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EDITOR'S LETTER

This issue is dedicated to you - our 99,000+ alumni. While we couldn't feature all of you in this 72-page magazine, I hope the spirit in which it has been produced is understood.

Publishing last summer's 100th-anniversary issue brought me joy and from some of the feedback we received, it also brought joy to our readers. Here is what some of you had to say: "What a surprise! I was flipping through the 100-year anniversary issue of Alumni News, when I discovered my father on page 12." "I enjoyed looking through my copy of the 100th anniversary issue of UNB Alumni News." "Having just received the retrospective issue of *Alumni News* via email, I am delighted to see that I am back in print! ("It's No Snap Making it in Photography," 1977)."

In the spirit of nostalgia, 2023 marks my 10th year working on Alumni News - which was supposed to be a one-issue gig. During those years, I've met many great alumni and had the privilege of hearing and sharing their stories. If you are one of them, Thank You! Instead of including my photo with this letter, these are some of the issues that hold great memories for me.

This current issue is also our make-up issue. Due to the nature of the 100th anniversary magazine, our regular content was moved to this issue, including Hither and Yon and In Memoriam. There are also lots of photos from gatherings, reunion weekend, Red+Black Day, and the Proudly UNB Awards event. And, we're highlighting some of our people, places, programs, and research; as well as sharing stories on how you are supporting future alumni.

We're always planning for future issues of the magazine and will have some new and different ways to share alumni stories. Looking ahead to the summer 2024 issue, I'm putting a call out for questions for UNB President Dr. Paul Mazerolle. To commemorate the end of his first term and the beginning of his second term, we'll feature a Q&A with him. So send your questions to alumni@unb.ca. The deadline is March 30, 2024.

The next 100 years of *Alumni News* are going to be great!

Happy reading. Until the next issue.

Natalie

Natalie Montgomery (BBA'99)
Managing Editor ■



□ My first issue, 2013



□ My first issue as editor, 2014



□ One of my favourite issues, 2019

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I am so pleased to be writing to you as president of the UNB Associated Alumni and want to extend my sincere thanks to outgoing president Jill Jeffrey (BPE'82, BEd'83) for her leadership over the last two years.

Completing my law degree at UNB in 1999 changed how I look at the world and laid the foundation for my continued involvement with the university. I first joined the UNB Associated Alumnae as president, representing women graduates and former women students of the university. Throughout my many years of volunteer involvement with the Alumnae Council, I became progressively more passionate about UNB and inspired by the innovative impact it has on our community, province and beyond. I served on the Alumnae Council for nine years and have been a member of the Alumni Council since 2018.

One of the highlights of my time as an alumni ambassador has been being part of the surprise presentation of the UNB Alumni Legacy Award (see page 27) to this year's recipient. I am thrilled to have begun my term as president during a time of both reflection and excitement for what's to come for UNB.

As you would have read in the last issue of this magazine, 2023 marks the 100th anniversary of Alumni News and a century of telling the stories of our remarkable alumni, students, faculty, and staff. This anniversary is a great point of pride for me and the association, and it's been very encouraging to read in the anniversary issue, how UNB has contributed to significant growth over the last 100 years.

I am excited about the future of UNB and the remarkable changes that will take shape throughout the decades to come. As one of my first official duties as president, it was a pleasure to welcome our newest graduates into the proud alumni family this October at fall Convocation. I know I will continue to be inspired by the accomplishments and community contributions of our new grads. During this ceremony, it was also a great honour to be involved in the installation of UNB's seventh modern-day chancellor, H. Wade MacLauchlan (LLB'81).

As I look ahead to my goals over the next two years, my priorities will be looking at how we do things in this new reality we find ourselves in where some people are anxious to get back out into the world and attend events in person while others still very much want to be involved but would prefer to engage virtually. I'm looking forward to celebrating with our alumni community over the coming months during our many chapter gatherings, virtual events and Proudly UNB Awards.

I feel fortunate to be part of such an inspiring network and hope to connect with you during my term as president.



Jennifer Sutherland Green (LLB'99)
UNB Associated Alumni President ■



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WHAT'S HAPPENING *at* UNB

PEOPLE, PLACES, PROGRAMS AND RESEARCH

Virtual nursing education in Miramichi and Moncton



It's top of mind for most New Brunswickers. The province needs more nurses.

That's why licensed practical nurses (LPNs) working in the Miramichi and Moncton regions now have the option to obtain their registered nursing (RN) certification virtually through UNB's Learn Where You Live program.

Students will receive clinical education onsite at Horizon Health and NBCC, with ongoing support from SPECTRAL, UNB's applied research lab on spatial computing.

Read more at blogs.unb.ca/newsroom/2023/08/virtual-nursing.php

Bio-psych program offers students experiential-learning opportunities

A biology-psychology program was launched on the Fredericton campus this fall. Already offered on UNB's Saint John campus, the program will meet the needs of students interested in studying the human body and human behaviour.

Students enrolled in the interdepartmental program will complete the equivalent of a double major within the expected four years of a bachelor of science degree. The program offers students a gateway to prospective training, higher degrees and a variety of career paths in scientific and health-related disciplines. It is designed for students wishing to pursue careers or post-graduate studies in health-oriented areas such as neuroscience, human biology, psychology, medicine, dentistry or pharmacy.

Read more at blogs.unb.ca/newsroom/2023/01/bio-psych-program.php



A world of opportunities beyond the classroom

Students have access to the region's premier archaeological field school thanks to UNB's support for experiential learning, which makes the program accessible to all.

UNB and the University of New England (UNE) created the Downeast Coastal Archaeology Field School to investigate the cultural transitions among coastal hunter-gatherers from around 2,200 years ago to European contact.

The field school occurs at two eroding Indigenous coastal sites in Sipp Bay, Maine. The sites provide an opportunity to learn about Wabanaki lifeways before European contact. In addition, the project emphasizes collaboration with

Wabanaki communities and provides students with opportunities to develop their research interests.

Participants in the field school receive instruction in archaeological methods such as excavation techniques, surficial and intertidal survey, basic photography, mapping, and record keeping.

These are important skills not only for students who plan to pursue archaeology in graduate school but also for those pursuing employment in cultural resource management archaeology, a field projected to see unprecedented growth in North America in coming years, according to the Society for American Archaeology.

Read more at blogs.unb.ca/newsroom/2023/02/archeology-field-school.php

UNB puts big push on bringing big data and AI expertise to industry and community

These days, artificial intelligence (AI) and data science are everywhere. From ChatGPT and Alexa to the most advanced research labs, the world increasingly relies on complex processes and vast amounts of data in areas like stock trading, image restoration, translation and developing new medications.

A new research institute has been launched at UNB to help companies, community groups and government understand, create and leverage a technology that PwC projects could have a global economic impact of \$15.7 trillion by 2030.

The UNB Research Institute in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (RIDSAI) was launched in August and brought together members of the academic, industry and government communities to set the stage for the future of AI and data science in New Brunswick.

The RIDSAI builds on UNB's strength in data science and AI scholarship. Many of the university's researchers are at the forefront of AI and data science inquiry, leveraging these advanced capabilities for everything from disease modelling to language instruction to gaming. Others are exploring the ethical, legal and political ramifications of this transformative technology, bringing that expertise to bear to ensure that AI works effectively and functions justly.

Read more at blogs.unb.ca/newsroom/2023/08/artificial-intelligence.php



□ Cheyenne Joseph (centre)

Cheyenne Joseph installed as UNB's Piluwitahasuwin (associate vice-president of Indigenous engagement)

Piluwitahasuwin [pronounced BILL-WEE-DUH-HUZZ-WIN] is a Wolastoqey word meaning "one who promotes change in a good way toward truth."

Read more at blogs.unb.ca/newsroom/2023/10/cheyenne-joseph.php

STUDENTS LEADING THE WAY

MBA students design app to help Port Saint John reduce carbon emissions



□ Firdavs Nabiev, John Taiwo Omotayo, Rahul Murakkat Purushothaman, Bhanu Vamsi Lekkala and Shanshan Zhang

A group of MBA UNB students has developed a concept for an app that could help Port Saint John reduce the carbon emissions of the businesses that operate on port land and use its facilities.

The group, which includes Shanshan Zhang, Rahul Murakkat Purushothaman, Bhanu Vamsi Lekkala, John Taiwo Omotayo and Firdavs Nabiev, brought their real-world experiences to the project.

Read more at blogs.unb.ca/newsroom/2023/07/reduce-carbon-emissions-app.php

Not for Ourselves Alone

That's the motto of the Sir Howard Douglas Society. Each year, UNB inducts students as Sir Howard Douglas Scholars in recognition of their outstanding involvement, not only at UNB but also in their local and international communities.

The eight inductees for 2023 are:

Hirbod Abootalebi from Fredericton, N.B.; Sheridan Hamilton from Fredericton, N.B.; Rose He from Fredericton, N.B.; Molly Kennedy from Ottawa, Ont.; Kate Palmer from Rothesay, N.B.; Bhaanvi Rai from Mangalore, India; Dustin McKee from Willow Grove, N.B.; and Lauren McGrath from Saint John, N.B.

Learn more about the scholars at unb.ca/president/shd/2023.html

Creating safe and inclusive spaces for all students to learn and grow

Two students have put their heart into creating a new initiative that focuses on educating students on Indigenous rights, history and ways of life.

During the 2022-23 academic year, Shilin Pentz and Arnab Mehruz Taranga were team leads for their work-study placements at Heart to Heart, a program which bridges the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous students.

Modelled after a program at the University of Saskatchewan called Building Bridges, Heart to Heart was created through a partnership between the Mi'kmaq-Wolastoqey Centre (MWC)



□ Shilin Pentz and Arnab Mehruz Taranga

and the International Student Advisor's Office at UNB.

After struggling to find a work-study job as a first-year bachelor of fine arts student in September 2022, Shilin spoke with Kate Copage from the MWC, who shared her plan to create a program called Heart to Heart.

"I was thrilled to be a part of this project as a member of the Indigenous community," said Shilin. "It's something I'm passionate about. It feels good to educate others about the issues while sharing my knowledge."

Read more at blogs.unb.ca/newsroom/2023/04/safe-spaces.php

Creating a better world for others

When Rose Grant began at UNB, she knew she wanted to study political science, but she never imagined she would be a voice for others on Parliament Hill, creating policies and advocating for student issues at the national level.

Rose always wanted to make an impact. However, she didn't fully realize her path until she took a politics of globalization course in her first year. Now, as a double honours student in political science and history on UNB's Fredericton campus, she dreams of working in academia in the future, and she's building the skills to achieve this goal.

“Whenever people asked me what I wanted to do with my life, I always said I wanted to go into political science but thought I would eventually change my mind. But when I took my first course at UNB, I thought, I’m going to start doing this! My first year really confirmed that this was what I wanted to do with my life.”

Last year, the UNB Student Union (SU) hired Rose to serve as its vice-president of research and policy. She had not previously taken part in student leadership and advocacy but



viewed this work as a valuable learning experience. She has found that the experience exceeded her expectations.

“I was particularly interested in the politics of climate change and I saw this job as a way to get involved with policy. I wanted to be part of the solution.”

Through this position, Rose engages with policymakers on provincial and national levels on various issues. As part of her duties, she organizes events, such as Members of Legislative Assembly Mondays and Members of Parliament Tuesdays, where students speak directly with government officials about their concerns. Recently, the SU presented her with an Initiative

of the Year award for her work organizing the UNBSU advocacy week held in November 2022.

This year, Rose began her fourth year of studies and continues to serve as the VP of research and policy for a second term. In the future, she intends to pursue a PhD, focusing on colonization and climate policy, and eventually teach.

Rose is a New Brunswicker of tomorrow. She wants to make a difference in her community by educating others and driving positive change.

Read more at blogs.unb.ca/newsroom/2023/04/rose-grant.php

Currie Undergraduate Scholars

Valued at \$65,000 each, the Currie Undergraduate Scholarships recognize high school students for their leadership skills, community involvement, academic success, and obstacles overcome.

The Currie scholarships were established in 2004 by Canadian business leader and philanthropist, UNB Chancellor Emeritus Dr. Richard J. Currie (LLD'87), who was a Beaverbrook scholar as a young man. ■

Learn more about the 2023-24 Currie Scholars at unb.ca/giving/impact/scholarships/currie/index.html



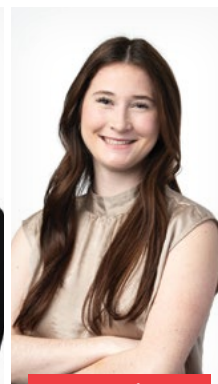
Casey Flanagan



Seth Foster



Mikayla MacPhee



Marin MacPherson

PUSHING *at the* EDGES *of* COMPUTING

As a kid, Adrian Tout (MScSE'97) drove his parents crazy with his curiosity. Turns out, that's a key driver for changing the world.

Adrian, now a product partnership lead at Google with 25 years of entrepreneurial and computing innovation under his belt, says curiosity is fundamental to constantly challenging the status quo and pushing the edges of what we know. "I've always been driven by learning and challenging things. It's led me down the path of problem-solving and being on the forefront of huge paradigm shifts in computing."

□ Adrian Tout

The Australian innovator graduated with a bachelor's degree in survey engineering and computer science from Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane in 1994. He then worked for a couple of years surveying - which included working for an engineering firm and Australia's largest miner, BHP.

"Whilst spending hours at the computer entering data captured from the field, I could see where all this mapping and information gathering was going. There was a clear shift happening in computing - both in terms of the data we were capturing and how it was being used - and I wanted to leverage that."

During his search for the right master's program, a post-grad student at Queensland, Tim Barker (MScSE'91), who had studied at UNB under John McLaughlin (BScSE'69, MScSE'71), recommended UNB's geodesy and geomatics engineering program.

"It was my first major trip away from Australia and as a 24-year-old who had never seen snow before, it was certainly an adventure. I remember arriving in December with no proper clothing for extremely cold weather. It was difficult since I didn't know anyone, but UNB was a very welcoming place and it was a fantastic experience."

Under the wings of Dr. McLaughlin and Dr. David Coleman (BScSE'76, MScSE'88), Adrian focused on the emerging technology of GIS (geographic information systems) integrated with GPS (global positioning systems). "It was the mid-90s and we were creating advanced spatial database systems. This was groundbreaking stuff! Turns out, what

we were developing with respect to GIS and GPS paved the way for future applications like Garmin and TomTom and even Google Maps."

In 1997, Adrian returned to Australia, thanks to yet another UNB alum who recruited him to help build databases for government contracts. That soon led to being asked to lead the commercial effort at Australia's first digital mapping business, WhereIS. "At the time, I joined a small entity that was looking to leverage GPS navigation systems. However, we needed to build a navigable database. Fast-forward about 10 years and we grew revenue from \$0 to almost \$100M. The business was extremely successful."

Then Google came calling.

"We had essentially built the first version of Google Maps - putting map data online in the late 90s - however we didn't even realize how big mapping was going to become. Our company licenced the navigable content to Google - and I was recruited to lead the Google Maps business for the Asia Pacific region. We grew revenue at triple digits and empowered new applications and industries. Digital maps were now ubiquitous."

After taking a break to travel the world and then doing a stint with Australia's largest IT firm to help companies migrate to cloud computing, he rejoined Google in California.

"I'm now having great fun with computer vision and Google's Lens and augmented reality (AR), with a specific focus on commerce. The potential for visual-based search with AR is huge. If we can perceive the world - then we can augment it. We are just starting

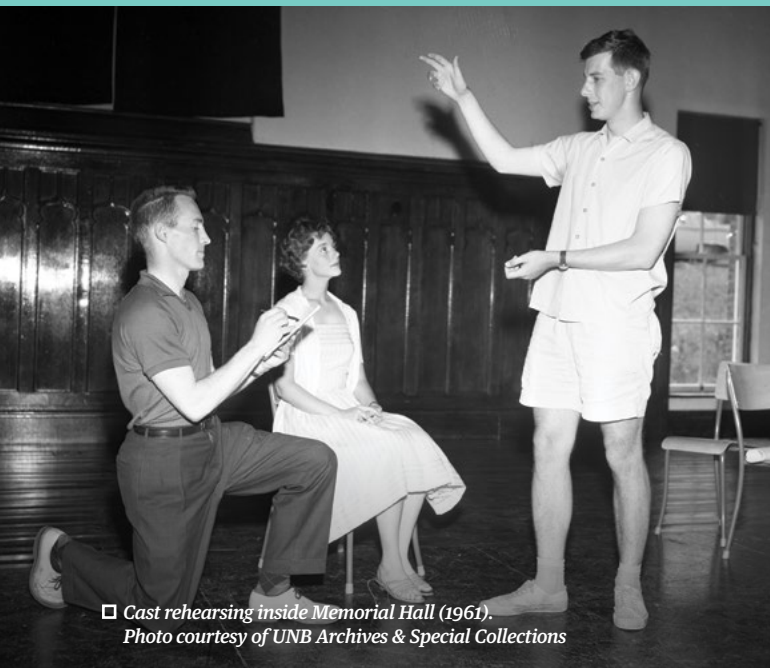
to see some of the useful applications emerge, such as Google's Live View, however, it's still early. Thinking about it, it's not unlike where digital mapping was in the late 90s. In 10 years, this form of computing will be pervasive."

Adrian affirms that pushing the edges of computing takes a certain type - tenacious, persistent and patient. "We've developed technology and pathways that have failed, but we always learn from it and often it leads to the next innovation. You never know how close you are, and you won't always know if you're on the right path. You have to remain curious, continue to ask quality questions, think critically and keep going. The early mindset is best served with a sense of what's possible with experimentation - as you don't know what's ahead."

"There's something satisfying about fundamentally changing computing for billions of people. Things we're trying to solve now will result in another meaningful paradigm shift - and figuring out those building blocks is both challenging and exciting. These are hard problems to solve."

He also says that we need to be very deliberate and thoughtful with artificial intelligence (AI) efforts.

"We're entering a phase that has the potential to go the wrong way. At Google, we have a huge responsibility. We still need to be bold, but do it thoughtfully. When we anchor ourselves in being useful and helpful, it's a guardrail to being on the right path. The world will be a better place if we keep thinking critically and challenge what's possible... however, that comes with being responsible and making thoughtful decisions." ■



□ Cast rehearsing inside Memorial Hall (1961).
Photo courtesy of UNB Archives & Special Collections



□ Chemistry department in Memorial Hall
(1930s). Photo courtesy of UNB Archives & Special Collections

Timeless Tribute

HONOURING A CENTURY OF MEMORIAL HALL

On Sept. 8, the UNB Art Centre commemorated Memorial Hall's 100th anniversary.

Named in memory of UNB graduates and students who fought and died during the First World War, Memorial Hall opened in 1924.

Since its opening, the hall has served as a convocation space and provided teaching and learning spaces for a variety of subjects, including science, physics, engineering and physical education. Two radio stations, CFNB and CHSR, also ran out of Memorial Hall. It now houses the UNB Art Centre and the Centre for Musical Arts.

SHARING MEMORIES

Stephen Patterson (BA'59), a historian and professor emeritus at UNB, has had a long connection to Memorial Hall. In

1955, he enrolled in UNB's bachelor of arts program. He vividly recalls that time.

"I took chemistry from Dr. Toole in Memorial Hall at 8:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. He taught in the main auditorium using slides. The room was dimmed, and someone on the balcony ran an old-fashioned slide projector and put his notes and formulas on the screen."

After venturing into music and drama in his second year of his BA, Stephen began creating and performing musical comedies during UNB's winter carnival.

"I did two musicals in Mem Hall, and everyone who bought a winter carnival ticket got a ticket to one of our performances. The musicals were spoofs of Fredericton and New Brunswick, and they attracted a lot of attention in the community."

After graduating and furthering his studies outside the province, Stephen became a faculty member and the chair of the creative arts committee. Through this role, he convinced then-UNB president James Downey (LLD'91) to purchase a grand piano for Memorial Hall. They bought one once played in a performance by Oscar Peterson.

Bao Yih Chang (MSc' 70) says that, "Memorial Hall holds one of my life's utmost happiest memories, my wedding, which was held there on May 16, 1970. UNB Professor Dr. Norman Whitney officiated my wedding and the wedding reception took place at the Old Arts Building.

I was a poor student from Taiwan and was only able to attend UNB on an assistantship. My time at UNB, including my marriage at Memorial Hall, was a turning point in my life that

led to a happy and prosperous life. I am eternally grateful for all at UNB who made it possible and will remain a UNB man always.”

Cindy Pope, (née Goucher, BA’95) recalls that, “It was 1994, I believe, and I was a BA student eager to take on the world. I had transferred from UNBSJ to UNBF, and moved off campus to truly fend for myself for the first time in my life. I was balancing university with a seven day a week commitment to a local theatre troupe. It was both exciting, and hectic. I needed to find a class that wasn’t all about essays and reading, but rather creative and experiential.

I joined a theatre class where I was cast in the role of Aphrodite, wearing little more than a bodysuit and a thinly veiled smock. My first straight play and I had to hold a still pose for an entire scene. While I stood like a statue, actors discussed their battle strategies using the “statue” as their inferred map. Not laughing each night, in front of the full audiences, proved to be one of the toughest scenes I’ve ever had to do.”

Noel Gaspar (BSc’54, PhD’58) studied chemistry at UNB for eight years, from 1950 to 1958. “Seven of those years were closely tied to the Memorial Hall. Only in my final year did I move higher up the campus to the F.J. Toole Chemistry Building. In my final year of my BSc, I was introduced to my home for the next four years in the basement of the Memorial Hall. I started doing polarographic research for my honours dissertation and stayed there carrying out research for my PhD. To get to my laboratory one had to proceed through the furnace room, go up a few cement

steps and go through a large fire door. A few years ago, Peter Coates (BBA’83) arranged for me to revisit my lab. The then-director of the Art Centre didn’t even know of the existence of this area, but someone did and was using my lab for a nicely furnished lounge. Back in the 50s there were several rooms hidden behind the fire door including my lab, a photographic dark room, a room containing a mill used to grind up moss for the organic chemistry students to extract their lycopodium alkaloids and a room housing a rather sensitive photo spectrometer which needed a vibration-free location in the cellars. But even this location failed during the summers when the teachers attending summer school held their weekly square dance in the hall above us. No work could be done those evenings! Not surprisingly we received few visitors in this location.

The furnace back then was an old coal burner which occasionally backfired, filling the area with black soot, which was why we made sure the fire door was always kept closed. However, one day in early 1957 a knock came at our door and when we opened it there was President Colin B. McKay! He had seen my marriage announcement in *The Gleaner* and came to offer his good wishes. Those were the days of the university family. He was pleasantly surprised to see how well the university facilities were being used.

Not long after that, however, the new chemistry building was announced and we were given the opportunity to give input into the design of our new labs we would be moving into. So, for the final year of my studies, we lived and worked in the lap of luxury. The cellars of the

Memorial Hall will however always be a ‘fond’ memory of my UNB years.”

LOOKING AHEAD

Today, the UNB Art Centre continues to present exhibits that promote dialogue and discussion and continues to provide courses in painting as one of the many offerings through Leisure Learning non-credit courses and Design Works summer camps for kids.

Art Centre Director Marie Maltais says the UNB Permanent Collection, which began with only a few paintings, now numbers 2,500 artworks and is displayed across the campus. She also said the UNB Art Centre reflects contemporary values in its programming. Since 2011, it has developed exhibits bringing awareness to social and environmental issues, particularly water stewardship through its participation in World Water Day.

She also highlighted one of the centre’s most notable projects, *Rediscovering the Roots of Black New Brunswickers*.

“For the last five years we have celebrated Black History Month through this project,” says Marie. “It brings to light Black New Brunswickers who have made a significant contribution to shaping contemporary New Brunswick in their fight for freedom and equality.”

As Memorial Hall recognizes its 100th year, its legacy continues to inspire and guide generations of students, faculty and artists. ■

*Memorial Hall holds one of my life’s
utmost happiest memories.*

— Bao Yih Chang (MSc’70)

UNB Welcomes **CHANCELLOR WADE** **MACLAUCHLAN**

Says farewell to Allison McCain

In 1947, UNB started a new tradition with the appointment of Lord Beaverbrook as our first modern-day chancellor. Since then, we have enjoyed the outstanding leadership of seven exceptional individuals who have held this special ceremonial role, advising our presidents, presiding over graduations and serving as our ambassador on many occasions.

The most recent of these “senior statespersons” is H. Wade MacLauchlan (LLB’81), CM, OPEI, who was officially installed in October at fall Convocation in Fredericton and Saint John. He succeeds Allison D. McCain (BScEE’72, DSc’07), CM, who stepped down after 10 years as chancellor in June.

As Dr. McCain said at last May’s Encaenia dinner honouring his contributions, “What’s not to like about the role? You are constantly surrounded by highly intelligent people - young people full of ideas and promise and academics with some of the finest minds you will experience.”



□ Wade MacLauchlan



□ Artist Glenn Priestley and Allison McCain, with Dr. McCain's portrait as chancellor, which was unveiled on Nov. 28 at the Wu Centre

During his decade as chancellor, Dr. McCain served with presidents Eddy Campbell and Paul Mazerolle, both of whom benefited from his proximity to Florenceville, NB; his international business experience; and his strong belief in UNB's importance to the province.

"One might ask why we need a national reputation when we are already conferring a solid undergraduate degree and doing leading-edge research in a broad range of disciplines," Dr. McCain proposes. "In my view, we need it because New Brunswick needs it. New Brunswick has far too few institutions that are considered world-class, and able to compete with the best.

We need it so our young people can go out in the world confident in their ability to be leaders and innovators.

We need it so others will come here to study, to invest and work, saying, 'Why not?' instead of 'Why?'"

Dr. McCain leaves big shoes to fill, but Wade MacLauchlan has stepped up to the challenge with enthusiasm. Former dean of UNB Law (1991-96), president emeritus of the University of Prince Edward Island (1999-2011) and past premier of PEI (2015-19), Mr. MacLauchlan brings broad and deep experience to the position.

Like Dr. McCain, Mr. MacLauchlan sees the university in a larger context. "Our essential calling is to combine humanity and curiosity with the desire to make UNB and the world a better place," he says. "The number one job of the chancellor is to be what I call the volunteer-in-chief, and I do that

happily," he says. "And I know you can only be effective in that way if a lot of other people are involved.

"I will support the university's priorities, the priorities of President Mazerolle, and work with people throughout the university and the extended community in ways that can make a difference."

Carrying on the tradition of more than 70 years, these two dedicated UNB alumni follow proudly in the footsteps of their distinguished predecessors: Sir William Maxwell Aitken, Lord Beaverbrook; Sir Max Aitken (LLD'66), Lady Violet Aitken (LLD'90), Dr. Fredrik S. Eaton (BA'62, LLD '83), OC, OOnt, and Dr. Richard J. Currie (LLD'87), OC, ONB. ■

A CAREER DEVOTED TO HELPING THE MOST VULNERABLE ACROSS THE GLOBE

Brenda Goddard (LLB'93) has spent her nearly 30-year career helping some of the world's most vulnerable people as a member of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Her remarkable career with the organization has taken her across the globe, from Macedonia to Switzerland, Turkey to Russia, and beyond.

A native of Grand Bay-Westfield, N.B., Brenda describes her start with the global organization as a chance occurrence.

"It was really a coincidence –being in the right place at the right time. I had finished my law degree and had an undergrad and MA degree in Soviet and East European studies from Carleton. My interest in Russian history and language took me to Moscow in 1996."

She accepted her first position with the UNHCR as a UN volunteer, a role that provides young professionals with stipend-paid work while building

experience within the organization. Brenda spent the next two years interviewing asylum seekers, providing legal assessments to determine their refugee status using the definition contained in the 1951 Refugee Convention—a well-founded fear of persecution based on their race, religion, nationality, ethnicity, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group.

"At that time, I was mostly working with Afghans, Iranians, Iraqis, and people from all over the African continent to determine if they would qualify as a refugee or not, and if they did qualify, we would support their application before the Russian authorities. We also supported cases in a government appeal procedure. It was one of the most challenging things I have ever done—the situation was very tough for asylum seekers and refugees in Russia."

The Kosovo Refugee Crisis began in 1999, following the Kosovo War, an armed conflict between ethnic

Albanians and ethnic Serbians backed by the government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY) that controlled Kosovo at the time. Brenda left Russia for Skopje, the capital of the Republic of North Macedonia to assist with the humanitarian crisis that followed the war. She accepted her first staff position with the UNHCR as an associate protection officer.

"There was a huge refugee movement from Kosovo into Northern Macedonia and Albania in 1999. Many people had become stateless as a result of the earlier breakup of the former Yugoslavia."

Brenda assisted the return movement of Kosovar Albanians following the end of the conflict and then worked on issues related to the prevention and reduction of statelessness, including supporting the authorities with legislative reform. She also helped train government officials on refugee status determination and supported NGOs by providing legal counsel in their work with asylum seekers and stateless persons.

After three and a half years of work in Northern Macedonia, Brenda's next posting took her to the UNHCR headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, where she assumed the role of legal advisor in the Department of International Protection.

"I was in the section on protection policy and legal advice. Again, my legal education was paramount to the work I was doing providing advice and guidance to UNHCR offices around the world on a number of issues including the intersection of international criminal and refugee law."

Brenda's work focused on a provision of the 1951 Convention that denied refugee status/protection to individuals who, for example, have committed a war crime, a crime against humanity, or what is called a serious non-political crime.

"We as UNHCR or a government that's assessing whether someone is a refugee or not must look at what the person has done in their past. Of course, the vast majority of asylum-seekers have nothing in their past of that nature, but it's something that has to be checked. It's a provision that is not included in other human rights instruments. The '51 convention was drafted immediately after the Second World War, and the drafters wanted to make sure that the people who had been responsible for the atrocities of that war would not be protected as refugees."

She provided training to HCR offices and government agencies on the proper interpretation and application of the provision, ensuring a clear, high standard for use. In addition to this, she also worked on issues relating to the detention of asylum seekers. After marrying and moving to Turkey, in 2009, Brenda brought her expertise to the position of refugee status determination officer in the UNHCR's Ankara office. As the unit lead, she managed a team of young professionals who conducted refugee interviews and assessments. She spent four years in this position.

With the onset of the Syrian refugee crisis in 2011, which saw more than 14 million Syrians forced to flee their homes in search of safety, Brenda accepted a position as senior protection officer, again taking on a broad range of responsibilities to support her colleagues and operations in the region.

After seven years in Ankara, Brenda completed the circuit, returning to Geneva, this time as a senior refugee status determination officer. Her focus shifted to the qualification of Palestinian refugees under the '51 Convention, including supporting UNHCR's legal interventions before courts and other decision-makers on cases involving Palestinian asylum-seekers. This portfolio required her to collaborate with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), a separate UN agency established in 1949 following the creation of Israel and the exodus of Palestinians from the region.

"I worked closely with the UNRWA, which operates only in Gaza, the West Bank, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon. They have an exclusive mandate for Palestinian refugees within those five areas. Once a Palestinian refugee leaves those areas and is unable to return, they become entitled to protection under the UNHCR and the '51 Convention."

In September 2022, Brenda accepted her current role as deputy representative for the UNHCR's Moscow office, where she supports the management of the office, including all protection activities for the operation.

"The UNHCR Office in Moscow supports asylum seekers in Russia, ensuring they have access to national asylum procedures. We work with several legal partners who provide guidance, legal counselling and legal representation to asylum seekers in the Russian Federation."

Since the February 2022 Russian/Ukraine conflict, Brenda and her team have been monitoring the

situation in the country, conducting outreach missions to different regions where Ukrainian refugees are living to understand the conditions and standards of treatment, and their access to legal rights, including refugee status, temporary protection and other forms of legal stay.

Brenda's career has been fascinating and rewarding but also very difficult. Through her fieldwork, she has visited several refugee camps and met many people at their most desperate and vulnerable times.

"There have been many heartbreaking cases. Individuals who have faced gender-based violence, or members of the LGBTQ+ community who have faced various forms of persecution in their own countries. In Turkey, I met with Yezidi refugees who had survived attacks by the Islamic State in Iraq—that was very hard. I still get quite emotional when I think about it, especially when talking to children. Even now talking to the Ukrainian refugees. It can be challenging to maintain your composure when someone's talking about what they've lost and their other hopes for the future."

But the bad also comes with the good. Brenda recalls the feeling of seeing successful relocations and helping refugees begin their new lives in a new home.

"It is wonderful to see people who we have helped relocate. We had a very big resettlement program in Turkey, where those who qualified as refugees and could not remain in their country of asylum were resettled in Canada, the United States, European countries, Australia, and New Zealand. Refugees are resilient people — they have to be. That's one thing that you do see that brings hope. These people have been through extraordinary things, but they also have something extraordinary to contribute to the places they now call home." *This story was originally featured in Nexus, UNB Law's alumni magazine.* ■

For the Sake of **HONOUR**

UNB granted six honorary degrees during graduation ceremonies



Dr. Mary Conley (BSc'66) received an honorary doctorate of science degree on May 17. She is a retired physician, a lifelong political activist for abortion rights, an educator, and an accomplished artist. Through her tenacity, she achieved distinction in each of these areas. In 1984, she was a member of the Physicians for Social Responsibility when the peace organization won the Nobel Prize. She has also written six books.



William (Willie) O'Ree received an honorary doctorate of letters degree in absentia on May 17. He is the first player of colour to play in the National Hockey League (NHL). He would eventually become the NHL diversity ambassador. His journey from Fredericton to the highest level of hockey as a member of the Boston Bruins exemplified incredible resilience during an era of significant obstacles for Black players and other players of colour.



Denise LaForge (BSCEE'88) received an honorary doctorate of science degree on May 18. She is a business leader and philanthropist. In 2018, she was inducted into UNB's Engineering Alumni Wall of Fame, the first female bestowed with this honour. A co-founder of two energy-sector companies, she was until recently the chairman and CEO of Denco Financial Holdings, a private investment company.



Dave Morell (BA'72) received an honorary doctorate of letters degree on May 18. He is a broadcaster and community advocate. He was the first marketing and events manager for UNB Fredericton's athletics department and became "The Voice of UNB Athletics." Upon retirement in 2016, he was awarded the UNB Athletics Ring of Distinction, typically reserved only for varsity athletes.



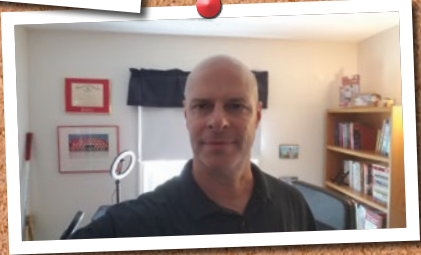
Gregory (Greg) Hemmings received an honorary doctorate of letters degree on May 19. Greg is an entrepreneur and global thought leader in positive social impact filmmaking. Through storytelling, He is passionate about accelerating positive change in the world. The television and film division of the company, Hemmings Films, has produced documentaries, television series and films for the international broadcast markets.



Alan Cherrington (BSc'67) received an honorary doctorate of science degree on Oct. 19. He earned a PhD in physiology from the University of Toronto and is a professor in Vanderbilt University's department of molecular physiology and biophysics. He is also a professor in the department of medicine and holds The Jacquelyn A. Turner and Dr. Dorothy J. Turner chair in diabetes research. ■

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CELEBRATING ALUMNI

2023 PROUDLY UNB AWARD RECIPIENTS

Last April, UNB's Associated Alumni celebrated the 2023 Proudly UNB Awards recipients at a ceremony in Saint John. These alumni have distinguished themselves through outstanding service to their alma mater, their communities and beyond. The 12 award recipients were honoured by their supporters, fellow alumni, former classmates, and members of the UNB community.

ALUMNI AWARD OF HONOUR

Recognizes the important role played by alumni in promoting the Associated Alumni and the university, helping it to achieve and maintain its position of prominence among Canadian universities.



Larry Hachey (BBA'87)

Larry (BBA'87) is president and CEO of Canlease Inc., is a prominent leader in his community, and is a deeply proud UNB alum and an outstanding supporter of the UNB community. He has served as past chair of UNB's Board of Governors, is former president of the Associated Alumni, and is a long-time ambassador for academics, student life and university advancement at UNB.

An active student while attending UNB Saint John from 1983 to 1987, Larry

served as president of the student representative council, a student member of the first UNB Saint John Senate, a student member of UNB's Board of Governors, and an executive member of his grad class.

A successful entrepreneur and founder of three start-up companies over his career, Larry makes time to maintain his commitment to UNB and to the Saint John community. He's served on numerous community organizations, including on the UNB Associated Alumni Council, where he was elected president. During that tenure, he also served as an alumni representative on the Saint John Senate, as a member of the fundraising committee for the Hans Klohn Commons Building, and as a deeply engaged and staunch defender of the Saint John campus during the provincial Polytechnique debate. In 2011, Larry was asked to

join UNB's Board of Governors and during his tenure, served as chair of the advancement committee, finance committee, executive committee, and nomination and review committee. In 2018, he was elected chair of the board and served two terms, stepping down in 2021. He continues to serve the UNB community as chair of the UNB Saint John business faculty advisory committee, and chair of the fundraising committee for the Integrated Health Initiative on the Saint John campus.

ALUMNI AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Recognizes the significant contributions made by UNB alumni in their local communities and beyond for which they have been recognized regionally, nationally or internationally.



Cristina Flores Justic (BPE'83)

Cristina is a trailblazer, having demonstrated power, strength and leadership throughout her life, both on and off the rugby pitch. An international student from Mexico, she fell in love with rugby on campus and after graduating began organizing local, national and international tournaments in Ontario. She was passionate about growing the number of women in the sport and is now serving as one of only three female chairs on the World Rugby Council. She's also the first woman to be elected to a number of other rugby boards, and is currently chair of the World Rugby Finance Committee.

Fluent in three languages, Cristina worked at the Consulate General of Mexico in Toronto and later, was the consul in charge of cultural and academic affairs at the Consulate in Montreal. Subsequently, she was the executive director of the Canadian Council for the Americas, and with her board, transformed the council as the 'go to' public forum for discussion on Canada's trade and investment in Latin America.

Cristina is also a dedicated member of her community, having volunteered with victim services with the Hamilton Police; St. Joseph's Hospital; and the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra. She also served as a member of the board of the Toronto Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in Toronto.



Raouf Khodabocus (BA'87, MSc'89, PhD'93)

Raouf is recognized for his transformative work in educational institutions around the world. Originally from Fredericton, he was an instructor at UNB while working toward his degrees and became passionate about education. His work as an educator, mentor and administrator in Canada and around the globe has earned him high recognition - specifically for advancing inclusive education and the safeguarding and well-being of children.

Known for always being generous with his time, wisdom and passion, Raouf works in UNESCO schools around the world and has developed a reputation for transformative teaching. He is also a visiting team member, inspecting international schools around the world for the Council of International Schools

and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Internationally, he has spoken at leadership conferences in education organized by leading examination boards, and, in addition to his current position as school principal and chief examination officer at Kuwait National English School, he serves as chief examination officer for external examinations from the UK.

He was elected to the rank of fellow of the Chemical Institute of Canada and fellow of the Canadian Society for Chemistry. He has been awarded the Chemistry Teaching Excellence Award, Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Natural Resources in the Earth Sciences, and twice received the prestigious Chairman's Award for good and loyal service to the wider community.



James A. Stewart (BScDA'97, MCS'99, PhD'17)

James is a successful tech entrepreneur with a track record of market-leading business growth and innovation. He's focused on data, cybersecurity, and artificial intelligence for the past 20 years, and is the CEO and co-founder of TrojAI, a cybersecurity firm that has developed software to protect AI platforms from attacks. Prior to this, James founded EhEye Inc., which used computer vision to automate monitoring of video surveillance systems for the early detection of weapons and disturbances. That company's innovative technology was acquired by Toronto-based Patriot One Technologies Inc., where James served as senior vice-president of video analytics.

James has held other positions such as research and development manager with the Canadian Institute for Cybersecurity, and senior network intelligence analyst with Bell Aliant. Beginning his career as a crime analyst, he pioneered one of the first intelligence-led policing programs in Canada with the Saint John Police Force, where he continues to serve as a 16-year auxiliary police constable.

He has always remained very committed to building innovation in New Brunswick, and although numerous exciting opportunities have presented themselves elsewhere, James has built his career and companies right here in New Brunswick and has been a fierce supporter of hiring and developing local talent from both UNB and NBCC.



Dr. Kumanan R. Wilson (BSc'92)

Kumanan is a passionate medical researcher in early child health outcomes and a specialist in general internal medicine at the Ottawa Hospital. He is CEO and founder of CANImmunize, a science-based technology company specializing in immunization software that spun out of his work as founder of the Ottawa Hospital mHealth Research team. A professor and faculty of medicine and clinical research chair in digital health innovation at the University of Ottawa, he is also CEO and chief scientific officer at the Bruyère Research Institute.

A proud New Brunswicker, Kumanan completed a science degree at UNB before heading to Western University and McMaster University for medical training. Kumanan's research focuses

on digital health, immunization, pandemic preparedness, and public health policy, so you can imagine how busy he's been over the last few years. This health-tech entrepreneur's vision is to bring data to patients, clinicians, and the public in order to improve the health system and the experiences of those in it.

He has received support from multiple organizations including the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the World Health Organization, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Canada's Immunity Task Force. He's also received the Partners in Research Technology & Engineering Ambassador Award, recognizing his contributions in connecting Canadians with each other, their health-care providers and their governments via digital health technologies.



Hon. Gladys J. Young (BA'69, LLB'72)

Gladys is a trailblazer in the legal profession as the first woman in New Brunswick to be named a provincial crown prosecutor and later an appointee to the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, Queen's Bench. She served as justice of the Court of Queen's Bench from 1995 to 2015, presiding over trials in both the family and trial divisions for the judicial district of Restigouche, N.B.

Gladys started her legal career in 1972 as a crown prosecutor for Gloucester and Restigouche counties, and served as a federal crown attorney responsible for prosecuting offenses under federal legislation, such as the Narcotics Control Act and Income Tax Act. In 1984, she became a member of the Canadian Sentencing Commission in

Ottawa whose report was submitted and published in 1987. It was in 1986 that she was appointed to the Provincial Court of New Brunswick in Campbellton, N.B.

In addition to her judicial duties, Gladys had a keen interest in the advancement of continuing legal education, and she lectured future law enforcement officers at Holland College in P.E.I., senior police investigators at RCMP headquarters in Fredericton, and enforcement officers within other provincial departments. Gladys also lectured law students in the New Brunswick Bar Admission Courses at UNB and in French language Bar Admission Courses at l'Université de Moncton. At the judicial level, she taught newly appointed judges with the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice and was a faculty member at numerous conferences presented by the National Judicial Institute. Gladys was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee Medal in recognition of her outstanding legal career and community contributions.

YOUNG ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Recognizes the outstanding achievements of UNB alumni who are 35 years old or younger.



Rachel Friars (BA'18)

Rachel received her bachelor of arts degree from UNB Saint John before heading to Queen's University in Kingston, Ont., to complete her master's

degree - where she is a doctoral candidate in the department of English language and literature. In addition to regularly publishing her own short fiction and poetry on lesbian historical fiction, she is co-editor-in-chief of the international literary journal, *The Lamp* and serves as an editor for *The Journal of Historical Fictions*.

Rachel has been the recipient of numerous academic awards for her work, including being awarded the Joseph-Armand Bombardier SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship in 2021. But in addition to her academic research and writing, she has spearheaded inclusion efforts across Canada through the development of The Queer Studies Association of Canada, a definitive network of scholars and instructors that prioritize queer literature and pedagogy.



Jackson A. Weir (BSc'21)

Jackson, a PhD student at Harvard University, has co-developed a novel sequencing technology that could revolutionize the way biomedical researchers understand deadly conditions like Alzheimer's disease and cancer.

Jackson grew up in Saint John, N.B., and graduated from UNB Fredericton with a bachelor of science degree, and received the Lieutenant-Governor's Silver Medal. As a PhD student, he now works at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard developing new sequencing technology to aid scientists studying tissue development, neurodegenerative diseases, and cancer. His work has been published in multiple journals and presented at several conferences.

Outside of research, Jackson is deeply committed to science communication initiatives. At UNB, he was editor-in-chief of the *Atlantic Student Research Journal*, co-chair of TEDxUNB, peer mentor in the faculty of science, and founding speakers director of a first-in-class student conference promoting research to undergraduate students in Atlantic Canada. At Harvard, he is a science writer for *Science in the News* and a student mentor on the board of first year advisors. He was 1 of 5 Canadians awarded the 2018 Ingenium-NSERC STEAM Horizon Award for making a difference in his community through STEAM fields.



Matthew MacLennan (BScE'20)

Matthew began his studies in electrical engineering at UNB Saint John before completing his degree at the Fredericton campus, specializing in biomedical engineering. He completed research with UNB's Institute of Biomedical Engineering on computational motor control, and volunteered over 150 hours collecting data which resulted in a publication by researchers at UNB. While a student, he served as VP of finance and VP of academic for the Engineering Undergraduate Society, co-chaired the annual Atlantic Engineering Competition, and was a peer mentor to first-year students. He was often seen coaching students and providing opportunities for leadership experience.

Now a medical student at Dalhousie University, Matthew is chair of the Conference of Atlantic Medical Students and chair of the Atlantic Student Research Journal. He founded the St. John Ambulance

Campus Response Team and is a volunteer medical responder for the organization, as well as certified first-aid instructor, providing training for the campus response team and offering free first-aid services at UNB events. As campus chair for Global Brigades, he led a fundraising campaign that raised over \$20,000 for the purchase of water infrastructure for Honduran communities. Matthew also participated in two volunteering projects located in Honduras, where he joined a group of students shovelling trenches for the placements of pipelines and infrastructure for clean drinking water.

ALUMNI VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Presented to an alumni volunteer who has contributed to the university and/or the Associated Alumni either as a member of an alumni group or individually.



Jeffrey R. Knapp (BScME'87)

Jeffrey is a long-time volunteer on the UNB Ironmen rugby pitch and on the golf course - organizing the annual IRONMEN golf tournament and fundraiser.

Jeff graduated with a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering degree and played rugby with the Ironmen from 1982 to 1987. He credits UNB for his 40-plus year engineering career in the manufacturing, consulting, and utility sectors, which took him around the world. Today, Jeff is the senior manager, energy & business

development with Halifax Water, where he's responsible for the utility's energy management, renewable energy, and business development activities.

Jeff has been instrumental in organizing the eastern version of the UNB Ironmen's Toks Akpata Memorial Fundraising Golf Tournament for many years. This is one of two annual events held nationally that raises money to honour the memory of Toks Akpata, a fellow UNB engineering graduate and teammate, while providing much needed financial support to many deserving UNB students. This year marks the 25th year of these esteemed events, which have raised over \$260,000 and funded over 20 scholarships to date.

ALUMNI GROUP OF THE YEAR

Recognizes significant contributions to alumni, students, the university or the Associated Alumni during the previous year by holding events, demonstrating growth and/or undertaking new initiatives in support of these groups.

UNB Hockey Fellows Society Reunion Steering Committee

The UNB Hockey Fellows Society Reunion Steering Committee worked tirelessly to organize the first UNB men's hockey reunion, which successfully brought back 64 hockey alumni, engaged the current men's team with former players, raised over \$10,000 for the hockey program, and introduced the current team to a deep culture of giving back, setting the groundwork for future years.

David Bluteau, a 1984 phys. ed. grad and former Reds player, led the committee of hockey alumni over many months of organizing and creating a weekend full of hockey, golf, a gala dinner and other events. Alumni representing every decade from the 1950s to 2020s took part and laid the groundwork for future success through impactful involvement of the current team of players and students - something the committee felt was extremely important.

HONORARY ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP

An honorary member of the Associated Alumni is someone who shows passion and commitment to the University of New Brunswick, despite not attending UNB as a student.



Robyn J. Tingley

Robyn is an outstanding ambassador for the UNB community. She's served as a member of the UNB Board of Governors since 2015 and was appointed chair in 2021.

A speaker, author and communications strategist, she worked for many years abroad as a corporate HR communications executive for a Fortune 100 company with responsibilities spanning four continents. She returned home to New Brunswick and founded

GlassSKY, an organization dedicated to empowering women and girls, helping them reach their full potential. She published a book, *10 Essentials: A Guide to High Performance for New Grads and Career Starters*, and gives workshops and talks to provide practical modern-day career advice based on her first-hand knowledge of corporate culture, entrepreneurial ventures, life experience, and leadership success.

Her work promoting gender diversity and inclusive work environments has been recognized by universities, governments and businesses across North America and Europe. In 2019, she was invested in the Order of New Brunswick for her corporate and community leadership as well as her work to support gender equality.

This social change leader and mentor for young talent has lent her own talent to UNB countless times, at the Board of Governors level, but also at alumni and community events and in classrooms with students. Her terms as chair, and vice-chair of the Board, and past chair of the finance and advancement committees will undoubtedly further strengthen UNB. ■

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2023 ALUMNI STUDENT *Leadership Awards*

The Alumni Student Leadership Award is presented each year to undergraduate students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership through involvement in extracurricular activities on campus and in their community.



Julianne MacCallum (BSc)

A tremendous volunteer both on the Saint John campus and in the local community, Julianne has continuously been a part of activities where her actions can impact and enact substantial, long-term change. Julianne is a volunteer with the Promise Partnership Program; served as social media coordinator on the Student Athletic Advisory Committee; and is a member of the Golden Key Honour Society.

Julianne represents UNB proudly on the women's varsity soccer team, having received 1st team all-conference for the ACAA and volunteering as a coach with the Fundy Soccer Club where she mentors young athletes. Julianne is also the president of the UNBSJ Global Medical Brigades, a student-led group that she decided to bring back after it had been discontinued due to COVID-19. She established it as an official club through the SRC, has recruited more than 20 volunteers to travel on the brigade to Honduras, and has led the group in fundraising close to \$45,000.



Julia MacPherson (BScME)

Julia is a member of the UNB Reds field hockey club and plays a leadership role as club vice-president, extending her leadership in sport to serve on the board of directors for Field Hockey New Brunswick. In addition to her commitment to athletics, Julia is deeply engaged in the faculty of engineering where she is a mechanical engineering student. She serves on the Engineering Endowment Fund Committee, is a peer mentor, and is vice-president of communications with the Engineering Undergraduate Society. Julia has also served as the bilingualism and marketing director and the vice-president sponsorship for the Canadian Engineering Competition. Beyond engineering, Julia is a member of the UNB Menstrual Health Society and serves the broader community as a member of the Vimy Foundation Alumni Council, a fundraiser and awareness volunteer with the Sweet Caroline Foundation, and a maintenance volunteer at St. David's United Church.

Graduating **STUDENT LEADERS**

Twenty-one graduating students from the UNB Saint John campus were recognized with Graduating Student Leadership awards for the remarkable initiative they've taken during their time at UNB.

Created by the UNB Associated Alumni, the Graduating Student Leadership awards program celebrated its 18th anniversary in 2023. More than 375 alumni have been recognized as a Graduating Student Leader since 2005.



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UNB ALUMNI *Legacy Award*

Engineering student Houda El Hajjaoui is the 2023-2025, and third, recipient of the Alumni Legacy Award, established and presented by the UNB Associated Alumni.

Houda is a shining example of the values outlined by this scholarship. Throughout her time as an international student at UNB, she has shown immense pride for our institution, dedication to her faculty and fellow students, and a commitment to carrying on the UNB alumni legacy.

On Aug. 16, as she completed her summer co-op term at McCain Foods, Houda was surprised and presented with the award by Associated Alumni president Jennifer Sutherland Green (LLB'99). Valued at two years of tuition and fees, the scholarship is funded through the generous support of UNB alumni and friends. It recognizes a UNB student who has completed the minimum requirements for the second year of an undergraduate degree program and has demonstrated immense pride and commitment to the university through extra-curricular involvement.

An international student from Morocco, Houda is now entering her fourth year of chemical engineering and has shown strong academic achievement and volunteerism, as well as exceptional involvement with the faculty of engineering since her first days on campus. She has been a dedicated member of the UNB Engineering Undergraduate Society (EUS), currently serving as the vice-president internal, where she oversees internal affairs between EUS members, manages administrative duties and coordinates inter-society events.

Houda has also served as the chapter president for Motionball UNB, as engineering councillor with the UNB Student Union, and has been a long-standing volunteer with the International Students Advisor's Office. During her time at UNB, she created the ENGG PAL Center Pilot Project providing engineering students with access to weekly free help sessions. An advocate for anti-racism and fighting discrimination in post-secondary institutions, Houda volunteers in the community as communications director for Shades of Change.

"The University of New Brunswick is the place I never dreamed I would be at. I hope that my work and involvement at UNB will help empower students, especially women in STEM to pursue their dreams and to be sure that they too can bring impact to this community."

In addition to submitting an essay describing why she is "Proudly UNB" and how she will continue to be an ambassador for UNB upon graduation, a letter of recommendation from a UNB graduate was also required as part of the award application.

"Though she has only been here for three short years, she has made an impact within the UNB community and will continue to do so as she progresses in her program," says UNB alum Xiuming Shi (BPhil'21). ■

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| 2. Calgary Pub Night | 9. Victoria Mingler | 15. Toronto alumni at Rodney's Oyster House | 21. Calgary Engineering Meet the Dean |
| 3. Edmonton Gathering | 10. Singapore Management Alumni Meet the Dean | 16. Law 20th Reunion | 22. Kuala Lumpur Reception |
| 4. BPE'63 Reunion | 11. Calgary Annual Alumni Dinner | 17. Halifax Alumni at 'A Conversation with Michelle Obama' | 23. Faculty of Management Alumni in Toronto |
| 5. Southwest Ontario Annual Dinner | 12. Moncton Wine Expo | 18. Aitken House Reunion | 24. Summer Yumcha Alumni Luncheon, Hong Kong |
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LYNN CASSAN SCHOLARSHIP

FIELD: Engineering (Electrical)

VALUE: \$2,000 **NUMBER:** 1 **DURATION:** 1 year

DONOR: Lynn Cassan (BScEE'80)

Awarded to a Fredericton campus student who is enrolled in an undergraduate degree in the faculty of engineering and has completed at least the minimum requirements and continuing in electrical engineering.

ROBERT M. CHAMBERS '58 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

FIELD: Unrestricted

VALUE: \$2,000 **NUMBER:** 1 **DURATION:** 4 years

DONOR: The family and friends of Robert M. Chambers (BBA'58)

Awarded to a student beginning an undergraduate program directly from a Canadian high school. Selection will be based on academic achievement and financial need.

COX & PALMER ENTRANCE BURSARY

This \$1,500 bursary is awarded to a student entering their first year of the JD program. The student must self-identify as coming from an equity-deserving community that continues to be underrepresented at law school. The recipient must demonstrate financial need.

GARY CRANDLEMIRE SCHOLARSHIP

FIELD: Unrestricted

VALUE: \$1,000 **NUMBER:** 2 **DURATION:** 1 year

DONOR: Ali Reid (née Crandlemire), member of the women's basketball team (1993–94) in memory of Gary Crandlemire (BSc'69, MPE'84), member of the men's basketball team (1964–67).

Awarded to students who have completed the necessary requirements of the first year of an undergraduate degree program on the Fredericton campus. One scholarship will be awarded to a member of the UNB Reds women's basketball team, and one will be awarded to a member of the UNB Reds men's basketball team. The recipient must have a 3.0 GPA in the previous year. The recipient must be a leader on the court and/or in the community.

GEOFF FLOOD ATLANTIC BIG DATA CONGRESS SCHOLARSHIP

FIELD: Unrestricted

VALUE: \$10,000 **NUMBER:** 1 **DURATION:** 1 year (Renewable)

DONOR: Atlantic Big Data Congress through the McKenna Institute

Awarded based on review and recommendation by the School of Graduate Studies to an outstanding graduate student on the UNB Fredericton or Saint John Campus in the area of data science, artificial intelligence and machine learning whose research relates to an applied project for the private or public sector. Preference will be given to candidates working in the area of health or agriculture.

CAROL FOLEY BURSARY

FIELD: Business

VALUE: \$1,000 **NUMBER:** 1 **DURATION:** 4 years

DONOR: Carol A. Foley (BBA'83)

Awarded based on financial need to a student graduating from a public high school and beginning the business administration degree program on the Fredericton campus. Preference will be given to a female student. Consideration may be given to the student's involvement in extracurricular activities.

MARILYN FRENCH CALDWELL BURSARY

FIELD: Kinesiology

VALUE: \$1,000 **NUMBER:** 1 **DURATION:** 1 year

DONOR: Marilyn R. Caldwell (BPE'62)

Awarded to a Fredericton campus student who has completed at least the minimum requirements for the first year of an undergraduate degree program in the faculty of kinesiology. Selection is based on financial need.

FRONTAIN FAMILY BURSARY

FIELD: Engineering or Forestry

VALUE: \$5,000 **NUMBER:** 2 **DURATION:** 1 year

DONOR: Rich (BScFE'85) and Kelly (BScCE'87) Frontain

Awarded based on financial need to Canadian or international students enrolled in the bachelor of science in engineering or bachelor of science in forestry program on the Fredericton campus. The recipients must have graduated from a high school outside of New Brunswick. The recipient must demonstrate successful academic performance.

MICHAEL KIERSTEAD BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP

FIELD: Unrestricted

VALUE: Variable **NUMBER:** 2 **DURATION:** 1 year

DONOR: Michael Kierstead (BBA'02)

Awarded to students who have completed the necessary requirements of the first year of an undergraduate degree program on the Fredericton campus. One scholarship will be awarded to a member of the UNB Reds women's basketball team, and one will be awarded to a member of the UNB Reds men's basketball team. The recipient must have had a 3.0 GPA in the previous year. The recipient must be a leader on the court, with notable stats on the team.

ROSS LECKIE AWARD

FIELD: Arts

VALUE: Variable **NUMBER:** Variable **DURATION:** 1 year

DONOR: Dr. Ross Leckie, his colleagues and former students

To be awarded annually, at the discretion of the department, to deserving master's or PhD students in the department of English on the Fredericton campus.

ROSS LECKIE PRIZE IN POETRY

A prize of \$1,000 to be awarded to a gifted undergraduate or graduate poet on the Fredericton campus. Applicants should submit a sample of their recent work (a folio of poems or single poem totalling no more than 2,500 words) to the department of English. Past winners of this award are not eligible to enter the competition, and the work submitted cannot have previously won an award or prize. Finalists may be interviewed by the selection committee.

ANNE C. LOWE AND THE LOWE FAMILY BURSARY

FIELD: Bachelor of Health

VALUE: \$2,000 **NUMBER:** 1 **DURATION:** 1 year

DONOR: Gerry Lowe

Awarded based on financial need to a fourth-year student whose concentration in their program is long-term care and/or dementia. Selection will be based on academic achievement. The recipient must be from the City of Saint John with a preference given to applicants from priority neighbourhoods.

MAIS FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

FIELD: Computer Science

VALUE: \$5,000 **NUMBER:** 2 **DURATION:** 1 year

DONOR: Mais Family Foundation

Awarded to Fredericton campus students who are enrolled in the bachelor of computer science and/or bachelor of science in software engineering degree program. Selection will be based on academic achievement and demonstration of entrepreneurial spirit through involvement with the J. Herbert Smith Centre for Technology, Management and Entrepreneurship.

NURSING CLINICAL PLACEMENT TRAVEL BURSARY

FIELD: Nursing

VALUE: \$240 **NUMBER:** 10 **DURATION:** 1 year

DONOR: Carole Peacock (BA'65)

Awarded based on financial need to Canadian and international nursing students completing clinical placement enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program on the Fredericton, Moncton or Saint John campus. This bursary is open to students enrolled in full-time and part-time studies. The recipients must demonstrate successful academic performance.

SAINT JOHN REGIONAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION INDIGENOUS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

FIELD: Bachelor of Health or Nursing

VALUE: \$10,000 **NUMBER:** 1 **DURATION:** 1 year

DONOR: Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation

Awarded based on academic achievement and financial need to an Indigenous student entering their third or fourth year of study in the bachelor of health program with a major in society & health or the bachelor of nursing program at UNB Saint John, or a graduate of a Saint John area high school enrolled in the bachelor of nursing program at UNB Fredericton. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship more than once.

SAINT JOHN REGIONAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

FIELD: Bachelor of Health or Nursing

VALUE: \$10,000 **NUMBER:** Up to 5 **DURATION:** 1 year

DONOR: Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation

Awarded based on academic achievement and financial need to students entering their third or fourth year of study in the bachelor of health program with a major in society & health or the bachelor of nursing program at UNB Saint John, or a graduate of a Saint John area high school enrolled in the bachelor of nursing program at UNB Fredericton. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship more than once.

CAROL SEARS BURSARY IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

FIELD: Education

VALUE: \$1,500 **NUMBER:** 2 **DURATION:** 1 year

DONOR: Dr. Michael C. Sears (BSc'65, PhD'72)

Awarded to Fredericton campus students who are enrolled in the bachelor of education early childhood degree program. Selection is made based on academic achievement and financial need.

BARBARA STEWART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

FIELD: Nursing

VALUE: \$1,000 **NUMBER:** 1 **DURATION:** 1 year

DONOR: Beth (Stewart) Fullerton and Susan Harley (BBA'82, MBA'93)

Awarded to a student beginning the bachelor of nursing degree program on the Saint John campus. Selection will be based on academic achievement and financial need.

UNB SAINT JOHN STUDENT NURSING SOCIETY BURSARY

FIELD: Nursing

VALUE: \$1,000 **NUMBER:** 1 **DURATION:** 1 year

DONOR: Saint John Student Nursing Society

Awarded based on financial need to a student enrolled in the bachelor of nursing degree program on the Saint John campus. The recipient must demonstrate successful academic performance.

DR. C. MARY YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP IN BIOLOGY

FIELD: Bachelor of Science

VALUE: \$1,000 **NUMBER:** 1 **DURATION:** 1 year

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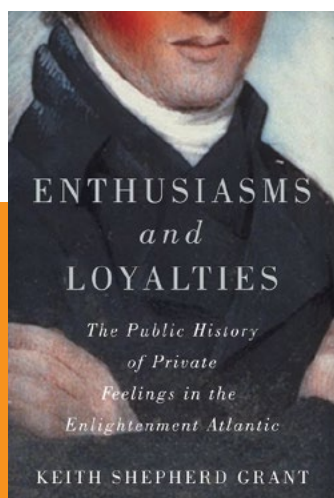
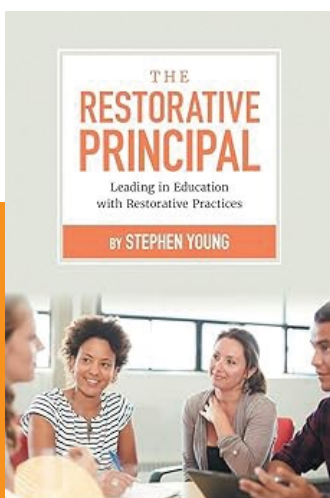
Awarded based on academic achievement to a full-time student on the Fredericton campus who has completed at least the minimum requirements for the first year of a bachelor of science degree program demonstrating excellence in biology. Preference will be given to students who have an interest in the environment, nature or conservation. ■

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By: Stephen Young (MPE '86)

Publisher: Friesen Press

ISBN: 978-1-5255-9691-9

Enthusiasms and Loyalties: The Public History of Private Feelings in the Enlightenment Atlantic

By: Keith Shepherd Grant (PhD'17)

Publisher: McGill-Queen's University Press

ISBN: 978-0-228-014-225

The Cows Are Out

By: Dale McIsaac (BE'd'85, PhD'15)

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By: Anna Blauveltdt (BA'74)

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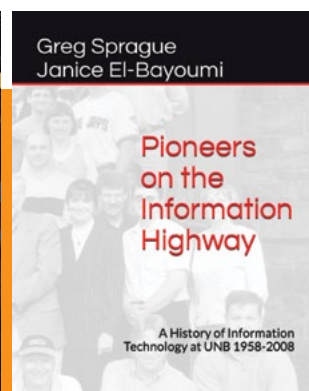
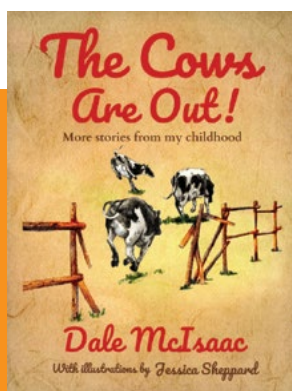
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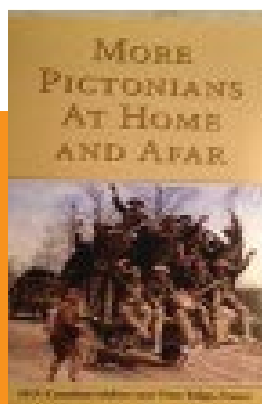
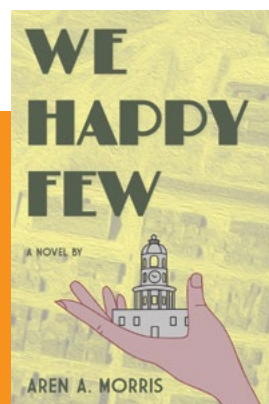
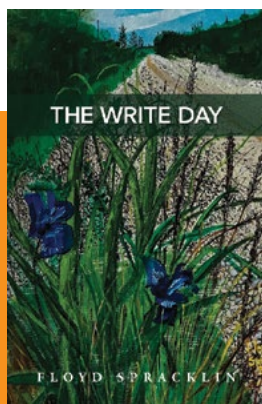
Pioneers of the Information Highway A history of Information Technology at UNB 1958–2008

By: Greg Sprague (BSc'67, MCS'80), Bev
Bramble (BE'd'80), and Janice El-Bayoumi

Publisher: Self-published

ISBN:-13: 979-8367068788





The Write Day

By: Floyd Spracklin (MEd'95)
 Publisher: DRC Publishing
 ISBN: 978-1-988358-53-6

We Happy Few

By: Aren A. Morris (BEd'02)
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More Pictonians At Home And Afar

By: Clyde F. Macdonald (BCL'68)
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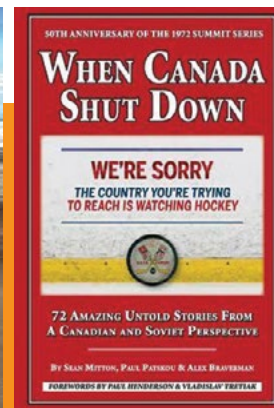
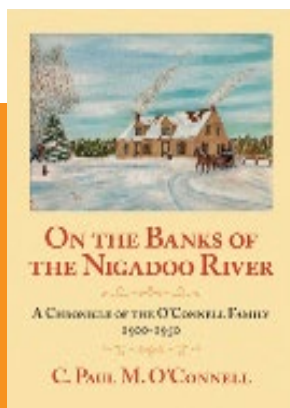
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The Lost Princess of Loulan

By: Alan Doerksen (BA'84)
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When Canada Shut Down

By: Sean Mitton (BBA'92)
 Publisher: Lulu.com
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Congratulations to
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some of our

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'66

JOHN BOILEAU (BA) of Bedford, N.S., was invested in the Order of Nova Scotia for 2022. The award was announced on Dec. 12, 2022, and notes in part, "As an accomplished and widely published historian and heritage preservation advocate, Colonel Boileau has done much to enhance public knowledge of the province's rich history and its peoples." He "has a passion for Nova Scotia's history," is "immensely active in his community as a speaker, advisor, and commentator, and gives freely of his time and advice. John is an influential and positive force behind the promotion of the province's cultural fibre and has created an awareness and appreciation of Nova Scotia's rich and diverse history and heritage." Because many of his contributions involved the military and military history, as a retired officer with 37 years regular force service and another 10 years as an honorary colonel, John was authorized to wear his army uniform by the commander of the Canadian Army for the occasion.

'68

On January 11, 2023, at Westville, N.S., the Premier of Nova Scotia, Tim Houston presented retired judge **CLYDE MACDONALD** (BCL) of New Glasgow, N.S., with a Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal. In the past, Clyde has been the recipient of

both the Queen Elizabeth II Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals. Since the year 2000, Clyde has been the self-published author of 21 books about Pictou County and Nova Scotia historical events and people with all proceeds from the book sales going to charitable organizations.

'70

PETER HUNT'S (BScME) of Kennett Square, PA, USA, wife, **JOYCE** (BA, BEd'73) had her second knee replaced. Now with two good legs she will be able to enjoy her garden. Also, she is anxious to get back on the racetrack to compete with me. She has her Porsche Cayman GT-4 and I now have a 2023 Porsche Boxster GTS.

'73

DAWNE MCLEAN (née Wright, BSc) of Shepody, N.B., was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal (New Brunswick). This award honours the extraordinary contribution made to her community and the Province of New Brunswick, in her dedicated service for the benefit of others. Serving as president of the Albert County Historical Society, she authored the book *A Glimpse of Past Days*, with the purpose of sharing and documenting historical accounts and heritage photos in print, so that essential pieces of Albert County's rich history will be preserved for future generations.

1980–2018

11 UNB alumni are Atlantic Business Magazine's 2023 Top CEOs.

JOEL ALBERT (BBA'05), co-founder/owner/business development, NorthTaste Flavours Inc., Anse-Bleue, N.B.

SASCHA BOULET-DEVOST (BScKin'09), CEO, Capture Therapeutics, Grand Falls, N.B.

MARY BUTLER (MED'10), CEO and president, New Brunswick Community College (NBCC), Fredericton, N.B.

SUSAN CHALMERS-GAUVIN (BA'96, DLitt'12), co-founder and president, Atlantic Ballet Atlantique Canada, Moncton, N.B.

TANYA CHAPMAN (MBA'12), CEO and president, The Chapman Group, Saint John, N.B.

KEVIN KILEY (LLB'93), managing partner, McInnes Cooper, Halifax, N.S.

ERIK KLEIN (Class of '97): CEO, Town Health Solutions, Hampton, N.B.

MARK MCALLISTER (CS'01), CEO and co-founder, VeroSource Solutions Inc., Fredericton, N.B.

KEITH MCINTOSH (DSc'18), CEO, PLATO Testing, Fredericton, N.B.

MATT SYMES (BA/BEd'04), CEO, Symplicity Designs, Moncton, N.B.

MARK WOOD (BScEE'80, MScEE'83), CEO and co-founder, Ocean Sonics Ltd., Truro Heights, N.S.

'80

After playing full time master's tennis on The ITF World Circuit Tour since 2009, **MAR PEPIN** (BEd) reached a milestone and won his 50th ITF title in Umag, Croatia, in September by capturing the men's 60 doubles title.

WARREN GRAY (BBA) of Waterloo, Ont., retired in January 2020 and now spends his time doing as little as possible.

'82

MARK THOMAS (BScChE) of Houston, TX, USA, received the Proficiency Medal First Class, the highest civilian recognition in the Kingdom of Bahrain, from His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa in December 2022.

'91

In November 2022, **TRINA INNES** (MF) of Edmonton, Alta., was recognized as one of 100 women and gender-diverse people who are leading the way to a clean energy future in Canada through the Women in Energy Transformation Series.

'92

Colonel (The Reverend Doctor) **BARBARA L. PUTNAM**, CD, née Cuthbertson (BSc) of Ottawa, Ont., received the degree doctor of divinity honoris causa from Acadia University at the 2022 Convocation. Barbara is a Canadian Forces chaplain who is passionate about diversity, equity, and inclusion. Her work is in the area of restorative practices for affected persons of sexual misconduct. She lives in Ottawa with her spouse, The Reverend Brad Putnam.

'93

DR. RAOUF KHODABOCUS (BEd'87, MSc'89, PhD) of Moka, Mauritius, an

educational trailblazer was awarded the prestigious 2023 UNB Alumni Award of Distinction. "What an honour to be receiving this prestigious Award of Distinction from my alma mater. It is rewarding when one's career reaches a major milestone." All his three children who attended the ceremony are/were NSERC scholars pursuing their careers in the medical and dental fields in Canada. He can be reached at drkhodabocus@hotmail.com.

'95

DON MOORE (BSc) of Moncton, N.B., joined the board of directors for the Codiac Regional Policing Authority (CPRA) in 2021, becoming chair of the board in 2022. The CRPA is the volunteer civilian oversight group that sets the priorities of policing, and budget, for the regional police service in Moncton, Dieppe, and Riverview, in New Brunswick.

TONY FABIJANČIĆ (PhD) from Corner Brook, Nfld., is a professor of English at Grenfell Campus, Memorial University of Newfoundland. He is the author of three books: *Croatia: Travels in Undiscovered Country* (University of Alberta Press, 2003), *Bosnia: In the Footsteps of Gavrilo Princip* (University of Alberta Press, 2009), and *Drink in the Summer: A Memoir of Croatia* (Athabasca University Press, 2023). His other publications include scholarly articles, travel essays, personal essays, political essays, short fiction and photographs in the University of Toronto Quarterly, The Globe and Mail, Calgary Herald, The Antigonish Review, The Nashwaak Review and elsewhere.

'98

ADAM BURNS (BSc) of Ottawa, Ont., received his BSc from UNB in 1998 and his MSc from Dalhousie University in 2000. He was recently appointed assistant deputy minister, aquatic ecosystems and fisheries management at Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

Prior to this, he was director general, fisheries and resource management at DFO. He lives in Ottawa with his wife and our two sons.

'01

JIM HIGGINS (MEd) of St. Stephen, N.B., was hired as the municipal returning officer for District 18, stretching from McAdam to Grand Manan. He was tasked with overseeing the recent municipal election in the district that was triggered by the amalgamation of areas by the Department of Environment and Local Government. He began work with Elections Canada in 2019, and has been involved in every election federally, provincially and municipally since, either as a poll worker, trainer or administrator.

JAMIE HEAP (BEd) of River Hebert, N.S., received positive media coverage in both the print and online versions of the Moncton Times & Transcript and L'Acadie-Nouvelle newspapers in early January 2023 concerning his 13th and latest book *Wrestling with the Cormiers: The Careers of Brothers Leo Burke, Yvon "The Beast" Cormier, Bobby Kay, Rudy Kay & Mel Turnbow During the Territorial Era of Professional Wrestling, 1948 - 1991*. As a result, demand increased exponentially from Jamie's initial limited 25-copy 2022 print run, causing him to sell all 110 copies of his second print run in just 15 days, making the book the most successful (in terms of copies sold) of his 10 self-published books and second only behind *Lord of the Land: The Reign of Amos 'King' Seaman* (415 copies) that was published by the Sackville, NB-based Tantram Heritage Trust in February 2009. Altogether, Jamie has sold over 1,050 copies of his various books, surpassing his 1,000-copy goal that he set for himself five years ago.

'03

DARCEY LYNCH (BBA) of Dieppe, N.B., had an 18+ year career in the functional

areas of human resources, safety and operations across the manufacturing, agriculture and transportation sectors, and has recently founded Levitate HR Strategies Inc., a consultancy which combines human resources with occupational health and safety service offering. He invites connection requests from former classmates and alumni on LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/in/darceyllynch/>.

'13

In December 2022, **CARRIE CULLIGAN YEAMANS** (BBA'04; MPhil) was presented with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal for her coordination of several federal/provincial and territorial meetings for the premier of New Brunswick throughout the pandemic.

JASMINE CHONG (BSc) was named as one of the top 1 per cent most cited researchers in her field through Clarivate. Her sister has fond memories of her bringing "me into Bailey Hall as a young child, showing me around UNB, and bringing home spin dip. Her

drive and success is what inspired me to attend UNB. She went on pursue her Master's in Epidemiology and a PHD Bioinformatics both at McGill."

'22

JOHN MATHER (BA'03, MEd) of Oromocto, N.B., following 10 years in

Canadian Special Operations Forces Command in Ontario, was posted to the G3 (Operations) Branch at Combat Training Centre Headquarters at 5 CDSB Gagetown in September 2022. The family is very happy to be back home in New Brunswick, and exploring all the outdoor activities the province has to offer. ■



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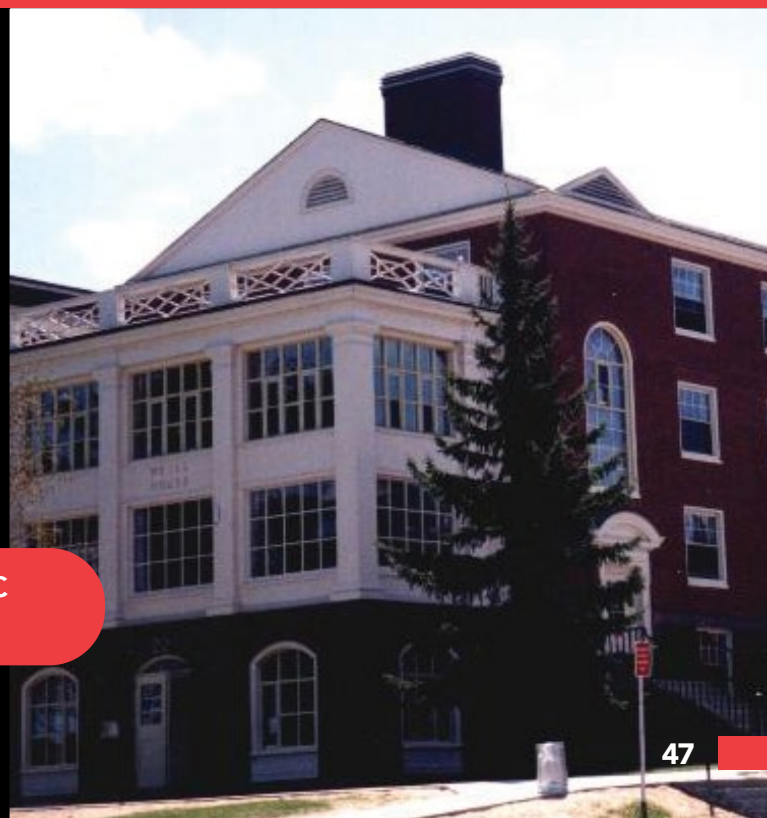
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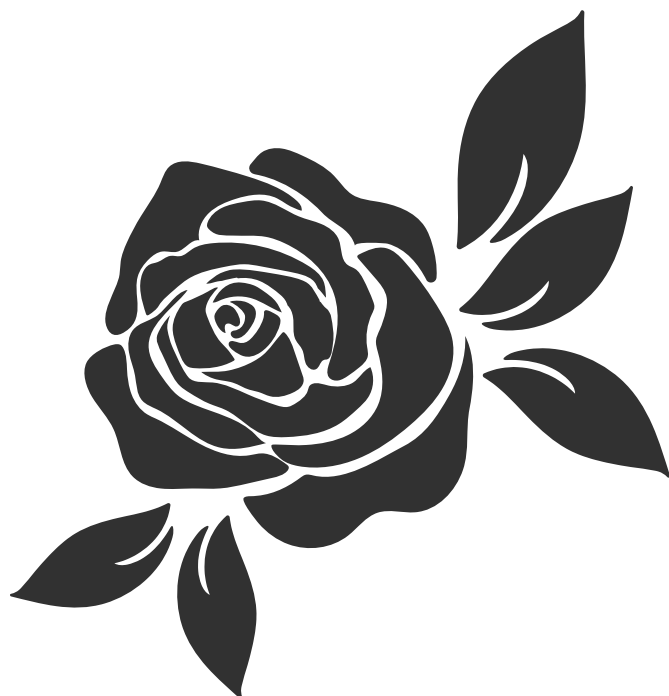
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In 2006, when Jim McLean (BScEE'70) and his wife, Rilla (BT'68, BA'70) were considering including UNB in their gift planning, they reached out to the Office of Development and Donor Relations to discuss a potential bequest.

Over the next few years, they worked together with development staff to create an award that was both meaningful to them and supportive of the diverse community of students at UNB.

The James and Rilla McLean Memorial Bursary, valued at a minimum of \$8,000, will be awarded for the first time in September 2024 to at least one undergraduate student per year who demonstrates financial need. Preference will be given to students with mobility challenges, such as spinal cord injuries, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy and multiple sclerosis.

Rilla was born with a rare genetic disorder, one of the side effects of which was sensory neuropathy. Her mobility increasingly lessened throughout her life until eventually she required the full-time use of a wheelchair. The wheelchair did not slow her down.

Two of Jim and Rilla's volunteer commitments in Port Hawkesbury were the Strait Accessibility Awareness Committee, working to improve accessibility in the town and its buildings, and the Inverness-Richmond Society for Persons with Disabilities. They also gave their time to the Terry Fox Run, the Nova Scotia Trails Association, their church, and the local historical society and museum.

In 2000, Rilla was honoured with Canadian Airlines' national award for her demonstration of the spirit of volunteerism. She and Jim worked tirelessly to increase accessibility in their hometown, and Rilla was passionate about creating opportunities for individuals with mobility challenges. "She was so determined to do anything for anyone with a disability," said Rilla's sister, Joan (Tapley) Cass.

Jim passed away in 2010, and Rilla in 2022. As one memory on Rilla's obituary noted, "From her wheelchair, Rilla could move mountains." The McLeans' legacy will live on, at UNB and beyond, for years to come. ■

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There is a sense of community at UNB that few universities can match. On our campuses, around our province, and to the far reaches of the globe where UNBers land, our alumni, friends, and donors should take immense pride in seeing the impact of such generous support. As you will read in these pages, that impact is profound.

Support for scholarships at UNB advances our mission to inspire and educate students to become problem solvers and leaders in the world. Donor investments in the McKenna Institute are accelerating the economic trajectory of New Brunswick, dramatically broadening talent development and helping underrepresented individuals join the technology sector.

Support for the Integrated Health Initiative on our Saint John campus will transform the province's health sector while bolstering the region's economy, educating innovative leaders and tackling the greatest health challenges, now and into the future.

Donor support will optimize government investments in the future home of UNB law: the historic Justice Building in downtown Fredericton. In addition to providing an added margin of excellence that will set UNB law apart from other law schools, the building will also become the permanent home for the UNB Legal Clinic.

And donor generosity will bring the new Engineering Commons to fruition as the new entrance to Head Hall, symbolic of the growth surrounding the future of UNB engineering.

These are just a few of the ways charitable support is touching lives and creating change, across our campuses and beyond. On behalf of all of us at UNB, thank you.

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CAMILLA AND DOMINIQUE DROST

Sisters Camilla and Dominique Drost have always been close. Since coming to UNB, they have found themselves part of a new extended family: the community of current and former Beaverbrook Scholars.

Camilla is a fourth-year student in the bachelor of science in engineering (chemical) program, with specializations in nuclear power and energy conversion. In addition, she is concurrently earning a diploma in technology management and entrepreneurship. Dominique is in the second year of the bachelor of science in kinesiology program. Camilla is a recipient of the Lord Beaverbrook Scholarship and Dominique is a recipient of the Beaverbrook Scholars Award.

Both sisters are active members of the Beaverbrook community, which has had a profound impact on their UNB experience. The financial support has enabled them to focus on their studies and dedicate themselves to extracurricular activities that give back. They emphasized the importance of the mentorship and support they have received. "It's a privilege to study what

you're passionate about, while also having time and resources to pursue other passions and interests," Dominique said.

Despite a heavy course load of six to eight classes per semester, both sisters are very actively involved in university life.

Among Dominique's many extracurricular and volunteer commitments are the Cardiometabolic Exercise & Lifestyle Laboratory (CELLAB), and an occupational therapy program for youth. "This has been a really eye-opening and beautiful experience," she said. "It's a really welcoming community, centred around empowering and building up kids." Along with other campus committees, Dominique is vice-president communications for the Atlantic Engineering Competition (AEC), where Camilla also volunteers as a competition director.

Camilla is currently vice-president external of the UNB Engineering Undergraduate Society (EUS), which represents over 1,200 engineering students. She was recently elected the society's Atlantic Ambassador, representing all Atlantic universities at

the national level with the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students (CFES). Among other commitments, she volunteers with the UNB Menstrual Health Society, which works to reduce period poverty on the UNB Fredericton campus.

Looking forward, Camilla hopes to pursue her professional engineering designation. "This is incredibly important to me as a woman in engineering," she said. Dominique's interests are varied at this point in her degree, but she is especially excited by rehabilitative therapy for individuals suffering from complex neurological conditions.

"The Beaverbrook community is welcoming, supportive, and inspiring," said Dominique. "There are so many kind, driven, intelligent people in it! Being a part of the community has empowered me to get involved and make a difference."

Camilla agreed. "My sister and I are taking very different paths through school, but I am incredibly grateful that I get to experience such a major part of my university journey with her as Beaverbrook scholarship recipients." ■

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LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS: \$191,152



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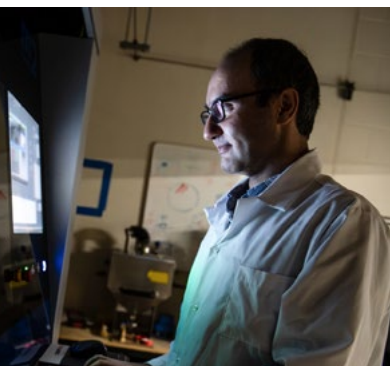


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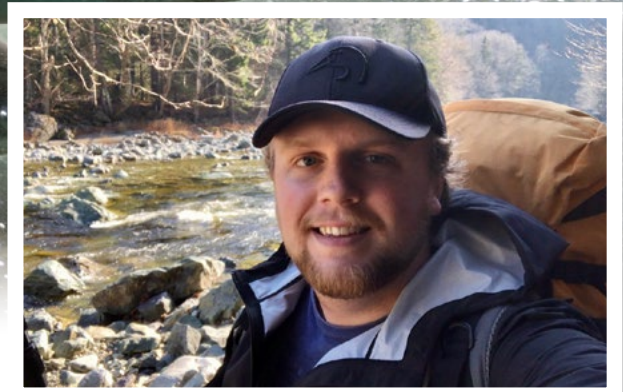
TOTAL: \$18,760,890

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New Brunswick student researches

INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO MONITOR WILD ATLANTIC SALMON POPULATIONS



For Jagger Watters-Gray, exploring new ways to monitor the health and diversity of wild Atlantic salmon populations seems almost instinctive after growing up along the rivers and streams of his native New Brunswick.

JAGGER WATTERS-GRAY

Jagger, a PhD candidate in Biological Sciences at the University of New Brunswick, is a recent recipient of the Bud and Peggy Bird Scholarship which is given to a graduate student directly engaged in research in support of Atlantic salmon conservation.

Jagger says the \$4,000 award is indirectly helping his research because it enables him to live without financial hardship.

“The biggest thing with any scholarship, including the Bud and Peggy Bird, is that it gives me financial security so I can actually focus on my research and continue to do my research rather than having to focus on other things to bring in money,” he says.

Jagger, a native of Perth-Andover, says he grew up in a family that was oriented towards an interest in biology. He spent

his days fishing and exploring the woods and waterways of the St. John River Valley. He was an undergraduate student at UNB from 2016 until 2020, before entering graduate school.

His research focuses on an innovative sampling technique for Atlantic salmon called environmental DNA. Living organisms are always shedding their DNA into surrounding environments. In the case of salmon, it is possible to extract and analyze their DNA from water samples using molecular methods.

“My research is focusing on how we can use environmental DNA to monitor the abundance and genetic diversity of Atlantic salmon populations,” he says. “If we can get information on Atlantic salmon populations by just taking a cup of water, that is much easier than some of the extensive monitoring efforts that take place now.”

Jagger says environmental DNA methods are not meant to replace current monitoring efforts for Atlantic salmon but he hopes his research will give scientists and managers more options for gathering data.

The scholarship is made possible by a generous donation from the Chairman Emeritus of the Miramichi Salmon Association, J.W. “Bud” Bird (LLD ‘87), an enthusiastic salmon angler and conservationist, and his late wife Peggy, who died in 2013. Bud recently created a new Bud Bird – ASF Wild Salmon Grant for undergraduate Indigenous students in Forestry and Environmental Management or Faculty of Science.

Bud’s support is helping ensure that the mystery of declining wild Atlantic salmon stocks continues to be addressed by research in order to restore their numbers and secure their habitat for the future. ■

A Family Affair:

EMPOWERING FUTURE FORESTERS



THE ERDLE FAMILY

From left to right: Alanna (MScFE'13), Marianne (BScF'83, BEd'94), Thom (BScF'79, PhD'90) and Heidi (MF'13, MBA'18) Erdle.

Every member of the Erdle family has experienced the benefits of a UNB education, and each of them wished to extend those opportunities to students in years to come.

Thom (BScF'79, PhD'90), Marianne (BScF'83, BEd'94), Alanna (MScFE'13) and Heidi (MF'13, MBA'18) Erdle, each of whom earned degrees in forestry, have come together to fund the Erdle Family Prize in Forest Management. Valued at \$4,000, the prize is awarded annually to a Bachelor of Science in Forestry student who demonstrates special interest, proficiency and promise in the field of forest management.

"Heidi and I are pleased to help other students relieve some of the financial

burden of university as we were helped during our degrees," said Alanna Erdle. "It is our hope that the recipients of this scholarship are inspired by, and motivated to build upon, the significant forest management advances made by past UNB forestry grads."

Along with being a double alumnus, Thom Erdle was a member of the faculty of forestry and environmental management for more than 20 years, serving as program director for the bachelor of science in forestry degree program and as assistant dean. He has received UNB's preeminent teaching award, the Dr. Allan P. Stuart Memorial Award for Excellence in Teaching, and is widely regarded as an architect of modern forest management. In 2021, he was inducted into the New Brunswick Forestry Hall of Fame.

"I really think that forest management, especially in this country and this province, is highly important," said Thom. "The fate of the forest, largely affected by quality of our management, is going to be very influential over how we as a society fare and how the environment fares now and in the future. It's essential that we have knowledgeable, skilled, competent people engaged in forest management."

In the words of the family, "we established this award to give back to UNB in appreciation for what it has done for us. Our UNB educations have enabled each of us to lead productive and fulfilling professional lives. We hope this award motivates soon-to-be professional foresters, so they too can pursue productive and fulfilling careers." ■

BILL BAKER'S LIFELONG GRATITUDE



Paul J. Mazerolle, president and vice-chancellor, UNB, with Bill Baker (BSc'55).

Bill Baker (BSc'55) has spent a lifetime feeling grateful for the opportunities opened up for him at UNB, and nearly 50 years giving back with an annual gift of a size he could afford.

"I'm not a famous grad or a distinguished grad," Bill said, "I'm just a guy from Moncton who was really, really lucky and got to go to UNB on a Beaverbrook scholarship. I was grateful then, and I have been grateful every day since. It changed my life."

In the summer of 1951, Bill had been accepted to UNB and had worked to save enough to cover his expenses until about January of the next year. In fact, he was at work that summer, digging ditches at Fundy National Park, when he was called to the park office for a long-

distance phone call. It was his mother, telling him he had been awarded a Beaverbrook scholarship. "So, I was fixed," he said.

At UNB, Bill studied math and physics and, among other activities, played hockey. He lived in the Lady Beaverbrook residence, which he called "a great experience for a 17-year-old from Moncton who had never been anywhere. It was wonderful."

Bill met Lord Beaverbrook three times, and his benefactor made a great impression on him.

"One of my colleagues asked, 'what can we ever do to repay you?' And his answer was very simple. He said, 'don't try to repay me. Help someone else,'" Bill said.

After graduating from UNB, Bill completed an MSc. at the University of Toronto and an MBA from New York University. He spent the bulk of his career in a combination of computers and publishing, he said, retiring as a vice-president of International Thomson Publishing in 1989.

Bill hopes other alumni will follow his example and give what they can. "There were a few years when I had to budget where my donations would go, and UNB was always at the top of that list," he said.

"When I graduated, I didn't have much money, but I was debt free. And so, with that kind of gratitude, it's not hard to see my way clear to make some kind of donation every year." ■

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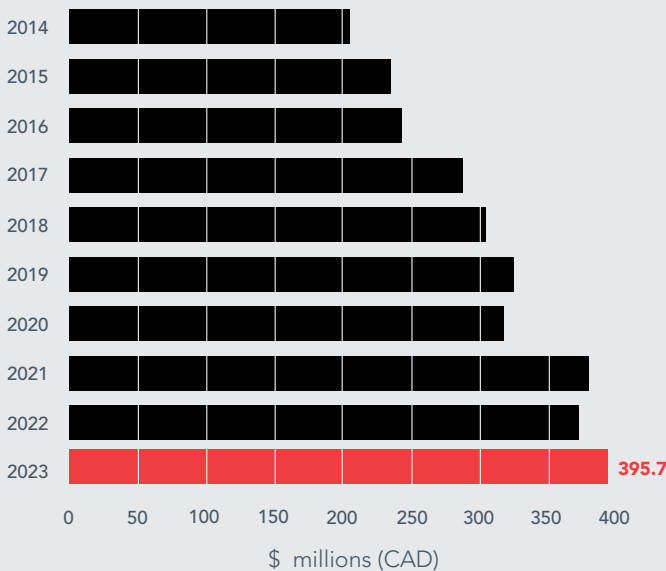
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PRINCIPAL GROWTH 2014-23

As of April 30, 2023



CHANGES IN TRUST AND ENDOWMENT

Balance 2022-23
(Market value in millions)

Balance April 30, 2023	\$395.7
Balance April 30, 2022	\$373.2
Net increase during the year	\$22.5

INCREASE DUE TO:

Donations and other additions to capital	\$18.5
Investment income	\$26.0
Spending	-\$22.0
Total	\$22.5



UNB Law's NEW HOME

In late June, UNB President and Vice-Chancellor Paul Mazerolle, The Hon. Dominic LeBlanc (MP), Premier Blaine Higgs, and The Hon. Ted Flemming, New Brunswick minister of justice, announced that, thanks to the largest ever public investment in a Canadian law school, the UNB faculty of law is moving to the Justice Building in downtown Fredericton.

This \$62-million project will transform this historic property into a state-of-the-art facility for legal education, legal assistance, public engagement, and policy-oriented and community-based research. By relocating downtown, within walking distance of the courts, the legislature, government agencies, law firms and businesses, our students will see the law in action all around them. Our faculty of law, and our university, will serve our city and our province like never before.

This iconic project will preserve the Justice Building's architectural heritage while bringing all of its systems and spaces up to modern standards. In its new home, the faculty of law will expand by nearly 30,000 sq. ft., providing much-needed space for graduate programs, student services, research centres, and a permanent home for the UNB Legal Clinic. The Justice Building will also feature a legal observatory, where real legal proceedings will take place, and students and researchers will get a front row seat for observing how the justice system actually works.

The renovation of the Justice Building is a long-term project that will be completed in the next four to five years. UNB law is committed to engaging with all stakeholders to ensure that the project meets the needs of students, faculty, staff, and the community and that vital links between the faculty of law and the UNB Fredericton campus are preserved. ■

UNB law will be seeking philanthropic support to optimize the Justice Building project, and to further shape the future of legal education in Canada. Details to follow in the coming months.

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She's got the **SHANNA ST-PIERRE-POWER**



Shanna St-Pierre-Power (BA'17) has dreamed of being a lawyer for as long as she can remember.

The third-year law student has fought hard in her life to overcome barriers imposed upon her by the socio-economic factors of her youth. Thanks to this tenacity and the support she has received through awards like the Linda and Michael Beirsto Award, that dream is set to become a reality.

"After receiving great support and living an absolutely amazing student experience at UNB during my undergraduate degree, I was determined to complete my JD at UNB law. When I was accepted, it quite literally felt like a dream come true," she said. "The friendships and the experiences I have made here will impact me for a lifetime."

In addition to playing intramural basketball and participating in other campus activities, Shanna is also president

of the UNB Indigenous Law Students' Association. The scholarships and awards she has received, she said, have allowed her to dedicate more of her time to these extracurricular activities – hours she would otherwise have had to spend working. "They have supported my dream," she said.

Shanna is proud of her law school. "UNB law holding smaller class sizes, provides us with the opportunity to really engage in meaningful discussions. Different perspectives are shared and welcomed. Hearing and learning about others' perspectives and being able to share mine has been one of my favourite aspects of UNB law," she said.

Looking forward, Shanna is excited to delve further into her interests in several different fields of law. She has secured an articling position at a prestigious firm in Fredericton, where she previously enjoyed working as a summer law student. "I am

eager to explore and find my areas of focus with their support," she said.

"Law degrees are one of the most versatile university qualifications, and the possibilities of the future feel limitless. I am tremendously excited to see what the future holds for me." ■

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UNB GRAD RESEARCHED COMPLEX PROCESSES THAT CAN HELP **FIGHT CANCER** THANKS TO FELLOWSHIP AWARD

Marta Tomás Piqueras came to the University of New Brunswick to pursue doctoral studies in organic chemistry and now is involved in groundbreaking pharmaceutical research and development back in her native Spain.

Marta (PhD'23), attended UNB from 2018 to 2022 and received \$25,000 from the Richard Langler Graduate Fellowship in Organic Chemistry.

Her research involved synthesizing iridium complexes with hydrogen-bond ligands. The iridium complexes are a class of organometallic compounds with applications in biology and life science. Their specific biological behavior makes this class of compounds useful in broader areas of life science such as imaging, sensing and therapy.

Iridium materials show effective anti-cancer behaviour while also being highly luminescent in the biological environment giving rise to new therapeutic and diagnostic materials in the toolbox for fighting cancer.

Marta, now living in Barcelona and working for a pharmaceutical company, said she first heard about UNB while searching for PhD positions regarding a specific area of chemistry in which she was interested. She said her years at UNB were rewarding in many ways.

"It was a crucial part of my academic life which helped me to become the person that I am," she said. "Thanks to the fellowship award, we got an instrument that facilitated my work at the lab and the research of my labmates."

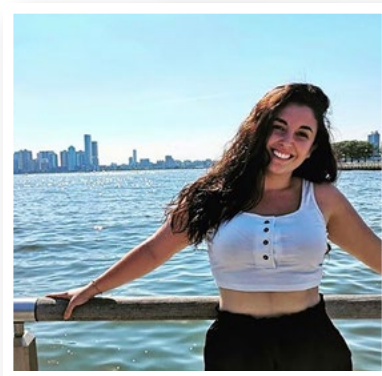
Marta said receiving the fellowship was an affirmation of her hard work and devotion to the great possibilities of organic chemistry.

"It is important to be recognized for all your hard work," she said. "This award helps to improve your research, and at the same time, the research of your group."

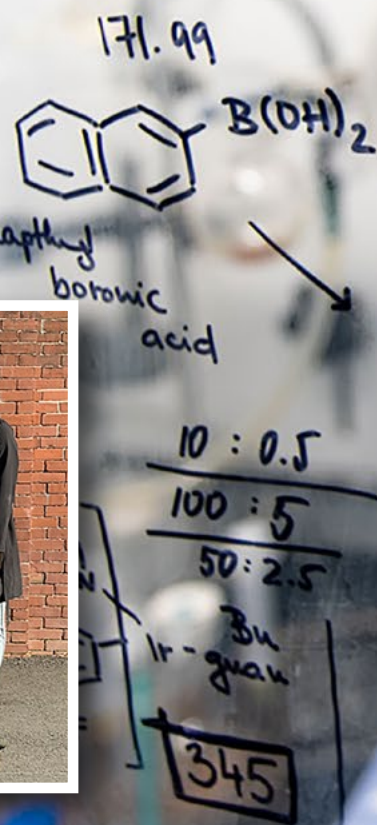
The Richard Langler Graduate Fellowship is awarded to an outstanding student pursuing graduate studies in the area of organic chemistry. If you are interested in establishing a graduate fellowship, please contact UNB's Development and Donor Relations at (506) 453-5053 or devdr@unb.ca. ■



Marta Tomás Piqueras, pictured in the front row, second from right, conducted her research with The Blight Chemistry group at UNB, which specializes in supramolecular chemistry-derived functional materials.



**MARTA TOMÁS
PIQUERAS**



UNB BREAKS GROUND ON HEALTH INNOVATION



At UNB's Saint John campus, one can literally see change in Canada's health sector on the horizon.

In August, UNB broke ground on a 65,000-square-foot Health and Social Innovation Centre. The Centre, which will shape the campus skyline, is to be the home of UNB's Integrated Health Initiative, or IHI. The IHI will educate innovative leaders and find bold solutions to tackle the health challenges of today and tomorrow.

"The importance of IHI to UNB, Saint John and the province cannot be overstated," said Dr. Petra Hauf, formerly vice-president Saint John and currently UNB's provost and vice-president academic. "It will not only transform the health sector but will also bolster the economy of the region, strengthen Saint John's stature as a centre of excellence and confirm New Brunswick's reputation as a leader in health and social innovation."

IHI will enable UNB to:

- Prepare the health sector workforce of tomorrow through Interdisciplinary Education.
- Enable gains in health sector performance through Collaborative Health Research.
- Bring new solutions to the health sector and tackle societal challenges through Technical and Social Innovation.
- Create jobs and economic opportunities in New Brunswick through Knowledge Transfer and Commercialization.
- Foster New Brunswick as a national centre of excellence in health collaboration through Health and Social Innovation Infrastructure.

This three-and-a-half storey structure will build on the campus' strategic location near key health partners such as Dalhousie Medicine New Brunswick, New Brunswick Community College Allied Health, and the Saint John Regional Hospital. It will create a hub for interdisciplinary activity that brings together the strengths of academic, publicly funded and private-sector health research while educating the health workforce of the future and generating economic and social benefits.

"This would not be possible without the initial \$27.2M in funding provided by the federal and provincial governments to kickstart the construction. We are immensely grateful for their support," said Dr. Paul J. Mazerolle, UNB's president and vice-chancellor.

The August 9 groundbreaking ceremony was combined with a gift announcement from the Pannell Family Foundation of \$1 million to fund the Pannell Centre for Integrated Health Research. The Pannell Centre is expected to drive positive change in the areas of public health and health policy, children's health, aging in the community, equitable access to digital health tools and more efficient management in health care. A fundraising campaign cabinet has been formed to bring the IHI vision across the finish line. ■

Get more details on the Health and Social Innovation Centre and find out how you can be a part of it:

unb.ca/integrated-health

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE

UNB's faculties of computer science and engineering rank in top 20% in the world on the Times Higher Education's 2023 World University Rankings list

Computer Science growing exponentially at UNB

- 20%+ undergraduate enrolments*
- 50%+ graduate enrolments*
- 35%+ computer science co-op placements*
- Launched The Research Institute in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (RIDSAI), a focal point for fundamental and applied research in all areas of data science and AI
- Celebrated a five-year agreement with International Game Technology (IGT) to fund two new computer science faculty positions as well as an innovation director

UNB computer science growth leads the digital transformation in all areas of life. Support from alumni, friends and organizations gives opportunity to deserving students to become the next generation of information technology leaders and bolsters research that makes change across all sectors.

*as of May 2023



The Shankar Computer Science Laboratory opened fall 2022.

Find out more about UNB computer science:

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You can make an investment in the Engineering Commons that will support the next generation of engineers as they address the challenges of the future. Contact us to find out more about how to support exciting new development at (506) 453-5053 or devdr@unb.ca.

New Engineering Commons under construction

For more than 160 years, UNB has delivered excellence and innovation in engineering education. This spring, UNB started construction of the Engineering Commons. This bright, modern face of engineering on our Fredericton campus will provide essential infrastructure to support our focus on growth, sustainability and prosperity through cutting-edge engineering teaching and research. A new 18,400 square foot space, the Engineering Commons is a three-story mass timber and glass structure expanding the existing lobby of Head Hall and creating new learning and teaching spaces, space for social interaction and increasing our meeting and seminar capacity. The Commons project also includes some renovations in neighbouring spaces in Head Hall. ■

MCKENNA INSTITUTE IS TRANSFORMING NB



Dick Carpenter with Frank McKenna. Dick, an alumnus, along with other donors recently gave foundational gifts for the establishment of The Research Institute for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence at UNB. The Institute will lead growth in our region's economy by accelerating talent, nurturing ideas and strengthening communities in the data science and AI sector.

It takes a lot of talent, energy and determination to change the economic trajectory of a province.

That's the premise that led former New Brunswick premier The Hon. Frank McKenna, PC, OC, ONB, KC, F.I.C.D (LLB'74, LLD'88) to create The McKenna Institute at UNB. The Institute's mission is to facilitate the digital transformation of communities across New Brunswick, establishing a place for the people of this province in the future of commerce and industry.

Adrienne Oldford, the Institute's executive director, says donor support is having a direct impact upon education and social and economic outcomes in New Brunswick. In less than 18 months, the Institute has raised more than \$50 million.

"The business and philanthropic communities have really responded to Frank McKenna's call to action," Oldford says. "Through their support, we have been able to accelerate talent

development dramatically, with some 1,000 students taking computer science and enrolment growing exponentially. We've been able to make large commitments to digital health, artificial intelligence, data science, digital agriculture, and digital entrepreneurship."

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PAST YEAR INCLUDE:

- A new digital pathways program in partnership with NBCC to develop a talent pipeline to improve digital technology competitiveness for organizations in New Brunswick, made possible through a \$1 million gift from J.D. Irving, Limited.
- Inaugural McKenna Fellow in Digital Education, Matt McGuire, has created a framework for building digital literacy in K-12 classes which is rolling out to key educators through an annual Digital Learners Summit.
- UNB's successful Promise Partnership mentoring and tutoring program for children in economically disadvantaged communities is expanding to include a new curriculum to foster digital literacy.
- The UNB Coding Boot Camp has

offered \$350,000 in financial support through our ongoing partnership with the Government of New Brunswick to learners who are traditionally underrepresented in New Brunswick's IT workforce.

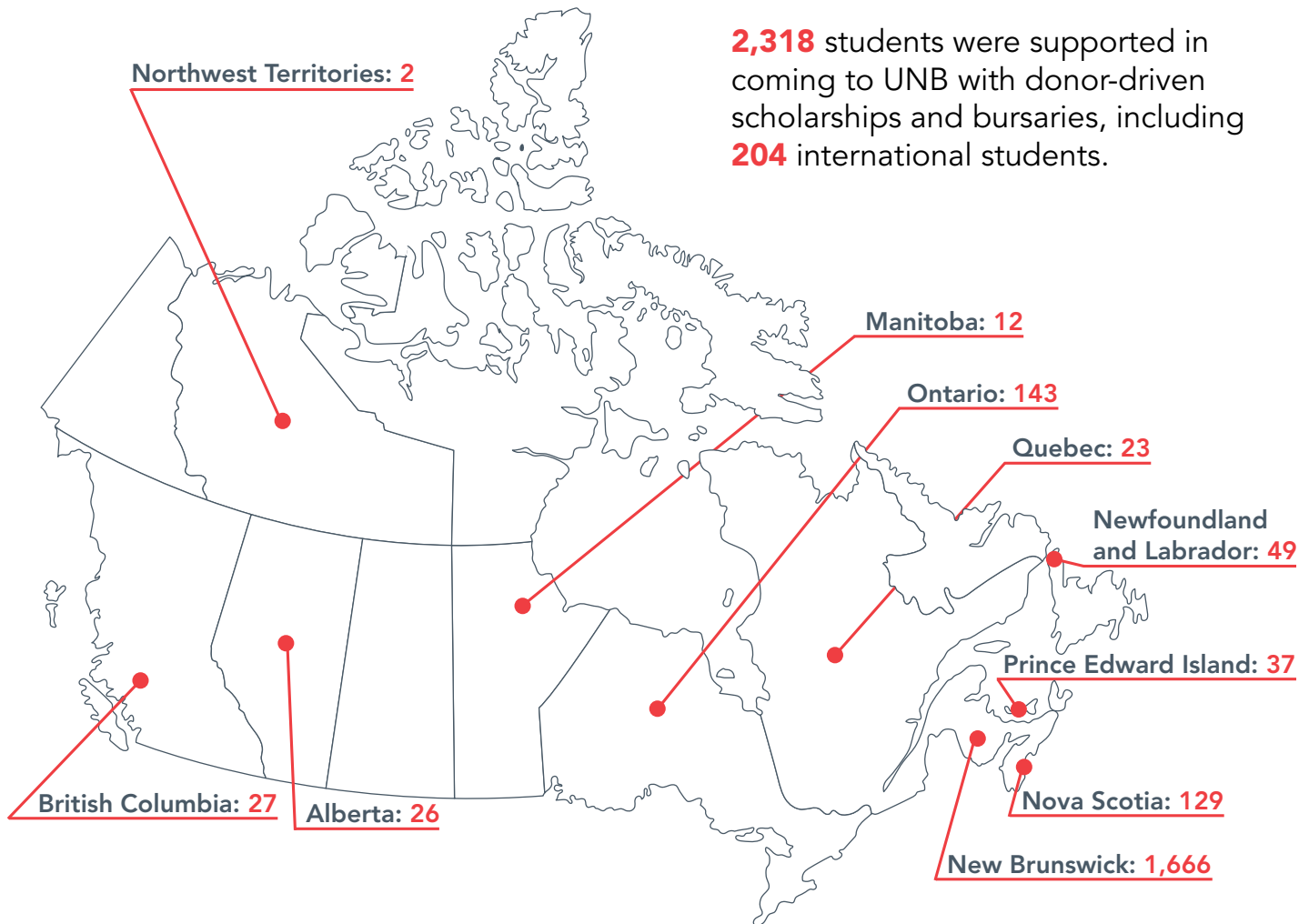
- The McKenna Scholars program is helping underrepresented individuals to join the technology sector, awarding \$125,000 in scholarship funding in its first year.
- In conjunction with the Joint Economic Development Initiative (JEDI), Ulnooweg, and the Mastercard Foundation, UNB is developing an Indigenous youth digital acceleration program that will engage children in Indigenous communities across Atlantic Canada.

"These projects are just the beginning," Oldford says. "Stay tuned for more announcements in the year ahead!" ■

Find out more!

View the McKenna Institute's first annual report at www.unb.ca/giving/support/mckenna.html.

STUDENTS SUPPORTED BY DONORS: 2022-23 AT A GLANCE

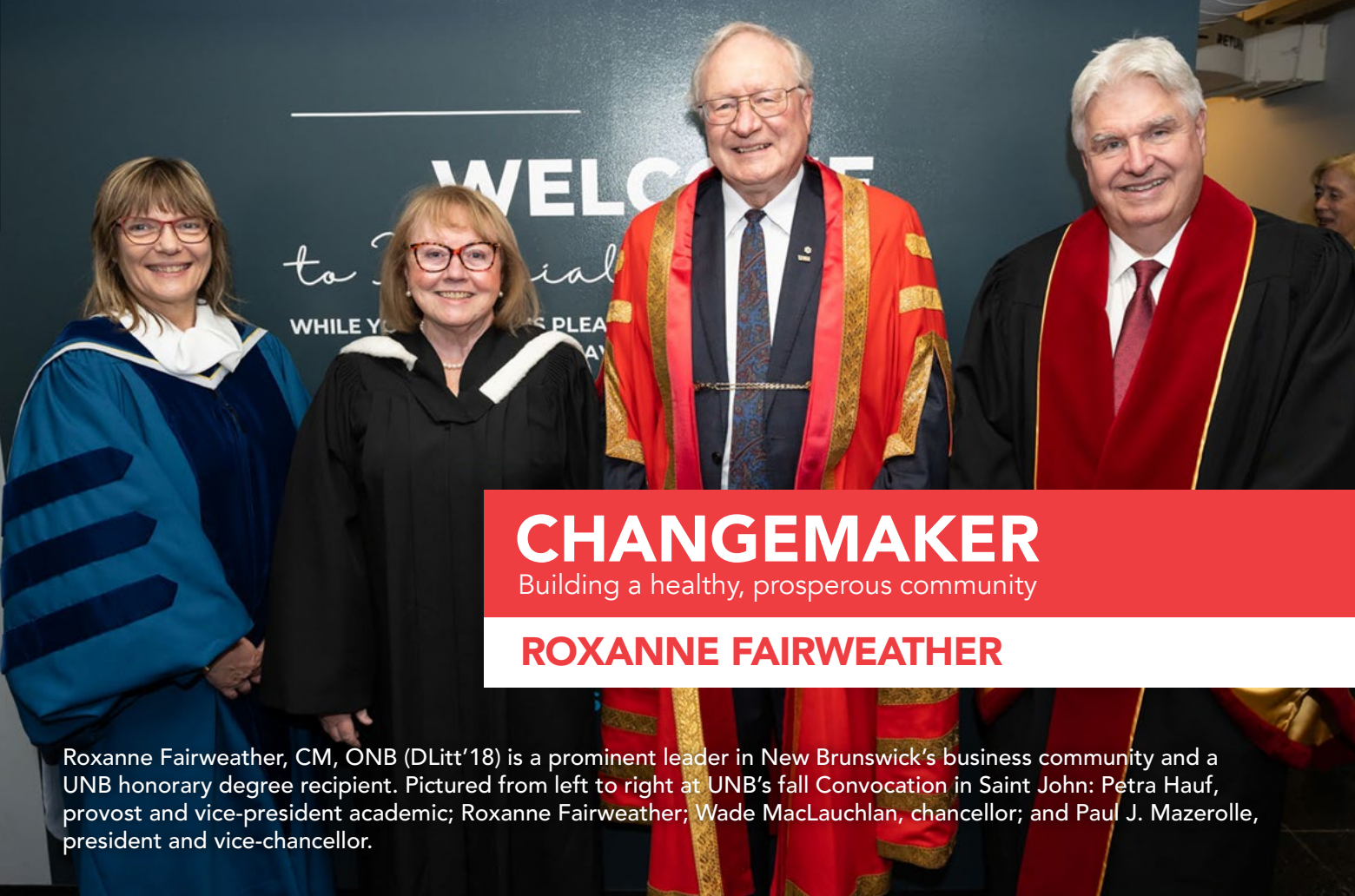


2,318 students were supported in coming to UNB with donor-driven scholarships and bursaries, including **204** international students.



“ I am determined to honour your generosity by maintaining strong academic performance and making a positive difference in my community. ”

— MARIAM SALAUDEEN
MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
(BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND
PROFESSIONAL SALES)



CHANGEMAKER

Building a healthy, prosperous community

ROXANNE FAIRWEATHER

Roxanne Fairweather, CM, ONB (DLitt'18) is a prominent leader in New Brunswick's business community and a UNB honorary degree recipient. Pictured from left to right at UNB's fall Convocation in Saint John: Petra Hauf, provost and vice-president academic; Roxanne Fairweather; Wade MacLauchlan, chancellor; and Paul J. Mazerolle, president and vice-chancellor.

If you are a successful tech entrepreneur who wants everyone in your community to share in a more healthy and prosperous future, what do you do?

For Innovatia co-CEO Dr. Roxanne R. Fairweather CM, ONB (DLitt'18) and her husband, Pat, the answer was clear: you invest in UNB's Integrated Health Initiative (IHI) to drive improvements in health care, boost economic development and fuel social innovation.

"It's very important for me to see the potential of every child being realized," Fairweather says. "For our region to be successful, economically and socially, we need a juggernaut that both creates opportunities and gives people the skills to seize those opportunities. I see IHI as providing that moonshot for Saint John and the region."

Roxanne and Pat have committed \$250,000 to IHI to support the construction of UNB's landmark Health

and Social Innovation Centre; the Roxanne (Smith) Fairweather Bursary, which supports a student enrolled in UNB's new bachelor of health program; and UNB's soon to be established Chair in Digital Transformation of Health Care. Their gift to the Chair will complement work undertaken through the McKenna Institute in support of the digital transformation of New Brunswick. Their gift is expected to help UNB leverage additional money for the Chair from external funding bodies.

Fairweather sees these gifts as part of the continuum of IHI, which is combining interdisciplinary education with collaborative research to fuel social and economic innovation.

"Pat and I love Saint John, we love UNB, and we see this as a huge opportunity to create great opportunities for kids who are struggling and trying to figure out their path, while helping the university research what the next generation of health care will look like."

She is especially enthusiastic about the ways in which IHI is bringing together community efforts in social pediatrics and after-school education programs to empower students to escape from generational poverty into today's high tech knowledge economy. For this reason, her bursary will be awarded to students in financial need with preference to students who participated in Pathways in Education Saint John programs.

"Driving the economy helps to solve so many of our current issues, if we also focus on building children's ability to evolve out of the trauma created by poverty and engage in school in a way that is productive for them to learn. This is all part of the integrated solution that IHI is working towards."

"Today, we don't even know what all of the next-generation jobs in health care or social development will be," Fairweather says. "How exciting it must be for students to see themselves in that future and helping to solve these problems with audacious solutions." ■

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ADVANCING PHYSICS EDUCATION
THE EMMA AND CLYDE DEVEER GROSS SCHOLARSHIPS



**EMMA (1927-2022) AND CLYDE (1921-2019)
DEVEER GROSS**

Emma and Clyde Gross had no interest in promoting themselves through the scholarship in their name; they only wanted to promote physics and encourage bright students in that field.

"I hope someone will discover all kinds of wonderful things we don't know about now," said Clyde, on the motivation behind the award.

The Emma and Clyde deVeer Gross Scholarships will be valued at \$6,500, covering tuition for two third- or fourth-year physics students every year.

Although neither Clyde nor Emma attended UNB, they lived in its vicinity for several years when Clyde managed Co-op Atlantic's Fredericton feed plant and they boarded university students.

"That's how we got started with college," said Emma. She told of how Clyde would ask students about their courses and kept one particular student up at night mining his expertise. The development of the internet helped satisfy Clyde's natural curiosity and he delved into material on physics in particular, hence the focus of the award.

Although they enjoyed living in Fredericton, the two lived most of their lives in Albert

County. Emma (Power) grew up on a small farm in Barrington, New Brunswick, the seventh of ten children. The 30s and 40s were tough for the family. Emma recalled, "Looking back, I don't know how my parents made a living." She went to a one-room school until grade eight and didn't have the chance to graduate from high school. She worked in department store account departments in Moncton and a florist's shop while in Fredericton.

Clyde was raised near Hillsborough (where he met Emma at Homecoming Days in 1947) and had a special teacher in high school who liked to experiment in chemistry, one day teaching his students how to make dynamite. "That was a mistake," said Clyde, although it may have increased his interest in education. He taught school for one year before enlisting in the Air Force. After the war, he had an opportunity to go to university but for a variety of reasons was not able to, which was part of why he wanted to establish a scholarship, primarily through a bequest.

"I had some ambition to do," added Clyde, "but now someone else can take my place."

The scholarships, possible because of Clyde's astute investing and financial management, will support Canadian citizens, with preference for students from New Brunswick. ■

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