Installation of the President and Vice-Chancellor
November 16, 2015
A New Chapter in a Proud History

Within these walls will be heard the quiet note of the good and the beautiful. Whatever may be the things that appeal to our innermost being, whatever may be the mode of expression by which we may give to the world the highest and the best that is in us, for this we must find a source in our university life.”

—President Robert Wallace, Installation, October 10, 1928
The story of the University of Alberta is a story of humble beginnings and bold ambitions.

Those ambitions were evident even before we had a campus, when 45 students, four professors, and our founding president, Henry Marshall Tory, forged the nascent university from its first home at Duggan Street School in what was then the City of Strathcona. These pioneers of higher learning were guided by Tory’s vision of a provincial university committed to the pursuit of whatsoever things are true, creating knowledge not only for its own sake, but also for the uplifting of the whole people.

More than a century later, the U of A has remained true to that vision, even as it has transformed into a world-class institution—one that serves not only the citizens of Edmonton and Alberta, but also the people of Canada.

Each day, through teaching and learning, through research and discovery, and through the lives of our alumni and the communities they serve, the University of Alberta’s impact is felt across our city, our province, and our country. We are educators and entrepreneurs, builders and healers, politicians and poets, and we carry within us the same ambition, the same pioneering spirit, that our founders harnessed in the pursuit of truth and the service of others.

Now, in our second century, we have an opportunity for another beginning, a moment from which we can emerge with renewed purpose and vision as we continue building our university and leading our nation toward a better future.
We are servants of our broader society: of our students, of Albertans, of Canadians, of culture, of citizenship, of knowledge. But, fundamentally, we are servants of truth: Quaecumque vera.”

—President Rod Fraser, Installation, January 20, 1995
In Our Community

The University of Alberta has grown and thrived in step with the city of Edmonton for more than 100 years. Like the community it calls home, the U of A is a place where people come together to build, create, and make change. It is defined by a pioneering spirit, a place where good ideas have the greatest chance of becoming a reality.

In 2014, TEC EDMONTON was named the 10th best university business incubator in the world by the University Business Incubator index.

Along with his brother George, Engineering alumnus John Poole built POOLE CONSTRUCTION (founded by their father in 1906) into one of Canada’s major contractors.

The Faculty of Arts is a major force behind Edmonton’s vibrant arts scene, including such cultural institutions as the Society of Northern Alberta Print Artists (SNAP), the Freewill Shakespeare Festival and the Edmonton Fringe Festival.

BEARS and PANDAS athletic teams have won more than 70 national titles—including, most recently, back-to-back university men’s hockey and volleyball championships—and more than 2,220 U of A athletes have been named Academic All-Canadians—the most in Canada.
180 community partners currently work with 1,147 students as part of the Community Service-Learning Program, which provides students a valuable hands-on, out-of-class learning experience.

A partnership with the City of Edmonton will see the U of A divert 1,500 tonnes of organic waste from landfills every year while creating a supply of heat, power and compost.

Humanities computing professor Maureen Engel is using survey data on homeless people in Edmonton to create dynamic digital maps that will help service organizations understand and connect with the populations they support.

Alumnus and artist Sandra Bromley is co-founder of iHuman Youth Society, which uses the arts to foster talent and hope in youth who are vulnerable to homelessness, abuse and addiction.
Greetings

Welcome to the installation of the 13th president and vice-chancellor of the University of Alberta. Thank you for joining us for the beginning of a new chapter in our history.

As members of the Advisory Search Committee for President, we sought a dynamic and thoughtful leader whose academic record, professional experience, and perspective on Canada and the world would engage and inspire our learning community. We sought an individual who would value our traditions, honour our commitment to excellence, and build on the impressive legacies of our past presidents—including those who are here to celebrate with us today.

As our 13th president, David H. Turpin has taken on an exciting challenge based on the firm belief that our institution is positioned to take a leadership role in post-secondary education in Canada.

On behalf of University of Alberta students, faculty, staff, alumni, and volunteers here at home and around the globe, we welcome his energy, enthusiasm, and vision.

Together we look forward to a bright future for the University of Alberta.

Ralph Young
Chancellor

Richard W. Wilson
Acting Chair, Board of Governors
Order of Ceremony
One of Canada’s most admired and respected post-secondary leaders, David Turpin has held several leadership roles, including president of the University of Victoria (2000–2013), vice-principal academic (1995–2000) and dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science at Queen’s University (1993–1995), and head of the Department of Botany at UBC (1991–1993). During his 13-year tenure as president of the University of Victoria, he implemented an ambitious vision and strategic plan to inspire a culture of excellence in teaching and research that would make UVic a destination of choice for students, faculty, and staff from British Columbia, Canada, and the world.

Dr. Turpin has served on many national and international academic bodies and is currently chair of the board of the World University Service of Canada. A distinguished scholar and Thomson ISI highly cited researcher in plant biochemistry and physiology, Dr. Turpin has earned many honours and distinctions for his research, teaching, and service to the community. He was awarded the Steacie Memorial Fellowship in 1989, the Queen’s Golden Jubilee medal in 2002, and the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012. He is also a member of the Order of Canada and a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. In June 2015, he received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University of Manitoba.
Order of Ceremony

PRESIDING
Ralph B. Young, Chancellor

IN THE PRESENCE OF
Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, the Honourable Lois Mitchell, CM, AOE

MUSICAL PRELUDE
University of Alberta Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Angela Schroeder, PhD, Conductor
Suite of Old American Dances – Richard Rodney Bennett
Suite of Miniature Dances – Louis Applebaum
Elegie Heroique – Healey Willan
Fugue à la Gigue – Johann Sebastian Bach, arr. Gustav Holst
Military March in C – Ludwig van Beethoven
Lincolnshire Posy, Movements 4 and 6 – Percy Grainger

ACADEMIC PROCESSION
Crown Imperial – William Walton, arr. W.J. Duthoit

PLATFORM PARTY
Vice-Provost and Registrar
Assistant Registrar
Honorary Doctors of the University
Representatives of Associations and Councils
Representatives of Visiting Institutions
Members of the Judiciary
Associate Vice-Presidents
Deans of the Faculties
Governors of the University
Senators of the University
Government Representatives
Chancellors Emeriti
Presidents Emeriti
Vice-Presidents

VICE-CHANCELLOR’S PROCESSION
Assistant Chief Marshals
Acting Chair of the Board of Governors
Government Representatives
Chancellors Emeriti
Presidents Emeriti

VICE-REGAL PROCESSION
Chief Marshal and Mace Bearer
Chancellor
President and Vice-Chancellor Elect
Aide-de-Camp to the Lieutenant Governor
Lieutenant Governor of Alberta
VICE-REGAL SALUTE
The Vice-Regal Salute is composed of the first six bars of the Royal Anthem, followed by a short version (the first four and last four bars) of the National Anthem.

O CANADA
John Tessier, vocalist

UNIVERSITY INVOCATION AND WELCOME
Ralph B. Young, Chancellor

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES
Government of Canada, Government of Alberta, City of Edmonton

ABORIGINAL HONOUR SONG
Adrian LaChance

PRESENTATION AND INSTALLATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR
Acting Chair of the Board of Governors, Mr. Richard W. Wilson
Her Honour, the Honourable Lois Mitchell, CM, AOE, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta
Vice-Provost and Registrar, Lisa Collins, and Assistant Registrar, Corinne Callihoo

PRESIDENT’S INSTALLATION ADDRESS
President David H. Turpin

INSTITUTIONAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT
Paul Davidson, President, Universities Canada

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE
University of Alberta Symphonic Wind Ensemble
University of Alberta Madrigal Singers, Concert Choir and Opera Workshop
The Promise of Living – Aaron Copland, arr. Duffy

CONCLUDING REMARKS
Ralph B. Young, Chancellor

ROYAL ANTHEM (GOD SAVE THE QUEEN)
University of Alberta Symphonic Wind Ensemble

RECESSIONAL
Please join President Turpin and guests in the lobby for light refreshments after the ceremony.
GREETINGS TO THE PRESIDENT FROM
UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (IN ORDER OF FOUNDING DATE)

1818 Dalhousie University The Honorable Dr. A. Anne McLellan, Chancellor
1827 University of Toronto Dr. Meric Gertler, President
1829 McGill University Professor Suzanne Fortier, Principal and Vice Chancellor
1841 Queen’s University Ms. Kim Sturgess, Alumna
1878 Université de Montréal Dr. Guy Lefebvre, Alumnus
1878 University of Manitoba Dr. David Barnard, President and Vice-Chancellor
1878 Western University Mr. Henry Yip, Alumnus
1904 University of Victoria Professor Jamie Cassels, President and Vice-Chancellor
1905 St Stephen’s College Professor Earle Sharam, Dean and Principal
1905 St. Joseph’s College Fr. Terry Kersch, President
1907 University of Saskatchewan Dr. Peter Stoicheff, President
1908 University of British Columbia Dr. David Farrar, Alumnus
1910 Mount Royal University Dr. David Docherty, President
1911 Olds College Dr. Tom Thompson, President
1925 Memorial University of Newfoundland Dr. Ann Colbourne, Alumna
1926 Alberta College of Art and Design Dr. Daniel Doz, President and CEO
1952 Carleton University Dr. Janine Brodie, Alumna
1959 Northern Alberta Institute of Technology Dr. Glenn Feltham, President and CEO
1963 Bow Valley College Ms. Sharon Carry, President and CEO
1964 Red Deer College Mr. Joel Ward, President
1965 Keyano College Dr. Kevin Nagel, CEO
1965 NorQuest College Dr. Jodi Abbott, President and CEO
1965 Simon Fraser University Dr. Daniel Sameoto, Alumnus
1966 University of Calgary Dr. Elizabeth Cannon, President
1967 University of Lethbridge Dr. Mike Mahon, President
1971 MacEwan University Dr. David Atkinson, President
1974 Maskwacis Cultural College Ms. Patricia Goodwill-Littlechild, President
1975 Athabasca University Mr. Peter MacKinnon, Interim President
1976 Kings University Dr. Melanie Humphreys, President
1983 Aga Khan University Mr. Firoz Rasul, President
1987 Concordia University of Edmonton Dr. Gerald Krispin, President & Vice-Chancellor
1995 Royal Roads University Dr. Allan Cahoon, President
1995 Helmholtz Centre Potsdam Dr. Bernd Uwe Schneider, Chief of Staff
GREETINGS FROM UNIVERSITIES WHOSE PRESIDENTS WERE NOT IN ATTENDANCE

1785  University of New Brunswick
1789  University of King’s College
1802  Saint Mary’s University
1836  Victoria University
1839  Mount Allison University
1857  University of Windsor
1863  Huron University College
1865  St. Jerome’s University
1876  Royal Military College of Canada
1876  OCAD University
1890  Brandon University
1907  HEC Montreal
1910  St. Thomas University
1911  University of Regina
1911  Wilfrid Laurier University
1919  Brescia University College
1925  Emily Carr University of Art + Design
1948  Ryerson University
1956  University of Waterloo
1957  Université de Sudbury/University of Sudbury
1959  York University
1964  Brock University
1964  Trent University
1969  Vancouver Island University
1969  École nationale d’administration publique
1970  Thompson Rivers University
1974  Concordia University
1974  University of the Fraser Valley
1982  Redeemer University College
1990  University of Northern British Columbia

(accurate as at date of printing)
Presidents of the University of Alberta

1908-1928  Henry Marshall Tory
1928-1936  Robert Wallace
1936-1941  William A. R. Kerr
1941-1950  Robert Newton
1950-1959  Andrew Stewart
1959-1969  Walter H. Johns
1969-1974  Max Wyman
1974-1979  Harry Gunning
1979-1989  Myer Horowitz
1989-1994  Paul T. Davenport
1995-2005  Roderick D. Fraser
2005-2015  Indira V. Samarasekera
2015-      David H. Turpin

Chancellors of the University of Alberta

1908-1926  Charles Stuart
1926-1927  Nicolas Dubois Dominic Beck
1927-1942  Alexander Rutherford
1942-1946  Frank Ford
1946-1952  George McNally
1952-1958  Earle Scarlett
1958-1964  Laurence Yeomans Cairns
1964-1970  Francis Philip Galbraith
1970-1974  Louis Desrochers
1974-1978  Ronald Dalby
1978-1982  Jean Beatrice Forest
1982-1986  Peter Savaryn
1986-1990  Tevie Miller
1990-1994  Sandy Mactaggart
1994-1998  Louis Hyndman
1998-2000  Lois Hole
2000-2004  John Ferguson
2004-2008  Eric Newell
2008-2012  Linda Hughes
2012-      Ralph Young
“We were a small, light-hearted company, hardly more than a score of us; and all of us were young. We lived in a clearing in the poplar bush on the south bank of the North Saskatchewan River. On the sloping sides of the great valley and on the flats below the coyotes barked and howled at night, but on top of the bank we taught mathematics and physics, Greek and history, English literature, and biology. … We were the University of Alberta; and we felt sure that the future belonged to us, not to the coyotes.”

In Our Province

As Alberta’s flagship university, the U of A is integral to the province’s capacity for long-term social and economic development. Its outstanding learning and research programs prepare students to take their place as leaders in our society. It also plays a leading role in collaboration with other Alberta institutions, creates vital community relationships throughout the province, and gives a national voice to provincial innovation.

MORE THAN 1,000 researchers collaborate at the U of A to study oilsands and address the environmental impact. Sixty per cent of all oilsands research published in the world is conducted in our region.

Roy Berg revolutionized the beef cattle industry in the 1960s with his hybrid breeding programs. The programs led to a 30 to 40 per cent increase in beef production, making Alberta a world leader.

The Aboriginal Teacher Education Program (ATEP), intended to increase the number of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit teachers, graduated 48 students in 2013, its largest class ever. Students can enrol in the program at Portage College, Northern Lakes College, Blue Quills College, and Maskwacis Cultural College.

1979  Joe Clark becomes 16th prime minister of Canada

1982  Peter Meekison’s amending formula becomes part of Canada’s Constitution
Forge Hydrocarbons is commercializing a patented conversion process developed by David Bressler that takes agricultural feedstocks like animal fat, crop seed oil, and even restaurant grease and converts them into “drop-in” fuels.

The Alberta Business Family Institute provides knowledge and skill enhancement opportunities to family business owners throughout Alberta.

The Alberta Regional and Rural Access to Justice Project, a partnership with the Alberta Rural Development Network, the University of Calgary, and the Canadian Bar Association, is exploring the shortage of legal services for Albertans who live outside the province’s cities and towns.

Lola Baydala’s work focuses on promoting and developing health education in Aboriginal communities. Working with elders, parents, teachers, and others, Baydala is creating child-focused health programs designed to meet each community’s needs.

1986
Ted Harrison’s illustrations are featured in The Cremation of Sam McGee

1987
Owen Beattie and John Geiger publish Frozen in Time

1988
Wilton Littlechild becomes the first Treaty Indian in Canada to be elected MP

1989
Michael Houghton co-discovers hepatitis C virus

1990
Richard Taylor wins Nobel Prize in Physics
In Our Country

As one of Canada’s top universities, the U of A is recognized nationwide for the quality and rigour of our programs across the humanities, sciences, creative arts, business, engineering, and health sciences. The results of our teaching, learning, research, and discovery benefit all Canadians, including Aboriginal Peoples and our newest citizens, who come from around the globe in search of a better life.

Cindy Blackstock has drawn attention to poverty, poor housing, and substance abuse affecting Aboriginal children and their families through her work as the head of FN Cares. She has acted as an expert adviser to the United Nations and has been recognized by the Nobel Women’s Initiative for her accomplishments.

The Centre for Prions and Protein Folding Diseases works to end the spread of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, chronic wasting disease, and related prion disorders of livestock and wild deer, elk, and moose, as well as protein folding diseases in humans.

Sandy McEwan and his research team are aiming to revolutionize medical isotope manufacturing, which will help patients and communities worldwide, with the launch of Belgravia Tech Inc.
PhD candidate Hadley Friedland is pursuing the link between traditional Aboriginal storytelling and contemporary justice, with a particular focus on Cree law and the impact it can have on modern Canadian law.

The Rupertsland Centre for Métis Research, the first of its kind in Canada, will co-ordinate and sustain academic research with and for Métis communities.

Catherine Bell is internationally renowned for her work in Canadian Aboriginal rights law, dispute resolution, property law, cultural heritage law, and interdisciplinary community-based legal research.

The Canadian Indigenous Languages and Literacy Development Institute (CILLDI) is dedicated to revitalizing Canada’s Indigenous languages.

The Canadian Military and Veterans’ Rehabilitation Research Program, led by Ibolja Cernak, is ADVANCING REHABILITATION RESEARCH for soldiers and their families.

2009 Wilton Littlechild named a commissioner for Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission

2008 U of A celebrates 100 years

2010 Seville Community Sports Centre becomes home of the Canada Basketball Senior Women’s National Team

2013

2014 John Geiger is part of the team that discovers HMS Erebus
Diane Orihel and David Schindler lead the battle to save the Experimental Lakes Area
Clare Drake named to the Order of Hockey in Canada

2015
In Our Future

As we begin a new chapter in the U of A story, we have much to look forward to. Which students will leave our campus to assume leading roles on the national stage? What will the next research breakthrough bring? What problem will the next technological advance solve? We cannot know for certain, but if we only look, we can find our promise and potential just on the horizon.

The student-built satellite Ex-Alta 1 will be Alberta’s first satellite sent into orbit, along with 49 other cube satellites being launched as part of an international space mission.

Canada’s collection of ice core samples, a rich source of information on past climate change dating back 800,000 years, will be housed at the U of A.

Michael Houghton, who co-discovered HEPATITIS C, has created a vaccine that could combat the virus. Now in the clinical trial stage, the vaccine could help eradicate a virus that afflicts 500,000 Canadians and 170 million people worldwide.

Nadr Joma, Locksley McGann, and Janet Elliott have patented a process for cryogenically cooling down cartilage tissue for long-term storage and transplantation. The patent will solve a 50-year-old medical problem and will allow the U of A to have the world’s first cryopreserved cartilage transplant program.

Camp fyrefly, Canada’s only national leadership retreat for LGBTQ youth, will hold its inaugural Ontario camp at Trent University. The program currently has camps in Edmonton, Calgary, and Saskatchewan.