

June

Newsletter



President's Message



Hello fellow AU Grad students!

Summer is fast approaching, and with it comes Athabasca University's Convocation ceremonies. To those of you who will be graduating, congratulations on completing this chapter of your journey, and all the best of luck to you in your future! Our Executive Director Ross Tyson and I will be at the ceremony to celebrate your achievement together. We look forward to seeing you!

Our new Council is off to a great start. Many volunteers from Council have volunteered to engage in our committees. A big thanks to our new committee members for putting your names forward!

At the time of this writing, your Vice-President External Lindsay McNena and I are in attendance at the Canadian Alliance of Student's Associations' (CASA's) Foundations Conference in Ottawa from May 22nd through 26th! We are here to learn about CASA and how it can effectively advocate for students across Canada, as well as to take control of the organization and set the stage for its advocacy efforts in the coming year.

Earlier in May we attended a similar transition conference for the Alberta Graduate Provincial Advocacy Council (ab-GPAC) --

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Alberta's provincial graduate student advocacy group. We look forward to representing AUGSA well at both CASA and ab-GPAC.

AUGSA's Annual General Meeting will be held on June 20th, and all members are welcome to attend. Please join us -- we will be happy to have you!

Until next time!

Regards,

Jamie Czerwinski, President

Student Life Line: This free service is offered to you on behalf of AUGSA. Student Life Line offers monthly links to help you in a number of areas of your life. Click on the PDF link to see the topic this month:

In this issue of our quarterly newsletter, you'll find [tips to help you improve the quality and quantity of rest you're getting](#).

We also share ways to [carve out more time for yourself](#), and how to [identify and address sources of personal and professional stress](#).

Click on the link below to access these helpful articles, as well as suggested resources to support you, and program contact information.

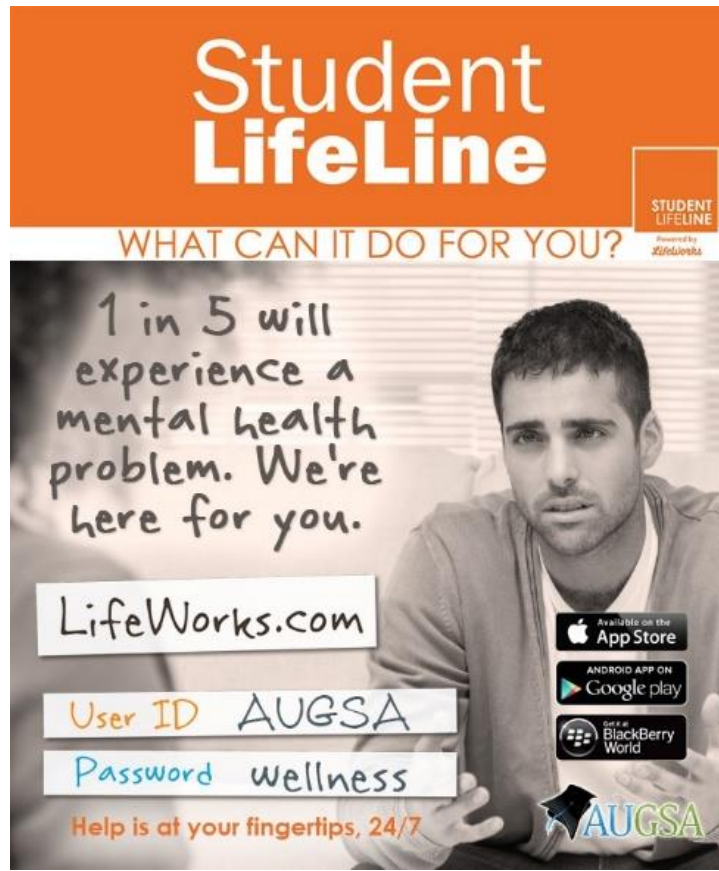
- [Q2 Newsletter \(English\)](#)

Student feature: How Student LifeLine Can Help

[PDF](#) [PowerPoint](#) [HTML](#)

Are you struggling with a personal or work issue or conflict and looking for solutions? We can help you more effectively manage stress, work with you to reach a financial goal, prepare for retirement, and more. Contact Student LifeLine any time, 24/7, toll-free: 1-877-418-1537

Remember: Student LifeLine is here for you 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with support for work, life, and everything in between.



Upcoming Events

2017 Online Research Conference for Graduate Students

Athabasca University along with AUGSA is hosting an online research conference for Graduate Students Saturday, October 21, 2017

More details at this link: <https://augradconference.athabascau.ca/>

Faculty of Graduate Studies

Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Supervision (AEGSS)

The AEGSS recognizes excellence in advising, monitoring and mentoring graduate students engaged in project, theses, or dissertation work by Athabasca University academic staff members and is awarded annually to up to two academic staff members. The 2017 recipients of the AEGSS are **Janice Thomas**, Department, Organizational Analysis, Faculty of Business and **Jeff Vallance**, Centre for Nursing and Health Studies, Faculty of Health Disciplines. Janice and Jeff are being honoured for their superior supervisory and mentoring abilities to interest, stimulate and excite students to motivate them to achieve high standards.

I hope to see nominations encouraged for next year!! We have some outstanding graduate faculty!

**Communication & Career Building
Professional Development Workshops**

October to November 2017

The Faculty of Graduate Studies is pleased to invite you to a newly launched Professional Development Workshop (PD) Series on Effective Communication & Career Building. There are 4 modules. Each module is 2 hours and will be delivered online using Adobe Connect. More information can be found on the [FGS website](#)

Funding Opportunities

External Student Awards & Funding

Osum Spark Award

Application Deadline: Saturday, May 27, 2017

More information on this opportunity can be found [here](#)

Mitacs ELEVATE Program Funding

Application Deadline: Wednesday, June 7, 2017

Kelvin Cole, For more information on this opportunity contact [website](#) or visit the Mitacs ELEVATE

University of Gibraltar – PhD Scholarship

Application Deadline: Thursday, June 15, 2017

[here](#) More information on this opportunity can be found

John W Davies Memorial Scholarship 2017

Application Deadline: Friday, June 30, 2017

[here](#) More information on this opportunity can be found

The 23rd Annual Norm Bromberger Research Bursary

Application Deadline: Friday, June 30, 2017

[here](#) More information on this opportunity can be found

Commonwealth Master's Scholarships