Summer is coming to a close, and we are getting ready to head ‘back to school.’ From August 28 to September 1, our undergraduate programs will be hosting their annual OWeek (orientation week). I look forward to greeting our new and returning students and extending to them a warm welcome on behalf of the faculty. OWeek is also a great opportunity to create connections between different generations of professionals; we are looking for alumni available to speak to students in the various programs during this time. If you are interested in addressing our incoming learners and sharing your experience, please email our alumni office at fomdalum@ualberta.ca to discuss your potential participation.

In this edition of our newsletter, we share Denis Vincent’s, ‘87 MD, story about the new online software that he created with his daughter to facilitate referrals between doctors. Vincent’s company recently won the social innovation award during the first Edmonton CNE Innovation Garage Competition held during K–Days.

With Alumni Weekend approaching quickly, we are happy to share some photos from the ‘92 MD class reunion held over the Canada Day long weekend. There are several reunions planned for Alumni Weekend. If you graduated in a year ending in seven (7) or two (2) and haven’t heard about your reunion, contact our office and we will help you get in touch with your organizer.

Enjoy your last few weeks of summer and I hope to see you at one of the many events we’ll be hosting across the country during the coming school year. Stay tuned for further details as the event dates approach.
Q & A : Seema Marwaha
Seema Marwaha, '08 MD, physician, filmmaker, educator shared her tips with UAlberta MD grads embarking on their residencies at alumni event held in Toronto on Aug. 17. Read more.

Class Reunions
See photos from this year's Class of '92 Reunion. Learn more about how to connect to your former classmates and take part in your next class reunion. Read more.

Join us at Alumni Weekend
Come back to campus, reconnect with friends, and be a part of the great things happening Sept. 22 to 25 at the U of A. Read here.

Alumni Awards & Accolades
Celebrate the great things our alumni are doing (Photo: Denis Vincent from The Edmonton Journal). Click here to see the latest list.

Research News
UAlberta researchers find new commonality among patients
Researchers believe they now have a clearer picture of why people living with HIV commonly suffer from dementia and other neurocognitive disorders.

Read story.

Potential new treatments for high cholesterol
Scientists at the U of A and McGill have discovered a direct link between calcium and cholesterol.

Read more.

Medical students give back
Medical students displayed compassion and care for their community by raising funds for the iHuman Youth Society as part of their 2017 humanism project.

Read here.

Blocking the back door for cancer cells using radiotherapy
UAlberta study examines how cancer cells subvert a healing mechanism of the body for survival.

Read story.

Enhancing clinical success in transplantation
Biennial meetings co–organized by UAlberta’s Kim Solez set the course to improve care for transplant recipients worldwide.

Read more.

Tak Mak, ‘72 PhD, joins us in the Dean’s Lecture Series!
Future Anti–Cancer Targets.
Monday, August 28 at 2 p.m. in 2–490 ECHA (Edmonton Clinic Health Academy). More info.
Volunteering Opportunities

We're looking people from across Canada to build a list of alumni speakers. Do you have a hidden talent? A keynote address? Interesting research? Tell us about it [here](#).

Interested in participating in Alumni Weekend? We're looking for volunteers to help in a variety of activities FoMD will be hosting during Sept. 22–25. More information please contact [fomdalum@ualberta.ca](mailto:fomdalum@ualberta.ca)

Upcoming Alumni Events

**September 9, 4:30 p.m.**
The 15th Annual Fall Social
Special guests, alumni, faculty, residents and students come together to welcome the MD Class of 2021.
Dr. Louis Francescutti Residence [Register here](#).

**September 22 & 23**
Alumni Weekend – Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry activities
(Kick-off BBQ, TGIF, gala dinner, luncheon, tours and more)
[More info](#).

**September 25, 6:30 p.m.**
University of Alberta Alumni Awards
Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium

Register for Alumni Weekend events [here](#).

For more information about events, visit our [alumni calendar](#).

Tell us more!

How far have you gone?
What is the name of the city that is the farthest from your home town that you’ve ever moved to? How far away was it? Share your story at fomdalum@ualberta.ca

Ruth Vilayil: East Africa
Ruth Vilayil, ’10 MD, said the farthest she moved from home was to Kampala, Uganda, East Africa just this year. Thanks for sharing, Ruth!

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