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## **Calgary-based businessman and entrepreneur Robert Brawn to receive U of L Honorary Degree**

The University of Lethbridge is pleased to announce the fifth of its 2016 honorary degree recipients – Calgary-based businessman, entrepreneur and community leader Robert Brawn.

“A true entrepreneurial pioneer, Robert Brawn has established himself as one of the major drivers behind Canada’s energy sector,” says U of L Chancellor Janice Varzari. “All the while, he and his family have made invaluable contributions to the community through a number of philanthropic efforts. We are very pleased that he has accepted our offer of an honorary degree.”

The University will present Brawn with the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, at the 2016 Fall Convocation Ceremony on October 15, 2016.

### **Robert Brawn**

As an astute businessman and entrepreneur, Robert Brawn has made an indelible impression on the Canadian energy sector. Away from the office, he has parlayed business success into community leadership, giving back through philanthropy and volunteerism.



A graduate of the University of Alberta, Brawn began working as a chemical engineer for Mobil Oil, eventually striking out on his own by purchasing an oil-recycling refinery in Edmonton and establishing his first business, SL Refineries, which would later become Turbo Resources.

As President and CEO of Turbo Resources, Brawn grew his company’s portfolio from \$1 million in sales to more than \$500 million in 12 years. His strong business acumen would

lead to his involvement in a number of other successful ventures over the ensuing years.

Brawn also established a reputation as a leader in his community by serving on a number of community organizations and establishing the Brawn Family Foundation. Since its inception in 1976, the foundation has contributed to a number of worthwhile causes. In 2007, the Association of Fundraising Professionals awarded the Brawn Family Foundation the Generosity of Spirit Philanthropic Family Award, a testament to the foundation's ongoing dedication to serving the interests of the Calgary community.

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