We have reached convocation celebrations—this month we proudly celebrate our learners and welcome the new graduates to our alumni family.

It takes a village to raise a child, and sometimes it takes a community to help talented students through their programs. The video story of dentistry student Shahed Bayesteh shows how donors' generosity provides accessible education and a chance to give back.

In the Awards & Accolades section, please read about some of our top student award winners including the recipient of the prestigious Alberta Premier's Silver Medal, and our 2017 Alumni Awards winners.

On June 3 we hosted the faculty’s first Festival of Health. Hundreds of people from our communities experienced rapid-fire presentations from our experts, interacted with "hands-on" booth displays and asked their health-related questions.

We continue to connect regularly with our alumni community. Last month, I traveled to Toronto and Ottawa with Lorne Tyrrell, '64 BSc, '68 MD, who spoke to our FoMD alumni about viral infections. In this photo from the event in Ottawa, Lorne Tyrrell (right) appears with his former classmate Phil Winkelaar, '68 MD.

Later this month, we will welcome a new cohort of residents for their orientation to campus.

I hope you enjoy the summer months and I look forward to seeing you at our Alumni Weekend events September 22 – 25.
Why vulnerability is the best medicine
How Michelle Huie, ’17 MD, came to terms with a serious illness and will be a better doctor as a result. Read story

Mother’s devotion builds a bridge for future generations
Ursal Williams, ’17 BScMLS, aims to restore family’s fading cultural ties through postsecondary education. Read story
The impact of donor-supported awards for students
Future alumnus Shahed Bayesteh shows how the support of student awards allowed him to excel and focus on giving back. Watch video

Research News

Using new technology to meet the organ shortage
Darren Freed, '98 MD, and Jayan Nagendran, '01 MD, '09 PhD, developed a device that replicates the way our chest cavity expands and contracts in an effort to keep donated lungs viable. More

Alumni Awards & Accolades - June 2017
Celebrate the great things our alumni are doing (Photo: Lindsay Orser). Click here to see the latest list

Home blood pressure monitors inaccurate most of the time
Jennifer Ringrose, Department of Medicine, led a study that found the readings from home blood pressure monitors were inaccurate more than two-thirds of the time. Read story

What's up at FoMD
First in class on radiation therapy
The first group of students to enroll in the UAlberta radiation therapy program reflect on what it means to pioneer a new university degree. Read more

Ending the stigma of dementia
Jeff Jamieson, ’14 MD, resident with the Department of Family Medicine, presents a website of personal stories dedicated to raise awareness on dementia and its implications: People of Dementia.

A great start for the FoMD Festival of Health
Hundreds gathered on June 3 for the Festival of Health's presentations, booths and Q & A session with the experts. Check out the album on our Facebook page.

The Mobile Lab Open House
Researcher Nicola Cherry and team are hosting on June 22 an open house on campus for the mobile lab they used during the Ft. McMurray fire. Open house starts at 9:20 a.m.

Help us welcome our new residents
We are looking for alumni to join us at the upcoming FoMD resident orientation and speak about their experience with our learners. Thursday, June 29, 8 a.m. Bernard Snell Hall.
For more information about
volunteering at this and other events, email fomdalum@ualberta.ca

Save the date for these alumni events:

**August 17, 5:30 p.m.**
Regional alumni event – Toronto

**September 9, 2 p.m.**
MSA & Alumni Barbeque
Dr. Francescutti’s acreage

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

**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](#).

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**Tell us more!**

Thank you for answering our May survey. Most alumni seemed to be interested in professional development activities and formal dinner receptions. We are taking note for future events and hope to see you there!

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**What were your plans after graduation?**
We want to hear your story. What did you plan to do right after graduation? Did you follow those plans? Send your anecdotes to fomdalum@ualberta.ca.

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