



President's Report to Senate

November 2023

Welcome to the first USask Senate meeting of the 2023/2024 academic year. I always look forward to this time of year, in the midst of fall term, after welcoming new and returning students to our campus. I am pleased to note that we experienced record enrolment this fall, with first day of semester numbers showing an increase of three percent over last year. It is clear students are choosing USask to learn, to grow as leaders, and to create new ideas as innovators and researchers.

Over the summer months, we continued to hear of success with research, scholarly and artistic work, including the receipt of more than [\\$8.7M from the NSERC Discovery Grants Program](#), the announcement of a [new research chair appointed to explore improving Indigenous children's health](#), and the [planning of a concert that mixes jazz and math](#). And to kickstart the fall semester we celebrated with Welcome Week, the Welcome Back Powwow and Metis Cultural Dance, and homecoming activities that culminated in a sell-out crowd at Griffith's Stadium for our Huskie Football season home opener.

The following report highlights the extraordinary work and achievements that continue to shape USask and our community. I am looking forward to the coming year and engaging with Senate. Together, we will continue to advance USask's mission to be the university the world needs.

Best regards,
Peter

USask embarks on largest campaign in Saskatchewan history

An ambitious goal of \$500 million will be reached with the support and generosity of USask donors and community members, with the money going toward work in four principal areas. First is **leading critical research**, aimed at increasing the number of endowed research chairs, supporting graduate student funding, and providing undergraduate research experiences. Next, we will support **Indigenous achievement** by creating an endowment fund for scholarships and bursaries, new programming, support

for learners, and reducing barriers to post-secondary education. Third is a focus on **student success** by creating new scholarships and bursaries, technology support, mentoring programming, and other initiatives that support the health and success of our learners. Finally, **visionary spaces** will be designed, including those for the Colleges of Dentistry and Engineering, the Prince Albert campus, the Emma Lake Kenderdine campus, upgraded libraries, and improved classrooms and laboratories.

To learn more about the campaign and how to get involved, please visit our website give.usask.ca

VIDO scientists receive leadership awards for excellence in vaccine research

Scientists at USask's Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO) have been recognized by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) for their international leadership in vaccine research for infectious diseases.

Drs. Darryl Falzarano (PhD) and Alyson Kelvin (PhD) received CIHR Leadership Awards for Excellence in Vaccine Research for Infectious Diseases of Epidemic Potential. In total CIHR funded six awards, with five in partnership with the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI).

The funding from CEPI is part of a new partnership with the CIHR announced during a virtual event to celebrate National Immunization Awareness Week. CIHR and CEPI will provide \$2.7 million in grant funding to support Canadian scientists pursuing projects to prepare for epidemic and pandemic threats.

CIHR awarded Falzarano \$200,000 to advance the development of a novel combination adjuvant—a component added to vaccines that helps promote the right kind of immune response. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Falzarano and his team developed a protein subunit vaccine candidate formulated with this combination adjuvant. Preclinical research demonstrated this adjuvant boosted the immune response and importantly was able to provide protection in the upper respiratory tract—a characteristic that could help reduce virus transmission. Falzarano will use synchrotron technology at USask's Canadian Light Source to advance the characterization.

Kelvin will receive \$200,000 from CIHR and an additional \$200,000 from CEPI to develop a universal coronavirus vaccine. Creating a universal vaccine to protect against multiple coronaviruses (SARS-CoV variants of concern, Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus, future coronaviruses, etc.) will help control future potential pandemics. Kelvin will identify similarities in the immune responses triggered by multiple coronaviruses to develop a universal coronavirus vaccine. The project includes collaborators in Rwanda and Bangladesh.

The 6th annual māmowī āsohtētān Internal Truth and Reconciliation Forum

The 6th annual internal forum at USask focused on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) Calls to Action as they relate to education, and how USask can continue to respond to the TRC's recommendations in meaningful and impactful ways.

The [Office of the Vice-Provost Indigenous Engagement](#) (OVPIE) led the organization and hosted the event, which was facilitated by the [Mistatimōk Committee](#). This year, the forum celebrated 50 years of

success in USask's [Indian Teacher Education Program](#) (ITEP). Students, alumni, and leaders from ITEP shared their experiences leading, attending, and teaching within the program and how those experiences have impacted their lives today.

I want to extend a thank you to the OVPIE team for organizing a successful event, and to all of USask community members who participated. The annual māmowī āsohtētān Internal Truth and Reconciliation Forum was created in response to the [94 Calls to Action](#) that the TRC made in 2015 to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation. The forum provides an opportunity for all members of the USask community to gather and constructively and respectfully dialogue and plan for the university environment they need and want. The māmowī āsohtētān Internal Truth and Reconciliation Forum began in 2017 to continue the discussion after USask hosted the first national Building Reconciliation Forum in 2015.

USask celebrates the opening of the Jane and Ron Graham Centre for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

Located in the College of Education, the centre was established thanks to a \$2-million donation from USask alumni Jane (BEd'62, DCL'22) and Ron (BE'62, DCL'13) Graham.

At the heart of the centre's work is the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning – commonly referred to as SoTL — which focuses on the systematic study of teaching practices in higher education with the goal of improving student learning. Donors Jane and Ron Graham gathered with representatives from USask to officially open the newly renovated space, located on the main floor of the Education Building. The donation is part of the newly-launched Be What the World Needs Campaign, which aims to raise \$500 million to support key priorities at the university.

Two USask alumni awarded prestigious McCall MacBain scholarship

Thanks to a landmark \$200 million gift in 2019 by John and Marcy McCall MacBain, USask graduates Julia Morelli (BA'23) and Minh Au (BE/BSc'23) will be pursuing fully funded master's degrees worth \$100,000 each at McGill University, while participating in mentorship, coaching, and a leadership development program.

This is the second time a USask graduate has been awarded the McCall MacBain scholarship: Last year, [Nikaela Lang \(BA'21\) earned this exciting opportunity](#). This is the first time USask will celebrate two recipients. Morelli and Au are two of 20 Canadian recipients of the award; 10 international students also received the scholarship.

Each scholar was chosen based on their character, community engagement, leadership potential, entrepreneurial spirit, academic strength, and intellectual curiosity.

Originally from Viscount, Morelli graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in political studies and works as a constituency assistant for two Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan. She also helps first-year students learn to conduct research and is a seasonal farmhand for the family business.

Morelli played on the USask Huskies women's hockey team and gave back to the hockey community as an assistant coach and on-ice instructor. Her academic interests include decolonization, Indigenous-settler relations, and Indigenous self-determination, and she will pursue a master's degree in political science at McGill. The selection committee was so impressed with her potential, it placed her in the top 20 of nearly 700 applicants.

Engineering physics student Au leads a student group dedicated to design and innovation in biomedical engineering. She has worked and volunteered as an editor for the university's student-run newspaper, tutored students at a Vietnamese language school, and managed social media for a financial literacy club. During the summers, Au worked in research and taught kids at a science camp. She spent last summer conducting research at CERN, the largest particle physics laboratory in the world, and plans to study experimental particle physics at McGill.

Spring Convocation – celebrating the Class of 2023

Congratulations to the 3,565 new USask alumni who received 3,740 degrees, certificates, and diplomas during the eight Convocation ceremonies held at Merlis Belsher Place earlier in June. During Convocation we acknowledged the accomplishments of the graduating students who were presented with awards, including [Governor General Gold Medal](#) recipients Joshua Cordell Neudorf and Caroline Aubry-Wake, and Governor General Silver Medal recipients William Thomas Peter Stryker and Alexander Devan Mayhew.

Congratulations were also extended to this year's [honorary degree recipients](#): Rosalie Silberman Abella (Honorary Doctor of Laws), Gary Carriere (Honorary Doctor of Science), Dr. John Conly (Honorary Doctor of Science), Elder Sharon Jinkerson-Brass (Honorary Doctor of Laws), and Ellen Remai (Honorary Doctor of Laws).

Please see our extensive webpage for the [Class of 2023](#) listing, information on honorary doctorate recipients, and news articles featuring graduate stories.

USask a leader in higher education sustainability rankings

USask has earned a top-100 worldwide rank in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings, with top-20 rankings in two key areas. USask has earned a rank of 67th overall around the world, even with the addition of more than 180 universities to the THE Impact Rankings bringing the total number of participants to nearly 1,600.

THE measures the performance of institutions around the world against the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set out by the United Nations. Universities must submit information for at least four of the 17 SDGs to be included in the overall rankings, and one must be for SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals. In addition to ranking 67th overall, USask made a significant jump into the top 20 worldwide in SDG 2 – Zero Hunger (moving up from 52nd last year to 16th) and placing 20th in SDG 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Overall, USask submitted data and supportive evidence for nine SDGs in the 2023 rankings and placed in the top 100 worldwide in four of those categories. One of those was SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities, where USask placed 95th worldwide in the university's first-ever year submitting for that SDG.

USask finished no lower than the 101-200 tier for any SDG in this year's THE rankings, with the other top 100 placing in SDG 3 – Good Health and Wellbeing.

USask has also received recognition from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), achieving “gold” status in the Sustainability Tracking & Assessment Rating System (STARS) in 2023. This is the first time USask has received gold status since being part of the STARS system.

Meewasin and USask renew MoU

In mid-September, the Meewasin Valley Authority (Meewasin) and the University of Saskatchewan re-signed a three-year Memorandum of Understanding. The MOU is aimed at fostering and advancing joint initiatives in sustainability and conservation in the Saskatoon region.

Meewasin and USask have a longstanding history of collaboration and shared interests. The Meewasin Valley Authority Act (1979) outlines the authority of Meewasin and articulates USask has a shared responsibility (with the City of Saskatoon and the provincial government) for the governance of Meewasin. More informally, USask and Meewasin collaborate through teaching and research opportunities within the river valley, student engagement and employment, and governance processes related to infrastructure development and approvals. The MOU signifies a continued commitment by both organizations to this collaboration. Both organizations share a focus on sustaining, conserving and preserving the natural beauty and ecological integrity of the Meewasin Valley, a unique and vital environmental asset within Saskatoon and the surrounding area. USask's expertise in sustainability, environmental science and research, and Meewasin's on the groundwork in active conservation and monitoring, are a strong combination.

Meewasin and USask believe that this MOU will have a lasting positive impact on the Meewasin Valley, USask students, staff and faculty and set an example for collaborative environmental stewardship in the region and beyond.

Generosity of USask community fuels Giving Day success

On Sept. 12, the University of Saskatchewan held its first Giving Day, in support of the Be What the World Needs Campaign.

Thanks to the generosity of more than 400 donors, \$253,859 was raised to support 64 projects ranging from student scholarships and critical research to Indigenous priorities and a new design hub for the College of Engineering. Gifts made on Giving Day had double the impact as several generous alumni stepped up to match donations dollar-for-dollar. And thanks to a partnership with Rawlco Radio, Giving Day was featured on News Talk 650 CKOM through live interviews throughout the day with USask leaders, faculty, staff and students as they spoke about the impact of giving across all areas of the university.

Matching donations were generously provided by USask alumni Grit (BEd'91) and Scott McCreath (BComm'69), Jefferson Mooney, C.M. (BA'66, LLD'19), Greg (BComm'79) and Rae Smith, and the Engineering Advancement Trustees.

World-leading quantum computer will give USask 'Quantum Boost'

The inauguration of the 'Quantum System One' quantum computer by the Platform for Digital and Quantum Innovation of Quebec (PINQ²) and IBM Canada is making waves for research, scholarly and artistic works (RSAW) at the University of Saskatchewan.

Dr. Steven Rayan (PhD), professor in USask's College of Arts and Science's Department of Mathematics and Statistics, who is also the director of USask's Centre for Quantum Topology and its Applications (quanTA), and lead of USask's Quantum Innovation Signature Area of Research, joined government representatives, industry leaders and researchers from across U15 universities in Bromont, Que., for the inauguration event on Sept. 22, 2023. Having worked closely with IBM Canada and PINQ² to envision and expand the 'use applications' for Quantum System One in institutional and industrial settings across Canada, Rayan is now championing a 'quantum boost' to existing and future RSAW at USask.

Though Quantum System One itself is stationed in Quebec, Rayan noted that emerging partnerships and USask's strong relationships with both IBM Canada and PINQ² will allow use of the new quantum computer by faculty, staff and students across the university.

Rayan believes an important factor in USask's involvement with and access to Quantum System One is the breadth and diversity of the RSAW taking place across campus. Interdisciplinary and forward-thinking approaches to agricultural innovation, vaccine development, material science, social science and the humanities are opening new and creative doorways for quantum applications. As quantum computers make the once impossible possible, the USask community is embracing this technology to help advance solutions to the world's most pressing challenges.

Celebrated USask medical researchers named Canadian Academy of Health Sciences fellows

I want to congratulate USask researchers Dr. Alan Rosenberg (MD) and Dr. Nazeem Muhajarine (PhD), who were named members of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS) in recognition of their work in the greater health sciences community. Both Rosenberg and Muhajarine were recipients of CAHS fellowships and are now part of the organization which seeks to "provide independent, objective, evidence-based analyses of health challenges that inform both public and private sectors in decision-making about policy, practice and investment," per the CAHS website.

Huskies begin the chase for championships

More than 400 Huskie Athletics student-athletes began their academic year this September with USask, all on a the quest for national titles this season. While chasing championships is the ultimate goal for all teams, the student half of the student-athlete equation remains first and foremost for the program, with 118 Huskies named Academic All-Canadians in 2022/23 (for posting an academic average of 80 per cent

or better while completing a full course load) including 26 student-athletes earning remarkable averages of more than 90 per cent.

Huskie Athletics also began the year with all 11 head coaches back, with many having coached internationally in the off-season.

For more information on season and schedules, please visit the [Huskies Athletics site for the 2023/2024 season schedule](#).

USask reaches new heights in world university rankings

USask has made significant leaps forward in both the QS World University Rankings (QS WUR) and the Times Higher Education (THE) World University rankings.

In June, USask earned a ranking of 345th in the 2024 QS WUR out of 2,963 participating institutions – an increase of 128 spots from USask's rank of 473rd overall for the 2023 rankings. The performance is USask's best showing in these rankings, improving on the previous best ranking by nearly 50 spots (393rd in 2013).

The QS ranking agency implemented a revised methodology this year based on a variety of indicators, including research impact, reputational measures, number of international students and faculty, employment outcomes and more. USask performed extremely well in the new "Sustainability" indicator, ranking 56th among all participating institutions. USask also achieved high rankings in the two other new indicators of the QS rankings, earning a placement of 331st in the "International Research Network" category and 396th in the "Employment Outcomes" category.

USask has also reached its highest ever position in the Time Higher Education (THE) World University rankings, an indicator that gauges university performances at an international level. THE World University Rankings measure the overall performance of higher learning institutions based on 17 key indicators across five pillars of teaching, research environment, research quality, industry, and international outlook, per the THE website.

USask leapt more than 100 spots in the rankings to enter the 351-400 tier this year, after reaching an overall rank in the 501-600 tier of universities in the prior year's rankings. In addition to the remarkable rise in the rankings, the placement in the 351-400 tier is the highest USask has achieved in these rankings to date. It marks the second time this year that USask has reached its best-ever placement on an international ranking scale, as [USask jumped 128 positions](#) to reach a previously unprecedented placement of 345th in the 2024 QS World University Rankings announced in June.

Of the five pillars of the THE rankings, USask greatly improved its rank in the research environment, research quality, and industry areas. USask scored highly in the "research excellence" indicator – which measures the amount of "world-leading researchers" in an institution by examining research publications and how often they are cited. USask also scored favourably in the "research influence" indicator, which acts as a "broader look at excellence and considers the importance of citing publications."

USask jumped to 109th in the world in the industry pillar, which includes measures in the area of industry income as well as the number of patents that cite a university's research. The 2024 THE World University Rankings include 1,904 universities from around the world in the placement system, which is an increase from 1,799 last year.

USask's VIDO selected for CEPI's international research network

The USask Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO) recently signed an agreement to join the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations' (CEPI) preclinical research network. VIDO is the only organization in Canada and the ninth in the world selected for this research network to date. CEPI is a leading global partnership launched in 2017 with the mission to accelerate the development of vaccines and other countermeasures against epidemic and pandemic threats so they can be accessible to all people in need. CEPI's global membership includes public, private, philanthropic, and civil society organizations. The Government of Canada provides financial support to CEPI.

The agreement establishes a formal partnership between the two organizations for preclinical research model development and testing innovations for human health. Saskatchewan Minister Responsible for Innovation Saskatchewan, Jeremy Harrison, was on hand in London, U.K., to participate in the signing ceremony with CEPI's Executive Director of Vaccine Research and Development, Melanie Saville, and VIDO's Director, Dr. Volker Gerdts. VIDO receives operating support from Innovation Saskatchewan. This network is an important part of CEPI's pandemic preparedness plan which aims to accelerate the development of vaccines against priority pathogens with epidemic or pandemic potential—including "Disease X" or a pathogen currently unknown to cause human disease—in pursuit of the 100 Days Mission. Backed by Canada and other members of the G7 and G20, the 100 Days Mission aims to compress the time taken to develop safe, effective, globally accessible vaccines against emerging disease outbreaks to within 100 days.

CEPI-supported vaccine developers can access this research network to advance preclinical testing of their vaccine candidates, with the data from such trials informing the developer as to whether the candidate can move into clinical testing. Regulatory approval of these vaccines will rely on the preclinical efficacy studies conducted in high containment facilities, such as VIDO.

VIDO was selected as part of CEPI's network based on their scientific excellence, their robust quality systems, and their strong ethical research practices. Today's agreement further builds on a collaboration started in 2021 with [CEPI providing up to \\$6 million \(CAD\) award to VIDO for vaccine development](#). It was CEPI's first ever award to a Canadian university as part of a \$200-million program to advance the development of vaccines that provide broad protection against COVID-19 variants and other coronaviruses.

This announcement aligns with VIDO's strategic efforts to increase its global presence as part of its mission to protect the world from infectious diseases.

Vital multiple sclerosis research at USask to continue with \$750,000 donation from Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation

A new gift of \$750,000 from the Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation (SCHF) will provide funding to USask College of Medicine to support the Saskatchewan Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Clinical Research Chair for the next three years.

Chairholder, Dr. Michael C. Levin (MD), along with his team of researchers have been working to develop medications that can inhibit the nerve cell damage that occurs due to diseases such as MS.

Saskatchewan has one of the highest rates of MS in the world, with an estimated 3,700 people in the province living with the disease and there is no known cure. MS is a disorder of the central nervous system affecting the ability of the brain and spinal cord to communicate. This results in muscle weakness, a lack of muscle control, problems with vision and other neurological symptoms.

Since the chair was first established in 2017, Dr. Levin and his team have made incredible progress and discovered that a protein in nerve cells, named A1, is abnormal in the brains of MS patients. Specifically, that A1 gets stuck in the wrong part of nerve cells and triggers their death.

Using state-of-the-art drug design, Dr. Levin's team has studied drug therapies and discovered a drug treatment that return A1 to its normal location, not only preventing nerve cell death, but promoting nerve cell regeneration. By blocking nerve cell death, these innovative drugs can prevent a lifetime of disability with MS.

The SCHF's latest commitment of \$750,000 over three years will support the chair's greatest needs, including infrastructure, research support and necessary equipment as part of the vision to advance treatment for and ultimately end MS.

SCHF has a decades-long history of supporting MS research in Saskatchewan. In 2010, the foundation joined the USask College of Medicine and the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation to raise \$5 million toward the creation of the chair position.

To learn more about the exciting breakthroughs in MS research happening at the University of Saskatchewan, visit <https://research-groups.usask.ca/skms-office/>

USask to honour Father Poilievre for lifetime commitment to community

USask will honour the remarkable public service of Father André Poilievre with an Honorary Doctorate during USask Fall Convocation next month. Poilievre will be celebrated for his contributions to society during USask's afternoon convocation ceremony at Merlis Belsher Place on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 2 pm.

Poilievre was named to the Order of Canada in 2008 for his lifelong contributions as an educator, counsellor and chaplain, and for his remarkable work in helping more than 500 individuals leave street gangs and start new lives. The Order of Canada is one of a number of honours that Poilievre earned through a career of contributions to the community, including the Saskatoon YMCA Peace Medal Award in 2007, the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2013, and the St. Thomas More College Recognition Award in 2015.

The youngest of three siblings, Poilievre was born and raised in Prud'homme, Sask. After graduating from high school, he went on to earn a baccalaureate in theology, and later completed adult education courses in Paris and Toronto. Poilievre went on to spend six years with Arctic Cooperatives Ltd., in the former Northwest Territories (now Nunavut), where he developed and implemented training programs for Inuit and Dene management trainees in Indigenous-owned co-operative enterprises. Poilievre moved to Saskatoon and was ordained as a Catholic priest in 1962, taught at St. Paul's and Joe Duquette (now Oskāyak) high schools, and also served as a chaplain at Saskatoon City Hospital and the Saskatoon Correctional Centre.

In 2002, Poilievre and two former gang members he met during his time with the correctional centre co-

founded STR8 UP, the inspiration for his life's work for the next 20 years. The support centre continues to help street gang members – many Indigenous – and their families escape from the clutches of gang life and get a fresh start. STR8 UP is the embodiment of Poilièvre's lifelong commitment to serving Indigenous peoples, training community co-operatives, and supporting quality education for all children.

Honorary degrees are awarded to recipients for worthy and unique contributions made to their community and to the world. USask recognizes individuals who have outstanding accomplishments in research, scholarly and artistic works; performed exceptional public service; contributed greatly through their professional or philanthropic activity; and demonstrated extraordinary athletic prowess. To view past recipients, visit: <https://library.usask.ca/uasc/campus-history-databases/honorary-degrees>

For more on USask Fall Convocation, visit:

<https://students.usask.ca/academics/convocation/future-convocation-dates.php>

USask to offer Bachelor of Education program in Pelican Narrows

Representatives from the University of Saskatchewan (USask), Northern Lights School Division and Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation (PBCN) Education Authority met in Pelican Narrows Wednesday, Sept. 27 to sign an agreement between their organizations to offer the Bachelor of Education degree program in the northern community.

The agreement supports courses delivered by the College of Education and the College of Arts and Science to pre-service teachers in Pelican Narrows, with satellite locations in Sandy Bay and Deschambault Lake. Named the Cree Teacher Education Program (CTEP), 34 students joined the cohort in September and are working towards a Bachelor of Education (BEd) degree, specializing in Cree and Indigenous Studies.

In 2019, the first CTEP cohort began classes in Cumberland House, Sask. The program reached its conclusion in the spring of 2023 [**with 26 students receiving their BEd degrees**](#). As a result of the first CTEP cohort, the two schools in the Cumberland House area no longer face staffing shortages.

USask rural health centre announces two distinct milestones

The newly renamed Canadian Centre for Rural and Agricultural Health (CCRAH) is celebrating its new name along with a \$1.5 million gift that will help ensure the safety and health of rural people and their families. The \$1.5 million gift was given to the CCRAH by an anonymous donor for the purpose of developing a mobile unit for the CCRAH. The new unit will give the centre speed and flexibility to travel to rural areas in Saskatchewan to support residents as well as enable more nimble and reactive field research teams.

The mobile unit will be a new addition to the capabilities of the CCRAH, which regularly operates in rural Saskatchewan but has never had its own mobile service centre before. This unit will serve rural communities, bringing services to those communities and improving the well-being of rural residents throughout the province.

The gift announcement and celebration of the centre's new name are separate initiatives announced at the same time in conjunction with today's CCRAH open house. The Canadian Centre for Rural and Agricultural Health became official on June 1, 2023.

The centre was established by USask in 1986 as the Centre for Agricultural Medicine, working alongside the Lung Association of Saskatchewan with a focus on agricultural environmental exposures and lung health. Over its nearly 38 years of existence, the centre has continually grown and expanded its research programs and services. The newly announced gift will also significantly impact and expand the Agricultural Health and Safety Network (AHSN), one of the centre's key programs. This program connects close to 200 rural municipalities in Saskatchewan with services and knowledge mobilization for farmers and their families.

Government of Saskatchewan appoints McFaul to USask Board of Governors

USask is pleased to announce that the Government of Saskatchewan has appointed Herb McFaul to its Board of Governors.

McFaul has served as President of McFaul Financial since 1985, a tradition carried on from his father Dr. J.Y. McFaul who founded the financial firm. He holds Certified Financial Planner ®(CFP®) and Registered Retirement Consultant designations ® (RRC®). McFaul is active in serving his community and has held a number of leadership roles in charitable organizations, and recently served as Chair of the Remai Modern Foundation and of Camp fYrefly Saskatchewan. His current volunteer activities include chair of the Planned Giving Advisory Committee for Royal University Hospital Foundation of Saskatoon. McFaul's community contributions were recognized with a Saskatoon CTV Citizen of the Year award in 2014, and in 2017 with his receipt of the prestigious Jack Y. McFaul Memorial Award from Manulife.

McFaul replaces Ritu Malhotra whose term on the board expired. In addition to Brown, the terms of government appointees Grant Devine and Keith Martell have been extended for an additional three years.

The University of Saskatchewan's Board of Governors is responsible for overseeing and directing all matters respecting the management, administration and control of the university's property, revenues and financial affairs. The board consists of eleven members: the chancellor and the president of the university as *ex officio* members, five members appointed by through an Order in Council, two members elected by the University Senate, the president of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union and one faculty member elected by the faculty.