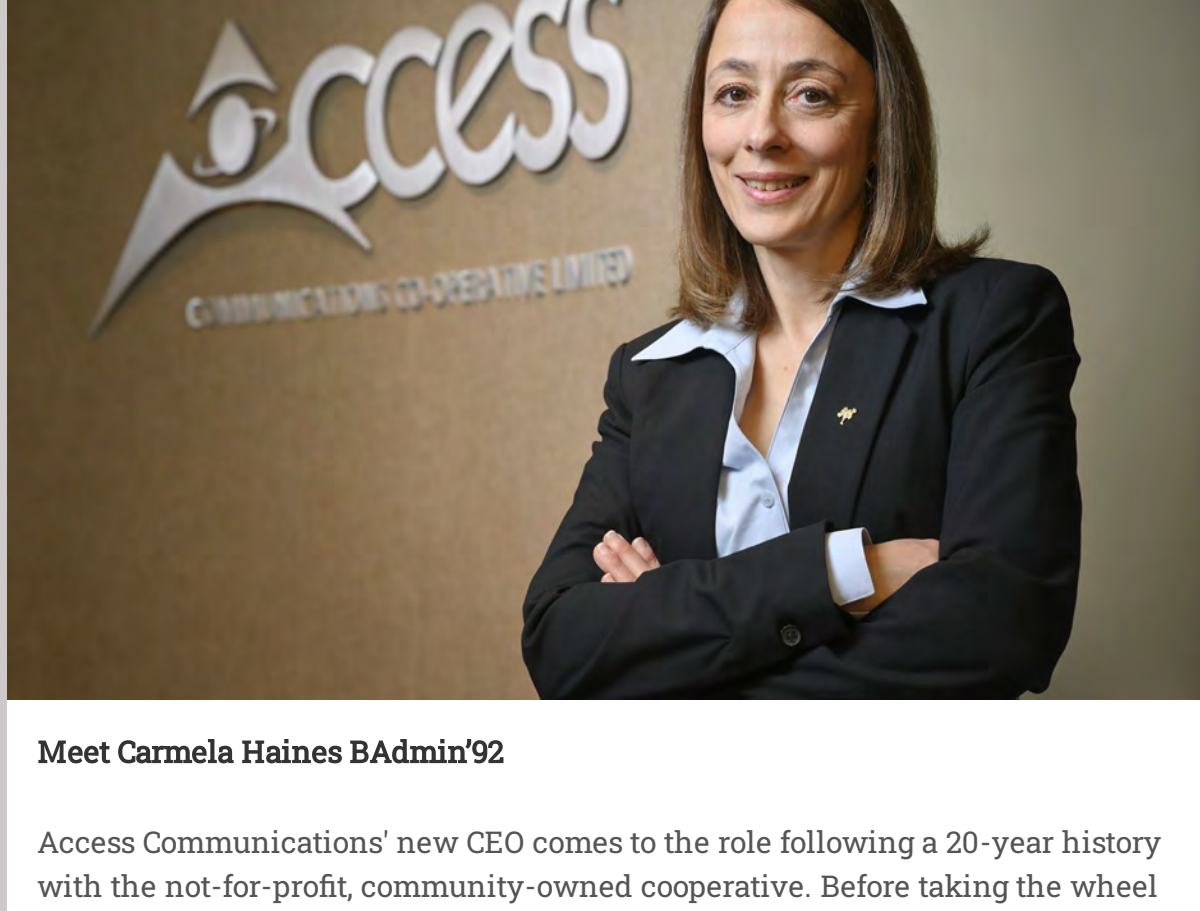


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ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2023

Q+A with Carmela Haines BAdmin'92



Meet Carmela Haines BAdmin'92

Access Communications' new CEO comes to the role following a 20-year history with the not-for-profit, community-owned cooperative. Before taking the wheel last November, **Carmela Haines BAdmin'92** had been involved in just about every aspect of the organization, assuming a wide swath of executive responsibilities as well as everything from purchasing to fleet management. She talks to Degrees about the importance of continuous learning, what makes her organization unique, and why the future of cooperatives looks very bright.

[Read this story and more in Degrees](#)

Experience the Alumni Effect with Christian Mbanza BEd'17 - Le Bac



The ALUMNI EFFECT

SPEAKER SERIES

Get ready for another instalment of the Alumni Effect! This month, we're joined by **Christian Mbanza BEd'17 - Le Bac**.

As an educator and advocate, Christian works with the Regina Catholic School Division, and [Black in Saskatchewan](#) (B.I.S.), which contributes to the health and growth of the Black community by addressing systemic issues, and educating the broader public on the Black experience. He has dedicated his career to celebrating Blackness, addressing social issues, and making progress for the Afro-Canadian community, and is committed to cultivating relationships with staff, students, and parents of diverse backgrounds. Christian is currently completing his master's degree in educational psychology at the University of Regina.

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

12 - 1 p.m. via Zoom

Program begins at 12:10 p.m.

This event is free and all are welcome!

[Learn more and register here](#)

Nominations are open for the

2023 Alumni Crowning Achievement Awards



Nominations are now open for the 2023 ACAAs! Help us celebrate the inspiring achievements of U of R alumni.

New this year! The ACAAs have announced two new categories:

Academic Professional Award

This award recognizes graduates who have made significant contributions to a post-secondary academic career through research, teaching, program development and/or educational administration. At least 50 per cent of their current or past employment (if retired/emeritus) must be in academia.

Innovation Award

This award recognizes an alum or group of alumni who has/have created, implemented, or discovered an innovative program, process, or product within the last two years. The innovation must have significant meaning to the nominee's profession, community, or the University of Regina. In order for a group or team nomination to be considered eligible, half of the group must be graduates of the University of Regina.

Nominate outstanding alumni for the 2023 Alumni Crowning Achievement Awards today!

[Learn more about the ACAAs and nominate!](#)

2023 Election of District Representatives

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ARE YOU A UNIVERSITY OF REGINA GRADUATE?
Consider volunteering or nominating a fellow alum for the 2023 Senate Elections.
Nominees must live in the district for which they are nominated and must be willing to provide brief biographical information and a photograph.
Nominations will be accepted until **4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2023.**

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
Nominations will be called to fill the following vacancies:

- District 1 (Moosomin-Estevan)**
Vacant
- District 2 (Weyburn-Indian Head)**
Incumbent Not Eligible for Re-Election
- District 9 (North Battleford-Prince Albert)**
Incumbent Not Eligible for Re-Election
- District 10 (Moose Jaw)**
Incumbent Eligible for Re-Election
- District 11 (Regina) - 2 Vacancies**
Incumbents Not Eligible for Re-Election

For more information and to access the nomination/biographical forms, please visit our website at: www.uregina.ca/president/governance/senate/elections.html or email senate@uregina.ca.

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[Learn more about the Senate elections, and how to nominate](#)

Alumni Benefits



Lifelong Learning and Personal Development Opportunities for U of R Alumni

Calling all U of R Alumni! The University of Regina Alumni Association has introduced a \$25,000 fund to financially support you, our alumni, in your career goals. Awards in the amount of \$500 **per term** are now available for all alumni seeking career and professional development through CCE. You can access the award multiple times!

[Learn about professional development opportunities through the U of R](#)

The new issue of Discourse Magazine is now online



Discourse Research Magazine is dedicated to telling the stories behind new and ongoing research by faculty, staff, and students at the U of R.

Stories in this issue include...

Easing the burden

How online therapy is helping to protect the mental health of public safety personnel and their families.

Found in translation: Identifying the children who never made it home

Dr. Jérôme Melançon and his team are translating more than 40,000 documents to help the Cowessess First Nation team discover the identities of those buried in hundreds of unmarked graves.

If the shirt fits...

Dr. Larena Hoerber is hoping to change the shape of fanwear to be more inclusive.

Managing our mask mess

Find out how engineer Dr. Denise Stilling is turning used face masks into weather-resistant landscape bricks that can withstand a Prairie winter.

[Find these stories and more in Discourse](#)

Alumni in the News

Carol LaFayette-Boyd CSW'77, BSW'85

[World's Best Athlete again awarded to 80-year-old Regina track star | CTV News](#)

[*Read a feature story about Carol LaFayette-Boyd in Degrees Magazine](#)

Landon Walliser BA'16

[Life is a stage: Landon Walliser embraces career in theatre | Canada.Com](#)

Guy Vanderhaeghe BEd'78

[Briefly Sask. author receives prestigious award | Regina Leader Post](#)

Eric Grimson BScHons'75

[Dr. Eric Grimson to share his journey from Estevan to MIT - SaskToday.ca](#)

[Read more news from the U of R](#)

Upcoming Events

MARCH

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INSPIRING LEADERSHIP FORUM

Born to Transform

HELEN GOY
WILSON-HAYWARD, Ph.D., BA, MA

LYLE DOREET, Ph.D., BA

LISA MICHAELS

MARCH 8, 2023

CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WITH US **IN-PERSON**

University of Regina

PRESENTED BY TD

Tickets to attend the in-person event are sold out, but Livestream tickets are still available!

Celebrate International Women's Day with us at the 2023 Inspiring Leadership Forum presented by TD!

We are pleased to offer a livestream option for this year's Inspiring Leadership Forum, allowing viewers to take in all live presentations from the stage. Livestream tickets will be available up to and including the day of the event – and a recording of the livestream will be available through March 31, 2023.

[Get your livestream tickets now!](#)

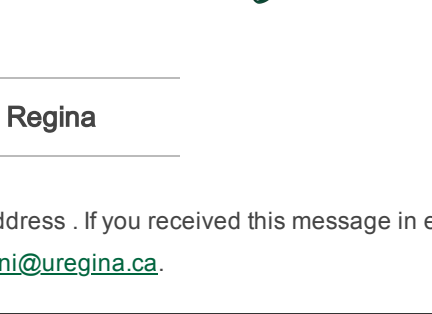
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