

President's Pen

SAGA volunteers are busy at this time organizing the January 2026 reunion in Saskatoon. Spreading the word to classmates about the January 9 and 10, 2026 events would be a big help! You don't have to attend, but you can help by organizing a social media page, calling a classmate or sending SAGA information via email or text.

This year's event is again at the Western Development Museum which is a friendly location with great food and dietary options. Another plus is free admission to the museum Main Street exhibits and the upstairs Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame.

The SAGA executive was fortunate to welcome a new Vice President who has been active this fall. Thanks to Gina Zepick C'92 C of Lumsden, who has a strong agriculture presence with a family farm background and career in leadership and corporate development. Please give her a warm welcome if you see her!

Gina has been busy tracking down classmates for college and diploma grads for the years 1996, 2006, 2016 and 2021. If you know anyone in those graduating classes let us know, as cell phone numbers are hard to track down and emails can end up in

the spam inbox. Information on the events are provided in this newsletter and online at www.saskaggrads.com.

SAGA is the University of Saskatchewan's largest alumni group. Agriculture experts graduating from here are a versatile group in many corners of the globe and related fields. SAGA gets called upon from time to time to provide ad hoc input to USask initiatives too. Past grads have contributed and still contribute to farming, agri-food, crop, horticulture, livestock, sustainability and other relevant fields. One of the best things we hear is when a grandparent or parent purchases the gift of a SAGA membership for a new AgBio grad.

SAGA executive members are not here for their own advancement, they are here to help keep an education link alive. As one advances through their careers, people connections are key. Please don't hesitate to get involved at SAGA, including ideas on how we can make SAGA relevant to ag grads. Contact us at reunion@saskaggrads.com or me at 306-737-2290

Looking forward to seeing some of you in January 2026 in Saskatoon!

Terry Grajczyk '83 C



From the Editor

BY LINDSAY FOLK '88 C

I got involved with SAGA, as the understudy Editor to Ewald Lammerding in 2022, when I retired from FCC. I saw a note in the December issue and I thought “hey, I have a bit more time on my hands and I like words”. I am really glad that I did! I have not met many of the SAGA executive in-person but I feel like we work well as a diversified and virtual team to create community for USask grads. This summer, however, I finally got to meet Irene Ahner, who made a special effort to include me in her road trip plans. We had a lovely lunch together in Regina and though a few years separate us in our university



experience, we have so much in common - we didn't run out of things to talk about. I would encourage more of you to get involved, maybe as a Reunion Chair for your class or as a member at large, to stay connected with the university and each other.

From our family to yours – many blessings and best wishes for 2026.

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association

The Annual General Meeting of SAGA will be held:

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026,
7:00 PM (SK) time**

This meeting will be held by Zoom only.

**Please register by January 10
on the SAGA website:**

SAGA > Governance >
AGM Minutes > Upcoming AGM

[Register for AGM](#)

When you register, you will receive a confirmation email and link to attend the meeting virtually.

Meeting registrants received on or before January 10 will be emailed reports in advance of the meeting. (Registrations received after January 10 may still attend the meeting, but you won't receive the reports).

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91th Annual SAGA Reunion Banquet

January 10, 2026

Festivities will be held at:
Saskatoon Western Development Museum,
 2610 Lorne Avenue

Registration 3:00 PM
Cocktails 4:15 PM
Photos 4:15 - 5:15 PM
Banquet 5:30 PM
Program 6:30 PM
Photos continue in front of Train Station
Mixer 8:00 PM

Welcome:

Terry Grajczyk '83 C,
 2025 SAGA President

Honorary Life Member Awards presentation following dinner.

Recognition of Years:

1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1986, 1996, 2006, 2016, 2021

Note: Grads from every year are always welcome! If you want to be seated with a specific group, just advise the class chair or reunion chair.

ASA will be in the house! They have merchandise and old yearbooks for sale and are fundraising for TeleMiracle '26.

Photos

Please advise your class chair when you have registered and let them know you are coming. With this information, we will create a photo schedule, available after January 5.

Tickets

Banquet tickets can be purchased at saskaggrads.com > SAGA Reunion tab.

Banquet & Mixer \$85 online only
Mixer only \$20

Mixer tickets can be purchased online or at the door (cash only).

Banquet ticket purchase deadline is midnight, January 3 and Etransfer, cheque or credit card payment must be in our hands by January 5 as this is the date we pay WDM for your meal. We regret we are unable to offer refunds for cancellations.

If you have difficulties purchasing your ticket online, contact your Reunion Chair or **Jason Fradette:** treasurer@saskaggrads.com

If you have questions about the Reunion weekend plans, contact:
 Gina Zepick, Terry Grajczyk or Deanne Belisle at reunion@saskaggrads.com

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

Friday, January 9, 2026,
Note new start time:
3:30 PM to 7:00 PM
College of AgBio Atrium and Student Lounge

We heard from grads who want to tour the AG College Building and labs but have a conflict with their planned get together later Friday night. GOOD NEWS! The College of AgBio and ASA will open the Atrium and Student Lounge earlier so we can start our tours earlier! It's come and go – hope to see you there!

For questions about the Friday Social, contact **Ian Goodwillie** at ian.goodwillie@usask.ca

SAGA Hockey Tournament

The SAGA Hockey tournament will be January 10, 2026 at Waldheim Rec Centre in Waldheim. There is room for 6 teams, so get your team submitted before the slate fills! The tournament will start at 8 AM and each team is guaranteed 3 games. Single players are invited to register and will be put on a welcoming team.

To enter a team or as a player contact Chad Scott at 306-391-0049 or chadscott826@gmail.com

Black Fox Kaiser Tournament

Calling all Ag Alumni card sharks!

Whether you're a Kaiser veteran or looking to reconnect with fellow Ag alumni over cards during the reunion weekend, this tournament promises great competition and even better company. Sign up individually or as a team.

Saturday, January 10, 2026 – starting at 10 A.M.

To register or find out more information, check out the Black Fox Distillery website or this link. Space is limited to 32 players.

Things to do at the Western Development Museum on January 10, 2026

SAGA is planning for everyone to have as much fun as they can on Saturday January 10 at the Western Development Museum (WDM) over the course of our 91st Reunion Banquet day. If you, or your Class, would like to spend time visiting the WDM, you can at no extra cost, providing you have previously purchased either a Banquet or a Mixer ticket on the SAGA website. Let them know at the Visitor Desk that you are with SAGA. The museum opens at 9:00 A.M. and Boomtown cafeteria is open 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM. Come early to enjoy the museum and the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame or have lunch or coffee with your classmates. Please let us know if you plan to come early, by emailing: reunion@saskaggrads.com

We will have SAGA registration table set up at 3:00 PM in the WDM foyer. You will receive your reunion accreditation for you and your guest, class ribbon, and SAGA lapel pin (if you want).

The WDM has graciously agreed to close the facility early to the public so that we will have the place to ourselves after 4:00 PM. The cash (only) bar will open at 4:15 PM and we have received permission to carry drinks in Boom Town and Main Street, however, no liquids are allowed in the Sask Ag Hall of Fame (SAHF). You and your Class can roam until it's time to be seated in Saskatchewan Hall at 5:15 PM.

Note: Smaller classes will have their professional group photos taken from 4:15 - 5:15 PM. Large class photos will be scheduled after the Banquet.

There is a maximum capacity at the venue, so we encourage you to purchase your ticket without delay to avoid disappointment. Ticket purchase cutoff is January 3 at midnight

Banquet tickets will NOT be sold at the registration desk, but you can still purchase a Mixer Ticket for \$20 CASH at the door.

2026 SAGA Reunion Chairs

We are looking for people to take on the role of Class Chair to communicate with their classmates for the Reunion weekend in January 2026.

It is not a difficult task - contact your classmates by phone, email, mail or social media. You do not sell tickets to the banquet or any other activity. Simply organize a class list and let them know about the reunion events.

We will list your name and contact info in the SAGA newsletter and other postings.

We have a few years covered but need more! Maybe you and a classmate can organize for your year? If you have any questions about the Reunion or if you want to volunteer as a Class reunion Chair contact: reunion@saskaggrads.com or call 306-585-8021.

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A Word from the Dean

BY ANGELA BEDARD-HAUGHN '01 MSC, DEAN AND PROFESSOR, AGBIO

Greetings fellow alumni!

At the beginning of October, we had a kickoff session with faculty to begin work on the college's next strategic plan. At that session, I mentioned that to me, fall is a time of new beginnings and one of the pros in attendance teased me that most people see fall as a time of death and decay. While fall has progressed since then to be a little less colourful and more a hint of the winter to come, I stand by my statement. At the university, fall is the start of a new academic year, when the new and returning students flood the campus and we are literally surrounded by potential.

This year, we are celebrating even more new beginnings, with several new faculty joining the ranks. We have Dr. Alison Ward '06 C, '08 MSc, '12 PhD in Animal Science, bringing her expertise on nutritional epigenetics and developmental programming in livestock. Dr. Valentyna Klymiuk has joined Plant Sciences and the Crop Development Centre as the brand new Sask Wheat Applied Genomics and Pre-breeding Chair. Drs. Tia McDonald and Bailey Peterson-Wilhelm started with Agricultural and Resource Economics, bringing their economic expertise on weather/climate impacts and decision making, respectively. When we add these four new faces to the four new hires that started in the first quarter of 2025 and the five new hires in 2023/24 and one hire confirmed to start January 2026 and three more searches currently underway, things are looking a bit different around here with turnover of

20% of our faculty over a three-year period! I mentioned we are working on strategic planning, and it has been exciting to capture the fresh perspectives and enthusiasm of our newest members as we map out the next several years for AgBio.

Continuing with new beginnings, we also recently launched a Certificate in Introductory Agriculture. Built around our core curriculum, the certificate is a great option for those wanting to learn the very basics of agriculture. We have had interest from students in other colleges who know that agricultural knowledge will be a great complement to their career plans, as well as new students wanting to get recognition for taking a few classes. If their interest is piqued, they can ladder from the certificate into our diploma or degree programs. It could be a great pathway for new Canadians or those looking to strengthen their ag knowledge as part of a career transition – and there is the option to take it entirely online for those unable to relocate to Saskatoon. If you know someone that might benefit, be sure to share the news!

Finally, in other “news”, a heads up that I’m taking a six-month admin leave (January-June) to recharge my batteries and work on a couple of side projects, so if you don’t see me around as much, don’t worry, I’ll be back in the dean’s office next July, all fired up and ready to keep serving the AgBio community! The college will be in good hands while I’m gone, so don’t hesitate to keep in touch.

2025 SAGA Scholarship Recipients

Two deserving Agros, Clare Weever and Danielle Korgaard, have been selected as the 2025 Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association Undergraduate Scholarship recipients. Clare is a 3rd year student majoring in Animal Science and Danielle Korgaard is a 2nd year student majoring in Horticulture Science.

Left: Danielle Korgaard
Right: Clare Weever



SAGA Reunion 2025



1975 College

Front L-R: Hap Bennett, Neil Ketilson, Stan Kirkland, Al Scholz, Don McCallum, Cal Kelly

Middle: Ron Martin, Harry Harder, Bill Volk, Sharon Walker, Dave Weiseth, Ross Barlow, Paul Kneeshaw

Back: Murray Treble, Alf Epp, Don Wasyluniuk, Lawrence Townley-Smith, Vince Walker, Gord Frank, Doug Leask, Rick Blenner-Hassett, Lee Harris, Tim Howden



1975 School

Front L-R: Rick McIntyre, Warren Broberg, John Knudson, Larry van Heukelom, Les Laing, Dennis McMorris

Back: Peter Hecker, Grant Gerwing, Brent Baxter, Mike Dougherty, Roger Begrand, David Sloan, Randy McGillivray, Maurice Hounjet, Hugh Treimans, Dennis McFarlane, Wayne Wenzel, Randy Peterson, Jim Thoreson, Alois Schmidt, Keith Collins



1985 College

Front L-R: Larry Carnegie, Pam (Walker) Elliott, Karen Greer, Blair McClinton

Back: Kent Gulash, Les Saelhof, Ray Elliott, Ken Greer, Dannie Wreford, Lance Hartman, Rob Jones



2015 College

Front L-R: Kathryn Sarauer, Kirsten Oram (Roy), Tanner Borsa

Back: Zach Kurtenbach, Moria Kurtenbach (Petruc), Dane Oram, Taylor Hiduk (Peppler), Lee Tollefson, Kelsey Tollefson (Richardson)



1995 College

Front L-R: Shane Mann, Mike Kirzinger, Louis Bossaer, Brooks Wilson, Brad Hanmer, Brent McCarthy

Middle: Glen Jones, Kim Cunningham-Good, Janalee Bossaer, Melanie Leppa, Carla Trobak, Kent Britton, Ken Engele

Back: Jody Tondell, Dale Glover, Kent Gress, Colin Gerbrandt, Jeff Hammond, Colin Peterson, Curtis Letkeman, Rachelle Peterson



Honorary Life Members

Front L-R: Fran Walley '93 PhD (2024), Irene Ahner '65 C (2011), Mary Buhr – Dean of AgBio 2009-20 (2017), Elaine Moats '77 C (2016), Audrey Horkoff – SAHF (2009)

Back: Jim Bessel '88 S (2017), Marcel Dubois '61 S & '65 C (2014), Bryan Harvey '60 C (2015), Kevin Hursh '80 C (2025), Grattan O'Grady '69 S (2016), Bill Copeland '60 C (2012), Grant Devine '67 C (2025), Glen Hass '60 C (2002), Ewald Lammerding '88 S (2020)

Honourary Life Members 2026

These individuals will be recognized at the 2026 SAGA Reunion banquet

Maurice Delage '69 C earned his BSA from the University of Saskatchewan in 1969 and MSc in 1978. A visionary and innovator in Canadian agriculture, Maurice has driven major advancements in crop protection and seed development, shaping modern farming practices. His career began with Niagara Chemicals in 1972, followed by leadership roles at Hoechst Canada Inc., where he spearheaded initiatives that established Canada's largest herbicide facility in Regina and the Bayer Global Centre of Excellence for Canola Development near Saskatoon. These efforts revolutionized canola production through herbicide tolerance, hybrid vigor, and trait development, boosting yields and profitability for farmers.

Maurice's contributions have earned him induction into both the Saskatchewan and Canadian Agriculture Halls of Fame and the prestigious Saskatchewan Order of Merit. Today, he oversees operations at Delage Farms, a 33,000-acre grain farm near Indian Head, producing canola, wheat, peas, and lentils. Committed to community and education, Maurice supports the University of Saskatchewan's College of Agriculture and Bioresources and numerous cultural and charitable initiatives. With an eye on the future, he remains optimistic about Canadian agriculture's capacity in meeting global food demands through innovation and sustainability.

Larry White '64 C obtained his BSA from the University of Saskatchewan in 1964. Throughout his career with Saskatchewan Agriculture, Larry was an exemplary leader, manager and communicator. He began his career as an Agricultural Representative in Watson, then to Yorkton as Farm Development Specialist with the new FarmStart Program, onto Weyburn as Regional Co-ordinator, then to Prince Albert as Regional Manager. Larry was a strong advocate for the delivery of unbiased and local information that farmers needed and working with a dedicated and committed team of field Agrologists and specialists made for a rewarding career.

When Larry retired from Sask. Agriculture and Food he joined the Saskatchewan Forest Centre and made contributions to the agroforestry industry. He served as the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Conservation Learning Centre and was instrumental in helping develop a long-term strategic plan that has helped renew the Centre and contribute to recent success. Larry has been an active supporter of SAGA providing news of colleagues to the SAGA newsletter and bringing his classmates and colleagues together for class reunions. Larry's outstanding service and worthy contributions to agriculture have been recognized when he was awarded the SIA Distinguished Agrologist Award in 2011.



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Letter From A Prairie Chicken (Treasured Memories)

BY IRENE AHNER '65 C

SAGA recently received a donation for the SAGA Undergrad Scholarship in memory of **Carman Berg '68 C** (class of '64 C). The donation had come from the members of a band called **The Jurelles**. This was a mystery to most of the Executive, so I have decided to make Jurelle history my contribution to this newsletter.

In the '60's, a group of Agro musicians formed a band which was known as the Agro Orchestra. As I only had a very small part in this, I am going to let **Ed Schultz, '64 C**, tell the story:

*"When I started at U of S in the fall of 1960, the Music Drama Director was **Morley Billett '63 C**. He got me playing drums for an informal Agro band (we did a few College parties, not many). My appeal was that I had drums, which very few people could afford. When he graduated, I took over as Director in the fall of 1962. I had 12 good musicians in the College that had talent and used them all for Agro functions. Most had never played for dances, including Jerome and Boyd. To make a little spending money, I used 6 to play dances. Some of these dances were in the communities the boys came from (i.e. Ted from Allan, and Boyd from Dumaine/Conquest). We did the odd wedding dance or office party in Saskatoon, when word spread about us. The core group was **Ted Benedict, Terry Anderson, Boyd Burrell, Jerome Martin, Carman Berg** and me, all from the 1964 College class, and **Cecil Werner '66 C** (he was so very good on the tenor sax we had to have him!). Each of these musicians was special and became life-long friends. From a standing start, Boyd and Jerome grew and developed the most. Ted Benedict became our musical director - organizing the charts we played from*



Agro Opus 64 – Ed Schultz (drums), Carman Berg (clarinet), Ted Benedict (tenor sax), Cecil Werner (tenor sax), Terry Anderson (alto sax), Boyd Burrell (guitar) and Jerome Martin (piano)

and gathering new material - a very valued job. The Agro Opus 64 was a high point for me. We did it in BIG BAND style, in a competition series with other colleges."

Other members of the band for the Opus were **Stirling McLeod '68 C**, **Donnie Myrol** (from the same class), **Bittner '65 C**, and **Trent Case**, ASA student at the time. Vocal soloists were **Irene Keay '65 C** and **Garth Gatzke '66 C**. **Doug McArthur, '65 C**, ASA President, was the emcee.

"With graduation in 1964 - we broke up and went separate directions. However, Jerome and I both ended up in Edmonton and continued playing together in musicals and for dances - for years.

At our 40th class reunion in 2004 - we had so much fun we decided to do it every year so long as we were able, which turned out to be the next 16 years."

The group spent some time deciding on a name and eventually came up with: **Just Us Regulars Expecting to Learn Lots of Excellent Songs!**

The Jurelles played for the Mixer dance at the SAGA Reunion in 2005 at the Saskatoon Inn, where the '65 C Class celebrated their 40th anniversary. Remember when reunion dances were common?

They played together for many years, at dances, weddings and reunions in many parts of Western Canada. There are at least two **The Jurelles** CD's in existence. The cover of one lists their names: Terry Anderson (alto sax), Ted Benedict (tenor sax, clarinet), Boyd Burrell (guitar, vocals), Jerome Martin (piano, vocals), Cecil Werner (tenor sax) and Ed Schultz (drums, trumpet).

The group surprised Ed by playing for his retirement party (after 36 years with Alberta Pork) in Edmonton in 2007. Someone had brought Ed's drums so he could join them.

I attended two reunions, at the Anderson farm at Pense and in Rouleau. Derald and I joined them for supper preceding the dance in Rouleau. Carman Berg no longer played with the band, but he and Diane helped with organizing reunion events around Saskatoon. They always made a point of letting us know when something was planned.

Sadly, we have lost Jerome Martin and Carman Berg in the past 18 months. Some of the others have serious health issues. The majority are still enjoying their retirement.

What great memories we have just because we decided to attend the College of Agriculture!

Agriculture Building Displays play important role in agricultural advocacy

BY HAMISH TULLOCH '91 C

When the college building was completed in 1991 a remarkable amount of attention was paid to its aesthetic details and visitor experience. Amenities included the Beamish Conservatory, original artworks showcased throughout public spaces (primarily featuring works by Saskatchewan artists) and the Kenderdine Art Gallery. The new building was also fitted with an expansive collection of agricultural displays which line most of the main corridors on the 2nd floor. These exhibits were created to inform on a wide range of topics, from the origins of farming to the then-current agricultural practices. My office happens to be in one of these corridors and I regularly see visitors keenly studying these displays – so even after many years, this content is still gaining the public's attention.

Some periodic repairs and upkeep have been needed over time but overall, the displays have held up remarkably well. Pretty good considering the nearly 35 years of Agro traffic through these halls. There are also several computer driven exhibits where the underlying tech needs to be replaced. However, the larger issue is that a significant portion of the content has become outdated. This is a shame considering the value that



these exhibits hold for our sector in terms of public education and advocacy.

As I noted previously, these displays are numerous, which makes their renewal more challenging in terms of cost and time, but this shouldn't hold us back. There are ways to manage the refurbishment in stages and move this project forward.

I bring this to SAGA's attention because of the pivotal role alumni played in funding the building's development. I believe our alumni (and many of the organizations where they're employed) also recognize the importance of public education. Bringing current and engaging agricultural information to the public is foundational to our industry's success. This refurbishment has an important and enduring role in this advocacy work, and your support can help make it happen. Don't hesitate to reach out if you'd like to learn more about this initiative and how you can support it.



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Rescued by Community

BY TIM HAMMOND '91 C

When STARS Air Ambulance invited me to take part in Rescue on the Prairie, I knew the premise: five business leaders dropped in a “remote” Saskatchewan location and challenged to raise \$50,000 each using only our phones. The “remote” part turned out to be Black Fox Distillery — so not exactly roughing it — but the idea was real enough, you can’t come home until you’re rescued by generosity.

I’d seen that generosity before. Through the Biggar Revitalization Project, our town raised \$5 million to reimagine its future. That experience taught me how to strategize and ask without fear. Seventy-five percent will say no. Twenty-five percent will say yes. You just work the math backward and go.

For STARS, I knew the ag community would show up — and they did, in spades. Together, my contacts graciously gifted over \$90,000. One farmer even doubled his pledge after reflecting on our conversation, saying, “STARS is incredibly important to us farmers and our families.” He’s right. When people need STARS, they need them now — not next week after more funds are raised. My brother Rob has been flown by them, a neighbour’s life was saved by them, and they’ve touched nearly every rural community in Saskatchewan.

The day itself had its moments. In one challenge, my teammate Bailey — one of Biggar’s own and a STARS medic — coached me through five mock medical emergencies. My nightmare scenario: being first on an accident scene. She was calm, confident, and extremely capable; I was just grateful she (and STARS) existed. Then came the flower-arranging contest. Let’s just say our bouquet looked like a mad cow had trampled it. I



Tim Hammond aboard a STARS helicopter

was the Breakfast Club nerd who could solve the complex math equation but couldn’t make art to save his life.

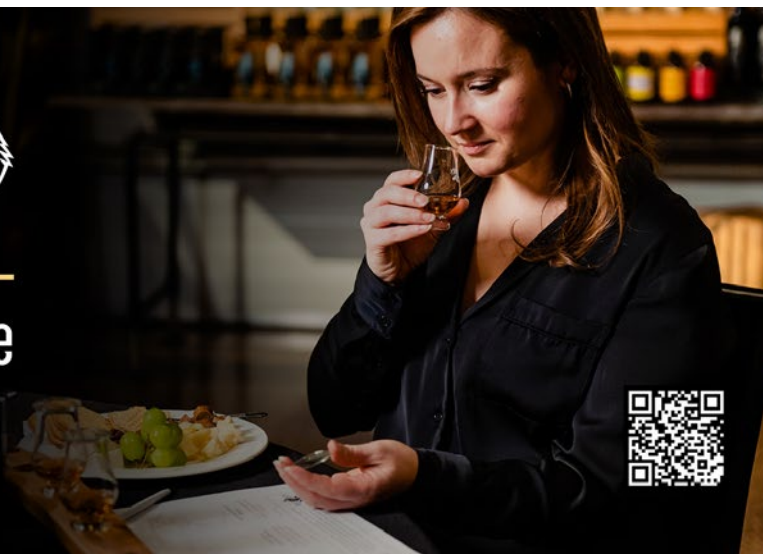
Through it all, I kept thinking about what Churchill said: “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” Agriculture has given us an incredible living and life. The least we can do is give back — with our money, our time, our skills, or our connections. In the end, I’ve come to realize the real gift has been in the giving all along.



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ASA Fall Semester Report

BY LAUREL O'NEILL '26 C

ASA PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

Hello SAGA members, this year is TeleMiracle 50, Bed push will begin in Regina on February 28 and will conclude March 1 in Saskatoon and our goal is to raise \$100,000. To reach our ambitious goal we are looking for many sponsors, donations and support to help reach this goal. A donation page will be set up to allow members to donate. Of course, volunteers are always welcome to come out and push. If you or your company would like to donate, sponsor or for more information please contact me at public.relationsuofs@gmail.com.

We've had an action packed first semester at the college. Agro spirits are high, selling out first years game night and orientation, Budlight Luau, Inspark slo-pitch tournament, Rider trip, and college splash

and sidewalk painting. Our other fall events, including farm tour, club day, casino night, lunch 'n learns and our first run for breast cancer and Halloween food drive all had amazing turn outs. Ag Bag Drag returned to Prairieland October 24, the slogan this year was "Major in crops, minor in Rye, let's raise a glass at Drag '25" with over 1,300 in attendance, including Aggies from other colleges. The night was opened by Keiran Gardner followed by the headliner, Gord Bamford. Coming up, we plan on celebrating "November" to raise money for men's mental health, participating in the Remembrance Day ceremony, as well as a blood drive, baking at the Ronald McDonald House, a toy drive and winter formal.

I look forward to meeting you in the near future, hearing your stories and working together to be the first year to raise \$100,000 for Bedpush.

U of S Agriculture Student Club Update

BY JACKSON FUCHS '26 C, ASA CLUB LIAISON

The U of S Rodeo Team was able to host the Only College Rodeo in Saskatchewan, in Delisle, on September 20 and 21. We had over 140 contestants from 7 different teams and over 1,200 spectators throughout two days. The team has continued to compete during the fall run of rodeos. On December 12 the Team is hosting a NFR Watch Party and Steak Night at the Longbranch. They will also be having their annual Silent Auction in February. In the spring the CCRA season will resume and will be showcased by the Canadian College Finals Rodeo in Rimbey, Alberta.

In early November the **Livestock Judging Team** will be sending a team of nine members to Farmfair International to attend the University of Alberta's judging competition. Following that there will be a team of twelve headed to Canadian Western Agribition for their event. Once again, they will be collaborating with Prairieland and 4-H Saskatchewan to host their home

competition "Dare2Judge" which takes place January 24-25.

The **U of S Beef Team** is well underway planning trips, guest speakers and workshops for the members to take part in, to learn more about the beef industry and become connected with industry professionals. The team has just concluded their bi-annual trip to Alberta. In the alternating years they do larger trips to stock shows in the USA.

The **Agribusiness Club** discuss ag-related current events and topics, meet guest speakers, and go on local agribusiness tours with upcoming events. The Agribusiness Club is connected to CAMA (Canadian Agri-Food Marketing Alliance) chapter as our travelling team for case competitions and student marketing development. This year, CAMA members will compete at NAMA (National Agri Marketing Association) in St. Louis, Missouri in April. Last year's trip was a great success as they received

5th place out of 30 university teams. To fundraise for the Agribusiness Club and CAMA, the Agribusiness Club holds an annual cornhole tournament and dance, coming up in January.

The Dairy Team has had a great start to the year! Their first meeting had a great turnout and they enjoyed touring the Rayner Dairy Centre on campus. There was a great turnout for our Moo-Moo Pub Crawl and the group is looking forward to some tours to southern Saskatchewan in the New Year, as well as possibly offering an Artificial Insemination course.

The **Pre-Vet club** has already hosted several exciting and informative events with guest speakers. Ahead, the club has more engaging activities planned, such as a Steak Night Fundraiser in November, with all proceeds supporting their upcoming Suture Lab Demonstration. They will be doing their annual Mock Interviews, providing members the opportunity to refine their interview skills and build confidence for future veterinary school interviews.

'77 Voc Ag Summer Reunion

BY BLAIR CUMMINS '77 S

The Voc Ags class of 1977 met at the Watrous Manitou Springs Resort on July 22 - 24. Twenty seven grads as well as twenty wives spent three days getting reacquainted and swapping lies about how good we once were! A good time was had by all

and plans are already being made for the fiftieth anniversary reunion in 2027. The dates have been set for July 23 to 25 at Manitou Springs. We are short of contact info for a few of our classmates, so if you are reading this, any fellow class of 77ers, that haven't heard from us, please call. We will also be meeting at the SAGA Reunion in Saskatoon in January 2027. Contact Blair Cummins at 306-221-8758.



VocAg 77 Summer Reunion - July 23, 2025

Front L-R: John Hamm, Ron Hetland, Chuck Hersberger, Jim Milne, Garry Hovland, Stan Lock, Murray Hodgins, Allan Wilson, Dan Schmidt

Middle: Gerald Prefontaine, Lorne Ball, Keith Murch, Jerry Sopatyk, Blair Cummins, Bernard Yonkman, Allan Gifford, Elton Ash, Blaine Haubrich

Back: Allan Cooper, Ken Douslin, Tim Nell, Mark Woodworth, Leon Ternan, Greg Taylor, Ron Kulyk, Grant Leroux, Harley Herman

Convocation 2025

Tom Yates, Associate Dean, Academic congratulates the recipient of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists Prize for the top degree graduate to Jolynn Amyotte. Jolynn graduated with Great Distinction with a Bachelor of Science in Renewable Resource Management.



Looking for that Special Grad!

Irene Ahner '65 C, Keith Head '67 C and Ewald Lammerding '88 S, are seeking a fourth Ag Grad to join us for updating and then continuing the Forever Young SAGA History Book. The last graduating year in Forever Young was 1999, so we are a bit behind. Each previous iteration had four editors working on them.

We are looking for an interested fellow grad who is familiar with using and managing databases, as this is the only way the College/University will allow access. Can be a retiree, such as we three, or still a member of the working class.

The final product will be published only on the SAGA website and once it's set up, it can be updated yearly.

If you are interested, please contact Ewald at eflammerding@sasktel.net or 306-260-3445.

Stone Barn Update

SAGA – STONE BARN AD HOC COMMITTEE ASSOCIATE

Readers of *The SAGA* will know that from time to time, we have provided updates on the iconic landmark Stone Barn, located on the USask campus. Many alumni and others have devoted considerable energy and effort in trying to support saving and restoring the Barn. The “Friends of the Stone Barn” Ad Hoc Committee was formed many years ago, led by Cheryl Avery, with Dave Christensen, Ernie Barber and many other College of AgBio Alumni. Saskatchewan historian Bill Waiser has also contributed. The Committee’s intent was to explore opportunities for the adaptive re-use of the building.

SAGA instigated and financially supported the first study, done in 2000 and has been asked for input since.

A few weeks ago, the university recently posted an update on the Stone Barn at: [Stone Barn Heritage – Leadership | University of Saskatchewan](#)

The USask Board of Governors approved funding of \$500,000 to stabilize the barn “recognizing that the building in its current state is unsafe for use and does not meet modern safety standards”. In this update, it is acknowledged the university will need to seek partnerships, for the cost of repurposing the Barn.

Today, if you drive past that beautiful structure, you will be saddened to see the neglect that has occurred over the years - missing shingles, crumbling pillars. There is very little of the stone walls that used to surround the Barn. It would be disappointing if the Stone Barn were to suffer the fate of other buildings, and decay to beyond the point of salvation.

Other communities value their old buildings, and this one holds a lot of history for USask, agriculture students and researchers. It is also a fitting tribute to past barn heritage, important to the prairies. What should SAGA do to support the restoration of this landmark? Let us know by reaching us at contact@saskaggrads.com

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'49 C, September 28, 2025

William Stanley (Stan) Acton
'51 S, July 26, 2025

Allan Fitzgerald Smith
'52 S, September 25, 2025

Clifford (Cliff) Shirriff
'53 C, August 28, 2025

John Hugh Nelson
'56 S, September 24, 2025

Lawrence Harold Middleton
'57 S, June 11, 2025

Carson James Dowkes
'58 S, June 4, 2023

John Allen Howard
'61 C, April 26, 2023

Marcien Joseph Arthur (Art) Belanger
'62 S, March 13, 2025

George Fedak
'63 C, '65 MSc, June 11, 2025

Paul Jerome Martin
'64 C, September 6, 2024

Leo Marcel Robin
'64 S, October 22, 2020

Allan Duncan McDougald
'65 C, November 3, 2025

Lawrence McNabb
'65 C, November 11, 2025

Donald (Don) Joseph Evariste Roy
'65 C, June 14, 2025

Peter Henry Janzen
'65 S, April 17, 2021

Robert (Bob) Allan Jorgensen
'65 S, May 1, 2025

Lorne Wesley Epp
'66 S, August 30, 2025

Hugh Darwin Krips
'67 S, May 2, 2025

Joseph Sinclair (Sinc) Harrison
'67 C, August 28, 2025

Karl Gary Seime
'69 C, May 9, 2023

Donald Clive Gardiner
'71 S, May 13, 2025

Norman Arthur Sladen
'72 C, November 30, 2024

John "Jack" Edward Zepp
'72 C, '74 MSc, June 8, 2025

Wade Richard Armstrong
'72 S, July 5, 2025

Bruce Heebner
'72 S, May 13, 2025

Brian Adolph Kramer
'76 C, June 13, 2023

Terrance "Terry" Joseph Oleksyn
'80 S, November 7, 2024

Trevor Kim Fleischfresser
'96 C, August 23, 2025

Joel Andre Revet
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We've lost track of some members ...

If you know any of these members, can you ask them to reach out to us to update their contact information?

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Saskatchewan Crop Association Annual General Meetings

Register today for the 2025/2026 AGMs for these Saskatchewan crop organizations:

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 Saskatchewan Forage Seed Development Commission

Annual General Meeting, Seed
Production & Market Information
Sessions, Trade Fair displays

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Carrot River Community Hall,
3240 – 3rd Avenue, Carrot River

Thursday, December 11, 2025 Canary Seed Development Commission of Saskatchewan

Annual General Meeting and
Information Session

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Atlas Hotel, Regina

Monday, January 12, 2026 Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association

Annual General Meeting,
Awards Banquet

AGM: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Mixer: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Banquet: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

TCU Place, Centennial A, Saskatoon

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 SaskOats (Saskatchewan Oat Development Commission)

Annual General Meeting, Research
Update and Market Outlook Session

8:45 AM – 12:00 PM

Prairieland Park, Hall E, Saskatoon

Thursday, January 15, 2026 Saskatchewan Mustard Development Commission

Annual General Meeting, Research
Updates and Market Outlook Session

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Prairieland Park, Hall A, Saskatoon

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