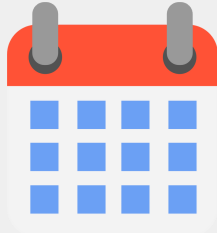
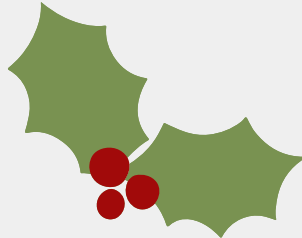


# UMAC Newsletter



**Upcoming Events**



**Holiday Polls**



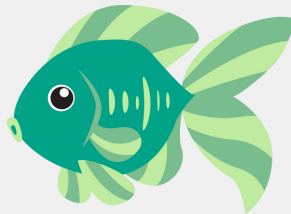
**Recruitment**



**Exam Success**



**Fall Events**



**Fish Dinner**



**Alumni Update**



**ASNA 2024**

Hey UMAC!

We trust you have all survived finals and are gearing up for a relaxing winter break.

Please enjoy this month's newsletter, which contains some exciting recruitment updates, holiday polls, a Montreal travel guide, and so much more!

Happy reading, and happy holidays UMAC!



# IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**JANUARY**



**ASNA**

**FEBRUARY**



**UMAC CUP**



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**MARCH**



**MENTORSHIP EVENT**



**INTRO TO INTERNSHIPS**

**APRIL**



**UMAC ELECTIONS**



**NOB NIGHT**



**GRAD DINNER**

**TBD**



**WINNIPEG HARVEST VOLUNTEERING**



**CODING WORKSHOP**

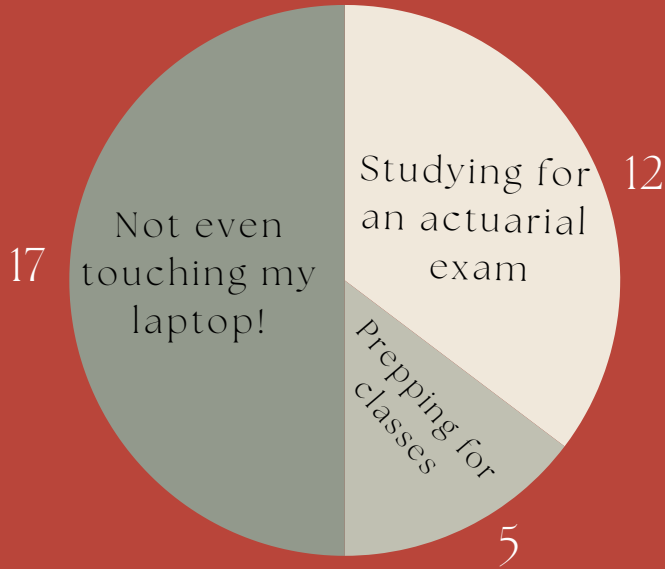


**SKATING ACTIVITY**



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS UMAC

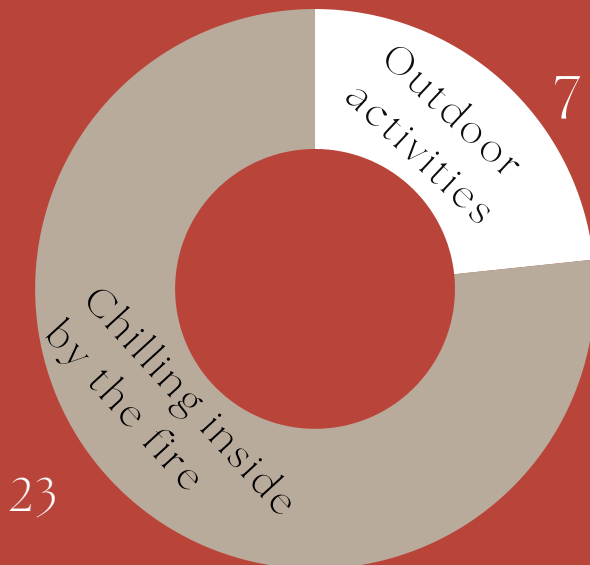
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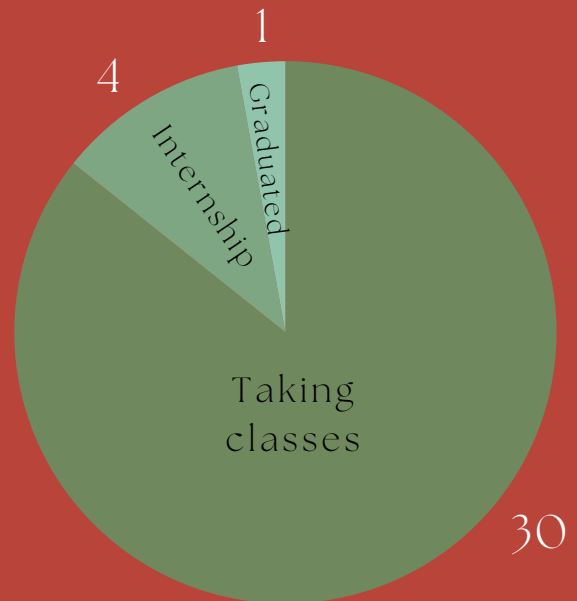
Travel plans for the break?



What do you like to do when it's cold out?



What are you up to next term?



# RECRUITMENT SUCCESS

CONGRATS EVERYONE!



## Wawanesa

Rachel Martens - W  
Brenden Gingras - S  
Thomas Klassen - S  
Mylea Hildebrand - S

## Wawanesa Life

Anderson McMurray - W  
Conrad Pragnell - S  
Alyssa Crymble - S  
Shaun Moore - F  
Melani Fernando - F

## New York Life

Anderson McMurray - S

## Sun Life

McKenzie Rosenberg - W  
Beston Uche - S  
Clayton Campbell - S  
Gaudius Mariae Lucas - F  
Olivia Velasco - F

## Munich Re

Ali Ruest - S  
Shaun Moore - S  
Ryan Wiebe - S

## Oliver Wyman

Patricia Rodriguez - S

## Millenium

Olivia Velasco - S

## Canada Life

Alyssa Crymble - W  
Logan Rostecki - S  
Nazil Tahmasebi - S  
McKenzie Rosenberg - S  
Skyler Tycholis - S  
Melani Fernando - S  
Tallon Sparks - S  
Rachel Martens - S  
Eric Strick - S  
Thomas Klassen - F  
Hannah Thiessen - F

## Moody's Analytics

Isaac Turon - S

## Willis Towers Watson

Mariam Elmoudi - W

# FULL TIME

## Canada Life

Anna Kowalchuk  
Cole Penner

## Manulife

Griffon Neufeld

## Wawanesa Life

Priyanka Sharma

## Wawanesa

Matthew Lehmann  
Meg Murray  
Rutik Patel



# FALL EXAM PASSERS

## *CONGRATS EVERYONE!*

Peter Sami - FM

Alyssa Crymble - FM

McKenzie Rosenberg - FM

Darbara Kaushal - P

Brenden Gingras - SRM

Conrad Pragnell - SRM

Meg Murray - CAS DISC- Intro to  
Data Analytics

## Member Spotlight: McKenzie

McKenzie passed exam FM in October!  
Here's what she had to say about her  
experience:

Study materials used: Coaching  
Actuaries

“My one tip would probably be to go  
through the learn material even if  
you think it's common sense or  
you've already learnt it. Familiarizing  
yourself with the basics is really  
important when answering the really  
complicated questions!”



## Coaching Actuaries Discount Codes

UMAC members get exclusive access to CA discount  
codes!

**Adapt : 25% OFF**

**Adapt+Manual : 50% OFF**

**Adapt+Learn : 75% OFF**

Email us or send us a DM to receive the codes.

# EVENTS



**Karaoke Night**



**CA Tutorial**



**ASNA info sesh**



**Movie Night**



**Holiday Party**



**Holiday Party**



**Halloween Movie Night**

Missed out on the fun this term? Come join us at all of our upcoming winter term events!



# 60th Annual Fish Dinner



It was our great pleasure to host the 60th annual UMAC Fish Dinner this past October. The event is a long-standing UMAC tradition which allows us to bring together students, employers, and faculty members for an evening of networking, scholarship recognition, and great food. We are grateful for the many speakers who shared their words of wisdom with us. Thank you David Mamane, Samuel Hao, Ayush Kumar, and Aaron Yanofsky. Big congratulations to our scholarship winners Rutik Patel, Eric Strick, and Darbara Kaushal!

A special thank you to the many students, faculty members, and industry members for joining us! We hope you had as much fun as we did.

See you again next year!

It is UMAC tradition to invite a special guest to the dinner to share a unique perspective of the actuarial industry. This year, we had the pleasure of hearing from David Mamane of RSM, joining us all the way from Montreal!

David did an incredible job at delivering a meaningful and thought-provoking presentation about the future role of AI in the actuarial profession.







*60th Annual  
Fish Dinner*





# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

*Take a look at what these U of M alumni have been up to since graduating!*



**Brixton Reid**  
2022 Graduate

**Previous UMAC Roles:** ASNA Rep, Co-President

**Current Role:** Actuarial Analyst at Canada Life in London ON

**Did you get your first job through U of M recruitment?** I didn't get it through U of M recruitment since I decided to switch tracks from P&C to Life around my graduation period, thus I looked around on LinkedIn and saw a posting for Canada Life where I had previously interned and applied!

**How many exams have you completed since graduation?** I have completed exam SRM and PA since graduation. Planning to do modules and study for FAM after the Christmas break.

**What is your favourite part about being an actuary?** My favourite part about being an actuary is the amount of diversity in work I have. Throughout my experience I've worked on a lot of very different projects and products. Throughout my full time experience, I've gotten to do a lot of ad hoc projects with my main work, which always keeps it interesting!

**What is something interesting or exciting that has happened in your life or career since graduating that you'd like to share?** When I chose to go to the London office for full-time work, I got the opportunity to move out and try living on my own in a far-away place, which may seem daunting but it's very exciting changing up your lifestyle and experiencing a new area for your day to day life!

**Do you have any advice for current UMAC students?** I'd recommend UMAC students take their time with their exams (Don't take this as me saying don't do them, they're important!) Make sure you focus on your own sanity first and if you need a longer break before your next write take it! Otherwise it'll take away from the #1 priority which is your fun in life and progression!

**Previous UMAC Role(s):** Treasurer

**Current Role:** Actuarial Associate at Canada Life. I am part of the Living Benefits Critical Illness Pricing and Product Development team. I rotated there from group valuation a couple of months ago, so I am still getting up to speed on the products that we work with and the specific work that we do. Rotations are a great opportunity to be exposed to different areas of a company, be continuously challenged, and figure out what kind of work interests and excites you the most.

**Did you get your first job through U of M recruitment?** I completed two internships at the company I started with full-time. I was offered a full-time position in the last week of my final internship there. I did secure the first internship through U of M recruitment, and was offered to return for a second internship.

**How many exams have you completed since graduation?** I have completed exams PA and LTAM post-graduation and attained my ASA and ACIA in 2021 and 2022 respectively. I am currently working towards my FSA and FCIA, with one exam left to go. It feels amazing to be so close to being done, and I've already started brainstorming new hobbies to spend all my new-found free time on!

**What is your favourite thing about being an actuary?** Continuous learning opportunities and challenges! The things I find the most rewarding at work are figuring out the solution to a tricky problem or learning and understanding something new. I know that sounds cliché, but it's truly the reason that so many people become actuaries. I have opportunities every day to learn something new that will help me be a better actuary and add value in my work, and that's the best feeling!



*Sophie Israel*  
*2018 Asper Graduate*

**What's something interesting or exciting that has happened in your life or career since graduating that you'd like to share?** A lot of you already know this if you attended the Canada Life info sessions in the past couple of years, but I actually started my full-time career in Toronto, and moved back to Winnipeg during the pandemic and started a new job here. I've loved being back in Winnipeg with my friends and family, and have made so many new friends at Canada Life. Moving back to Winnipeg was a great decision for me for many reasons, but one of the most rewarding and exciting things is that my partner and I recently purchased our first home, something that I surely would not have been able to do yet had I stayed in Toronto!

**Do you have any advice for current UMAC students?** Get involved! Being part of the UMAC exec team was a fantastic experience that I would recommend everyone consider. Since that's not always an option for everyone, there are still many other ways to get involved: coming out to UMAC events, participating in case competitions, being a UMAC mentor, the list goes on! The actuarial community (both at school and outside of school) is so supportive, and having peers, mentors, and mentees is invaluable!



***Ashley-Rose Asetine***  
***2022 Graduate***

**Previous UMAC Roles:** Treasurer

**Current Role:** Actuarial Analyst 1 on the pricing transformation team at Manitoba Public Insurance

**Did you get your first job through U of M recruitment?** I applied through the Manitoba Public Insurance career website.

**How many exams have you completed since graduation?** I have completed CAS DISC RM: Risk Management and Insurance Operations and CAS DISC IA: Insurance, Accounting, Coverage Analysis, Insurance Law, and Insurance Regulations.

**What is your favourite part about being an actuary?** Math has always been one of my favourite subjects. One of the things I enjoy most about being an actuary is the opportunity to apply mathematical and statistical techniques to solve real-world problems. New risks are constantly emerging. As an actuary you will have the opportunity to be creative in how you address these new challenges. You will be learning and problem solving every day.

**What is something interesting or exciting that has happened in your life or career since graduating that you'd like to share?**

As a previous member of UMAC I had the opportunity to meet other actuarial students who became close friends. Although we work in different cities, we have maintained long distance friendships (I'm starting to become a regular at Pearson International).

**Do you have any advice for current UMAC students?** Get Involved! There are so many amazing opportunities for your taking while studying at U of M. Don't be afraid to go outside of your comfort zone!

## ***Don't miss your chance to get involved!***

***Here are some ways you can build up your resume to prepare for recruitment...***

- Apply for an exec position!
- Join the engagement committee
- Volunteer to help with high school presentations
- Get involved with extracurriculars
- Go on exchange
- Participate in UMAC Cup or other case comps

# ASNA 2024

## A SHORT MONTREAL TRAVEL GUIDE

BY RYAN WIEBE

Hey ASNA Goers!

As we gear up for ASNA 2024, I've been hard at work putting together the ultimate ASNA survival guide to ensure we all kick butt in Montreal. While I add the finishing touches, please enjoy a glimpse of what your free time in Montreal could look like!

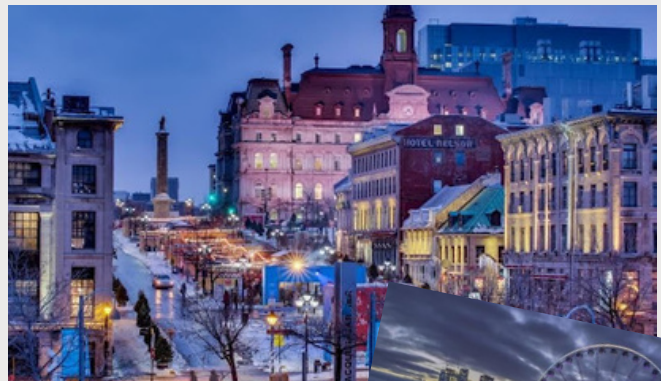
Between all the convention festivities, a bit of tourism is the perfect cure for your ASNA-induced stress. And you're in luck: Montreal's winter scene is unique, offering a fun upgrade from the winter wonderland that is Winnipeg. Whether you're planning a full Thursday of adventures or looking to get away between interviews, here's a sneak peek at what's in store.

### Daytime Fun:

#### Old Montreal, Notre-Dame Basilica, and Old Port

Just a short walk from our hotel, start your Montreal stint with a laid-back lunch in Old Montreal. Think cobblestone streets and quirky shops – a chill way to ease into the city.

Then, hit up Notre-Dame Basilica, because who doesn't like cool old churches, right? After that, take a stroll to Old Port – lights, action, and a big Ferris wheel.





## Social time: Crescent Street

Once the sun goes down, Crescent Street is where the fun continues. Whether it's a pub, bar, or a spot for a late-night snack, there's something for everyone. It's a perfect time to hang out with your peers before ASNA starts!



And there you have it, our mini Montreal tourism guide. From Old Montreal to Crescent Street, may your days be filled with actuarial opportunities, and your nights be filled with fun. Let's make this ASNA a chapter to remember! Stay tuned for the complete ASNA survival guide coming in the next few weeks 😊

Ryan

**For more information about ASNA, visit their website here!**



*Happy  
Holidays!*

Want to write in the newsletter?

Have an idea to share?

Let me know!



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