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## **University of Lethbridge calling all alumni and friends to venture home for Homecoming 2017**

Canada's centennial university is turning 50 this year and is calling all alumni and friends of the University of Lethbridge to come home to celebrate, September 1-3 at Homecoming 2017.

What began as a dream in 1967 has grown into one of Canada's top-ranked universities and leading research institutions. The U of L has had a remarkable journey in 50 short years, and now boasts more than 41,000 alumni worldwide. Homecoming 2017 is part of a milestone year of celebrations and with a weekend of activities that has a little bit of something for everyone, promises to be the biggest party yet.

"The University of Lethbridge grew out of the hearts and minds of a determined group of citizens and over the past 50 years has played a major role in helping shape Lethbridge and the southern Alberta community as a whole," says U of L President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Mike Mahon. "We're excited to invite all friends of the University to this once-in-a-lifetime celebration. We have grown and matured together these past 50 years and it's fitting that we celebrate this milestone as one community."

The three-day event begins with the John Gill Memorial Golf Tournament on Friday, September 1, followed by the Ignite the Weekend Welcome Reception featuring Lethbridge's Chevelles. Saturday's activities include opportunities to explore campus, reconnect with classmates and professors at reunions, and take in the AlumX Speaker Series, hands-on workshops and a historic Blackfoot Naming Ceremony & Presentation. The Shine On Summer Festival then gets underway Saturday afternoon, featuring Dallas Smith, Corb Lund, Washboard Union and Millz Skillz. Two more bands will soon be added to the first-ever outdoor concert at the U of L Community Stadium, and it all wraps up with a fireworks extravaganza by the National Canadian Fireworks team.

On Sunday, enjoy a summer afternoon celebrating arts, culture and community. The Shine On Summer Festival Community Fair features a Battle of the Bands, food trucks, craft market, Insane Inflatables race, multicultural demonstrations, FNMI Round Dance, rugby exhibition tournament, family activities, beer gardens and more!

“We have put together a lineup of events and attractions we think will appeal to everyone in the family,” says Lyndsay Montana, manager of Alumni Relations. “Whether you are coming back to campus as an alumnus, former student, faculty or staff member or experiencing the U of L for the first time, this is a great opportunity to see all that the University has become in just 50 short years.”

Proudly sponsored by the University of Lethbridge Alumni Association, Homecoming 2017 is a celebration of the people, regardless of the road they’ve travelled, whose hearts are forever blue and gold.

Register now for free, to secure your spot at Homecoming 2017:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/u-of-l-homecoming-weekend-tickets-34377507049?aff=es2>

Get all the details on Homecoming 2017 here: <https://blogs.ulethbridge.ca/50-years/homecoming/>

Tickets for the Shine On Summer Festival are on sale now:

<http://purchase.tickets.com/buy/TicketPurchase?pid=8411766>

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