



**Manitoba
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News Release

BRANDON UNIVERSITY TO RECEIVE CENTENNIAL ORGANIZATION AWARD

May 27, 2004 (Winnipeg, MB) – The Manitoba Historical Society will honour Brandon University with a Centennial Organizations Award at a special presentation to its Board of Governors today.

DATE: Thursday, May 27, 2004

SITE: Private Dining Room,
McMaster Hall Concourse
Brandon University

TIME: 5:15 PM

In the summer of 1899, Brandon College was established by the Baptist Union of Western Canada, as the successor to Prairie College, founded in 1880 at Rapid City. Brandon College has had several affiliations over the years, ending in June 1967 with a charter under which it became Brandon University.

“This is an excellent indication of the strength of our community,” commented Historical Society Vice-President Dr. Gordon Goldsborough, “as we have many organizations which have operated for such a long time and made so many important contributions. We are happy that Brandon University is among them, along with its sister universities.”

The Centennial Organizations Award is given by the Manitoba Historical Society to non-profit groups, associations, and congregations which have operated continuously in Manitoba for 100 years or more, and contributed to our province’s social, cultural or economic well-being. It compliments awards given to Centennial Farms and Centennial Businesses.

Other recent award recipients have included the University of Manitoba (1877), University of Winnipeg (1871), CAA Manitoba (1904), Manitoba Beekeepers’ Association (1903), North West Commercial Travellers’ Association of Canada (1882), Villa Rosa (1898), Grand Lodge of Manitoba AF & AM (1875), St. John’s-Ravenscourt School (1820), Cathedral Church of St. John (1820), Crescent Fort Rouge United Church (1883), St. Demetrius Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church (1904), Starbuck United Church (1886), Westminster United Church (1892).

The Manitoba Historical Society, founded in 1879, is the oldest historical organization in Western Canada and the second-oldest in Canada. Information on the Society, its award programs, and other activities is available at www.mhs.mb.ca.

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