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## Local businessman and former University of Lethbridge Board of Governors Chair to receive honorary degree

The University of Lethbridge is pleased to announce the third of its 2016 Honorary Degree recipients – local businessman and ninth Chair of the U of L Board of Governors, Gordon E. Jong (BSc '80, BMgt '82).



“Gordon Jong’s relationship with the University of Lethbridge stretches back to his time as a student here in the 1980s, and over the years he has served the University in a variety of ways,” says U of L Chancellor Janice Varzari. “In addition to being a successful local businessman and strong supporter of our community, he has been an outspoken advocate for the U of L and played an important role in its growth. We’re very pleased he’s accepted our offer of an honorary degree.”

The University will present Jong with the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, at the 2016 Spring Convocation III Ceremony on June 3, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in the 1st Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness.

### **Gordon E. Jong**

With a passion, dedication and commitment to furthering post-secondary education in southern Alberta, Gordon Jong has consistently championed the University of Lethbridge and embraced the concept of lifelong learning.

An alumnus of the U of L, Jong graduated with a Bachelor of Science in 1980, followed by a Bachelor of Management in 1982. He formed his own local accounting firm, Jong & Company Chartered Accountants, and quickly established his name both in the field and within the southern Alberta business community.

As Jong's business flourished, he was recognized by the Institute of Chartered Accountants, who bestowed upon him the prestigious designation of Fellow of the Chartered Accountants (FCA).

Community-minded, Jong has volunteered for a number of local organizations, including the Southern Alberta Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Lethbridge Jaycee's Club, Lethbridge Regional Hospital Foundation, was president of the Rotary Club of Lethbridge, and treasurer of the Rotary International Peace Park Assembly.

All the while, he has championed post-secondary education in southern Alberta, serving as Chair of the Board of Governors for both Lethbridge College and the University of Lethbridge. He also was a contributor to the Power of 25 initiative that raised \$2.2 million from 25 U of L alumni towards the construction of the University's Markin Hall, home to the Faculties of Health Sciences and Management. In 2004, he was inducted into the University's Alumni Honour Society.

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