount of data, that essentially backed up the claims of student leaders that our asks are in line with what students want, and now we can claim so unequivocally.

On a final note, this past summer CAUS hired a new Executive Director, Beverly Eastham, she was VP External for the UASU for two years, as well as being CAUS chair during that time. She has been doing fantastic in her time so far as ED, so have Conner Brown (Chair, UCSU) and Adam Woods (Vice-Chair, UASU). *Sean Glydon - 5th year B.Sc., Environmental Science major*



**CASA Delegates**  
*Adam Woods, Conner Brown, Sean Glydon,*

## Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Report

The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) began this year with something new, a single, central transition. Previously, CASA had held a Canada East and a Canada West transition, with both halves meeting each other for the first time at the Policy and Strategy Conference in June, but this year, there was a single, all-encompassing transition in Ottawa, and I believe that this was a lot better, at least in terms of overall organizational cohesion.

Speaking of policy and strategy, the University of Lethbridge Students' Union was selected as the host during the 2013 Annual General Meeting (AGM), this was one of my first responsibilities upon taking office, organizing the conference. Before you attempt to shower me with accolades, it actually was very easy. I had a lot of great people around who were extremely helpful when it came to making the conference happen, as well the Policy and Strategy conference is probably the easiest to host, as it occurs in the summer, so you can use university residences to host the delegates. Also, if you are like the ULSU and own your own building, logistics become extremely easy.

That being said, it was an incredible experience to host the conference, and I think that we as an executive council really managed to showcase the very best of the University of Lethbridge, and the city in general. The major lobbying priorities



**CASA Delegates**

that we picked at the conference for Advocacy Week included asks on the Canada Student Loans Program, the Post-Secondary Student Support Program and mental health, among others.

Moving on to Advocacy Week, this week represented a solid five days in Ottawa wherein all delegates were pressed into action in order to lobby our points to MPs, senators, and policy staffers. Each year CASA typically has over one hundred meetings with decision-makers during Advocacy Week, and this year was no exception. In fact, we were able to secure some solid wins for mental health, as well as securing our vehicle exemption ask relating to the CSLP.

Finally, CASA's AGM was held in the beautiful (and gripped by the depths of winter) Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. This conference provided the opportunity to ratify a brace of new and improved policies which dramatically improved and modernized the CASA policy books, and puts the organization in excellent stead moving forward.

However, it was not without conflict, unfortunately a few of the member schools had demonstrated frustration with some of CASA's bylaws leading up to the conference, and things came to a head during the closing plenary.

Unfortunately, in my opinion, things were not necessarily resolved, but rather, pushed off to Foundations, where hopefully some new blood will be more amendable towards the idea of compromise. But, only time will tell. *Sean Glydon - 5th year B.Sc., Environmental Science major*



**Parliament Building**



**Smith vs Mason Debate**  
Sean Glydon, Danielle Smith, Shuna Talbot



**Smith vs Mason Debate**  
Conner Brown, Shuna Talbot, Brian Mason, Sean Talbot

## Smith versus Mason Debate

The ULSU was approached by the offices of Brian Mason, the leader of the provincial NDPs, and Danielle Smith, the leader of the Wild Rose Party, about the possibility of hosting one night of a debate series between the two leaders. Obviously, we said yes. There were to be eight to ten debates at post-secondary institutions all across the province, with the University of Lethbridge Students' Union hosting one on September 27, 2013.

The format of the debate was three pre-selected questions during which time the leaders would have a chance to debate and rebut, followed by several audience questions of a similar format. The event was well attended (almost 300 people in attendance), and extremely successful. All proceeds from our ticket sales went to the ULSU Food Bank, a sum of over one thousand dollars.

The event also furnished an excellent opportunity for Shuna and myself to meet with both leaders, for quite a lengthy period of time. All in all, the event was very successful, and rich in opportunity. *Sean Glydon - 5th year B.Sc. Environmental Science major*

## Meetings with Politicians - Our Voice in Action

Date	Who	Attended	Purpose
May 3, 2013	Brian Mason - MLA	Shuna, Sean	Recent Budget Cuts
July 5, 2013	Jim Hillyer - MP	Shuna, Sean	Mental Health, CSLP, PSSSP
July 11, 2013	Chris Spearman	Shuna, Sean	Mayoral Candidate
July 15, 2013	Drew Barnes - MLA	Shuna, Sean	MNIFs, Cuts
July 17, 2013	Ian Donovan - MLA	Shuna, Sean	Grants, Cuts, MNIFs
July 22, 2013	Greg Weadick - MLA	Shuna, Sean	MNIFs, Cuts, STEP
July 25, 2013	Bridget Mearns	Shuna, Sean	Mayoral Candidate
July 26, 2013	Gary Bikman - MLA	Shuna, Sean	STEP, Cuts, MNIFs
August 20, 2013	Alison Redford - MLA	All the Executives	Premier of Alberta
August 20, 2013	Blake Pedersen - MLA	Shuna, Sean	MNIFs, Cuts,

August 21, 2013	Raj Sherman - MLA	Shuna, Sean	Leader of NDP
August 28, 2013	Lavar Payne - MP	Shuna, Sean	FNMI, Mental Health
August 28, 2013	Bridget Pastoor	Shuna, Sean	MNIFs, Grants, Cuts
September 13, 2013	Faron Ellis	Shuna, Sean	Mayoral Candidate
September 19, 2013	Pat Stier - MLA	Shuna, Sean	MNIFs, Cuts, Grants
September 26, 2013	Danielle Smith – MLA	Shuna, Sean	Leader of Wildrose
September 26, 2013	Brian Mason – MLA	Shuna, Sean	Leader of NDP
September 30, 2013	Eldon McIlwain	Shuna, Sean	Staffer for Lukaszuk
October 4, 2013	Curtis Simpson	Shuna, Sean	Mayoral Candidate
November 7, 2013	Kent Hehr - MLA	Shuna, Sean	PSE Critic for Liberals
November 7, 2013	Bruce McAlister - MLA	Shuna, Sean	PSE Critic for Wildrose
November 8, 2013	Thomas Lulaszuk - MLA	Shuna, Sean	Minister of Advanced Ed
November 8, 2013	Rachel Notley -MLA	Shuna, Sean	PSE Critic for NDP
November 19, 2013	Ron Cannan - MP	Sean	CSLP, Tri-Council
November 19, 2013	Leon Benoit - MP	Shuna	CSLP, Mental Health
November 19, 2013	Bob Dechert – MP	Sean	CSLP, Mental Health, CSGP
November 19, 2013	Mike Sullivan - MP	Shuna	CSLP, PSSSP, Grants
November 20, 2013	Earl Dreeschen - MP	Sean	OERs, PSSSP, CSLP
November 20, 2013	Alexandra Valcourt	Shuna	Staffer Minister of Labour
November 20, 2013	Linda Duncan - MP	Sean	PSSSP, CSLP
November 20, 2013	Grant Mitchell	Shuna	Alberta Liberal Senator
November 20, 2013	Jim Hillyer - MP	Sean	CSLP, OERs, Multi-Entry Visa
November 21, 2013	Lois Brown - MP	Shuna	CSLP, PSSSP, Grants
November 21, 2013	Laurie Hawn - MP	Shuna	CSLP, Multi-Entry Visas
December 19, 2013	Jason Hale - MLA	Sean	MNIFs, Cuts, Grants
February 25, 2014	Blake Pedersen - MLA	Shuna, Sean	Mental Health, MNIFs
April 2, 2014	Raj Sherman - MLA	Shuna, Chris	Leader of the Liberals
April 7, 2014	Dave Hancock – MLA	Shuna, Sean	Premier of Alberta
April 7, 2014	Janice Sarich – MLA	Shuna, Sean	MNIFs, STEP, Grants
April 7, 2014	Jonathan Dennis – MLA	Sean	STEP, Grants, MNIFs
April 8, 2014	Steve Young – MLA	Sean, Chris	Grants, STEP, MNIFs
April 8, 2014	PC Caucus (part 1)	Shuna	MNIFs, Grants, STEP
April 8, 2014	Blake Pedersen – MLA	Shuna, Sean, Chris	PSE Critic for Wildrose
April 8, 2014	Wildrose Caucus	Shuna, Sean, Chris	Grants, MNIFs, STEP
April 8, 2014	Robin Campbell - MLA	Shuna	STEP, MNIFs, Grants
April 9, 2014	Don Scott – MLA	Shuna	MNIFs, Grants, STEP
April 9, 2014	Steve Kwasny - MLA	Sean	STEP, Grants, MNIFs
April 9, 2014	PC Caucus (part 2)	Chris	Grants, MNIFs, STEP
April 9, 2014	Dave Quest	Sean	MNIFs, STEP, Grants
April 9, 2014	PC Caucus (part 3)	Shuna	STEP, Grants, MNIFs
April 9, 2014	Hector Goudreau - MLA	Chris	Grants, MNIFs, STEP
April 9, 2014	Liberal Caucus	Shuna, Sean, Chris	STEP, Grants, MNIFs
April 9, 2014	Pearl Calahasen - MLA	Shuna	MNIFs, Grants, STEP
April 9, 2014	Rachel Notley – MLA	Shuna, Sean, Chris	PSE Critic

# CLUBS, FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES



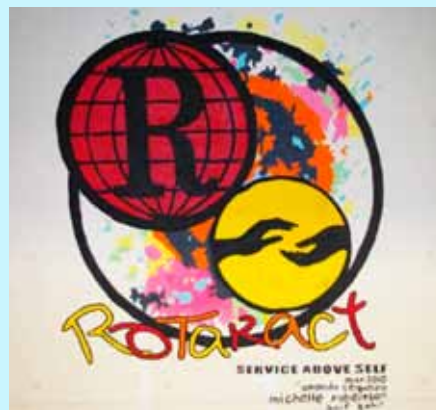
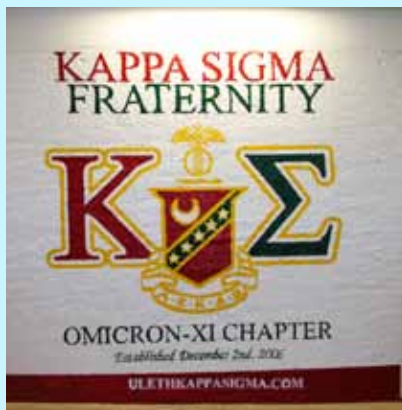
## Club Report & Tunnel Murals

### Clubs & Greek Life Reports

This year was a great year for clubs and Greek life. With 82 groups ratified, the ULSU was able to offer students a wide variety of different groups to join. Whether the club was academic or non-academic almost every student was able to find a club that represented them best. Along with the addition of the Photography Club, other clubs such as the Geek Club and MMS continued to grow with great leaps and bounds. The clubs also hosted traditional events such as the Hoof-it Run and Relay for Life, as well we saw some new events such as the Dance Club's cabaret, the Board, Ski, and Surf Club's ski trip, and the fraternity's Capture the Flag. In all we had a great year with clubs and Greek life and look forward to next year. Riley Miller, the incoming VP Student Affairs, plans on making a template to answer clubs questions and allow easier access to Q&A. Riley promises to deliver an even better year than the last. *Adam Long - 5th year BMgt., Marketing major.*



Tunnel Murals





## New Tunnel & Club Murals

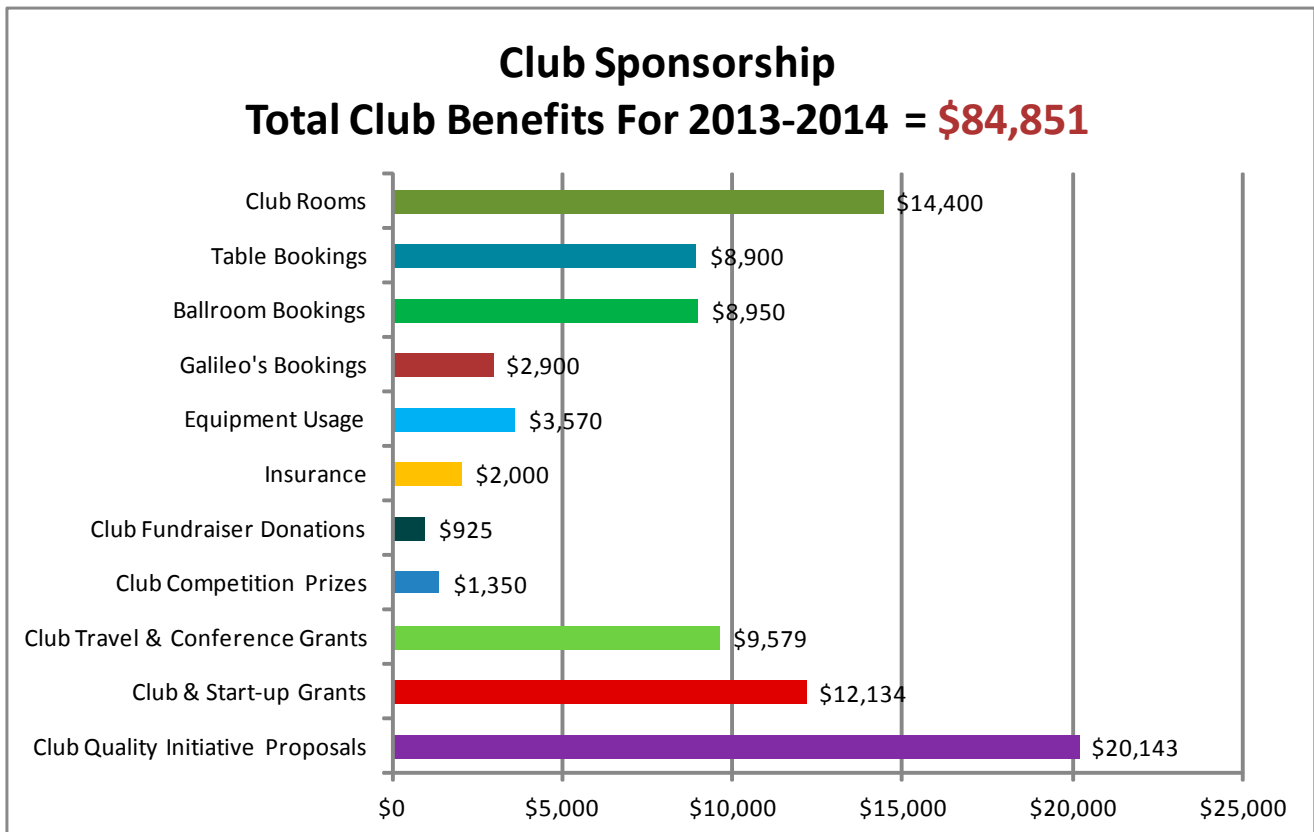
2013 marked the year for a renovated tunnel between the Students' Union building and the library building. With new lighting, a better roof that doesn't leak and the club murals looking sharper than ever, traffic has grown quite substantially through its narrow corridors. With more traffic came a greater desire for clubs to want their mural lining the tunnel walls. This year we received six mural applications from clubs, which were all approved. These included the Spanish Club, Social Worker Student Association and CKXU. So next year when you are walking through the tunnel, take a look for those select new murals that stand out among the rest. *Adam Long - 5th year B.Mgt., Marketing major.*



## Club Benefits

### How does the ULSU Sponsor Clubs, Fraternities and Sororities?

Throughout the year clubs receive thousands of dollars in monetary funding from the ULSU by way of grants, donations and prizes. There is also a large amount of operational costs that the ULSU absorbs in order for clubs to receive benefits for free. The operational benefits amounted to over \$37,000 for such things as club rooms, space bookings, equipment usage, and insurance. In total, club benefits added up to \$84,851 for 2013-2014. *Susan Curfis - Executive Assistant*





**Biology Club - Brick by Brick, iGem Fundraiser**  
**Event:** Dee Goyal, Sean Glydon, Victoria Wells,  
 Katie Kalmar, Mike Kawchuk, Brenna Scott,  
 Shuna Talbot, Adam Long



**Relay for Life - Management**  
**Students Society** Sean Glydon, Aaron  
 Gilbert, Katie Kalmar, Jana Clark



**Chillin for Charity - JDC**  
 Sean Glydon, Student, Adam Long, Student,  
 Mike Kawchuk

## Ratified Groups for 2013-2014

# FRATERNITIES

Kappa Sigma

# SORORITIES

Kappa Pi Chi Sorority  
Delta Eta Iota Sorority

### Club List

1	Accounting Club		Society	54	Nursing Student Club
2	Accounting Club - Edmonton	26	Environmental Science Club	55	Object Manipulation Club
3	Accure Calgary Club	27	Finance Club - Lethbridge	56	Organization of Residence Students
4	African Caribbean Students Association	28	Flying Doctors of Tomorrow		Pagan Student's Association
5	Agricultural Student Society	29	Freedom House Club	57	Photography Club
6	Amnesty International	30	French Club	58	Pre-Med Club
7	Anthropology Club	31	Geek Entertainment of Every Kind (GEEK)	59	PRIDE
8	Archaeology Club	32	Geography Club	60	PRIDE
9	Art Society	33	Global Drums	61	Progressive Conservative Association
10	Association of Political Science Students	34	Headbangers Society	62	Psychology Neuroscience (PANiC)
11	Board, Ski, and Surf Club	35	Human Resource Club (Calgary)	63	Public Health Student Association
12	Campus Roots Community Garden Association	36	International Student Association		Rotaract
13	Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation YAC	37	Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship	64	Singers Club
14	Cancer Awareness	38	Jazz Club	65	Social Work Student Association
15	Chemistry & Biochemistry	39	JDC West	66	Spanish Club
16	Chess Club	40	KinPhy Ed	67	Students Offering Support (SOS)
17	Chinese Culture Club	41	Knitting & Crocheting Club	68	Super Smash Brothers
18	Climbing Club	42	KOMO Club	69	Swing Bridge Dance Club
19	Co-operative Education Ambassadors	43	Latter-day Saint Student Association	70	Synthetic Biology Club
20	Dance Academy	44	Lethbridge Catholic Young Adults	71	The Historical Undergraduate Society (THUGS)
21	Dance Team	45	Lethbridge Students for Life	72	Theatre Arts Society
22	Disc Jockey Student Association of Lethbridge	46	Management Student Society	73	Trolls Rugby Football Club
23	Economic Students' Association	47	Medieval Club	74	Ultimate Club
24	Education Undergraduate Society	48	Mixed Curling Club	75	Vocal Harmony Singers Club
25	Entrepreneurial Development	49	Model United Nations Club	76	Wind Orchestra Club
		50	Musical Theatre Society	77	Yoga Club Lethbridge
		51	Muslim Student Association	78	Young Liberal Club
		52	Native American Students Association		
		53	New Media Student Society		

## Notable ULSU Academic Events

The Buried Life  
& Event Volunteers



The Buried Life



### The Buried Life

The ULSU brought in a very dynamic group called The Buried Life for their annual academic speaker in January 2013. We had a number of hiccups during the month leading up to the event on January 29th, the largest being one of the members was unable to attend. After some renegotiating, we decided to move forward with the three remaining members. During the month of tabling we sold around 320 tickets, which meant that we raised just over \$950 for the ULSU Food Bank. The day of the event, everything went smoothly thanks to some absolutely amazing volunteers. We were very fortunate to have the Photography Club step in and take all the photos for us for the day. The Buried Life focused on setting goals, as well as attaining those goals. They were a very engaging group and allowed for a variety of participation from the students in the audience. Overall, I am extremely happy with how the event went and the feedback from students was very positive. *Katie Kalmar - 5th year B.A., History major*



**Student Speaker Challenge Contestants**  
 Leslie Mahoney, Courtney Rieger, Felipe Ferreira, Abby Morning Bull

## The Last Lecture

The ULSU Last Lecture event was held on April 9, 2014 in the University Theatre. This year there were lectures by John von Heyking and Hillary Rodrigues. The last Lecture has always been a well attended event with both students and faculty members. The lecturers this year took on two very different themes for their hypothetical "last lecture," yet each had a very powerful message. While John focused on the work of the great philosophers and leaders in history, Hillary looked to his life experiences and what they have taught him. In the past this event has normally had three speakers, but this year it was unusually difficult to find a third speaker due to very busy schedules. *Katie Kalmar - 5th year B.A., History major*

## Student Speaker Challenge

The Student Speaker Challenge is an annual challenge put on by Southern Alberta Council on Public Affairs (SACPA), Lethbridge Public Interest Research Group (LPIRG) and the ULSU. Last year the event did not happen, which could have been due to a number of factors, one being lack of student interest. This year the project was completely restructured and led by myself and Dave McCaffrey, the director of LPIRG. We were able to eliminate any re-occurring flaws in the event, two of the major ones being the head-to-head style match up and the inconsistencies with judges. The topic this year was "Freedom of Speech" and it was structured so that each week competitors would be looking at it from different perspectives. Week one was local, week two was national, and week three, the final round, competitors were looking at the topic from a global perspective. After much deliberation during the final round it was determined that there was a tie for the first place spot between Abby Morning Bull and Courtney

Rieger. This posed a slight issue with the prize money, as we did not think it was fair to ask the winners to split the \$1500, when the 1st place spot was supposed to get \$1000. The University President, Mike Mahon, graciously made a \$500 donation allowing both contestants to receive the first place prize amount. *Katie Kalmar - 5th year B.A., History major*

## Between Two Ferns Event

Between Two Ferns was an event hosted by Sean Glydon and Michael Kawchuk, and was meant to be a comedic tribute to the show hosted by Zach Galifianakis. This event was a success for bringing students out to the Zoo and consisted of on-the-spot interviews with people who were pulled from the audience. It was the first time this event was hosted and it served as a good way to bring students out to engage one on one with two of their executives. Part of being approachable this year was making sure that students recognized who their executives were and realize that they were students as well. We hope to have many more fun and creative events like this next year. *Michael Kawchuk - 4th year B. Mgmt, Finance major*



## In the Lethbridge Community

### Municipal Elections

This past fall marked the 2013 Lethbridge Municipal Elections. Over 20 individuals were in the running for eight councilor positions and four individuals were in the running for mayor. The ULSU embarked upon a comprehensive campaign of student voter engagement in the hopes that a large turnout of student voters would affect positive change, both in terms of the ease of voting for post-secondary students, as well as the prevalence and priority of student issues upon the minds of the incoming council.

We pushed extremely hard for an advanced polling station to be put on campus in order for student voters to have easy access to it, however, this proposal fell through. Therefore, immediately after the elections we took the pre-emptive measure of presenting to City Council by having them pass a resolution to look into the University of Lethbridge and the Lethbridge College as locations for advance polling stations during the next election.

Further to that, we implemented a fairly stringent municipal engagement campaign during the election. We posted the platforms of all candidates in a highly visible spot on the second floor of the Students' Union building, along with information on how, when, and where to vote. Further to that, we went around to dozens of students and handed out attestation forms to them, as well as telling them where they could vote. We also hosted both a mayoral forum, and a councilors forum, both of which were relatively well attended by students.

On top of this campaign, the Lethbridge College Student Association (LCSA), Shuna, and I met with every mayoral candidate, as well as almost every single candidate running for City Council to further highlight the issues important to students.

I would recommend taking this approach in all future municipal elections, as it has significantly improved our relationship with City Hall. *Sean Glydon - 5th year B.Sc., Environmental Science major*

### Lethbridge Youth Advisory Council

The Lethbridge Youth Advisory Council (YAC) was formed by a City Council resolution in order to have better input on issues affecting the youth, and this year represents the second year that a representative from the ULSU has sat on the council. While some of the issues that this council discussed do not necessarily pertain to our students (the council being concerned with issues of the 16 - 25 demographic), it does represent an excellent platform from which we can advocate for a few key issues, such as transit and the business development of West Lethbridge.

I also spent part of the year as the Acting Chair for YAC, as both chairs had fulfilled their terms, and elections did not occur until February. *Sean Glydon - 5th year B.Sc., Environmental Science major*

### Project Paint Brush

Project Paint Brush is one of the longest, and most rewarding community outreach efforts that the ULSU engages in and is something that we have been a part of since 2010. The aim of Project Paint Brush is to provide people who are unable to do so on their own (such as the elderly or disabled) with able and willing volunteers who do their best to touch-up, paint, and fix their houses and fences. Each summer, the Executive Council will help for a day (or several) on various different work projects. Sometimes the work may not be the most fun thing in the world, but at the end of the day, seeing a smile on the face of someone who maybe doesn't have a lot of good things going on in their life certainly makes it worth while. This past summer we were able to spend two full days volunteering but I challenge next year's VP External, and executives, to do better. *Sean Glydon - 5th year B.Sc., Environmental Science major*

### International Welcome Mixer

The International Welcome Mixer was organized, planned and executed by representatives from the Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination (CMARD),

the City of Lethbridge, the International Centres from the College and University, as well as the ULSU VP External, Sean Glydon and I. The purpose of the event was to welcome the international students, studying at both institutions in Lethbridge. The event took place in late November at City Hall and the turnout was fantastic. We gave out a lot of prizes to students in attendance that were donated by various businesses around the city, There were also a number of performances put on by various groups throughout the evening, providing entertainment for the event. *Katie Kalmar - 5th year B.A., History major*

## Humane Society

This past summer as one of the ULSU community outreach events the VP External, Sean Glydon, planned for all of the Executive Council to volunteer at the local Humane Society. We arrived at the Humane Society first thing in the morning and received a tour and some instructions regarding what we were going to be doing. We spent a large part of our visit simply taking the dogs for a walk through the nearby park. We all had a lot of fun with this and the dogs were thrilled with the opportunity to get out and stretch their legs. This was a great way for us to volunteer within the Lethbridge community, as well as bond as a team outside of the office environment. *Katie Kalmar - 5th year B.A., History major*



## New & Recurring Initiatives



### Kill Them With Kindness

This year, inspired by a member of the Student Engagement Committee, Riley Miller, and the ULSU ran a new event called 'Kill Them With Kindness.' The game mirrored Humans vs Zombies but instead of simply tagging other players with rubber balls, you tagged them with meaningful compliments. We had about 115 people sign up and each day the ULSU had a challenge to keep people engaged and involved. The first day we gave out 250 roses to everyone and anyone whether they were playing the game or not. On the second day everyone playing had to make a Valentine card for the Students' Union. Day 3 participants had to stop by Cupid's Headquarters (the ULSU office) for some chocolate and a pink ribbon bracelet. On the 4th day participants had to Rick Roll one of the ULSU executives. The fifth and final day we awarded an iPad mini for the first prize and a coke fridge for the second prize. The game went incredibly smoothly and I highly recommend we make it an annual part of Sexy Week.

*Brenna Scott - 3rd year B.A., English major*

### Spy vs Spy

Spy vs Spy was a brand new event to the ULSU. In the past the ULSU hosted Humans vs Zombies during November to provide students with a fun activity just before final exams started. This year we decided to still do a campus wide game of tag but with a fresh twist on it. Spy vs Spy

allowed students to engage with other students they normally wouldn't meet, while creating a safe environment to do it in. Students were given a random picture of someone else who was playing the game and tasked with trying to locate that person. Once they found them, they tag the person they have a picture of and acquire that person's target. The spy in the end with the most pictures won the game.

We had a great turnout for Spy vs Spy, with no incidents of injury or faculty complaints. The ULSU looks forward to running Spy vs Spy again next year. *Adam Long - 5th year BMgt., Marketing major.*

### Farmers Market

This year the Students' Union, LPIRG, the Student Success Centre, and the Health Centre all collaborated in organizing a series of farmer's markets here on campus. This was the first time that events of this nature have ever occurred at the U of L. The first market in August was held out in the Grove and was so successfully attended that we added a Christmas market in December in the ULSU ballrooms, and a spring garden market in March. Attendees included students, faculty, staff and even some local community members. Due to the success of the markets and the tremendous feedback we received from the vendors and the attendees, we plan on hosting more of these events in the future. *Cheri Pokarney - ULSU General Manager*



## National Student Day

National Student Day was celebrated this year in conjunction with the University of Lethbridge Bookstore. The day started with handing out CAKE! Who doesn't love cake? This went over really well and students enjoyed it. During this time the Bookstore was running a book drive, collecting used and unwanted books to go to charity. In the evening the USLU hosted a special evening of karaoke which included a massive draw with prizes donated by both the Bookstore and the ULSU. *Katie Kalmar - 5th year B.A., History major*



**National Student Day**

*Brenna Scott, Megan Sutherland, Katie Kalmar*

## ULSU/EUS Clothing Drive and Sale

My biggest initiative this year was the ULSU Clothing drive that had been held for the past three years. I worked closely with a few select volunteers to get it up and running, and in doing so we not only changed the date but we also reserved the U-hall atrium for the sale instead of having it in one of the ULSU ballrooms like we have done in previous years. In reflection I feel that the drive fell short. Our biggest short coming was the selection of clothing, and as such, I think that this initiative needs to start earlier by gathering clothes in December and spreading the word. My goal was to increase the traffic flow for the event, which I succeeded at, but when the good clothing was gone, no one else bought anything. *Nigel Peters - 7th year BFA/Education major*

## Blood Donation

This year VP Student Affairs, Adam Long took several students to the Canadian Blood Services to donate blood. This was a good experience and I learned that the Canadian Blood Services have a very good screening process. I took part in this event both times this year. The first time was back in October 2013 and I was turned down because I had a slight fever. The reason the nurses would not take my blood was that they did not want to risk my fever turning into something more serious like an infection. I put off donating blood until the spring semester. In March 2014, I passed the screening process. I was happy with how the nurses treated me because I have a phobia of needles and blood. In the end, the Blood Drive was amazing and students may have saved many lives with their donations. *Preston Crow Chief - 3rd year B. Mgt., Accounting major.*

## Aramark - Food Service Provider

Aramark is the new service provider on campus replacing Sodexo. We collaborated and received help from Aramark on various occasions throughout the year. They allowed us to set-up our piggy banks at their food service providers which raised \$1979 for our food bank. They have collaborated and helped us out with many events including Fresh Fest and Frostbite 2.SnOw. It has been a great year working with Aramark and we are looking forward to the next year. The Students' Union has heard from many students that the quality of food on campus has improved and we are happy to have Aramark here on campus. *Michael Kawchuk - 4th year B. Mgmt, Finance major*



## Note Bank

This year's ULSU Notebank was not the success we hoped it to be. We received a very limited number of, if any, usable submissions. There were many problems that the program faced. The database of previous note submissions becomes more outdated with each semester, and with few submissions this problem compounds and decreases the usefulness of the existing program. Despite many notes accessed each semester there is still the major problem of the Notebank's existence still not being common knowledge, and most alarmingly, there is a lack of willingness to submit notes. Taking a whole semester of good notes requires a lot of work, and there seems to be a pessimistic trend amongst those who are (or perceive themselves to be) doing better academically. Many feel they already work very hard and question why they should give their notes to students who skip class or are lazy etc. Overall, to be a success, the Notebank needs more advertising, especially word of mouth. If there was more of a benefit to submitting notes, and a change in the pessimistic trend, students would benefit from a shared student community.

*Charlie Helmer-Smith - 5th year, BA, History/Economics, double major*



## T-shirt Contest

This year we decided to revive the T-shirt Contest that took place back in 2011.

In the past this contest was quite popular and it was an excellent way to bring awareness to students about the ULSU, as well as generate some interest on the ULSU Facebook page. The submission deadline was set for mid-October, after which time the designs were voted on by the Executive Council, the General Assembly, and the Student Engagement Committee. After votes were tallied, the top three designs were then put on Facebook for an online vote. The online voting was open for two weeks, after which time the t-shirt designed by Chris Wilson received first place. The t-shirts were all very well done and the contest gave the ULSU Facebook page quite a bit of activity. Instead of printing only the first place design, it was decided that we would print a select number of each of the top three designs. *Katie Kalmar - 5th year B.A., History major*



**First Place Winner**  
*Chris Wilson*



**Second Place Winner**  
*Joel Heyland*



**Third Place Winner**  
*Alexis Reber*

## FRESH N BREEZY LUAU



## THANK YOU SPONSORS



## FRESH FEST REVIEW

Fresh Fest 2013 has been a year to break records, set new standards, and deliver a Frosh Week that will last in students memories for a long time to come. Selling out of our 600 packages on the first day of classes was the initial sign that this was going to be a Fresh Fest for the history books. The Luau on Thursday experienced cloudy skies, yet still over 450 students participated on the 100 foot slip'n slide. A healthy food choice of pulled pork sandwiches and grilled vegetables provided by Aramark, live DJs from DJSAL, and ORS's blow-up obstacle course were just a few of the highlights. Following the Luau was our movie night, Fresh Flix, which featured Iron Man 3 and was attended by over 500 students. Friday night was Rumble in the Jungle, formally known as Lemon Party, which reached the capacity of 550 students just 30 minutes after opening the doors at 9:00 p.m. Finally, on Saturday for the Jamboree, we experienced record numbers of over 1600 students in attendance. This year we added an extra band to the Jamboree line-up making the event nine bands playing for nine hours of non-stop music, and an after event that went until 2:00 a.m. For the first time the Saturday event offered students 12 hours of activities. We also added workshops to this year's Jamboree including: belly dancing, three step health snacks, and hula hooping lessons. Fresh Fest ended the following Friday with an award ceremony consisting of over 100 volunteers and \$5000 in appreciation give-a-ways. In all, Fresh Fest was a great chance for students of all ages to enjoy what has become known as the University's back to school ice breaker.

Can't wait until next year!

*Adam Long - 5th year B.Mgmt., Marketing major.*

## FRESH U JAMBOREE



## OTHER BANDS

The Joe, Shotgun Jimmie, Foam Lake, Lustre Creame, The Ruby Plumes

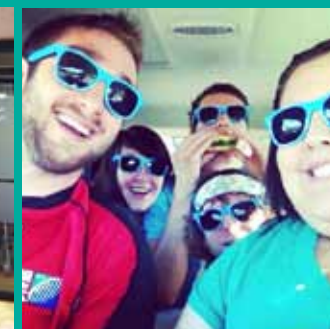
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## EVENT LIST OF ULSU 2013-2014

- Car Wash - August 2013
- Project Paintbrush - July & August 2013
- New Student Welcome - August 2013
- Karaoke in the Zoo - September 2013 - April 2014
- Open Mic in the Zoo - September 2013 - April 2014
- Dirty Bingo in the Zoo - September 2013 - April 2014
- Club Rush Week - September 2013 & January 2014
- Outdoor Farmer's Market - September 2013
- Smith vs Mason Debate - September 2013
- Fresh Fest - September 2013
- Fresh U Jamboree - September 2013
- Fall Garage Sale for student scholarships - October 2013
- Municipal Elections Forum - October 2013
- T-Shirt Design Contest - October 2013
- Pre-Med Club/ULSU Hoof It Run - October 2013
- Imaginus Poster Sale - October 2013 & February 2014
- Between Two Ferns - October 2013
- Halloween Cabaret - October 2013
- International Night Student Mixer - October 2013
- Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life - November 2013
- Lethbridge Police Internet Safety Session - November 2013
- Volunteer Fair - November 2013
- Spy vs Spy - November 2013
- Holiday Farmer's Market - December 2013
- Ender Bender - December 2013
- FrostBite 2.sn0w Concert & Rail Jam - January 2014
- Academic Speakers: The Buried Life - January 2014
- Student Speaker Challenge - January & February 2014
- Student Services Fair: Grad Edition - February 2014
- Ignite Press Conference - February 2014
- Piggy Bank Foodbank Fundraiser - February 2014
- Sexy Week - February 2014
- EUS/International/ULSU Clothing Drive - March 2014
- Singer Songwriter Workshops - March 2014
- Farmer's Market & Gardening Workshops - March 2014
- Last Lecture - April 2014
- ULSU Recognition Dinner & Awards - April 2014
- General Assembly Transition - April 2014
- Last Class Bash - April 2014
- Executive Council Transition - April 2014





## FROSTBITE 2.SNOW

Western Canada's first ever on-campus freestyle competition went down without a hitch! And what an event it was. Set up for the event began at 5:00 a.m. with volunteers from Boarderline building scaffolding and University grounds staff collecting snow from around campus. Boxes were brought in from Castle Mountain Resort Terrain Park with the Castle park crew maintaining the features throughout the day. Music was provided by Disc Jockey Student Association of Lethbridge (DJSAL) and photos were taken by the University of Lethbridge Photography Club.

Over 30 participants competed for \$2000 in cash prizes with another 350 students watching all the action take place from the beer gardens and viewing area.

FrostBite 2.snOW was made possible because of the hard work from Boarderline, Castle Mountain Resort, Kokanee, Board, Ski & Surf Club, DJSAL, Photography Club, and of course the ULSU. Hope you all enjoyed.

*Adam Long - 5th year BMgt., Marketing major.*



## THANK YOU SPONSORS

Boarderline Skate Shop, Popules, Kokanee, Labatt, Castle Mountain Resort, NOVO Watch, Dakine, Spy, Switchback Bindings, The Zoo

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## CAMPUS COMMUNITY EVENTS

### **Convocation**

Convocation is an exciting time on our campus because we get to celebrate those students who have successfully completed their degree requirements. This is the common goal that all students strive for and it is important that we as a Students' Union congratulate those individuals. This year the ULSU President participated in all four ceremonies of the 2014 spring convocation as well as the October 2013 convocation.

### **Summer Orientation**

On June 8, 2013, the University of Lethbridge held an orientation for incoming students. This was a great opportunity for us to promote the Students' Union. There were a lot of excited first year students who were pumped up for Fresh Fest, our welcoming event. This was a great opportunity for them to be introduced to a variety of ULSU services.

### **New Student Welcome (NSW) – Fall/Spring**

This year our September NSW was held over two days. We also participated in another NSW equivalent in January. This was a great opportunity for council to introduce themselves to new students through their speeches and conversation engagements at booths during the event.

### **Volunteer Fair**

Traditionally we have collaborated with Student Life & Recruitment on this event, but on November 6th the ULSU took over the majority of the planning for this event. This event allows our students to learn about different volunteer opportunities within the Lethbridge community. We saw better engagement from students and more satisfied external groups since the location of the event was changed from the U-Hall atrium to the P.E. atrium.

### **University of Lethbridge Open House**

We took a more active role in both the planning process and the actual open house this year. The event was held on October 5th and we actually secured a session and coordinated a table. Our session was focused on the experience side of education and allowed student prospects to ask real students real questions.

### **Rock'it Man Raffle**

Chris Hadfield was the keynote speaker at the Calgary Alumni & Friends dinner in Calgary this year. In partnership with University Advancement we coordinated a fundraiser to raffle off a signed replica of the guitar that Hadfield had used in outer space. Pat Pavan was the lucky winner, and all proceeds from this fundraiser will go directly to student scholarships.

*Shuna Talbot - 5th year of B.F.A in Theatre Studies, Dramatic Arts major*



## Campus Community Events Attended

DATE	EVENT	ULSU INVOLVEMENT
May 10, 2013	Lethbridge Association for Community Living Dinner Dance & Auction	Guest at the President's table
May 29, 2013	Fiat Lux Ring Ceremony & Alumni Honour Society Inductee Ceremony	All executives attended
May 30, 2013	Chancellor's Dinner	Purchased a table
June 14, 2013	John Gill Memorial Golf Tournament	Submitted a team – most honest
June 17, 2013	Senate Retirement Dinner	All executives attended
August 29, 2013	Mt. Blakiston House Grand Opening	Shuna gave speech & cut ribbon
September 19, 2013	Mayor's Luncheon for the Arts	Guest at the President's table
September 25, 2013	Pronghorn Scholarship Breakfast	Purchased table
September 27, 2013	Career Fair	Shuna gave speech to employers
November 1, 2013	Relay For Life	Submitted a team
November 5, 2013	MSS- Etiquette Dinner	Purchased a table
November 15, 2013	iGEM 3rd Annual Brick by Brick Charity Dinner	Purchased a table
December 6, 2013	Minister Lukaszuk Funding Announcement	Shuna gave a speech
February 1, 2014	Rotaract Dinner	Purchased a table
February 6, 2014	Donors Gala	Sean gave a speech
March 27, 2014	Calgary Alumni & Friends Dinner	Attended dinner
April 9, 2014	Leaders of Tomorrow Gala	Guests at the President's table

# General Assembly REPORTS



## Year-end Reports

### Board of Governors Report



**Board of Governors Representative**  
*Chris Hollingsworth*

The University of Lethbridge is a bicamerally governed institution. The Board of Governors serves as the upper governing body of the institution, responsible for all the administration and financial concerns of the University. The Board features two undergraduate student representatives, currently consisting of the ULSU President and a separate Board of Governors Rep. The Graduate Students' Association also has representation in the form of their President.

There were several issues of pressing concern to students that were seen during my time on the Board. Certainly the most pressing of these issues was the budget cut that the University received in the spring of 2013 and the resulting decrease of services and increase to student fees that this action provoked. The student services fee, which has been used to subsidize the University's general operations, saw a massive increase to \$37.50 per course in a single motion and now sits at \$39.00 per course for the upcoming year. This single

increase represents a 300% increase, or an increase of over \$1,000 dollars to the cost of receiving a post-secondary education from the University of Lethbridge for a four year degree, all in a single fee. The Students' Union remains opposed to these types of fee increases and believes that regulation must be put in place by the province so that student fee increases must be put to student referendum, ensuring that students who pay these fees can decide whether or not they see value in paying for additional services.

A second major student concern at the Board level was student representation on the Board's finance committee. While both the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta have student representation on their Board's finance committees, the University of Lethbridge Finance Committee does not feature representation from students. Student representation was re-examined this year, but not added to the committee on the grounds that students are not financially literate enough to make such decisions. Given that these same representatives make decisions regarding the operations of our multimillion dollar organization and that, as students, we contribute close to 30% of the University's operational funding, it is our ongoing concern that we have a voice in the financial oversight of the University and we will continue to voice this concern to the Board.

A final concern to students was the recent cuts made in the 2014-2015 budget to the Quality Initiatives Program (QIP). These cuts will impact the ULSU's ability to promote campus culture and student experiences that are so critical to the University of Lethbridge student experience.

The issues raised do not mean to overshadow the positive work of the Board. The Destination Project, which will see the addition of a new major science building on campus and a major overhaul of U-Hall was announced this year and will substantially alter the future of the University. The new Mt. Blakiston residence was completed over the summer, and action continues to be taken to see the second of these residence complexes built. The University President, Dr. Mike Mahon, was reappointed for his second term and a new Registrar, Susie Kennedy, was selected. Finally, the vision for the University was updated with the new strategic plan.

I hope that the Board continues in many of the positive directions that I have witnessed this year, while continuing to improve in incorporating the student voice. *Chris Hollingsworth - B.A. Political Science & Philosophy*



## International Report

The 2013-2014 academic year was filled with achievements and challenges. The international students faced many tough tasks throughout the entire year such as increasing tuition, issues with the international exchange students being uninsured, and some internal conflicts between international student groups. However, thanks to the contribution of several international students and the Students' Union, we have successfully solved some of our challenges. Our group is united with strong resolve to work through our challenges and make sure every one of us has the opportunity to study well.

Although it is difficult to live and study alone while we are thousands of miles from home, pay extra tuition fees, and spend extra effort on studying due to our language barrier, it is important to mention the spirit of our strong minds, our firm determination, our ability to endure hardship, and our faith to better our futures. We may have different backgrounds, languages, and beliefs; but what we have in common is strong enough to break down walls, fill gaps, and build a bridge to our success! Thanks to Canada, thanks to the University of Lethbridge, and many thanks to the Students' Union: You are our families on our second mother land.

*Rui (Brad) Zhang 4th year B. Mgt., Human Resources and Labour Relation major, International Management minor.*

## Chinese New Year Gala



## First Nations, Métis & Inuit Report

This year I took part in planning the Students' Union Round Dance. To do this I started a small committee made up of students. The students and I approached Glen Lewis from the Chitek Lake Cree Nation, Saskatchewan. He is a well experienced Round Dance coordinator who had knowledge of the protocols for a Round Dance. The Native American Students Association (NASA) also volunteered which made this event that much more successful. The location for this event took place at the Sik-Ooh-Kotoki Friendship Society in Lethbridge, Alberta. The night started off with an opening prayer by Larry Mctigne, elder and board member, of the Sik-Ooh-Kotoki Friendship Society.



Round Dance Drum

Students then served a meal for all the guests to show

our respects to those who were able to attend. There were over 20 singers from across Alberta and Saskatchewan. The master of ceremonies was Traves Meguines from the Tsu'tina First Nation community. Before the event ended Traves Meguines informed me that the round dance had a good turnout and introduced the students and I to other potential master of ceremonies that could be used in the future. Later on in the evening we had a small prize give away for guests who stayed until the end. Glen Lewis gave his blessing to the students who helped put this event together and performed an honor song and dance. He and the singers also said the Round Dance was a blessing and gave thanks for the invitation. This year's Round Dance was a success and I would like to thank the University of Lethbridge Students' Union for their support in hosting such a wonderful event. *Preston Crow Chief - 3rd year B. Mgt., Accounting major.*

## Education Report

Although my time with the ULSU was quite short, I learned a lot about how the organization runs and what my role would be on the General Assembly. Early in the year I volunteered for a lot of the events happening on campus, most notoriously for being 'The Lime' at Fresh Fest. This was a great opportunity to talk with students about the ULSU and encourage them to get engaged.

As for my position, I was eager to gain rapport with my student body, the Education students, so I volunteered for both the fall orientations, PS1 and Ed2500. I got to meet a lot of my new peers and I was sure to mention my position as their Education Representative to everyone I spoke with. In the future, I feel that this could be taken further by asking the Education department if the Education Rep could say a few words during the orientation in order to actively talk to the entire student body.

I sat on the Education Faculties Council with another student representative posing questions about what the Council was doing and how it affected our students, especially the undergraduates.

The Education Undergraduate Society is a great resource for connecting with the student body and it is important to maintain this relationship. During the fall semester our schedules were conflicting so I could not attend any ULSU meetings and I feel that my knowledge of the Students' Union was stunted. *Nigel Peters - 7th year BFA/Education major*



## Calgary Campus Report

I started my role as the Calgary Campus Rep in March 2013, shortly after elections since there was no current ULSU representative on the Calgary Campus. During this time I met with Dana Corbin, who spoke with me about the role and accomplishments of past representatives. Everything was definitely a learning curve since I did not have a mentor that could help me transition into the role. What really helped me was taking the time to go to the transition retreat where I started getting ideas for initiatives.

Throughout the year the Calgary campus clubs held a few events. When I first started, there was not much student participation for events off-campus. However, we learned that Meet the CA event with speakers from Robert Half was a large success and we would like to continue to host this event in future years. Off-campus events picked up later on in the school year as clubs gathered a large amount of student e-mails during Club Week. There were also a lot of opportunities for students to interact with club members throughout the year when tables were set up.

The exam bank was empty when I first started my role. I have been able to collect a few exams from my previous

courses but have not had the time to continue to update this program by asking other students to contribute. I believe that it is a valuable resource for students that are entering their first year and I would love to see contributions and utilization. The textbook exchange is running well, however, it would also benefit from a little bit of publicity, at the beginning and end of every semester.

One of the largest roles I had a hand in was structuring New Student Orientation for the fall intake. It was a great opportunity to work with Dana Corbin and the office team, the club presidents, and the Lethbridge campus reps. I hope to see this initiative continued as I believe that it was a great experience for the students that came by.

A disappointment I had encountered was the joint University Bow Valley job fair. I believe that the students were not able to take full benefit of potential employers and the employers did not match with the programs that the students were enrolled in at the University of Lethbridge. One of the causes of this was the lack of time to prepare this event, which included contacting large downtown companies that are looking to hire students with Management degrees. I believe that this event can become a huge success in the future if we are able to plan accordingly, especially now that Bow Valley has opened up some great spaces for a multi-table event like this (such as the 3rd floor N building).

To summarize, the following is a list of what I think our campus, as a whole, can work on to improve the student experience:

1. Dedicate to creating a warm welcome at New Student Orientation during fall and spring intake.
2. Enable the clubs to achieve a large member base and aid in their budget so that they can host club events (both on and off-campus) throughout the year.
3. Encourage students to use and contribute to the exam bank and textbook exchange service by setting up an e-mail reminder before and after each semester.
4. Create the opportunity for networking, either by creating a job fair, inviting Alumni mentors or speakers, or having recruiters with professional designations speak on behalf of their designation or company.

I would like to welcome the incoming Calgary Campus Representative and wish her the best of luck! You won't regret it. This was an amazing opportunity to take on a leadership role and I learned so much about myself and also what it takes to plan, to organize, to delegate, and to see things through. What a great feeling it is. *Shelley Qian, 3rd year B. Mgt.*

# REFLECTIONS



## Memorable Learning Moments

As we reached the end of our term within the ULSU organization, we chose to reflect on the immense growth that each of us had gone through as student leaders. Reflection is important as it reminds us of key points in our terms that were major learning moments for us. It also allowed us to recognize the growth that we have all achieved both individually and as an organization. Members of the General Assembly and Executive Council were asked to share their most memorable moment as a student leader from this past term. Here is what was said: *Victoria Wells - 4th year B.A. Humanities/B. Mgmt. Human Resource major*

**Shuna Talbot**  
President

My leadership role as VP Internal Affairs last year to the role as President this past term was substantially different. The leadership role as President was more challenging. It takes a lot of leadership to talk to a fellow executive or to a staff member who is twice your age and have those hard conversations. I needed to be that person to take control and step outside the bounds of a collaborative team.

**Michael Kawchuk**  
VP Operations  
& Finance

I saw a passion on this campus that I hadn't seen before. I enjoyed hearing about everyone's passion within their job duties. They didn't seek recognition to feel accomplishment. Instead, they gained satisfaction after achieving their goals.

**Sean Glydon**  
VP External

It was great to be a part of a team. It was nice to know that if you were having a bad week, someone would have your back. At times throughout the year I felt that I wasn't qualified for the job and some things even scared me but I worked through it and I definitely matured because of it.

**Rui (Brad) Zhang**  
International  
Representative

Before I came to Canada, I had heard that most Chinese students stayed within their own social groups. By becoming the International representative, it made me realize how important it is to live the Canadian way. I appreciate the Students' Union for giving me a chance to experience it.

**Katie Kalmar**  
VP Academic

The biggest thing for me was being treated as an adult. My opinion was respected and taken into account on a lot of committees I sat on. I wasn't just a student to them, I was someone whose voice mattered.

**Brenna Scott**  
Arts & Science  
Representative

I liked meeting all of the new people this year. I saw the Executive Council display their leadership the most at the Pro-life event and was very impressed.

**Preston Crow Chief**  
FNMI Representative

My experiences that came from organizing the Round Dance were great. I have never interacted with Cree elders before as I am Blackfoot. As I listened to the Cree elder explain their interpretation of the round dance, I became aware that I had some misconceptions. He came from Saskatchewan and had different beliefs. He talked about the Round Dance as something very spiritual, and so in planning this event, I didn't want to violate any of his protocols. Mediating the event was a great experience for me especially because it provided the opportunity for me to understand the significance of the two cultures.

**Tye Cusack**  
Management Representative

I learned how important time management is. As well, I learned about how much I could take on and to not overcommit myself to projects.

**Adam Long**  
VP Student Affairs

I was able to make a dream of mine come true. A few years ago we talked with friends about how cool it would be to have a rail jam and this year we made it happen. It was great to create an event like that from scratch and see it grow into the event that it was. Working with the ULSU, we have the opportunity to make dreams come true.

**Charlie Helmer-Smith**  
Arts & Science Representative

During my time on council, I have learned a different type of maturity. Even though we are only student representatives on committees, it is still very important to be vocal. The student voice is an important one that needs to be heard. I also learned that professors are people too.

**Chris Hollingsworth**  
Board of Governors Representative

I was proud of how everyone served on the committees. It was great working with Shuna on the Board this year and I am proud of all of the accomplishments that we made.

**Dee Goyal**  
Arts & Science Representative

Leadership means to do justice to the trust and faith that was put in me when I was elected by the student body. One initiative of mine was the mid-term evaluation. I knew that at the end of the day, the students wanted to see results. It was a constant reminder that we are not here to reap the benefits of our positions, but to serve the students. They are the reason why we exist.

**Victoria Wells**  
Arts & Science Representative

During this past term, I learned the importance of the small details. I had the realization that something as small as sitting at a table to promote an event has a major impact on the bigger picture of the event. Too often people get caught up in the big picture that they miss small, key details. By managing these little details effectively, you will see an even greater end result.

# Students' Union AWARDS



## Award Winners

### John Brocklesby Students' Union Award of Excellence

2013-2014 Award Winner: Brenna Scott - Arts & Science Representative

This award was presented to the General Assembly member who has made the most significant contribution to the Students' Union, students, and the university community.

So who should this award go to? Which of our GA appeared to have the powers of omnipresence? Who could you always convince, cajole or ask to help you out with things? If you don't have a good idea yet, you should probably wake up and smell the coffee, because we are talking about Brenna Scott. She could always be counted on to put in a ton of hours for any Students' Union initiative, and to do so with a smile on her face and a skip in her step. She was, without a doubt the undisputed champion of tabling, and the most deserving individual for this award.

### Bill Chapman Students' Union Certificate of Distinction

2013-2014 Award Winner: Preston Crow Chief - FNMI Representative

This award was presented to the University of Lethbridge student who has shown the most innovation in the area(s) of student affairs, wellness, or another notable field over the past year.

There was no one more deserving of this award, and there are few kinder and more genuine people in the world. Preston was chosen for the award on the basis of the Round Dance that he organized this year. It was a Round Dance that brought together multiple different First Nations, and in fact, it should be noted that Round Dances are a Cree tradition, as opposed to Blackfoot, which made things more challenging for Preston to organize, but he



#### Recognition Dinner Emcee's

Lukas Neamtu: Recruitment - Coordinator Student Life Program  
Armin Escher: Recruitment - Convocation & Student Programs

was able to juggle all of this and throw an extremely successful event. On top of that, he has a young family at home with a son who recently just turned one year old.

### Employee of the Year

2013-2014 Award Winner: Cheri Pokarney - General Manager

This annual award was presented to the Students' Union employee who had made the most outstanding contributions to our organization over the past year, and best displayed the values of the Students' Union.

For this award we had a tough time selecting a winner and nearly every member of our staff was nominated showing the overall dedication that our employees are giving to this organization. Cheri had remained calm and collected in handling many difficult situations that arose throughout the year. She took on additional duties when called upon due to changes in staff and always had a smile on her face.

### Student Employee of the Year

2013-2014 Award Winner: Jesse Gamble - Zoo Staff

This award was presented to the Students' Union student

employee who demonstrated the most exceptional contribution to our organization over the past year.

Jesse Gamble is known for his love of customer service, friendliness and fun loving personality. The Students' Union has relied on this person for Fresh Fest and Dirty Bingo providing laughs and memorable times to students. He has a long history of working for the Students' Union and we are honored to have this person continue to work for us.

### Helping Hand Award

2013-2014 Award Winner: *Phil Dyck - Manager, Facilities - Grounds & Motor Vehicle Pool*

This is an annual award presented to a University of Lethbridge faculty or staff employee that has made the most significant and lasting contribution to the University of Lethbridge Students' Union over the past academic year.

Phil goes above and beyond the requirements of his own job to ensure that we had successful events and initiatives. Phil did a lot of the preparation work surrounding different events we hosted and without him we would have been lost. A lot of the help he provided was behind the scenes and went unrecognized. I guess you could say he did a lot of our dirty work that we as a council and our volunteers couldn't accomplish without his expertise in the area.

### Outstanding Dedication Award

2013-2014 Award Winner: *Toby Clark - Risk Analyst, Risk and Safety Services*

This award was presented to the University of Lethbridge employee in special recognition for outstanding dedication and support to the students of the University of Lethbridge.

This award recognizes Toby as an individual who went above and beyond for our students and really embodied the student focus atmosphere we have on our campus. She was a vital component for us at the Students' Union, for our clubs, and for individual students to ensure that they accomplished goals outside of their academics. Toby made herself available for students outside of office hours and was willing to expedite processes to ensure that a group or individual could achieve their initiative even if she was given short notice. On top of that she coordinated with



**Recognition Dinner Award Announcers**  
*Adam Long, Mike Kawchuk, Sean Glydon*



**Recognition Dinner Award Announcers**  
*Katie Kalmar, Shuna Talbot*

the Students' Union to ensure that we are in the loop, and understand our responsibilities. They say you don't appreciate somebody's effort until they are gone and Toby has made that very apparent to us.

### Continued Support Award

2013-2014 Award Winner: *Dory Rossiter - Skywatch Weather Specialist, In Touch Producer/Host, and Features Reporter*

This award was presented to the community member for continued support of the University of Lethbridge Students' Union.

This award recognizes those community members who go above and beyond for the students at the University of

Lethbridge. Dory has continuously promoted the University to the Lethbridge community and beyond by coordinating and helping with various outreach events throughout the year. She has also sat on the senate and is one of the University's most dedicated senate members, even with her busy work schedule. On top of all these great contributions she recognized the great challenge our students and our campus food bank were having. She took it upon herself to organize and perform at a concert with a live and silent auction, with all proceeds going to the ULSU Food Bank. This event raised over \$6000 dollars and she has committed to organizing this event again in the future.

### **Student of the Year Award**

*2013-2014 Award Winner: Jerry Firth - President of the Social Work Student Association & Dee Goyal - ULSU Arts & Science Representative*

This award was presented to the student(s) who embodied leadership, commitment, and contributed to the betterment of U of L students; this may have been exemplified by involvement in clubs, non-profit and/or student organizations, community, and volunteerism.

#### Jerry Firth

Jerry is someone who is described as being extremely dedicated to his community, both the city of Lethbridge, and our campus community. He has been an active member of LPIRG for the last two years and has been involved with a number of community and on-campus activities with that group. Jerry was heavily involved with taking the Social Work Students Association, a club on campus, to the next level. In his executive role this year he brought the SWSA to the forefront. Jerry was instrumental in making sure the group had the funding necessary to support their initiatives and events. In his role with the club he was the primary liaison and the connection to the greater student body of the University.

#### Dee Goyal

Dee has played a huge role with the Students' Union, the university community and the Lethbridge community as a whole. Dee is incredibly selfless in all his endeavors, striving to better the lives of those around him. He volunteers with Canadian Blood Services, the Lethbridge hospital, as a calculus tutor, as well as for events and fundraisers with various clubs on campus. He has been heavily involved

with the Canadian Cancer Society club on campus and with that he had a significant role in helping to organize the annual Relay for Life fundraiser. It is a great pleasure to know Dee.

A paragraph on each of these individuals in no way does justice to their leadership abilities and commitment to their community, while balancing the hectic student life.

### **Club of the Year Award**

*2013-2014 Award Winner: The Geek Club*

This award was presented to the Students' Union ratified club that demonstrated the most outstanding effort and dedication in its endeavors over the past year.

After a successful inaugural year, the Geek Club has continued to expand its membership, as well as connections with a variety of students across campus. In addition to weekly events they have also instituted a variety of tournaments and other engaging activities for both members and non-members to participate in. Adding to this, they raised \$1925 for the "Extra Life Charity" that goes to the Children's Hospital during a 24 hour gaming marathon.

### **Outstanding New Club**

*2013-2014 Award Winner: The Photography Club*

The Students' Union Outstanding New Club Award was presented to the Students' Union ratified club that has demonstrated the most outstanding, creative and new endeavours over the past year.

This club was a newly ratified club for the 2013-2014 academic year, they have held numerous successful events/activities and were in excellent standing with Clubs Council.

The Photography Club has been one of the most helpful and present clubs on campus this year. Every time the ULSU held an event, a member of this club was nearby to assist with their photography. In addition, they also helped out other groups on campus with their memorable experiences. This club acts as glue between a variety of organizations on campus and continues to build bridges between the different student groups.



## Volunteer Award

*2013-2014 Award Winner: Shelby Flath*

The Volunteer of the Year award is an annual award presented to the most dedicated and enthusiastic student volunteer, specifically for Students' Union events and initiatives.

This award goes to a person who has gone above and beyond with the ULSU this year, not only helping the day of an event, but throughout the entire event process. It should come as no shock that Shelby was previously recognized for her hard work and enthusiasm as a Fresh Fest volunteer, but the fact that she maintained that commitment and enthusiasm for all the ULSU events throughout the year is phenomenal.

## Legacy Award

*2013-2014 Award Winner: Shuna Talbot - ULSU President*

The Legacy Award was presented to the president of the University of Lethbridge Students' Union. It symbolizes the hard work and dedication by the outgoing council, under the guidance of the president.

We just want to start off by saying that Shuna didn't stop talking all year about how badly she wanted this award. Just kidding. She actually wanted to change the award criteria, because right now this award automatically goes to the President. She wanted to change that so that any Executive Council member who made the greatest contribution to the ULSU over their year would win. Unfortunately we didn't have time to do that this year, but it will probably be changed for next year's awards. Even if the new criteria had been put in place for this year, the winner would not have changed. Shuna has done an incredible job of being President, and has implemented quite a number of things that will benefit not only the ULSU but the students as well.

## Teaching Excellence Award

*2013-2014 Award Winner: Dan Johnson - Geography Department, Sheila McManus - History Department, and Leanne Elias - New Media Department.*



This year the ULSU Teaching Excellence Award went to three incredible deserving professors all stemming from different areas within the university. They were all nominated by their students for going above and beyond inside and outside the classroom. These professors provided their students with interesting and engaging classroom experiences, as well as an exceptional amount of support outside of the classroom. The awards were announced during the annual Last Lecture event and the students who nominated the professors were invited to the stage to present the awards.

## Laurence Decore Awards

*2013-2014 Award Winners: Quinn Storozynsky, Sarah Roston, Logan Woo, Jesse Zimmer, Brenna Scott and Kelly Stevens.*

The Laurence Decore Award for Student Leadership is to recognize post-secondary students demonstrating outstanding dedication. Recipients are selected on the basis of involvement in either student government, student societies, clubs, or organizations. In addition, candidates may be involved in student organizations at the provincial or national level or in non-profit community organizations.

This award recognizes that being a student is being part of a larger learning community. Student leaders are giving something of themselves to the community and the government of Alberta recognizes that these accomplishments are important just like academic, athletic or creative excellence.

# FINANCIAL MATTERS



## Sponsorship & Funding

### External Sponsorship to the ULSU

#### Bursaries/Scholarships/Awards

- University of Lethbridge - QIP
- Coca-Cola Bottling Company
- C & C Insurance Consultants
- Bill Chapman
- Cardtronics
- U of L Security (lost & found sale)

#### General Sponsorship

- Coca-Cola Bottling Company
- Zoom Media
- Labatt
- Imaginus
- University of Lethbridge

#### Food Bank Donations

- Security Found Property
- U of L Chancellor's Dinner
- Art Society
- Geography Club
- GVR Horse
- Galt Nursing
- Environmental Science
- U of L Art Gallery
- The Senate
- Aramark
- Facilities
- I.T. Christmas Party
- Board of Governors
- H.H. Smith
- Financial Services
- Alberta Health Services - Train Station Staff
- The Keg
- BMO
- Rotaract
- Dory Rossiter
- Jim Gunter
- P&H Milling
- Trevor Potter
- Art Gallery

- Boudreau book signing
- Piggy bank fundraiser
- Pre-Med club - Hoofit Run
- Club Feed or Famine food drive
- Anonymous
- Individuals - students, faculty, staff, & community
- University of Lethbridge - QIP

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### Sponsorship from the ULSU

- U of L Library Stress Free Zone
- Student Art Award
- Ignite Conference
- Recruitment & Student Life
- CKXU Anniversary Concert
- Ikakylimaat Round Dance
- Clothing Drive
- Lethbridge Emergency Services (Call Centre)
- Edmonton Campus Graduation
- Relay for Life
- John Gill Memorial Golf Tournament
- Chancellor's Dinner
- Rotaract Dinner & Silent Auction
- NASA Food Cupboard
- Rez Wall
- Club and Student QIP Applications

## Quality Initiatives Program (QIP)

The Quality Initiatives Program (QIP) is used to benefit and enhance the students' overall experience at the University of Lethbridge. The funds are provided on a continuing basis, with a three year term of notice should the allocation be discontinued. The majority of the funds are allocated to student scholarships and bursaries, undergraduate research, and academic enhancement projects.

QIP started in 2005 when tuition was approved by the Board of Governors at the University of Lethbridge to increase by an estimated 15%. QIP was developed as a result of the negotiation between the Students' Union Executive Council and University Administration to provide a portion of that tuition increase in a funding stream that went strictly back to students. While the Alberta government approved a new tuition policy in June 2006 to cap the increase in tuition to be passed on to students at CPI each year, the QIP program was kept and funding was set at \$300,000. In the 2006-2007 year, due to the incredible effectiveness of QIP, funding was doubled to \$600,000.

A variety of initiatives are currently funded through this allocation, and they create a vibrant campus culture. The Quality Initiatives Program is doing much to not only make the University of Lethbridge a vibrant and dynamic campus, but great place to get an education.  
*Michael Kawchuk - 4th year B. Mgmt, Finance major*



### QIP Expenditure List for 2013-2014

QIP EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
Research Grants	\$75,000
Scholarships	\$210,000
Flying Doctors of Canada	\$3,000.00
Fresh Fest	\$44,325.88
Buried Life	\$16,910.00
NASA Food Cupboard	\$2,745.00
Workshop Production	\$3,600.00
Frostbite 2.snOw	\$21,031.83
Nursing Students	\$4,000.00
Model UN	\$3,000.00
Student Life	\$1,000.00
CKXU	\$10,345.00
Chinese Culture Club	\$3,385.00
Social Work Student Association	\$2,000.00
Rez Wall	\$3,000.00
Kin Games	\$4,000.00
Jazz Ensemble	\$4,000.00
Last Clash Bash	\$16,205.20
Campus Roots	\$1,213.00
Agriculture Business Case	\$800.00
Student Funding	\$7,753.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$437,313.91</b>

## Scholarships, Bursaries, Awards & Grants

### Summary for May 1, 2013 - April 30, 2014

NAME	NUMBER AWARDED	SINGLE AWARD VALUE	TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS</b>			
Community Service Award Scholarship	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU Part-time Scholarship	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU International Travel Scholarship	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU Scholarship	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU Coca-Cola Scholarships	2	\$500	\$1,000
ULSU Coca-Cola North Scholarships	2	\$500	\$1,000
QIP Scholarships	106	\$1,000	\$106,000
<b>BURSARIES</b>			
ULSU Bursary	3	\$500	\$1,500
ULSU Emergency Bursary	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU Placement Bursary	2	\$500	\$1,000
ULSU Coca-Cola Bursary	2	\$500	\$1,000
Student Wise Bursary	2	\$500	\$1,000
Cardtronics Bursary	3	\$500	\$1,500
QIP Bursaries	104	\$1,000	\$104,000
<b>AWARDS</b>			
Campus Sustainability Recycling Award	8	\$1,000	\$ 8,000
Emerging Teacher's Award	4	\$500	\$2,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$230,500</b>



### Grants for May 1, 2013 - April 30, 2014

NAME	NUMBER OF APPROVED APPLICATIONS	AMOUNT GRANTED
Travel & Conference Grants	42	\$17,618
Club & Start-up Grants	51	\$12,134
Emergency Grants	6	\$3,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>\$32,752</b>

### Previous Year's Funding Comparison

TOTAL APPROVED GRANT APPLICATIONS T & C, Matching, Start-up, & Emergency	NUMBER OF APPROVED APPLICATIONS	AMOUNT GRANTED
2007-2008	70	\$15,520
2008-2009	96	\$21,518
2009-2010	48	\$16,583
2010-2011	62	\$23,071
2011-2012	92	\$24,561
2012-2013	104	\$32,860
2013-2014	99	\$32,752

## General Operations



### Health & Dental Plan

September 1, 2013 - August 31, 2014

**Fall enrollment:** Health 3622, Dental 3653  
**Family Fall add on:** Health 46, Dental 42  
**Part-time Fall add on:** Health 39, Dental 37

**Spring enrollment:** Health 281, Dental 283  
**Family Spring add on:** Health 6, Dental 8  
**Part-time Spring add on:** Health 18, Dental 12

Health & Dental Plan underwritten by RWAM  
 Prescription plan underwritten by Greenshields  
 Accident Coverage underwritten by Chartis  
 Travel Assist serviced & administered by  
 Alliance Global Assist  
 Plan arranged by C & C Insurance



RWAM Insurance  
 Administrators INC.

### Direct2U

This year we held a draw each semester to try to promote using Direct2U Prescriptions. Each time students used Direct2U Prescriptions their name was entered into a draw box. We drew for an iPad in December and in April, the winners were Nathaniel Davidson and Melisa Giberson. *Shelley Tuff - ULSU Health and Dental Plan Administrator*

### Room Booking Summary

ROOM	ULSU & U of L BOOKINGS	CLUB BOOKINGS	EXTERNAL BOOKINGS	TOTAL BOOKINGS
Galileo's	77	54	1	132
Ballrooms	184	179	106	469
Council Chambers	115	4	15	134
Table Space	140	178	34	352

### ULSU Food Court Tenants

- The Coffee Company
- Smoothie Hut
- Tivoli
- Hiroba
- Subway
- Icy's
- Red Fort Café
- U of L Bookstore
- Rockerman's Service Centre

### ULSU Office & Chairs

In the summer of 2012 the ULSU completed renovations to the office space. One piece of the renovation that was missing was replacing the office chairs and the tables in the Council Chambers. At the beginning of the summer the Executive Council encouraged Cheri to start investigating options for replacing these outdated broken chairs for something more professional. We moved away from the ULSU blue and opted for beautiful black chairs. We also replaced the mismatched grey tables in our council chambers and shifted to more professional wood tables that will stand the test of time. This has created a more professional atmosphere and will hopefully lead to more external bookings for our Council Chambers, which will reflect the professionalism that our staff and executives are already displaying. *Shuna Talbot - 5th year of B. F. A in Theatre Studies, Dramatic Arts major*

## ULSU Food Bank



### ULSU Food Bank

Once again, the University and the Lethbridge community have been very generous when it comes to the ULSU Food Bank. There

were so many donors who we would like to express our thanks to. We at the Students' Union really appreciate all donations and the generosity of all donors.

This year Dory Rossiter and the U of L Senate generously organized and hosted a fundraising event with live music and a silent auction. The event was held March 15, 2014 and raised over \$6000 for the food bank.

The Bank of Montreal West Highlands branch held a food bank drive and donated \$400 along with food items.

Resident students donated their unopened, unused food at the end of the year and it helped restock the food bank shelves.

Clubs once again participated in the Feed or Famine food drive at Halloween and hit the community for food donations.

The University community was very generous, we had donations from all departments with the piggy banks but on top of that many departments made additional donations. I.T. and Financial Services held a friendly competition to see who could raise the most food donations.

Thanks again to everyone who donated, whether big or small, we appreciate you thinking of the ULSU Food Bank. *Shelley Tuff - Health & Dental Plan Administrator*

## FOOD BANK USAGE

Single student hampers: 147

Family hampers: 81

Total: 228



### BMO

*Sue Richards, Michael Kawchuk, Jen Lee*



### Car Wash

*Michael Kawchuk, Sean Glydon*



## Piggy Bank Fundraiser

This year's food bank fundraiser was a lot of fun. We had a piggy bank Decorate 2 Donate contest to see which University department could donate the most money, then had students vote on which department had decorated their piggy bank the best. All the departments that got involved contributed to the fund and there was some fantastic decorated pigs. The event ran for the month of February and involved 25 departments on campus. The fundraiser was a great success raising \$1273 for our food bank which will go directly to helping students in need. *Michael Kawchuk - 4th year B. Mgmt, Finance major*

## ULSU FOOD BANK FUND-RAISERS

Murray's Car Wash  
 Spy vs Spy  
 The Buried Life  
 Date Auction  
 Piggy Banks  
 Smith vs Mason Debate

A poster for the 'SPY VS SPY' event. It features two cartoon spies, one in a white suit and one in a black suit, holding a red bomb. The text reads: 'SPY VS SPY Nov. 18 - 22 TAG OR BE TAGGED SIGN UP NOV. 12 - 15 FROM 10 A.M. - 3 P.M. AT TABLES IN THE SU AND UHALL ATRIUMS \$2 (SPY KIT INCLUDED) PRIZES TO BE WON!'

A poster for the 'Decorate 2 Donate!' piggy bank fundraiser. It features a white piggy bank with a speech bubble that says 'FEED ME!'. The text reads: 'Decorate 2 Donate! For all of February the ULSU is hosting their ANNUAL PIGGY BANK FUNDRAISER! PRIZES for BEST DECORATED &amp; MOST DONATIONS! ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE ULSU FOODBANK! Inquiries: Michael Kawchuk su.finance@ulstn.ca or 4-08-920-2282'

# ELECTIONS & REFERENDUMS



## Election & Referendums

### ULSU General Election

The ULSU General Election process began February 4, 2014 and ended on March 8, 2014. There was a lot of candidacy interest, leaving all but two positions filled, which was the Board of Governors rep, and the Edmonton Campus rep positions. There will be a Fall By-election to fill the vacant positions.

Overall, we had a 19.04% voter turnout, which was a slight increase from last year's voter turnout.

### CKXU Levy Referendum

The CKXU Radio Society is Southern Alberta's only campus-community radio station broadcasting 24 hours a day, seven days a week via 88.3FM on the radio in Lethbridge or around the world at [www.CKXU.com](http://www.CKXU.com).

The CKXU Radio Society is a volunteer-driven campus community organization committed to providing open access to the airwaves for alternative and diverse programming that reflects and represents the local communities we serve.

Since 1972 CKXU has provided numerous applied-studies and cooperative learning opportunities and positions available to all undergraduate students of the U of L in the fields of arts and culture, audio engineering, board governance, event planning, fundraising, journalism, live broadcasting, music history, and original programming; as well as numerous student and community employment opportunities.

The CKXU Radio Society relies on the continued support of the University of Lethbridge in the form of a \$5.00 (five dollars) levy applied per student per semester (which does not currently account for annual increases in inflation) in order to cover regular capital expenditures and operational costs.



### CKXU Levy Referendum Questions

#### QUESTION 1

In order to better provide for the CKXU Radio Society, of which all students of the University of Lethbridge are the primary stakeholders, do you agree to increase the CKXU Levy by \$3.00 (three dollars) per student per semester?

#### RESULTS:

**YES votes: 615 votes**

NO votes: 614 votes

#### QUESTION 2

For continued sustainability of the CKXU Radio Society, do you authorize the University of Lethbridge Students' Union to tie the CKXU levy it collects to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as determined by Statistics Canada, using 2014 as the base year, in order to account for annual inflation/deflation?

#### RESULTS:

**YES votes: 669 votes**

NO votes: 539 votes





# INCOMING AND PREVIOUS COUNCIL

## Incoming Council for 2014-2015



### **Incoming General Assembly**

*Megan Sutherland, Michael Gale, Brenna Scott, Cameron Howey, Alyssa Andreachuk, Kimberley Bose, Lisa Giovanetto, Brody Gordon, Lauren De Klerk*



**Election Winning Announcement**  
*Michael Kawchuk*

### **Executive Council**

President	Sean Glydon
VP Operations & Finance	Michael Kawchuk
VP Student Affairs	Riley Miller
VP Academic	Lisa Hildebrand
VP External	Chris Hollingsworth

### **General Assembly**

Arts & Science Reps	Brody Gordon Cameron Howey Megan Sutherland Brenna Scott Danielle Adams Michael Gale
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**Incoming Council Members**  
*CJ White Quills, Chris Hollingsworth, Michael Gale*

Residence Rep	Jan Tuescher
International Rep	Jiaqi Guo (Max)
Board of Governors Rep	Vacant (Fall By-election)
Calgary Campus Rep	Hannah Benner
Management Rep	Lisa Giovanetto
First Nations, Métis, & Inuit Rep	CJ White Quills
Edmonton Campus Rep	Vacant (Fall By-election)
Fine Arts Rep	Lauren De Klerk
Education Rep	Alyssa Andreachuk
Health Science Rep	Kimberley Bose

## Past Presidents

We have just completed the 2013-2014 year of student representation at the University of Lethbridge. As each Council begins their term, it's evident that they are filled with enthusiasm and vigor as they plan and execute their year long goals. This year has been a term of unwavering dedication to the students by offering quality programs, events and services to the University of Lethbridge student body.

The following is a list of past ULSU presidents since the beginning of the Students' Union at the University of Lethbridge. *Susan Curtis - Executive Assistant*



**Past, Outgoing & Incoming Presidents**  
Armin Escher, Shuna Talbot, Sean Glydon, (Zack Moline on the iPad)



Shuna Talbot



Armin Escher



Zack Moline



Taz Kazzam



Jeremy Girard



Adam Vossepoel

2013/2014 - Shuna Talbot  
2012/2013 - Armin Escher  
2011/2012 - Zack Moline  
2010/2011 - Taz Kazzam  
2009/2010 - Jeremy Girard  
2008/2009 - Adam Vossepoel  
2007/2008 - Kelly Kennedy  
2006/2007 - Dustin Fuller  
2005/2006 - Tyler Tanner  
2004/2005 - Lorelee Edwards  
2003/2004 - Paul Daniels  
2002/2003 - Melanee Thomas  
2001/2002 - Matthew McHugh  
2000/2001 - Desmond Belzeck  
1999/2000 - Bonnie Androkovich  
1998/1999 - Ryan Dunford

1997/1998 - Jon Wescott  
1996/1997 - Jason Shriner  
1995/1996 - Arthur Wong  
1994/1995 - Humberto Aspillaga  
1993/1994 - Poul Mark  
1992/1993 - Justin Penny  
1991/1992 - David Legg  
1990/1991 - Terry Whitehead  
1989/1990 - Jon Oxley  
1988/1989 - Jon Oxley  
1987/1988 - Jason Slemko  
1986/1987 - Dan Laplante  
1985/1986 - Aaron Engen  
1984/1985 - Tracy Hembroff  
1983/1984 - Mike McPhail  
1984 ----- - Larry Glazer

1982/1983 - Chuck Cosgrove  
1981/1982 - Barry Weintraub  
1980/1981 - Rudy Peters  
1979/1980 - Alan Murray  
1978/1979 - Pat Dortch  
1977/1978 - Howard Reid  
1976/1977 - Wayne MacKay  
1975/1976 - Lee Ens  
1974/1975 - Darryl Ross  
1973/1974 - Khym Goslin  
1972/1973 - Jesse Snow  
1971/1972 - Ken Runge  
1970/1971 - Robin Dann  
1969/1970 - Lamont Nielson  
1968/1969 - Richard Wutzke  
1967/1968 - John Brocklesby



Kelly Kennedy



Dustin Fuller



Tyler Tanner



Lorelee Edwards



Paul Daniels



Melanee Thomas

## MISSION

The mission of the University of Lethbridge Students' Union is to provide our students, as well as faculty, staff, and alumni a portal to the unique University of Lethbridge experience. The Students' Union complements the academic programs and enhances the overall educational experience and quality of campus life for students and other members of the U of L family.

As the heart of the student community, we are committed to student success by delivering a diverse program of cultural, educational, social and recreational services. We strive to surpass the needs of our multi-cultural student community, create a positive learning experience, and maintain a healthy balance between academic and leisure activities.



Zack Moline, Armin Escher, Shuna Talbot



Armin Escher, Zack Moline



Taz Kazaam, Jeremy Girard, Adam Vossepoel, Kelly Kennedy, Dustin Fuller

## VISION

The ULSU and the University of Lethbridge will deliver extraordinary service, facilities, programs and opportunities that exceed the expectations of our students. The Students' Union will be recognized locally, provincially and nationally as a dynamic and innovative leader in the Canadian university community.



Matthew McHugh



Dezmond Belzeck



Bonnie Androkovich



Ryan Dunford



Jon Wescott



Jason Shriner

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