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Alumni Honour Society 2025 inductees working to better their communities

If there's one theme connecting the four alumni being honoured by the University of Lethbridge Alumni Association (ULAA) with Alumni Honour Society induction, it is that they all have made significant contributions to bettering their communities professionally and in their private lives.

Tammie Belanger (BA '98), Ashley Day Chief (BASc '14), Harvey Labuhn (BMgt '82) and Gianna Magliocco (BFA – New Media '10) are all being recognized by the ULAA for working to enhance society through caring and understanding.

"It's quite remarkable to see how these alumni, all in different vocations, have found ways to raise up the people in their communities," says Cyndi Crane (BMus '95, MEd '01), ULAA president. "Each in their own way has utilized their ULethbridge experience to make the world better by showing empathy, establishing relationships and growing a culture of respect and collaboration. They are well deserving of this honour."

Alumni Honour Society inductees will be honoured for their contributions at <u>Let There Be Light</u> <u>Night</u>, a celebration of alumni achievement, on Friday, Oct. 17, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the Science Commons Atrium. Tickets are currently available <u>online</u>.

Tammie Belanger

Tammie Belanger is a Chartered Professional Accountant and partner at Ignite CPA LLP who uses her expertise to create local jobs and enhance stability.

With a focus on sustainability, Belanger helps small businesses steady cash flow, hire with confidence and plan for growth. She also invests locally through KFC franchises in Lethbridge, Coaldale, Cardston and Brooks and Pet Valu stores that support more than 120 jobs and create first work experiences for youth.

As a former YWCA Lethbridge Chair and Project Connect organizer, she has completed hundreds of tax returns for low-income residents and people experiencing homelessness, returning refunds and benefits to family budgets.

Her support of community extends to fostering with Windy City Canine Rescue and chairing the City of Lethbridge Animal Welfare Committee.

Ashley Day Chief

Ashley Day Chief is the Chief Operations Officer and co-owner of AdvancedAg Inc., where she drives growth, innovation and operational excellence.

As a proud First Nations entrepreneur, Day Chief is passionate about empowering others and creating a positive legacy for Indigenous entrepreneurs. Day Chief currently serves on the ULethbridge Senate, contributes to the Town of Raymond's Truth and Reconciliation committee and recently made history as the first Indigenous Chair of the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce.

Recognized with multiple awards, including the 2023 Young Business Professional Award through Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce and the 2024 Entrepreneur of the Year Award through CETAC West, Day Chief is dedicated to creating lasting impact as a leader, mother and role model.

Harvey Labuhn

Respected leader Harvey Labuhn has spent over four decades shaping businesses and communities with integrity and vision.

As a chartered accountant, chartered business valuator and partner at Avail CPA, Labuhn championed small business growth, provided trusted valuations and delivered collaborative divorce solutions. His position in firm management allowed him to mentor Ulethbridge graduates into leaders.

Labuhn's commitment to service extends far beyond his profession. As Chair of the finance committee and vice-Chair of ULethbridge's Board of Governors, Labuhn strengthened the University's fiscal health during economic challenges. He also devoted years of financial guidance to the Canadian Organization of Rare Disorders and Lethbridge Society for Meals on Wheels. Recently, he and his brother, Roland Labuhn (BMgt '90), co-founded the Labuhn Family Indigenous Impact Prize at ULethbridge to support Indigenous students.

Gianna Magliocco

A cinematic force to be reckoned with, Gianna Magliocco is a renowned multidisciplinary filmmaker, photographer and poet known for her bold, compassionate storytelling. Her awardwinning work blends bold realism with themes of identity, resilience and social justice.

Drawing on her heritage, Magliocco explores complex human experiences in films like *Famiglia*, a personal look at her family's immigration from Ireland to Canada, and her latest documentary follows a former Italian gang member's search for redemption.

She has also worked on major productions, including *Interstellar*, *The Revenant* and *A Wrinkle in Time*.

Named one of the country's top emerging producers by the Canadian Media Producers Association in 2020, Magliocco mentors young creators, collaborates with ULethbridge alumni and continues to uplift underrepresented voices through courageous, culturally grounded storytelling.

To view online: https://www.ulethbridge.ca/unews/article/alumni-honour-society-2025-inductees-working-better-their-communities

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