

Students, trainees, faculty and staff,

As many of you know, the University of Calgary recently made history with the [completion of Canada's third largest fundraising campaign](#), *Energize: The Campaign for Eyes High*. The ambitious campaign raised \$1.41 billion in philanthropic support to fuel research and education initiatives across campus. What you may not realize is the critical role our Cumming School of Medicine (CSM) community played in the campaign's success. The CSM brought in half of the *Energize* total and, together, we have \$713 million to celebrate.

*Energize* saw the naming of our medical school and a number of our research institutes. It brought new opportunities to our students, with more than 200 graduate student awards created university wide. It strengthened our research and promoted exploration — translating into better health care for our community.

I want to thank all of you for helping contribute to this historic campaign. Your support, whether through giving or helping advance the CSM's priorities, is deeply appreciated.

## Return to campus

- **Building access:** As of today, July 15, all entrances to our Foothills campus buildings will be unlocked between 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday. They will remain locked on weekends.
  - Those who can continue working from home are asked to do so.
  - If you require weekend building access and have not completed the building access form, please do so at [cumming.ucalgary.ca/access](http://cumming.ucalgary.ca/access).
  - The check-in station located at the Health Sciences Centre north entrance has been removed and the information desk has reopened.
- **Senior leaders and managers:** If your team members need to return to campus in the short term, please complete a [Workplace Safety Plan](#) for your team. If you've already submitted a Workplace Safety Plan (e.g. as part of your Critical or Expanded research designation), there is no need to submit another.
- **Parking in UCalgary lots:** Beginning Aug. 1, 2020, fees for parking in UCalgary lots, including the TRW parkade, will be reinstated. If you hold a permit for a UCalgary lot and are returning to work on campus, you'll have the option to reactivate your permit and pay the monthly fee or pay the daily rate for parking by using the pay stations in your assigned lot. Permit fees for those who continue to work from home will be waived until you return to campus. For more information, please review the [July 13 update](#).

- **Parking in Alberta Health Services (AHS) lots:** Parking fees for faculty and staff who park in AHS lots remain suspended and I'll share more information when it becomes available. While on campus, please park in your assigned lot.
- **Events:** On and off-campus university events which align with AHS regulations, are entered into UCalgary's new Event Risk Assessment Tool and receive approval from Risk Management and Insurance, will be permitted to go ahead. [Read more details about the new process.](#)
- **Cleaning and disinfecting:** To limit the spread of COVID-19 on campus, caretaking has increased cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched surfaces in common areas and public spaces, and faculty and staff are asked to please clean and disinfect individual work spaces. [Read more.](#)

### Learning and working

- The CSM and AHS' Calgary Zone are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Tom Stelfox, MD, PhD, as scientific director of the O'Brien Institute for Public Health. Effective Nov. 1, 2020, Tom will step down from his position as head, Department of Critical Care Medicine, to begin this new leadership role. [Read more.](#)
- Dr. Sean Grondin, MD, has announced that he will leave his role as head, Department of Surgery, effective Nov. 1, 2020. In the coming weeks, AHS and the CSM, in collaboration with the Department of Surgery's leadership team, will begin the search and selection process to fill the department head role. Sean will continue to be active in this role during the transition period. [Read more.](#)

### Education

- New guidelines have been released on the [Academic Calendar 2020-21](#) for term and final assessments for the Fall 2020 term. The guidelines apply to both graduate and undergraduate courses that will be delivered in-person and online that have timed tests, exams and/or assessments for the Fall 2020 term.

### Mental health and wellness

- Building resilience and compassion are key components of the Summer Wellness Series, presented by the [Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning](#) and the [Campus Mental Health Strategy](#). This month's webinars, which are offered for UCalgary students, faculty and staff, focus on emotional wellness, and in August, mindfulness. [Learn more](#) or [register](#).

### CSM in the news

- Congratulations to Dr. Lindsay Crowshoe, MD, the 2020 recipient of the Royal College's Dr. Thomas Dignan Indigenous Health Award for his work in addressing systemic racism in the health-care system as a clinician, educator and leader. [Read more.](#)
- Dr. Corey Adams, MD, a new recruit to the Libin Cardiovascular Institute, saves mans life — twice. [Read more.](#)
- COVID-19 could lead to an increase in musculoskeletal injuries as people resume their normal level of fitness activity. Dr. Nicholas Mohtadi, MD, explains what happens when fitness levels decline and how to avoid injury after a pandemic. [Read more.](#)

- Dr. Gabriel Fabreau, MD, is leading a team of UCalgary researchers who are investigating the COVID-19 outbreak at the Cargill meat processing plant near High River, Alta. [Read more](#).

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

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