



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

OUTSTANDING STUDENT EXPERIENCE

You will often hear me talk about the outstanding student experience we offer at the University of Manitoba and our desire to ensure that the time our 29,000 students spend with us is as rewarding as possible.

Our graduation and convocation ceremonies celebrate the success of our students and drive home how varied and meaningful their experiences can be.

On Friday, May 10, I had the privilege of travelling to Thompson to attend the Northern Social Work Program graduation ceremony. Eleven students received their diplomas joined by family, friends, faculty and the larger community.

The Northern Social Work Program has been in existence for nearly 30 years, providing an opportunity for professional social workers from the North to be educated in and near their home communities.

The individuals who received their diplomas at the ceremony held in Thompson have chosen a profession that is among the most challenging in our society. In many cases, they will be working to help restore families that have been damaged due to a variety of heartbreaking circumstances.

Several of those students have children of their own and successfully managed to juggle the competing priorities of school and family. Some were the first members of their family to graduate from university.

It is truly inspiring to see our graduates so committed to a program that is grounded in the desire to help others.

The University of Manitoba is a community of learning, discovery and engagement that successfully takes on critical issues facing our province, country and world. This program demonstrates just one of the many ways in which we address the breadth of the Manitoba's priorities. Through teaching and research, we help improve our health care system. Education enables the transition out of poverty. Our researchers confront environmental challenges, such as water quality and climate change. We are at the heart of the province's arts community.

The University of Manitoba has some of the best researchers in the world, who have distinguished themselves by making discoveries with global impact. These include preventing the spread of HIV-AIDS and other infectious diseases, promoting and defending human rights at home and throughout the globe and uncovering the causes and impact of climate change.

Our graduating students have learned from these world-class scholars and researchers and are ready to make their own impact on the world. They have earned the diplomas through time, effort and dedication and this truly is a time for celebration.

Family, faculty, friends and fellow students who helped them through this academic journey also deserve our congratulations and thanks.

Our graduates are joining an alumni community that includes nearly 130,000 remarkable people.

This includes chief executive officers at some of Canada's most successful companies; world-class physicians; exceptional researchers; groundbreaking artists; National Chiefs of the Assembly of First Nations; jurists on provincial, Canadian and international courts; and senior government and elected officials at the highest levels.

Eighty per cent of graduates stay and work in Manitoba, making our university the province's best retention program for medical professionals, engineers, architects, entrepreneurs, scientists, teachers, musicians, jurists, visual artists and critical thinkers.

Just as Northern Manitoba will be served by the 11 newest graduates of the Northern Social Work Program, we know our graduates will enrich the lives of people and communities throughout our province, country and world.

It is my hope that this is the beginning of their relationship with the University of Manitoba. As their lives unfold and flourish, I hope our paths continue to cross and connections grow as alumni, community partners and life-long learners.



Faculty of Medicine celebrates one of largest classes of new physicians at Convocation



ILANA SIMON
For The Bulletin

The U of M held a Convocation Ceremony for medical graduates on May 16. The Faculty of Medicine Convocation took place at the Brodie Centre Atrium on the Bannatyne Campus.

Degrees were conferred on 105 medical school graduates: 56 females and 49 males, including four Aboriginal students and 26 with rural attributes which include rural roots; rural work experience or rural volunteer experience.

The Class of 2013 is an exceptional group. Graduates include the faculty's first hearing-impaired student. The medical

faculty worked closely with Megan Jack and adopted a new way of teaching. The Faculty's very own sleuth, Brett Houston, helped solve a blood mystery that had researchers and members of a Manitoba family completely baffled for decades. Donna Neufeld, an inner-city wife, and mom of four, returned to academia after 22 years. She has shown everyone around her what it means to persevere.

"When I look at the 105 MDs graduating today, I see a diverse group of individuals that have overcome many different challenges; whether it's dealing with specific learning needs or balancing academic and family life," said Brian Postl [MD/76], Dean, Faculty of Medicine. "These students represent and identify with the individuals they will go on to serve as physicians."

This year, more than 70 per cent of the graduates are staying at the University of Manitoba to complete their residencies. "As a medical school we are dedicated to educating and training our graduates who will serve communities across the province and meet the health care needs of all Manitobans," Postl said.

The Convocation also includes the presentation of an Honorary Doctorate degree to University of Manitoba alumnus Harry Bone.

Dental hygienist's compassion results in 2013 Alumni Honour

SEAN MOORE
The Bulletin

A long-time practitioner in community oral health has been named the recipient of the 2013 Alumni of Distinction award from the School of Dental Hygiene at the U of M.

Ms. Pattie Moore of the Class of 1971 has spent a career dedicated to community oral health and public service and, because of these efforts, she has been selected for one of highest accolades in Manitoba oral health.

"This kind of dedication speaks volumes and really sets a great example for those who will soon become members of our profession," said Joanna Asadoorian, director of the School of Dental Hygiene. "Dental hygiene is far more than just cleaning teeth; it's about a long-term commitment to promoting health for the public we serve."

This year's recipient has spent over 30 years in the field as a full-time public health dental hygienist with the City of Winnipeg Health Department and the

Winnipeg Regional Health Authority. In that capacity, she has worked on many first-of-its-kind outreach initiatives, including the Machray School Project that reduced decay in at-risk, inner-city children from 90 per cent to under 10 per cent. Moore has also worked as a speaker and researcher on oral health care for disadvantaged communities.

"Pattie's career is an excellent example of the impact that a dental hygienist can have on a community," said Cindy Isaak-Ploegman, president of the School of Dental Hygiene Alumni Association. "It goes beyond the operatory and the clinic and reaches into the lives of those who are in need of help."

Moore will be formally presented with the award at the Faculty's annual Alumni of Distinction Awards Banquet and Celebration on September 20 at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg. A co-production of the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene and their respective alumni associations, the annual autumn event is a salute to oral health excellence in Manitoba.

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Applications are also available at the Financial Aid and Awards Office, 422 University Centre, and S107 Medical Services Building at the Bannatyne Campus. The 2012-2013 competition is based on course work completed between May 1, 2012 and April 30, 2013.

The application deadline is Friday, May 31, 2013.

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