### **CAMPUS CONNECTIONS**

A Newsletter for Burman University

Thursday, 04 December 2025



#### **EXAM REGULATIONS**

- Arrive to your exam at least 15 minutes before start time.
- Make sure phones are off and not visible at any time during exam.
- Earbuds, headsets and smartwatches may not be worn.
- No entrance allowed after 30 minutes from the start of the exam.
- You must remain in the exam room for at least 30 minutes.
- Exams are 3 hours long.
- Bring only materials approved by your professor. Bring writing instruments.

IMPORTANT ACADEMIC DATES

January 12 First day of classes

See Academic Dates for further information.

#### Week at a Glance

Sunset: 4:22 pm

Friday, December 5 @ 7:30 PM

CAYA GLOW

At His Feet

Hilltop Hideout

**SABBATH** 

9:00 AM

**Speaker: Pastor Carl Cunningham**A Tyrant King: The Fear of Obsolescence

CHURCH AT STUDY 10:10 AM

UNIVERSITY SABBATH SCHOOL 10:00 AM with Dean Jorel Social Eyez

> COMMUNITY WORSHIP 11:30 AM

**Speaker: Pastor Carl Cunningham** *A Tyrant King: The Fear of Obsolescence* 

4:00 PM Growing Together College Church

Coming up....

December 4 - 11

Final Exams

PE Centre

Christmas Break December 12 - January 12

# RESEARCH PRESENTATION

## **Research topic:**

"Regenerative Therapies for Neonatal Congestive Heart Disease (CHD)"

Presenter: Dania Pandala

Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Delano Lewis

Location: Science Building

Date: Friday, December 5, 2025

HEAR ABOUT BLEEDING-EDGE MEDICAL RESEARCH IN PEDIATRICS!





# SABBATH SCHOOL

GENESIS 29 WITH DEAN JOREL TIME

@ SOCIAL EYEZ

TIME | 10:00 AM - 11:20 AM

06.12.2025



#### YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR STUDY

## UNDERSTANDING TOPICAL FLUORIDE HESITANCY AMONG PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS



#### What is topical fluoride?

At home: toothpaste, mouthwash
At the dental office: fluoride varnish,
fluoride gels, and foams





#### Who can participate?

✓Parents ✓guardians ✓caregivers ✓in Central Alberta

You will be asked to complete a 5-10-minute survey

Scan the QR code to access the survey



## Chance affil of

- Electric toothbrush
- \$50 giftcard
- You can request a paper copy by contacting us or the front desk
- Participation is completely voluntary
- Responses are confidential and anonymous
- Completing the survey indicates your consent

#### **QUESTIONS? CONTACT US:**



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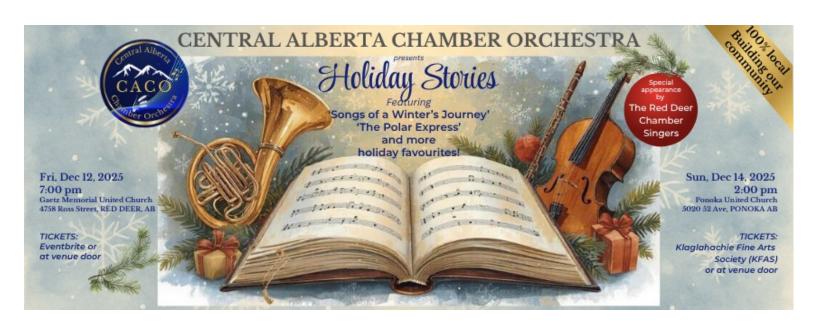
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# Don't be afraid to ask for help

Drop-in Counselling
Monday-Thursday
10:00am- 3:00pm
Sakala Success Centre









#### The Snowflake: A Paradigm of Uniqueness

By Dr. Daniel Saugh, EDI Director.

The common phrase "no two snowflakes are alike" is more than just poetic prose: it's a profound scientific reality. A snowflake is an ice crystal, or an aggregation of ice crystals, that forms when water vapor in the atmosphere freezes around a tiny dust particle. The resulting hexagonal structure is determined by the temperature, humidity, and path the crystal takes through the atmosphere.

As the crystal falls, it is exposed to an ever-changing environment, causing new facets and branches to grow. The intricate journey of a single snowflake, influenced by minuscule variations in its environment, ensures that the approximately 10<sup>18</sup> water molecules that compose it arrange themselves in a pattern that has never been and will never be perfectly replicated. **Each snowflake is a masterpiece of ephemeral, individualized creation.** 

The snowflake's uniqueness provides a powerful, natural analogy for understanding the principles of **Diversity**, **Inclusion**, and **Equity** (**DEI**).

#### **Diversity (The Uniqueness)**

Just as the atmosphere produces countless distinct crystalline forms, a diverse society recognizes and values the **uniqueness** of every individual. **Diversity** acknowledges differences in race, gender, ethnicity, ability, background, perspective, and experience—the atmospheric conditions and paths that shape each person.<sup>5</sup>

#### **Inclusion (The Aggregation)**

A beautiful snow cover isn't made up of one massive, uniform block of ice; it's the result of countless unique crystals landing and resting together. **Inclusion** is the act of creating an environment where all the unique "snowflakes" (people) are welcomed, respected, and can fully participate. It is the structure that allows the unique parts to contribute to a beautiful, collective whole.

#### **Equity (The Environment)**

The shape of a snowflake depends on the *specific* conditions it encounters. If one crystal is blocked from sufficient water vapor, it will be stunted. **Equity** recognizes that people start from different places and have different needs. It ensures that the "atmospheric conditions"—the opportunities, resources, and support—are tailored and provided in such a way that **every unique individual has a fair chance to grow into their full potential** 

For we are one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:28) with all our differences and diversity for He made us unique and we do not have to be uniformed but united in Jesus!

By embracing the beautiful uniqueness of the snowflake, we are reminded of the profound truth echoed in scripture: our individual differences are not liabilities to be overcome, but assets to be celebrated, forming a richer, more resilient, and more complete community. So let it snow and may we be reminded during this season of God's diverse and unique beauty, that you are a snowflake of God's Divine Design.



## Lady Whistledown's SOCIETY PAPERS

#### WHISPERS OF A MOST ANTICIPATED EVENING

Dearest Gentle Reader.

As the second semester season is upon us and the ton are abuzz with the latest news. This Author finds herself compelled to share the most exciting news....

You have been invited to attend the most anticipated Banquet yet:

January 31 | 6:00 pm--Lacombe Memorial Centre

Yes, you read correctly: a grand banquet is soon to grace our social calendar, and already the ton is abuzz with speculation as to what marvels, mysteries, and mishaps may unfold.

And so, as the date draws nearer, one piece of advice remains essential: choose your attire wisely, polish your manners carefully, and prepare your composure thoroughly. For when the doors open and the evening begins, every glance, every whisper, and every misstep will be observed.

Yours Trulty,

Lady Whistledown