

TRENT UNIVERSITY

MOMENTOUS CHANGE

IMPACT REPORT



2023/2024

GRATITUDE FOR ALL OUR RELATIONS

Spoken Word by

Sarah Lewis '14 (Gzowski College)

Anishnaabe Kwe spoken- word artist

from Curve Lake First Nation

Momentous Campaign Ambassador of
Gratitude

Inaugural Poet Laureate,

City of Peterborough, 2021



THANK YOU For Making **Momentous Change**

In March 2023, Trent University launched its most ambitious philanthropic endeavour to date – the \$100 million **Campaign for Momentous Change**. Just over a year later, the momentum continues with more than \$56.4 million raised to date – a tremendous achievement made possible thanks to contributions across the Trent community and beyond. Thank you to our supporters for believing in the difference we can collectively make in our world.

Momentous change is happening now at Trent University. The campaign underscores Trent's commitment to driving positive change and ensuring a sustainable and inclusive future for

all members of its community. In this report, you'll discover the numerous ways we're making these impactful transformations a reality.

The campaign has also inspired an alumni and friends gathering tour, an international series of casual social events where alumni have shared memories and bonded over their mutual connection with the University. It's wonderful to witness first-hand how our Trent alumni are making momentous change in the world. We've met scientists making advances against climate change, nurses and doctors improving healthcare for our loved ones, educators working hard to prepare our children for today's world, and lawyers striving for social justice. I'm so proud of all that our alumni are doing to make the world a better place.

At Trent University, we are driven to understand, activate, and steer momentous changes for good. This work is important, and it requires the engagement and support of individuals and organizations near and far. As a community, we can achieve great things together. As we nurture the change leaders of tomorrow, we invite you to join us in this moment of momentum.

With gratitude,

Sherry

Sherry Booth '98, B.A. B.Sc.

Associate Vice President, Philanthropy
and Alumni Engagement



MOMENTOUS CAMPAIGN GIFT

Elevates Canadian History for Students, Public, Researchers Across World

Gift from Martha Wilder '74 to Campaign for Momentous Change supports experiential learning, revitalizes heritage space, and digitizes Canadian history material in Trent Archives

A transformational gift from **Martha Wilder '74** (Otonabee College) will elevate Canadian history at Trent University by revitalizing the former K-House lounge at Otonabee College (a significant area of Trent's masterful architecture), provide universal access to a treasure trove of materials in the Trent Archives, and enrich students' experiential learning.

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THREE TRENT DURHAM STUDENTS

Presented with Inaugural Award for Community Leadership

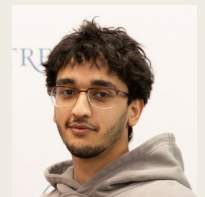
Dr. Jerry Coughlan's enduring legacy of hard work, dedication, and philanthropy lives on at Trent University Durham GTA through award named in his honour

Three students have been awarded the Dr. Jerry Coughlan Hat Trick Award for demonstrating resilience, humility, and kindness, particularly in times of financial challenge.

Thanks to the generous donation from the Jeremiah F. Coughlan Foundation, the Dr. Jerry Coughlan Hat Trick Award consists of three annual \$5,000 scholarships, which aim

to enable students to pursue their educational dreams by alleviating some financial burden. The award is open to second to fourth-year students, nominated by professors, who embody the power of community support for positive change.

Read the full story.



Mehmood Kohistani



Christina Auger



Aidan Davidson



BELOVED FACULTY MEMBER

Enhances Chemistry Department, Supports Students

A gift from Trent University's first Chemistry professor Dr. Robert Stairs establishes new scholarships, prizes, and a seminar series

A gift from professor emeritus Dr. Robert Stairs will enhance the Trent University Chemistry Department and support its students through new scholarships and prizes. Professor Stairs was Trent's first Chemistry professor when hired in 1964 and sustained a distinguished 26-year career at the University, where he twice served as Department chair.

The exceptional gift creates five new scholarships and prizes, enhances four current prizes, and establishes the Bob and Sybil Stairs Chemistry Seminar Series in honour of Professor Stairs' late wife Sybil. **Sybil Stairs '70** (Julian Blackburn College) graduated from Trent with a degree in English and Anthropology.

[Read the full story.](#)

BOARD SCHOLARSHIP

Recognizes Student for Leadership

Siobhan Cadigan says 2023-24 Board of Governor's Leadership Scholarship allows her to gain valuable career experience on her journey to becoming a teacher

Thanks to the Board of Governor's Leadership Scholarship, this year's recipient says she can better balance a heavy classroom workload with multiple volunteer roles and leadership opportunities that are helping her reach her dream of becoming a teacher.

Siobhan Cadigan (Peter Gzowski College), a first-year student who is in the Honours B.A. program in the Teachers Education stream, says the 2023-24 scholarship is allowing her to pursue opportunities such as serving on the Ontario Student Trustee Association, volunteering in local classrooms with Special Education resource teachers, and running workshops to prepare high school students for post-secondary.

[Read the full story.](#)



"Words cannot express how grateful I am to pursue my post-secondary education without the burden or worry of working multiple jobs to afford tuition and other financial costs associated with university."

– Siobhan Cadigan



TEACHING OUTSIDE THE BOX

Wickerson Foundation funds faculty projects that examine best practices in accessible education

Trent faculty have been thinking outside the box to improve the accessibility of their classes, trying out innovative techniques and studying the results.

Thanks to the Wickerson Foundation Fund for Educational Leadership and Design, the Trent Centre for Teaching and Learning has supported over 20 instructors in strengthening

inclusive design through pedagogical research. The results? Students experience new forms of learning in their classes, across disciplines and spaces, designed to be as accessible as possible to a range of learner needs.

Read the full story.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP a Family Affair

Beloved retired University staff member left speechless when daughter and son-in-law – both Trent alum – establish scholarship in her honour

A new scholarship for Trent University Business students was a heartfelt holiday gift to a beloved retired staff member. Mary Snack, an 89-year-old former Trent administrative assistant, was 'speechless' over the holidays when her family told her they had established the Mary Snack Scholarship in her honour.

"Mary worked at Trent for many years and enjoyed her time immensely," says her son-in-law Kevan Herod '74 (Otonabee College). "She graduated from high school at the



top of her class and even though she didn't have the chance to go to university, Trent would have been the perfect environment for her. This scholarship will reward students like Mary – intelligent, hard-working, and dedicated."

Read the full story.



CELEBRATING MILESTONES

and Donor Contributions at Trent's Colleges

Supporters enhance the student experience and revitalize College spaces

GZOWSKI COLLEGE

In the past year, Peter Gzowski College has seen tremendous support from its community of donors, who have bolstered the Gzowski College Endowment Subsidy program. This vital program provides financial assistance to students eager to live in the Indigenous-themed Living and Learning community within Gzowski residence, but for whom the cost of residence poses a significant barrier. The support from donors has been pivotal in ensuring that more students can participate in this enriching experience, fostering a deeper connection to Indigenous cultures and traditions.

Gzowski, Trent's youngest college, is turning 20 in 2024. Join us in celebrating this milestone by making a gift to the Gzowski College Endowment in honour of our 20 years and in support of future Gzowski College students. Family-friendly celebrations will be taking place on campus during the Head of the Trent Weekend on October 5, 2024.

OTONABEE COLLEGE

Otonabee College will soon see a revitalization thanks to the generosity of alumna **Martha Wilder '74**. The gift supports transforming the heritage space in Otonabee College, now known as K-House lounge and patio, or OC Snack Bar previously. The space and adjoining patio will enjoy the

addition of a cozy fireplace and updates to furniture, while still remaining quintessentially Trent.

In May 2023, Otonabee College celebrated its 50th anniversary with a walk down memory lane. Attendees relived iconic moments from times at Trent and throughout OC history and enjoyed time to reconnect with friends.

CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE

Champlain College has benefited greatly from the generosity of its alumni and supporters. A significant contribution in matching funds from **Doug Kirk '70** (Champlain College) has been instrumental in a project to renew one of the most iconic Champlain spaces, The Great Hall. This remarkable gift has inspired additional donations, enabling crucial updates to the guest suite, the Champlain Living Learning Commons, the Junior Common Room, and the College Office. These upcoming renovations will revitalize these architecturally rich spaces, making them more welcoming and functional for current and future students.

"As the first college on the Symon's campus, Champlain College features some of the most iconic architecture and spaces at Trent. The renovations to these popular and beloved spaces, will benefit college students, staff, fellows, alumni, and visitors in the years ahead."

— Dr. James Onusko, principal, Champlain College

CATHARINE PARR TRAILL COLLEGE

Catharine Parr Traill College is home to the newly established Jalynn Bennett Amphitheatre, a three-season performance space offering a rich variety of arts and heritage experience. This year, the Amphitheater Maintenance Fund was established and significantly boosted by two generous donations from past chair of the board, Reid Morden and Traill alumna, Patricia Townsend. These funds will ensure that the amphitheater remains a vibrant and well-maintained space for community events and gatherings.

Catharine Parr Traill College is presenting the William and Nona Heaslip Music on the Hill series, six summer concerts featuring an eclectic mix of jazz, classical, and folk-rock music at the Jalynn Bennett Amphitheatre. These performances will



The Jalynn Bennett Amphitheatre

be open to students, staff, faculty, alumni, and the general public, creating a vibrant community thanks to the generosity of the William and Nona Heaslip Foundation.

"Over the past eight years, philanthropy has propelled – and continues to enliven – the renaissance of Traill College. From the Jalynn Bennett Amphitheatre and other capital projects, to the \$1 million-dollar Traill College endowment, the generosity of donors has ensured that our staff will be able to support a new generation of students with dynamic programs and inspirational spaces."

— Dr. Michael Eamon, principal, Traill College

LADY EATON COLLEGE

Lady Eaton College has received a generous donation from Tony Britt for the Leadership Fund. This fund helps develop future leaders and supports leadership training and development opportunities for students, empowering them to take on significant roles within their communities and beyond.

Thanks to the generous contributions of **Anne-Marie Prendiville '69** (Lady Eaton College) and John Gilles, the Prendiville Gillies LEC Music Endowment has been established. The fund is designed to support the general needs of the Lady Eaton College Music Room, including support for events, purchasing of musical instruments, workshops, and programming.

"Contributions from Lady Eaton College alumni not only demonstrate the profound and transformational impacts of the college experience on the lives of past students but make possible that same meaningful college experience for current and future students."

— Dr. Christine Freeman-Roth, principal, Lady Eaton College

NEW BREASTFEEDING-FRIENDLY SPACE

Enhances Sense of Belonging for Student Parents

New space at Otonabee College offers privacy, soft lighting, children's books, and a nearby fridge for storing pumped milk



A new breastfeeding-friendly space at Otonabee College, generously supported by philanthropy, offers parents a friendly, private, and comfortable space where they can breastfeed their children on a rocking chair under soft lighting and store pumped milk in a nearby fridge.

The initiative is funded by Best Start, through the Ontario Ministry of Health, and furnished through philanthropic support from Trent School of Business Professor Lisa Ruston and her husband Richard.

Read the full story.

DR. ANNE KEENLEYSIDE LEGACY

Honoured at Anthropology Colloquium

Gift from colleagues, friends of Trent professor to establish endowment in support of the annual event

Colleagues and friends of the late Dr. Anne Keenleyside established an endowment in support of the Anthropology Colloquium, an annual event that provides an opportunity for students to showcase their research projects. The endowment will sustain the annual colloquium which will be renamed the Anne Keenleyside Colloquium in her memory.

Prof. Keenleyside's generosity goes far beyond the classroom. Her own legacy donation established the endowed Anne Keenleyside Anthropology Prize, ensuring that future generations of students can pursue their academic passions. This prize will fund a \$1,000 annual award granted to a third or fourth-year undergraduate student in anthropology or archaeology who has shown exceptional academic performance in biological anthropology.



Read the full story.



FOURTH ANNUAL TRENT DAY

Sparks Support, Service, and Spirit

Gift from colleagues, friends of Trent professor to establish endowment in support of the annual event

This Trent Day, the Trent community came together and raised \$83,012 to support students and programs, set a new single-day record of increasing monthly donors, volunteered at service sites in support of their community, and collected 1,441 pounds of non-perishables for local food banks.

Trent Day marks the April 1963 signing of the Trent Act, which formalized the incorporation of the University as a degree-granting institution, and pays tribute to the University's history, values and community. On Trent Day, the Trent community comes together to support student needs, showcase school spirit, and give back through volunteer service and philanthropy.

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Highlights

- **35** new monthly donors signed up to support Trent students
- **119** students, alumni, staff and faculty participated in service and spirit activities
- **1,441** pounds of food was collected for Kawartha Food Share in Peterborough and Feed the Need in Durham, providing 1,200 meals for those in need.



LIGHTBODY LEGACY LIVES ON

*A legacy gift from **Bob '64** and **Margie Lightbody '64** will enhance sustainable agriculture research and student experience at Traill College*

The late Bob and Margie Lightbody, two prominent alumni of Trent University's original class of 1964, impacted the University greatly through their leadership, community spirit, and philanthropy. Now, the "Trent University sweethearts" have left a legacy gift to the University, supporting the Trent Research Farm and Catharine Parr Traill Endowment Fund. Their generous contributions came to fruition thanks to their daughters Tamara and Deb, who ensured their parents' legacy was realized and reflected their commitment and connection to Trent.

A MEANINGFUL LEGACY GIFT

The legacy gift has been designated to the Trent Research Farm for a new drive shed, which will support teaching and research around small-scale sustainable agriculture. The drive shed will be the first new building on the research farm – a fitting tribute given the Lightbodies' legacy as trailblazers and farm dwellers.

Barn board from the Lightbody family farm will be incorporated into the drive shed's design.

Additionally, part of their legacy gift has bolstered the Catharine Parr Traill Endowment, pushing it over the \$1-million mark, thanks to matching funds from **Greg Piasetzki '72** (Traill College), a Champion of the **Campaign for Momentous Change**. This marks the first College endowment at Trent to achieve this level of funding and the endowment will provide lasting support for the University's students and programs.

"Trent University had such a major role in our parents' lives since Trent opened its arms and its doors to students in 1964. They set incredible examples for my sister and me that the gifts of time and energy can be equally as important as financial contributions," says Deb Keay, daughter of Bob and Margie. "We are so proud of the foundational impact that mom and dad had on Trent over the years as students, alumni, board

members, volunteers, and benefactors, and we are thrilled that their legacy will continue with their gifts to the Trent Research Farm and Traill College.”

Bob Lightbody '64 (Peter Robinson College) was a proud Trent alumnus, community leader, lawyer, and philanthropist, whose dedication to the University spanned over five decades. As a member of Trent’s original class, Bob graduated with a degree in Economics and Mathematics. His involvement with the University began as a student and continued throughout his life. He played a pivotal role in shaping the Trent University Alumni Association (TUAA), serving as a dedicated volunteer and holding leadership positions, as well as enjoying a long tenure on the Trent University Board of Governors from 1972 to 1983.

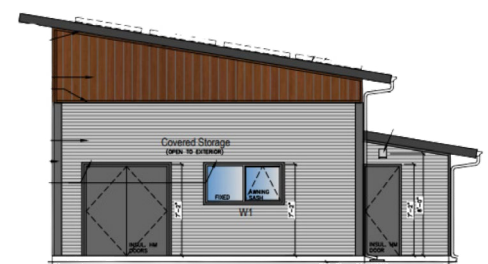
Margie Lightbody '64 (Catharine Parr Traill College), Bob’s wife and partner in all endeavours, shared his commitment to Trent. Margie graduated from Trent with a B.A. in French and Mathematics, and went on to become a respected secondary school teacher. Her dedication to the University was profound, including serving as the founding president of the TUAA Peterborough Chapter. Her leadership and energy were instrumental in hosting alumni events, coordinating reunions, and keeping classmates connected.

“The University is deeply grateful for Bob and Margie’s lasting impact and extends heartfelt thanks to the Lightbody family for working with us to determine the best legacy that reflects their lives,” said **Sherry Booth '98**, associate vice president of Philanthropy & Alumni Engagement. “When I think about Bob and Margie and their own farm, I’m thrilled that they will help



found Trent’s Research Farm. Additionally, having their legacy support for our College system and our students, makes me reflect on their commitment to the student experience. These two gifts align directly with the full lives they lived.”

As Trent University moves forward, the contributions of Bob and Margie Lightbody will continue to resonate. Trent University recognized the longtime dedication of Bob and Margie by naming the living room at Alumni House in their honour. Their legacy continues to be celebrated not only through the physical structures and financial support they provided, but also through the sense of community and leadership they embodied.



Trent Research Farm drive shed rendering (subject to change).



TRENT UNIVERSITY ELEVATES

Environmental Stewardship Thanks to TD Bank Group

The generous support from TD will help elevate Trent University's environmental stewardship efforts through enhanced University Green Network (UGN)

Trent University community members will enjoy an enhanced trail experience thanks to key donations made by TD. A \$350,000 donation from TD in 2021 has supported the three-year development of a systems-level plan for the University Green Network (UGN), an 868-acre network of land on the Symons Campus that is Trent's largest classroom.

Through the University Green Network, Trent University fosters nurturing opportunities for learning and discovery,

training the next generation of environmental leaders while actively engaging students and researchers as caretakers of the land. This interconnected, living system integrates Indigenous spaces and perspectives, celebrating Anishnaabeg culture and fostering a deep connection with nature to ensure a sustainable and inclusive future for all.

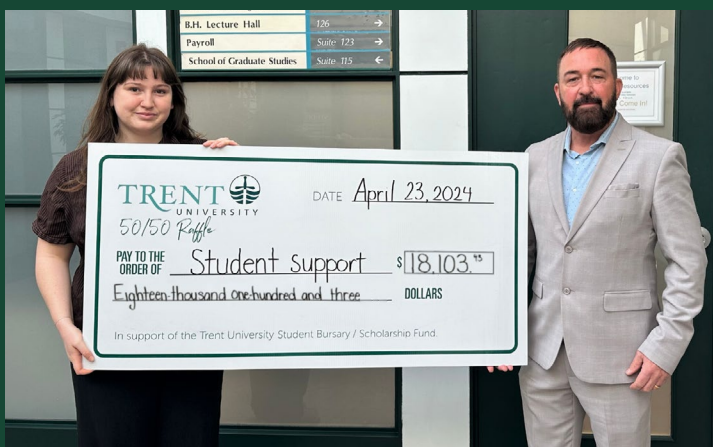
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EMPLOYEES 50/50 RAFFLE

Raises \$18,103 to Support Student Scholarships and Bursaries

Trent University is pleased to announce that over the past year, \$41,750 in 50/50 raffle tickets have been sold through payroll deductions, with 234 employees participating. Fifty percent of the money was awarded to the 2023-2024 winners, and the remaining net proceeds of \$18,103 (50% of sales, less processing and licensing fees) has been donated to Trent's student scholarships and bursaries.

"The growing support for our students speaks volumes to the commitment our faculty and staff have in ensuring our students succeed. I want to personally thank everyone who participates in the 50/50 draw, as well as our loyal and impactful supporters of the Trent Fund," said Christopher Armitage, director, Portfolio Operations & Digital Philanthropy.



A photograph of three graduates in green gowns and red stoles. The central figure is a young woman with blonde hair, smiling broadly at the camera. To her left is a young man with dark hair, looking slightly to the side. To her right is a young woman with long brown hair, looking off-camera. They are standing outdoors in front of a blurred background of trees and a building.

YOUR SUPPORT AT A GLANCE

\$56.4 million

Campaign funds raised to date

\$12,334,947

RAISED IN 2023/24!



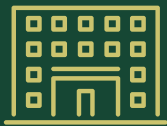
\$2,215,905

Academic Support



\$3,807,016

Student Support



\$5,661,015

Campus Improvement



\$277,219

Trent Fund



\$131,383

Research



\$242,409

Gift in Kind



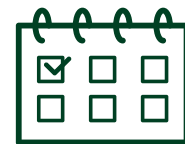
51.95%

of donors are alumni



306

Legacy Members



308

Monthly Donors



THANKS TO YOU...

Momentous Change is happening at Trent University.

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