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University of Lethbridge celebrates Spring 2015 Convocation medal winners

The University of Lethbridge celebrates the achievements of its newest graduates at the 2015 Spring Convocation, May 28 and 29, in the 1st Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness gymnasium.

Distinguishing themselves among the many outstanding graduates are the U of L's medal winners for 2015. They are as follows:

Gold Medal of the Governor General – Jenni Karl

Jenni Karl was born in Lethbridge and raised in the small farming community of Foremost, Alta. After high school she pursued her BSc in Neuroscience at the University of Lethbridge where she joined Dr. Ian Whishaw's laboratory to study motor behaviour in a rodent model of Huntington's disease. After working for one year as a research assistant in Melbourne Australia, Jenni returned to the University of Lethbridge and Dr. Whishaw's laboratory to complete her MSc, and PhD in Behavioural Neuroscience. Her research is directed at understanding how the human brain generates the skilled hand and mouth movements that we use to grasp and manipulate objects. She is especially interested in how these movements and their underlying neural substrates arose through evolution, are established during development, and break down in various neurological disorders. She is currently a post-doctoral fellow at Western University in London, Ontario.

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Silver Medal of the Governor General – Douglas Turnbull

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School of Graduate Studies Medal of Merit, Master of Science – Mohammad Akbari

Thesis: claVision: Visual Automatic Piano Music Transcription

Mohammad Akbari was born and grew up in Abadeh, Fars, Iran. He began his Masters in Computer Science at the University of Lethbridge in 2013 under the supervision of Dr. Howard Cheng. Also a musician, Akbari did research in an interdisciplinary field in computer science and music, which resulted in developing an innovative system named claVision for visual piano music transcription. Winning the 2014 Canadian Microsoft

Imagine Cup Innovation Competition, filing a patent application for claVision and incorporating claVision Inc. are other achievements during his master studies. He is currently a PhD student in Engineering Science at Simon Fraser University.

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School of Graduate Studies Medal of Merit, Master of Arts – Ann Holden

Thesis: Home and Native Land: How the Eeyouch in Quebec and the Sami in Norway Used Hydropower Developments to Democratize Legislation

School of Graduate Studies Medal of Merit, Master of Fine Arts – Christine Clark

Thesis: Here | Now | Look | See: Information Visualizations of Recent Climate Records in Alberta

Christine Clark grew up in Cochrane, Alta. and came to the University of Lethbridge in 2012 for the Masters of Fine Arts - New Media program. Her graduate research focused in the design of climate change data visualizations and design/science collaboration. Christine plans to continue collaborating with scientists, artists, research groups and non-profits as a graphic designer, data visualizer and new media strategist.

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School of Graduate Studies Medal of Merit, Master of Counseling – Bethany Mills

Project: Increasing Adolescent Self-Esteem: A Focus on Wellness and Process
Bethany Mills authored an original group counselling (psychoeducational) program to improve self-esteem in adolescents. Bethany developed a targeted and very implementable program and is noted as an emerging academic with potential publications on the horizon.

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School of Graduate Studies Medal of Merit, Doctor of Philosophy – Corinne Sidler

Thesis: A Role for Epigenetics in Aging and the Age-Dependent Response to Ionizing Radiation

Corinne Sidler's research compares the ability of animal and plant models to repair DNA damage. Her PhD work has resulted in five publications thus far in highly ranked journals, with additional publications in their final stages. Corinne received several distinguished awards and prizes during her tenure as a PhD student. She is currently a post-doctoral fellow at the Institute of Biochemistry, in ETH Zürich Switzerland.

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Faculty of Arts & Science Gold Medal (Arts) – Maxime Chambers-Dumont

Max Chambers-Dumont's academic performance as a philosophy major with a minor in political science has been outstanding. He has served as a research assistant to two of his philosophy professors on issues of sustainable energy and climate change – an experience which has informed his undergraduate honours thesis on distributive justice and climate change.

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Faculty of Arts & Science Gold Medal (Science) – Samuel Woodman

Samuel Woodman completed an honours thesis in conjunction with a degree in environmental science. Since the age of 16, he has worked as a research assistant in four different labs at the U of L. His research interests include plant physiology and adaptation, behavioural toxicology, parasitology and scanning electron microscopy. Following graduation, Sam will be working towards publishing papers associated with his research as well as starting new research projects in advance of beginning his PhD studies abroad.

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Faculty of Education Gold Medal - Julia Vandezande

Julia Vandezande completed a double major in biology and earth and atmospheric sciences from the University of Alberta before deciding to go into teaching and enrolling at the U of L. She completed a Bachelor of Education majoring in Science Education, achieving the highest final academic standing in the Faculty of Education.

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The Alberta Teachers' Association William Aberhart Gold Medal in Education – Emily Hildenbrandt

Emily Hildenbrandt grew up in Calgary and completed her Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience at the University of Calgary. Emily decided to pursue an education degree at the University of Lethbridge and is commended for her amazing work ethic, strong classroom management skills and an ability to engage in thorough and thoughtful instructional planning. She is currently working at a middle school in Calgary.

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Faculty of Fine Arts Gold Medal – Camille Rogers

Camille Rogers has been immersed in music since she was born. After discovering her love of performing while she was in high school at Lethbridge Collegiate Institute, she went on to study voice at the University of Lethbridge. During her studies, Camille has had the privilege of singing leading roles in several operas, including Dido in Dido and Aeneas, Cherubino in The Marriage of Figaro and Hansel in Hansel and Gretel, all with the Lethbridge Symphony Orchestra. Camille has been accepted to the University of Toronto Faculty of Music where she will pursue a Master of Music in Opera Performance and is the recipient of the prestigious province of Alberta Heritage Fund Arts Graduate Scholarship valued at \$15,000.

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Faculty of Health Sciences Gold Medal – Arron Kardolus-Wilson

Arron Kardolus-Wilson is a dedicated and engaged learner who is committed to community projects and marginalized populations. Arron's academic work consistently exceeded expectations, and integrated critical thinking with thoughtfulness and

creativity.

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Faculty of Management Gold Medal – Carmen Greeff

Carmen Greeff has been an exceptional student, earning a Bachelor of Management with a major in accounting. Due to her outstanding academic achievements she has won several academic scholarships. Along with a rigorous program of studies, Carmen has worked part-time, volunteered and is an accomplished pianist. Carmen is currently studying in the University of Saskatchewan Master of Professional Accounting program. carm.greeff@gmail.com or 403-993-0233

The University of Lethbridge Spring 2015 Convocation ceremonies take place Thursday, May 28 and Friday, May 29 in the 1st Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. each day.

For complete Spring 2015 Convocation information, please visit:

<http://www.uleth.ca/convocation/spring-2015-information>.

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