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Booth UC Connect Magazine is published two times yearly. We want to share the good news of what has been happening at Booth University College.

As the name of the publication suggests, Booth UC thrives on our connections between instructors and students and between theory and practice. Equally valued are the linkages between this institution and learning partners across Canada and around the world. And then there are the connections with people like you. Together, we are shaping the future.

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EDUCATION FOR A BETTER WORLD



President's Message

It's been an unusual year. The months continue to be different months than we were used to. We have come to find out that over this time of pandemic, we've had to find different ways to chase freedom, and even to live with joy.

As I write this message to you, I am caused to look back over this year. I think we've discovered how living with resolve can lead to a determined life, and one that's even unfettered by the uncertainty we find ourselves in. And it has made me marvel at how the seemingly mundane moments of day-to-day life: coffee with a friend, a walk outside in the brisk air, watching the leaves turn colour, can truly become moments of joy in the Lord.

I also turn forward and look to my continuing work with Booth UC. Some of it is outlined in this winter edition of *Connect* in the "New Initiatives at Booth UC" article. I also hope you enjoy reading about our students, staff, alumnus and community, including current student alumni Lt. Patrick Penton (BA/06). We are especially honoured that this edition is being published at a momentous time in Booth UC's history as we move towards our 40th anniversary. Also, how fitting it is that we feature Lt-Colonel John Murray (page 6-7), as he created the first *Connect* magazine in 2016. He is also Booth UC's Board of Trustees new board chair.

I am continually amazed how our students, alumni and employees continue to honour their commitment to Education for a Better World. As we look forward to spring convocation, and the 40th anniversary celebrations, I encourage you to take a moment to remember that there is a joyfulness woven throughout life and let us all embrace every new moment along the way.

Susan

Lieut. Colonel (Dr.) Susan L van Duinen
President: Booth University College

*"These things have
I spoken unto you,
that my joy might
remain in you, and
that your joy might
be full"*

John 15:11

2022 THE SALVATION ARMY BOOTH UNIVERSITY COLLEGE SPRING CONVOCAATION

Virtual Convocation and Conferring of Degrees
Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 3:00 pm (CTM)

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1982 - 2000



Booth College

2000 - 2010



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2010 - PRESENT

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Booth University College. As we prepare to celebrate this milestone at our Spring Convocation, we invite you to take a look back at some of our historic moments.



10 HISTORIC MOMENTS



The establishment of a Salvation Army “university of humanity” was first proposed by The Salvation Army’s co-founder, General William Booth, early in the 20th century. Almost a hundred years later, the fulfillment of that dream began in Winnipeg, Canada.



First established as a centre for biblical studies and leadership training, Catherine Booth Bible College was founded on February 16, 1981. It was located at 340 Assiniboine Avenue, situated on the banks of the Assiniboine River.



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In 1986, the foundations were laid for the institution's social work program, which has grown into one of the most sought-after programs in the province.



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In 1987, the College purchased the current seven-storey Webb Place building—formerly the YWCA—in downtown Winnipeg. This new campus opened to students in September 1988. The first visitors were Earl and Benita Robinson

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Booth College

In 1997, the name of the institution was changed to William and Catherine Booth College.



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By 2006, the needs of The Salvation Army and society had changed. As a result, the Board of Trustees cast a new vision for the institution as a growing Christian "university college" of choice, with an expanded mission that portrayed William Booth's dream of a university of humanity.



Since 2006, Booth has undergone a significant transformation. New programs have been developed, existing programs have been redesigned and our enrolment has grown dramatically.

In June 2010, the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba passed legislation that gave Booth 'university college' status and the name of our institution was officially changed to Booth University College.



BOOTH UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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Booth UC further expanded the campus in 2015 with the renovation of Petersen Hall at 290 Vaughan Street. The building also houses the John Fairbank Memorial Library and the Centre for Officer Training.

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Today Booth University College provides Education for a Better World to over 400 students, and most recently launched a Community and Urban Transformation program in 2020.



Q&A With Lt-Colonel John P. Murray



Lt. Colonel Murray with wife, Brenda

Lt-Colonel John P. Murray, Territorial Secretary for Communications and new chair of Booth University College's Board of Trustees, is no stranger to the institution. After his return to Canada in 2015 following a two-year appointment as IHQ Communications Secretary, Programme Resources Department at International Headquarters in London, England, Lt-Colonel Murray was appointed as the Vice President, Advancement for Booth UC in Winnipeg, where he served for the next two years.

Q: What was your perception of Booth UC before you joined the institution?

A: I've always been aware of the important role that Booth University College played not only in the educational development of students from the greater Winnipeg area but of Canadian Salvation Army officers. When you think of biblical studies, when we think of theological engagement and the school for continuing studies, these were my connection points with Booth UC over the years.

Q: How did your perceptions of the institution change when you joined Booth UC?

A: As the first Vice President, Advancement, I had the opportunity to set up a formal development program as well as enhance and strengthen the communications program. One of the things I did during that time was oversee the launch of Booth UC *Connect*. I'm delighted that that continues to be a vehicle to engage not only alumni but donors, partners and other strategic supporters of the institution.



Booth UC Connect was launched in 2016. On its inaugural cover was Dr. James Cresswell, at that time program head of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences

You know, you always have a perspective from the outside, but once you become a part of an organization, you understand, in a deeper context, what drives people, what engages them from an educational standpoint and teaching standpoint. Knowing our professors and their own personal research, as well as the importance of graduations, that very solemn and important work that is done as we recognize our graduates, that was important learning for me as Vice President, Advancement.

I've brought that understanding and learning now to my role as chair of the Board of Trustees for Booth UC.

"We're not resting on 40 years of laurels. We're looking back in celebration, but with a very clear vision, strategy, and framework for the future growth of Booth UC."

- Lt-Colonel John Murray

Q: How do you see Booth UC's evolution over the last 40 years to now?

A: Booth UC has a rich and important history over the last 40 years, evolving from a Bible school to a Bible college to Booth UC.

Of course, Booth UC is a Salvation Army institution and a Salvation Army educational facility, and that is important to not only recognize and celebrate, but to remember that it is part of the broader Salvation Army fabric. The Salvation Army is committed to education in all its forms. It's embedded in the DNA of the organization.

But we're not resting on 40 years of laurels. We're looking back in celebration, but with a very clear vision, strategy and framework for the future growth of Booth UC.

Q: So where do you see Booth UC in 40 years?

A: We want to become a deeper learning center of excellence for The Salvation Army, domestically and internationally. And I think it's the goal and desire of our faculty, staff and trustees to have full university status at some point.

As board chair, I want to help share and shape and cascade that vision. Then in a few years, I'll pass the mantle on to the next board chair, having built and created something that is built on what has gone before.

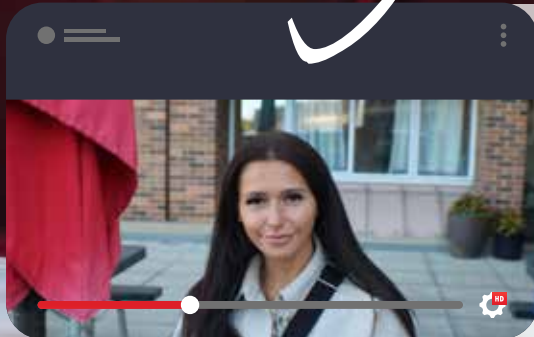
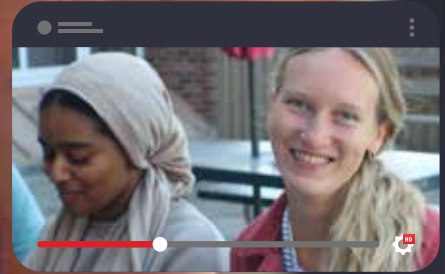
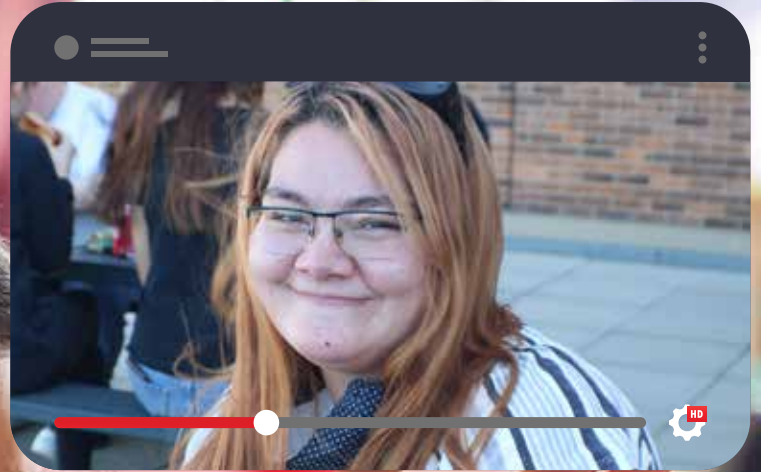
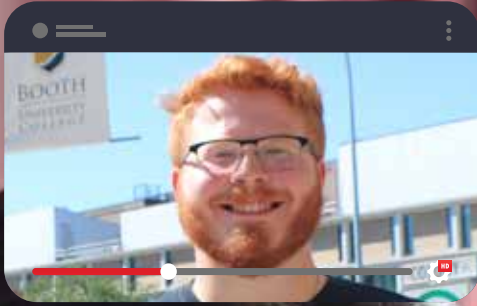
Q: Why is Booth UC so special in the army world and globally?

A: At the heart of Booth UC is the vision of William and Catherine Booth. It's about engaging. It's about supporting. It's about equipping. It's about telling The Salvation Army story. It's about educating and equipping to do the mission and ministry of what the organization has been called to do. And I think that we're doing that. The culture, the spiritual dimension of our programs, are imbedded in and connected to our students who are going out as hands and feet of Christ because of their education at Booth UC.

Booth UC is equipping others to do the mission to which The Salvation Army has been called and was called over 155 years ago. 🇺🇸



At the Barrie Bayside Mission, Lt-Colonel Murray and Cadet Jeff Robertson, present a Thank You Certificate to Joanne Blackmore and Major Flo Sharples, 2018, photo from Salvationist Magazine.



Two Steps Forward

By Rhonda Friesen, Dean of Students

As we cautiously navigate the start of another school year, the “new normal” of studying and learning during a pandemic has settled into a rhythm of virtual classrooms, Zoom meetings and a sprinkling of safely managed in-person activities. Students, course instructors and support staff have demonstrated creativity, resilience and determination to pull together as a community as we help each other through these unusual times.

One of the highlights of Welcome Week 2021 was our new student Welcome Day. Over 40 students participated—some virtually via Zoom and some in-person on campus—in activities designed to help students get to know each other, become familiar with Booth UC and experience the feel of a hybrid learning classroom. Together we played games, asked questions and started new friendships. It was a great way to meet people from around the world as well as within our city.

The Booth UC Residence has been a buzz of activity this term. Resident Assistants and students have been busy arranging different events, everything from weekly Bible studies to workout sessions at the gym. Residents regularly cook together, eat together and worship together on the weekends. Fun community building events have included a residence olympics, murder mystery night, and an outing to the local A Maze in Corn.



*Keeping the Booth UC community connected,
as we continue to navigate the "new normal"*

Student Council has also been active this year, preparing events to bring students together despite these isolating circumstances. A Welcome Week bonfire has been followed by a Thanksgiving pie baking and games night, Halloween contest fun and a circus-themed murder mystery evening. International students are gathering from around the world to get to know each other through virtual games and information sessions. More fun and informative initiatives are being planned for the winter, so stay tuned!

On September 30th, Booth UC celebrated the first ever National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. During the week of September 27th to October 1st, our Booth UC community endeavoured to listen, learn and act upon the truths learned about the Residential School system in Canada. Students, faculty and staff interacted with resources posted in the Booth UC information system; participated in local community events; and welcomed Captain Crystal Porter, Associate Territorial Indigenous Ministries Consultant, to a special Booth UC Community Gathering on September 29th. Captain Porter led our community through the story of Pauline, a Cree girl who was taken to Residential School. She encouraged prayer, reflection and follow-up action to continue the journey of reconciliation with humility and compassion. Miigwetch, Captain Porter ... you have powerfully impacted our community.

As we continue to adapt and learn to live in community within our pandemic world, we trust in God's faithfulness to bring us through together. 🇺🇸



PROFILES

Assistant Professor of English and Film Studies, Dr. Mandy Elliott

Q: Tell us a little bit about your background

I grew up with parents who read voraciously and a grandmother who loved movies. They introduced my sister and me to all kinds of literature and films, many that our peers weren't allowed to absorb or had never even heard of. I think this gave me the sense that these things were special—that I had access to a world of information not available to others my age. I was particularly interested in spending time with my grandma, a retired teacher who loved Alfred Hitchcock movies and always let me watch them (and other scary movies that my mom disapproved of) with her. We would pick apart *Rear Window*, *The Birds* and many others, commenting on everything from the uses of lighting and music to gender expression to Grace Kelly's impeccable wardrobe.

My grandmother valued education above almost anything else. When she was still teaching, she wrote a master's thesis, but was told she would be fired for having more education than her male boss if she defended it. So, she didn't. I think she would have fought harder for her degree, but she was a single mother who needed to support her son. I suppose part of me wanted to finish what she started. I dedicated my master's thesis to her and, while she died before I could finish my PhD and become a Hitchcock scholar, I know she'd be thrilled. She always said that a good story should make you laugh, cry or think, and I consider that an important part of my pedagogy.

Q: How do the students at Booth UC inspire you?

Gosh, these students. They've gone through so much through the pandemic, and that's on top of the other more general difficulties that come with being a student. Booth UC students consistently impress me with their hard work and their care for one another. I taught an article this term that I was sure would be controversial, but my students handled their debates with curiosity and gentleness, and really made me feel as though society is going to be okay. I've met more brave people in my courses than I imagined I would, and they inspire me to do my best for them.

Q: What topic is particularly exciting for you to teach at Booth UC and why?

I came to Booth UC eager to teach film studies, which I love, but lately I've been loving my Representative Literary Works courses. It's so exciting to dig into topics and themes in literature and draw connections between past eras and historical contexts and our own. I particularly love showing my students that issues of race, gender and class have been alive and well for centuries and seeing them identify so strongly with authors they had previously never heard of. Watching them discover the importance of the humanities in their lives is very rewarding.

Q: What gives you inspiration/motivation in your field?

So many things! Lately I've been really invested in ideas of spectatorship and biases cinematic audiences have. I love watching movies from the 1930s, '40s and '50s but it's been even more fun lately to connect them with contemporary films and see how the ways in which we watch movies change with our politics and senses of identity. I also belong to the Film Studies Association of Canada and the Popular Culture Association, and participating in the conversations that come out of those groups always spurs me on to keep drawing connections and putting my ideas out there.

Q: How does your research and/or teaching help "Education for a Better World"?

Over the past few years, I've made decolonizing my syllabus and including marginalized voices an ongoing priority. By introducing students to the voices of people of colour, members of the LGBTQ+ community, disabled people and others not only shows my students different perspectives on issues often taken for granted but decentres the white, straight, non-disabled voices that have historically had the floor. Showing my students that those typically seen as marginalized have always written and have always made art demonstrates the inequity in our society and, often, in our pedagogy and hopefully teaches them to seek out different perspectives in whatever they do.

Q: Outside of your work at Booth UC, what are you interested in?

I love to read and watch movies, and I write a quarterly (and usually highly irreverent, but thoughtful) movie review for *Geez* magazine with my friend Charlie. I'm also part of an intersectional feminist book club that has pledged to read only marginalized authors. Through that, I've discovered many great writers, including the fabulous (and Winnipeg's own) Katherina Vermette, whose new book I'm dying to read. Otherwise, you can generally find me introverting at home with my partner, Aaron, and my cat, Pancakes. 🐾



Q: Tell us a little bit about your background

I am a curious person who enjoys reading and appreciates the concept of lifelong learning. After high school, I went to Bible school in Chicago. I then enrolled at the University of Manitoba and completed a Commerce degree. A few years later, I was able to complete an MBA through Queen's University.

I spent most of my career in two large companies in Winnipeg, working with great teams of people on interesting finance projects. I learned firsthand about the excellence of Winnipeg's business community, the strong leaders behind the scenes in our city, and the connection that we in Winnipeg have with colleagues around the world.

I joined Booth University College in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic. I had my interviews and most of my first meetings over Zoom. Even through the lens of virtual meetings, I witnessed Booth UC's warmth and dedication to service. Staff and faculty are kind and welcoming. Everyone shares a common goal of providing students with valuable life and educational experiences that include small class size, excellence in teaching, access to advisors for one-on-one meetings and a variety of service opportunities. Decisions within Booth UC are often made referencing our commitment to Education for a Better World.

Q: How do the students at Booth UC inspire you?

Young, curious, energetic life-scholars inspire me. I enjoy listening to their conversations, hearing about their experiences, debating the merits of general versus professional degrees or discussing when to take a gap term to travel. I am also fascinated watching youth navigate the huge volume of information that is bombarding them. They are forced to sift through countless sources to find truth—or at least their truth. Critical thinking and debate are becoming a basic life skill.

Q: What topic is particularly exciting for you to teach at Booth UC and why?

I am excited about developing additional partnerships with external parties that will directly benefit our business students. These are still in the planning stages but include broadening students' service opportunities with not-for-profit as well as local businesses, and connecting with professional organizations and other universities that have similar values as Booth UC.

I will be teaching a course on leadership theory and practice this winter, and I am looking forward to teaching some of the introductory business courses next year.



"Even through the lens of virtual meetings, I witnessed Booth UC's warmth and dedication to service."

— Wendi Thiessen, Director, School of Business

Q: Outside of your work at Booth UC, what are you interested in?

I am a proud Winnipegger and made a choice many years ago to live close to downtown. I live in a 100-year-old character house with my husband, my boys and our 15-year-old dog, Ringo, who considers himself our forth son. I grew up in a family that valued service and modelled volunteerism. Volunteering, or giving back, is one of my personal priorities. I am currently serving on the Boards of Multiply (MB Missions) and Farmers Abroad Canada, and I help at Agape Table (the neighbourhood soup kitchen) whenever I have a few free hours. 🇨🇦

Creating a Rhythm

Booth University College's influence followed Lt. Patrick Penton (BA/06) from Canada to South Korea and back to Canada again.



"When I graduated from Booth University College, I really didn't think much about how it was going to affect my future," says Lt. Patrick Penton. "But it did, and in a positive way, especially during these past two years."

Options

Growing up in rural Newfoundland and Labrador, Patrick had always been aware of Booth UC.

"I knew friends who attended Booth UC," Patrick says. "When they would return home for Christmas or the summer holidays, they would often talk about their experiences, about how exciting it was and what they were learning."

As a high-school student with ministry at the back of his mind, he thought, *That was right up my alley. Maybe this is for me, too.*

As Patrick pondered what to do after high school, he considered going right into The Salvation Army's College for Officer Training (CFOT) or attending Booth UC for four years, which would prepare him for training college.

Patrick opted for Booth UC.

Reflecting on Beliefs

It was an exciting time for the young man. Booth UC introduced him to concepts he had never thought about regarding faith, Christian life and social justice.



"I had grown up seeing life in terms of black and white," he explains. "We were challenged in our classes that maybe the blacks weren't so black after all, and the whites weren't so white, that maybe there was a grey area, and we needed to work out our own salvation in the midst of those greys. Booth UC gave me an opportunity to reflect on why I believe what I believed."

That time of challenging made Patrick's faith stronger.

Booth UC students also took an active part in the street ministry projects at The Salvation Army's Weetamah Corps in Winnipeg's north end.

"Helping out at the soup kitchen and talking to people really opened up my eyes to poverty, but also to the fact that there were many people with nowhere to go. And that's not really something we saw in small-town Newfoundland," he recalls. "That changed my outlook on life."

School Life

As for the academic side of things, it was Patrick's first exposure to a postsecondary setting, so while it was a challenge, he quickly adjusted and soon thrived.

"I really appreciated that the professors actually knew who you were," he says. "They knew your name and invited you to stop by to their office at any time, and when they said that, you knew that that's what they meant," he says. "That and the small class sizes created a warm atmosphere within the academic community."

Patrick graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (General) in Christian Studies in 2006.

Overseas

After graduating, Patrick found himself at a crossroads. He knew he wanted to be involved in full-time ministry but he wasn't sure if this was the right time to go to CFOT.

He decided to take a year's sabbatical and travel, teaching ESL courses in South Korea.

One year turned into nearly 14.

Being overseas taught Patrick the value of a Booth UC education in a way he might not have appreciated had he stayed in Canada.

"My Booth UC experience was invaluable as an ESL teacher," he says. "I was also involved in pastoral ministry in South Korea, and I don't know how I would have fared without my time in Bible study and worship classes."

Who He Is

Three years ago, Patrick decided his time in South Korea was over and that he was ready to go to CFOT. In his second year, he was given the opportunity to become a field-based training cadet and took on the appointment of not one but two Salvation Army Corps, Glovertown and Charlottetown Circuit in Newfoundland and Labrador.

*"Booth UC made me
the person I am today."
— Lt. Patrick Penton*

He has no doubt that his time at Booth UC was weighed in the balance when the appointment was made.

"In that second year, I really realized how valuable my education had been, both in knowledge and in developing good work habits," he says. "I'd also learnt the importance of taking time for myself, how important it was to spend time in the presence of God. That rhythm, and Booth UC, has followed me through the years, and had made me who I am today." 🇨🇦



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ANNUAL REPORT

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Booth University College is grateful for the generous support it receives from a number of organizations. The funds provided allow the University College to extend its reach and to improve the quality of education available to its students. Thanks to their support, we have been able to serve students from Winnipeg, across Canada and from around the world.



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To our outstanding Booth UC community,

I am so pleased to have the opportunity to thank you for your unfailing support in 2020/21. In many ways, it was an exceptional year. Covid caused us all to pause and reflect on what was important, but it also allowed us to recognize some truths that, perhaps, we don't often see in our rushed and hurried lives. I believe one of these truths is that the world needs more community and connection. Of course, our students are no exception, and on behalf of them I pass along grateful thanks for your continued help in building and growing the Booth UC community.

Because of you, over \$194,000 in bursaries and scholarships was available to our students. Because of you, we were able to launch our new community and urban transformation program. Because of you, one of our faculty was able to conduct important and groundbreaking research into problem gambling. And it is for you that I give thanks to God. I look forward to another year of Education for a Better World, guided by God's eternal grace and mercy. Thank you.

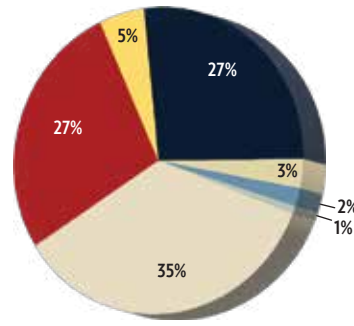
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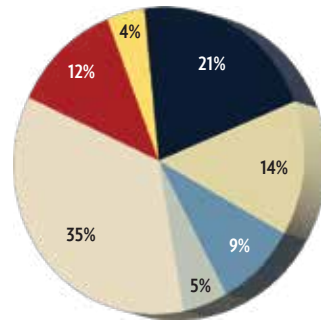
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■ Auxiliary Enterprises	\$ 250,193
■ Room & Board	\$ 118,679
■ Donations & Private Gifts	\$ 78,396
■ Allocation from other Salvation Army Entities	\$ 2,815,509
■ Interest on Funds and other Grants from THQ	\$ 2,188,909
■ Province of Manitoba Grant	\$ 418,600
	\$ 8,047,976



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EXPENSES:

■ Instruction	\$ 1,204,981
■ Academic Support	\$ 803,639
■ School for Continuing Studies	\$ 490,789
■ Student Development	\$ 282,165
■ Institution Support	\$ 2,040,078
■ Operations & Maintenance	\$ 714,512
■ Hospitality Services	\$ 246,300
	\$ 5,782,464



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Net Transfer from Restricted Funds	\$ -2,224,970
Net Addition to Current Fund Balance	\$ 40,542

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The Future Beckons

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As Booth University College enters its 40th year, exciting new initiatives will make the institution even more relevant for the next generation

“It’s really exciting to be at Booth University College right now!” says Lt-Colonel (Dr.) Susan van Duinen. The new President and Vice Chancellor is admirably positioned to know. This coming April, The Salvation Army’s Booth University College in Winnipeg will celebrate its 40th anniversary. From its modest beginnings as a Bible college, the institution has grown to become a nation-leading university college. But what does the future hold?

“We’re at a point in time when we are looking at higher education through the lens of what’s next for Booth UC,” says Lt-Colonel van Duinen. Over the past year, the Governing Council of The Salvation Army also examined what Booth UC could do differently to serve the mission of the Canada and Bermuda Territory. “The Salvation Army is committed today to not only strengthening Booth University College as it currently exists but to making sure that we continue to do so going forward,” states Lt-Colonel John P. Murray, territorial secretary for communications and new chair of Booth UC’s Board of Trustees. “We want to position the school to grow through the lens of technology and determine how we can impact and connect with more people through the digital sphere. Whether that’s through offering more online courses through the School for Continuing Studies or through our undergraduate programs, this is something we’re significantly committed to, not only as a Board of Trustees but as an institution.”

Out of these deliberations arose three new initiatives.

Learning Passport

Booth UC has been tasked with launching a Corporate Learning Academy, where Salvation Army officers, employees and volunteers will be equipped and strengthened through learning and development, in a variety of capacities, to serve the mission and people. This is aimed exclusively at the Canada and Bermuda Territory. The Corporate Learning Academy will consist of a mixture of offerings, whether accredited courses, webinars on a specific topic, workshops or seminars. There will be a website, for instance, for the School for Continuing Studies and all the certificate programs that they offer.

“It will be a wonderful thing when all of these pieces can be gathered up and allocated in a one-stop shop for an employee or an officer,” says Lt-Colonel van Duinen. That person will be able to search for a topic, such as human resources, and immediately access the courses or seminars. If someone is looking to develop certain skills, it will all be there, from managing conflict in the workplace to how to prepare a program proposal. “We’re looking at creating a passport of learning,” says Lt-Colonel van Duinen.

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—Lt-Colonel Susan van Duinen*

Embracing the World

Whereas the Corporate Learning Academy is geared toward a domestic audience, another new initiative of Booth UC, in conjunction with The Salvation Army’s International Headquarters (IHQ), aims to embrace the rest of the world. “Besides the Corporate Learning Academy, we’ve had inquiries from a variety of countries around the world: ‘Can you do this for our students?’” says Lt-Colonel van Duinen.



COVID-19 has nevertheless given Booth UC the confidence that we can deliver more virtually, so we're looking at putting our bachelor of social work program fully online," explains Lt-Colonel van Duinen. "We're in the midst of doing research to have a master of social work program for those students who want to continue their studies. And we're looking at putting many of our current courses online."

Eventually, all of Booth UC's offerings will also be offered online.

Right Place, Right Time

A soft launch of the Corporate Learning Academy will occur in June with a full launch scheduled for the fall semester of 2022. "Yes, it's ambitious," smiles Lt-Colonel van Duinen, "but we're at a space and time in the life of Booth UC where we are agile, flexible and timely. And now is the time to offer some new ways for individuals to take advantage of developing skills and explore new areas of expertise, not only in the Canadian Salvation Army but around the Salvation Army world." 🇨🇦

"We're committed to supporting the training and development of Salvation Army officers around the world," agrees Lt-Colonel Murray. "Our School for Continuing Studies is working to create learning management system platforms by which we can offer a variety of trainings," continues Lt-Colonel van Duinen. The goal is to establish immediate, easy access and effective leadership development training from best practices, in partnership with IHQ.

To support this, five new Booth UC board members have been recruited over the last few months, including Colonel (Dr.) Wendy Swan, who along with her husband, Colonel Ian Swan, are the territorial leaders in the Zambia Territory. Colonel Wendy Swan understands the intrinsic value of Booth UC to The Salvation Army, having served there for many years. "It's a different way of supporting the mission," says Lt-Colonel van Duinen, "by offering technology so that others will also have the knowledge. That's going to be exciting for Booth UC."

Online Opportunities

The third Booth UC initiative is to expand the school's online capacity to include degree programs. "The unpleasantness of



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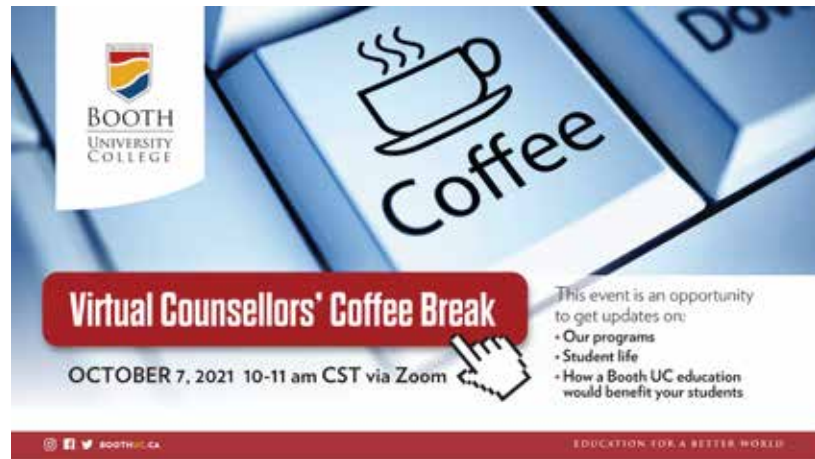
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Booth UC's Admissions Team continues to connect virtually through YouTube Live

Another year, another Counsellors' Coffee Break! On October 7, 2021, the Admissions Department once again delivered our annual event updating High School Guidance Counsellors on all things new related to Booth University College. Before pandemic times, we would host a brunch event at the Gates on Roblin, as well as networking with Counsellors at school career events and job fairs.

Once again, Booth UC partnered with PAG Canada to produce this year's Counsellors' Coffee Break over YouTube Live. Attendees heard from Dr. Michael Boyce about our dedication to delivering quality education while ensuring the health of our students comes first, and from Matt Peters on how Student Services continues with their commitment to helping students thrive through their university experience. Attendees also learned about the vision behind our new Community and Urban Transformation Program from Assistant Professor of Sociology, Dr. Aaron Klassen, who also developed the



program. We also announced the return of in-person tours available on a case-by-case basis to fully vaccinated individuals. Our admissions team is excited to offer this service once again.

The event was again a success, with 47 individuals joining us live and the YouTube video recording reaching more than 120 views to date. While how we connect with High School Guidance Counsellors has changed, we are still dedicated to supporting them and their students as we navigate these times.

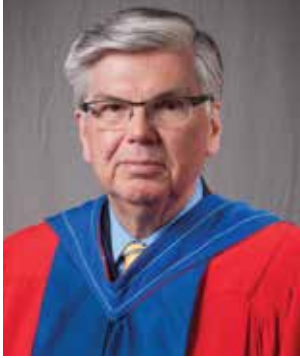
Over the past two years, there have been many challenges; yet Booth UC and the Admissions Office remains dedicated to serving others no matter what that looks like! How we deliver our support to individuals through their journey to a meaningful post-secondary education may have changed, but our dedication and eagerness have not wavered. 🍷

"We strive to encourage and provide opportunity for students to be plugged into a solid community."

*— Student Services Coordinator,
Matt Peters*

Staff & FACULTY NEWS

Thank You!



Dr. Don Burke, for your year of service as our Interim President. You led us with grace and fortitude during a most uncertain time. We are so happy to see you back in the classroom doing what you love!

Nicolette Olokpa

Nicolette Olokpa joined Booth University College as an Admissions Counsellor for a 14-month term in August 2021.

Nicolette holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Manitoba and has valuable experience working as a Digital Engagement Officer and a Brand Ambassador.



Derek Vail

Derek Vail joined the Booth University College team in the role of Maintenance Assistant on September 1, 2021.

Derek holds a Diploma in Electronic Engineering Technology from Red River College and has experience working as a maintenance assistant for a hotel and a custodian previously for a missions' organization.

Hazel Marquez

Hazel Marquez joined the Human Resources and Social Work teams as our Administrative Assistant – Human Resources and Social Work on October 4, 2021. Hazel has experience in several human resources areas, most particularly with Recruitment for outsourcing companies in the Philippines. Hazel has a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from St. Joseph's College in her home country and is currently working on her Human Resources Management Certificate at Red River College.

Hazel enjoys coffee, loves to cook for her family, and go out for quick trips to the park to explore nature.



Stephanie Yamniuk

Stephanie Yamniuk began working at Booth UC in September 2021 as the new Program Coordinator for the Community Capacity Building Certificate Program. Stephanie graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English/Education from Washington Adventist University and spent a year as a student missionary in Pohnpei, Micronesia. She has a MA in English from the University of Manitoba and taught there for seven years as a Sessional Instructor. She has also taught Faculty of Education courses at the University of Winnipeg. Stephanie has worked as a Site Manager at a LTC for the Canadian Red Cross, as Prairie Regional Director for UNICEF Canada, and as a Program Coordinator for DASCH Inc.

Stephanie and her husband have two young adult children and three furry cats.



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