



What's happening at the College of **Acupuncturists of Alberta**

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As 2023 draws to a close, and I look back on the

December 2023



previous year, I find myself feeling grateful for Council and my staff for all of their work in achieving the accomplishments we've seen this year. Some of the highlights that stick out to me include

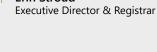
publishing our first Strategic Plan and Business Plan; holding our first townhall; producing and publishing a variety of educational videos for our members; developing, consulting on, and publishing new Standards of Practice; developing an updated Code of Ethics; and surveying members and students on registration renewal, the continuing competence program, and exams and implementing improvements based on the results. My hope is that our members have seen a positive

Please take a moment to read the items below, which illustrate some of our most recent work here at the College.

I wish you all a very happy holiday season.

Erin Stroud

impact from these initiatives as well.





What We Do A deeper understanding of the difference



navigate their profession, including when questions or concerns may arise.

empowers acupuncturists to more effectively

between a College and an Association

Watch this short 3-minute video to understand more about this history and what it means to

programs and services that ensure safe, effective, and ethical care.

Ever wonder what your membership fees are

The College uses membership fees to fund

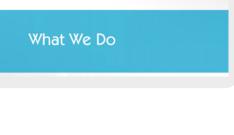
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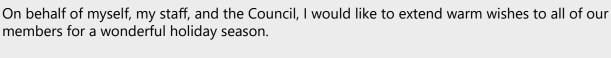
This increases public confidence in acupuncture services and reassures regulated members that

other acupuncturists in their field are expected to operate in manner that upholds the integrity of their profession.

Watch this short 5-minute video below to learn more about what we do. CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

January 1, with staff returning to the office on Tuesday, January 2.





College Closed December 25-January 1

During the Christmas season, the College will be closed from Monday, December 25 to Monday,

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

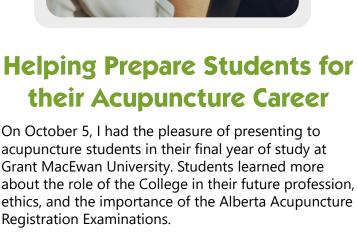
Visiting Schools

us to share information on emerging events in the profession and to provide additional context

to the schools on the Alberta Acupuncture

Registration Examinations.

In early October, I met with leaders at all educational institutions that offer acupuncture programs in Alberta. These meetings allowed



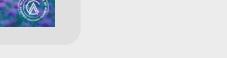
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I was impressed with the students. They asked intelligent questions and had a clear enthusiasm for acupuncture. I am confident about the future of the profession.

2022-23 ANNUAL REPORT

We have submitted our 2022-23 Annual Report to the Minister of Health and have also published it on the College's website. I encourage any member who is interested in the activities at the College to take a look. It includes information on our Regulatory

Committees, exam and registration data, an update on our business goals, and more.



STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

Jenney White Hearings Director and Corporate Services Coordinator I am pleased to announce that Jenney White has been promoted to the

Coordinator.

I have full confidence that Jenney will excel in her new role.

She is currently pursuing the Foundations of Administrative Justice Certificate, and her commitment extends to serving on the CARB-TCMPA Appeals and Accommodations Committee.

Outside the professional realm, Jenney is a devoted single parent to two daughters, a dog, and a cat. Beyond her work, she finds joy in her passion for animals, drawing, gardening, and bike rides with her

meticulous planning, organization, and effective communication.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS **New Regulatory Committee Members**

Helen Anderson

Ming Wai Chan

Tammy Lalonde

Echo Dawn Houle

Katherine Talbot

Shengping Zhao

Kathryn Kurash*

Veronica Lee

Competence Committee

College's Hearings Director. In her new position, she will also carry on with some of her duties in her previous role as the Registration and Examination

With a tenure since September 2017, Jenney has gained a lot of expertise in many program areas at the College. Jenney strives for excellence through

public safety and in helping the quality of life for Albertans fortunate enough to utilize acupuncture. I extend a gracious thank you to all of our Committee members below:

I am also happy to announce our new Regulatory Committee Members that were appointed in

Regulatory Committee members play a critical role at the College: they contribute their two most precious resources - time and expertise - to make a tangible and meaningful impact on the future of the College and the acupuncture profession in Alberta. They have a positive impact on ensuring

Siying Wu Sarah Martins Jingxin Sun*

Acupuncture Education Program Review

Committee

Skye Van Munster

* Newly appointed in October 2023

Shaomei Shen

Lacey Wigness

Chelsea Roth*

Tamara Dolinsky*

Jiulin Wang

daughters.

March 2023.

Lindsay Babcock

Jaeger Gustafson

Xinning (Cindy) Huang

Heather Fulker

Director of Competency

Frank Yeh

Complaints Review and Hearings Registration and Exam Committee Committee James Chung

would like to recognize the training institutions and all of the students who

The College values transparency. To that end, see below for some statistical

Number of students who challenged one or more exam(s) in 2023: 106

The pass rate for the two 2023 national Pan-Canadian exams was 85%.

For the October exam sitting, the Pan-Canadian Exam returned to inperson testing. Candidates reported a better experience at the in-person

We also conducted exam surveys after both exam sittings. Thank you to all

expected to become acupuncturists early next year! We look forward to working together with you to improve the health of Albertans through

¹ There are students who challenge exams in multiple sessions. Reasons include retaking exams

o Number of students who challenged exams in April: 72¹

challenged the exams for their hard work and dedication.

information regarding this year's exams.

Betty Lew*

A WORD FROM COLLEGE STAFF **Congrats to Our New Acupuncturists** This year, the College held two Alberta Acupuncturists Registration Examinations (AARE) sessions--one in April and another in October. I

and Education Number of students who challenged exams in October: 53¹ 2023 AARE pass rates² were: o Pan-Canadian Exam: 85%

acupuncture.

o Safety Exam: 100% o Modalities Exam: 91%

testing centres (80% reported a good/very good experience) than the previous candidates who took their test via online proctoring (59% good/ very good). 74 candidates are eligible to register following the 2023 exams.

o Acupuncture Points Exam: 80%

candidates who take the time to provide their thoughts. We will be using what we learned to continue to improve future exams. A special congratulations to all students who passed the exams and are

² Pass rates do not include retake candidates.

or challenging some components in each session.







