

2019/2020  
**PHILANTHROPIC  
IMPACT REPORT**





Linda Schuyler, Julie Davis & Stephen Stohn

## Thank you for making a difference

Your loyal generosity helps remove barriers for Trent students to empower them to make significant contributions to an increasingly complex world. You do this by creating vibrant, engaged, and sustainable communities of learning, teaching, and research, and for this, we are truly grateful.

It was an exceptional year in so many ways. Through the unprecedented challenges of social isolation and distance learning, the Trent family came together to support its students and community. More than 1,200 students who faced challenges, financial and otherwise, during this pandemic received support. With financial need expected to increase over the coming months, we are continuing to fundraise to ensure that changes to a student's financial situation never become a barrier to access a Trent education.

Through your philanthropy, Trent has been able to fund a brand-new residence building and academic space at our Durham campus, strengthened support for Indigenous students, brought world-class thinkers to campus to inspire students, and built endowments dedicated to college life.

As the world grapples with the health, economic and societal impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the role of universities has never been more critical. Both current and graduating students need to be equipped to advance the research and infrastructure needed to combat this and future pandemics. Moreover, every student, through a Trent education, can exercise the creativity and resilience to overcome obstacles and find their place in the world—a place where they can make a difference. Your support has been integral to helping students to reach their full potential and engage with the world around them as active, thoughtful individuals.

By working together, we will continue to be an institution that challenges the way we think about the world, offering a personal, purposeful, and interactive education. And we are determined to emerge stronger, more resilient and better prepared, as we fight against COVID-19 and recreate the economy.

Sincerely,  
Julie Davis  
Vice-President, External Relations & Advancement



## #TRENTUCARES CAMPAIGN SUPPORTS STUDENTS DURING COVID-19

The #TrentUCares Campaign supports Trent students affected by COVID-19, and through the Student Rapid Relief Fund (SRRF), \$113,000 of emergency support has been distributed directly to students. With financial need expected to increase over the coming months, Trent University is continuing to fundraise for student relief support, which will aim to ensure that changes to a student's financial situation do not become a barrier to access a Trent education.

A portion of funding for the SRRF came from Trent's five colleges, the Trent University Alumni Association, the Trent University Faculty Association (TUFA) and the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU).

The new fund, established specifically to assist Trent students experiencing financial hardships due to COVID-19, complements Trent's reputation as a national leader for scholarships and bursaries and builds on additional emergency funding provided by the University.



# GROWING TRENT DURHAM GTA



“ It is very important that the experience I had at Trent, which I valued very deeply, be made available in this larger context of the Durham region and GTA.”

– Doug Kirk, '70, Campaign for Durham GTA Co-Chair

It is a tremendous time of growth at the Trent Durham GTA campus, the Campaign is helping to make the vision of an exciting future into reality by – supporting a campus expansion project, increasing financial aid for students, and providing more career-enhancing experiences to ensure the success of Trent graduates.

- A bright, contemporary six-story building will provide the campuses first-ever residence with academic space. It will provide new spaces and enhanced opportunities for the entire Trent Durham GTA community to learn, study, socialize, and engage in life on campus
- Katie Taylor, the first woman to chair the board of a major Canadian bank, and one of Canada's most influential and powerful citizens, has joined the Campaign for Trent Durham as its honorary chair
- The Region of Durham gifts \$1.42 Million to help expand Trent University Durham GTA
- The city of Oshawa donated 1.8 acres of land to enable the Trent Durham GTA expansion
- Trent University Faculty Association supports the Campaign with a \$25,000 matching donation
- Trent Durham staff and faculty came together and supported students raising over \$56,000 through the *Together, We're Trent Durham Staff & Faculty Campaign*
- Local business leaders, Edmond and Sylvia Vanhaverbeke invest \$135,500, supporting the new residence and academic building and students through the Edmond & Sylvia Vanhaverbeke Durham Scholarship and Bursaries
- Trent alumna, Beth E. Kelly '83, provided a meaningful gift to support the new residence and academic building and students through the Beth Kelly '83 and Family Student Prizes.

## A NEW HOME FOR TRENT DURHAM'S GROWING COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS

- 200 ON-CAMPUS RESIDENCE SPACES
- 100-SEAT TIERED LECTURE HALL
- TWO 64-SEAT CLASSROOMS



THE CAMPAIGN FOR  
TRENT DURHAM GTA  
**\$3.5 MILLION**  
RAISED  
\$5 MILLION GOAL

[Hear more about the Campaign for Trent Durham](#)



## Board of Governors' Leadership Scholarship Attracts Top Student

First-year student Maggie Drover is this year's Board of Governors' Leadership Scholarship recipient. By the age of 18, Maggie launched a charity, ran her own business, represented the Labrador City Recreation Commission, and fundraised for Heart and Stroke, Epilepsy and Red Shield.

[Read more about Maggie](#)

## Estate Gift Supports Bold New Forensics Crime Scene Facility



A brand new Forensics Crime Scene Facility at Trent University will set new academic and environmental standards all at once, as a first-of-its-kind professional forensics training building constructed on a Canadian university campus—and with a goal to be Canada's first zero-carbon building certified by the International Living Future Institute. The project was made possible by the legacy gift from former Board of Governors chair, the late Jalynn Bennett.

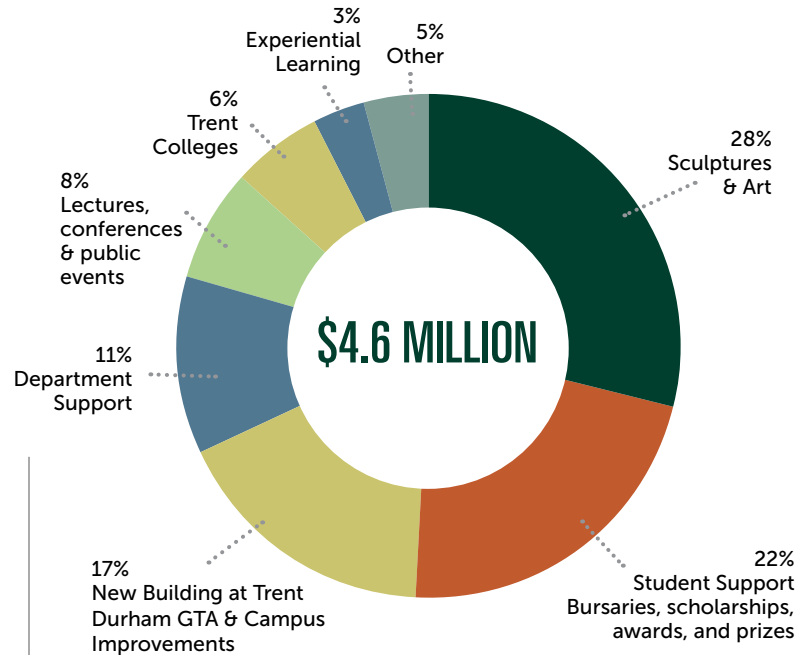
[Learn about the new facility](#)

DURING 2019-2020 OUR SUPPORTERS INVESTED

# \$4.6 M

TO HELP THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS, INNOVATORS & RESEARCHERS REACH THEIR POTENTIAL

## What your gifts supported



## Empowering Teaching and Removing Barriers for Students

Alum Karen Wickerson '87 gives back to Trent by creating faculty grants for universal design strategies. Through the Wickerson Foundation Fund, Trent's Centre for Teaching and Learning and Student Accessibility Services provides two faculty with grants to design and implement course-based universal design strategies that support diverse student learning needs and addresses barriers to learning.

[Learn more about how this fund removes barriers](#)

# RALLYING FOR TRENT COLLEGES



Trent's history as a collegiate university is part of what makes us unique and successful, and Trent continues to embrace the importance of colleges as smaller communities within the broader university. Over \$1M has been raised to establish college endowments. Through *The Campaign for Trent Colleges* each college aims to raise \$1 million to build endowments dedicated to College life.

Alan Harman '80, Chris Fountain '94, Greg Piasetzki '76, Martha Wilder '74, and François Senécal '83 have stepped forward to champion *The Campaign for Trent Colleges*. Banding together to show their college spirit, they are investing their time, talent, and treasure to ensure that the college experience that they cherished remains a strong part of the Trent experience for current and future students.

[The Campaign for Trent Colleges](#)

**OTONABEE \$73,991**

**CHAMPLAIN \$135,561**

**LADY EATON \$147,592**

**GZOWSKI \$217,206**

**TRAILL \$414,961**



“My college experience moulded me into the Trent-spirited human that I am today.”

– Rachel Smylie, fourth-year International Development student.



“Trent and Trill College shaped me in many ways, from the academic subjects I studied, to the friends I made and the non-academic interests and hobbies I acquired during those years. I believe we should all give back, when the opportunity presents itself.”

– Greg Piasetzki '72



Spurred on by the spirit of the Campaign, Dr. Tom Miller '82 and Barbara Chisholm have made a meaningful \$100,000 gift to support student clubs at the former Peter Robinson College through the Richard Sadleir Peter Robinson College Fund.

**THE  
CAMPAIGN FOR  
TRENT COLLEGES  
\$5 MILLION  
GOAL**

## NEW RESOURCES SUPPORT LEARNING & RECONCILIATION ON CAMPUS



Trent University has unveiled the following initiatives to support staff, faculty and students in learning about the treaty and traditional territory on which Trent is located, while building stronger, mutually beneficial relationships with local Michi Saagiig (Mississauga) Anishnaabeg communities. Made possible by the legacy gift from former Board of Governors chair, the late Jalynn Bennett. The Jalynn H. Bennett Foundation donated \$1.13 million to Trent, one of the largest legacy gifts in the University's history.

- Two honorific namings have been granted by the Elders & Traditional Knowledge Keepers Council. The traditional area with a medicine garden, tipi and wigwam has been named Mnidoowag A'Kiing, or the Spirit Lands, to honour the spirits called the land during ceremony. The Indigenous Learning Space in the Bata Library was named Giizhigaatig, or Cedar Room, honouring the importance of cedar as one of the sacred medicines of the Anishnaabeg.
- [Protocol Handbook](#) was created to learn about the Mississauga Anishnaabeg, their history, traditions and cultural protocols.
- [Video Supports](#): To encourage the Trent community to participate in smudging and to more fully understand the significance of the land acknowledgement, instructional videos were created under the guidance of Elder Dr. Keith Knott of Curve Lake First Nation.

## To learn more about creating your own legacy

## Memorial gifts create lasting legacies

Memorial gifts honour & celebrate the legacy of our exceptional faculty

- Dr. Bruce W. Hodgins
- Dr. Daniel Powell
- Mrs. Karen & Dr. Peter Barrett
- Dr. David Ellis

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LEGACY  
SOCIETY  
MEMBERS

THOSE WHO HAVE INCLUDED  
TRENT IN THEIR ESTATE PLANS

## Bringing Art to Campus



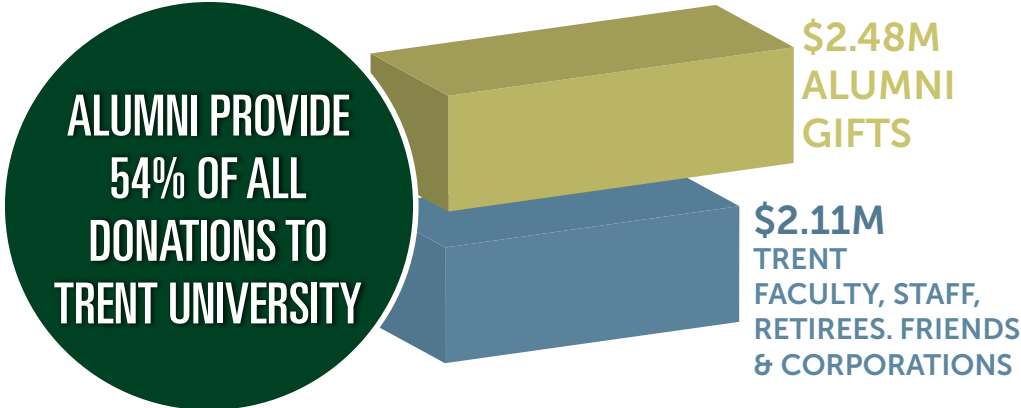
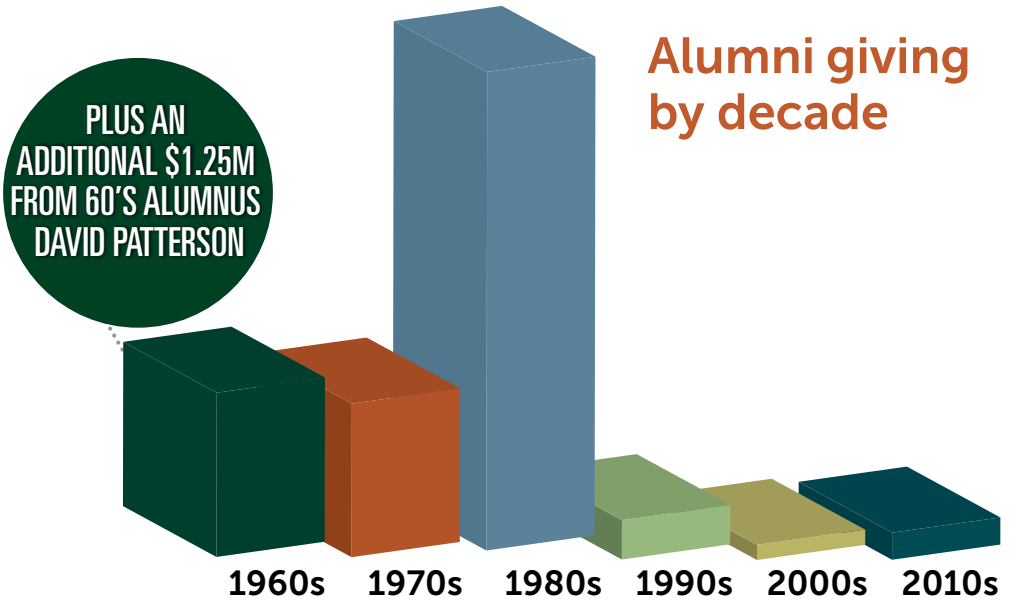
Claude Millette's sculpture is the fifth piece unveiled as part of Trent's Public Sculpture Initiative. Trent's public sculpture initiative celebrates sculpture in Canada and will help the University continue to acquire nationally significant works that present unique and diverse artistic practices. As the initiative continues, artists are invited to add their work to Trent's collection of more than 600 works, blending natural and human creations for all to enjoy on Trent's beautiful campuses.

*Canadian artist and alumnus David James '68 has been the driving force behind the Public Sculpture Initiative.*



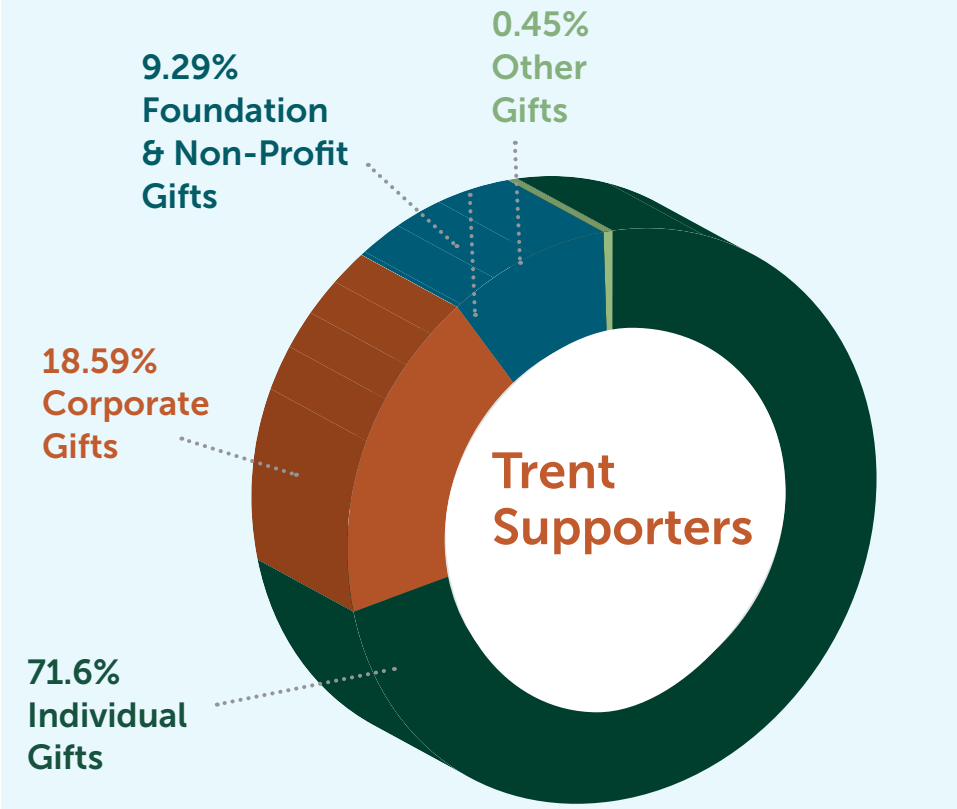
Watch for the installation of Trent's largest donation of art thanks to the generosity of David '66 & Anne Patterson

# THANK YOU ALUMNI FOR YOUR LOYAL SUPPORT



"Trent required people with a vision. It's not enough to dream, you have to roll up your sleeves and be committed to do all the purposeful things to make a dream a reality," explained alumnus, proud parent, donor and Chair of the Philanthropic Advisory Council, Gavin Marshall '76 "All the people that came before me gave me that opportunity. They were the ones who built the portal that I walked through and the most impactful important investment any of us can make is in the leaders and architects of tomorrow."

- Gavin Marshall '76



# Your Generous Support Makes These Stories Possible

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*I am a full-time student of sociology and Indigenous studies; my focus is on finding ways to help people who slip through the cracks of programs that are in place to help people struggling to survive. I would like to get my Ph.D. and design programs that could change the ones already in place or replace them altogether to help those who are not getting the help they need. Thank you for helping students like myself, it's through support like yours that really helps us students get through each year.”*

Natasha Randell-Tremblett, Sociology, Indigenous Studies student  
Alumni Bursary Recipient

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*Teaching has been a dream of mine since being a little girl. I am very passionate about working with students and seeing them grow and prosper as individuals in a positive environment in which I can create. With your generous help I am now closer to being able to do so.”*

Jordana Merrick-Eker, School of Education student and  
Samantha Colleen Bursary Recipient

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*At Trent I have been able to prove my capabilities, demonstrate that the faith placed in me by family and professors was wisely given, and most importantly help guide other students who are in need of a push, just as I did. Your generous donations have made this possible. I cannot express how this grant has opened possibilities and changed my life, but I hope to thank you, sincerely, for providing it. I can also aim to take the spirit of charity you have shown and apply it myself to the students I teach now and in the future.”*

Devon Harding  
Alan Wilson Graduate Entrance Scholarship Recipient

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*Trent University means a great deal to my family as my father-in-law was one of the university's first employees. Jack Smith was employed as a Supervisor of Mechanical Operations until 1979 and was instrumental in the building of most of the main campus. My family is very grateful to be back home in Peterborough and expresses our thanks for the Bagnani scholarship.”*

Tanya Bailey  
Bagnani Fellowship Recipient

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*I have always excelled in school, and I am actually a first generation student. No one in my family has ever attended post-secondary, mostly due to financial restrictions, so this really means a lot. I have wanted to go into nursing for a long time, and you are assisting me with my goals in life. I could not thank you enough.”*

Daijauna Falkin, Board of Governors' Leadership Award Recipient



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**The Greatest Need Award demonstrates that there are people out there that go beyond listening to the need for financial aid by becoming part of the solution. These last few years have been truly tough, but I look forward to one day finding myself on solid ground where I can be on the giving end of these donations. Your generosity has brought me one step closer to my goals and I am very grateful for your part in my continuing education.”**

– Dr. Meagan Beaton '05,  
Master of Science in Forensic Science (M.Sc.F.S.)  
Greatest Need Bursary recipient,  
Ian & Lorraine Logan Graduate Award and  
Mary Northway Graduate Award