



## Countdown to Haskayne...2 more weeks!

This weekly email will introduce you to some of Haskayne's team members who can help to prepare you for success in your Bachelor of Commerce. If you have any questions, please contact the Haskayne Undergraduate Student Advising team at [undergraduate@haskayne.ucalgary.ca](mailto:undergraduate@haskayne.ucalgary.ca).

Previous *Countdown to Haskayne* newsletters can be found on our [Haskayne Incoming Students](#) page.

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### Meet Susan!

This week we get to meet Susan Basudde (RSW), Academic Development Specialist (ADS) with the Haskayne Undergraduate Program Office.

## WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR ROLE?

As a Registered Social Worker (RSW), I am here to support you in achieving your goals! Whether we get connected through the Academic Turnaround Program (ATP) which I facilitate or because of a referral from your Professor/Instructor or if you simply reach out to talk about how you're feeling, I'm here to ensure that you have the tools and supports to positively engage in your program.

## **WHO IS PART OF YOUR TEAM?**

Because of the way my role intersects with your academic and personal journey while at Haskayne, everyone you meet here, and the U of C at large is part of my team, and most importantly, part of your resource community. I will connect with your Undergraduate Associate Dean-Sherry Weaver, when special circumstances apply, your Program Specialists to support you with course planning, your Professors/Instructors, your Career Development Specialists and Wellness Services; all to help you successfully move through the academic environment and have the experiences that will be the most meaningful to you.

## **WHAT INTERESTED YOU IN WORKING WITH STUDENTS?**

When I was working outside of the U of C, I met a graduate who was job searching and having a difficult time finding a good fit. They shared remorse about their GPA, not getting involved in Co-op, clubs, and the other activities they felt would have been helpful to their job search. The graduate also talked about the limitations they experienced as a person with diverse abilities and shared how their self-confidence had diminished over the years. In addition, they spoke about not having support during their academic program, not knowing how to ask for help and not having a plan. While I was working with them, we came up with a plan, secured accessibility/accommodation resources and started networking all of which soon led to increased confidence in their ability to find meaningful employment. When a position opened up at the U of C working with students, I knew I had the skills, the ambition and the social justice lens that could help fill the gaps identified by the graduate. I landed the position and have had the privilege of having my interest in working with students evolve into my current role as your faculty ADS.

## **WHAT SHOULD NEW STUDENTS KNOW ABOUT STARTING AT HASKAYNE?**

You are not just a number; you are a whole person to us. Your strengths, your ambitions, your challenges, perceived limitations, we want to know what they are and help equip you to develop resiliency, so you can better negotiate and navigate your program and in the future, the business community. Your Bachelor of Commerce will have its highs and lows and your motivation will wane from time to time, but you are not alone, and these experiences are normal. You are part of a global community of leaders, and **you matter**. When you need support, don't isolate, reach out and talk to us. When you have success-big or small, reach out and share it with us so we can celebrate you!

## **WHO SHOULD STUDENTS TALK TO IF THEY HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT WELLNESS AND COMMUNITY?**

All students have access to [Wellness Services](#) so feel free to connect with them as needed. Here, you will find a team of social workers, doctors, and other health care professionals. You can also reach out to me directly [susan.basudde@haskayne.ucalgary.ca](mailto:susan.basudde@haskayne.ucalgary.ca) to set up a one-on-one meeting in person or via Zoom. For afterhours 24/7 support when you're experiencing any type of emotional distress, please do not hesitate to reach out to the [Distress Centre](#).

## **WHAT IS FUN/RANDOM FACT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE ABOUT YOURSELF?**

I'm a fan of Marvel comic book movies. I've seen them all and look forward to the unveiling of the multiverse.

### **Stay connected!**

Make sure to keep an eye on your ucalgary email for important information about starting at the University of Calgary this September. You can also visit our [Haskayne Incoming Students](#) page where we will post helpful resources and events for incoming students. Don't forget to follow Haskayne on Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn, or tag us in your photos using #myhaskayne.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Fall Move-In | Sunday August 29 - Monday September 6**

The University of Calgary is currently working on the move-in plans for 2021/2022 and once finalized will update the [Residence Move-In website](#). An email will be sent to all residents on August 10 with all move-in information as well.

### **Fall Block Week Classes | Monday August 30 – Friday September 3**

You only need to attend if you are registered in a *Block Week Course*. As a first year student, this would not apply to you but make sure to carefully check your class schedule in your [Student Centre](#).

### **Fall Orientation | Thursday September 2 - Friday September 3**

This is your official welcome to the University of Calgary, and is two days of events and workshops where you can meet your peers, learn about university life, and get

off to the right start. Be sure to register [here](#), and make sure to check out the Online Orientation module on your [D2L page](#)!

## **First Day of Regular Fall Term Classes | Tuesday September 7**

Check your official start date and schedule through your [Student Centre](#). If you have any questions about your schedule, you can also contact the [New Student Registration Assistance](#) team.

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