

# *President's* **AWARDS LUNCHEON**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020**



 **GPRC**

Grande Prairie Regional College welcomes you to the

*President's Awards  
Luncheon*

Hosted by the GPRC Alumni/Foundation  
Board of Directors

Clarkson Hall, Evergreen Park, Grande Prairie  
Tuesday, March 17, 2020



# Welcome

The Alumni/Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to host you, our community, on this occasion to express our gratitude for the generosity of our donors, the commitment of our volunteers, and the contributions to excellence in education by all of you. This is also the opportunity for the College to present its prestigious community awards. We are delighted that you are here with us today, and thank you all for your support of advanced education in our region.

## **BOARD OF GOVERNORS 2019-2020**

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## **ALUMNI/FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019-2020**

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### ***Ex-Officio Members:***

Dr. Robert Murray, *President & CEO*  
Jasbelle Leal, *Students' Association Representative*

### ***Non-Voting Members:***

Angela Logan - *Vice-President Finance and Administration*  
Mark Evans - *Director Communications and Marketing*  
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Velda McKenzie-Diederich - *Executive Assistant*

# *Program*

## *Welcome Comments*

Emcee: Jonathan Parenteau, GPRC Alumni/Foundation Board

## *Blessing*

Loretta Parenteau-English, Elder-in-Residence

## *Induction of New Members to President's Council*

Dr. Robert Murray, President and CEO

Natalia Reiman, Chair, Board of Governors

## *Awards Presentations*

### ***Distinguished Volunteer Award***

Presented by Angela Logan, Vice-President Finance and Administration

### ***Alumni Award of Excellence***

Presented by Brian Redmond, Interim Vice-President

Academic and Research

### ***Steps to the Greater Alumni Award***

Presented by Jason Simigan, Chair, GPRC Alumni/Foundation Board

### ***Distinguished Alumni Award***

Presented by Dr. Robert Murray, President and CEO

### ***Board of Governors Award of Distinction***

Presented by Natalia Reiman, Chair, Board of Governors

## *Closing Comments*

Dr. Robert Murray, President and CEO

# *President's Council*

The President's Council consists of individuals who have completed service to Grande Prairie Regional College on the Board of Governors or the Alumni/Foundation Board of Directors, have volunteered as an event chair, have received the honorary designation of Instructor Emeritus, have made a planned gift to Grande Prairie Regional College, or have received a distinguished award at GPRC.

## *The 2020 Inductees*

### **2019 Award Recipients**

*Pete Merlo\*\**  
*Board of Governors Award of Distinction*

*Marjorie Taylor*  
*Distinguished Volunteer Award*

*Brett Hart*  
*Alumni Award of Excellence*

*Kelly O'Hallahan*  
*Alumni Award of Excellence*

*Joren Manz*  
*Steps to the Greater Alumni Award*

*David Lario*  
*Steps to the Greater Alumni Award*

*Shawna Miller*  
*Distinguished Alumni Award*

*Jason Rakestraw*  
*GPRC Values Award*

### **Board of Governors Past Members**

*Blaine Badiuk*  
*Nan Bartlett*

*Chantal Fontaine*  
*Eunice Friesen*  
*Don Gnatiuk*

*Jane Manning*  
*Dr. Laurie Nock*

### **Alumni/Foundation Board Past Members**

*Sean Doerkson*

*Shirley McDonald*  
*Joanne Perrott*

*Stewart Wilson\*\**

### **Instructor Emeriti**

*William Corcoran*

*Dr. Laurie Nock\**

*Wendy McMillan\**

### **GPRC Past President and CEO**

*Don Gnatiuk\**

\* Indicates previous induction into the President's Council.

Multiple \* indicates each time an individual has been inducted into the President's Council to highlight their service and dedication.

## In Recognition of Contributions to Excellence in Education

These awards help to inspire current students while recognizing accomplishments of career development, service to the community, or through a recent and major accomplishment of our alumni.

### *Distinguished Volunteer Award*

Presented in recognition of exceptional contributions of time and energy dedicated to the advancement of Grande Prairie Regional College.

This award recognizes individuals who exemplify the many volunteers upon whose efforts the continued growth of our College depends.

#### **Past Recipients**

<i>Elmer Borstad</i>	2004	<i>Tina Nelson</i>	2012
<i>Rick Hryciuk</i>	2005	<i>Carolyn Vasilieou</i>	2013
<i>Linda Side</i>	2006	<i>Tom Pura</i>	2014
<i>Rhonda Side</i>	2006	<i>Sharron Barr</i>	2015
<i>Suzanne Dunn</i>	2007-08	<i>Laura Rotaru</i>	2016
<i>Jim Smith</i>	2009	<i>Gail Sherman</i>	2017
<i>Kevin Chrenek</i>	2010	<i>Tina Martel</i>	2018
<i>Ken Truhn</i>	2011	<i>Marjorie Taylor</i>	2019

*Congratulations to the Recipient of 2020  
to be announced today!*

**In Recognition of Contributions  
to Excellence in Education**

*Alumni Award of Excellence*

Presented in recognition of recent accomplishments of GPRC alumni  
in the form of local, national or international honours,  
or major championships.

**Past Recipients**

Jon Goldie	2014	Shauna Hanson	2018
Mike Lauzon	2014	Arlin Sansome	2018
Mirelle Martens	2016	Geoff Walker	2018
Tom Sallows	2016	Brett Hart	2019
Gerald Auger	2017	Kelly O'Hallahan	2019

*Steps to the Greater Alumni Award*

Presented in recognition of outstanding achievements of GPRC alumni  
early in their careers or in service to their community.

**Past Recipients**

Michael Reeve	2013	Dr. Leisa Floreani	2017
Ryan Pomeroy	2014	Matthew Dalen	2018
Cris Seppola	2015	David Lario	2019
Fiona Benson	2016	Joren Manz	2019

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## In Recognition of Contributions to Excellence in Education

### *Distinguished Alumni Award*

Presented in recognition of the distinguished achievement of GPRC alumni. The award honours outstanding accomplishments in the individual's profession, and/or in service to the community, to society, or to Grande Prairie Regional College.

#### **Past Recipients**

<i>Dr. Cora Voyageur</i>	2004	<i>Dr. Gary Borstad</i>	2012
<i>Hon. William T. deWit</i>	2005	<i>Ian Macdonald</i>	2013
<i>Koralee Samaroden</i>	2006	<i>Bridget Hennigar</i>	2014
<i>Bob McLean</i>	2006	<i>Dr. Jeremy Begalke</i>	2015
<i>Darlene Horseman</i>	2007-08	<i>Dr. Dana Goedbloed</i>	2016
<i>Dr. Marie Moreau</i>	2009	<i>Hon. Brian Hougestol</i>	2017
<i>Joseph Redhead</i>	2010	<i>Dr. Bart Lardner</i>	2018
<i>Sen. Dennis Patterson</i>	2011	<i>Shawna Miller</i>	2019

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## In Recognition of Contributions to Excellence in Education

### *Board of Governors Award of Distinction*

The Award of Distinction is the College's highest tribute to individuals or groups within our community. This award has been established to honour individuals whose actions have made exceptional contributions to our community and to the advancement of higher education.

#### **Past Recipients**

<i>Clem and Muriel Collins</i>	2004	<i>Elizabeth Sheehan</i>	2012
<i>Les Longmate</i>	2005	<i>Fletcher Bootle</i>	2013
<i>Lyle Carlstrom</i>	2006	<i>Fred and Ruth Estlin</i>	2014
<i>Paul Evaskevich</i>	2007-08	<i>Chris Andersen</i>	2015
<i>William (Bill) and Margaret Bowes</i>	2009	<i>Michael O'Connor</i>	2016
<i>Kay and Mae Trelle</i>	2010	<i>Doug Morris</i>	2018
<i>Vi Sunohara</i>	2011	<i>Pete Merlo</i>	2019

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