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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.

William and Catherine Booth University College, rooted in The Salvation Army's Wesleyan theological tradition, brings together Christian faith, rigorous scholarship and a passion for service. The University College educates students to understand the complexities of our world, to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to be active contributors to society, and to know how Christian faith compels them to bring hope, social justice and mercy into our world.

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President's Message

Each spring, as we gather for Convocation, we are reminded that Booth University College is more than a place of learning; it is a place of calling.

Our students arrive with questions, hopes, and purpose stirring in their hearts.

They leave commissioned, not merely with a degree, but with a mandate to go and serve a world in need of justice, compassion, and truth.

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last.”

John 15:16 (NIV)

This edition of Booth UC Connect captures that sacred transition: from student to graduate, from classroom to community.

It also celebrates something more: the formation of our inaugural Booth UC Alums Council and the launch of the Alums Giving Campaign.

These are signs that the Booth UC journey does not end at graduation. It continues in lives of service, generosity, and leadership.

At Booth UC, we believe that education rooted in Christian faith prepares people not just for careers but for Kingdom impact.

Whether in boardrooms, food banks, classrooms, or chaplaincy care, our alums are bearing fruit that lasts.

To all who have prayed, given, taught, and walked alongside us, thank you.

You are part of this story. To our newest graduates: the world needs the light you carry. Go and bear fruit.

To God be the Glory,

Rev. (Dr.) Rob A. Fringer,
President and Vice Chancellor



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The Spirit of Booth UC

by Monika Asmundson

Conversation with 2024 Valedictorian Monika Asmundson

Booth UC alum and 2024 BSW graduate and Valedictorian, Monika Asmundson shares her remarkable journey from childcare provider to Indigenous social work leader. In this inspiring feature, she reflects on her path to Booth UC, the transformative power of “heart work,” and her deep commitment to community, culture, and family preservation.

Can you take us back to the beginning?

What led you to pursue studies at Booth UC?

My educational journey to Booth UC has been a lifetime in the making. I came from a humble background where higher education was not seen as a priority. Having experienced loss and family separation, it was difficult to imagine that I would have the opportunity to complete anything more than high school. However, through hard work, I achieved my certification in childcare and had a successful licensed daycare while my children were growing up. During this time, I completed my high school diploma and continued on to receive my certification as a Rehabilitation Assistant.

After many years working in healthcare, COVID created a perfect opportunity to shift from rehab services to a social work role. Having worked in Allied Health, I had heard how exceptional the social work students and graduates from Booth UC were. I explored the program and enrollment options, and I felt encouraged. With the strong support of my employer, I began my educational journey in the Booth UC pre-social work stream within a few weeks of applying to the program.

You spoke about juggling family and education. How did you manage, and what surprised you about yourself in the process?

This was the most challenging aspect of my learning journey. My whole identity is focused on the relationships that I have with my family. Many times, I had to prioritize educational obligations ahead of household chores, hosting family gatherings, or sleep! I got through it with the understanding of my family, especially my husband, who became a solo act at many family gatherings. As my greatest supporter,

he frequently lent a sympathetic ear as I worked through feelings of frustration and fatigue. Also, I was really surprised how much a person can accomplish on caffeine and humour!

“Heart work for me is really about building relationships with those we walk alongside. Sharing experiences and approaching practice with humility provides a space for healing through kindness and empowerment.”

You spoke powerfully about truth-telling and the legacy of residential schools. What did that learning process look like for you?

This learning process became an identity shift. In my experience, truth-telling is powerful in that it requires honesty and humility. Understanding the legacy of residential schools required unpacking my whole understanding of who I was and how I fit into the colonial experience. I have often felt that my life was a contradiction of two belief systems. My heart was Indigenous, but I was told that my identity had to be something different. I was told the two were not compatible. This became the basis for my learning at Booth. I began to understand how colonization and the social work legacy shaped my family's experience,

how it created the reverberation of intergenerational trauma within my own family history, and how I could be a voice for those who were not able to speak their truth. This learning process has been the most powerful aspect of my time at Booth UC.

What does it mean to be an ally in a real, everyday way, not just in theory?

Allyship in a real, everyday way requires courage. It asks us to take action and step outside our comfort zones. When we find the courage to confront difficult truths and invest time to listen with compassion and humility, we can begin to understand how to walk with others to amplify the voices of those who have been dismissed.

What does “heart work” mean to you now, beyond graduation?

I believe we all come to this work with valuable lived experiences. Sometimes these experiences are the thing that propels us to do the work we do. Heart work for me is really about building relationships with those we walk alongside. Sharing experiences and approaching practice with humility provides a space for healing through kindness and empowerment. My heart is always with our little ones. I am currently working in the area of family preservation in a way that interrupts the cycle of infant apprehension. It is a tremendous honour to walk with Indigenous families to celebrate and strengthen family resilience and traditional parenting practices.

How do you plan to carry that ethos into your profession or community?

As an Indigenous social work helper, I am aware of how closely connected our communities are. The saying “all our Relatives” is true when you work in community. Heart work, as I understand it, is a way of being in the world. Cultural practice and connecting in community is an important piece of walking with others. Personal traditional practices and connection to culture extend to how we understand the value of relationship and connecting community in a good way.

Can you share a moment from your time at Booth UC when someone showed up for you in a “heart helper” way?

Social work covers a lot of demanding content. There were times when difficult topics were really challenging to me on a personal level. I found it so powerful and encouraging to have strong, supportive women who would reach out with little notes of acknowledgement or words of comfort through our group chats or a text to remind me that we were in it together. Those little moments got me through some really hard days.

"I began to understand how colonization and the social work legacy shaped my family's experience—and how I could be a voice for those who were not able to speak their truth."

What's next for you after Booth UC?

I am enjoying time with my family and especially my grandchildren, while I transition to my new role as a Family Group Conferencing Mentor with Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre. As a registered social worker, it is important to me to ensure that Indigenous voices are heard and represented in a way that reflects our culture and traditions. I have an emerging interest in policy, especially in the historical jurisdictional changes that are occurring under The Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis Youth and Families.

How do you hope to make an impact in social work, in your community, or even within the Booth UC alums network?

I came to my degree later in life, but every experience in my life has been necessary to get to this point, so the timing is perfect. I hope that my journey inspires others to pursue their goals and recognize that lived experiences have value. I am so fortunate to have achieved my goals. I did so because others believed in me when I could not. I want to take that message

back to others who have been denied the opportunity to believe that they are valuable, that they have worth, and that they are capable of achieving incredible things.

If you could give one message to next year's incoming students, what would it be?

Enjoy the experience. Embrace your peers. You will share a lot with them, and you will learn a lot from each other. And while it seems impossible right now, before you know it, it will be over. 🇨🇦

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Value-based education, small class sizes, flexible learning options and inviting atmosphere make Booth UC unique

Interview with Dr. Linda Schwartz, Vice President, Academic & Dean of Booth University College on CHVNradio.com

If you or someone you know is considering post-secondary education, Booth University College (Booth UC) has an open invitation for a visit.

“I’d invite anybody who is curious to look us up and come for a visit,” says Dr. Linda Schwartz, Vice President, Academic & Dean at the Winnipeg-based institution. “We’re available for anyone who wants to come by, and we have an excellent Bistro that’s open to the public during regular semesters.”

“On average, we have 20-30 students per class, with even smaller upper-level class sizes,”

In addition to a tasty meal, visitors to Booth UC can also check out the top-floor library.



Booth UC is a member of the Manitoba Library Consortium Inc. and maintains reciprocal borrowing agreements with several institutions, including the University of Winnipeg, allowing students and faculty to access a broader range of academic materials. You can also explore the wider campus community at 290 Vaughan St. in the city's downtown.

"We moved here in May and June of last year," Schwartz explains. "It's a heritage building that's been fully restored on the inside and is just gorgeous. People continue to marvel at how lovely it is and how fortunate we are to have such a great space in which to learn and teach."

Booth UC students greatly appreciate the facility – particularly second-floor classrooms that provide an advantageous student-teacher ratio.

"On average, we have 20-30 students per class, with even smaller upper-level class sizes," says Schwartz. "It gives us an advantage where learners are concerned."

Faculty can also provide programming through a variety of streams. There's on-campus learning, of course, as well as a blended option where students may be in the classroom or following virtually in real time. And a fully-virtual offering allows remote students to take all their classes virtually.

"We have dedicated faculty who are committed to student success and our full suite of learning and accessibility supports," says Schwartz. Booth UC's location also facilitates opportunities for students to live out what they learn in class.

"We're situated in the downtown core, and this places us uniquely in an environment where we are called to serve many of humanity's greatest needs while at the same time be engaged with the pulse of the city," Schwartz explains. "Our students volunteer in many of these settings, and they learn about our neighbours through many in-class and community-building interactions with guests and experts."

Rooted in the mission of The Salvation Army—and as its only post-secondary degree-granting institution—Booth University College is uniquely equipped to live out that mission through faith, compassion, and social justice. It's no coincidence that students from across the globe choose to study social work within its classrooms.

"Our Social Work Degree is distinguished as the only program in Manitoba with two full field education practicums," says Schwartz.



"We have standing practicum placements with more than 180 social service agencies in Winnipeg and beyond. These range from social work to the healthcare sector, Child and Family Services and other governmental agencies."

But there are many other study options as well. Booth UC offers a full suite of undergraduate programming in the liberal arts, business and continuing studies. Programs like Behavioural Sciences, Psychology, English and Film Studies, Business Administration, Biblical and Theological Studies, and Non-Profit Management.

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On Sunday, April 27, 2025, we celebrated our students with our 43rd convocation ceremony at nearby Knox United Church.

"It was a large, culminating event in our school year," says Schwartz. "We gathered with all the people who completed their studies within the past few months and celebrated with them. It was a very joyous occasion."

For prospective students who dream of one day completing post-secondary education, Booth UC is extending an invitation to visit the campus and learn more about available programs, student life and opportunities after graduation.

"We'd love to have you," says Schwartz. 🇨🇦





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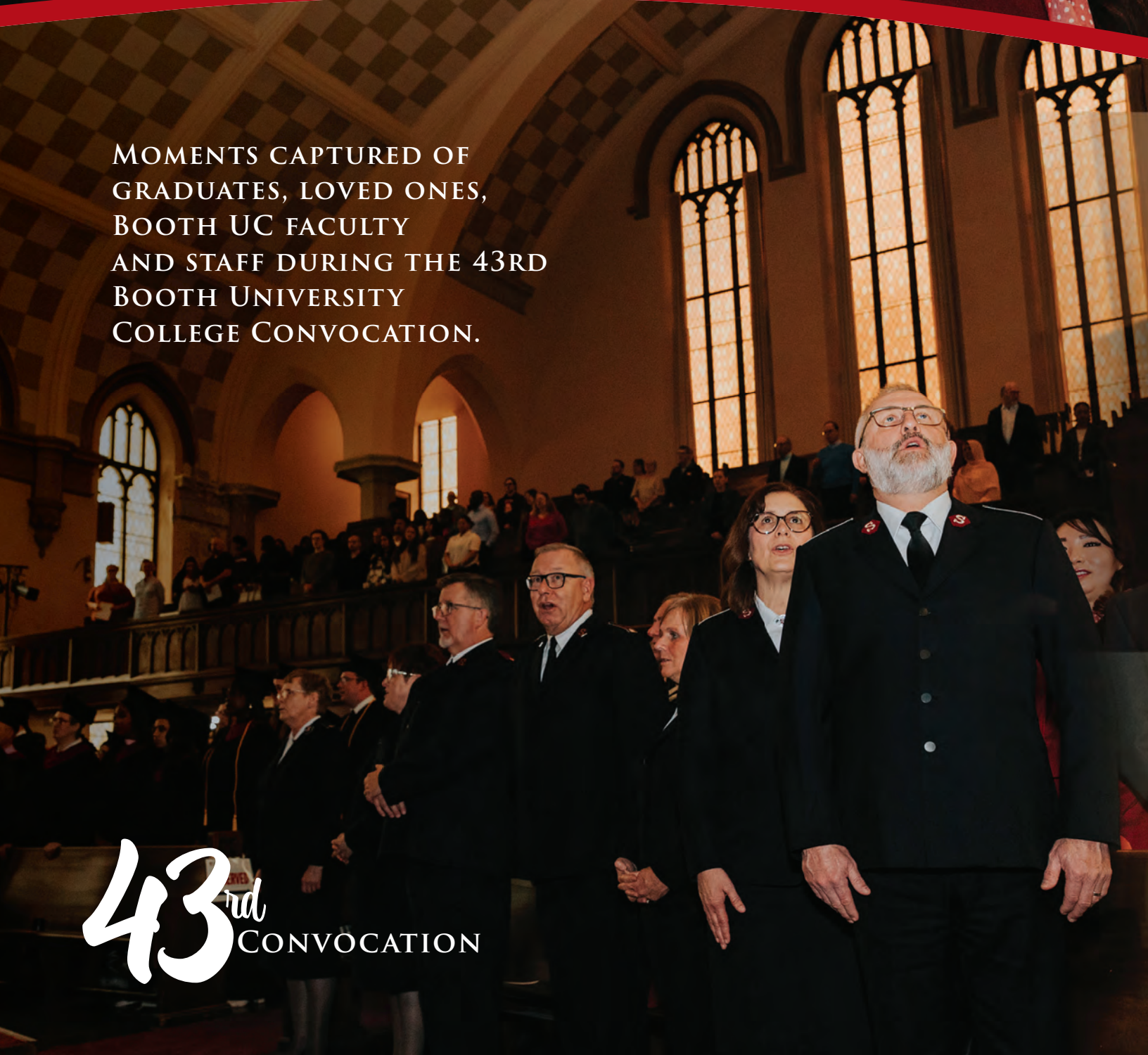
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GRADUATES, LOVED ONES,
BOOTH UC FACULTY
AND STAFF DURING THE 43RD
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43rd CONVOCATION





The People-First Principle:

Booth UC Alum Robert Baldauf Shares His Journey of Leadership, Faith and Service.

What originally drew you into this line of work, how has your motivation evolved over the years?

I've always been curious about how organizations work. The evolution of technology in the workplace has been remarkable. Having witnessed analog processes give way to digitization, I've been amazed at how quickly people have adapted. Today, technology is so deeply embedded in our daily lives that we rarely pause to consider its pervasiveness. I still remember when word processing and printing were done on a typewriter. Sometimes I wonder what would happen if all of today's tech were switched off and we had to return to paper and pencils.

What has remained constant throughout is the importance of people. While products and services differ across organizations, their true strength lies in their people.

What would you say has been one of the most formative turning points in your leadership journey?

A major turning point came after a ski accident that resulted in a concussion. At the time, awareness around head injuries and their impact on cognitive abilities and mental health—both professionally and socially—was limited. That injury changed my life. I lost almost everything and had to re-evaluate my direction. During this period, The Salvation Army helped me rebuild my life. Their support deeply influenced my views on leadership.

What are the unique leadership lessons you've drawn from working in both for-profit and non-profit spaces?

People are the essence of every organization. To get the best from them, an organization

needs clear vision, direction, and purpose. It must align its mission, prioritize its actions, define accountabilities, communicate effectively, and simplify wherever possible. In my experience, the best organizations are truly committed to putting people first—not just in word, but in practice. Many claim to value their people, but only a few genuinely support them at every stage of their journey.

What brought you to Booth UC, and what has the experience meant to you?

I believe I received two distinct calls from God to serve our communities. Honestly, I ignored the first one. The second came during yet another corporate reorganization. Witnessing the toll of change on individuals, I started to think more about helping people navigate life transitions, rather than just steering organizations through change. We only have one life to live, and I believed my own experiences could be used to support others.

I sought a program that blended my emerging faith, my people-centered work, and a desire to serve. The Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care program at Booth UC fit perfectly. It was The Salvation Army—those who helped me recover—who encouraged and supported me on this path. I believe they played a role in saving my life. Booth UC gave me the tools to lead with compassion.

What role do you see Booth UC playing in today's complex world?

We live in a world that values clarity and conviction—but often lacks compassion. Just look at political discourse on platforms like X: people shout to be heard, entrenched in their views. Few are willing to find the middle ground, even though that's where solutions usually reside.

Booth UC embodies "Education for a Better World." It fosters dialogue, not division. It's a place where learning grows from the heart and is guided by a mission to make the world better.

What mindset shifts do professionals need to thrive in today's environment?

We often talk about work-life balance, but I prefer life balance. Framing everything around work can crowd out the many other aspects of life. Work is just one component. A mindset rooted in compassion makes us better leaders, team members, and people. When we're open to options and perspectives, we find compromise—and that's often the path to lasting solutions.

What advice would you give someone over 40 who's hesitant about returning to school?

There's no better time to pursue professional development than after gaining real-world experience. It brings invaluable perspective to formal learning.

Some of my best educational experiences have come long after high school and university. In professional development settings, participants are eager to share and learn from one another, which makes the learning process incredibly rich.

What message would you share with the next generation of Booth UC alumni?

Leadership is about making decisions. Decisions are shaped by information—but they're delivered through the heart, with courage and vulnerability.

True leadership means thinking and acting in the spirit of creating something better. 🌈

WISDOM IN THE AGE OF AI: NAVIGATING THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION

by Sylvester Awojide
Marketing & Communications Specialist
Booth University College

Not long ago, the idea of a computer writing essays, generating lesson plans, or grading assignments sounded like science fiction. Today, it's a daily reality. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming classrooms around the world—changing how we learn, teach, and assess performance.

For some, it's thrilling: instant feedback, tailored learning paths, and new tools for creativity and collaboration. For others, it's unsettling: fears of academic dishonesty, the erosion of critical thinking, and questions about what it truly means to “learn.”

The Promise of Possibilities

AI-powered tools can offer personalized learning like never before. A struggling student can receive instant tutoring support. A language learner can speak to an AI in real time. Professors can automate repetitive tasks, freeing up more time for mentorship and deep discussion. Education, in theory, becomes more accessible, more efficient, and more equitable.

The Shadow of Concern

Yet these benefits are not without tension. If AI can generate an essay in seconds, how do we preserve the value of original thought? When algorithms decide what content students see, how do we guard against bias and manipulation? As education becomes more digital, how do we ensure it remains deeply human?

There is also the concern of economic disparity. Students in underfunded schools may lack access to cutting-edge tools, widening the gap between the privileged and the underserved. And then there's the ethical layer: who owns the data? Who shapes the AI's worldview? What happens when convenience replaces conviction?

A Call for Discernment

At Booth University College, where education is rooted in Christian values, these questions are not just technological—they're spiritual and moral. We are called to embrace innovation with wisdom, not fear. To equip our students not just to use AI, but to question it. To engage with technology in a way that honours truth, creativity, and community.

As we train future leaders, social workers, chaplains, and business professionals, our challenge is clear: How do we prepare them to thrive in a world where machines can think, but only humans can love?

Education That Forms the Soul

At its best, education is not simply about information transfer, it is about formation. While AI can enhance how we teach, it can never replace the human encounter at the heart of learning, such as conversations in hallways, moments of mentorship and the slow and sacred work of becoming. In this age of intelligent machines, may our commitment be to raise wise and compassionate critical thinkers, grounded in faith, versatile in technology, and ready to shape the world for good. 🇨🇦



Booth UC Alums Are Leading Change Where It Matters Most

Booth UC alums are transforming lives with courage, compassion, and conviction. Grounded in faith, expressed in service, and fueled by education, mercy, and justice — they are building better futures and proving that purpose-driven learning changes everything.



Major Al Hoeft (Class of 2003)
After 40+ years of ministry, Major Al Hoeft is heading into retirement with gratitude and grace. From Yellowknife to Northern BC, his journey with The Salvation Army has been shaped by Booth UC's foundation: faith, critical thinking, and spiritual formation. In a full-circle moment, his final appointment brings him back to Regina Waterston Ministries — the same centre that once changed his father's life. "Education rooted in faith," he says, "prepared me not just for ministry — but for life."



Mark Stewart (Class of 2020)
Mark's journey began with a Booth UC certificate — and came full circle when he returned as a course facilitator. A servant-leader through and through, he now walks alongside the next generation of nonprofit professionals. "Booth sparked my passion for lifelong learning," he says. From student to mentor, Mark's story is a testament to the power of faith-rooted education that builds leaders with compassion, courage, and conviction.



Lt. Julia Marshall (Class of 2020)
Julia Marshall's BSW degree was more than academic — it became the backbone of her ministry. Now serving in Southern Alberta, she's revitalizing outreach to be more inclusive, diverse, and compassionate. "My education taught me presence, justice, and heart," she shares. As a lifelong learner and passionate servant, Julia is walking the talk — listening deeply, leading boldly, and living her calling every step of the way.



Michael Decker (Class of 2004)
From Newfoundland accordion tunes to global travel, Michael Decker's journey has been anything but ordinary. Now a Career and Employment Consultant for the Alberta Government, Michael reflects fondly on Booth UC's personal teaching approach and the inspiration of Dr. Gordon Harland. "Booth didn't just educate me — it formed me." With a heart for faith, theology, and adventure, Michael continues to live out Booth's global mission: "And you will go."



Rose Amer (Class of 2024 cert program; MDiv., 2014; DMin. Cand., 2025)
Once told she could never pursue education as a girl in the Middle East, Rose Amer defied expectations and found freedom in Christ. Her journey spans over two decades of study, earning a bachelor's, master's, multiple postgraduate certificates, and chaplaincy training. Now pursuing her Doctor of Ministry at Tyndale University with a focus on Leadership and Preaching, Rose also teaches theology as an adjunct professor. From silenced to scholarly, her life is proof that no dream is too distant when God writes the script.



Derek Kerr (Class of 2023)
For Capt. Derek Kerr, Booth UC offered more than knowledge — it offered vision. Now ministering in Saskatoon, Derek lives out reconciliation daily by partnering with local Indigenous communities. "We didn't come to impose — we came to help." Grounded in Wesleyan conviction and gospel humility, Derek's education is alive in every backpack filled, pantry stocked, and child fed. Truth, grace, and community — lived out.



Victor Shea
(Class of 1999; MBA, 2020)
CEO of Atlantic Baptist Housing
Victor Shea leads with clarity, compassion, and strategic vision. As CEO of Atlantic Baptist Housing, he oversees a workforce of over 650 staff and a 9-figure operating budget, delivering housing and health services across three provinces. His leadership spans nursing homes, seniors housing, and organizational transformation—anchored in values of dignity, excellence, and collaborative care.



Corinne Saulnier
(Class of 1998; MA, 2007)
With over 25 years in healthcare leadership, Corinne Saulnier is transforming community health in New Brunswick as Clinical Executive Director at Horizon Health. A visionary strategist and Lean Six Sigma Black Belt, she's led province-wide care reforms, saved millions in public health costs, and championed health equity through Indigenous partnerships and integrated care models.



Dianna Bussey
(Class of 1992; Cert. NFPM, 2018)
As Executive Director of The Salvation Army Corrections in Winnipeg, Dianna Bussey combines her social work expertise with a deep commitment to anti-oppression and restorative justice. Her passion was ignited at Booth University College, where she developed a vision for faith-rooted advocacy. Today, she is a driving force in the fight against human trafficking and modern slavery, working to build a collaborative, seamless response that prevents exploitation and supports survivors across the Prairies and Northern Territories.



Lt. Zach Marshall (Class of 2020)
Zach Marshall lives out his calling through community-focused pastoral leadership in Lethbridge, AB. A Booth UC graduate with a BBA in Marketing & Communications, Zach serves as Corps Officer, offering spiritual care, administrative leadership, and outreach programs that strengthen families and transform lives. His ministry spans across church, family services, and city-wide impact initiatives.



Johnson Boateng
(Class of 2004; MSW, 2014; PhD. Cand., 2025)
Johnson lives the Ubuntu creed: "I am because we are." From international student to crisis clinician and team lead, his career has been one of advocacy, care, and impact. Booth UC, he says, wasn't just a school — it was a village. "They welcomed me as family," he recalls. With a heart for justice and deep roots in community, Johnson's leadership continues to echo Booth's mission in the real world.



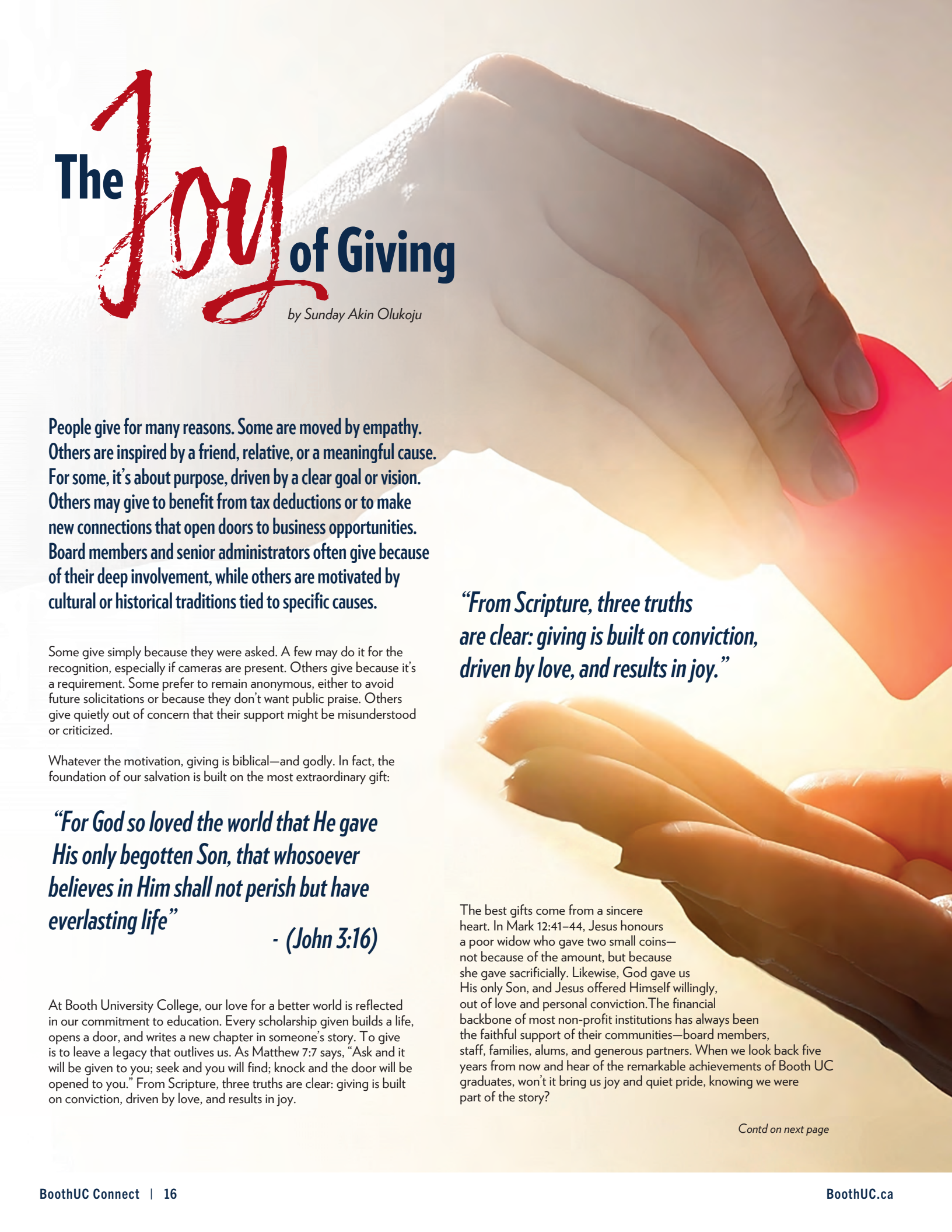
Michelle McRae (Class of 2023)
Just one year after graduation, Michelle McRae is already putting her Booth UC training into action. As part of Manitoba's EIA program, she supports vulnerable populations with compassion and purpose. Whether she's responding to wildfires or walking clients through tough seasons, Michelle sees social work as sacred work. "Booth taught me how to serve," she says. And she's just getting started.



Carol Reimer
(Class of 2012; MSW, 2021)
Carol Reimer's social work journey—from Booth UC to an MSW and international internships—now leads her to Winnipeg's Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization. Since 2014, she's supported newly arrived families, guiding them toward stability and belonging. Her roles span from direct care worker to program manager, combining her academic background in English literature and international development with real-world compassion. Carol's career embodies Booth UC's commitment to holistic, global impact.



Greg Reid
(Class of 1995; MPA, 2021)
Greg Reid's 30-year social work career has bridged nonprofits and public healthcare across Manitoba and Ontario. A Booth UC grad (1995) and former Trustee (2009–15), Greg now leads Winnipeg's Fred Douglas Society—supporting 600+ seniors with affordable housing and care. His leadership in education governance and public administration reflects his lifelong dedication to community care. Greg models the Booth UC ideal: faith-rooted service, unwavering stewardship, and justice in action.

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a bright red heart. The hand is positioned in the upper right quadrant, with fingers gently gripping the heart. The background is a soft, warm gradient of orange and yellow, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is one of love, care, and giving.

The Joy of Giving

by Sunday Akin Olukoju

People give for many reasons. Some are moved by empathy. Others are inspired by a friend, relative, or a meaningful cause. For some, it's about purpose, driven by a clear goal or vision. Others may give to benefit from tax deductions or to make new connections that open doors to business opportunities. Board members and senior administrators often give because of their deep involvement, while others are motivated by cultural or historical traditions tied to specific causes.

Some give simply because they were asked. A few may do it for the recognition, especially if cameras are present. Others give because it's a requirement. Some prefer to remain anonymous, either to avoid future solicitations or because they don't want public praise. Others give quietly out of concern that their support might be misunderstood or criticized.

Whatever the motivation, giving is biblical—and godly. In fact, the foundation of our salvation is built on the most extraordinary gift:

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life”
- (John 3:16)

At Booth University College, our love for a better world is reflected in our commitment to education. Every scholarship given builds a life, opens a door, and writes a new chapter in someone's story. To give is to leave a legacy that outlives us. As Matthew 7:7 says, “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” From Scripture, three truths are clear: giving is built on conviction, driven by love, and results in joy.

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The best gifts come from a sincere heart. In Mark 12:41–44, Jesus honours a poor widow who gave two small coins—not because of the amount, but because she gave sacrificially. Likewise, God gave us His only Son, and Jesus offered Himself willingly, out of love and personal conviction. The financial backbone of most non-profit institutions has always been the faithful support of their communities—board members, staff, families, alums, and generous partners. When we look back five years from now and hear of the remarkable achievements of Booth UC graduates, won't it bring us joy and quiet pride, knowing we were part of the story?

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A Fresh Way to Give Back

To capture this spirit of joyful giving, Booth UC has launched a new initiative just for Alums: 'The Alums Give Back Campaign'. Sponsor a Dream." This campaign invites each alum to give just \$28/month for 36 months—the equivalent of one coffee a day—to fund student scholarships and create lasting impact.

For a total contribution of just over \$1,000, Alums will not only be supporting the next generation of Booth students but also earn a special place on the Booth UC Alums Wall of Fame—a legacy display recognizing generous givers and inspiring others to follow.

It's a small monthly commitment with immeasurable returns—for students, for the University College, and for the joy of knowing you've helped sponsor a dream. 

To learn more or join the campaign, visit: boothuc.ca/giveback



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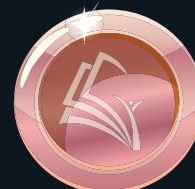
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Boni Kebasen
(Educational Support Technologist)

Bonifacio is a graduate of the Business Information Technology (BIT) program at Red River College Polytechnic. Prior to his studies, Bonifacio held roles as an International Coordinator and later as a Project Manager, gaining hands-on experience in business operations and project leadership. He also completed an internship at Manitoba Hydro, where he developed skills in technical troubleshooting, application, and user support. These diverse experiences sparked his interest in the broader applications of technology within organizational settings and is passionate about leveraging technology to streamline processes.



Caio Villares
(Administrative Coordinator - ASPIRE)

Caio moved to Canada from the United States as an international student and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Concordia University in Montreal, Quebec. He has over eight years of experience working in post-secondary institutions in Manitoba, having held multiple administrative roles.

In addition to his administrative work, Caio is a Second Lieutenant with the Canadian Armed Forces and currently serves with Fort Garry Horse in Winnipeg. He has participated in domestic aid operations, including helping with the wildfires in Jasper, which is depicted in his profile photo.



Christy Davidson
(Executive Assistant to the President and Vice President Administration)

Christy comes to Booth UC with a certification in Legal Administration / Paralegal.

She worked for a few law firms as a legal administrative assistant and paralegal before moving into a Senior Executive Assistant role to the President/CEO and Sr. Executives of NFI Group (largest bus and coach manufacturer in the world). Christy worked at NFI Group for the last 18+ years before moving into her Executive Assistant role here at Booth UC in March 2025.

Darlene Johnson
Human Resources
Generalist



5 YEARS

Mandy Elliott
Assistant Professor
of English and
Film Studies



5 YEARS

Dan Harder
Financial
Services
Manager



10 YEARS

Jason Peters
Associate
Professor



10 YEARS



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