

MEDIA UPDATE

Transformative Growth Defines University District's Milestones in 2025

The community celebrated additional residential development, award-winning public spaces and ongoing successful community engagement

CALGARY (December 18, 2025) - [University District \(U/D\)](#) is celebrating a transformative year defined by significant residential expansion, public design and community events that solidified the neighbourhood's reputation as one of Calgary's most vibrant urban districts.

Says Novy Cheema, President and CEO for University of Calgary Properties Group, the developer behind University District, "This year demonstrated the power of a shared vision and what can be achieved when a community moves forward together. Our first joint-venture with Truman on Scholar, a purpose-built rental project, was an exceptional example showcasing the strength of collaboration. From builders to residents, every member of the U/D community contributes to making this neighbourhood a place where people truly want to live, work and gather."

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL MILESTONES

2025 saw substantial progress in U/D's residential and commercial developments with new projects launched, new builders and businesses welcomed and construction activities advancing throughout the neighbourhood.



Truman Broke Ground on Academy and Scholar

Academy, Truman's fourth project in U/D, broke ground in the spring. This purpose-built rental development will offer 222 units at the corner of Kovitz Avenue NW and McLaurin Street NW.

The building will feature a residents' lounge, fitness centre, bike storage, and a pet spa, providing modern amenities for future residents. First occupancy is expected in early 2027.

On October 8, 2025, Truman and University of Calgary Properties Group officially broke ground on Scholar, their first joint-venture project in University District. Located along University Avenue NW, Scholar is a six-storey mixed-use building designed in partnership to provide long-term returns. Scholar will feature 203 one- and two-bedroom purpose-built rental units and community-focused amenities such as a fitness centre.



Scholar will boast more than 12,000 square feet of main floor retail. The project is anticipated to be completed in 2027, further contributing to U/D's diverse residential and retail offerings.

Luxuria Homes Joins U/D with Cadence and Vanguard

University District was proud to welcome Luxuria Homes this year as the newest builder to the community and their show suite opened at the Sales and Discovery Centre in November. The project will bring 184 new residential units to the community across two projects:

Cadence will introduce 156 condominium units across two five-storey buildings. Residents will enjoy amenities such as a private gym, indoor and outdoor social spaces, secure entry, dedicated parking, and private patios.

Vanguard is a limited collection of 28 three-storey townhomes, each offering 1,900 sq. ft. of living space. Every home includes an EV-ready double garage and a selection of globally inspired interior design packages.

New Units Coming for 2026

Jayman BUILT's Magna is under construction and will offer 82 luxury condominiums across two concrete towers, offering high-level finishings, European-built kitchens and stunning water features. Magna is anticipated to be completed in 2026.

Crystal Creek Homes' GUILD is also under construction, offering 40 townhomes, each with a private elevator and unique floor plans.

Dean's Landing by Rohit Homes has completed Phase 1 of its condominiums and townhomes, which upon completion will offer 135 condominium units and 66 townhomes.

Commercial Milestones

University District also achieved new milestones on the commercial front. University District has now fully leased its available office space and has 100% leased the retail podium at Argyle by Homes by Avi with the addition of Heal Wellness. UCPG is currently starting to lease the block occupied by Autumn by Homes by Avi, as well as Scholar, UCPG's joint venture with Truman.

COMMUNITY EVENTS DREW RECORD PARTICIPATION

Signature events remained central to U/D's identity, drawing thousands of residents and visitors throughout the year.

The **U/D Winter Pop-Up** at Central Commons Park featured a variety of seasonal activities, including public skating on the outdoor rink, live ice carving, sledge hockey demonstrations with community partner AdaptAbility, and cozy fire features with s'mores, offering fun for the whole family.

U/D Night Market series, held monthly from May to September with a holiday edition in November and December. The event took place in Central Commons Park, was once again a highlight of Calgary's northwest. The event series brought more than 6,000 visitors to U/D and featured live local music, entertainment, and dozens of artisan vendors, making it one of the community's most popular recurring gatherings.

The fifth annual U/D Block Party, the largest to date, transformed Retail Main Street into a family- and pet-friendly celebration. The event featured live entertainment, activations presented by U/D businesses, interactive experiences, and local food and activities for all ages.

AWARD-WINNING PLACEMAKING: U/D WINS TWO BILD ALBERTA AWARDS FOR BEST COMMUNITY FEATURE

University District earned two BILD Alberta Awards for Best Community Feature, recognizing Central Commons Park fire features and the outdoor skating rink

These honours celebrate U/D's commitment to people-centered, year-round public spaces that foster community connection.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026

University District is looking forward to a strong 2026 as plans unfold with additional builder and retail announcements, community events and the ongoing preparation for development of its South Lands.

About University District

To the west of the University of Calgary and overlooking the Bow River and Rocky Mountains, University District is a comprehensive 200-acre community with a bold new vision for urban life in Calgary. Through a collaborative, people-first design process, the Master Plan and thorough engagement program forged strong respect between local community members and University District Trust. The neighbourhood applies the best ideas in urban design and incorporates the wants and needs of surrounding legacy communities—weaving current aesthetic, technology, and lifestyle options into the strong social fabric of the city.

For more information about University District, visit its Sales & Discovery Centre at 4410 University Ave. N.W., Calgary (located on University Avenue accessible from Shaganappi Trail NW) or go online: myuniversitydistrict.ca and visit Instagram and Facebook, [#udistrictyc_](https://www.instagram.com/udistrictyc_) [#UDLife](https://www.facebook.com/udistrictyc_)

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