Your choice to attend the University of Alberta makes you part of an outstanding university community. It is a community that values teaching, learning and cutting-edge research. Your choice to attend the University of Alberta makes you part of a proud tradition and an exciting future, and opens the doors to some of the finest teaching and research facilities in the world.

—Sam Stetsko and Liz Smith, Academic All-Canadians
Students enrolled in the U of A’s programs continue to lead the nation in many areas. For example, in 1996 the Pharmacy class earned the highest overall average for the nation in its examining board of Canada examinations. This marks the seventh time in the past eight years that our students have earned this distinction.

Mechanical Engineering students created mechanical means of detecting landmines, on behalf of the Defence Research Establishment at Suffield. Medical student James Wiedrick won a Magna for Canada Scholarship for his essay on what he would do as Prime Minister. WISEST (Women in Scholarship, Engineering, Science and Technology) took its message to the community and had a workshop which attracted hundreds of Grade 6 students this spring. Our graduate students organized a conference to detail the variety of research being done in environmental issues.

A Canadian university president once said that a university is only as good as its students.

We’re proud of our students and their accomplishments...

Pharmacy students: leading the nation.
U of A students have proven they’re also among the finest athletes in the country. The University of Alberta continues to lead the nation in the number of Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union all-Canadians, proving that athletics and exemplary grades are compatible at the U of A.

A high quality education improves students’ chances of rewarding, long term careers, and a survey by sociology professor Harvey Krahn showed that most Albertans felt positive about the quality of a U of A education.

Students come from across the street and around the world, and continue to enrich the University of Alberta environment, ensuring that it remains a place where students can also learn from one another.

Are U of A students going somewhere? You bet!
Three U of A professors were honored this year with Canada's only national interdisciplinary award for excellence in university teaching (left). In 1996, 3M Teaching Fellowships, Canada's top teaching award for university teaching, were awarded to David Cook (Pharmacology), Margaret-Ann Armour (Chemistry), and David Cass (Biological Sciences). The U of A now has sixteen 3M Teaching Fellows, more than any other Canadian university.

University of Alberta Chemistry professor Jed Harrison was awarded the 1996 EWR Steacie Memorial Fellowship—one of the most prestigious research awards in Canada. Professor Harrison's work on the application of microchip technology to chemical analysis is well known in the chemistry, medical and industrial worlds.

U of A faculty are outstanding teachers and researchers. Law professor David Percy recently received the national Weir Foundation Award for superior ability, dedication and outstanding merit as a teacher of law in Canada. Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine professor Jim Vargo was named the 1994 Canadian Professor of the Year by the US-based Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. For the third consecutive year, a U of A professor won a Governor General's Literary Award: Professor Ted Blodgett won the 1996 award (for poetry), preceded by Greg Hollingshead (1995) and Rudy Weibe in 1994.

The University welcomed the Sustainable Forest Management Research Network of Centres of Excellence, and the Centre of Excellence for Research on Immigration and Integration. The centres link us with Canadian research, industry and community organizations. External research funding has reached and exceeded $100 million dollars annually, placing us in a distinct group of only five Canadian universities with that level of funding.

"I'm sure we all have different teaching styles and ways of conveying information. The unifying factor for us is our concerns for students." —David Cook, 3M Teaching Fellow (far left)
The University signed a collaborative research agreement on carbohydrate chemistry with the Alberta Research Council, and worked with Edmonton City Council to create blueprints for a “Smart City.”

**Other developments:**
- The University of Alberta Foundation received $1.5 million from one family for Alzheimer’s research.
- CN gave $300,000, much of which will be used by the Faculty of Law to create an innovative multi-use, technologically advanced meeting and teaching space.
- Syncrude and NSERC helped establish an Industrial Research Chair in Oil Sands.
- The Alberta Stock Exchange donated $250,000 to the Faculty of Business.
- An endowment from agri-business helped fund a new cooperative Chair in Agricultural Marketing and Business.
- Producers’ funding supported the establishment of a Swine Nutrition Chair.
- Nova and NSERC joined the U of A in creating a Senior Industrial Chair in Advanced Pipeline Materials.

Following are other examples of alumni who have earned recognition in various domains:

- Former Prime Minister Joe Clark (’60 BA, ’73 MA)
- National Wildlife Federation President Jay Hair (’75 PhD)
- Supreme Court of Canada Justice Beverley McLachlin (’65 BA, ’68 LLB)
- Canadian author and storyteller W O Mitchell (’43 BA, ’75 LLD)
- CEO of the Year (named by the Financial Post) Ron Southern (’53 BSc, ’91 LLD)
- Nobel Prize recipient Richard Taylor (’50 BSc, ’52 MSc)
- Editor-in-Chief of the Globe and Mail William Thorsell (’66 BA, ’71 MA, ’95 LLD)
- Filmmaker Anne Wheeler (’67 BSc)

Our alumni are also a great source of pride. For example, Catherine A Fraser (right), Chief Justice of Alberta and the Northwest Territories, is a respected advocate of judicial education and is a leader on the bench and in the community.