

Honorary Life Members 2021

Dave Christensen '58 C, has spent most of his career in the Department of Animal and Poultry Science at the U of S, starting in 1965 as Assistant Professor and actively continuing today as Distinguished Professor Emeritus.

Dave's career has demonstrated excellence in teaching, research and administration and he is particularly known for his expertise in dairy nutrition. He has served on the Sask Milk Control Board and as technical advisor to Alberta Milk.

His research has included mineral, forage and other feed evaluation. This has been done in collaboration with 70 graduate students as well as other researchers. Dave has been recognized nationally and internationally for his work and has received numerous awards including being named a Member of the Order of Canada, induction into the SAHF (2011), and awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. But most importantly, Dave has been recognized and respected by the thousands of students that had passed through his classroom doors for 50 plus years. He remains active with consulting, assisting graduate student projects and a few guest lectures.



Dave Christensen



John Hickie - at Perseverance Farm

John Hickie '56 S & '59 C, was born on the family homestead near Loon Lake, SK in 1935. The family moved to Waldron, SK, near Melville, where he completed elementary and high school. John initially majored in Crop Science but switched to Farm Management, graduating with great distinction. He obtained his MSc. at the University of Guelph in Ag Economics.

He returned to Saskatchewan to work for the Ministry of Agriculture spending 27 years as a Farm Management Specialist. In this role John influenced hundreds of farmers over the years with his practical, common sense approach to the business of farming. He too was a farmer, on 1700 acres near his childhood home.

Upon retirement from Sask Ag and Food, he farmed this land full time. John had a strong sense of giving back to the community and to the institutions which influenced his life. In this spirit, he made a num-

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ber of significant gifts to the University of Saskatchewan, including the establishment of the Major Alfred Frank Mantle Memorial Scholarship in honor of the province's first deputy agriculture minister. He had managed a similar award during his employment with the Ministry that ultimately ran out of funds, and the experience solidified John's belief that Major Mantle's contributions to the agriculture sector should never be forgotten.

Recently, John donated a section of cropland (known as Perse-

verance Farm) to the U of S. The earnings derived from this gift provide enduring support for students at the College of AgBio by funding another scholarship in his own name, while also ensuring the Major Mantle award remains viable in perpetuity. John Hickie derived a great deal from his own educational experience, which set him on a path of success. Through his generosity, countless students will be given similar opportunities to establish rewarding careers in the agriculture sector.

Bryan Harvey '60 C University of Saskatchewan Honorary Doctor of Science

World-renowned barley breeder, Dr. Bryan Harvey (PhD) spent four decades contributing to the field of plant science and to the Canadian agriculture economy through his work with the Crop Development Centre at the U of S.



Under Bryan's bowtie he wears The Order of Canada Medallion. The two in his breast pocket are: (L) the Saskatchewan Order of Merit and (R) the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal. Bryan holds his Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal.

From 1966 until retirement in '05, Bryan bred or co-bred more than 60 varieties of barley. Two of his barley varieties, Harrington and CDC Copeland, earned Seed of the Year honours in 2009 and 2019. His lifetime of achievements has been recognized numerous times. Significant awards are: Master Brewers Assoc; 2005 Sask Order of Merit; Appointment to the Order of Canada in 2007; the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012; the Sask Agriculture Hall of Fame in 2006 and the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2020. In 2015, Bryan became a *SAGA* HLM.

SAGA HLM Nominees for 2022

Wilf Keller '69 C, grew up in Melville, SK. He earned a PhD in Crop Sc. at the U of S, followed by postdoctoral studies in Germany. He was first employed at Agriculture and Agri-food Canada in Ottawa as a research scientist and group leader from 1973-90. In 1990, Wilf accepted a position with the Plant Biotechnology Institute of the NRC in Saskatoon, becoming Research Director in '99. Wilf became president and CEO of Genome Prairie in 2008 and president and CEO of Ag West Bio in 2012 - 2019. In early 2020, Wilf became Vice-President Outreach with the Agricultural Institute of Canada.

Grant Wood '79 C, majors in Agronomy and Horticulture. He retired in 2020 after 36 years as faculty at the U of S. His '96 MSc in Extension set the foundation for a career dedicated to extending knowledge beyond the university and helping students grow and develop as future Ag leaders. Grant taught certificate, diploma, degree and graduate students, in the classroom and via distance. He developed extension programs in all areas of agriculture for groups in Saskatchewan, across Canada and around the world, becoming one of those few people with steadfast friends just about everywhere!

Alumni News

SAGA, as one, congratulates **Harold Chapman '43 C**, 2020 HLM. Back in April, Harold celebrated 104 years since first arriving on Saskatchewan soil in 1917.

Gordon Bacon '81 C, has decided he's run the Pulse Canada show long enough. Over 24 years, he took the organization from a fledgling group run by one guy to an operation of 15 and a big-time budget.

CropSphere/Crop Production Show

With the provincial plan for re-opening, there is optimism to have a hybrid week of in-person – virtual meetings for the programs. The when will still likely be January; the where remains uncertain.

President's Pen

Last year at this time, when I submitted my first President's Pen report for the *SAGA* summer newsletter, we were all still reacting to the pandemic and adjusting our daily activities, our work and our travel plans to new public health guidelines. A year later I'm typing this and COVID is still with us.

However there are signs that things are getting better and maybe we can be optimistic. Hopefully by the time this article is printed a lot of us will have received vaccinations and Saskatchewan will have started to implement its phased reopening plans. With that scenario in mind your *SAGA* executive is hoping we can soon get back to a level of activities for grads and students that we enjoyed in 2019.

Last year *SAGA* saw the need to cancel the 2021 reunion. This year we are planning for whatever type of 2022 reunion public health orders allow. There is an article later in this newsletter that outlines a bit more of the thinking for the 2022 reunion planning and the advice we are getting from the graduation chairs.

Our sincere congratulations to both **John Hickie** and **Dave Christensen** at joining *SAGA*'s distinguished list of HLMs. And our apologies, that we could not entertain you with great presenta-

tions and kind words. Both men attended our virtual AGM on Jan. 9th, but no one was able to shake their hand or take a few pictures. Both John and Dave are invited to our Jan. 8, 2022 Banquet, so that we may fete you in the style you should have enjoyed. Looking to the future, *SAGA* has selected some outstanding individuals to receive honorary life membership in 2022. Congratulations to Wilf and Grant.

One perk of being *SAGA* president is getting to call the honorary life members to let them know they have been selected. During these calls we got talking about the ways this year has affected the agriculture sector and how people connect either for business or just keep up with what's happening. While everyone has made the best use of Zoom (as *SAGA* has done this year), email and our phones, it's not the same as connecting in-person in classrooms, boardrooms, farm shows or field days

So, back to that optimism mentioned earlier and here's hoping soon we meet with people face-to face and get back to some normal activities. Throw in a few inches of rain in June and it might be a pretty good summer yet.

Jason Fradette '84 C

A Get-Together However They Can

The '56 C class got together via Zoom on October 16, 2020, at our house with assistance from our church (which has been meeting by Zoom since early fall).

Our potential was 8 or 9 classmates but we had been unsuccessful in corresponding with a couple. We learned that those members have left us: **Russell Wells** and **David Johnson**. We wound up with 6 grads reporting and 2 not, both residents of Manitoba. There was discussion among '56 grads for a winter gathering in Saskatoon but, as we get older, there is greater support for doing Zoom gatherings to replace our contributions to the general get-together.

As several of us are 87-88 yrs. old we must expect some further reductions from time to time. I will ensure that '56 grads are made aware of the other items brought forward.

A last comment about Zoom. Our advocate for it was **Stu Whitney**. The Whitneys have been corresponding with a daughter who is studying music in Wales. She carried duties of being chief and was entirely well spoken to us.

Thanks, Norm Bray

Tribute to Lorence Peterson

SAGA lost one of its most faithful members with the passing of **Lorence Peterson, '65 C** on March 22, 2021 after a lengthy battle with cancer. We wish to convey our deep condolences to his wife, Lee Bristow, his children & grandchildren.

Lorence looked after the annual auditing duties for *SAGA* for many years, rarely missed the AGM or the reunion weekend. He was a Co-Chair for the '65 class in 2005, 2015 and 2020, ably making arrangements for suppers, breakfasts and attendance lists for each event. He was the computer whiz for us, well before some of us had figured out how to manage in this era of technology.

His greatest contribution to *SAGA* was as co-editor of the *SAGA* history, *Forever Young*, along with **Jack Braidek '51 C**, **Les Henry '64 C** and **Bob McKercher '54C**. He often said that the lists of Ag Grads contained in the book were much more accurate than what could be found in the U of S Alumni records. Hours of research created the book, which is a very valuable source of historical information.

SAGA awarded Lorence an Honorary Life Membership in 2018. I was given the honour of making the presentation to a longtime friend and classmate. Classmates have been sending me their reactions to his passing. They feel "richer for knowing him," "he represented the very best in Agros" and was "an ultimate gentleman." I can agree with all these sentiments, but oh, how he will be missed.

Irene Ahner '65 C

Agribition announces Mentorship participants

Canadian Western Agribition has announced its Next Gen Agriculture Mentorship mentees and mentors for 2021-22. The program is delivered by Canadian Western Agribition in partnership with the Saskatchewan and federal governments.

Now entering its third cycle, the program accepts eight applicants into an 18-month mentorship experience. Mentees are selected by an advisory committee based on industry involvement, existing skills, interests, abilities, desired outcomes and overall fit in the program. They are paired with leaders in Canadian agriculture and exposed to industry knowledge, board and governance

training, business education, financial literacy and networking opportunities.

The 2021 mentees and their paired mentors include:

Alexandra Clarke paired with **Gerry Hertz '84 C**

Sandra Hessdorfer paired with **Sara Shymko '00 C**

Megan Roger '13 C paired with Brett Halstead

Morgan Follensbee '19 C paired with Kim Keller

Blaine Lamontagne '15 S & '17 C paired with Danny Petty,

Grayson Berting paired with Joe Barnett

Ryan Garbarczyk paired with **Shelley Jones '84 C**

Anna Karlsson paired with Heather Deobald.

Growing a Business

Many a Voc Ag/Diploma grad recalls the day **Baine Fritzler '77 C** got on our case for failing to lay down that perfect bead in welding or proving incapable of putting that small engine back together properly, so that it would at least turn over. Baine gave up teaching Mech Ag in '93 to focus in one spot on farm and family. Fritz Ag Ltd is the operating

company which owns Sundwall Seeds. He began growing forage seed in 1995, canola seed in '97, and also built and licensed the cleaning facility in 1997. Baine now produces certified mustard seed for the Canadian and U.S. markets. When son **Adam '07 C** graduated, the first thing Dad did was gift his boy with a *SAGA* Lifetime Membership.

The Environmental Change of Saskatchewan Crop Production Webinar Series

June 9, 2021 – 10:00 AM

Please join us for a free webinar series hosted by Dr. Smyth's U of S Agri-Food Innovation and Sustainability Enhancement Chair & SAIFood sharing the results of the Saskatchewan Crop Rotation Survey (Previously posted in the Dec. 2020 SAGA). 140 Sask farmers participated in the survey this winter, and more are anticipated this summer/fall.

The webinar on June 9 will include a presentation by **Chelsea Sutherland '18 C** on results from her M.Sc. thesis research. The focus of the presentation will be the changes in Saskatchewan soil carbon sequestration resulting from farmers' adoptions of conservation tillage and elimination of summerfallow practices over the past 25 years.

All are welcome to attend, and pre-registration is required. Register by visiting:
<https://www.saifood.ca/crop-rotation-survey/enrironmental-change-webinars-2021/>

SAGA Hockey Tournament

Well, all we can do is wait and see. The Waldheim Rec Centre remains booked and waiting along with us in the hope we can resume our *SAGA* Tourney on Sat. Jan 8, 2022. Please, if you are interested in joining us, call, text or email **Chay Anderson** for the latest status update.

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 chayanderson92@hotmail.com

SAGA Undergraduate Scholarship

Two donations have been made to the Scholarship since the beginning of 2021, bringing the total at present to just under \$6,000. The award is fully funded by Ag Grads, and two of \$3,000 are awarded each year. To date, the *SAGA* Scholarship has been bestowed upon four Agro students.

New Director

Scott Wright (AgBio MSc. & PhD) is the New Director of the Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence. Scott's career started in beef and forage research. Over the years he has held numerous prominent leadership positions including Executive Director of the U of S Feeds Innovation Institute. Scott also held various Director positions within Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Wright's role as Director of the LFCE began May 19, taking over from the Interim Director Dr. Bruce Coulman.

Dean Speak

This morning I was recording videos to accompany the spring virtual graduation celebration – what USask is doing in lieu of in-person convocation as COVID marches on. As I stood in front of the Ag building in my bright blue regalia congratulating our SIA Gold Medal recipient (**Joshua McBride '21** in case you were wondering) and celebrating the lifetime accomplishments of Dr. Bryan Harvey (who is being awarded an Honorary Doctor of Science this year), I had mixed emotions. Yes, I was sad to be missing yet another opportunity to stand on a stage and shake our graduate's hands – while convocation ceremonies can be long, I genuinely love watching the pride on student's faces as they cross the stage and listening to the applause and cheers ("Way to go, Mom!"). But as I chatted with the media crew about what a busy year they've had and all of the effort they are putting into the virtual celebration, I was also overwhelmed by gratitude that we are going through this at a time when technology can bridge some of the gap. While we remain separated, I can still share my heartfelt congratulations with our graduands and award winners. FYI, I was thinking of all of you, dear *SAGA* members, as I welcomed our class of 2021 to our growing family of AgBio alumni.

All going well, we hope to welcome more students (future alumni) back to campus this fall, particularly for our hands-on field and lab courses. We are viewing fall as our transition term, with more of our faculty, staff and students returning to the Ag building, but keeping contingency plans in place so we are ready to adapt quickly if the situation changes. Hopefully, by January, things will look mostly normal, though I suspect a few things may never go back to the way they were. As Winston Churchill said, "Never let a good crisis go to waste."

We've learned a lot about ourselves through all of this – as individuals, as instructors, as a college and as an institution as a whole. There are good lessons that we can and should take forward, including a whole new communications and technology toolkit that has allowed us to connect with our students, stakeholders and collaborators at home and around the world like never

before. And I think we have a greater sense of empathy and compassion than ever before, too – a recognition that life is complex and messy and sometimes that spills over into work/school, and that's okay. It is one thing to know that at an abstract level, and it's another to have an upset toddler or angry teenager or smoke alarm wailing in the background on a video call. Stuff gets real.

Speaking of "getting real," some of you might have seen the articles in the media in April about the University Sector Plan for a proposed City of Saskatoon development on some of the university's land, much of which is currently used for AgBio research and/or silage production. The plans, although only recently approved by city council, have been in the works for well over a decade, and I want to make sure you all have the "real" story. I want to reassure all of you that 1) not all of the AgBio research land is going to be developed – the plans do not include any change to Kernan Farm nor to the large fields east of campus (i.e., north of College Dr and south of Preston Crossing), 2) approval of the plan by city council does not mean change is imminent, though it will happen at some point down the road, and 3) we are working on plans to ensure that when changes do come, they do not compromise our long-term ability to carry out our critical research and teaching mission. This includes looking for land outside of the city where we can set up a new research farm. As the city grows, it becomes harder for us to carry out typical production activities on our urban land holdings, so some change is inevitable. If you or someone you love is interested in helping us acquire a few sections of land, please reach out, to me or to Hamish Tulloch in our Development Office.

With that, I'll wish you all a long and lovely summer, hopefully with plenty of spring showers

Take care and stay safe!

**Angela Bedard-Haughn '01 C, MSc,
Dean of Ag Bio**

Kanawayihetaytan Askiy means "Let us take care of the land" in Cree

KA evolved from a similar program called the Indigenous Peoples Resource Management Program. This is a certificate program that has been part of the College of AgBio for several years. With the Certificate completed the grad can go on to complete a Diploma in Aboriginal Resource Management and/or a Diploma in Aboriginal Lands Governance.

The program examines environmental, legal and economic aspects of land and resource management in Indigenous communities. Students learn about Indigenous rights, strategic planning, land use planning, traditional knowledge, resource management, intellectual property law and project management.

Robby Bear '21 KA is one of many graduates since the original was established. He chose to pursue the Kanawayihetaytan Askiy (KA) Certificate to help with his role as a consultant supporting First Nations to improve environmental issues and support economic development.

ASA Report

A full year of online classes could not keep the Agro spirit from coming alive. As a college, we held numerous online events and even a couple in-person activities.

First, to provide an update to my article from the December newsletter, our Movember fundraising went incredibly well. The Milk Moustache Challenge brought in over 20 participants and nearly 100 spectators. The milk-chugging was intense not only in a competitive sense, but also in an intense-in-your-stomach sense. The combination made for some fantastic entertainment. With the competition tied 3-3 after 6 rounds of chugging, it went to a Game 7 where myself and my opponent from Dalhousie wound up tied after one minute of chugging from a 4 L milk jug. It went to sudden-death overtime where I blew it in the deciding half-litre chugging race. Needless to say, I was a recipient of the PFA chant. Nevertheless, we had a great turnout and we closed out the month having raised \$6,595 for Movember!

In the winter term, we held an online College Trivia Night. The trivia topic was Agros' history. Our Morale Booster, **Matthew Trefiak**, compiled some history from the Sodbusters book, from **Bob McKercher** himself, and from some other Agro alumni to develop questions that lent themselves well to both student and alumni participation. We had four *SAGA* executive members join us for the trivia night and by time we reached the last question, **Irene Ahner '65 C** had taken over the lead from student **Evan McClarty '21 C**. It turns out that the students still have some learning to do!

To continue an initiative started in 2019 by **Madison Englot '19 C**, we held "March for STARS" during the month of March where we did some fundraising for STARS air ambulance. This fundraising campaign gives the Agros another local charity to get excited about supporting every other year when Telemiracle is in Saskatoon and while the Bedpush-bed rests its legs (or should I say wheels). Throughout the month we held an online raffle for a chance to win a half a side of beef donated by Beck Farms and Garratt Industries. **Katie Hart**, a current Agro herself, was the winner of the raffle. We also held some spin classes at LifeCYCLE spin studios. The spin classes were one of two in-person events that we were able to hold.

The other in-person event was our Drive-in Movie/Executive Auction. This event was the cornerstone of our March for STARS campaign. With donations from many individuals and organizations including *SAGA*, SynergyAG, Brett Young, Point Forward Solutions, Winfield United, Bow Valley Genetics, A & L Laboratories, and Syngenta, we were able to show Jumanji: Next Level on the big screen.

We held our Executive Auction prior to the movie, using Armed with Harmony's sound system to allow attendees to bid from the comfort of their vehicles. Our First Year Degree Rep, Mason Beck and I went for the highest at \$675 a piece. That being said, I do not expect that my high-bidder, **Blair Cummins '77 S**, will be too easy on me in what chores he has me do for him (hope I don't have to clean his combines!) The Executive auction brought in a record-setting \$9,425 and we had well over 100 people show up for the Drive-In Movie. By the end of the month, we had a \$15,745 cheque to present to STARS, shattering our \$10,000 fundraising goal!

Lastly, we held an online graduation ceremony, planned and organized by our Internal VP, **Jill Kroeger ('22 C)**, to award and send off the 2021 graduates. We were delighted with some well-thought out and delivered speeches given the luxury of pre-recording – although a couple individuals still "forgot" their pants. I'm truly going to miss being a student in the College, but I will always be an Agro!

Dylan Stang '21 C Public Relations Officer

This Is Working Hard For An Education!!

This past school year has been one that no one had anticipated. When it was announced in May of 2020 that classes would be online for the 2020-21 school year, AgBio student clubs had to adapt to meet the changes of the pandemic. With no in-person classes this semester, many new and returning students joined these groups as a way to keep in touch with student life on campus. While it may have looked different, there were still a number of activities that our groups held this year. This is what Student Clubs in the college have been up to:

The **Animal BioScience (ABS) Club** held online events such as a Zoom beginning-of-the-year student mixer and Ask an Alumni night, as well as continuing their club clothing sale in the fall.

CAMA's usual trip to the United States for the National Agri-Marketing Association competition was moved to an online format this year, where they presented their agricultural service to a panel of judges against numerous schools in both the U.S. and Canada.

The **Stockman's Club** turned to virtual options for their club events this year. The **Dairy Team** had student-produced dairy farm tour videos of their operations to replace the usual Alberta farm tour that happens in March. While there were no college rodeos this fall, the **Rodeo Team** kept busy with a Roping Jackpot event in the fall as well as numerous raffles and online auction fundraisers. The

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club also started a \$500 scholarship this spring for high school rodeo graduate students enrolling in post-secondary in Saskatchewan in partnership with the CIRA. The **Range Team** prepared for the Undergraduate Rangeland Management Exam virtually this year, and hope to attend in-person in Albuquerque, New Mexico, during the next school year.

The **AgBizz Club** participated in Virtual Canadian Ag Day in February with Farm and Food Care Saskatchewan, and will return to case study competitions when it is safe to do so. The **Horticulture Club** stayed active by sharing with members different ways to utilize their garden harvests with recipes posted to their social media.

There were also numerous virtual industry events that students representing the AgBio clubs attended that would typically be held in person. All clubs held meetings through online video-meeting services to stay connected to their fellow peers when we couldn't all be together. Similar to the circumstances that clubs had last year, teams held their elections for their executives for the 2021-22 school year safely by nominating and voting to bring the new executive members in a web-based format. Our clubs are anticipating the return to learning on the U of S campus this fall and will be busy this summer planning fun activities for the next school year. I know that I personally missed the many on-campus club events like the Horticulture Club's fall pumpkin sale or the taco in a bag lunch days in the Ag Lounge by the Dairy Team this year!

Overall, the students in our college still found ways to stay involved with one another and represent the College of AgBio. It was a successful school year in the face of COVID-19, and I am proud of our student body for staying active with one another.

As we look forward to turning a new leaf in the fall and return to normal campus life at the university, I ask you to reflect on how important these clubs are to students and how they have shaped you as an alumni. The tenacity of these students throughout this school year has allowed for the continuation of our clubs despite facing many challenges. Without them, many people's university experiences may not have been enjoyable as they craft lifelong friendships that were even more important during the pandemic this past year.

Olivia Kennedy '21 C
Interim ASA Clubs Liaison



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Letter From A Prairie Chicken, Fanatic About History

Since the lengthy article I composed for the previous two newsletters in 2020, I have been researching the entire list of Female Agros from 1936 – 1972. I have received information from other Ag. Grads and have scoured names in the “Forever Young” publication which is an invaluable resource. Apologies to anyone I may have missed. Fortunately, it was not the fashion in that era to give children unisex names. Probably access to more old Greystones would have helped with extra detail.

I have been encouraged by our Editor to continue researching this subject. I am going to provide a complete list of female grads for those years and then create or copy biographies for some of them from various sources. This project may give me subjects to write about for many more newsletters.

If I can find those who are still present, I hope to contact them personally for their stories. Up to 1972, there were 33 women who obtained an Agriculture Diploma or Degree. After that there were at least three women per year and their numbers ballooned from then on. I do hope that some of their number will take up the torch to keep on with their stories, but it is a good thing that being a female grad is no longer looked upon as being “pioneering” or “unusual.”

FEMALE GRADUATES OF THE U of S COLLEGE of AGRICULTURE 1936-72

Margaret Georgina Landes, '36 C - MSc '37- Langham, SK
Edna Malinda McConnell, '38 C - Petersfield, MB
Dorothy Wilda Lawrence, '40 C - Vera, SK
Irene Agnes Theresa Doll, '43 S - Aylsham, SK
Betty Carolyn Isabel Myrick, '43 C - Davidson, SK
Roberta Irene Phillips, '44 S - Herschell, SK
Alice Mary Wall, '44 C '46 MSC - Saskatoon, SK
Kathleen Joyce Hodson, '44 S - Rosthern, SK
Beatrice Estella Murray, '45 C '47 MSC, PHD '55 - Young, SK
Olive Marion Churchill, '46 S - Regina, SK
Muriel Joyce Fredeen, '47 C - Macrorie, SK
Ann Talbot Caton, '47 C, 2004 SAGA HLM - Robsart, SK
Shirley Edith Clubb, '48 S - Brandon, MB
S. Small, pictured as a Voc. Ag Grad in 1948 Greystone, but not in *Forever Young*, no address
Ida Margaret Mollard '49 C - Horticulture, P.K.D. Rep. for Law & Agriculture 1947-48-49, A.S.A Secretary 47-48, Newman club, Ski Club, basketball, fencing, curling - Prince Albert, SK
Sheila Irene Paustian M.A '49 C - Soo Line Club, English Club 1945-46 - Rouleau, SK
G. Gwen Hooper, '51 C - Prince Albert, SK
Viola Morice, '51 C - Basketball - Lancer, SK
Christine Ann Clark, '52 C - Spruce Home, SK
Joan Ada Whitehead, '59 C - Saskatoon, SK

Donna Joan Lawrence, '60 C - Maple Creek, SK

Irene Anne Keay, '65 C - 2011 SAGA HLM - First female Animal Science major, Agro Show, Animal Science Technician - Unity, SK

Elsie Georjeanne (Beere) Gates, '66 C - Second female Animal Science major - Animal Science Technician - Moose Jaw, SK

Patricia Anne (Dickson) Moulton, 69 C Class (received BSA in '80) - Kamloops, BC

Marlene Isabelle Cochran, '71 C - Codette, SK

Barbara June Swenson, '71 C - Birch Hills, SK

Hazel Jean Ritchie, '72 S - Tessier, SK

Gail Bernice Howse, '72 C - Khedive, SK

Dorothy Wilda Lawrence, '40 C, born Oct. 4, 1914, was the daughter of homesteaders in the Ruth S.D., Vera, SK. This is now considered near Unity, SK. The Lawrences were neighbours of my family and I did hear a lot about them as I grew up but I don't remember ever meeting Dorothy. (The following is from a community history book, *Blended Heritage*, 1978.) Upon graduating from Ruth School, she attended the University of Saskatchewan, in Agriculture. “When Dorothy was in her third year they sent her out as an agricultural lecturer to farm girls' schools which had been organized throughout the province for girls who were through elementary school. This was a Depression measure in the Thirties. Dorothy visited fifty-four points in Saskatchewan and the next year was sent into Manitoba to do the same. She taught poultry, dairying and horticulture, and bee keeping to farm girls.” Dorothy moved on to the University of British Columbia to get her Masters in Poultry Nutrition. As far as I can gather, she spent the rest of her career at UBC. Her name comes up in 1959 in a UBC campus newspaper. There is no one left of her home district families to ask about the rest of her life but I don't think she ever married. When I wanted to enter the Agriculture College, my father approved because he had known Dorothy very well. She and my Uncle David had been quite good friends but he passed away in 1939, in South Africa.

Betty Carolyn Isabel Myrick, '43 C

Jim Puckett, '65 C, sent me a couple of pages from the Davidson community history book *Prairie Tapestry* with the story about the Myrick family. The book was probably created in the '70s or '80s so the information is fairly old. Lee Bristow (widow of **Loren Peterson '65 C**) was also raised at Davidson and remembers the Barlows. She provided more information in an updated book from 2000.

Betty married E.L. (Leslie) Barlow and had two children, Lois & Ross. Lois married Malcolm Wilson and they lived in Regina. **Ross '75 C**, farmed with his parents on the original Myrick homestead, Sec. 12-27-29 W2, and

began raising purebred cattle (Elmbar Polled Herefords) in 1977. Cattle were sold across Canada and into the USA. He helped in the leadership of the Boy Scouts and 4-H for a number of years and was also active on the Board of Directors of the Davidson Co-Op. The history books do not list the community activities of his parents but it is possible to assume that Ross was carrying on examples set by Betty & Leslie. Betty was listed as “semi-retired” in the 1993 U of S Alumni Directory.

In 1994, Ross married Gloria White of Vancouver who had a son and daughter. In 2000 they also had a grandson. Betty & Leslie are now deceased and the farm has been sold in recent years. Ross and Gloria now reside in British Columbia.

(The following has been provided by Roberta’s son, **Gordon Moore, '68 S, 2010 SAGA HLM.**)

Roberta Irene Phillips, '44 S, was born to Andrew and Irene Phillips of Herschel, Saskatchewan, in 1918. She had an older sister, Alleta Alma, who died in infancy. Roberta grew up on the land her father homesteaded (NW34-30-17 W3) and lived in a homestead shack known as the house in the hill. Sadly in 1926, Andrew died, leaving Roberta and her mom, Irene, to look after the farm and they did so till 1928 when they moved to Consul. In 1930, Irene married Philip Taft, a grain buyer employed in Herschel. This was in the drought years and one idea of irrigation utilizing the creek that flowed through the farm with the assistance of W.E. Lyons and C.E. Freberg and PFRA was planned. With horse drawn fresnos, this was completed in 1937 and a market garden was established. This market garden remained with the land and was sold to **Bernie Wiens '67 C**, the present owner.

Roberta, after completing her formal education in Herschel, Conquest, Smiley and a brief stint working for the civil service, enrolled at the U of S School of Agriculture. While there she became very interested with Dr. Patterson’s lilies and Dr. Dabbs’ potatoes which she grew for many years. Roberta was also a great debater, *Sheaf* Editor and good in sports. Roberta graduated in 1944 and then married **John L. Moore '43 S**, of Speers, SK. John and Roberta raised a family of three (2 boys and 1 girl) who also followed in their footsteps and graduated from the U of S. Roberta continued to look after all the book keeping of the farm as well as growing a large garden and flower bed. In 1978 she also took on the job of post mistress of the Speers Post Office, a position she held till 1983.

Roberta unfortunately had been diagnosed with breast cancer in the fall of 1966, and was only given 6 months to live. With resilience and determination she would prove them wrong and instead became a cancer supporter and advocate for other cancer patients. Roberta lived for almost 30 years to the date when she was first diagnosed and because of this was requested by the University Hospital and Cancer Ward for her body to be donated for further cancer research. A special tribute to her body was given to the family at the hospital. Mom died July 24, 1996.


Beatrice Estella Murray '45 C '47 MSc, '55 PhD

You will remember that I told you as much as I could find about Bea Murray in the June 2020 newsletter. Since then, with help from **George Fedak '63 C** and **Eric Johnson '82 C**, I have gathered much more information. For instance, how many of you know that there is an Entrance Scholarship for female students in her name? How many of you have won it? I learned this from *Forever Young* and checked to see if it is still being awarded. It is.

Bea was born Jan. 27, 1919 at Young, SK. She entered the College of Agriculture in 1941 and was very active in many aspects of the College. She eventually made her way to Cornell University for her PhD and then took up radiation at Brookhaven University as a post-doctoral study. There is a picture including her in the book, *Centennial History – Plant Breeding, Cornell*.



An article in the *Ottawa Citizen* from July 16, 1963 told us a great deal about Dr. Murray’s work at the Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa, which later became known as the Ottawa Research Station of Agriculture and Agrifood. She worked as a Research Scientist in the Cytogenetics Section. Her research work

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involved mutagenesis of various plant species and later haploidy in flax. Haploids were found as twin seedlings of germinated seeds. She devised a unique system of colchicine treatments for chromosome doubling of the haploids. These studies were published in the *Canadian Journal of Genetics and Cytology*. Over the years she held various positions on the executive of the Genetics Society of Canada.

Beatrice was a devout socialist. George remembers bumping into her in the neighbourhood at 10 p.m. on a Saturday night, knocking on doors in support of a local NDP candidate just before an election. She visited China in the late '70s to see "socialism in action." She picked up some bug over there and on her return was too weak to even get out of bed. Their secretary at the time was Mona Gibson, who was able to put Bea together and into an ambulance. Were it not for Mona's inputs, Bea may not have survived.

Bea took part in curling, skiing, golfing, horse riding and picnics. She bought a house and looked after it and her yard, though she said, "when it comes to a toss-up between cutting the grass and golf, golf always wins." All of her family was connected with agriculture in Saskatchewan. When asked if her vast storehouse of knowledge was considered a boon to them, she replied, "I have to go home to be brought up to date on the latest agriculture developments. Of course they are all given with a western point of view."

As has been said before, she was a devout feminist. At one point she bought herself a spotted terrier, named Holly, saying no male dog would ever get close to her. I was amused by George's final comment that Bea did not like to be called a "prairie chicken."

The last mention I found of her was at Watrous, SK so we can assume that she retired in Saskatchewan, near her family. Bea passed away May 2, 1991.

Donna Joan Lawrence, '60 C

This biography was put together from the Maple Creek history *Where Past is Present* and from a phone conversation with her.

Donna was raised on a ranch SW of Maple Creek, the second child of Russell & Joan Lawrence. While attending school she experienced riding a horse to country school, boarding in town during the winter for high school and riding the very first school buses. She told me one day that when she decided to enter University she had no idea that she would be the only woman in her class. She just thought that it was a natural course for her to take. She remembers her university years and classmates very fondly. Her first job was at the Dominion Research Station in Swift Current. She spent nine & half years in the Biochemistry Lab and reports that it was a super place to work.

Donna met her husband, Bill Hanel, at the station. He was foreman of the Forage Section, a position he held for 32 years. In 1967 they bought a small ranch SW of Swift Current at Wymark, raising purebred Red Angus cattle. They had three sons, Boyd, Brian and Blair. After Bill's passing in 1998, Donna continues to

ranch with her son, Brian, and grandsons.

Elsie Georjeanne (Beere) Gates '66 C

Compiled from many Christmas letters, the telephone and email.

Elsie entered the College of Agriculture in the fall of 1962, having graduated from Riverview High School in Moose Jaw. She was one year behind me as I had just transferred to Agriculture from Arts & Science into second year. We became friends and for part of the time, roommates. She followed me into Animal Science and we both spent time there as Research Technicians. Animal Science at that time was a real family with Dr. J.M. Bell at the head of the Department. We were treated very well and have fond memories of those years.

Elsie married **Wayne Gates, '66 C, MSc '67**, of Mildred, SK in the fall of 1965. We two couples spent many enjoyable hours together. We even went on a fishing trip together. Elsie & I did catch a fish or two but brought home the worst sunburns we ever had in our whole lifetime. The Gates moved to UBC in Sept. 1967, where Wayne took course work for a PhD in Horticulture. Elsie worked at UBC in a variety of positions at Poultry Science, Plant Science and Wildlife Research. Wayne worked as a horticulturist with the BC government as a greenhouse specialist. Later he was associated with private companies growing millions of trees for reforestation.

By 1978 they were living near Abbotsford, at Bradner, on a small acreage and were building a greenhouse to raise cucumbers commercially. They also raised two daughters, Lisa & Heather. After retirement they moved to the Central Kootenay Regional District in 2007. They are at Balfour, not too far from Nelson, and closer to their daughters and five grandchildren. Elsie has become a Master Quilter and has travelled to many places to conventions and retreats. She also loves to travel with her grandchildren to exotic parts of the world. Wayne now keeps the home fires burning and looks after his collection of orchids. Their yard and gardens are gorgeous. We were very lucky to be able to visit there before the pandemic arrived.

Patricia Anne (Dickson) Moulton, Class of 1969, '80 C

(Pat was kind enough to put this together for the newsletter history project after a lengthy and interesting phone conversation).

I was born in Lacombe, Alberta, in 1947, but lived in all of the prairie provinces, plus Minnesota, during my school years. When it came time for university, I chose agriculture for the lifestyle and the stability. I wanted to be a farmer (not a farmer's wife). My choice of major was Animal Science, but after my first summer student job in the horticulture section of Melfort Research Station, which I loved and repeated for 3 summers, I perceived horticulture as being a more realistic choice for a permanent career for me as a female. That was the only time I ever made a career choice based on my gender. As it turned out, I never did work in horticulture again during my career.

Being an Agro student in Saskatoon was life-changing. I never experienced anything negative about being the only girl

among the class; I felt included and welcome. I believe that the solid upbringing of Agro students is the reason that the gender negativity experienced in other fields didn't exist among Agros; those boys were just too well-brought-up to exclude the "girl" and too secure to feel threatened.

In fact, the only gender-bias I ever ran up against was in my very first season of summer job applications: Regina Research Station rejected me as a horticulture summer student after first accepting me as the winning applicant and then learning that "Pat" was a girl. Their reason? They had no washroom facilities for females "in the field." (Remember, ladies, when we mutely accepted this stuff?) Fortunately Melfort was more enlightened.

After leaving university in 1969, I filled in with retail and hospitality industry jobs until I was hired as a clerk at Kamloops Range Research Station in 1974. While there, I took a number of range science classes through UBC to complete my degree, '80 C from the U of S with a minor in range management. This helped round out my qualifications for the position of Administrative Officer at the Kamloops Station in 1980 and then Sask. Regional Manager Program Services, for Veterinary Inspection Directorate in Regina, 1985-1990, which I consider the highlight of my career for the job content, responsibilities and working relationships with an exemplary management team. Both in Kamloops and in Regina, I was one of the first females to hold the management position.

I finished out my career with BC Parks back in Kamloops.

Both as a regional manager and later as a field supervisor after a reorganization, these positions had an agricultural component due to their multiple-use involvement with ranchers and other special interest groups. I retired in 2003.

My personal life peaked with my first and only marriage at the age of 50 to my husband Cal, now retired from a career as a mine maintenance superintendent. We live on an acreage near Kamloops, BC, and have both been riding as cowboys for local ranchers for the past several years. I have 3 wonderful step-children and 5 grandchildren. We have a third Labrador and 3 good cow-horses, and no desire to move any time soon.

I am hoping that there are still people out there that can send us information about others on the above list. Other women graduates from 1973 – present have made tremendous contributions to the industry and their stories should be recorded for posterity by their contemporaries. I just want to acknowledge three more because they are my good friends. **Cecelia (Kohlman) Mulhern, '75 C 2013 HLM**, who became the first female Ag. Rep. in Saskatchewan, at Leader; **Elaine Moats, '77 C 2016 HLM**, who took her AIT training at Maple Creek; and **Heather Macnab, 81 S**, who has become one of the mainstays of private music education, music festivals and the United Church Choir in Maple Creek.

Irene Ahner, '65 C



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87th Annual SAGA Reunion Banquet January 7 - 8, 2022

Celebrating the 2021 and 2022 Reunion Years

Jan. 7: 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday Social – Ag Building Atrium.

Guided tours and gabfest in Student Lounge.

Jan. 8: 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

SAGA Hockey, Waldheim, SK

Jan. 8 4 p.m. – 1 a.m. - Banquet and Mixer:

TCU Place - Centennial Halls (Basement)

As I write this, seeding is heading towards the home stretch. Whether you are involved in ag or not, spring always puts a bounce in one's step. For me, it was early spring when I received an offer of admission to become a USask student in AgBio. How did you feel when you received your offer? What made you choose agriculture at the U of S? Were you dreaming big? Dreaming

practical? Maybe just dreaming of moving to the city. As a result of your dreams back then, you are now part of a special group of people, the Ag Grads. At the upcoming Alumni Reunion, in 8 short months, you could be connecting in-person with classmates from years ending in '1' or years ending in '2'. Ask your classmates why they chose agriculture back in the day? What was the one course you loved? Or hated? I loved Weed Science, taught by the late Dr. Ross Ashford. The one I hated? Well, I'll save that for story-time at the Reunion.

President Jason and the Executive have been planning the 2022 Event. We received advice from the Class Chairs to help design a modified format that we hope you will agree works for this unprecedented time. We determined the way to go is two reunions in one. {Pending Public Health Orders}

We may have double the alumni and guests. In 2020, we had 340 people at TCU Place and our estimate is 600 – 700 attendees for 2022. In the past, we have had up to 800 people at TCU Place.

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Please check www.saskaggrads.com throughout the summer/fall for updates and new information.

We are working closely with TCU Place and our photographer to ensure we will be meeting all public health guidelines at that time. If needed, we have access to multiple rooms to avoid overcrowding. Two reunions in one means we will also adjust the program to make the best use of time and to accommodate the larger crowd. We could be scheduling some pictures during cocktail hour, depending on attendance numbers perhaps a bit earlier. For those classes who prefer a “fun selfie”, instead of an “official” photo, we could arrange an area off by itself for that purpose. We will shorten presentations. We could hold the AGM virtually before the reunion weekend. Many things to consider. If you have ideas or comment(s), please contact one of the Executive or grad year Chairs. We welcome all views as we work out a plan that feels familiar and yet gets us together in a safe new way.

We rely on the Chairs to provide the *SAGA* executive with re-

union event advice or feedback. Also, your class Chairs who will be the first to learn of any banquet and mixer details. My sincere thanks to the Chairs we already have. We are still missing a few reps, so those who want to volunteer someone or themselves, please do not hesitate to contact me at 306-221-8321 or deanne.belisle@canada.ca

I am sincerely hopeful for a big bash on January 7 - 8, 2022, with parties, fireworks, champagne and free t-shirts – well, maybe not the last three, although we surely deserve them after all this COVID-alone time! I look forward to conversations face-to-face, far away from Zoom and Teams and Facebook. And I’m thinking about that spring many years ago that led me down this road to connect up with old friends at *SAGA* reunion events. Have an amazing summer.

Deanne Belisle '79 C, *SAGA* Vice-President

Stepping into the Boots of Life on the U3 Ranch during the Pandemic

My family ranches in southern Saskatchewan near Fir Mountain. My parents, Lloyd and Nyla Anderson, run the ranch and my brothers, Connor '10 Geo, **Lander '11 C** and I are all involved to different extents. We have always felt very fortunate to be able to do what we love and like everyone in the agriculture world, we feel that there is no place like home. Our fortune was reiterated at times through the pandemic due to the small population in the area being able to avoid the need to be in crowded areas. The reality of ranching did not change much through the pandemic due to the fact the needs of the cattle and the industry didn't change. Cattle need to be fed and cared for whether there is a pandemic or not, so our part of the industry wasn't as affected as the processing level. We've still had our hurdles and road blocks through, but there's been some silver linings too. My grandfather had an ability to see the silver lining in most events and passed it down to my father. It's a habit I've been trying to learn myself. I will try my best to touch on the good, the bad and the silver linings of the south SK ranching industry.

Operating a cow calf operation as well as running yearlings means there is always something to do. The main cow herds are calved out on grass in large pastures until most of the calves are on the ground. Once the calves are old enough to travel, we trail them with horses 12 miles to summer pastures near the East Block of Grasslands National Park. The non-replacement heifer yearlings are sold in the spring as grassers. Our steer yearlings we sell as long yearlings and are trailed to the same area as the cows for the summer. Yearlings being like teenagers, they're very good at two things; eating and getting into trouble. Their troublesome behaviour results in never ending fencing and tracking them down in patient neighbour's pastures. The more time-consuming trait is eating, as we winter our calves and yearlings. We put up all our own hay and greenfeed bales, which means a lot of time spent cutting and baling feed in preparation for winter. The common denominator in all of these jobs though, is very little impact from COVID. One major direct impact our family has felt was my brother who resides in northern SK, wasn't able to come home and help as much as usual. There are many more indirect ways we have been affected. When purchasing our tags, vaccines and various other supplies, we social distance and follow whatever rules the businesses have in place. Bull sales have leaned toward online too, which is an excellent alternative, but has taken away the also needed social aspect of catching up with neighbours and friends. Brandings are a necessary part of ranching, and the more people the less work it is. Unfortunately with COVID-19, the push for smaller crews makes long days even longer.

Demand staying constant for beef throughout has been good for us, but created more work and stress for other levels of the cattle industry. Processing plants are high labour and require a large number of employees, making them a high-risk area with so many

people working at the same location. We as an industry should recognize the hard and stressful work of not only the processing plant workers, but grocery stores as well. Them going to work through all of this and supplying our beef to consumers made life a lot easier for us at the producer level, knowing the market is still there. The associations that represent the livestock industry also have had some hurdles. I am part of the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association and a large portion of income to cover operating costs comes from the annual general meeting auctions and donations. Due to COVID we couldn't have that in 2020 and so far, don't have in 2021. The board meetings shifted to video which is better than nothing, but it seems they're still not as productive as the in-person meetings. Industry meeting socializing is a good source for hearing issues going on in other parts of the province along with sharing ideas amongst peers.

COVID did create an opportunity; my brother Connor and his significant other moved closer to home, just like they wanted. This was created from the push for businesses to allow employees to work from home if they are able to. She has the go ahead to work from home for the foreseeable future, while Connor, working in the south east Sk. oil industry, had a longer drive to work but more off time that could be spent on the ranch. A result of the pandemic in our little rural communities is that our small post offices are busy again. Being so far from the city and limiting interaction with others more than ever, what we require that is ordered online shows the importance of our postal services. Local businesses had more well-deserved, attention which helped the local economies get through. In rural areas doctor appts. can eat up an entire day, but with more reliance on Telehealth, we have timelier results along with less of a hassle, especially for minor issues. Keeping with the theme of health, the isolation has put light to the importance of mental health and the consequences of reduced human contact. Ranchers and farmers are subjected to this during regular years, let alone at a time of pandemic. Silver linings are looking at small positive outcomes from negative events - these outcomes don't take away the seriousness or the tragedy that COVID-19 has brought to our communities and the world.

I am extremely fortunate to ranch for a living and very thankful how little my day-to-day life has been impacted by COVID. In saying that, I realize many have not been as fortunate; having to work in busy places, while keeping their kids learning & occupied, absent school and day care. Standing in someone else's shoes, I hope we all realize a better understanding how everyone is feeling, with so many constant and different pressures. With everything going on in our communities, big or small, we could use a lot less finger pointing and a lot more empathy. I hope this gave some insight toward ranching in southern Saskatchewan over this past year, and you stepped into my shoes for a brief period of time.

Chay Anderson '14 C

Empty Saddles

Frederick (Fred) Ernest Fulton '50 C, Dec. 29, 2020
1993 *SAGA* HLM

Eiler Shirley Humbert '50 C, Dec. 15, 2020
1990 *SAGA* HLM

James Thomas (Tom) McCloy '53 C, Mar. 25, 2021

David Arthur Johnson '56 C, June 29, 2019

Russel Emerson Wells '56 C, Mar. 13, 2020

Gordon Nelson Sherwood '57 S, Mar. 12, 2019

Gordon Frederick Shuttle '62 C, Feb. 15, 2021

Douglas Lorne Hartall '63 C, Mar. 16, 2021

Herbert (Herb) Stanley Martin '65 C, July 22, 2019

Allan John Klassen '65 C, Feb 17, 2021

Larry James Lubyk, '65 C, Jan. 31, 2021

Lorence Irving Peterson '65 C, Mar. 22, 2021,
2018 *SAGA* HLM

Leonard Martin Malinsky '70 S, Sept. 21, 2020

Keith William Kyle '71 S, Feb. 4, 2021

Timothy (Tim) Carter Marshall '81 C, Dec. 28, 2020

Mark Bradley Repetski '97 S, April 23, 2021

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A Sad '65 C Class for 2021

The 1965 group has suffered three bereavements so far this year. We had been looking forward to a summer class reunion in 2020 but of course the pandemic put an end to that.

Larry Lubyk passed away on January 31; **Allan Klassen** left us on February 17th; and **Lorence Peterson** died on March 22nd. Their obituaries will be added to the *SAGA* website. At the time of our 55th year reunion in Jan. 2020, we had only lost eight members of our class.

Irene Ahner, '65 C

CWA Top 50

Several AgBio grads landed on the Canadian Western Agribition Top 50 List of the Most Influential of Canadian Agriculture.

William Gruel '95 C, '00 MSc was cited as a Masters.

Joy Agnew '10 PhD AgBio Engineer topped the Innovators.

Gordon Bacon '81 C and **Marty Seymour '98 C** were announced as Designated Hitters.

A MEMO from Membership

As with all alumni associations, *SAGA* exists to serve its membership and exists only because you are a member. And as we all can only be lifetime members for so long, we need to continually encourage new graduates and not so new graduates to join their *SAGA*. I have been impressed with the ongoing efforts of our executive and that of the Agricultural students association to forge a stronger relationship. Hopefully this will lead to a greater interest in *SAGA* from our new graduates as we move forward. If you know one of those new graduates or Ag grads who is not a *SAGA* member, take the time to encourage them to join *SAGA* and maybe take that extra step and buy them that Life Membership.

One of the major tasks in maintaining the membership list for *SAGA* is trying to ensure that the contact information we have for you is up to date. That helps us ensure you don't

miss your next issue of the *SAGA* newsletter, information on reunions and other events. With land lines disappearing for many, folks switching jobs, retiring or moving to a new home, your contact information can quickly go out of date. So a reminder to send an update with your new contact information. Just send an email to us with the new details by using the "CONTACT" link at saskaggrads.com.

Over 60 percent of *SAGA* members now receive their *SAGA* newsletters by email instead of through the mail via Canada Post. With the recent pledge by the federal government to plant 2 billion more trees in the next 10 years, we will probably not run short of paper, but there are significant savings in mailing costs and also the opportunity to include more information in electronic formats in the future.

Henry de Gooijer '83 C

Reunion Class Giving

When I joined the college's development team in November of 2019, I never imagined how my work would be influenced by a global pandemic. Getting to know our alumni and donors remotely has its challenges but you find ways and with a history as rich as AgBio's, it's always a pleasure. With the COVID-19 vaccine roll out now in full swing across Canada, we are holding out hope that we can safely return to reunions in 2022. While every reunion year is a special year, the first *SAGA* reunion hosted post-pandemic will certainly be one for the books!

SAGA reunions are a special time to reconnect with classmates, reflect on your time as a student, and celebrate the accomplishments of all Agro alumni! Reunions also provide the opportunity to show your college pride through a class gift. Typically organized by class reunion chairs, class gifts can be established to honour your graduating year and support a specific area of interest to you and your classmates. Previously supported initiatives have included: the AgBio Discovery Program, the *SAGA* Undergraduate Scholarship as well as other student awards and infrastructure.

As you consider a class gift, we encourage you to reflect on your time as a student and to those who made your education possible. For many students, alumni support in the forms of scholarships and bursaries were critical to their academic success. Through the generosity of class giving, current and future AgBio students are given the opportunity to have the same meaningful experience you had as a student. In the coming weeks, I will be in touch with the class chairs to provide information on class giving. In the meantime, if you are interested in finding out if your graduating class has an award, or for information on setting up a class gift, please contact:

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Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the college of AgBio, and we are hopeful and excited to celebrate the 2021 and 2022 reunion years in January!

Miren Luczka

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