MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear friends,

I am so pleased to report on another year of student success at the University of Regina, and to acknowledge that our donors are at the heart of that success.

Over the past year, we were fortunate to receive a remarkable $16,525,642 from 1,524 forward-thinking donors. This support is critical for our students, our academic and athletic programs, and the research the University undertakes in important areas such as mental health, cultural preservation, water conservation, and clean energy.

This past October, we celebrated the grand re-opening of the College Building. If it were not for the generosity of the more than 550 donors who contributed to the College Avenue Campus Renewal Project, this feat would not have been possible. When our community gets behind a cause, we can generate a tremendous impact, as the beautifully revitalized College Building so clearly demonstrates. And we are just getting started. Wait until you see what we have in store for Darke Hall!

In this report, we share and celebrate not only the generosity of donors like you, but also some of the stories behind your gifts. These stories underscore how your generosity has an impact on the lives of our students and allows them not only to dream about their futures, but also pursue those dreams—to achieve and succeed!

We believe that donors are at the heart of student success. That’s why you’ll find our donors listed in the very centre of this report.

Together, we empower our faculty and students to meet the ever-changing needs of our world. They spark innovation, and their research is having a positive impact on our world. By helping our students build their knowledge and develop their skills today, you are helping equip them to become the leaders and influencers of tomorrow.

The University of Regina is engaged with the community, acting as a catalyst for change, and providing the foundation for growth and innovation. As donors, you are part of that because you serve as an inspiration and your belief in our work helps us move forward. Together, we educate contributors, career-ready learners, and global citizens.

Thank you.

Dr. Vianne Timmons
President and Vice-Chancellor
Encouraging greater gender balance in STEM

crediting his parents for encouraging him, his three sisters, and twin brother to pursue their dreams, Dr. Nevan Krogan BSc’97, MSc’99 is now returning the favour.

“They always supported us to pursue what we loved and to never be discouraged. This scholarship is my small part to help lead others in the right direction,” says Nevan.

A native of Regina, Nevan attended the University of Regina from 1993 to 1999, completing his undergraduate degree in biochemistry and graduate degree in biology. Since then, Nevan has obtained his PhD in medical genetics from the University of Toronto, authored more than 250 papers, and started the Krogan Lab at the University of California San Francisco. He is highly regarded for his research in areas including HIV and cancer. Throughout his accomplished career, Nevan has noticed a lack of female representation in the sciences.

“Women are typically the best scientists I encounter. Anything we can do to encourage more gender balance is great for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics,” says Nevan.

Recipients of the Jack and June Krogan Women in Science Scholarship, named for Nevan’s mother and late father, receive a $3,000 bursary, as well as a two-month summer research experience at the Krogan Lab in San Francisco—fully paid.

Alexandria Ripplinger BSc’19 is the inaugural recipient of the award, and is currently spending the summer in San Francisco with the Krogan Lab. Highlights of her research experience have included exposure to new lab techniques—including cloning and mass spectrometry, data analysis with high-level software, working with researchers from diverse backgrounds, and a new sense of independence. Alex plans to attend graduate school and one day become a pathologists’ assistant. She believes the scholarship and experience will be invaluable for her graduate school applications and future employment opportunities.

“This award has underscored for me to not get discouraged, to keep trying, and seek out all the opportunities that you can. I hope that this award will inspire other women to follow their dreams and pursue careers in science!”
Chinenye Anokwuru
Journalism Graduate Student

In her native Nigeria, Chinenye obtained a bachelor’s degree in chemistry, but discovered her true passion was journalism. Rising through the ranks in various roles in radio and television, Chinenye became manager and head of the international desk with African Independent Television. Despite her success, Chinenye set her sights higher with dreams of competing for broadcasting jobs on the global scale, and decided she needed a journalism degree.

Having researched the possibilities, Chinenye made her way to Regina, excited by the array of opportunities available for media professionals. Now in the final semester of her master’s degree in journalism, Chinenye is working throughout Africa on her final project, a documentary about the psychological impact of Boko Haram terrorism on its victims. Thanks to two donor-supported awards—the Rob Robbins Assignment Abroad Award and the Award for Advanced Investigations in Society and the Human Condition—Chinenye has been able to afford the travel necessary for her research and interviews, and her pursuit of a seat at the global journalism table.

“I have been able to give a voice to the survivors of terrorism and their families due in no small part to the funding provided by these scholarships,” says Chinenye.

Ashley Balzer
Industrial Systems Engineering Student

Growing up in a small town just outside of Regina, Ashley chose the University of Regina for the strength of the Faculty of Education, and the opportunity to pursue her dreams so close to home. After her first semester in education, Ashley realized her skills and interests aligned more closely with engineering, promptly switched faculties, and has not looked back.

Ashley has benefited from many donor-supported scholarships, including the Mary Denise Dopko Jackson Memorial Award, which allow her to focus on her studies rather than finding part-time jobs to pay for her education. For the past year, Ashley has been training with the University of Regina’s triathlon team, and is planning to run in the Queen City Marathon’s half-marathon. She also plans on completing a co-op term volunteering with Engineering Ministries International—using her skills to help build schools and hospitals, and is interested in attending grad school for a master’s degree in biomedical engineering.

“It’s encouraging to know that there are donors that believe in me enough to invest their resources in my education. I’m excited to positively impact the lives of others in communities around the world,” Ashley says.
Kenneth Lochhead LLD’89 taught many of our province’s most accomplished artists. The Lochhead family is ensuring Ken’s legacy will continue—inspiring aspiring artists for years to come.

In 1950, a young Ottawa-based painter named Kenneth Lochhead was invited to Regina by Dr. William Riddell to interview for the role of Director of the School of Art for Regina College (now the University of Regina). Ken would spend 14 years with the University in this role working at College Avenue Campus teaching hundreds of students—including artists Joe Fafard, Anthony Thorn, and Brian Fisher—and creating some of his most influential work.

The six-decade-long career of one of Canada’s most celebrated artists included bringing world-renowned artists to Saskatchewan through the University’s Emma Lake Professional Artists’ Workshops, helping to start the Norman MacKenzie Art Gallery in 1953, and generating international attention for Regina’s art scene as a member of the Regina Five.

Sadly, Ken passed away in 2006. The Lochhead family, however, has kept his memory and relationship with the University of Regina alive through their acts of generosity. Ken’s wife, Joanne Lochhead, has remained close to the University for many years. She has coordinated several gifts of art on her family’s behalf, and regularly attends University of Regina alumni events in her hometown of Ottawa.

In May of 2019, the Lochhead family’s largest gift yet was announced; a collection of paintings, sketches, and workbooks valued at $716,000. The University of Regina now has one of the largest collections of Lochhead’s work—with nearly 100 pieces in the President’s Art Collection. Many of the pieces in the donation were created in Regina in the 1950s and 1960s, and have returned to what was Lochhead’s first artistic and academic home. They will permanently adorn the halls of the University of Regina’s campuses, library, and President’s Residence.

“The time Ken spent here in Regina helped shape him as a person and as an artist, so to have this collection come home means so much to our family,” says Joanne.

The generosity of the Lochhead family ensures that Ken’s art will continue to inspire generations of students, faculty, staff, and the wider community.

Influencing artists for generations to come
Two of Saskatchewan’s largest insurance providers have made a commitment to supporting homegrown talent, and their investment is paying out a premium.

Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) and Saskatchewan Workers’ Compensation Board (WCB) have long been supporters of the actuarial science program at the University of Regina. The program is one of only 11 in Canada accredited by the Canadian Institute of Actuaries, and the only program of its kind in Saskatchewan. Actuaries are highly-skilled professionals who require strong mathematical ability, as well as business knowledge. The work they do helps organizations, like SGI and WCB, to measure and manage risk.

“By supporting the program, we have access to candidates who are skilled at risk analysis,” says Janice Brunas, Director of Strategic Finance and Performance Measurement at WCB. “Candidates are able to participate in project work with the internal actuary.”

Since the program’s inception in 2000, local employers have had access to a much larger, locally trained pool of actuaries.

“At one time, we needed to outsource and recruit consultants from out east,” says Robert Osicki BSc’06, Senior Director of Actuarial Services Pricing at SGI. “We decided to make an investment in Saskatchewan, and support the development of the programs right here at the University of Regina. It has proven very successful in the quality of candidates we are able to attract.”

Dr. Douglas Farenick, Dean of the Faculty of Science, and Robert’s former instructor, has noted how the support of SGI and WCB has helped to enhance the actuarial science program, including the opportunities they provide for faculty members to work on special consulting assignments, helping them to stay current in the constantly evolving discipline.

“We remain grateful for SGI and WCB’s engagement with our students, and their involvement in helping to make our programs beneficial to the people of Saskatchewan and beyond,” says Doug.
The generosity of one of Regina’s most accomplished business people is empowering professionals in the community to achieve their career advancement goals.

Born and raised in Regina, Kenneth Levene LLD’17 is a retired business owner, noted philanthropist, and University of Regina supporter. The Levene family owned and operated Crescent Furniture stores across southern Saskatchewan for three generations, with the company under Ken’s direct leadership from 1962-1984. Ken credits his family for instilling in him the value of giving back, and continues his family’s legacy today by supporting the community that fostered his business success, and helping to create opportunities for others.

In 2005, Ken made a $4 million donation to help create the University’s graduate school of business. His generosity did not stop there, as he has made several impactful gifts since to continue to enrich the experience of students attending the University of Regina’s Kenneth Levene Graduate School of Business.

“The quality of the School’s programming and the experience for our students are very important to me. I am happy to help the school to innovate and set students up for future success,” says Ken.

With the creation of the School, local professionals wishing to advance their careers have been able to stay in Regina for their MBAs. Ken, however, did not want the school’s reach to be limited strictly to a local audience. A recent gift of $100,000 is being used to create the Kenneth Levene Streaming Studio—a classroom outfitted with leading-edge streaming equipment to be able to bring MBA classes to students in their home communities. Part of the donation will be used to launch Indigenous Pathways, a program supporting the academic success of Indigenous students, and encouraging more Indigenous peoples to pursue their business and entrepreneurial dreams.

The Levene School of Business now has more than 1,000 alumni worldwide. Dr. Gina Grandy, Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration, notes that Ken’s continued support of the University has helped to positively influence the lives of students, and create economic and social impact for the community.

“He is a very special man who understands how access to quality graduate education changes lives. We are incredibly grateful for his ongoing commitment to our students,” says Gina.
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Pat Vandenberghe holds firmly to the belief shared by her late husband Dr. Douglas Vandenberghe that education is the key to success.

After graduating from high school near Winnipeg, Doug went to work as a labourer. One day on the job, Doug experienced a life-altering moment. While working on a construction site during a particularly frigid winter day, he noticed an engineer in a warm trailer sipping on a hot cup of coffee. It was then that Doug made the decision that he would go to university to study engineering.

In the subsequent years, Doug and Pat—high-school sweethearts—married and Doug earned his PhD in engineering. The couple would make their way to Regina, where Doug landed his dream job teaching engineering at the University of Regina. He would work as an associate professor from 1978 to 1985, and as a professor for another 13 years.

After Doug retired from teaching in 1998, the couple had many discussions of how they could continue to support the University.

“The transformative power of education

Pat and her late husband Doug shared the belief that education is the way to a better future.”

“Doug and I knew firsthand that education was the path to a better future and a better life,” says Pat. “Life is hard enough as it is, so we wanted to help those who could use more support, which was why we chose to help students with physical disabilities.”

This desire to help others led to the creation of the Dr. Douglas and Patricia Vandenberghe Scholarship, which is a $1,500 award presented annually to students with a permanent physical disability. Pat has also committed to making a planned gift to the University of Regina to help further the positive impact on students.

“My three sons, who are all University of Regina alumni, carry Doug’s passion for education,” says Pat. “By leaving a gift in my will, our family can continue to help others to achieve their dreams. We hope this will inspire others in the community—and my family—to experience the joy of helping people who need it!”
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Thomas Wright
Certificate in Inclusive Post-Secondary Education

Tom is a born performer and throughout his time as a student, has been able to hone his skills with many classes in movement, acting, and singing. As an accomplished singer, Tom has shared his gift by performing in recitals across the province and around North America. Keeping busy, Tom is a powerlifter, volunteers with the Globe Theatre and College Park Retirement Home II, and along with his father, sings in the duo “Tomcat Howl”. His positive attitude is infectious, and his instructors have noticed just how much of an inspiration he is to fellow students.

In addition to the several awards and bursaries Tom has received, he was the 2019 recipient of the Dr. Don and Renu Kapoor Celebration award. The Kapoors created the award in order to support recent graduates of the University’s Campus for All program in finding their independence. After convocating from the University of Regina in June, Tom will be ramping up his volunteer efforts, auditing performance classes, and will soon be moving out on his own.

Rob McCaffrey
Sports Psychology Graduate Student

Born in Saskatchewan, Rob has been able to apply his love of sports to groundbreaking research. After completing his masters degree at the University of Wisconsin, Rob made his way to Regina for the opportunity to research closer to home. His research is multifaceted, with a focus on how athletes can use mental skills to improve performance and the role of training and screening on concussion identification and recovery. His research is not only beneficial to athletes, but also those in other high-pressure occupations, including referees, medical professionals, and RCMP officers. Scholarships have given Rob the opportunity to travel to many conferences to present his research, network, and enhance his learning.

As a husband and a father to a 10-month old son, Rob is incredibly appreciative of the many donor-funded scholarships he has received, including the Groome Family Fellowship in Health Research. This award is presented annually to a student contributing practical solutions to challenges faced by Saskatchewan residents with respect to health and wellness issues. Thanks to these awards, Rob is able to help support his family while continuing to focus on his research, teaching, and working as an assistant coach with the Cougars Women’s soccer team.
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Total amount given to students through awards, scholarships and bursaries:

$6,519,164

Undergrads: $6,030,927  |  Grads: $488,537

Number of students receiving a scholarship, award, or bursary:

2,620

- Undergrads: 2,454
- Grads: 166

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15,568

- Undergrad and Grad students

2,473 [16%]

- International students

73,482

- Alumni

2,077 [13%]

- First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students

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