

About Dr. Margaret Dagenais

- ▶ In 2018, Dr. Dagenais was the recipient of the Dr. Robert and Norman Ferguson Crowning Achievement Award from the University of Regina Alumni Association (URAA) as recognition for what she describes as “an 11 -year experiential learning opportunity.” Dr. Dagenais was referring to the 11 years she devoted to the board of URAA, but the award recognized much more than that: it acknowledged her years of service to the University of Regina, as well as to the URAA.
- ▶ Dagenais, who is currently a program development consultant at Saskatchewan Polytechnic based in Regina, recalls that her involvement with URAA came about after she had served on the SIAST (as Sask. Polytechnic was then known) Board of Directors.
- ▶ Her contribution to the University include reviewing research proposals as a member of the Research Ethics Board of Directors, developing and facilitating a workshop in curriculum redevelopment for international scholars, and serving two terms on the University Senate.
- ▶ During her time on the URAA board from 2005-2016, she helped develop a more sustainable investment strategy to support funding for scholarships, helped move the association away from reliance on hands-on fundraisers toward revenue-generating affinity partnerships, revitalized the faculty recognition program and secured a more profitable arrangement with the supplier of degree frames.
- ▶ Dagenais continues to support the mission of the University and URAA by attending and assisting at events. She is particularly proud that, in 2016, URAA moved to include graduates of the University’s Campus for All program as alumni. The program sees students with intellectual challenges taking University courses and earning a certificate in Inclusive Post-Secondary Education in the process.
- ▶ She values the University of Regina because it offers “a post-secondary learning opportunity right here in southern Saskatchewan. It attracts a diverse group of intellectuals and thinkers to Regina who contribute to the greater Community, attracts students from all over the world, and is also a major supporter of the arts and cultural industries.

11 Reasons to Volunteer

URAA Annual Meeting

September 16, 2020

Margaret Dagenais, PhD 2011

Why 11 Reasons

- ▶ MY
 - ▶ 11 years of volunteering
 - ▶ 11 valuable lessons
 - ▶ 11 years of experiential learning

Experiential Learning



Recognizing the value of our alumni programs



Rewarding student scholarship and faculty dedication and commitment



Recognizing the contributions of our alumni community



Contributing to a fiscally-responsible organization

Volunteering



Networking



Managing events



Learning from university staff and faculty



Giving forward

Valuable Lessons



Recognize the talent in the room



Connections yield results



Problems are valuable teachers

Challenge & Questions



- ▶ What skills and interests can you contribute to URAA?
- ▶ Do you have any questions for me?