

Realize. It starts with you.

Greetings,

With the holiday season and New Year around the corner, it is a fitting time to reflect on the successes of the past months.

In the fall 2014 semester, the University of Regina reached an incredible milestone – a record enrolment of more than 14,000 students. As exciting, our international student enrolment has increased by more than 96 per cent over the past five years, nearly doubling our number of students from abroad. Upwards of 1,800 international undergraduate and graduate students from over 90 countries now call the University of Regina home. We also saw an increase of nearly 50 per cent in self-declared Aboriginal students over a five-year period. This brings the total Aboriginal enrolment to more than 11 per cent of the total student body, a record high for the University.

While these numbers reflect the growth of our student population, they also speak to the increasing diversity of our campus and the welcoming environment our faculty and staff strive to provide.

As we wrap-up our strategic plan, *mâwawohkamâtowin: Our Work, Our People, Our Communities* and get set to launch our 2015-2020 strategic plan in January, I would like to highlight some of the significant events from this past year:

- The 40th anniversary of the University's status as an autonomous, degree-granting institution with its own Chancellor, Board of Governors, Senate, Convocation, and Council. Also, the 40th anniversary of the adoption of the motto "As One Who Serves."
- The expansion of the Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program, offered jointly with Saskatchewan Polytechnic, and the launching of the Collaborative Nurse Practitioner Program (CNPP) – an online master's program.
- The University of Regina achieved top ranking among comprehensive universities in international research collaboration in results released by Research InfoSource. The rankings were based on the proportion of publications co-authored with researchers outside of Canada. From 2008 to 2012, over 51 per cent of all publications by University of Regina researchers were co-authored by researchers abroad.
- Our 20th consecutive balanced budget.
- Master of Journalism program launched the first program of its kind on the Prairies.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I would like to thank our students, faculty, staff, alumni, donors, and everyone else who played a role in the past year of incredible accomplishments.

Happy holidays and best wishes for 2014.

Lee Elliott
Chair, University of Regina Board of Governors

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