

Realize. It starts with you.

When she's not studying or attending classes, Wanzhou (Emma) Xiao, a third-year environmental systems engineering student, likes to help out other international students by volunteering at UR International. Now, thanks to the opening of UR International's Global Learning Centre (GLC), Xiao has a place where she and other international students can go for assistance during their stay in Canada.

The Centre was created as a hub for U of R international students as well as domestic students pursuing post-secondary international studies. The support programs offered through the Centre focus on the University's commitment to the acculturation and academic success of its students.

The Centre will be the location of a new international transitioning program, which provides academic support, teaches inter-cultural skill communication and hosts socio-cultural activities for students.

"I was appreciative of how helpful UR International was to me when I came to the University of Regina from Hunan University in China," says Xiao. "I wanted to give back and help other students who are new to Canada and new to the University. The GLC is a place where students can share their experiences, problems and find solutions for their social and academic lives."

The University of Regina has approximately 1,400 international students. The GLC ensures that every international student will have access to an experiential learning opportunity. It's an inclusive environment where students can interact with peers who are facing the same challenges and have access to appropriate and customized services.

"Students will learn about the campus and community involvement, cultural awareness and internationalization at the University of Regina," said Livia Castellanos, director of UR International. "We are committed to the success of all international students."

UR International provides tailored assistance for international students, as well as helping domestic students looking for a learning adventures abroad. It also supports staff, faculty members and the greater community with internationalization initiatives.

UR International also takes the lead in implementing the University's internationalization strategy, hosting visiting scholars, international delegations and coordinating University international delegation travel.

"I feel like I am part of a family at the Global Learning Centre," said Xiao. "The support, encouragement and friends I've made have given me confidence to achieve academically and become part of Canadian culture."

To learn more about the Global Learning Centre and UR International, visit: www.uregina.ca/international



Wanzhou (Emma) Xiao

WHAT'S HAPPENING

October 21-22

UR Connected!

Realize your future at the U of R. Join us for our annual event for prospective students, families and counsellors at UR Connected! Students and families can meet their faculty advisor to learn more about programs and services, tour the campus and residences, and have fun. Take part in the special parent session on Saturday!

For further information and to register visit:
www.uregina.ca/futurestudents

October 6

7:00 p.m.

Research Matters: A University of Regina Public Engagement Series

"Water for Life: Securing our Water Future"
Speaker: Bob Sandford, EPCOR Chair of the Canadian Partnership Initiative in support of United Nations "Water for Life"

Location: MacKenzie Art Gallery

Join Bob Sandford for a thought-provoking public presentation on the political, economic and social challenges facing Canadians and our water consumption.

Mr. Sandford is a leading expert on international and Canadian water issues. He is also a member of the distinguished Forum for Leadership on Water and sits on the Advisory Board of RBC's Blue Water Project.

Reception and book signing 7:00 p.m.;
Presentation 8:00 p.m. Free admission.

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For further information, call Elsa Johnston at (306) 337-3291.

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CENTENNIAL SPOTLIGHT



University of Saskatchewan Regina Campus in 1970.
University of Regina Archives and Special Collections.

Realize. It's your university.

Congratulations to our fall 2011 graduates. Thanks to your hard work and dedication to your studies, you are now a member of one of the largest communities in Saskatchewan – the community of more than 59,000 graduates of the University of Regina.

University of Regina graduates come from every corner of the globe to earn degrees, certificates and diplomas. They become leaders in all fields and contribute in myriad ways to the well-being of our communities. For more information, visit our website.

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