

Western Alumni

The Alumni Association of The University of Western Ontario Acts of The Directors 2023 - 2024

Resolution #607, Electronic Vote – June 26, 2023

MOTION: That the Board accepts the addition of the Executive Committee to the 2023 – 2024 Western Alumni Association Slate of Directors and Appointees.

Melanie Peacock, President, Chair: Executive, Governance, Nominations	2 year term, 2022-2024
Matthew Helfand, President-Elect	1 year term, 2023-2024
Avis Favaro, Chair, Recognition	1 year term, 2023-2024
Nathan Ho, Chair, Outreach	1 year term, 2023-2024
Danny Matthews, Chair, Legacy Fund	1 year term, 2023-2024
Hsiu-Yan Chan, Member at Large	1 year term, 2023-2024
Patrick Searle, Member at Large	1 year term, 2023-2024

MOVED: Michael Salvatori

SECONDED: Avis Favaro

CARRIED

Resolution #608, Electronic Vote - September 8, 2023

MOTION: That the Board approve the Executive Committee's recommendation to sponsor \$5,000 for The Western Mustangs Sports Hall of Fame Dinner taking place during Homecoming Weekend on Friday, September 22, 2023.

MOVED: Patrick Searle

SECONDED: Avis Favaro

CARRIED

Background: The Western Mustangs Athletic Alumni (WMAA) is a chapter of the Alumni Association. The induction ceremony was formerly done in concert with the Alumni Association's Alumni Awards of Merit Dinner. However, due to the size of the event and the direction the WMAA Executive wanted to take it, in terms of numbers of inductees, dictated that the WMAA hold their own event. In 2018, 450 attended the inaugural event at the London Convention Centre.

The 2023 dinner will honour: eight individual athletes, team inductees and two lifetime achievement award inductees.

Recognition of the \$5000 sponsorship includes:

- A table for eight
- Acknowledgement in the program
- Acknowledgement during the induction proceedings
- Displaying the Western Alumni banner at the dinner

2023 Inductees:

Lifetime Achievement Awards:

Dr. Karen Danylchuk, MA'81 - Builder, Coach

Dr. Robert Barney, LLD'14 - Builder

Individual inductees:

Connie Beukeboom, BSc'91 - Track & Field and Cross Country

Leah Boody (Bishop), BACS'02 - Squash

Jamie Crombie, BA'89 (Huron) - Squash

Kristina Farr (Dorfman), HBA'99 - Track & Field and Cross Country

Chris Marcus, HBA'81, BEd'86 - Builder/Athlete - Football

Ryan McKie, BA'03 (King's) - Hockey

David Ploughman, BA'83 - Football, Track & Field

Andrea Ruste (Wagner), BMOS'09 - Volleyball

Team inductees:

Women's Track & Field 2001 – 2002 CIS Champions

Glynn Leyshon Era of Wrestling 1972-73, 1974-75, 1977-78 and 1978-79, OUAA and CIAU Champions

Men's Rowing 1979 Varsity Lightweight 8+, OUA Champions, Canadian Team Trial Champions, Dad Vail Regatta Champions and represented Canada at the 1979 World Championships

Resolution #609, November 28, 2023

MOTION: That the Board approve Julie Campbell be selected as the Alumni Association president's designate on Senate commencing in January, 2024. This is subject to approval after the risk assessment has been completed by Advancement, as per required processes.

MOVED: Melanie Peacock

SECONDED: Burns Cheadle

CARRIED

Resolution #610, Electronic Vote - December 8, 2023

MOTION: That Anne Baxter be approved as an additional member to the Nominations Committee for the review of nominees that will occur in February, 2024.

MOVED: Melanie Peacock

SECONDED: Michael Salvatori

CARRIED

Resolution #611, March 23, 2024

MOTION: That the Board approve the Draft Slate of Directors and Appointees: 2024 – 2025 as recommended by the Nominating Committee for presentation at the May 30 Alumni Association Annual General Meeting.

MOVED: Patrick Searle

SECONDED: Kant Chong

CARRIED

PRESIDENT & PAST-PRESIDENT

Matthew Helfand BA'13, MA'14, JD'18, President 2 year term, 2024-2026
Melanie Peacock MBA'90, Past-President 1 year term, 2024-2025

DIRECTORS

NEW

Danny Chang BSc'20 3 year term, 2024-2027
Lirim Hajrullahu BA'13, MA'15 3 year term, 2024-2027
Melissa Kargiannakis BHSc'12, MHIS'15 3 year term, 2024-2027

RENEWALS

George McAuley BSc'96, BEd'98, MEd'10 3 year term, 2024-2027
Chantel Smith BA'10 3 year term, 2024-2027

EXISTING APPOINTMENTS

Amy Bi BA'07 3 year term, 2022-2025
Hsiu-Yan Chan BSc'03, BEd'03, MBA'12 3 year term, 2022-2025
Sarah Chapman BSc'10 3 year term, 2023-2026
Burns Cheadle PhD'86 3 year term, 2023-2026
Avis Favaro BA'81, MA'82 3 year term, 2022-2025
Matthew Helfand BA'13, MA'14, JD'18 3 year term, 2024-2027
Nathan Ho BA'08, MBA'16 3 year term, 2022-2025
Shannon MacDonald BA'90 3 year term, 2023-2026
Daniel Matthews BSc'09, JD'14 3 year term, 2023-2026
Melanie Peacock MBA'90 1 year term, 2024-2025
Patrick Searle BA'11 3 year term, 2023-2026
Michael Salvatori BEd'90, MEd'94 3 year term, 2022-2025
Victoria Volk BMOS'14 3 year term, 2023-2026

BOARD OF GOVERNORS (4 YEAR TERM)

NEW

To Be Confirmed To June 30, 2028

EXISTING APPOINTMENTS

Sarah Shortreed BEd'89 To December 31, 2025
Greg Dick BSc'93 To April 30, 2026
David Simmonds BA'07 To December 31, 2028

UNIVERSITY SENATE (2 YEAR TERM)

NEW

Matthew Helfand (President) BA'13, MA'14, JD'18 To June 30, 2026

RENEWAL

Dave Ferri BA'76, BEd'78, MEd'86 To June 30, 2026

EXISTING APPOINTMENTS

Burns Cheadle PhD'86 To June 30, 2025

HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE (2 YEAR TERM)

NEW

To Be Confirmed

RENEWAL

Sarah Chapman BSc'10

To June 30, 2026

Resolution #612, March 23, 2024

MOTION: That the Board approve that Melanie Peacock be selected as interim appointee to Western's Honorary Degrees Committee to June 30, 2024.

MOVED: Michael Salvatori

SECONDED: Sarah Shortreed

CARRIED

Resolution #613, March 23, 2024

MOTION: That the Board approve the Executive Committee's recommendation that Lawrence Loh BSc'02, MD'06, be appointed to Western's Honorary Degrees Committee for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026 for approval at the May 30 AGM.

MOVED: Melanie Peacock

SECONDED: Burns Cheadle

CARRIED

Note: Hsiu-Yan Chan abstained from voting as she put forward a nomination for Dr. Lawrence Loh.

Resolution #614, March 23, 2024

MOTION: That the Board approve the Executive Committee's recommendation to provide \$100,000 in one-time funding to the [Western B.L.U.E. Program](#) as a Western BLUE Partner. This funding will support 15 spots for students in the 2024/2025 Western Blue program.

In recognition of the Alumni Legacy Committee's generous gift, the Alumni Association will receive:

An invitation to all Western BLUE workshops, Welcome Ceremony and Graduation in 2024/2025. As well as an opportunity to speak at the Welcome ceremony and Graduation and recognition on Western BLUE Website.

MOVED: Victoria Volk

SECONDED: Shannon MacDonald

CARRIED

Background: Western is committed to creating an inclusive, diverse, and equitable campus. We aspire to empower and support Black students throughout their university journeys, so they are confident and prepared to embark on successful and fulfilling careers. With this in mind, launched the Western Black Student Leadership University Experience (Western B.L.U.E.) program.

There are three aims of the program:

- 1. Financial:** Provide income earning opportunities for Black students
- 2. Leadership Skills:** Develop career transferable skills for students and encourage the pursuit of leadership roles

3. Community Engagement and Impact: Empower Black students as ambassadors in the community

Resolution #615, March 23, 2024

MOTION: That the Board approve the Executive Committee's recommendation to provide \$100,000 in one-time funding to the [Summer After 1L Program \(SA1L\)](#), at Western Law. This funding will support up to thirteen 1L students participating in the program.

In recognition of the Alumni Legacy Committee's generous gift, the Alumni Association will receive: A featured story, listing in Western Law Alumni Magazine and on a plaque (in the law building), and an impact report.

MOVED: Hsiu-Yan Chan

SECONDED: Matt Helfand

CARRIED

Background: In the 2023 – 24 academic year, Western Law launched the Summer After 1L Program (SA1L), the first of its kind amongst Law schools in Ontario and Canada. The program will connect all incoming 1L students with law-related paid summer placements after their first year of studies.

The Summer After 1L program will help students gain practical skills and real-world experiences while enabling them to explore law-related career opportunities that align with their individual goals and strengths. Many SA1L placements will engage students in community organizations working to advance social justice, protect human rights and the environment, reform legal institutions, and more. In addition to supporting placements that advance crucial projects for local not-for-profits and entrepreneurs, SA1L will empower students pursuing legal research, business law, policy, governance, and intellectual property work.

With 100 new student summer placements, every single first-year Law student at Western will have access to relevant paid summer placements in the field. Western Law is investing \$500,000 to support 60 of those placements. Donor support will fund the remaining 40 placements.

Resolution #616, March 23, 2024

MOTION: That the Board approve the Executive Committee's recommendation to provide \$100,000 in one-time funding to support Athletic Financial Awards to support female athletes.

In recognition of the Legacy Committee's generous gift, Sports & Recreation will be honoured to provide the following:

1. A donor story in the Mustang's SCOOP Newsletter that is sent to over 8,000 athletic alumni
2. Recognition and donor story profiled on Western Mustangs social media platforms, sharing information about the generous gift and Western Alumni
3. Recognition and donor story profiled on Western Mustangs website sharing information about the generous gift and Western Alumni

Moved: Michael Salvatori

Seconded: Burns Cheadle

CARRIED

Background: Athletic Financial Awards (AFA) have a significant impact on student athletes, team performance, and Western Sports & Recreation. Many student athletes are unable to work during their sports season due to the high academic and athletic demands of competition. AFA's support student athletes by helping to decrease the financial burden of school and living while on a varsity team.

AFA's also support coaches and teams by helping to recruit and retain top student athletes. Athletic scholarships ensure eligible and deserving student athletes have greater access to the transformational student experience we offer and help Western compete with other U SPORTS schools in recruiting top talent from across the country. These scholarships also allow Western's high-performance teams to continue to compete and thrive at the provincial and national level every year.

Sports & Recreation is required to be compliant with the Ontario University Association (OUA) guideline of equity between male and female AFA awards. Due to the longevity of male sports and the breadth of male alumni, male teams have a much larger alumni base from which to seek support. This means that AFA gender equity required by the OUA has been difficult for Western. Gender equity is a top priority for Sports & Recreation. Support for female AFA's is essential to continue to strengthen female sports and ensure we create an inclusive and equitable experience for all athletes.

AFA's are regulated through the OUA and USports and have specific criteria for entering and non- entering students. As of December 2022, student-athletes are eligible to receive up to \$5,000.

The criteria include the following:

- Awarded annually to full-time students in any year of any degree program at Western, including the Affiliated University Colleges who are making a contribution as members of the XX varsity team.
- Candidates who are intercollegiate student athletes must be in compliance with current OUA and USports regulations.
- As per OUA and USports regulations, an entering student athlete must have a minimum admission average of 80% and a non-entering student must have an in-course average of 70%.
- The Western Athletic Financial Awards Committee will select the recipient. This committee will base its decision on its evaluation of academic performance/potential (20%) and the written recommendation from the Head Coach assessing athletic performance/potential and team/campus leadership (weighted as 60% and 20% respectively).

This gift will impact 20+ female student athletes at amounts ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000, ensuring Sports & Recreation are equitable among all athletes.

Resolution #617, March 23, 2024

MOTION: That the Board approve the Executive Committee's recommendation to provide \$100,000 in one-time funding in support of Western's [Mary J. Wright Child and Youth Development Clinic \(MJW- CYDC\)](#). This funding will name the Student Group work room in the new Clinic. This is the area where our students gather to collaborate and share best approaches with their supervisors and colleagues.

In recognition of the Alumni Legacy Committee's generous gift, this room will become a named space for the Alumni Association.

MOVED: Victoria Volk

SECONDED: Chantel Smith

CARRIED

Background: Situated in the heart of the community, Western's Mary J. Wright Child and Youth Development Clinic (MJW-CYDC) has one goal: Setting children and families up for success. We do this by supporting practice and research in real world settings with clients from the community.

Graduate students in the School and Applied Child Psychology program at Western University, under the supervision of licensed Child Psychologists, provide high-quality and affordable psychological consultation, assessment, and mental health treatment services to children and youth from three to 18 years of age. Not only do we provide experiential learning for our Graduate students, but we're also providing greatly needed mental health services to families within our community. It's a win-win partnership.

Demand for our services has been growing and we are building a new Clinic which will be three times the size of the current building (currently located in the old Bank of Montreal building at the Richmond Gates). The new build will be part of the Faculty of Education where we will expand our services to meet the needs of our students, our researchers, and the community.

Support will be directed towards the ongoing programming, accessibility, teaching and development that happens every day in the Clinic, directly impacting our students and the community with important mental health support.

Resolution #618, March 23, 2024

MOTION: That the Board approve the Executive Committee's recommendation to endorse the Sub-Committee structure that was trialed this year.

MOVED: Melanie Peacock

SECONDED: Hsiu-Yan Chan

CARRIED

Resolution #619, March 23, 2024

MOTION: That the Board approve the updates to the Constitution and By-laws as recommended by the Executive Committee for presentation at the May 30 Alumni Association Annual General Meeting.

MOVED: Matt Helfand

SECONDED: Hsiu-Yan Chan

CARRIED

Resolution #620, Electronic Vote – April 16, 2024

MOTION: That the Board approve the Executive Committee's recommendation to appoint George McAuley BSc'96, BEd'98, MEd'10 as the Alumni Association's representative to the Board of Governors for a 4-year term, commencing July 1, 2024.

MOVED: Patrick Searle

SECONDED: Avis Favaro

CARRIED

Resolution #621, May 14, 2024

MOTION: The Executive Committee approve the Board Effectiveness Survey as presented, be sent (on behalf of Matt Helfand and Melanie Peacock) to all 2023/2024 Board Directors and Appointees in June, 2024, providing a timeline of five (5) business days for completion.

MOVED: Melanie Peacock

SECONDED: Hsiu-Yan Chan

CARRIED

Resolution #622, May 22, 2024

MOTION: That the Board approve the transfer of the Brescia Alumnae Association to operate as a Chapter within our family of shared interest groups, representing more than 8,000 Brescia alumnae worldwide. The chapter will serve as a vehicle to recognize Brescia's long-standing legacy and create lasting alumnae connections.

MOVED: Melanie Peacock

SECONDED: Burns Cheadle

CARRIED

Resolution #623, May 22, 2024

MOTION: That the Board approve the agenda and plans for the May 30, 2024 Alumni Association Annual General Meeting as recommended by the Executive Committee.

MOVED: Melanie Peacock

SECONDED: Michael Salvatori

CARRIED

Resolution #624, May 22, 2024

MOTION: That the Board approve the Acts of the Directors 2023 – 2024 for presentation at the May 30, 2024 Alumni Association Annual General Meeting.

MOVED: Avis Favaro

SECONDED: Chantel Smith

CARRIED