Augustana’s adored cross-country ski coach, Tim Wintoniw (BSc Phys Ed ’05), is off to Thunder Bay to help coach Canada’s elite cross-country athletes.

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AUGUSTANA SKI COACH INVITED TO JOIN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Alumnus Tim Wintoniw (BSc Phys Ed ’05) was named coach of Augustana’s Ski Team and the Camrose Ski Club in 2012. It was a homecoming for him to return to the team he spent three seasons with as a student-athlete and which he led to a gold medal in the 3x5 relay in 2004.

At the end of April, we said farewell to Tim again. “Congratulations to Tim as he takes the next step in his exciting career,” says Vikings Athletics Director Greg Ryan. “Tim has accepted an Assistant Coach position with the National Development Centre in Thunder Bay - an opportunity to Coach elite athletes who will represent Canada on the world stage.”

The NDC is a community-based organization that works with Cross Country Canada to provide elite cross country skiers with intensive training and competition programs. Their athletes average over 750 hours of training per year and compete at regional, national and international competitions.

“Tim was our number one candidate, and the whole team is very pleased that Tim will be joining our team in this important role,” explained Eric Bailey, chair of the Hiring Committee. “Tim’s experience, knowledge, passion for the sport, and personality make him an excellent fit for our program.”

Tim will join the 13-member support team for the 2016/17 season. “I am super excited with the move to work with such a great team of talented athletes and to be involved in the Thunder Bay ski community!” says Tim.

Tim skied competitively for more than a decade and then became one of the co-founders of Downtown Nordic, a Winnipeg-based group which won Manitoba club of the year in 2013. He coached Team Manitoba at Canada Winter Games in 2011 and Team Alberta in 2015. He also headed up Saskatchewan Cross-Country Skiing at the Western National Cross-Country Ski Championship in 2012 and at the Canadian Westerns in 2013.

A multi-sport athlete, Tim won World Cup bronze in white water rafting, and represented Canada at the World Championships in New Zealand (2013) and Brazil (2014).

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

The following annual awards are made possible each year through the generosity of many alumni. To make your gift or for more information about these and other alumni giving opportunities, please contact the Augustana Development Office at 780-679-1558.

Augustana Alumni Leadership Award recipient Stephanie Gruhlke has spent her last five years at Augustana. “Here,” she explains, “students are given the freedom to mould their university experience into anything they want.”

The Augustana Students’ Association president has represented Augustana abroad three times, on trips to Ireland, the Model United Nations in New York, and as an intern in Washington, D.C. She has been a research assistant and completed four independent projects across three different disciplines.

“What is particularly special about Augustana is that my story is not really an anomaly,” Stephanie says. She frequently refers to Augustana’s Cuba and Costa Rica programs, community service-learning projects in Camrose and around the world, as well as undergraduate students who publish their research in international academic journals. “Everyone who comes here has the opportunity to make their degree special to them whether it is through research opportunities, international experiences, extra-curricular involvement, or working within the community.”

Kelsey Hock, Augustana Alumni Entrance Award recipient. This award is granted to a student entering their first year of an undergraduate degree program at Augustana. They must be a descendant of an Augustana or Camrose Lutheran College alumna/us.

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Share your news and accomplishments to Class Notes at aug.ualberta.ca/mynews/.
ALUMNI WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 22-25

Every fall, we host an Alumni Weekend to welcome our over 9,000 alumni back to Augustana. Whether you graduated from Camrose Lutheran College, Augustana University College, or the University of Alberta’s Augustana Campus, you will find something for you!

Host a class get-together to reconnect with old friends or reach out to a favourite professor! We already have several groups arranging get-togethers on the Weekend, such as the Classes of 1956, 1966, and our Golden Alumni. We are celebrating 25 years of the Student Chaplaincy program, and alumni parents of current students can re-unite with their children on campus.

Call the Alumni Office at 780-679-1626 or email augalum@ualberta.ca to connect with one of these groups or to talk about what you have planned.

You can follow events and register at aug.ualberta.ca/2016alumniweekend.

Thursday September 22

2016 Alumni Recognition Awards
7:00pm, Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium, Edmonton

Friday September 23

Green & Gold (& Red & Black) Day
Show your Augustana Pride! Wear your Green & Gold (or Vikings Red & Black) gear and post the photo online. Join us for a BBQ lunch in the Quad.

Vikings Mens Hockey Home Opener vs. Nait Ooks
7:30pm, Encana Arena
Tickets available at the door. Watch for a Hockey Alumni event this evening!

Saturday September 24

Vikings Men's and Women’s Soccer vs. Concordia
12:00pm Women’s Soccer, 2:00pm Men’s Soccer
Tickets available at Augustana Athletic Field.

Classes of 1956 & 1966 Meet & Greets
TBD, Founders’ Hall

Oktoberfest: Wittenberg comes to Augustana
6:30pm, Jeanne & Peter Lougheed Performing Arts Centre
In preparation for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Augustana Chaplaincy will offer a traditional German meal and a sampling of local craft beers and other beverages. The Alumni Polka Band promises to get your toes tapping as well!

Sunday Fun Day! September 25

Coffee Meet & Greet
9:00am, Founders’ Hall
Enjoy early morning refreshments, the beauty of campus and tours of the newly-renovated Founders’ Hall.

Alumni Worship Service
10:30am, Faith & Life Chapel
Hosted by Augustana Chaplaincy, we are celebrating 25 years of the student chaplain program and 500 years of reformation!

Dean’s Alumni Brunch
11:30am, Wahkohtowin Lodge
Join Augustana’s Dean, Dr. Allen Berger, for a delicious brunch in our stunning new Aboriginal student centre. Space is limited: register early!

Vikings Men’s and Women’s Soccer vs. Grande Prairie
12:00pm Women’s Soccer, 2:00pm Men’s Soccer
Tickets available at Augustana Athletic Field.

Beethoven Blast and Reception
1:00pm, Jeanne & Peter Lougheed Performing Arts Centre
First, savour an elegant tea and dessert service while you listen to a special guest discussing the upcoming performance. Then join the Red Deer Orchestra for a rousing concert of Beethoven, Rossini and Ibert selections, featuring flutist Lucie Jones.

Tickets on sale June 23 at www.camroselive.ca.

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CELEBRATING OUR AWARD-WINNING ALUMNI

On Thursday, September 22, you are invited to celebrate the diverse accomplishments and contributions of 25 of the U of A’s most outstanding alumni at the Alumni Recognition Awards. The ceremony is followed by a dessert reception where the audience will have the opportunity to congratulate the award recipients. That night, we will be celebrating two outstanding Augustana alumni!

Innovation Award:
Ryan Mason (BA GDS ’09, UA MSc ’15) and Cathryn Sprague, Reclaim Urban Farm
This award recognizes alumni that have significantly impacted their profession, community, the U of A, or society at large by developing an innovative program, process or product.

Reclaim Urban Farm aims to take small pieces of underused land and repurpose it for growing food.

Horizon Award:
Koren Lightning-Earle (UA BA RLS ’00, BA Soc ’04, UA LLB ’07)
This award recognizes the outstanding achievements of alumni early in their careers.

Koren Lightning-Earle, CEO and Indigenous lawyer at Thunderbird Law, will be recognized for her significant community engagement and success in her law practice.