

URAA President Report

AGM 2025

In the 2024-2025 year, the University of Regina Alumni Association (URAA) has, as always, been an integral part of alumni connection to the University, our city, province, country and beyond. The URAA is exceedingly proud to represent the 95,000-plus alumni from more than 110 countries and promote our ideology of “*Alumni first. Alumni driven. Bridging the University of Regina with our global community*”.

In the past year, the URAA has had the fortune to be involved in numerous Alumni and University-focused events and initiatives. Partnering with the U of R Alumni and Community Engagement (ACE) team, we were offered the opportunity to welcome alumni, future alumni, volunteers and community members to experience the innovation, collective synergy and stellar reputation of the University. Among these involvements include sponsorship of major events, many of which will be presented later in the meeting. These sponsorships were more diverse in scope and sector focus than ever before, allowing for an even greater representation of the University community. We were able to finalize a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the ACE team, which allowed for a collaborative budget and enhanced resource allotment, including a revamped website to launch in the coming months. We were provided with an educational event to delve into alumni association Strategic Planning, work that will continue into the 2025-2026 year. The chance to be involved in the University’s 50th anniversary celebrations, experiencing the stories and successes of those who came before us, was truly a magical experience. Ongoing enhancements to the university infrastructure, with numerous physical space renovation additions, are truly a sight to behold. This, along with meaningful advancements in the academic realm, has cemented the U of R as an elite institution on the world stage.

As I move into my second term as URAA President, I am overwhelmed by pride in representing an institution and association I greatly admire, as well as the chance to work alongside such a dedicated and impassioned team of volunteers and Engagement team members. As one who has been involved with the U of R for close to 30 years, I have had the great privilege of being a member of this board for just over six years. I will be quite sad when my tenure as President comes to an end next fall. However, I am also looking forward to the many new challenges that will be presented in the next year, as well as the storied path the URAA and U of R will forge along the way. Continued work on our brand, digital presence, unified relationship with the ACE team and service to the University community are on the horizon. My commitment to alumni and the

University has never been stronger, and I relish the occasions for learning and involvement, along with personal and professional growth.

I look forward to the next 50 years of the U of R and the URAA (who is also 50 years old!) presence in the global community and I invite you all along for the adventure!