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Dr. Dennis Connolly to be honoured at second annual Arts & Science Scholarship Dinner

The University of Lethbridge Faculty of Arts & Science is pleased to honour mathematics professor, Dr. Dennis Connolly (LLD '17), at its second annual Wine & Dine: Arts & Science Scholarship Dinner. The dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 17 at the Sandman Signature Lethbridge Lodge.

Proceeds from the event go into creating a scholarship in the honouree's name, providing students with essential financial support to assist them in attaining their educational goals.

Connolly is an exemplary scholar and educator whose dedication to teaching excellence has been experienced by over 10,000 students, across more than five decades.

"While the location of where you build a life may be important, for me it's really the work and the students that keep me coming back every semester," says Connolly. "I enjoy seeing students progress through their studies and then where they end up after they've crossed the convocation stage."

An employee of the U of L since 1967, Connolly's generosity and support extends throughout the University and the wider community. As a lifetime advocate of the University's sports teams, an enthusiast of the arts and a generous volunteer, Connolly is quite simply packed with school spirit. For all of these reasons, and more, he is an obvious choice as the honouree for the second annual Wine & Dine: Arts & Science Scholarship Dinner.

"On behalf of the Faculty of Arts & Science, I am delighted by the opportunity to honour Dr. Dennis Connolly at this year's scholarship dinner," says Dr. Matthew Letts, acting dean of the Faculty of Arts & Science. "It has been a long road for Dr. Connolly, from his childhood in Australia to his studies in Canada and England and over 52 years of service to the University of Lethbridge thus far. It is fitting, therefore, that Dennis was recently honoured with the Blackfoot name Itiomaahkaa, meaning 'Long Journey,' as well as an honorary Doctorate of Laws from the U of L. As the next step of his journey, I am pleased to honour Dennis as we raise funds for our students at the 2019 scholarship dinner."

The Faculty of Arts & Science acknowledges the contributions of outstanding members of our community through the Wine & Dine: Arts & Science Scholarship Dinner. Honourees are selected in recognition of their leadership, achievement and commitment to the University and the communities they serve.

Without the support of donors, many students would find funding their post-secondary dreams next to impossible. Financial support helps students create, inquire and discover while focusing on their passion. It helps enlighten their minds to see the depth of possibilities available to them.

The second annual Wine & Dine: Arts & Science Scholarship Dinner will be held on Thursday, October 17 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Sandman Signature Lethbridge Lodge. The dinner features a fine dining experience paired with Australian wines. Tickets for the semi-formal dinner are \$150 each or \$1,000 for a table of eight and are available online until Oct. 7 at winedine2019.eventbrite.ca. Those who may not be able to attend the dinner but would still like to contribute to the scholarship can do so on the same Eventbrite page.

This news release can be found online at [Wine & Dine](#).

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