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Soon-to-be graduates receive last minute instructions before taking their places on stage on Friday, June 10. See the Convocation 2011 story on page 2.



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Athabasca University 

An Amazing Journey: The Class of 2011 Graduates

by Erin Ottosen



Family and friends gather at the Athabasca Multiplex to celebrate with graduates at the Thursday Convocation ceremony.

Thousands of AU graduates, family members, friends and well-wishers gathered in Athabasca for AU's 2011 Convocation on June 9, 10 and 11.

The class of 2011 included 1,351 graduates from across Canada and around the world. Some travelled from as far away as Portugal and the Middle East to attend Convocation, and most were visiting AU's main campus in Athabasca for the first time.

"From your very first course all the way to today, I hope the journey to Athabasca has been an amazing journey for you," AU president Dr. Frits Pannekoek said to the graduates. "I hope the degree you've earned will help you continue your journey of growth and accomplishment."

"Most of us have never met before this weekend," said MBA graduate Victor Jensch, who delivered the graduate address at the Saturday ceremony. "I think that at some subliminal level, most of us secretly believed that our peers and coaches online were actually figments of our imagination."

Jensch praised AU for making university education available on a global scale and for enabling him to continue studying even as he travelled for business and emigrated from South Africa to Canada. "It's a proud day for all of us to be graduating from an institution that stands for such high-quality learning while simultaneously prioritizing accessibility to all throughout the world," he said.

"It just feels wonderful to finally be here," said Carol Blenkin, a Master of Distance Education graduate from Indian Head, Saskatchewan.



Honorary degree recipient Dempsey Bob with Priscilla Campeau (left) and Dr. Tracey Lindberg, both of the Centre for World Indigenous Knowledge and Research.

Honorary Doctorate to Dempsey Bob

On June 9, artist and teacher Dempsey Bob received an honorary Doctor of Laws in recognition of the historical and cultural significance of his art and his commitment to the preservation of Tahltan-Tlingit artistry. Samples of Bob's work are included in collections around the world, including those of Canada House in London, England, and the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C.

"For his commitment to community, his creation of community and his dedication to learning and sharing community with the world, Dempsey Bob [was] nominated for this award," said associate professor Dr. Tracey Lindberg in introducing Bob.

Order of Athabasca University Inductees Lisa Priebe and Dr. Tim Nerenz

On June 10, psychologist and AU alumna Lisa Priebe was inducted to the Order of Athabasca University for her dedication to ensuring a high-quality student experience at AU.

"Lisa did much more than study with us," said associate vice-president (academic) Dr. Dietmar Kennepohl in introducing Priebe. "She embraced the university and really became a part of it. She made a difference. Her service, dedication and commitment to AU have resulted in a more organized and engaged students' union and also a higher-quality learning experience that subsequent students now enjoy."

While Priebe completed two undergraduate degrees with AU, she served as president of the Athabasca University Students' Union and also as a student member of the Athabasca University Governing Council. In these roles she spearheaded several improvements to the AU student experience such as increasing the number of bursaries for students in financial need.

On June 11, Dr. Tim Nerenz, an AU alumnus and president of Oldenburg Group Inc., was inducted to the Order of Athabasca University for his tireless championing of AU.

"You can count on Tim, and we have," said Marilyn Wangler, director of marketing and communications in the Faculty of Business, in her introduction of Nerenz. "He is a relentless and passionate leader, learner, activist and advocate, and he's an inspiration to all of us at AU who have been lucky enough to know him and work with him."

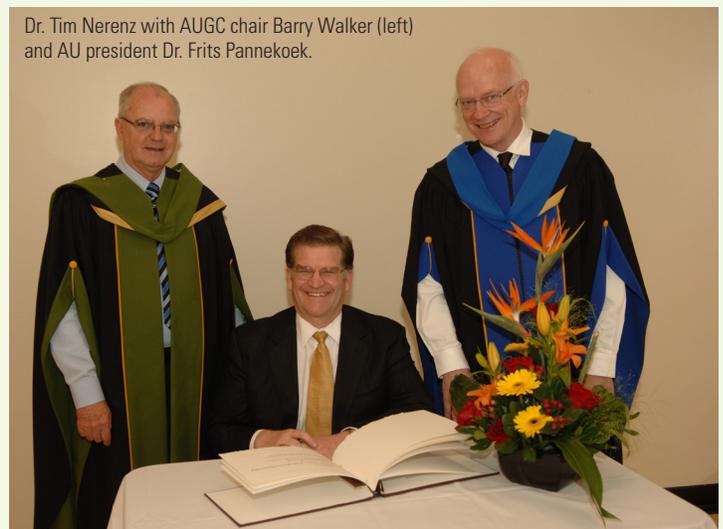
Nerenz was the first American to enrol in and graduate from the MBA program, and he has served on both the Centre for Innovative Management Advisory Board and the Athabasca University Governing Council, as an alumni member.

Describing Nerenz as AU's "man in America," Wangler said he never misses an opportunity to tell others about the learning experiences offered by AU. "Tim's dedication to the mission of AU has been unstinting," she said.



Lisa Priebe

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Dr. Tim Nerenz with AUGC chair Barry Walker (left) and AU president Dr. Frits Pannekoek.

AU Staff Members Graduate

The Class of 2011 included 13 AU staff members. Congratulations to all.

- **Barbara Adamski**
School of Computing and Information Systems
Master of Arts – Integrated Studies
- **Brenda Belokrinicev**
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Graduate Diploma in Instructional Design
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Master of Arts – Integrated Studies
- **Elaine Goth-Birkigt**
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Bachelor of Science in Computing and Information Systems
- **Mel MacGregor**
Office of Chief Information Officer
Graduate Diploma in Management
- **Donna Miller**
Learning Services – Collaborations
Bachelor of Professional Arts (with great distinction)
- **Diane Morrison**
Marketing and Communication
Master of Arts – Integrated Studies
- **Margaret Newton**
Learning Services – Tutorial
Graduate Certificate in Instructional Design
- **Carmen Southgate**
Faculty of Business
Master of Distance Education
- **Carla Yeaman**
Faculty of Business - University
Certificate in Human Resources and Labour Relations

RBC Donates \$250,000 to ARBRI

RBC, through the RBC Blue Water Project, has donated \$250,000 to AU in support of the Athabasca River Basin Research Institute. The donation was announced on June 10.

ARBRI was established in 2008 to bring together diverse communities to help preserve a vital natural resource: water. The institute strives to foster community awareness of the Athabasca River Basin's role and create a sense of ownership of its future by building local capacity for decision-making.

"We need to dispel the myth that there is limitless water in Canada and start paying attention to our water consumption," said Bruce MacKenzie, regional president of RBC. "We are proud to be part of an initiative that gives organizations around the world a chance to make a difference, whether it's through education on water issues, watershed protection and clean-up or access to clean drinking water."

Maintaining a clean, healthy river basin in times of economic development means balancing interests associated with water quality, water quantity and the politics affecting distribution and wise use said ARBRI director Dr. Dietmar Kennepohl. "A collaborative and integrated approach to water research, coupled with active community engagement, is vital to the future success of Alberta's North."

The RBC Blue Water Project is a 10-year, \$50 million commitment to support charitable organizations that are committed to watershed protection and providing access to clean drinking water. On June 10, RBC celebrated the second annual RBC Blue Water Day to recognize the work being done by the RBC Blue Water Project grant recipients.

News In Brief



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An AU Grad Shares Her Story



Jennifer Ward on Convocation Day with husband Dave and daughter Emma.

Jennifer Ward of Edmonton graduated at Convocation 2011 with a MAIS degree in cultural studies and adult education. She teaches English and technical writing at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology.

Based on her personal experiences, Ward recently published words of advice for Edmonton high school graduates. She wrote:

“Earlier this month, I went to Convocation for my master’s degree. As I write this, it occurs to me that I am no longer a student or a grad, but an alumnus. It is a bittersweet feeling for me as I think about the last 10 years of my educational journey from undergrad to grad student. I am saddened by the prospect that I will not be doing research on a regular basis, but my whole life is ahead of me ... right?”

“... It has been almost 20 years since my high school graduation and what I know for sure is that the life you have today will not be the life you have in 20 years. Your friendships will change, as well as your careers. Some change will be for the better and some will not. But through those challenges and difficulties, you will learn and you will become what you had hoped you would.”

The full article can be found in the [Edmonton Journal](#).

Photos from Convocation 2011:

Alison Schafer with proud parents Carol and Steve, and brother Carson.



Theresa Polok, Events Co-ordinator, shares a laugh with Convocation graduates.



Elaine Fabbro, head of information literacy and public services in the AU Library, receives congratulations from special projects manager Cindy Kilborn and payroll co-ordinator Vaune McKee.



Gorman Collection Added to Alberta Women's Memory Project

Selections from the collected works of Ruth Gorman, one of Alberta's most interesting historical figures, have recently been digitized and included in the Alberta Women's Memory Project. The work was funded by a grant from the National Archival Development Program, sponsored by Library and Archives Canada.

According to Alberta Women's Memory Project spokesperson Dr. Nanci Langford, the Gorman collection is large and of significant

historical value as it contributes to the archival heritage of Canadian Aboriginal Peoples.

From the collection, 647 textual records and 90 photographs were digitized by archives and records management intern Ashley Eisen, archives assistant Joan Chrusch, and Dayna Kwasney and Judith Keefe, student summer employees of the Thomas A. Edge Archives and Special Collections.

The Gorman items will soon be accessible on the [Alberta Women's Memory Project website](#) and can be found on the [Archives Society of Alberta databases InSight and InWord](#).

Ruth Gorman was born in Calgary in 1914 and received her primary and secondary education there. She graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1937 and a Bachelor of Laws in 1939. She articulated in her father's Calgary law firm and, in 1940, was admitted to the Alberta Bar Association.

Throughout her legal career, Gorman volunteered her services to various aboriginal, political and women's groups. She was a member of the Calgary branch of the Local Council of Women and the Western Canada Concept Party. Most notably, she volunteered as the solicitor for the Indian Association of Alberta and worked with John Laurie, Howard Beebe, Chief Johnny Samson and Gerald Tailfeathers to have Section 112 of the Indian Act repealed. As a result of their efforts, Section 112 was repealed in 1961, allowing aboriginal people to vote without losing their treaty rights. She resigned as official solicitor of the Indian Association of Alberta in 1962 but remained active as a volunteer,

working on aboriginal issues and for others in need until her death in 2002.

Gorman also had an interest in publishing and became both publisher (1965 to 1970) and editor of *My Golden West* magazine, which published from 1965 to 1975 and, at its peak, had 30,000 subscribers.

Gorman was honoured with many awards including being given the title of Queen Mother Morning Star of the Cree and Princess of the Stony Indian Tribe of Alberta in 1957 for her work on behalf of the Alberta aboriginal community. She was named Calgary's Woman of the Year in 1960 and Citizen of the Year in 1961, the same year she was named Alberta Woman of the Century. She was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Alberta in 1966 and, in 1968, was made an Officer of the Order of Canada.

After Gorman's death, AU president Dr. Frits Pannekoek edited her book, *Behind the Man: John Laurie, Ruth Gorman, and the Indian Vote in Canada*. The book, published in 2007, describes Laurie and Gorman's work on behalf of the Indian Association of Alberta.

Later, Gorman's daughter approached Pannekoek to have the records associated with the book and other personal records deposited in the AU Archives. The artifacts in that collection include buttons and pins associated with Gordon's political affiliations and trophies and plaques that were presented to her by committees and associations. This physical collection will be housed in the Thomas A. Edge Archives and Special Collections in Athabasca.

The National Archival Development Program is a national grant program sponsored by Library and Archives Canada for projects which meet one of five program objectives for enhancing public archives and their collections. Langford, in partnership with Karen Langley, manager of the Thomas A. Edge Archives and Special Collections, submitted the funding application for the Gorman project in the fall of 2009.

News In Brief

Pannekoek to Lead Canadian Association of Learned Journals

AU president Dr. Frits Pannekoek was acclaimed president-elect of the [Canadian Association of Learned Journals](#) at an association meeting held in conjunction with the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences in Fredericton, N.B., in May. Pannekoek will serve as president-elect for one year and then assume the association's presidency for two years.

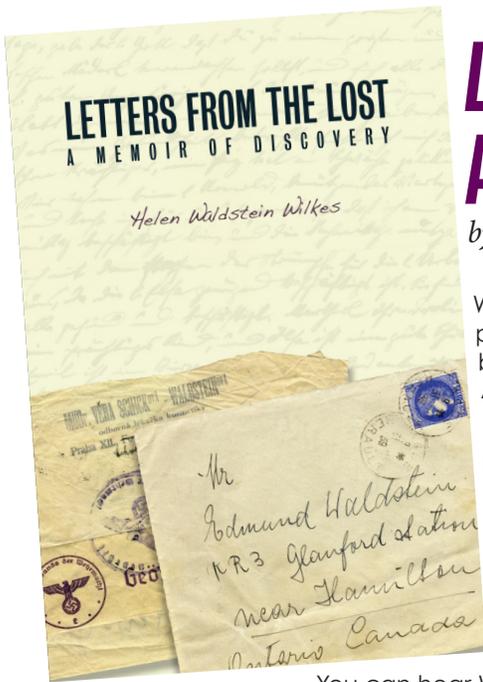
"It's an exciting time to be taking on this new role," Pannekoek said.

"Academic journals are undergoing a period of rapid change, including digitization, and I'm looking forward to helping the community through that process."

CALJ's executive director Dr. Ellen Henderson said the association is delighted that Pannekoek has agreed to serve at this time of rapid and substantial change in the scholarly journals publishing arena. "It is a testament to our shared conviction that ensuring

the long-term health of Canadian scholarly journals is vital to effective dissemination of research from Canada's scholars and universities."

Pannekoek is also president of the International Council for Open and Distance Education, a UNESCO-sanctioned organization, based in Oslo, Norway, which seeks to promote intercultural co-operation and understanding through open and distance learning throughout the world.



Letters from the Lost Wins Alberta Readers' Choice Award

by Megan Hall

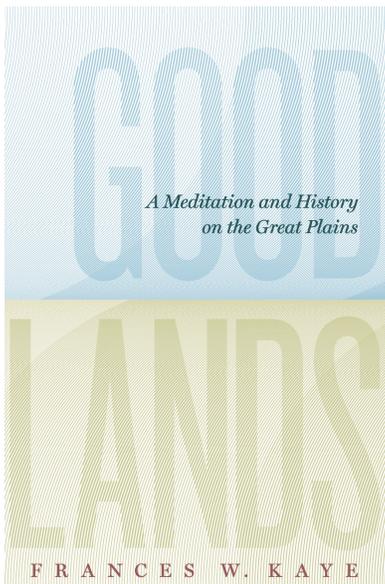
With the support of readers from across the country, including the enthusiastic participation of many at AU, *Letters from the Lost – A Memoir of Discovery*, written by Helen Waldstein Wilkes and published by AU Press, has won the second annual Alberta Readers' Choice Award.

The \$10,000 award, sponsored by the Book Publishers Association of Alberta was presented at the Alberta Book Awards Gala in Calgary on June 11. The award is comparable in value to many national awards such as the Governor-General's Literary Award for Fiction and the Trillium Book Award for Poetry. The winning book was chosen by the public after a panel of judges shortlisted five finalists.

The morning after the award was presented, Wilkes described herself as "quite overwhelmed" at winning. The first time author said she was astounded to receive the award and that tears had sprung to her eyes when her name was read out.

You can hear Wilkes discuss her win with Russell Bowers on CBC's [Daybreak Alberta](#) and obtain more information about the award on the [News and Events page](#) of the AU website.

New from AU Press by Megan Hall



Goodlands: A Meditation and History on the Great Plains

Amer-European settlers on the Great Plains transformed bountiful native soil into pasture and cropland, distorting the prairie ecosystem as it was understood and used by the Native Peoples who had originally populated the land. Settlers justified the transformation with the unexamined declaration that the land was deficient: that the Great Plains region was inadequate in flora and fauna and the region lacking in modern civilization.

Frances W. Kaye, a professor in the Department of English at the University of Nebraska, counters the

misguided theory of deficiency in a discussion of the ideas that shaped its implementation, the forces that resisted it and indigenous ideologies about what it meant to make good use of the land. *Goodlands* is part of the series *The West Unbound: Social and Cultural Studies*.

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Research Buzz **CORRECTION**

In the June 13 issue of *The Insider*, the article about the Insight Development Grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council for the project Assessment and Accreditation: An International Case Study on Acceptance of Digital Resources, failed to identify the full research team.

Members of the team are Dr. Rory McGreal, associate vice-president (research) and UNESCO chair in open education resources; Dr. Dianne Conrad, director of the Centre for Learning Accreditation; Dr. Wayne Mackintosh, director of the Open Education Resource Foundation and director of the International Centre for Open Education at Otago Polytechnic, New Zealand; and two graduate students.

This research project will explore how the community service mission of the university, drawing on the strengths and existing policy protocols and practices for prior learning and assessment, could extend pathways to formal academic credit.

Every Gift Makes a Difference

Introducing Development and External Relations

The Development and External Relations team works to increase and diversify AU's sources of funding, to foster lifelong relationships with alumni and friends of the university and to secure the funding needed to support people, programs and infrastructure.

Public and private support is crucial to sustaining excellence in scholarship, learning resources and technology at AU.

Highlights and Milestones 2010-11

Donors and Partners: More than 105 individual donors have contributed to the university in the past fiscal year. Major contributions have included the following:

- Alberta Foundation for the Arts to AU Press and the AU Library for digitization of Theatre of the Air
- Canada Council for the Arts to the AU Writer-In-Residence Program
- Canada Interactive Fund to the Canadian Film Online Project
- Canadian Concrete Masonry Producers Association to the new RAIC Centre for Architecture
- Corus Entertainment to the Virtual Media Lab and the collaborative Journalism Residency Program
- Ralph and Janet Hutchinson to scholarships for students of architecture
- Imperial Oil Foundation to ARBRI for the Bibliography of the Athabasca River Basin
- Rogers Mobility to mobile learning research
- RBC Foundation to ARBRI for community engagement
- Edmonton Oilers Foundation to scholarships for nursing students

Conference Sponsorships

Over \$69,500 in sponsorship funding was secured for MoodleMoot 2011, the International Academy of African Business Development Conference and the Learning Services Conference.

New TD Meloche Monnex Affinity Program

A new five-year affinity program has been signed with TD Meloche Monnex. New in this agreement is the creation of the TD Meloche Monnex Scholarship, a \$1000 award to be granted annually to the Alberta student who achieves the highest standing in Finance 370 (Overview of Corporate Finance).

Alumni Relations Program

The first ever direct mail campaign to alumni was carried out, with very promising results. To build on the momentum created by this campaign and develop an Alumni Relations Program that is valuable and relevant, Alumni Relations is now meeting with alumni members across the country to find out how we can serve them better. Focus groups will help determine alumni needs and identify alumni champions along the way. The number of alumni members who wish to volunteer and stay involved is rising steadily, a promising step in building lasting support for the university.

Caring for the Future Campaign

This campaign for the Faculty of Health Disciplines will make it possible for AU to increase its investment in three priority FHD initiatives:

- supporting more students through scholarships, bursaries and grants
- enriching the student experience through expanded learning resources
- contributing to the future of health care through research and other scholarly activities

The foundations of a successful campaign are being built. The case for support has been prepared, and the first direct mailing to nursing and health sciences alumni will be distributed in early September, supported by a personal appeal from an alumni champion. The Faculty of Health Disciplines Fund Development Steering Committee has been productive: public relations materials and branding for the Caring for the Future Campaign is nearly done, and a campaign website is ready.

AU Family Campaign

AU's Family Campaign (We Are the Family!), the second phase of the university's multi-year fundraising strategy, followed the successful Executive Campaign in 2008-09, running from October 2009 to February 2010 and providing opportunities for AU staff and faculty members to contribute to the university's growth. Two areas, research and academic initiatives, and student awards, received the highest levels of support from AU employees. Over \$240,000 was donated in support of new scholarships and bursaries, including \$100,000 earmarked for eliminating financial barriers to business students and AU's first endowed scholarships: the Walker Family Bachelor of Commerce, Post-Diploma Accounting Major Award and the Walker Family Master of Counselling Scholarship.



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Boreal Forest Mural Contest Winner

by Robert Holmberg

The winner of the Boreal Forest Mural Contest (in the May 9 issue of *The Insider*) is Tamara Jackson of Computing Services, who got most of the answers nearly perfectly correct. Thanks to everyone who participated. I hope that you had fun and learned something about the boreal forest.



Boreal forest mural in the AU science lab.

Questions and Answers

1. Name the largest member of the deer family: **Moose.**
2. Name two tree species typical of the boreal forest: **Trembling Aspen, Black Poplar, White Spruce, Black Spruce, Swamp Birch, etc.** (I accepted the more generic *poplar* and *spruce* answers.)
3. Name a pair of mutually symbiotic species (both benefit from the relationship) depicted in the mural or mentioned in the accompanying description: **Yellow Lady's Slipper, which is associated with a fungus, or Fly Agaric mushroom, which is associated with the roots of deciduous and coniferous trees.**
4. Name one external parasite and one internal parasite (Hint: It starts externally.) depicted in the mural: **External: Mosquito, Internal: Tachinid fly on caterpillar of the Columbia Silk Moth**
5. Name three exotic (i.e. non-native) species depicted in the mural: **Dandelion, Honey Bee, White Clover.**
6. Name four predators depicted in the mural: (**Note the word depicted**) **Great Northern Loon, Jumping Spider, Pileated Woodpecker, Western Toad.**
7. Name four mammals depicted (directly or indirectly) in the mural: **Beaver (indirectly by its lodge), Human (my hand in the mosquito photo and my finger in the spider photo), Moose, White-tailed Deer.**
8. Name six countries that have portions of the boreal forest: **Canada, U.S.A. (not Alaska, a state), Russia, Norway, Sweden, Finland plus some of the small Baltic countries.**

John Mills Receives Bryon Paege Memorial Award

CUPE 3911 is happy to announce that this year's winner of the Bryon Paege Memorial Award is John Mills. Mills was nominated by his tutor, Rochelle Yamagishi.

Mills has had to overcome many obstacles, but has not been discouraged from continuing to reach his goals. By the fall of 2011, he should receive an AU psychology degree.

Mills exemplifies resourcefulness and courage in coping with adversity to continue his education. CUPE 3911 wishes him continued success with his education and congratulates him on his achievements to date.

Bryon Paege graduated from AU in 1988 with a Bachelor of Administration degree. He was employed by AU as a tutor in 1990, giving his knowledge and expertise back to other AU students, and worked in that capacity until his untimely death in 1995.

Paege was a valued member of the AU community and is vividly remembered by his sisters and brothers in Local 3911. The intention of the Bryon Paege Memorial Award is to ensure that his achievements, contributions, dreams and passing will never be forgotten.

DOES YOUR WORK STATION LOOK LIKE THIS?

To achieve an ergonomically correct set-up, follow these guidelines:



- 1: Top of monitor parallel to the desk surface (i.e. horizontal)
- 2: Top third of screen parallel to eye level to maintain a neutral neck posture (Monitor may be lower and slightly tilted if you are wearing bifocals or progressive lenses.)
- 3: Back and shoulder blades supported against the backrest of the chair and backrest locked
- 4: Shoulders relaxed and breathing normal
- 5: Wrists straight, keyboard and mouse on the same surface, and wrists rest only occasionally when typing or using a mouse
- 6: Elbows bent at 90 degrees and held at the side of body in line with shoulders and hips, resting only occasionally on the armrests
- 7: Lumber support at the correct height (in the small of the back)
- 8: 90-110 degree angle in hips and knees
- 9: Two- to three-finger gap between the back of the knee and the front edge of the chair seat
- 10: Feet flat on the floor (or a footrest) with no pressure felt on the backs of legs

If you would like to request a further ergonomic assessment by a member of the Occupational Health and Safety Ergonomic Team, go to <http://intra.athabasca.ca/hr/ohs/ergonomic-landing.php>



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