2013 IN PHOTOS

From classrooms to playing fields, from long-serving legends to our freshest faces, Western News presents the best photographs of 2013.
5 // THURSDAY

MCINTOSH GALLERY

WESTERN ENGINEERING DISTINGUISHED LECTURE
Amr S. Elnashai, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Progress in Hybrid Experimental-Analytical Simulation for Earthquake Response Assessment. 12:30 p.m. SEB 3109.

PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY COLLOQUIUM
Laura Chomuk, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Michigan State University. The E-Nova Project: A Multi-Wave-length Initiative to Probe the Ejecta and Environments of Novae. 6-30 doors open; 7 p.m. lecture. Stevenson Hunt Room, Central Branch, London Public Library, 251 Dundas St. N.

6 // FRIDAY

EARTH SCIENCES COLLOQUIUM
Peter Cavood, St. Andrews University. Evolution of Continental Crust. 3:30 p.m. B&G 0153.

PSYCHOLOGY COLLOQUIUM SERIES
David Lewkowicz, Florida Atlantic University. The development of multi-sensory perception & expertise in human infants. Visit psychology.uwo.ca/speakers.htm. 5-4 p.m. 3M Centre, Room 3250.

7 // SATURDAY

MID-YEAR EXAMS BEGIN

9 // MONDAY

DENTISTRY RESEARCH SEMINAR
Hector Rios, Department of Periodontics and Oral Medicine, School of Dentistry, University of Michigan. Novel biological determinants of bone and periodontal regeneration. 12:15 p.m. HSA H101.

GERMAN CONVERSATION GROUP
12:30-1:30 p.m. UC 288.

ARABIC CONVERSATION GROUP
4:30-6:30 p.m. UC 222.

11 // WEDNESDAY

THE CHINESE PROGRAM AT HURON
Anyone wishing to speak Chinese and meet people who study Chinese is welcome. Email hwu1@huron.uwo.ca. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Huron, A18.

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THE DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES
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Academics

Krishna takes memorable Rhodes to scholarship

BY JASON WINDERS

ONE TELEPHONE CALL changed everything.
Sitting down to dinner with her mother on Saturday night, only hours after her official Rhodes Scholar candidate interview a few blocks away, Saumya Krishna’s phone rang. She knew the caller, but not the outcome.
Answering, she got word: She had been named among 11 Canadian members of the 2014 class of Rhodes Scholars.
“I was overjoyed and honoured,” Krishna said on Tuesday morning, still buzzing from the news, “and almost speechless.”

With 83 new members from around the world named this year, Rhodes is the world’s pre-eminent graduate student award, offering two years of all-expenses-paid postgraduate study at Oxford University. Its 110-year tradition includes three Nobel Prize winners, as well as former Canadian Prime Minister John Turner and former U.S. president Bill Clinton.
“I am very humbled by this. I was surrounded by exceptionally talented finalists, who were also down-to-earth and genuine people,” she said. “In the few days since the interview (last weekend), I’ve realized the Rhodes Scholarship is beyond anything that can be ‘won’ or ‘deserved’. It is a gift. I feel very fortunate to have been selected for it. I know a lot of responsibility comes with an opportunity, a privilege such as this.
“I am still thinking about how to live up to it.”
Born in India, Krishna, BHSc’13, immigrated to Canada when she was 3 – living in Vancouver and, later, Ottawa.
As time to pick a university drew near, she visited a number of institutions across the country. Only at Western, however, did she find a place that “felt at home.”
“It was the community, the warmth that was really special to me,” Krishna said. “It really felt like home. The people were open, and immensely helpful. Western felt like it was a real student-centred environment.”

She arrived on campus with her mind set on medicine and “a solid four-year plan on how to get there.”
That plan didn’t survive her first year thanks, in part, to Health Studies professor Jessica Polzer’s Social Determinations of Health course. “That class was such a revelation for me, I realized how much that type of discussion inspired me,” she said. “I wanted to branch out and explore new fields.

Since that experience, Krishna embraced the liberal-arts education ideal throughout her time at Western.
“Undergrad is such a valuable opportunity to open your mind, explore new horizons and things you have never explored before. There is always time to specialize later,” she said. “I like to look at an issue from many different perspectives – a critical perspective, a structural, a feminist, even a philosophical perspective.

“Having those lenses in your toolkit helps you understand the nuances of an issue.”

For her success, Krishna credited “an incredible support system of mentors, family and friends – I am so grateful to them – and the unyielding passion to engage in public issues and make an impact.”

Krishna credits many for this opportunity, an accomplishment she calls “truly a community effort.”

Saumya Krishna, BHSc’13, has been named among 11 Canadian members of the 2014 class of Rhodes Scholars. She is the university’s 22nd Rhodes Scholar.

Western’s Rhodes Scholars
Arguably the world’s most prestigious and best known student award, the Rhodes Scholarships were initiated after the death of Cecil Rhodes in 1902, and bring outstanding students from many countries around the world to the University of Oxford. Currently, 11 Rhodes scholarships are awarded in Canada, two of which are designated for the province of Ontario.

Western has seen 22 Rhodes Scholars in its History:
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- Saumya Krishna

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**Academics**

Researchers put on the clock

**AS PART OF** last week’s Postdoctoral Research Forum, created by the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, a communication exercise modeled after the Three Minute Thesis Competition (3MT) was held for Western’s postdoctoral scholars.

Winners at the competition were:

**Mosumi Majumder**
Erasing Breast Cancer by Early Detection
1st place

Majumder, a geneticist interested in what goes on inside a cancer cell, has discovered clones within lab-created COX-2 expressing cells (cells responsible for the growth of certain tumours). These clones prove the presence of cancer stem cells, induced by COX-2, in which Majumder found a micro-RNA. When confronting a normal tumour, treatments like radiation, chemotherapy and surgery may remove a tumour while still leaving behind these stem cells. It’s like weeding a garden, only to have the weeds grow back because the roots were not properly removed, Majumder explained. In order to target the root of the tumour, you must target the cancer stem cells. Referencing more than 5,000 publications discussing how to target cancer stem cells. Majumder found these cancer stem cell contain micro-RNA, that produces thousands of copies without detectable proteins. RNA, however, is detectable by a simple blood test. Once the test is complete, and a patient’s results come back with high levels of this micro-RNA, doctors can personalize treatment to inhibit its growth and, therefore, the growth of the cancer tumour as well. Majumder has already found this method is effective in a laboratory setting.

The next step is looking to test blood from patients at the London Regional Cancer Program and, potentially, targeting treatment for those who have detectable high levels of micro-RNA. The medication to target the RNA would work alongside other treatment methods for cancer, enhancing treatment and prognosis.

While this is being tested only for breast cancer, there is potential to use this kind of treatment for other types of cancer.

**Preetam Janakirama**
A plant-specific HUA2-LIKE (HULK) gene family in Arabidopsis thaliana is essential for development
2nd place

**Robbie Halonen**
The Dynamical Evolution of Circumstellar Disks Surrounding Classical Be Stars
3rd Place

**Photography by Adela Talbot // Western News**
Western’s Department of Physics and Astronomy celebrated the future with a look into the past on Friday as the department officially re-opened its building’s doors after a three-year make-over. The $21-million renovation features new and/or upgraded labs, classrooms, offices and meeting rooms, as well as a multi-level, interconnected courtyard and common space. Members of the Western and London communities gathered there, packing the atrium and standing in adjacent balconies and stairwells, to relive Western Science accomplishments through speeches and a video. One of two original buildings constructed on campus in the early 1920s, the Physics and Astronomy Building (then called the Natural Sciences Building) is now LEED certified as HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) and electrical systems have been retrofitted and replaced with more efficient technology.

Out of the past, into the future
Honours

City of London celebrates Western’s Indigenous Services

BY ADELA TALBOT

WITH COORDINATOR CANDACE Brunette at its helm, Western’s Indigenous Services has been the recipient of the 2013 London Diversity, Race Relations and Inclusivity Award presented by the City of London. The award recognizes its longstanding Indigenous youth outreach programming.

“We are honoured and thrilled to be selected to receive this award. It will bring some attention to important outreach efforts that have been underway in Western’s Indigenous Services for many years now,” Brunette said of the award.

“Our outreach programs make a real difference in the lives of the Aboriginal youth who participate in the program as well as the Aboriginal university students who work as leaders in the program every summer. We are collectively very proud.”

Since 2006, Indigenous Services has offered innovative outreach programs on campus to more than 500 Indigenous youth (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) from across Canada. Their programming, like the Mini University Program, aims to increase Indigenous youth access to postsecondary education. The Mini University Program, a one-week learning opportunity for Indigenous youth ages 12-16, exposes youth to student mentors, academic program options and student life by living in residence on-campus.

“We are dedicated to continuing outreach programs in the future. It’s extremely rewarding to work with our young people they inspire us in so many ways and they are our future,” Brunette added.

“University partners have been extremely supportive.”

Indigenous Services coordinator Candace Brunette said her team is “honoured and thrilled” to receive the 2013 London Diversity, Race Relations and Inclusivity Award presented by the City of London.

Brunette noted a special thanks is owing to Amanda Aikens, Youth Outreach Coordinator, who played a key role in coordinating the program in summer 2013.

The kick is up ... and good for the community

The Business Cares Food Drive campaign kicked-off last week as Western Mustang kicker Lirim Hajrullahu nailed a 15-yard food drive field goal in an attempt to encourage Londoners to make a difference in their community. Heading into its 14th campaign, Business Cares hopes to eclipse the 259,870 pounds raised last year for the London Food Bank during the three-week campaign. Campaign chair Wayne Dunn, who spotted the ball for Hajrullahu, said more than 3,600 families a month are accessing London Food Bank food, up 4.4 per cent from last year. The Business Cares Food Drive runs in conjunction with the Western Cares Food Drive, which has drop-off bins located in buildings throughout campus. The food drive runs through Dec. 16.
Celebrations

Turning 150: An inside look at 150 Memories

BY KIM KNOWLES AND MEG PIRIE

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS of university education is a daunting task. In January 2012, a small group of historians, archivists, Huron University College staff and faculty sat down together and asked the question: How, exactly, will we mark this occasion? After much discussion, it was decided that a commemorative publication was the best way to celebrate 150 years of undergraduate education in theology and liberal arts and appropriately should include 150 items about Huron.

Led by Kim Knowles, director of communications and IT, the team included Kathryn Schade, research and fact-finding; Meg Pirie, writer and story teller; and Steve MacLeod, photographer and image editing, who painstakingly gathered and edited material.

At times, we were completely overwhelmed by the amount of material we needed to go through and organize. But the final product has exceeded our expectations. The photos and stories combine to tell a story about a very special place, whose success is due to the hard work of many special people.

We discovered although Huron has grown in size over 150 years, it still retains the same commitment to academic excellence and the community. The first step was to come up with the list of 150 items to include in this book. The timeline from Huron’s 150th website provided a starting point, but much of the material wasn’t appropriate and couldn’t be used. Initially, the feat seemed insurmountable, but as findings from archival digging increased, so too did the master list. The focus changed from addition to subtraction, all with a desire to capture the historical moments that have made Huron what it is, but also provide a glimpse into some of the more colourful ephemera in this institution’s history.

Because items were collected from many sources, and provided by different project members, the next step was to go through and rewrite every listing to create a single voice throughout with a definitive story to tell.

To make the publication even more informative, it was decided to add a timeline with two streams – one of parallel Canadian and world events. In addition to the timeline, facts were gathered for ‘Huron by the numbers’, an aspect providing interesting facts about Huron that could be interspersed throughout the book. For example, in 1881, tuition was $15 per year.

Coming up with a name was also difficult.

For months, the draft document was referred to as 150 Things About Huron, which just didn’t have the cachet desired. After several re-writes, it was decided that 150 Huron Memories worked well both as the title and the tagline of the book. But the final product has exceeded our expectations. The photos and stories combine to tell a story about a very special place, whose success is due to the hard work of many special people.

It was a year-long celebration at Huron University College, leading up to this week’s 150th Founder’s Day celebration. Huron principal Stephen Mclatchie, lower right, told those in attendance the past year had been “a year to remember.” The day included an Open House and an anniversary archival exhibit of the school.

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Picking a favourite photo of the year is like picking my favourite child. I love them all the same. But, since I only have one daughter, I suppose that analogy is moot. Still, that doesn’t make it any easier to choose some of my favourite snapshots from this past year.

Earlier this week, I began sifting through more than 7,100 photos I took this past year. (Yes, I counted.) Some ran in Western News and other campus publications; others never saw the light of day.

This year, my favourite photo was taken in a cemetery. I was at London’s Woodland Cemetery and Crematorium to grab a photo of a lone headstone honouring the memory of those who donated their bodies to science at Western, through its Body Bequeathal Program.

It was a quiet, early September morning — the only sound being the gravel driveway grinding beneath my slow moving tires. As I looped my way around the grounds toward the exit, I spotted a group of deer out for an early morning snack. I slowed to watch.

As I stopped my car, the sound startled one of the younger deer that froze like, well, a deer in headlights, and stared me down, as if to ask what I was doing there. In fact, he kept staring and staring — long enough for me to grab my camera and snap a few shots.

Here’s to grabbing some more exciting shots in 2014.

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UWOFA honours work of students

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• Arts & Humanities: Gwendoline Hovey, Robert Norousworthy and Erin Nunoda;
• Education: Bianca DeGrandis (shared scholarship), Cameron Fisher and Diana McLaren-Kennedy (shared scholarship);
• Engineering: James Crocker, Alexander Daniel and Uyen Malikowski;
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• Information and Media Studies: Christine Bonk;
• Law: Jonathan Vixer;
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• Don Wright Faculty of Music: Rebecca Shaw;
• Ivy Business School: Michael Zawalsky;
• Science: Katherine Cox, The Allan Heinicke Memorial Scholarship, Miriam Hellstern Layefsky, Dov Kagan, John Krakovsky, Sangwoo Leem, Michael Sedlak, part-time student scholarship, and Melissa Soon;
• Social Science: Kyle Arsenault-Mehta, Jenna Coutinho, Janessa Currie, Brandon Mendonca, The W. Balderston Memorial Scholarship for History, Darian Mills, The G. Edward Ebanks Scholarship for Sociology, Elizabeth Sutherland, Amy Vosa, Dennis Wong and Jutta Zeller-Beier, part-time student scholarship;
• Past President’s Award – Don Abelson (Political Science): Hailey Tweyman; and
• Sarah J. Shorten Scholarship (Philosophy): Taylor Rodrigues.

NEWS AND NOTES

A replica of a controversial statue depicting Jesus as a homeless person asleep on a park bench has been installed at King’s University College as a gift to the community from Christ the King University Parish.

Pope Francis prayed over and blessed the original statue Wednesday in Rome, where he met with the Ontario artist, Timothy Schmalz.

Jesus the Homeless, along with another statue depicting Jesus washing feet, were donated to King’s as part of the Student Life Campaign. They were recently installed outside the new Darryl J. King Student Life Centre, which opens in January.

“King’s has a long history of social justice and service to the most vulnerable in our community. These gifts reflect that mission, and it is my hope that they will be more than a reminder of our call to serve each other,” said King’s Principal David Sylvester. “I expect that they will be a catalyst of discomfort and generate some interesting and challenging conversations among faculty, students and visitors to campus.”

“That Pope Francis chose to single out Schmalz’s Homeless Jesus speaks volumes about his vision for the church. He is challenging all people, especially Catholics, to break down the social and economic barriers that separate us, and to seek first the humanity in each other, with an urgent need to reach out to our vulnerable brothers and sisters.”

Jesus the Homeless was turned away from St. Michael’s Cathedral in Toronto and St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City as some people were uncomfortable seeing Jesus depicted in this manner.

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Snapshots of a global Western experience

THE DEPARTMENT OF Modern Languages and Literatures held its first annual photo contest as part of the International Week at Western. This contest allowed the department to showcase the many great exchange/study abroad opportunities offered to its students. This semester, students were invited to submit a photograph of their experience. Submissions came from students in numerous locales – Argentina and Denmark, Cuba, the Ukraine and many more. More than 1,000 votes were cast during the contest. The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures excels at creating links between ideas, cultures, art forms and people – a great preparation for a globalized world.

- Jamie Karp

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   Health Sciences
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   Julia Phillips, History,
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