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### *LINKING THE PAST TO THE PRESENT*

Wendy Bergfeldt, seen here at the Fortress of Louisbourg in Cape Breton, N.S., is a producer for CBC Nova Scotia. Given Cape Breton's long and storied history, covering heritage and tourism issues make up a large part of her work. "The museum sector is a very important part of the way this community tells its story," she says in a [YouTube video](#), which is why she took a heritage management course as part of her MAIS degree in cultural and community studies. Hear how Bergfeldt connected the heritage management course to her work at the CBC.



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# Convocation Honours 2013

The Governors of Athabasca University Honorary Awards Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of the honours to be awarded at Convocation 2013.

On Friday, June 7, an honorary Doctor of Laws will be conferred on Sylvain Voyer in recognition of his contributions to the arts in Alberta.



Sylvain Voyer

Having painted Alberta for more than 50 years, Voyer is best known for his plein air paintings of sweeping skies, vibrant fields, valleys and meadows, and autumn poplars. He has shown Albertans how to see their province.

In 1973, Voyer was a co-founder of the alternative Edmonton gallery Latitude 53. He also helped establish the Alberta Society of Artists and the Canadian Artists' Representation. In 2000, he was voted one of Alberta's top 10 artists of the twentieth century by an independent panel of art historians and artists from across the province.

On Saturday, June 8, an honorary Doctor of Science will be conferred on Bob McDonald in recognition of his ongoing contributions to public awareness of science in Canada.



Bob McDonald

One of Canada's best known science journalists, McDonald is the host of CBC Radio's Quirks and Quarks, a regular science commentator on CBC News Network and a science correspondent for CBC TV's The National.

McDonald's work has been recognized by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, the Royal Society of Canada and the Royal Canadian Institute, and he has received honorary degrees from six Canadian universities. In 2010, he became the first Canadian to be named an honorary life member of the Sigma XI Society, the oldest scientific body in the United States.

On Friday, June 7, Albert and Pirkko Karvonen will be inducted into the Order of Athabasca University in recognition of their contributions to environmental conservation and natural history education in Alberta and their support of Science Outreach – Athabasca.



Albert and Pirkko Karvonen

Their company, Karvonen Films Ltd., founded in 1976, specialized in natural history films for television and the educational market and was one of Canada's premier providers of wildlife images and stock photography to worldwide markets. Karvonen Films Ltd. was sold to the Alberta Conservation Association, a non-profit organization, in November 2011.

On Saturday, June 8, Brian Curial will be inducted into the Order of Athabasca University in recognition of his outstanding support of AU during his six-year term as a member of the Board of Governors (2006-12), during which time he chaired the Governance Committee and served as Board vice-chair (2010).



Brian Curial

Curial continues to contribute to AU through his work on the Law School Advisory Panel and through his advice on governance issues facing the post-secondary sector. A corporate commercial lawyer, he is a partner in the Edmonton office of Miller Thomson.

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# CLDD Open House: Together At Last



The Centre for Learning Design and Development was pleased to welcome more than 75 AU staff members to its April 24 Open House. For the first time in CLDD history, which includes several name changes, all centre employees are together in one area, in the refurbished upstairs corridor that was previously home to the MAIS Program.



Guests were treated to coffee, doughnuts and muffins while they mingled with CLDD folks in their comfortable lounge area. Because the Open House was such a success, CLDD plans to hold another one next year.

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# Mandate Letter Comments

A summary of the AU Town Hall discussions about the mandate letter and a discussion forum have now been posted to the [Moodle Discussion Board](#).

Suggestions for issues to be considered and language to be used in the initial draft of the Memorandum of

Understanding can be posted to the forum and also sent to [Nancy Parker](#).

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## Bryon Paege Memorial Award: Call for Nominations

CUPE Local 3911 is accepting nominations for the 2013 Bryon Paege Memorial Award. The nomination deadline is June 10 and the award will be presented at the end of June.

This award (\$768 this year, about the cost of one three-credit AU course) is presented annually to an AU student who has demonstrated courage or resourcefulness in overcoming or coping with a particular challenge or adversity in order to pursue distance education studies. Nominees must be enrolled in an AU course or have successfully completed one within the six months prior to the nomination deadline.

Any AU tutor, counsellor, advisor or student may nominate candidates for the award. Self-nominations are also accepted. All nominations must be accompanied by a written reference from a teaching, counselling or advising member of an academic community.

Tutor, counsellor and advisor nominators must obtain written consent for disclosure of personal information from their nominee. Complete award criteria and nomination and consent forms are available on the [Bryon Paege Memorial Award website](#).

Bryon Paege received an AU Bachelor of Administration degree in June 1988. In 1990, he was employed by AU as a tutor, achieving his dream of joining the academic community to pass his knowledge and expertise on to other students. He worked in that capacity until his death in 1995.

Questions about this award can be directed to CUPE Local 3911 administrator [Jackie Routh](#).

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## No More Conflict



The recorded sessions of the Dealing with Conflict presentations are now available.

Session 1 - [Dealing with Difficult Personalities](#)

Session 2 - [The Art of Managing Conflict](#)

Session 3 - [Conflict Resolution in the Workplace](#)

Please contact occupational health and safety advisor [Nicole Collins](#) for the session handouts.

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# Gutsy Walking

The Second Annual Gutsy Walk will take place on June 9 in Athabasca. Thousands of Canadians at nearly 80 locations across the country will walk together to raise money to find a cure for inflammatory bowel disease, a group of inflammatory conditions of the colon and small intestine including Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

To join the Athabasca Guts and Glory team or to pledge your support for a person or team that is participating, go to the [Gutsy Walk website](#). Last year, supporters contributed over \$5000 in support of Athabasca walkers. Gutsy Walk organizers aim to exceed that amount this year.

The Gutsy Walk will start at the Athabasca Fire Hall. The registration time is 9:30 a.m., the warm-up time 9:45 a.m., and the start time 10 a.m. Participants can walk, run or bike 1 km, 5 km or 10 km. A fundraising barbecue will be held after the 12 noon finish time.

Further information is available from [Lee Deren](#).

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# Bite-sized Learning

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*A Financial Management Workshop will be held on Thursday, June 6. Find out where your money is going.*

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Family and Community Support Services in Athabasca is offering two lunchtime information sessions in May and June.

If you are frustrated with your child's refusal to go to school, his or her insistence on "doing it right" and constant questions, the Children and Anxiety Workshop on Wednesday May 22 is for you. Jackie Twinning of Taking Care Counselling and Consulting will focus on children's worries and discuss what parents should do and not do to manage them.

A Financial Management Workshop will be held on Thursday, June 6. Find out where your money is going. Learn how to avoid overspending and to develop, prioritize and use a budget effectively.

Both workshops will be held at the Family and Community Services offices at 4720 48 Street in Athabasca and will run from noon to 1 p.m. Participants are welcome to bring their lunch, and refreshments will be provided. To register contact [Karen Wintonyk](#) at FCSS (phone 780-675-2623). The registration fee is \$5 for each session.

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