

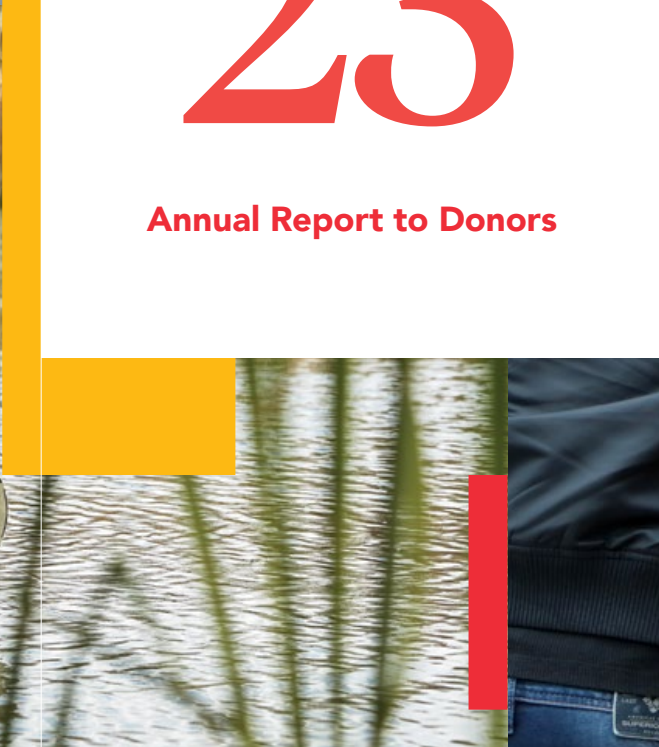


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Annual Report to Donors



Message from the President and CEO

After an eventful year, The University of Winnipeg Foundation is proud to present you with our 2022–2023 Annual Report to Donors.

Throughout our 20-year history, the Foundation has remained committed to the idea that we have a duty to carefully steward every dollar given and every gift raised, maximizing the impact of your generosity. The positive influence your donations have on the lives of students, the growth of our campus and the enhancements to our programs form the central tenet of both our day-to-day operations and long-term goals as a foundation. Thanks to your generosity, in the past year an incredible \$5.9 million was raised in support of the University of Winnipeg and The Collegiate from those looking to help deserving students in financial need, upgrade our campus, enhance our programs, and develop a meaningful post-secondary experience for our dedicated students as they work towards graduation.

In the years since 2004, the \$18 million Endowment Fund the Foundation was trusted to steward has increased significantly, affording the University an ever-growing source of income to use each year to develop our campus, programs, and student award portfolio. In 2023, the fund now boasts an impressive \$60,643,541 in Contributed Capital—up \$42,643,541 from 2004.

The Market Value of the Endowment Fund has also grown steadily over the years, and now sits at \$82,282,769. When the Foundation’s Board of Directors met at the Annual General Meeting this spring, and despite the challenging environment in the equities market, the strength of the portfolio and prudent management of assets afforded Directors with the ability to maintain distributions at 4.25%, which produced a gift to the University totaling \$2.43 million for student awards, programs, and research.

Each Annual Report we publish is an opportunity to connect with and update those who care about our institution with the news and highlights that made this past year so memorable. Every annual issue documents the inspiring work our amazing staff has accomplished and the new fundraising heights our incredible community of donors, faculty, staff, friends, retirees and business partners helped us reach.

I hope you take pride in knowing the lasting impact of your generosity. Your donations are continually making a difference and changing lives. Thank you for your overwhelming commitment and ongoing support.

In service,



Javier Schwersensky
President and CEO

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Message from the Board Chair

Generosity has never been in short supply at The University of Winnipeg and its Collegiate. As Chair of the Foundation’s Board of Directors, I have had the privilege of seeing our campus expand, programs advance, and our endowment mature from up close over the last 20 years—thanks almost entirely to those who give. While some donors may not have the opportunity to witness the impact their gift makes in the lives of our students and the health of our institution, I can assure you that your philanthropy is nothing short of remarkable in its ability to make a difference.

“Your donations help foster a supportive learning environment, one that prioritizes accessibility and scholarly success equally.”

Improving upon our legacy as a University means investing in what matters the most to the academics, researchers, and students who work and study at the heart of our campus.

Your donations help foster a supportive learning environment, one that prioritizes accessibility and scholarly success equally. Gifts from our community of donors, faculty and staff members, and business partners help provide us with the critical funding our institution needs to fulfill our obligations not only as a place of learning, but of culture, sport, and history.

Education has always had the power to change lives. To many of our students, the UWinnipeg experience extends well beyond exam periods and classroom lectures. Our job as fundraisers is to help those who value their commitment to this campus succeed at every turn by ensuring that our public spaces, awards programs, and support services are well equipped to better serve the needs and interests of our community members in a way that promotes inclusivity and academic success.

We hope you enjoy learning about the progress we have made this past year and thank you for your continued dedication to our University. We are truly grateful for your support.

Sincerely,



H. Sanford Riley
Chair, The University of Winnipeg Foundation Board of Directors

Endowment Fund Performance



The University of Winnipeg Foundation supports the strategic priorities and values of the University, contributing to our shared goal by building a strong and stable base of endowment funds. Our strategic intent is to substantially increase the value of charitable gifts in support of the University’s Strategic Directions: Academic Excellence and Renewal; Student Experience and Success; Indigenization; Research Excellence, Knowledge Mobilization and Impact; and Financial and Institutional Resilience.

Donors may designate an endowment gift to create a new fund or contribute to an existing fund. These funds are held in perpetuity by the Foundation and are invested with other funds that comprise the Endowment Fund to promote growth over the long term and protect against inflation.

Investing in The University of Winnipeg Foundation Endowment Fund

The Foundation’s investment policies call for a prudent, balanced approach utilizing cash, fixed income, and Canadian and foreign equities to prescribed limits. Equities are not to exceed 70% of the portfolio. The Foundation’s investment policies are designed to provide consistent long-term growth while protecting the purchasing power of the Endowment Fund. The Foundation does not invest in speculative or high-risk investments. In 2021, the main portfolio manager stewarding the Foundation’s investments became a signatory of the Net Zero Asset Manager Initiative (NZAM). This initiative “is an international group of asset managers committed to supporting the goal of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 or sooner, in line with global efforts to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius; and to supporting investing aligned with net zero emissions by 2050 or sooner.”

Endowment Performance 2004–2023

The Endowment Fund generates revenues to support our strategic directions. Its resilience and growth is important in both the short and long term. From the time the Endowment Fund was transferred to the Foundation on April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2023 it has grown from \$18,073,579 to \$60,643,541 in contributed capital and from \$21,017,304 to \$82,282,769 in market value.

Endowment Performance for Last Five Years

Fiscal Year End	Contributed Capital	Market Value
March 31, 2019	\$52,985,365	\$69,124,421
March 31, 2020	\$54,114,522	\$64,695,492
March 31, 2021	\$57,015,989	\$77,597,370
March 31, 2022	\$58,634,115	\$82,851,809
March 31, 2023	\$60,643,541	\$82,282,769

The University of Winnipeg Foundation stewards close to 658 individual endowment funds that are pooled for investment purposes to allow for diversification of the total portfolio in order to lower risk and improve performance.

Reserve Funds

The Foundation’s Endowment Fund was established in order to ensure reliable regular funding to support these programs and awards. The Foundation does this in two ways: through its asset mix, and by way of a Reserve Fund, which serves as a hedge against fluctuations in investment earnings that may occur.

Reserve Fund (Market Value): \$20,914,092

Supporting Students: 2022–2023 Contribution to the University

The University of Winnipeg Foundation Endowment Fund continues to exceed market performance. It has performed above benchmark, a custom blend of indices used by the funds within our asset mandate, over a ten-year period.

	Benchmark	Total Portfolio	% Above Benchmark
3 Years	9.34	9.62	0.28
5 Years	6.57	6.85	0.28
10 Years	8.12	8.41	0.29

The annual return at March 31, 2023 is 1.74%.

The income allocation for 2022/23 totaled \$2.43 million. This represents 4.25% of the prorated contributed capital held in the Endowment Fund or agreed to percentage. The agreed to percentage for 2023/24 was determined at the Foundation’s Annual General Meeting and will remain at 4.25%, resulting in a gift to the University totaling \$2.49 million for the 2023/24 award cycle.

Fiscal Year	Annual Contribution from Endowment Fund
2018–19	\$1,738,666
2019–20	\$2,134,533
2020–21	\$2,240,535
2021–22	\$2,223,223
2022–23	\$2,436,044

Fossil Fuel Free Green Fund

In June of 2018 the Foundation launched a new investment option called the Green Fund. The University generously seeded the fund with a gift of \$100,000. The creation of the Green Fund was done in partnership with Jarislowsky Fraser Limited and represents a new environmentally friendly fund option for donors to invest. Building on Jarislowsky Fraser’s broad range of sustainable investment strategies, JF Fossil Fuel Free Funds are a family of privately pooled funds which include JF Fossil Fuel Free Canadian Equity Fund, JF Fossil Fuel Free Global Equity Fund and JF Fossil Fuel Free Bond Fund.

The Green Fund’s Market Value at March 31, 2023 totals \$145,676.

Overview of 2022–2023 Fundraising Results

This past year, in addition to endowment revenues, over 5.9 million was raised in immediate use current funds and new endowment capital.

Total Raised from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023:

\$5,944,296

Purpose	Endowed 2022–2023	Current 2022–2023	Total 2022–2023
Capital	\$0.00	\$190,986.66	\$190,986.66
Programs	\$819,190.63	\$1,386,824.74	\$2,206,015.37
Student Awards	\$1,153,242.86	\$1,014,473.49	\$2,167,716.35
MSBI	\$0.00	\$1,379,578.00	\$1,379,578.00
	\$1,972,433.49	\$3,971,862.89	\$5,944,296.38

*MSBI stands for the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative, a matching program offered by the Province to encourage private donations to scholarships and bursaries.

Fundraising Priorities



The Foundation continues to focus its development efforts on University priorities. These efforts are coordinated through the Foundation’s Leadership Giving, Annual Giving, Planned Giving, and Donor Stewardship programs.

University Priorities for 2022–2023



Student Awards

- Opportunity Fund



Academic Enhancements

- New and Existing Chairs and Research
- Work Integrated Learning



Collegiate

- Dean’s Continuing Scholarship
- Collegiate 150 Scholarship
- The Model School



Indigenization

- Wii Chiiwaakanak Learning Centre
- Duff Roblin Scholars Fund



Capital

- Sparling Hall
- Library



2022 Campus Campaign

Thank you to everyone who donated as part of the 2022 Campus Campaign. We are pleased to report there was not only an increase in participation, with over 300 faculty, staff, retirees, and other close friends of the University donating—we also surpassed last year’s amount, raising an incredible **\$582,341** in funds. Thank you again for your amazing generosity and support.

Events

Tea for Wii Chiiwaakanak Fundraiser

Nearly a decade ago, Jennifer Roblin sought to empower UWinnipeg’s surrounding community by organizing a luncheon in Toronto where donations collected at the event would be used to support the Wii Chiiwaakanak Learning Centre. For 9 straight years, Jennifer has volunteered her time to make this event a fundraising success—opening her home and using her connections to our campus and Manitoba to attract donors and other alumni to the cause.

The Wii Chiiwaakanak Learning Centre’s primary focus is to offer educational and cultural programming rooted in Indigenous knowledge in order to develop and strengthen pathways for Indigenous students to University. The Centre is committed to implementing the University’s strategic direction for Indigenization, which includes and values Indigenous knowledge, culture and perspectives throughout the university.

This year’s event was held online so donors across Canada had the chance to be inspired by Jennifer’s story and the impactful work taking place inside the halls of the Learning Centre. An amazing \$22,700 was raised over the course of the day in support of the numerous programs that have come to define Wii Chiiwaakanak to those working on our campus and living in the surrounding neighborhood.

Duff Roblin Dinner

For 17 years, the Duff Roblin Award Dinner has served as the communal link between our University, the history of our province, and the outstanding Manitobans who have spent countless hours working to make a positive difference in the lives of their fellow citizens. The dinner’s namesake, Dr. Duff Roblin, was instrumental in advancing not only education in Manitoba, but the growth of our institution—as it was his signature that turned United College into The University of Winnipeg in 1967. After receiving the inaugural Duff Roblin Award, each of the incredible people who have succeeded Dr. Roblin have helped further the educational and social causes the former Premier championed during his time in office.

In the time since the first dinner was hosted, over \$645,000 has been raised towards community learning and pathways to education funds. Donors continue to play an instrumental role in supporting the Duff Roblin Scholars Fund, which now stands at a balance of \$1.9 million.

Dr. Lloyd Axworthy was this year’s guest of honour and Duff Roblin Award recipient. A dedicated politician for the first half of his professional life, Dr. Axworthy began as an MLA for Fort Rouge in 1973. After moving on from the provincial level, he spent the remaining 21 years of his political career as a member of the Canadian Federal Parliament—during which he held several cabinet positions and was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Dr. Axworthy returned in 2004 to serve as President and Vice Chancellor until 2014. During his tenure, he helped create many of the physical spaces our students, faculty, and staff now operate in. Additionally, he helped expand the University’s Indigenous programs, community outreach, and human-rights education for students. We look forward to honouring our next recipient, Mrs. Ruth Hastings at next year’s event.



UWinnipeg Comes to Toronto

This spring saw the Foundation reuniting with our community members living in Southern Ontario through our first “Manitoba Social in Toronto Alumni Event”. In the weeks leading up to April 19th, the Foundation sent the word out, inviting those connected to our campus to an exciting evening of good food, drinks, and better company—all in the spirit of a true Manitoba social. This free-to-attend venture was the first of its kind for the Foundation, and alumni from across the city joined us to celebrate at Luma restaurant in the heart of Toronto’s downtown area.

The second half of the trip to Toronto was spent high above the bustle of Bay street in the Power Corporation of Canada office suite—courtesy of Foundation Board member Greg Tretiak—with some of our University’s closest friends, business partners, donors, and alumni. Joining the meal was University President Dr. Todd Mondor, who worked alongside Foundation President and CEO, Javier Schwersensky, to update guests on future plans for the university and fundraising priorities moving forward.



From left to right: James Easton, Barry Hyman, Colleen Ortwein and Jackie Garrett.

A Reunion 60 years in the Making

June marked the 60th anniversary for United College’s Class of 1963. Having graduated before the university received its charter, alumni members Barry Hyman, James Easton, Colleen Ortwein, and Jackie Garrett felt it was time to return to their alma mater and see what two generations of progress and innovation meant for the institution they each cared so deeply about. The reunion luncheon was held at the University’s historic University Club located on the 4th floor of Wesley Hall. University President, Dr. Mondor and Foundation President Javier Schwersensky joined the four alumni at the reunion dinner.



Reuniting with the Past

Thirty-five years ago, Richard Dopson helped create a West Coast reunion for UWinnipeg graduates living in British Columbia. Now in 2023, Richard is looking to bring together the next generation of alumni who’ve traded the prairie backdrop for the mountains and valleys that surround Vancouver.

Part of the University’s first class of graduates in 1967, Richard looks back on his three years fondly. As a young man studying English, psychology and French, he notes that his affection for the campus and its community led to his involvement in a myriad of events and groups—including 1st year student council, Glee club, student government, numerous winter carnivals, and as a social representative for the Wesmen during his freshman year. Richard says that his university experience helped a great deal in developing his professional skills and building his confidence as a young person prior to beginning his career.

He is quick to point out the important role alumni play in maintaining the health of post-secondary institutions, saying that, “alumni from earlier years form the basis of our university’s connection with its past. Maintaining that level of continuity from generation to generation between graduates and the university—wherever they travel in the world—is of great importance. People value that connection, and I hope the graduates of today cherish the connections they’ve made during their academic careers and keep in touch with each other, just as I’ve cherished the lifelong friendships I made during my time as a student.”

Richard’s career as a psychologist saw him work for 30 years across three careers with the Vancouver School Board, a time that ended with him retiring as President of the British Columbia Psychological Association in 2005. As a lifelong athlete, Richard also played a prominent role as Co-Chair in helping host the Gay Games III in Vancouver in 1990.

After visiting the university in the summer of 2022 and reuniting with a much-changed campus, Richard says he is keen to help organize another alumni reunion in Vancouver in the spring of 2023. He plans to work with the University and Foundation to bring alumni in his area together in celebration of both their alma mater and students.



The Role Donors Play in Creating Change

As Chief Executive Officer of UWinnipeg's Community Renewal Corporation (UWCRC) and their subsidiary company, UWCRC 2.0, Jeremy Read has helped oversee his fair share of positive change on campus—in both the physical spaces where students and faculty teach and learn, and the surrounding neighborhood where the university's community members live and work.

Since returning to his alma mater in 2011, Jeremy has given continuously to various scholarships and bursaries, including two with which he shares a close personal connection. The Vasyl (Bill) Balan International Students from Ukraine Bursary Fund and The Sherman Kreiner CRC 1.0 and 2.0 Employee Tuition Scholarship are both initiatives Jeremy notes as being priorities for his efforts as a donor—the former of which was created by Jeremy's late colleague and founding UWCRC Director, Bill Balan, before he passed to aid undergraduate students from Ukraine coming abroad to study, while the latter helps cover tuition costs for full or part-time employees of the UWCRC and UWCRC 2.0, their spouses, and eligible dependents completing an undergraduate program at UWinnipeg.

Besides his personal interest in giving, Jeremy says, "I feel a deep-seated connection to this institution. A university operating in the downtown core of Winnipeg has a role to play in helping the community that surrounds it. As a student, I remember being part of a culture of giving back, one that prioritized initiatives centered on fundraising and social justice efforts to aid those in need. As a donor, I believe in a university that shows it cares about its neighbors and shares in their concerns too. Making learning accessible and focusing on local impact are two things I am proud to support."

For those who might be interested in giving, Jeremy goes on to say that, "ultimately, there's no poor outcome for those who donate. Nothing helps people succeed quite like a university degree. As a donor, you're able to support such a wide range of opportunities, from students living in residence to the scholarships, bursaries, and programs the university offers."

Jeremy's team at both UWCRC and UWCRC 2.0 are responsible for working with the University, public, and private organizations to transform Winnipeg's urban core to meet the needs of those living downtown. In addition to their efforts on our campus, UWCRC and UWCRC 2.0 both play a role in helping develop affordable housing and infrastructure not only in Winnipeg, but across other towns in Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario as well.

Former Dean of Theology Dr. James Christie Looks Back on His Career

I came to The University of Winnipeg the better part of 20 years ago. I took up my duties as the last duly appointed and regularly confirmed Dean of the Faculty of Theology in the Summer of 2005—a bilateral appointment per a long-standing tradition between The University of Winnipeg Board of Regents and the General Council of The United Church of Canada. To be Dean of Theology meant being a part of a storied legacy, and one which I truly appreciated during my tenure.

As Dean of Theology I was part of a school within a school, from recruitment to graduation, offering both graduate disciplines and professional certificates. Helping lead the Faculty during this time was always a source of personal pride. The history of the position and our efforts to expand the facilities have undoubtedly helped motivate me as a donor. Being admitted as full members to The Association of Theological Schools of the United States and Canada (ATS) in time for the University's 40th Anniversary, and being acknowledged as the top school for student support among 250 other institutions by the ATS meant a great deal to myself and many of my fellow faculty members. Helping preserve this legacy of academic excellence by sponsoring many of the awards tied to Theology at UWinnipeg matters a great deal to me having moved on from the Dean's position.

In 2008, at the request of Indigenous Spiritual leaders, we launched the first Diploma in Indigenous Spiritual and Pastoral Care. The program was designed by Indigenous leaders, and shaped by the Faculty to meet the high academic norms of the University at large.

UWinnipeg's commitment to engagement as integral to education has also helped foster the creation of academic initiatives like the Nanjing Seminary and China-Christian council. Additionally, there were the ground-breaking innovations of The Global College (in the early days of which I was both Dean of Theology and Inaugural Dean of The Global College); and the establishment of the Indigenous Studies program. In recent years, the Foundation also helped with the establishment of the Freemasons of Manitoba Awards in Human Rights, a global first, and the principal focus over some years of my own donations.

In short, I give because the University is home. I've had a long and fruitful partnership, unwavering support and encouragement, and unswerving dedication to the vision and ideals of one of North America's extraordinary universities.



Former Dean of Theology Dr. James Christie

News from the Collegiate

Collegiate Milestones

In 2023, The Collegiate celebrated its 150th anniversary, an incredible milestone for one of the oldest schools in Manitoba. Prior to Wesley College officially opening in 1888, preparatory classes started in 1873 within the Wesleyan Institute, run by the Methodist church in Winnipeg. Classes continued as Wesley College merged with Manitoba College to become United College. When The University of Winnipeg received its charter in 1967, the high school was renamed as The Collegiate at The University of Winnipeg, maintaining its historic presence in Wesley Hall. In 2007, The Collegiate expanded to become a fully-realized high school hosting grades 9 through 12.

The newly created Collegiate Alumni Association also reached a milestone, celebrating its 1-year anniversary this September. Comprised of passionate alumni and Collegiate community members who represent future alumni, faculty, administration, and the University of Winnipeg Foundation, the association is working to create a vibrant, united community of Alumni for the next 150 years of Collegiate history. In the last year, the Association Board has created a number of initiatives designed to reconnect alumni members with The Collegiate and each other, including a regular e-newsletter and annual digital magazine, developing a dedicated digital space for alumni news and information, and planning future receptions, and reunions. The Collegiate Alumni Association Endowment Fund Campaign is also underway. Lead by Collegiate alumnus and Association Board Chair Bob Stuebing, the funds will be used to support the Association's programs and activities, which will nourish alumni pride and enhance affiliation with the Collegiate.

Recent Collegiate Grad Prabhnoor Singh Talks About the Importance of a Collegiate Education

Attending The Collegiate had been a dream of mine long before enrolling. The school had the three A's: Academics, Athletics, and Arts, which helped build a strong foundation for my high school years. The Collegiate helped me develop academically and aided my transition to a post-secondary environment after graduation. Throughout the school year I was able to participate in athletic opportunities in addition to being able to explore my artistic side through improv and creative writing classes.

The Collegiate is known for changing regular high school students into lifelong learners and leaders. The Collegiate made me love to learn. I woke up every day as a student with enthusiasm, excited to go to school—even if it was -40 degrees outside. Throughout my four years, I always entered the classroom with a smile and will to learn. From my involvement in the Climate Action strike to acting as Deputy Prime Minister for the Student Council, I and many of my fellow classmates found their passions at The Collegiate. The community I was a part of worked to create a sense of belonging for every staff member and student.

The growth I saw in my educational and extracurricular journey would not have been possible if it weren't for the amazing instructors and Deans at The Collegiate. They made subjects enjoyable, helped me develop my public speaking skills and mentored me. I will forever be grateful to the faculty members and staff that helped me overcome the hurdles in my life and develop into the individual I am today!





A Welcoming Collegiate and Caring Community

As a leading executive presence recognized across Canada's business community, Liz Choi is no stranger to corporate boardrooms. As a talented visionary who sits at the helm of the Education Canada Group, the parent company of Robertson College, Liz has lent her skills and executive leadership expertise to many organizations over the years, including CentreVenture Development Corporation, Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, YMCA-YWCA Winnipeg, Career Trek, and the Manitoba government's Immigration Advisory Council.

After immigrating from South Korea to Canada on her own as a young teen in 1997, Liz had a hard time fitting in at school. She felt isolated amongst her peers as an international student whose parents lived half a world away. Early on in her Canadian journey, Liz found herself residing downtown, just a short walk away from the Collegiate. She was initially drawn to its close location and was keen to learn more about what the institution had to offer. Following an initial site visit, she immediately felt seen amongst the school's diverse population alongside other international students challenged with similar life circumstances. As someone who grew up having to fend for herself, she appreciated the school's university-like approach and focus on independent learning. It was at that point she immediately knew the Collegiate was the right place to plant her educational roots.

Soon after starting grade 11, Liz met Kathy Cullen, the Collegiate's International Student Recruiter. "When I started at the Collegiate, Kathy quickly took me under her wing and became what I called my Canadian mother," remarks Liz. "She treated me like her own daughter, without hesitation, distrust or judgement. She was an incredibly kind and compassionate woman who not only looked after me, but many of the other international students as well—oftentimes going so far as to co-sign their apartment leases.

She never saw me as one of her "international students" who came part and parcel with troubling stereotypes. She saw me for me and quickly became someone I could confide in, someone who helped me navigate the language and cultural barriers at school and work, and someone who ultimately shaped me into the woman I am today."

After graduating from the Collegiate in 2001, Liz would later begin her professional career at the University of Winnipeg as a program coordinator in the English Language Program, helping form partnerships with international institutes and recruit foreign professionals. She stayed in close contact and continued to create many lasting memories with Kathy over the years, both during her time at the University and beyond.

After Kathy passed away as a result of cancer in November of 2010, The Kathy Cullen (O'Connell) Memorial Scholarship was created to honour her legacy and support both local and international students from all grades attending the Collegiate. Eager to give to a fund that would aid students who had also emigrated to Canada, Liz's gift to the initiative marked her transition from alumna to donor—and as one of the earliest supporters of the fund, Liz has continued to give generously over the years—helping the scholarship reach its full potential as an endowment.

As a graduate of the Collegiate, she believes it's her duty to pay it forward supporting the institution that provided her with a welcoming place to land upon moving to Canada. The Collegiate wasn't just an educational beacon for Liz—it was a safe space where she could foster connections with lifelong friends and establish a social safety net that supported her as an international student. By giving back, she has an opportunity to support the Collegiate's lasting legacy of welcoming and caring for young people with similar lived experiences.



Impacting Local Businesses – Les Saj Restaurant

In 2016, Adam Tayfour saw a gap in Winnipeg's culinary landscape that had yet to be filled—across a range of choices, few home-grown establishments offered Middle-Eastern food for those looking to get a bite on their break or in between class. Inspired by this lack of representation and determined to make his opportunity count, Adam co-founded Les Saj, a restaurant built on connecting Winnipeggers to the Middle-Eastern eats they didn't know they were missing.

Six years on and Les Saj now has two locations operating in the city, the original restaurant on the Eastern edge of St. James, and their second location across from The University of Winnipeg downtown. Despite only opening in May of 2022, Les Saj is fast becoming a fan favourite for staff and students working and studying on campus. In the eight months since opening, Adam is happy to say the restaurant has already helped cater orientation week at the start of fall term and Cultural Day in October. Adam notes, "we love being part of the downtown space, and the University's presence has helped drive traffic to our new location. During the pandemic, many businesses have had to close—it's thanks to the outpouring of support from our community and opportunities related to the university that we have been able to remain connected to this city and encourage future customers to try Les Saj."

When asked about the impact that closing the University had on local business during the height of the pandemic, Adam comments, "for growing businesses like ours, we'd have missed out on chances down the road to work with the University and serve its customers. Having a university anywhere, especially downtown, helps breathe life into the surrounding neighborhood. Without it, we'd see a lack of business-related initiative in the area."

First-Generation Student Details His Campus Experience

When Bryan Hobson began his studies at UWinnipeg in the late 1980s, he was sponsored by Swan Lake First Nation as part of a small group of Indigenous students under the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council's (DOTC) post-secondary education program. The first in his family to attend university, Hobson set about connecting with other Indigenous students attending UWinnipeg. As former President of the Aboriginal Students' Council, Hobson helped lead various cultural activities, social gatherings, study groups and fundraising for all newcomers as well as the 100-odd Indigenous students at the time—a far cry from the nearly 1000 students from Indigenous backgrounds enrolled at UWinnipeg today.

Having graduated in 1992 with his Bachelor of Arts, Hobson put his business skills to work at a handful of places, including the Royal Winnipeg Ballet and Manitoba Nurses Union (Local 10) before settling in Toronto as a public servant working for the province of Ontario. A posting that lasted 13 years, Hobson was involved as a program analyst, executive assistant and finally as scheduler to the Deputy Minister of Ontario's Ministry of Indigenous Affairs.

For nearly 15 years, Hobson has helped inspire Indigenous initiatives at UWinnipeg through his creation of the Bryan Hobson Fund, and advance education on campus as a Legacy Circle donor. The fund that bears his name was designed to provide both immediate and future support to the Aboriginal Student Services Centre and the Aboriginal Students' Council. As a planned giving donor, Hobson notes that his personal legacy is one he wants to see put to use as a means of "preserving and protecting Indigenous culture and heritage at the university."

He goes on to say, "When I was in the process of creating the legacy fund, I was looking for a way to help with future Indigenous education and success. I wanted their student supports to create a safe, educational and culturally sensitive environment for all Indigenous students, so I took it upon myself to establish a planned giving fund that would help inspire this initiative and similar positive action."

Since his retirement in 2020, Hobson remains a dedicated lifelong-learner. In addition to his online coursework at Toronto Metropolitan University, Hobson completed his Wetland and Watercourse Monitoring Training through the Manitoba Metis Federation in a bid to help better understand how wetlands were traditionally used by Red River Metis Citizens and First Nations People.



Remembering Dr. John Bulman, CM



On June 15th, 2023, Dr. W. John Bulman passed away at the age of 94. An incredibly kind and generous man whose relationship with The University of Winnipeg spanned over 40 years, Dr. Bulman held many titles as a member of our community—including Chancellor from 1984 to 1996, Board of Regents member from 1967 to 1982, and secretary for The University of Winnipeg Foundation’s Board of Directors—a position he would serve from 2003 when the Board was established until retiring in 2020.

A committed volunteer for over five decades, Dr. Bulman helped oversee much of the progress made on our campus in the years after the charter was signed. As Regent and Chancellor, he supported the expansion of the university’s academic programs, our spaces on campus, and the growing number of students choosing to peruse their post-secondary education at UWinnipeg. During his tenure with the Foundation, Dr. Bulman also Co-Chaired the Planned Giving Committee and was instrumental in the creation of the Legacy Circle, a community of donors whose planned gifts will help support funding for the University’s priorities and awards program for the next generation of students and scholars.

In addition to his efforts as a volunteer, Dr. Bulman and his wife Laureen were avid donors who sponsored numerous student awards and campaigns over the years. What began in 1985 with an undesignated gift to the “area of greatest need”, the couple would go on to direct much of their charity to the John Bulman Collegiate Entrance Scholarship and the Chancellor W. John A. Bulman Scholarship in 2007—awards established by their close friends and colleagues to honour their longstanding commitment to the university. In recognition of his efforts as Chancellor, the area beneath Riddell Hall was renamed in order to reflect Dr. Bulman’s commitment to the students he had supported over the years. The Bulman Student Centre has become a much-loved space and stage where community members and students alike can come to relax, learn, and perform.

A communal anchor whose legacy as a philanthropist, administrator, and leader will forever be tied to the history of our institution, Dr. Bulman will be greatly missed by his friends and colleagues who had the pleasure to work by his side. A tireless volunteer who helped our university reach its potential, his efforts will live on in the hearts and minds of the students whose success his generosity helped enable.

UWinnipeg Celebrates Inaugural Susan A. Thompson Scholarship for Women in Leadership Recipient

For the last two months, UWinnipeg student Meagan Dutka has been living, working and studying abroad in Zambia. A fourth-year student majoring in both Human Rights Studies and Conflict Resolution, Meagan is the first recipient of the newly created Susan A. Thompson Scholarship for Women in Leadership. An award designed to help provide for aspiring students looking to become future leaders, Meagan’s efforts both prior to and during her academic career at UWinnipeg, combined with her passion for Human Rights issues and policy, helped make her a fitting choice for this unique scholarship.

“I’m genuinely grateful to have received this award having known what Susan was able to accomplish during her career,” says Meagan. “She is certainly a person whose leadership anyone would want to emulate.”

Currently, Meagan works as a Resource Mobilization Officer and Communications Coordinator in Lusaka, Zambia’s capital city. Operating out of Lusaka South are the Eagles of Change, an organization dedicated to educating young people on the dangers of substance abuse, and promoting mental health awareness. In September, Meagan was brought into the fold to help the organization’s fundraising efforts. Working alone in Winnipeg at the time, Meagan was able to plan and execute an effective campaign, raising over \$3500 in funds for the organization’s Child Education Sponsorship Program, an initiative created to help cover the cost of school fees and provide supplies and uniforms for primary and secondary school students.

When asked about what drew her to Zambia and the organization, Meagan says, “Peace building starts from the ground up. I think a central component of conflict prevention includes looking after young people who have been neglected or marginalized by their governments, and who are desperate to find a sense of meaning, security, and livelihood stability. Past that, I’ve always enjoyed the prospect of cross-cultural learning opportunities and experiences, and being able to work in an environment that differs greatly from where I grew up has always been a desire of mine.”

After her international practicum concludes and her undergraduate program ends, Meagan says she plans to pursue a master’s degree at the University of Cape Town in South Africa—eventually she hopes to work for any of the larger, African-based organizations involved in peacebuilding and community development.



Your Impact

Sir William Stephenson Scholarship and The Dr. and Mrs. Roderick Hunter Scholarship Recipients

Once a year, the Trustees responsible for selecting the winners of the Sir William Stephenson and Dr. and Mrs. Roderick Hunter Scholarships meet on our campus to learn more about the promising students looking to claim one of two of the most prestigious scholarships awarded at The University of Winnipeg. The Trustees—Ian Restall, James G. Osborne, Leigh Taylor and Janet Walker—review finalist applications and spend a full day interviewing eight promising candidates in person.

Established through the Winnipeg Foundation in 1984 and 2003, respectively, both of these impactful awards honor Manitobans whose achievements echo across our campus, our city, and the rest of the world. Honoring Sir William Stephenson’s commitment to his country as an intelligence officer during the Second World War and the dedication Dr. Hunter showed in supporting and guiding our campus during his lifetime means that recipients looking to join the ranks of the scholars who have come before them must come ready to demonstrate their skills as leaders, as volunteers, and as outstanding academics.

This year, the Sir William Stephenson Scholarship was awarded to 5th- year education student Jenna Allison and 3rd- year political science major Liam Reid. The Dr. and Mrs. Roderick Hunter Scholarship was awarded to Tim Rozovsky—a recently graduated kinesiology student, and Adrianna Strempler, a biology major entering her senior year.



Meet Jenna Allison

Jenna Allison wants to inspire the next generation of leaders. Allison, who is now in her fifth year of studies at UWinnipeg, is an education student majoring in mathematics with a minor in psychology.

“I feel humbled to be recognized for this scholarship in honour of Sir William Stephenson,” said Allison. “Receiving this award is an affirmation of my

leadership abilities and an encouragement to continue investing in those around me. I would not be in this place today without the support of my family, friends, mentors, professors, and, most importantly, my faith.”

Despite the challenges posed by a global pandemic the last three years, Allison has remained dedicated to growing her leadership potential. Her passion for seeing young people thrive has led her to lead the Adventurers

Day Camp hosted by the Winnipeg Evangelical Free Church and complete a leadership intern program at Green Bay Bible Camp.

She says the support from this scholarship will help ensure that she’s able to continue volunteering with young people.

“I see incredible potential in the next generation. One of my passions is equipping and supporting young leaders” she said. “I love working with young people and I am currently working as a youth worker at my church. My job includes mentoring high school students and co-leading a Friday night activity program for students in my local community. My goal is to continue to be a voice of hope for the next generation in the years to come.”

Meet Liam Reid

Liam Reid is an aspiring public servant.



A third-year political science major, Reid is a former professional ballet dancer and graduate of Canada’s National Ballet School and the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School. He also has a cumulative GPA of 4.382 and his essay, *Human Rights and the European Refugee Crisis: A Poststructuralist Analysis on the Power of Discourse*, was nominated for the Claudia Wright Essay Prize.

“To have been selected as a recipient of the Sir William Stephenson Scholarship has been an immense honour,” Reid said. “Scholarships such as this are a rare and meaningful recognition of years of effort and communicate a sense of trust in the character, leadership abilities, and future potential of the recipient. Receiving this award will not only serve to motivate me to pursue graduate school, but in fact will help to secure that pathway as a result of the financial support.”

The scholarship will also allow him to continue volunteering with the Political Science Students’ Association, where he focuses on bringing the University’s vibrant community together to discuss important issues and events.

After he obtains his undergraduate degree from UWinnipeg, Reid plans on attending the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs to pursue a Master’s in International Affairs.



Meet Tim Rozovsky

Rozovsky is articulate and focused on his career goals. He was born in Russia and immigrated with his mother to Israel as a child. Rozovsky arrived in a new country and adapted to a new language and culture, yet still excelled at school. After high school,

and completing his Israeli Military service with distinction, he was encouraged to join his family in Canada.

Since arriving in Canada, Rozovsky is pursuing his passion for fitness and advocates others to lead a healthy lifestyle. This, combined with his fascination with human physiology and research, led him to pursue a Bachelor of Kinesiology Honours at UWinnipeg.

“My goal is to be able to create even more meaningful change by becoming a doctor, to treat and heal the most vulnerable in our community.”

“This degree complements my work as a personal trainer while giving me the necessary background in biology and human anatomy, which prepared me well for my future career choice of becoming a physician,” said Rozovsky.

Rozovsky graduated in June and is starting a Master’s program in Physiology and Pathophysiology at the St. Boniface Hospital and the University of Manitoba this fall. He will be conducting research in the area of heart failure prevention in breast cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment.

“It feels great receiving recognition for my years of hard work as I strive for excellence in my studies and in my research, and it gives me the motivation to continue to become the best version of myself,” shared Rozovsky. “I have had the pleasure of being mentored by and working with brilliant instructors and professors who guided and supported me on my academic journey at UWinnipeg.”

Despite his hectic schedule, Rozovsky works as a personal trainer and finds time to volunteer with Holocaust Survivors through the Jewish Child and Family Service, and also volunteers as a powerlifting coach for Special Olympics Manitoba.

Rozovsky has spoken to physicians who travel to northern communities in Canada for work and is inspired by the work they do. His mother, a distinguished pediatric radiologist working at Health Sciences Centre, has served as his main role model throughout his life.

“My goal is to be able to create even more meaningful change by becoming a doctor, to treat and heal the

most vulnerable in our community,” shared Rozovsky. “Through my work in fitness as well as my UWinnipeg education, I learned that by being proactive with our health and mitigating modifiable risk factors for disease, we can prevent much misery and suffering, and that is something I would like to focus on, going forward.”

Meet Adrianna Strempler

Strempler comes from a long line of UWinnipeg alumni. She has a contagious energy that is reflected in all that she does within her community, her studies, and her interest in biology.

From a young age, Strempler looked forward to her biology classes and was curious to learn how intricate biological systems function.

“I love putting together the puzzle pieces of the complexities of the human body and seeing the new discoveries and innovations that biologists have been making in the last decade,” she said. “I am passionate about healthcare and I want to have a positive impact on people’s lives through medical care.”

Strempler plans on putting her knowledge of biological systems to good use in the field of medicine and medical research. She wants to be a general practitioner and open her own clinic in Manitoba to be close to family.

When not in class, Strempler is active within her community. She has served as an assistant coach for a girls’ basketball team, a recreational assistant at a personal care home, and a volunteer and mentor as a Big Sister, all while always maintaining a high academic standing and earning several other scholarships.

Strempler is grateful for her UWinnipeg experience, as the small class sizes and approachable professors gave her a feeling of belonging, and for the Dr. and Mrs. Rod-erick Hunter Scholarship, which provided her more time to study and volunteer.

This coming September, she is entering her last year at UWinnipeg as she completes her Bachelor of Science in Biology with a Minor in Statistics.



Removing Barriers to Post-Secondary Education

Donor support to student awards that cover the cost of tuition, supplies, and living expenses go a long way in making sure UWinnipeg students get the chance to shine academically and make the most of their undergraduate careers without having to worry about making ends meet after class. Bursaries like the University’s Opportunity Fund, Indspire Indigenous Awards, and the multitude of named funds that provide financial assistance to those in need are an incredible source of pride for not only our donors, but our institution as a whole. Building a robust awards program capable of supporting thousands of students each school year across every department, program, and stream is an important part of our commitment to accessibility and identity beyond campus.

Each and every year, the University and our donors receive letters of thanks from students looking to share their appreciation with those who give. Giving recipients the chance to share their stories, interests, and future goals are important in maintaining the bond between those who give so generously and the collection of students who rely on bursaries, scholarships, and awards in order to complete their post-secondary education.

Alix Tosh

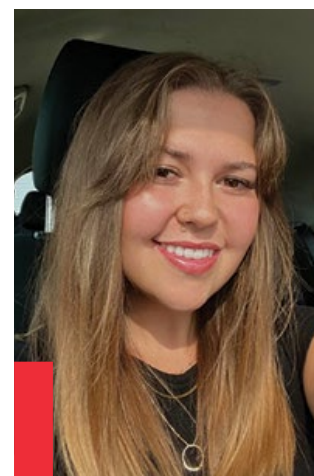
Opportunity Fund Bursary Recipient Indspire Indigenous Award Recipient Dean’s Honour List-Student of Distinction

I am a 22-year-old from a small town outside of Winnipeg and am currently in my second year at The University of Winnipeg as an undergraduate student studying to become

a teacher. I am working towards a Bachelor of Arts degree, as well as a Bachelor of Education. My area of interest and major is history, while my minor is in psychology. I am enrolled in the high school stream, and my goal is to teach high school history, psychology or English.

The financial support this award has provided will help tremendously in reaching my goals. I am currently only able to work part time, and spend my Mondays and Fridays at a local daycare, working with children. My Wednesdays are taken up by my practicum which entails working in a school alongside

other teachers, and between playing hockey on the week-ends, I usually have little free time to spare. This award allows me to continue chasing my dreams without the



extra stress of trying to calculate how I am to afford all of the things I love to do, along with the rest of life’s necessities.

I live an hour outside of the city which means I have to drive into school/practicum three days a week, as well as pay for a parking pass on campus. Tuition is expensive and so are textbooks. On top of school expenses, I have rent, car insurance, groceries and a phone bill to pay for. This award has lifted a weight off of my shoulders and I will forever be thankful for that. Thank you for your generous support, it does not go unnoticed. I am excited to continue my academic career at the University of Winnipeg and for my future endeavors.

Alysa Baraniuk

Indspire Indigenous Award Recipient

I am in the 4th year of my psychology major at UWinnipeg and may soon be switching to an honors degree program so I can further my education in a more meaningful way. The support this award has afforded me is so inspiring as it allows me to push through my difficult studies. Sometimes the financial burden that comes from being a student living on their own can quickly become mentally and fiscally exhausting. With your support, I am able to relieve some of the stress in those areas and put my energy towards my studies instead.

When I graduate with a bachelor’s degree in Psychology, I plan to attend graduate school to obtain a masters in either counselling psychology or psychology. I have been inspired this year to pursue a career in either counselling or clinical psychology. I am fascinated by abnormal psychology and the hope of bringing people to a place where they can manage their symptoms and improve their quality of life. I find my heart is drawn to helping aboriginal communities, where there is so much personal damage due to addiction, residential school history, and how these harmful trends have affected individuals on a cellular level. The only way to break this cycle is to help individuals by offering them guidance towards a better future.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to be an older student who has the support of their community to live a life where I can learn about psychological disorders, behavior and how our genes and social world affects us. Thank you for your generous support, I will continue to do you proud as a recipient of this award.



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