

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



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Krista Scaldwell, Vice President of Communications, Great-West Life

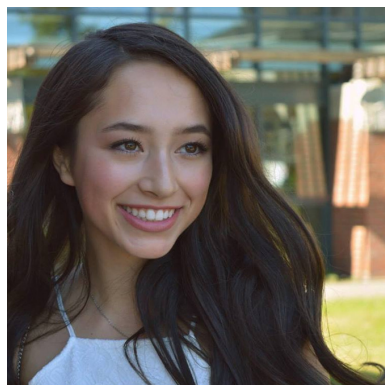


Beyond the Seams and the Seasoning, Tuesday, July 11

Krista is currently the Vice President of Communications at Great-West Life. Her previous role was in Public Affairs and Communications for Coca-Cola Canada. She has more than a decade of public affairs and communications experience in Canada, Latin America and Asia-Pacific as well as the US.

Prior to industry, she was a senior political staff in the Ontario Government. Krista has more than 20 years of non-profit experience both in management and at the board level. Currently, she is a member of the Selection Advisory Board of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada and the Markham-Stouffville Hospital Board of Directors. Krista has an undergraduate degree from Trent University and an Executive MBA from the Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario.

Ann Makosinski, Inventor and Founder of Makotronics



Where I Learned to Walk, Wednesday, July 12 - Presented by Bayer

Ann Makosinski is a nineteen year old student inventor and speaker. She is best known for her Hollow Flashlight, a flashlight that runs off the heat of the human hand. Her other invention is the eDrink, a coffee mug that converts the excess heat of your hot drink into electricity that can eventually give your iPod or phone a small boost of energy. Ann has been named one of the TIMES and Forbes 30 Under 30, appeared on the Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon twice showcasing her inventions, and won at the 2013 Google Science Fair with her flashlight. She is now in second year studying English Literature at the University of British Columbia.



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Chris Koch, Athlete, Farmer, Founder of If I Can



If I Can, Thursday, July 13 - Presented by Syngenta

Chris Koch was born in Lethbridge, Alberta and raised in the small farming and ranching community of Nanton, Alberta. It was clearly established early on in Chris' life that he would not be raised with pity or sympathy. Chris' family could have treated his disability like a total tragedy but instead chose to take it all in stride and make the best of the situation. Chris absolutely loves sharing his story and spreading his message of, "If I Can..."

Krysta Harden, Vice President of Public Policy & Chief Sustainability Officer, DuPont Co.



Think Global. Act Local., Friday, July 14

Krysta Harden was deputy secretary of USDA, where she helped shape food & agriculture policy, including leading implementation of the 2014 Farm Bill. Throughout her career, Ms. Harden has focused on growing the ranks of agriculture, expanding opportunity for women, young people, returning veterans and retirees. She has held USDA leadership positions as COS to the Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, & assistant secretary for Congressional Relations. She worked with the American Soybean Association as Sr. VP of Gordley Associates, concentrating on conservation & renewable energy issues. She served 12 years on Capitol Hill, as staff director for the House subcommittee on Peanuts and Tobacco & as COS & press secretary for former Congressman Charles Hatcher. Ms. Harden received her B.A. in journalism from the University of Georgia.

CLOSING KEYNOTE



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Cristy Nurse, Rowing Canada Athlete and Olympian



Healthy Living Through Healthy Perspectives, Friday, July 14, University Place

Cristy Nurse is a 4-H alumnus and a graduate of the University of Guelph and the University of Ottawa in the Faculty of Law. She is a six-year veteran of the Canadian National Rowing Team and was named Rowing Canada's Athlete of the Year in 2015. She is a six-time World Championship medalist in the women's 8 and women's 4 rowing events and competed in the Rio 2016 Summer Olympic Games.

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