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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



## Dear friend of the University of Regina,

Prior to the April 1 start of my term as Interim President and Vice-Chancellor, the COVID-19 pandemic had already forced the move of the Winter 2020 term to teaching and learning at a distance. Since that time, we have worked diligently to continue providing the high-quality educational experience for which our University is known. Throughout, our first priority has been to safeguard the health and well-being of the University community of students, faculty, and staff – something that plays an important role in helping keep the larger community safe.

I am pleased to acknowledge that amid these challenges, your donations have provided inspirational and transformational support.

More than ever, gifts to the University's Student Emergency Fund are much-needed financial lifelines for hardworking students whose lives have been adversely affected by the pandemic. These gifts have helped these students progress in their studies during what are challenging times for many.

Also during the year, faculty, staff, and retirees gave in record numbers through our successful *Big Hearts Family Giving* campaign. This support from our entire family of donors has gone a long

way to ensure the completion of the *College Avenue Campus Renewal Project*, the restoration of our historic Darke Hall, the success of our students, and the continuation of the University's vital research enterprise.

In June, we gathered virtually for the launch of the University's 2020-2025 Strategic Plan: *kahkiyaw kiwâhkômâkaninawak* (Cree for All Our Relations). In these challenging times, a Strategic Plan that weaves within its pages a strong sense of interdependence and mutual relationships will help us work together to "reflect the world in which we want to live" – a world that values empowered citizens, generates high-impact research, and embraces Canada's diversity. That is the world that we, with your support, are working to create.

Your commitment to the University of Regina is helping inspire in our students a lifelong passion for knowledge and understanding. And every dollar you contribute allows us to continue our mission of contributing to our local and global communities through high-quality and accessible education, life-changing research, creative endeavours, and meaningful scholarly experiences.

Please take a moment to read the stories in the next several pages – stories of donors like you, and the impact their gifts have had on our students, our University, and our extended community. These gifts change lives and help change our world for the better.

On behalf of our entire University of Regina family, thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Chase', written in a cursive style.

**Thomas Chase**  
*Interim President and Vice-Chancellor*



## Transformational gift helps save Darke Hall

In 1929, Regina’s Francis Darke championed the 578-seat Darke Hall to be the “temple to the arts, and a centre for cultural activity” for the Prairie city. Nearly a century later, that same spirit has inspired another Regina resident — Dr. Ann Phillips LLD’05 — to help preserve Darke Hall and at the same time inspire the community to support its much-needed restoration.

Ann and her late husband Roger moved to Regina in 1982 when Roger was named CEO of IPSCO. Under Roger’s leadership, IPSCO greatly enhanced its corporate philanthropy. Ann enjoyed a successful career as a Queen’s Counsel lawyer and has made great impact as a tireless volunteer and philanthropist. Today, Ann is committed to continuing the legacy she and her late husband have created through the Ann and Roger Phillips Foundation.

With the first stage of the *College Avenue Campus Renewal Project* complete, efforts have been focused on its second stage

and a renewed Darke Hall. With plans for preservation of the Hall’s existing heritage elements, as well as mechanical updates, accessibility improvements, and a new common space, significant fundraising dollars were needed to see out this vision.

“I have a fondness for old buildings and what they can tell us of the hopes and dreams of the people who preceded us,” said Ann. “Darke Hall had become really rundown, but my husband and I were always interested in its potential.”

In August of 2019, Ann announced the Foundation’s latest transformational gift — \$1 million to help preserve and renew Darke Hall. At the announcement, Ann also issued the *Darke Hall Matching Gift Challenge* — a \$500,000 pledge to inspire the community to experience the impact of giving by doubling each gift up to the pledge total. She even personally hand-signed more than 5,500 solicitation letters to friends of the University.

“I thought that people who remembered the glory days of Darke Hall would be inspired to support this project and current U of R supporters would want to choose this project because of the matching feature,” said Ann. “I hoped a nudge in the right direction could help to pull it all together.”

Thanks to the generosity of donors like Ann, the fundraising efforts to renew Darke Hall have been very successful. Dozens of new donors have been able to experience the power of giving through her Challenge, and Darke Hall is scheduled to be reopened in 2021.

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**Photo: Dr. Ann Phillips LLD’05 and Dr. Vianne Timmons announce Ann’s \$1 million gift and launch the Darke Hall Matching Gift Challenge.**

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# THE NEED IS GREAT.

## Coming together in support of students in need



**W**hen the COVID-19 pandemic hit, many University of Regina students found themselves unemployed and left wondering how they were going to cover the rent, pay utility bills, buy groceries, and continue their studies. The U of R Student Emergency Fund was created as a lifeline for students and, though virtually everyone has been impacted by the pandemic, donors have still given generously in support of U of R students.

Arian Pekaric, a third-year student at the U of R's Hill School of Business, was laid off from his part-time job due to COVID-19 restrictions. Originally from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Arian is like many international students who have had to remain in Regina during the pandemic with no immediate support system to fall back on.

"This truly is a global pandemic," said Arian. "People may think that international students will be okay because we were fortunate enough to come to the University to study. The truth is that many of us came here in search of a better life and an education, with little money."

Arian applied to the U of R Student

Emergency Fund and received a much-needed bursary.

"Staff at the University have made my situation much less stressful. Thanks to the Student Emergency Fund, I have been able to buy groceries and pay my bills," said Arian.



**Arian Pekaric**  
*Hill School of Business student*



**Michelle Intarakosit**  
*Nursing student*

After the Prairie Kitchen Party — the Student Emergency Fund's main fundraising vehicle — was cancelled, Regina's Redhead Equipment generously turned their event sponsorship into a pledge to match up to \$10,000 in community donations.

"Supporting our future leaders — in business, education, health care,

engineering, and sport — is so incredibly important at this time," said Gary Redhead, President of Redhead Equipment. "Being part of keeping student dreams alive is invaluable and supporting our community is integral to who we are at Redhead Equipment."

Michelle Intarakosit, a third-year nursing student, lives in a multi-generational home with her mother and grandmother. Due to the pandemic, Michelle was no longer able to rely on her casual employment at a care home as a steady source of income for her family. To make matters worse, her mother's sewing business was forced to shut down due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Michelle is grateful to have received financial assistance during such an unpredictable time.

"It was such a relief," said Michelle. "It was exactly the help I needed. As a student, it feels so great to receive this type of support from your own university."

To date, more than \$350,000 has been distributed to 345 deserving students to help pay for necessities like housing and groceries.



Rae Staseson, Dean of the Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance, with Joel Gregorio, Emily Kelln, and Dr. Irene Gregorio at the *Remembering Dr. Dominic Gregorio* memorial concert.

## Keeping the light shining

One year ago, we said good bye to a bright light within Canada’s choral scene – the Department of Music’s Dr. Dominic Gregorio.

An accomplished conductor, singer, and professor, Dominic was well regarded not only for his talent in music, but also his caring nature and love for life. As an associate professor and choir director, Dominic’s ability to inspire students and bring out the best of their abilities made him highly respected for his technical ability and beloved by students.

In just seven years with the University, Dominic was able to double the size of the University’s choir and attract large volunteer choirs for community productions. His energy helped to inspire any choir he worked with and kept all those involved enthusiastic about working together.

To honour the life and legacy of Dominic, his friends and family have created the Dr. Dominic Gregorio Award – a financial award to be presented to a gifted U of R

voice student who demonstrates the same passion and community mindedness that Dominic had.



Dr. Dominic Gregorio

“Dominic impacted countless students, colleagues, and friends with his kind and supportive nature,” said Dr. Irene Gregorio, Dominic’s sister. “This award honours Dominic’s principles of generosity, kindness, and love for his students. It is our hope that his legacy and spirit will continue to inspire goodness in us all.”

At the Department of Music’s *Remembering Dr. Dominic Gregorio* memorial concert, the inaugural award was presented to Emily Kelln, a third-year

Bachelor of Music Performance in Voice student. Active in the Saskatchewan music community, Emily had the honour of working with Dominic as a member of the U of R’s choir.

“Dominic was a true light in the choral community,” said Emily. “He taught me the importance of connecting with the music, the audience, your fellow choristers, and the conductor. He made each student feel valued and important.”

The award is especially meaningful to Emily because of the tremendous impact Dominic had on her life.

“I am so thankful for the opportunity to receive this award, but there is also sadness due to the loss of this amazing teacher, educator, musician, and friend,” said Emily. “Dominic touched so many people’s lives and this award is a beautiful tribute.”

An additional entrance award has been established in Dominic’s honour and will keep the light that was Dominic shining for a long time to come.

Bernadette McIntyre  
BAdmin'80, BA'81

Photo: Bernadette McIntyre

# CONNECTION.

## Lifelong U of R commitment

**B**ernadette McIntyre BAdmin'80, BA'81 inherited her passion for education and travel from her mother Eleanor. While far from her home in Great Britain, Eleanor spent time in Bethune, Saskatchewan on a 1955 teaching exchange. She would lay down roots in Saskatchewan and start a new life — marrying John Struthers and raising three children — one of whom was Bernadette — on a family farm just south of Bethune.

In 1976, Bernadette left home to begin a fulfilling, lifelong relationship with the University of Regina.

“The University was life changing,” recalls Bernadette. “The diversity on campus was wonderful, and it contributed to my ambition to travel abroad to places like Europe and China to discover cultures different from my own.”

Even after completing her degrees in business and economics, Bernadette remained close to the University. In 1994, her professional achievements were recognized with the U of R's Distinguished Alumnus of the Year award, the precursor

to the Alumni Crowning Achievement Awards. She has volunteered as a member of the U of R's Alumni Association, Senate, Board of Governors, and is currently a member of the Hill and Levene Schools of Business Leaders Council.



Bernadette with His Worship Michael Fougere, Mayor, City of Regina, and Dr. Vianne Timmons at the launch of the 2016 Wascana Centre Authority and Campus Master Plans.

Bernadette played a key role in the *College Avenue Campus Renewal Project*, not only as a donor but also through her work as CEO of Wascana Centre Authority.

Over a distinguished career, including 27 years in leadership positions with Saskatchewan Government Insurance, Bernadette has become a staple of the Regina business community and credits

much of her success to her start at the U of R.

“The University of Regina set me on the right path to a rewarding career,” said Bernadette. “And I wanted to give back.”

Bernadette and her husband Rich have been longtime donors to the U of R — supporting many causes closest to them. Bernadette established awards in her parents' names, including the Eleanor Struthers Memorial Travel Scholarship to honour the love of travel and learning she instilled in Bernadette. Strengthening their commitment to the University and their confidence in the future, the McIntyres have committed a legacy gift to the U of R.

“We wanted to carve out a little legacy for ourselves, while helping the University continue to thrive as a preeminent institution,” said Bernadette. “If you have the resources, with the stroke of a pen you can make a planned gift and impact the future by helping students go on to change the world.”



Photo: Advising and Career Education

# OPPORTUNITY.

## A pioneer in experiential education

**H**ired as one of the first faculty members of the Faculty of Engineering in 1967, Dr. Cam Blachford BASc'53 would – for more than half a century – impact the careers of thousands of University of Regina students.

Along with John Mantle, the then newly appointed Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Cam helped found the U of R's Co-operative Education and Internship Program in 1969 – the first program of this kind in western Canada.

Since its inception, the Co-op Program, as it has come to be known, has had more than 26,000 students obtain work terms, helping them gain hands-on experience, establish networking opportunities, and earn extra money. Over the last decade, the program has witnessed growth in excess of 60%, and has seen the participation of more than 750 Indigenous students since 2006. In 2019, 865 career-related placements were recorded with \$10.5 million in salaries earned. Many students continue to list the Program

and its experiential learning opportunities as the reason they chose to study at the U of R.

“My Co-op work experience led to me finding a full-time position even before I graduated,” said Astha Sharma MHRM'19. “Without participating in the U of R's Co-op Program, I never would have gained the experience or the contacts to land the job I now have. Co-op was the best decision I made while taking my master's degree.”

Over a 30-year career with the University, Cam invested his energy and expertise in the Co-op Program before retiring in 1997. Cam's support of Co-op students continues to this day through the Mantle-Blachford Scholarship for Co-operative Education, created to honour his and John's contributions to the program.

“We are so grateful to Dr. Blachford for the difference he has made for so many students, not only as co-founder of the program, but also as a donor,” said Kevin Bolen, Director, Student Success

Centre. “His generous support helped those students rise to even greater accomplishments through internships and work-integrated learning.”

To commemorate the Co-op Program's 50th anniversary, the U of R's Career Education staff presented Cam with a plaque, honouring him for all the contributions he has made to the success of Co-op students.

“I felt proud to receive that recognition,” said Cam. “I believe in the U of R's Co-op Program. I believe in helping students. And I believe any support we can give has an impact on their lives. I'm reminded of that every time I read a personal thank-you note written to me from one of our scholarship recipients.”

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**Photo: Dr. Cam Blachford BASc'53 receiving a plaque of recognition from the Career Education staff.**

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# PERSEVERANCE.

## Helping others reach their full potential

**G**rowing up in rural Ethiopia, Dr. Ted Jaleta LLD'14 walked 30 km every day just to attend school. With no one in his family able to read or write and with classes taught in a language not his own, Ted had to work hard to overcome overwhelming obstacles. Believing education to be key to securing a better life, Ted persevered and became a top student.

While he was in college, civil war broke out in Ethiopia. After attending a political demonstration, Ted spent time in prison, and then lived for four years in a refugee camp in Sudan. He eventually escaped to Kenya, and in 1982 was accepted to move to Canada, becoming a Canadian citizen in 1985.

Since arriving in Regina, Ted has become a community fixture as a volunteer, motivational speaker, and competitive runner. Ted is one of Saskatchewan's most accomplished athletes and ranked seventh in the world by *Runner's World* magazine in the Masters Division for distance

running. From 2004 to 2007, Ted coached the U of R's track and field and cross-country teams and has built a community through the Jaleta Pacers Running Group. In 2014, Ted was recognized with an honorary degree from the U of R for his contributions to the community.



*Ted receiving his honorary degree from Dr. Vianne Timmons.*

Ted has generously supported scholarships to help students to pursue their educational dreams. His award, the Jaleta Pacers Entrance Award, was established to help students, like himself, who have

overcome adversity to achieve their full academic potential. The 2019 recipient of the award was Kawthar Alkhateeb, a refugee from Syria and a second-year U of R student majoring in Software Systems Engineering.

"This award has helped me very much with my tuition and allowed me to focus on my first year of studies," said Kawthar, who immigrated to Regina in 2015. "The award means so much to me and my family. Last year, my parents' faces lit up with smiles when they learned they wouldn't have to financially support me for a year."

Ted is passionate about helping students who are facing adversity.

"I will never forget the feeling that someone cared about my future," said Ted. "I grew up in a culture that consistently put the needs of others at the forefront. This upbringing, along with my own experiences, strongly influenced my desire to give back to those in need. The gift of education helps to bridge the gap of inequality and is the best gift you can give to others."

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# STUDENT AWARDS RECIPIENTS



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**“Even now, talking about it brings tears to my eyes,” said James. “It was so well timed. It felt like I was being taken care of, and for that I am so grateful and blessed.”**

## James Froh

**Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy Student**

Not your average university student, self-described “policy nerd,” James Froh worked for the Government of Saskatchewan for 18 years before pursuing his masters at the University of Regina’s Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy. At 62 years old, James hadn’t set foot in a classroom in 35 years. Deeply committed to creating a better society and a more engaged country, James’ research focuses on the intersection of housing and health for Indigenous families in an urban setting.

Last Fall, James received a \$20,000 research award from the Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research and Indigenous People’s Health Research Centre. A husband and father of two teenagers, James is grateful for the award and the ability it gives him to continue contributing financially to his family while pursuing his studies.

James is also the recipient of the Indigenous Graduate Scholarship, *kaskitomasowak*, from the U of R’s Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research. James was standing outside an operating room where his daughter was undergoing jaw surgery when he received the welcome news of the scholarship. After receiving the scholarship, James and his wife no longer had to borrow money to cover the cost of the procedure and James could continue to focus on his family while pursuing his master’s degree.



Photo: Hayley Genaille

**“It’s the best of both worlds, as I get to finish my schooling and be with my son,” said Hayley.**

## Hayley Genaille

**Faculty of Social Work Student**

As a student in the Faculty of Social Work at the U of R, Hayley Genaille dreams of a career helping others. Her desire to give back to her community stems from the generosity and support she received after giving birth to her son during her first year of university.

With emotional and financial support from her parents, the guidance of academic advisors at the University of Regina, and financial support from both the U of R and the Government of Saskatchewan, Hayley has been able to pursue her educational dreams while raising her son at home in her community of Porcupine Plain in Saskatchewan.

Recently, Hayley received an Inclusion Saskatchewan Research Award for her commitment to making a difference in the lives of people living with intellectual disabilities.

“I am happy to know that there are awards out there that seek to encourage individuals who are trying to help others,” said Hayley. “I am also grateful for the opportunity to take distance education — without it, I would not be able to complete my degree.”

# BIG HEARTS FAMILY GIVING

## Sending a powerful message to the community



Each day, University of Regina staff give of themselves to advance the work of the University — and many, when considering where to give their charitable donations, choose to give to the University.

This past February, *Big Hearts Family Giving*, a new U of R internal giving program, was launched to inspire faculty, staff, and retirees to experience the power of giving and encourage them to support the U of R causes closest to their hearts.

Thirty ambassadors from faculties, departments, and units throughout the University and federated colleges spread the message of the impact of philanthropy. One of these ambassadors was Dr. Mark Brigham, a professor with the Department of Biology. For the past 27 years, Mark has chosen to give to the U of R, contributing to many student scholarships, and even working on other internal giving campaigns, including *Vision 2020*.

“It makes my workplace better. It helps students, and makes my job as an educator easier,” said Mark. “I get a boost from doing it. I think back to

when I was a student and how special it made me feel to receive scholarships. Giving has a tremendous impact on students and their studies.”

As a faculty member, Mark often witnesses the positive effect of his giving on U of R students and encourages his peers to experience the power of giving for themselves.

“The amounts we give may be small, but every bit adds up,” said Mark. “Those outside of the University hear our message of support and buy in to the fact that this is a worthwhile place to invest.”

Jackie Onagi, Alumni Engagement Officer with University Advancement & Communications, encouraged UAC to double the impact of their donations through the *Darke Hall Matching Gift Challenge*, among other causes. The UAC team came through with an 88% participation rate.

“When we give as staff, we all benefit,” said Jackie. “Knowing that our contributions can influence a future donor, help a student in need or

complete a major project inspires me to give.”

Through the 2020 edition of *Big Hearts Family Giving*, nearly 400 faculty, staff, and retirees from every U of R faculty, unit, and federated colleges contributed \$630,000. Although the majority of donations were directed towards the Student Emergency Fund, student awards, and the restoration of Darke Hall, almost every area on campus received funding.

“Giving back to the institution where we work, builds a sense of pride and a willingness to accomplish more,” said Jackie. “With such a large number of donors from within the University, we can be proud that we are building a culture of philanthropy where we can say we are all ambassadors of the U of R.”

**“The amounts we give  
may be small, but  
every bit adds up.”**

– DR. MARK BRIGHAM



Photo: Hudson Taylor

Dr. Allan Bonner BEd'79, Lisa Mitchell Associate Vice-President (University Advancement & Communications), and Nabi Khandaker MSc'73 at U of R Toronto President's Reception.

## Chain reaction of giving

After graduating with a master's degree in physics from the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, Nabi Khandaker MSc'73 wanted to pursue his childhood ambition of settling in a western country in search of greater hope and opportunity.

In 1969, Nabi married Sakina in Bangladesh and in 1970, Nabi moved to Regina to pursue an education in low temperature physics at the University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus. In 1971, Sakina would join Nabi in Regina to start their new life in Canada.

The couple's new life was not without its challenges. Nabi, now a father, worked a teaching assistantship that only paid \$250 per month. Nabi was finding it difficult to juggle his studies while making ends meet. It was then that Nabi had his first encounter with U of R donors and the impact their philanthropy would have on his life.

A \$1,000 Summer Scholarship provided Nabi and his young family with the financial stability needed for him to complete his graduate degree.

Nabi ultimately switched careers, obtained a Chartered Professional Accounting designation, and opened an accounting practice in Toronto. Nabi and Sakina made Toronto home, raising their son and three daughters there. More than 35 years later, Nabi's practice is going strong.



The Khandaker family: Sabina, Nabi, Sadia, Masud, Sakina, and Parsa.

Photo: Khandaker family

Even though life went in a different direction than expected, Nabi believes having an education is the cornerstone of a better life. Nabi and Sakina have never forgotten the generous donor who helped change their lives.

The impact of the scholarship Nabi received inspired the creation of the Nabi and Sakina Khandaker Graduate Family Award.

This scholarship is supported by the Khandaker Family with an indefinite annual recurring donation and provides financial assistance for a parent completing their graduate degree. The Award will continue for many years and is one of the ways Nabi and his family have continued to honour the legacy and impact donors have had on his family's life.

"We have been so blessed with four children, who have successful careers in Canada and the United States," said Nabi. "So both Sakina and I feel we should leave a planned gift to the University of Regina to thank the institution for giving me the opportunity to complete my graduate studies — and thank the donor who partially funded my studies."

Nabi and Sakina continue to honour that life-changing scholarship by supporting their community, setting up a family foundation to help students, homeless people, and families struggling with hunger — a foundation they hope to pass down to their children and future generations.



Faith Savarese, Coordinator with Campus For All, Michael Lavis, Executive Director of Creative Options Regina, Dr. Vianne Timmons, and Dr. Renu Kapoor LLD'19 at the India Night cheque presentation ceremony.

## Inspiring those who face barriers

**D**r. Renu Kapoor LLD'19 is proof that volunteerism can help change lives for the better.

Born in India, Renu grew up idolizing her parents and their community contributions. Renu and her husband Don moved to Regina in 1965 and have worked tirelessly to improve their community ever since.

Renu's community efforts were recognized by the University of Regina in 2014 with the President's Community Service Award and with an honorary degree in 2019.

Cultural Connections Regina (CCR), where Renu serves as chairperson, is one of the many organizations to which she gives her time. The non-profit organization aimed at promoting cross cultural awareness, hosts India Night. This flagship event for CCR is annually attended by more than 700 people and each year its proceeds are donated to a different charity.

"We are committed to empowering grassroots charities who are doing amazing work to serve and improve our community," said Renu.

For the 2019 edition of India Night, the board of CCR selected the U of R's Campus For All program and its 4to40 initiative as the recipients of nearly \$150,000.



Dr. Renu Kapoor LLD'19

Campus For All, U of R's inclusive four-year post-secondary program, provides young adults with intellectual disabilities access to the same university experience as their peers. In partnership with Creative Options Regina, 4to40 connects Campus For All students who normally face employment barriers with forward-thinking employers and – in doing so – valuable work experience.

At India Night, Taylor Carter, a U of R Campus For All student, gave a moving

speech about the impact 4to40 and his job at Farm Credit Canada have had on his life.

"I feel supported, encouraged, appreciated, and love every day that I'm there. I feel like I belong," said Taylor. "Campus For All is helping to make my dreams come true. You have made a real difference in my life – and in my family's life, too."

Proceeds from India Night have allowed Campus For All to hire two new resources dedicated to expanding 4to40. These positions have strengthened existing partnerships, and have created new employment opportunities with the Regina Fire Department, Shermco Industries, Public Service Commission, and U of R Facilities Management.

As a long-time donor to Campus For All, Renu believes in the power of the program and its impact on creating a more inclusive society.

"U of R's Campus For All mission and approach deserve the highest contribution from the community, and I want to inspire others to support this essential program," said Renu.



**Dr. Vianne Timmons,**  
the University of Regina's seventh  
President and Vice-Chancellor.

## Leading by example

**W**hen Dr. Vianne Timmons left the University of Regina after 12 years to take on the leadership of Memorial University, she left in her wake a long list of achievements, including: record enrolment growth; increased campus diversity; a balanced budget each year; increased research funding and scope; and, the restoration of College Avenue Campus and soon-to-be-completed Darke Hall. Her impact helped to put the U of R on the map.

“A born optimist, always looking for the best in people. Her campaigns against bullying and racism, her support for women, for Indigenous people, for International Students, for individuals with special needs — all these qualities of leadership, compassion, and courage helped make this University a better place,” said Ralph Goodale, former Member of Parliament (Regina-Wascana) and Federal Minister, summing up his experience of Vianne.

One area that received little fanfare was Vianne’s commitment to help create a better world for future generations through philanthropy. As the driving force behind many of the University’s largest fundraising initiatives, Vianne was always one to lead by example and supported many of the causes she was most passionate about.



*Vianne welcomes students during Move-In Day.*

Vianne and her husband Stuart Mason became two of the University’s most passionate donors. They were generous donors to the *College Avenue Campus*

*Renewal Project*, established the Timmons Mason Scholarship for Campus For All Students, and supported the Student Emergency Fund and students in need.

In 2012, Vianne reached out to the community asking them to help support Nigerian University of Regina students Victoria Ordu LAC’15, BA’16, CHS’16 and Favour Amadi CINTL’17, LAC’18, who faced deportation. Vianne and the community banded together and their efforts helped Victoria and Favour to stay in Canada and complete their education.

“Having someone like the President be there for me, it made me reassess my own life — how I want to be there for other people,” said Victoria.

Vianne was not only a tremendous leader for the University of Regina, but a beloved community member, adopted by the people of Regina as one of their own. She leaves a legacy of leadership, selflessness, and the power of giving — and the U of R in a great position for the future.

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# IMPACTING STUDENTS 2019/2020

## STUDENTS AS OF FALL 2019



16,501

Undergrad & Grad Students



3,145

International Students



2,200

Indigenous Students

## TOTAL DONATIONS

\$10,254,540

Student Support:	Buildings & Equipment:	Program Support:	Research:	Other Support:
\$2,229,867	\$3,785,020	\$1,089,167	\$1,988,180	\$1,162,306

## DONORS



1,596

People who have made a donation



134

Monthly donors



82

Expected Legacy Givers



614

New donors

## AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS THROUGH AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES



\$6,241,699.<sup>30</sup>

Undergrads: \$5,687,656.<sup>30</sup> | Grads: \$554,043

## NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED AN AWARD, SCHOLARSHIP OR BURSARY



2,744

Undergrads:	Grads:
2,569	175

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