

UMAC NEWSLETTER

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We're excited to bring you the latest updates and opportunities for aspiring actuaries. Our newsletter offers events, resources, and support to help you succeed in your actuarial journey. Whether you're a new student exploring the field or preparing for exams and internships, this newsletter will keep you informed about everything from networking events to career tips.
-Tharindu





IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES



Jan. • **ASNA, What is an Actuary**

Feb. • **UMAC Cup, Pancake Fundraiser**

Mar. • **UMAC Elections**

Apr. • **NOB Night**

TBD • **Winter Activity, Poker Night,
ACTEX Seminar, Grad Dinner**

EXAM SUCCESSES

FM

Ashleigh Sanchez
Pratham Sood
Riley Mueller
Hailey Hojnocki
Leticia Cunha

FAM

Gaudius Mariae Lucas
Conrad Pragnell
Eric Strick

Exam 5

Brenden Gingras

PA

Clayton Campbell
Gaudius Mariae Lucas

P

Olivia Velasco
Tharindu Kottegoda
Riley Mueller

Recruitment Success

Full-Time

Wawanesa Life
Conrad Pragnell

Wawanesa P&C
Brenden Gingras

Sunlife
Harmeen Kaur

Canada Life
Alyssa Crymble
Hannah Thiessen

Manulife
Skyler Tycholis
Eric Strick

Sunlife
Camille Cameron - W
Leticia Cunha - W
Tyler Ward - W
Olivia Velasco - S
Ty Safronov - F

Intact
Mylea Hildebrand

Oliver Wyman
Patricia Rodriguez - F&W

Munich Re
Darbara Kaushal - F
Melani Fernando - S

Wawanesa P&C
Ashleigh Sanchez - S
Tharindu Kottegoda - S
Thomas Klassen - S
Melani Fernando - F
Nazli Tahmasebi - F

AON
Komalpreet Sekhon - W

Millenium
Liam Cunningham - F

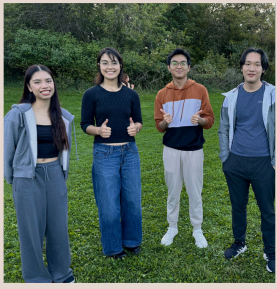
WTW
Hailey Hojnocki - S

MPI
Komalpreet Sekhon - S
Riley Mueller - S

Canada Life
Gaudius Mariae Lucas - W
Liam Cunningham - S
Adam Kupiak - S
Nazli Tahmasebi - S

Wawanesa Life
Gaudius Mariae Lucas - S
Jayden Belza - S
Russell Snider - S
Olivia Velasco - F





UMAC events



Fish Dinner Update

It was our great pleasure to host the 61st annual UMAC Fish Dinner this past October. This event is a long-standing UMAC tradition which allows us to bring together students, employers, and faculty members for an evening of fine dining, scholarship recognition, and fun!

We are grateful for the many speakers who shared their words of wisdom with us. Thank you to Dr. Xikui Wang, Dr. Horace Luong, and a special thank you to our keynote speaker Jocelyne Prefontaine!

Lastly, thank you to the many students, faculty members, and industry members who joined us! We hope you had as much fun as we did and we look forward to seeing you all again next year!



It is UMAC tradition to invite a special guest to the dinner to share a unique perspective on the actuarial industry.

This year, we had the pleasure of hearing from Jocelyn Prefontaine, COO & SVP of Operations at the Wawanesa Life Insurance Company!

Jocelyn delivered an inspiring presentation on purpose-driven leadership!



HOLIDAYS!

Let's Wrap Up the Year with a Holiday This or That



Studying for exams

28-72

Exams can wait

Going on vacation

17-83

Stay home and chill

Snowball fight

65-35

Snow angels

Looking at holiday lights

51-49

Ice skating

Peppermint

50-50

Cinnamon

Hot chocolate

85-15

Apple Cider

Ugly sweater

42-58

Advent calendar

Morning frost

27-73

Winter sunset

ASNA 2025

by Jayden Belza

As **ASNA 2025** approaches, here are some ideas to help you make the most of your time in Niagara Falls! Whether you're arriving early or exploring between events, the frozen falls and nearby attractions offer a winter charm you'll never forget.



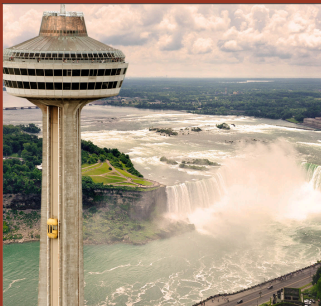
Bird Kingdom and Butterfly Conservatory

Explore the world's largest indoor aviary home to many exotic birds! Visit the Butterfly Conservatory to meet butterflies from all over the world. A perfect winter escape for nature lovers and photographers!



Niagara Falls

Bundle up and witness the breath-taking beauty of the falls in their winter splendour. At night the falls are illuminated in vibrant colour, don't forget to snap a group picture!



Skylon Tower

For a bird's-eye view of the falls and the surrounding area, head up to the observation deck or enjoy a meal with a view.



Niagara SkyWheel

Enjoy breathtaking views of the illuminated falls and the city from the comfort of a gondola.

I hope you're enjoying the holidays! Can't wait to see you at ASNA 2025 for an unforgettable experience. Stay tuned for the ASNA survival guide—it's going to be a conference to remember!



UMAC Advice and Resources

OUR SERVICES

- ✓ Study Sessions for actuarial courses
- ✓ ASNA Survival Guide
- ✓ Actuarial Survival Guide - Exams
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Adapt + Learn: 70% off

Mylea Hildebrand
Coaching Actuaries Rep



Jayden Belza
ACTEX Rep

Join us for the many fun upcoming fall events! Hope to see you there!



January 23
What is an actuary?



February
UMAC Cup



February
Pancake Fundraiser



We want to hear **FROM YOU**

Want to write in the newsletter?

Have an idea to share?

Want to share your feedback?

Let me know!



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