



#### A LOOK BACK....

On September 3rd and 4th, 570 volunteers, lead by a staff of 7, welcomed over 5000 new students to the University of Alberta campus. The new students came from high school, from other post secondary institutions, or were returning to university after a period of time off. Some were moving into Residence, others were living on their own for the first time, and some were living with their parents and adapting to the new university environment. Despite their differences, all of these students had one thing in common – they were all new to the University of Alberta. The mission of the Orientation program is to create a positive educational and personal experience for new University of Alberta students. The program seeks to successfully aid in the transition of new students into University life and integrate them into the University of Alberta campus and community. With the help of our 570 dedicated volunteers, Orientation 2007 was a huge success.

#### TO THE NEW STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED ORIENTATION 2007:

By choosing to attend Orientation you have given yourself a great head start to being successful at the University of Alberta. We truly hope that you learned a few things from our presentations, as well as how to navigate the U of A campus and were made aware of all of the services that exist to help you succeed. Most of all, we hope that you had fun, and met a wonderful group of friends. Best of luck in the next year and welcome to the University of Alberta community!

#### TO THE 570 ORIENTATION VOLUNTEERS:

Orientation would not run in any way, shape, or form without the help of you all! Your dedication and enthusiasm is unparalleled and we cannot thank you enough, but we will try our best!

#### A THANK YOU TO THE PRESENTERS:

This year, the quality and entertainment value of the presentations was nothing short of amazing. We would like to thank all the Presenters and Computer Session Coordinators for their unbelievable commitment to the program over the summer months as well as all the hard work that was put in. Everyone should be proud of what they have created as individual groups and as presenters as a whole. Once again, thank you for making Orientation 2007 a blast!

#### A THANK YOU TO THE PROGRAM ASSISTANTS:

This year, twenty-three volunteers in blue t-shirts worked hard to make Orientation run without a hitch. These volunteers are none other than the OPAs! These dedicated volunteers ran our information tents, handed out prizes, helped run registrations, were Patches and GUBA and were the stagehands of Orientation. We would like to thank all of the OPAs for their hard work and dedication! We couldn't have done this without you!!

#### A THANK YOU TO THE MUG & PSEUDO MUG LEADERS:

We would like to thank the My Undergraduate Group Leaders for all of their hard work. Each and every one of them has put in many hours to make this year's MUGs program a huge success. However, their work is not finished yet, as they still have the whole year to inspire and help new students. Thus, we are also thanking them for all the work they are about to do, for they are truly amazing volunteers.

We would also like to thank the Pseudo MUG Leaders for the enthusiasm, time and dedication they have given to support the MUGs program during Orientation. Without their extra help, the MUGs program could not be the success it is today.

#### A THANK YOU TO THE TEAM FACILITATORS:

Each of our thirty-eight Team Facilitators has worked tirelessly over the past nine months to help us recruit, select and train all of our other volunteers. Their leadership, dedication and passion are truly inspiring and we would like to thank them so very much! This tight group of volunteers also plans social events for their volunteers, oversees the creation and performance of our fabulous presentations and ensures the behind the scenes workings run smoothly. We value every moment you have devoted to Orientation 2007 and would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

#### A THANK YOU TO THE HIGH SCHOOL AND BTU ORIENTATION LEADERS:

Our hard working High School and Bridge to the University Orientation Leaders are on the front lines of our program. They interact directly with our delegates, for whom we put on this program. We could not run Orientation in the manner we do, without each and every one of our OLs. This fantastic group of volunteers brings their experience, knowledge and enthusiasm for the U of A to Orientation and uses it to ensure our new students get the best welcome they possibly can. Thank you so very much!

#### A THANK YOU TO THE ORIENTATION PHOTOGRAPHERS:

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then our Orientation Photographers help us to write volumes about our volunteers and delegates. They work non-stop for four days to capture the magic of Orientation for all to see. Their expertise ensures we have hundreds of photographs to remember all the Orientation 2007 fun and hard work and we thank them for all of their contributions.

#### Have a great year and thanks again!

#### THE ORIENTATION STAFF,

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