

# ARTS AND SCIENCE UPDATE

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*Arts and Science Update* is a monthly newsletter for faculty and staff of the University of Saskatchewan's College of Arts and Science. To give feedback, contact the college communications office: [artsci.communications@usask.ca](mailto:artsci.communications@usask.ca)



**[Black History Month at USask: 'There's no wrong way to be who you are'](#)**

February is a time to reflect on the history of Black people in Canada and to celebrate historic and modern achievements. Two Black students majoring in business economics at the College of Arts and Science spoke about what Black History Month means to them.

Learn about more events and stories for Black History Month at USask at [spotlight.usask.ca](https://spotlight.usask.ca).

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### USask academic advisor honoured by peers

Angela Schindelka, an academic advisor in the College of Arts and Science's Undergraduate Student Office, has won an award from the National Academic Advising Association.

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### USask Greystone Singers partner with quantum researchers for concert

On Sunday, the Greystone Singers and the Aurora Voce alumni choir performed a concert that included a unique light show created by USask Quantum Innovation researchers.

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### **By the numbers**

10: The percentage of credentials that were certificates awarded by the College of Arts and Science last year. The latest numbers show the rapid growth in popularity of certificates among Arts and Science students.



### Scholars receive prestigious History of Healthcare funding to explore health and society

Department of History PhD candidate Justin Fisher and post-doctoral fellow Dr. Matthew Barrett (PhD) received a combined \$70,000 in funding from the charitable organization AMS Healthcare.



### USask cybersecurity expert weighs in on AI benefits and risks

Artificial intelligence has been under scrutiny for its potential use by cybercriminals, but it can also be used to defend computer systems, says Dr. Natalia Stakhanova (PhD) of the Department of Computer Science.

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## Upcoming Events



Greystone Theatre's next stage production is *10 out of 12*, a wry comedy that lets the audience in on the bumpy journey of producing a play. Written by Anne Washburn and directed by Clare Middleton, *10 out of 12* **runs from Feb. 7–10.**

Until April 19 **Exhibition: Human Capital**

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Feb. 8 **Women Plus Water Lecture**

Feb. 9 **Philosophy in the Community: Free Will and Mad Scientists**

Feb. 15 **Sorokin Lecture: The Immigration Industry in Canada**

Feb. 16 **Mathematics and Statistics Colloquium**

Feb. 18 **Discovering the Amatis**

Feb. 28 **Literature Matters**

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# IT BITS AND BYTES

*IT Bits and Bytes features helpful and important information from Arts and Science IT.*

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## **What's happening with the network?!**

If you have ever asked this question, there's good news. ICT has a brand-new PAWS channel that allows you to check the status of the network and many other USask IT services. This page also contains notices for scheduled maintenance windows when some or all services may be down, as well as past incidents, including unscheduled downtime.

If you would like to view this information, you can find it in PAWS or follow this link to the [IT Service Alert Channel](#). It is recommended that anyone performing experiments or providing services requiring the network, or other campus provided services, should check the Service Alerts Channel for scheduled maintenance windows to confirm that outages will not interfere with their work. Checking the status page as part of your normal processes may help you save time, frustration and effort.

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## **In the Media**

**CBC's Saskatoon Morning:** [Two huge trees growing inside the Geology Building at the U of S are being cut down](#) (with Dr. Erica Bird, PhD, Museum of Natural Sciences, Feb. 2)

**Saskatoon StarPhoenix:** ['Incredibly colourful and bold and a bit wild': Exhibit celebrates the art of Wynona Mulcaster](#) (with Leah Taylor, University of Saskatchewan Art Galleries and Collection, Feb. 1)

**CTV News:** [Therapy dogs offer mental health support for U of S students](#) (with Dr. Colleen Dell, PhD, Department of Sociology, Jan. 25)

**CBC News:** [Climate scientists raising concerns over Alberta's groundwater levels amid Prairie drought](#) (with Dr. John Pomeroy, PhD, Department of Geography and Planning, Jan. 21)

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