

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

A Newsletter for Burman University

Thursday, 23 October 2025



Brenda Davis, RD

Brenda Davis, registered dietitian, is a plant-based trailblazer and an internationally acclaimed speaker. She has been a featured speaker at medical, nutrition, and dietetic conferences in 28 countries on 6 continents. As a prolific nutrition writer, Brenda has authored/co-authored 13 books with over a million copies in print. Brenda is currently working on her 14th book on plant-based diets for older adults. She has also authored and co-authored dozens of peer-reviewed and lay articles.

Brenda is a past chair of the Vegetarian Nutrition Dietetic Practice Group of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. She was the lead dietitian in a type 2 diabetes randomized controlled trial in the Marshall Islands. In 2007, Brenda was inducted into the Vegetarian Hall of Fame and in 2022, she was the 7th recipient of the Plantrician Project's Luminary Award. Brenda lives in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

"In the long run,
the sharpest weapon of all
is a *kind* and *gentle* spirit."

- Anne Frank

IMPORTANT ACADEMIC DATES

October 24 Last day to drop any second 1/2 term course without entry on permanent record.
October 28 \$0 tuition refund in effect for full-term courses
November 11 Begin 0% tuition refund for second 1/2 term course

See [Academic Dates](#) for further information.

Week at a Glance

Sunset: 6:19 pm

Friday, October 24 @ 7:30 PM
CAYA

The Paradox of Pit-Falls
Dr. Ron Dupreez
College Church

Afterglow
Spiritual Life Centre

SABBATH

FIRST SERVICE
9:00 AM

Speaker: Dr. Ron Dupreez

CHURCH AT STUDY

10:10 AM

UNIVERSITY SABBATH SCHOOL

10:00 AM with Prince Caro
Social Eyez

COMMUNITY WORSHIP

11:30 AM

Speaker: Pastor Wintley Phipps

AY @ 3 PM

Let's Serve
College Church

Coming up....

Saturday, October 25 @ 6:30 PM

Wintley Phipps Concert
College Church

Tuesday, October 28 @ 11 AM

PowerUp
Admin Chapel

Wednesdays @ 11 AM - 1 PM

Drop-in Counselling
Sakala Centre

Saturday, November 1 @ 7:30 PM

Amateur Hour
Admin Chapel



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For Maskwacis Outreach

When | Sabbath, **October 25**

Where | Maskwacis SDA Church

Why | Join the Maskwacis

441022 Range Rd 253, Ponoka, AB

T4J 1R2

Outreach Program to **connect**

Pickup @ Lakeview Hall | 10:30 AM

with **Indigenous children.**

Drop Off @ Lakeview Hall | 3:30 PM

Limited Spots Sign Up with the link in your Gmail!



C A Y A X E D I



DR. RON DUPREEZ



"The Paradox of Pit-Falls"

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 24 | 7:30 PM
College Heights SDA



JOIN US FOR

AFTERGLOW

“REMEMBERING HIS
FAITHFULNESS”

OCTOBER 24, 2025 | SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER | 9:30 PM

SABBATH SCHOOL

STUDYING
GENESIS
23 WITH PRINCE CARO

@SOCIAL EYEZ

TIME | 10:00 AM - 11:20 AM

25.10.2025



AY IN MOTION

LET'S SERVE

Giving, Gathering, and Gratitude



SATURDAY, 25, OCTOBER | 3 PM | COLLEGE HEIGHTS SDA FOYER

Join us for our annual food drive | Bring your walking shoes!





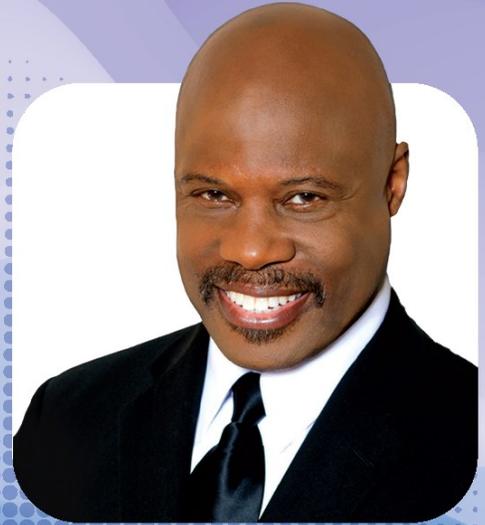
Burman University in collaboration with the College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church Presents

CULTIVATING UNITY, BUILDING COMMUNITY, & EMBRACING DIVERSITY.

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, & INCLUSION

Weekend Extravaganza

OCTOBER 24-25, 2025



Wintley Phipps



Dr. Ron DuPreez



PURCHASE TICKETS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 - 7:30 PM

Dr. Ron DuPreez

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:00 AM Dr. Ron DuPreez

11:30 AM Pastor Wintley Phipps

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 - 4:00 PM

EDI Discussion with SDACC General
Counsel Joseph Richards

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 - 6:30 PM

WINTLEY PHIPPS CONCERT

Come and hear the rich and resonant baritone of 2 time Grammy Nominated and recording artist Wintley Phipps along with other musical guests. You don't want to miss it! Please reserve your tickets by scanning the QR Code.

Burman Students: \$10

Seniors: \$15

General Admission: \$20

Refreshments provided!

You're invited to help make a difference!

Join The Bridge Workshop as we explore how to love, serve, and advocate for our community in real, practical ways. Let's connect what God's calling us to do with the needs around us—and be part of something that actually changes lives.

the bridge

WORKSHOP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Earliteen Room (lower level)
COLLEGE HEIGHTS SDA CHURCH



SIGN-UP USING THE QR CODE
For more info, contact- Pr. Orlando Pule



ITS HAPPENING: 26th October 2025

DORM OLYMPICS



START TIME: 5:30 PM
DON'T MISS OUT. SHOW YOUR
SKILLS.
IN THE LAKEVIEW LOBBY AREA.

new date!
TUES
**OCT
28**

PSYC & BHSC



PIZZA & Career PANEL

Explore your career options & get your questions answered by professionals in different fields! *+prize draws*

@ SCIENCE ATRIUM

5:45 - 7:00 PM





EDI Corner

Equity Diversity and Inclusion

October is Women's History Month in Canada, a time to highlight the achievements of women and girls, past and present, who have shaped Canada in fields like politics, science, arts, business, and the economy.

This month, we are featuring four women who made an impact in the early years of Burman's history. Our second featured female is Nellie Kathleen Shankel-Sharman .

Answering the Call: My Journey from Nova Scotia to Nyasaland



I was born in 1896 in a small fishing village called Hubbards Cove, Nova Scotia. My childhood was filled with laughter, the pull of the ocean tides, and the scent of sawdust from our fathers lumber business. My mother, a devoted Seventh-day Adventist, and my father, a hardworking Baptist, raised us with love, discipline, and deep reverence for God.

In 1908, my parents moved us across the country to the golden fields of Alberta. My mother's dream was for us to attend Alberta Academy, and she prayed earnestly that our lives would be rooted in faith.

In the early years I helped scrub the floors and prepare the house before sundown on Fridays, making sure everything was ready for Sabbath. I churned cream in the early mornings, tended to chores, and dreamed of the wider world God might one day call me to. I was educated at Alberta Academy where I met Clark, a kind and devoted man. He had walked away from comfort and even an engagement because he could not ignore God's call to the Sabbath. We met on the steps of the college library, and I knew in that moment that our paths had been placed together for a reason.

Together, we answered a call that took us far from home. For 17 years, we served as missionaries in Africa, in Nyasaland, Basutoland, and the Transvaal. Being a missionary taught me to trust God in ways I never expected. There were many trials: malaria and other diseases, words in languages I could not yet understand and the time it took to become fluent, and homesickness that pressed hard on my spirit. There were moments of humor too, like the day our servant boy dyed my laundry every color of the rainbow. And there were miracles, like the joy of bringing hope to families hearing the name of Jesus spoken with love for the first time.

Africa shaped our lives. My children were born there. Clark and I poured ourselves into the work we had been given, believing each day was part of God's greater plan. When illness finally brought us home, I was not finished. I served as assistant dean of women at Walla Walla College, returned to school in my sixties to renew my certification, and taught first grade until I was seventy-one years old.

I was never just a girl from the Cove. I was a servant learning to say yes, again and again, to the work God placed in front of me.

Looking back, I am most grateful for the yeses we gave God: yes to missions, yes to obedience, yes to a love rooted in faith. Whether across the ocean or across a hallway to a child who needed a lesson in grace, the call was always the same.

I am Nellie Kathleen Shankel-Sharman, the first woman trained at Alberta Academy to enter conference work. My life was marked not by detours but by endurance — seventeen years in Africa, a lifetime in classrooms, and a steady faith that never let go. My story is one of constancy, showing that God can carry a willing servant farther than she ever dreamed.

NOTE: This feature is based on a real person and information collected from the Burman Archives.



Taffy Hunter MSHS, HS-BCP (she/her/hers) is the Executive Director of the Spokane Regional Domestic Violence Coalition (SRDVC), where she leads efforts to create a safer, more equitable community through domestic violence prevention, youth violence intervention, and community-based trauma response initiatives. With a strong background in advocacy, education, and policy development, Taffy is dedicated to fostering systemic change and ensuring survivors, families, and communities have access to the resources they need to thrive. Born and raised in British Columbia, Taffy holds an Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Education, a Bachelor of Science in Human Services with a focus on Domestic Violence, and a Master of Science in Human Services. Her academic background provides a strong foundation for her work in trauma-informed care, community collaboration, and policy advocacy, positioning her as a leader in addressing the complex intersections of domestic violence, social services, and systemic change. Outside of her professional work, Taffy enjoys rockhounding, traveling, and genealogy, passions that reflect her curiosity, love of discovery, and deep appreciation for history and connection.

ZUMBA CLUB

ZUMBA

WEDNESDAY 6 - 7
SUNDAY 7:30-8:30

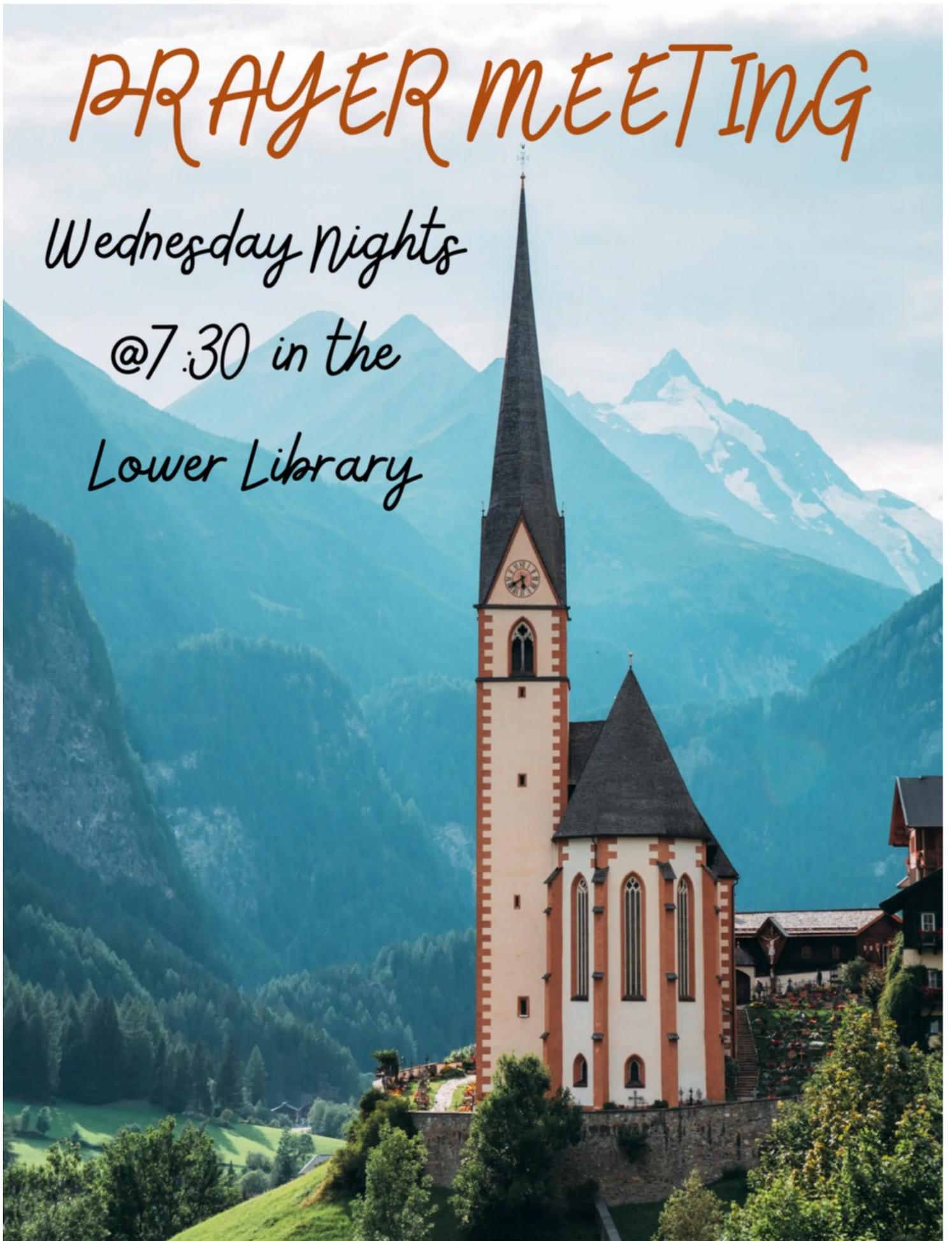
FOLLOW US @ZUMBA_BU FOR UPDATES

PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday Nights

@7:30 in the

Lower Library



BUSA PRESENTS...

GLOW BACK

AMATEUR HOUR 80'S

7:30 PM

SATURDAY
1ST
NOVEMBER

ENTERTAINMENT

BEST-DRESSED

PRIZES



SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED!

THE SCIENCE CAFE AND MIXER

A green chemical structure diagram, possibly representing a hexagonal ring with various atoms and bonds, is positioned behind the title text.

HANDMADE FREE DRINKS



SCIENCE CLUBS AND INFORMATION



PEOPLE, GAMES, PRIZES



FREE FOOD

**(LIMITED SUPPLY, GET IT
WHILE IT LASTS!)**



WHEN? NOVEMBER 3RD AT 6PM!

WHERE? THE HIDEOUT



ALL ABOUT ADDICTIONS

POSTER PRESENTATION COMPETITION

The SSC and ROC invite students to participate in our poster presentation competition focused on Addictions. Get creative and design a bold, eye-catching poster that informs, inspires, and educates others on addictions.

WHEN?
Nov. 20th
11:00 - 1:00
Science Cntr

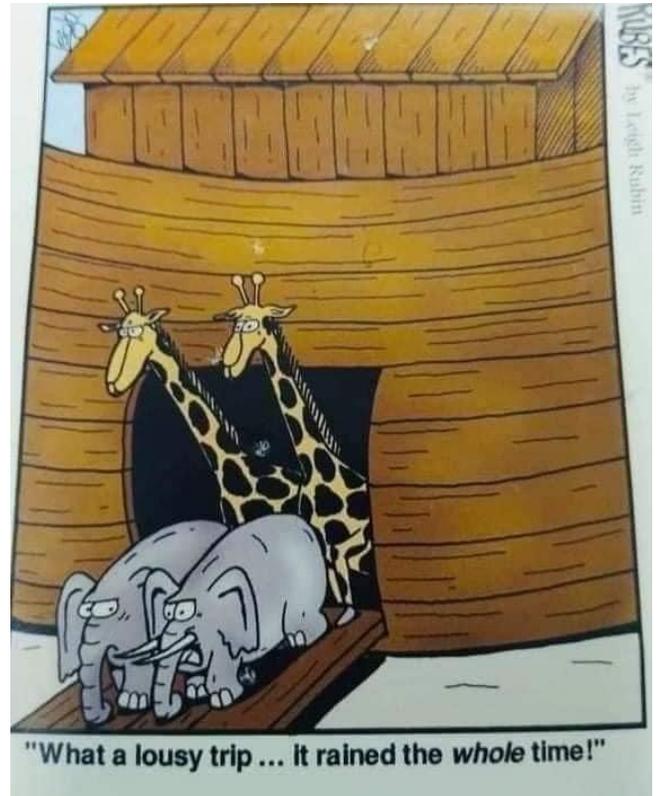
- Four \$100 Prizes
- Most Informative
- Most Creative Design
- Best Message or Theme
- People's Choice

If you love to express your ideas through art and like the idea of winning \$100, this contest is for you. Scan for full details



Don't be afraid to ask for help

**Drop-in Counselling
Wednesday
11:00am- 1:00pm
Sakala Success Centre**



Writing Centre APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE

MON

1:30 - 5:00 PM

WED

3:00 - 5:00 PM

FRI

12:30 - 2:30 PM

As needed appointments available
Sunday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday

Book now at <https://appt.link/WritingCentre/WritingCentre>

For inquiries or virtual meetings email
wcdirector@burmanu.ca

DID YOU KNOW?



"...Those students whose cumulative GPA falls between 1.00 and 1.99 inclusive are placed on academic restriction...Students on Academic Restriction will:

1. be restricted to a maximum academic load of 12 credits for one term;
2. repeat any course(s), if available, required for the program of study that have unacceptable grades;
3. not be allowed to register for directed study or off-campus study; and
4. complete all enrolled courses with a minimum grade of C."

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