

# Thank you

... to the generous individuals, organizations and businesses who established new student awards with the University of Victoria this year. The following awards were ratified by the UVic Senate and Board of Governors during the 2016/17 academic year.

Ainsworth-Carter Scholarship

Allison Osler Entrance Scholarship

Andrew Rippin Award

Anne and Ivor Williams Spain and Latin America Scholarship

Barbara J. Shenton Scholarship

Barry Gough Scholarship in History

BC Provincial Court Judges Association Bursary

Canadian History Scholarship

Chair in Transgender Studies Doctoral Research Scholarship

Chair in Transgender Studies Doctoral Research Scholarship for Trans and Non-binary Students

Chair in Transgender Studies Master's Degree Research Scholarship

Chair in Transgender Studies Master's Degree Research Scholarship for Trans and Non-binary Students

Chair in Transgender Studies Undergraduate Research Scholarship

Christine Welsh Scholarship for Indigenous Students in Gender Studies

Coast Capital Savings Entrepreneurship Scholarship

Dairyland Vikes Athletic Award

Dars Albertini Rugby Award

Davison Graduate Award in Russian and Slavic Studies

E and S Theatre Scholarship

E. Crouteau and N.L. St. Clair Bursary

Edna Mary Wootten Scholarship

Elaine Gallagher Award

Eli Pasquale Basketball Award

Faculty of Education Emergency Bursary

Faculty of Science Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship

Fix Rugby Award

Frances Oldham Kelsey Scholarship

Frank Hobbs Educational Fund Bursary

Freedom 55 Financial Fitness and Community Wellness Award

Greig Cosier Memorial Scholarship

Gwyn Morgan "Be An Engineer" Bursary

Helen Pitt Fine Arts Scholarship

Helen Pitt Fund for Fine Arts Bursary

Innis Christie Entrance Scholarship

James A. Mossey Memorial Award

Jeffrey Rubinoff Scholar in Art as a Source of Knowledge Bursary

Jeffrey Rubinoff Scholar in Art as a Source of Knowledge Fellowship

Jeffrey Rubinoff Scholar in Art as a Source of Knowledge Travel Award

Jesse Short Gershman Memorial Scholarship

Joan Watson Memorial Scholarship

Joginder and Amrik Gill Bursary

Leeder Family Memorial Bursary in Economics

Leeder Family Memorial Bursary in Education, Elementary

Leeder Family Memorial Bursary in Education, Secondary

Leeder Family Memorial Bursary in Mathematics

Lisa Fedrigo Bursary

Mischa Weisz Foundation Youth in Care Cost of Living Award

Riley Jane Elholm Memorial Scholarship

Robert J. Murphy Travel Award in Greek and Roman Studies

Roger Odium Scholarship in Law

Sellemah Scholarship

Sherry Lovine Sagris Memorial Bursary

Skeena Scholarship in Creative Writing

Tevlin Gleadle Curtis Scholarship in Employment Law

The Joyce Family Foundation Bursary for Indigenous Students

The Stephens Family Graduate Research Awards in Organic and Sustainable Food Systems

The Stephens Family Undergraduate Research Awards in Organic and Sustainable Food Systems

Union Club Scholarship

W.E. Cowie Innovation Award

Wendy M. Gedney Bursary in Elementary Education

William and Amelia Kushniryk Memorial Award



## Building Bridges of Understanding

**O**N WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2017, a diverse cast of students performed Taiwo Afolabi's play *Journeys of Arriving, Belonging and Becoming* to a packed audience at Victoria's City Hall. The powerful 50-minute show featured a mix of drama, dance, music and spoken word, exploring immigrant experiences.

After the performance, Taiwo connected with the audience, challenging their past assumptions and new insights. It's typical of work Taiwo does to not only entertain, but also to educate audiences.

*"I'm interested in using theatre as a way to hear people's voices, understand diverse perspectives, build empathy and connect people,"* says Taiwo.

The **Anne McLaughlin Graduate Scholarship in Applied Theatre** has been a vital source of funding for Taiwo, who lives as simply as possible in order to afford his international student fees. Taiwo ran a theatre company in Nigeria and worked in other parts

of the world before moving to Victoria to develop his passion for arts for social transformation through a graduate degree at UVic. It was a difficult and expensive choice, but he was excited to study in the unique applied theatre program under renowned professor Dr. Warwick Dobson.

Students in the program are expected to engage with the community. So far, Taiwo has worked with several community groups including refugees, new immigrants, Indigenous communities, the police department and seniors.

Field research is also a vital component of the program, but without the scholarship, Taiwo's trips to Uganda, Kenya and Nigeria to explore the narrative of internally displaced people would be unfeasible.

"My responsibility is to use theatre to make conversation happen, to provide a platform for voices to be heard. When we are distanced from a complex issue, theatre can bring us close to it," he says. "It can give you something you won't forget."

top left: The truly global cast of Taiwo's play share their experiences as international students, new immigrants or second generation Canadians from Syria, Israel, Russia, Hong Kong, China, Thailand, Nigeria and Canada.

top right: Taiwo Afolabi on campus.



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## Investing in Achievement

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## Reflecting on a Revolution

**I**N 2007, KATHERINE ZUBOVICH spent her final semester studying in St. Petersburg, Russia. Her language skills improved, she absorbed Russian culture and she visited architectural sights she'd learned about in Dr. Megan Swift's class at the University of Victoria. It was a formative experience.

Now an assistant professor of history at Ryerson University, Katherine is returning to UVic this fall to present at a conference entitled *1917 and Today – Putin, Russia and the Legacy of the Revolution*. She will focus on Russian architecture and the distinct role that Stalinist aesthetics have played in

the creation of a new elite culture in Putin's Russia. Fittingly, the conference is organized by Dr. Swift, and the costs of accommodating presenters like Katherine are covered by the **Vladimir and Lidia Galichenko Memorial Fund**, established by another of Katherine's former professors, Dr. Nicholas Galichenko.

Dr. Galichenko's parents, Vladimir and Lidia, ensured that Russian language and culture were respected and loved in the family. He was committed to passing on that love for Russian language, literature and film throughout his 37-year career. So when Dr. Galichenko retired from

UVic, he created a fund to support research in Slavic studies to honour his parents. The Galichenkos, friends, colleagues and former students (including Katherine) contributed to the fund over the years.

*"International conferences like 1917 and Today wouldn't take place without support from funds like this,"* says Dr. Swift. "Nicholas understood the importance of bringing in speakers and supporting publications. It's appropriate that the Galichenko endowment is helping put our department and Canadian Russian specialists on the map."

## A surprise estate gift

**IT'S NOT OFTEN** that an unexpected phone call delivers news that will change lives. That's what happened one morning for Norma Cameron, Planned Giving Officer. The call informed her of an estate gift of over \$3.5 million to support students in UVic's Faculty of Engineering. This was the largest gift UVic had ever received for student awards at the time. Stranger still, the donor had no prior relationship with the university. Norma began to research who was behind this remarkable gift and unearthed the story of a gold-mining engineer and his loyal and loving daughter.



## The Summerhayes story

**PHYLLIS** Henrietta Summerhayes was born on January 28, 1908 in San Jose, California. Her father, Maurice, immigrated to California from England and became a fruit grower. He met and married his wife, Hilda, and they had their first child, Dot. Maurice took his family back to England to retrain as a mining engineer, a career that eventually took him to Timmins, Ontario. Hilda decided to return to California with Dot. Soon after, Phyllis was born.

Phyllis grew up thinking she had no father. But when Phyllis was in her late teens, her father appeared in California. He took them on many adventures and tried to make up for the missing years. Phyllis and her father became so close that she moved to Vancouver Island to live with him until his death in 1953.

Phyllis spent the rest of her life in Victoria. Aside from playing Bridge, reading and travelling, she was a meticulous bookkeeper and a very successful investor and financial planner. When she passed away at the age of 96, she had amassed a fortune, which she wanted distributed between thirteen family beneficiaries and the university.

Phyllis' gift created renewable scholarships and bursaries for engineering students. The awards are named after Phyllis' father, Maurice, showing just how much he meant to her.

The story of Phyllis Summerhayes is an integral part of the history and future of the University of Victoria, and the hundreds of past, present and future students who have been touched by her generosity.

**2005** Over \$3.6 million from the Summerhayes estate established the Maurice William Summerhayes Memorial Fund at the university.

**2006** The first four recipients were awarded a total of \$10,000 in scholarships and \$34,865 in bursaries.

**2015** The market value of the fund had increased to more than \$5 million. That year, \$150,000 was awarded in scholarships and \$100,000 in bursaries.

**2017** The market value of the fund as of March 31, 2017 is \$5.63 million.

**2017** The total amount awarded to students in scholarships and bursaries to date is \$1.3 million: \$436,000 in 84 scholarships and \$909,000 in 400 bursaries. That's 484 lives touched by one gift!

**"UPON RECEIVING THIS INCREDIBLE GIFT,** a colossal weight lifted from my chest and I was overwhelmed with joy. This outstanding donation *made my university career in engineering possible.*"

— Andrew Bornstein, 2007 scholarship recipient; Pipeline Construction Engineer, Fort St. John, BC.

**"THE COSTS AT THE BEGINNING** of each semester, tuition and textbooks in particular, was always a heavy financial burden, so this bursary really helped. It was great knowing *there was community support for students.*"

— Lisanne Naeth, 2007 bursary recipient; Principal of Evolve Engineering, Victoria, BC.

**IN 2008,** Jason Jubinville started his engineering undergraduate degree at UVic with financial support from the Summerhayes scholarship. The renewable scholarship motivated him to study hard and allowed him to spend time outside of class boosting his resumé and making professional connections. During his degree Jason was president of the Engineering Students Society and an instructor with Science Venture. These experiences gave him a head start in applying for subsequent co-op positions, and later, co-founding a successful business.

Between scholarships and co-ops, Jason was able to graduate with no student debt, which made a significant impact on his decision to launch a software startup along with three other UVic engineering grads. Echosec—a geographical social media search and discovery platform—has offices in Victoria and Cardiff, UK. Over half of the Victoria-based team are UVic grads or co-op students. Jason maintains close connections with UVic, offering advice and mentorship to other students with entrepreneurial ambitions. He's also completing the Engineering Entrepreneurship Masters Program at UVic.

**"MY FIRST BUSINESS DECISION** was to go into engineering."

— Jason Jubinville, 2008–2012 scholarship recipient; Senior Executive, Echosec Systems, Victoria, BC.



**"AFTER GRADUATING,** I hope to return to Kashmir to advocate for more women to pursue secondary education. *To me, there's no greater gift than education, and I intend to pass it on.* If I can encourage just a handful of women who are thirsty with the desire to learn, it will be worth it."

— Jalila Jalila, 2014 and 2015 bursary recipient; 4th year student, computer science.

**"AS I AWAITED THE START OF MY FIRST YEAR OF UNIVERSITY,** I received an email from UVic which truly changed my life. The email stated that I had been awarded the Maurice William Summerhayes Memorial Scholarship. It was like the blurred screen between what I desperately wanted to be able to do and what I actually could do had suddenly been removed. I have no doubt that the reason I have been able to maintain my GPA and keep my scholarship thus far is because I have been able to focus entirely on my studies, allotting my time and worry to homework rather than a part-time job and finances.

*"A scholarship is an incredible thing; someone, some person who the recipient will likely never meet, decides that they want to help another. In my eyes, my scholarship does not just provide money; it provides opportunity."*

— Sophia Kirk, 2015 scholarship recipient; 3rd year student, mechanical engineering.



**"WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE** and appreciation

for being selected for this award. I am truly surprised and grateful. This award will allow me to pay for not only my student fees, but also my housing costs. Post-secondary education and housing is getting more and more expensive each year. *But with help like this, I know I will be able to overcome these hurdles and fulfil my educational endeavours.*"

— Charndee Bhangoo, 2016 bursary recipient; 4th year student, electrical engineering.

