“Control your own destiny. The most satisfied people I know have control over their own lives and affairs. We are all seeking independence to do what we want to when and where we want to. Have a dream of where you want to go.”

Jack Cowin
Chancellor Installation, Oct. 22, 2015
We asked supporters to help us be extraordinary. And they delivered.

We’re thrilled to announce the Be Extraordinary Campaign, the most ambitious campaign in Western’s history has been a tremendous success, and has not only met, but exceeded its goal, raising $805,668,372 million.

Through this decade-long campaign, our supporters enabled Western to substantially increase support for students and produce graduates ready to lead around the world, build on our nationally and internationally recognized research strengths, attract and retain the world’s top minds, have an impact on the global stage and build world-class facilities for our faculty, staff and students to use and enjoy.

In the following pages, you’ll see just a glimpse of the many successes we’ve achieved with our donors over the course of the Campaign. Please take the time to reacquaint yourself with the stories, or to read them for the first time. They truly are extraordinary.

Thank you to all our generous alumni and friends, faculty, staff, students, volunteers and corporate partners. This historic accomplishment would not have been possible without your support. Together, we have created a university with a sharpened focus. Together, we have established a legacy of teaching and research. Together, we have made Western stronger.

But we’re not done. We want you, our friends, to continue with us on this journey.

This is not the end. It is only the beginning.

Geoff Beattie
Campaign Chair

Amit Chakma
President and Vice-Chancellor
$805,668,372 raised

$805,668,372 is an impressive total. But more important than any dollar amount, is the number of people who have been and will continue to be impacted by the success of this campaign - and the number of people who made it all possible. Thousands of generous donors, supporting thousands of students, faculty and staff who will continue to learn, teach, conduct research and collaborate to ensure the ongoing world-wide success of Western University.

Campaign highlights

- **Student awards, scholarships and bursaries**
  - $309 million raised at Campaign start, April 30, 2007
  - $765 million raised at Campaign conclusion, October 31, 2018

- **Build research strengths – attract top talent**
  - 50 Research Chairs established
  - $74.5 million given in support of research chairs
  - $247 million raised for research

- **Engaging our Alumni**
  - 110% increase in alumni engagement
  - 116,000+ alumni engaged during the Campaign

- **Building world-class facilities**
  - 9 new state-of-the-art buildings
  - $102.3 million donated towards infrastructure

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- **Total value in student awards**
  - $118.1 million

- **Total value in international learning experiences**
  - $3.7 million

- **Total donations towards infrastructure**
  - $102.3 million

- **Total gifts and donor contributions**
  - 128,310 gifts
  - More than 49,000 donors
  - Living in 107 countries
  - A total of 173,458 student contributions
Sustaining Canada’s best student experience requires a combination of donor support and incredible commitment from Western faculty and staff. Donor-supported programs and initiatives help give our campus community the confidence to achieve the highest global standards to which we challenge ourselves.

The Be Extraordinary Campaign has substantially increased support for students and helped produce graduates ready to lead and innovate in Canada and around the world.

Together we helped set our students apart, growing their competitiveness on the world stage by providing them with opportunities to enhance their leadership skills and personal development. In our classrooms, concert halls, galleries and on our playing fields, thousands of students have achieved their personal bests. They have pushed the boundaries of their own extraordinary potential.
“Our Engineering graduates are sought-after around the world. To know that Linamar is investing in women engineers, not only with scholarships but with guaranteed employment, pays testament to both the family’s generosity and the strengths of our program.”

Andy Hrymak, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), former Dean of Western Engineering
Ensuring Western students have a safe, comfortable place where they can access health and wellness resources in a personalized way is critical to providing a positive student experience. Thanks to a $1-million donation from the Fairmount Foundation, Western students now have that safe, central and supportive space.

The Wellness Education Centre acts as a one-stop shop for students seeking mental-health and wellness resources, nutrition information, and sexual-violence prevention education and survivors’ support.

This gift from alumna Heidi Balsillie, BA’82, aligned with her Foundation’s aim to help individuals or groups overcome obstacles to move closer to living full, healthy lives.

“It is my hope, with this gift, to directly impact the lives of Western’s students in a positive manner. I want all Western students to feel like they are a part of this community, and to feel as though they have had lots of opportunities for personal and academic growth,” she said.

In addition to supporting the Wellness Education Centre, the gift also provides funding for new health-and-wellness programming and workshops, including an annual lecture series that brings speakers to campus to discuss health and wellness.

“I hope the lecture series will provide learning and inspiration of a less academic and more psychological and emotional type – with each speaker no doubt affecting everyone differently,” Balsillie said.

The gift also supports an international learning bursary to provide students facing financial difficulty with the opportunity to study abroad. It is Balsillie’s hope that bursary recipients will gain new and exciting life experiences – opportunities they wouldn’t have had otherwise.


\[\text{Addressing mental health in the classroom}\]

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he generosity of former elementary school teacher, Walter M. Lobb, BA’78, BEd’79, MED’93, enabled Western’s Faculty of Education to launch a new mental health program and scholarship fund to address the needs of teachers who deal with students’ mental health issues every day.

An elementary school teacher for nearly 40 years in the Chatham area, Mr. Lobb left a bequest of $430,000 to Western. The funding enables educators, front-line workers and experts in mental health to conduct workshops and seminars at the Faculty of Education.

“Teachers are on the front lines,” said professor Alan Leschied, one of the Western faculty members coordinating the Lobb program. “They are very often the most trusted, if not the only, person in whom a child in need might confide. There is an enormous gap in resources and expertise. Our teachers need help to deal with this growing and troubling issue.”

Additionally, the Walter M. Lobb Ontario Graduate Scholarship is awarded to a graduate student conducting research focused on children’s mental health in the Faculty of Education.
ubrey Dan, BACS’85, isn’t most people. At age five, he began working for 10 cents an hour at his father’s pharmaceutical company and had to negotiate for a raise. He rose through the ranks to become the Director of Sales at 24, and went on to build a family investment business with a globally diversified portfolio. He also spent years producing Broadway shows. One of them, Memphis, won a Tony Award.

And in 2017, the Canadian businessman and philanthropist created a lasting legacy at Western, thanks to a $5-million gift – his second such investment in little more than a decade – designed to thrust the DAN Department of Management & Organizational Studies further onto the global stage.

The gift established three endowed research Chairs and two distinguished public lectures. “It’s like the little pebble you drop into the pond to create a ripple,” Dan said. “That’s really what I am. Just that little pebble, trying to have a positive effect on others.”

Dan first started helping Western students understand his people-centric approach to business in 2006, when he made his first $5-million gift to establish the Aubrey Dan Program in Management and Organizational Studies in the Faculty of Social Science.

Dan believes they have the potential to elevate Western further onto the global stage. “In theatre, and the arts, they have the Tony Awards, the Oscars, the Genie Awards – they’re awards of excellence for that sector,” he said. “This type of work will help propel Western to a higher ranking, where others are eager for our intellectual capital. That, right there, is its own award of excellence we can export around the globe, democratizing education.”
Western students and varsity student-athletes are the beneficiaries of a $4 million gift from Chancellor Jack Cowin, BA’64 and his wife Sharon, BA’64. The gift supports two initiatives designed to develop leaders and provide international learning opportunities at Western and Australia’s Bond University.

A $3 million gift through Bond University created the Jack and Sharon Cowin Scholars Award, a partnership between Bond and Western that encourages student mobility and academic exchange opportunities between the two universities.

A $1 million gift established the Jack Cowin/Lone Star Coaching Excellence Fund designed to support Western’s efforts to retain and recruit top-level head or assistant coaches for its varsity teams.

Funding top-tier coaching helps our student-athletes receive the support they need to train at an elite level and bring their personal best to their sport, their future careers and their communities.

Jack and Sharon know this well. Jack was a member of the Mustangs football and wrestling teams as a student. Sharon was on the varsity swim team.

“My time as a student and athlete at Western taught me valuable lessons in leadership, perseverance, and commitment to excellence,” said Jack Cowin. “My coaches and my experiences around the world have played a significant role in developing the values and skills that have guided me through my life both personally and professionally. Sharon and I are proud to be helping future students, athletes and faculty at Western gain the same opportunities.”

Jim and Kathy McLauchlan’s connection to Western football began in 1981 when their son, Scott, started his career as a Mustangs running back. The couple went to every one of Scott’s games that year. And every one the year after that.

Thirty-seven years later, they’re still going strong, having attended 206 Mustang football games.

In addition to supporting the Mustangs in the stands for the last three decades, the two football fans are also ardent supporters of the Adopt A Mustang program, which provides resources for advanced training, travel costs, equipment, uniforms and tournament fees.

In turn, students are able to maximize their Western experience—gaining confidence, a strong work ethic and leadership skills, enabling them to be successful beyond their academic life.

“I’ve been an Adopt A Mustang supporter for 15 consecutive years, and it’s a good feeling,” said Jim McLauchlan. “We have given nearly $11,000 over the years.”

Jim’s connection to Western goes back to the early 50s when he attended Western as a business student. One of the stars of the Mustangs intercollegiate soccer champions, he graduated in 1956.

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“I believe life is full of relationships and we have a lot of great relationships at Western,” McLauchlan said. “We are so connected to this university.”

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A few months before graduating from medical school, Vladimir Yakovishin, MD’68, began to have trouble reading. Frightened by this new development and what it might mean to his career, he reached out for answers. After a number of unsuccessful tests, then-Dean of Medicine, Dr. Douglas Bocking, arranged for Yakovishin to meet with a specialist in Baltimore. There, he was diagnosed with Stargardt’s Disease, a form of juvenile macular degeneration, a rare disease that leads to blindness.

“It was very frustrating, they didn’t know why it was happening, but if there’s one word I would use to describe Western it would be ‘community,’” he said. “Everyone really emphasized I was one of them and I wasn’t on my own. When I went to see the Dean, I was worried about how he would react but he said, ‘We’ll see you through this,’ and then gave me a plane ticket and hotel reservation so I could go to Baltimore. It was incredible.”

Following his diagnosis, Yakovishin completed his internship in both internal medicine and psychiatry, and chose a career in psychiatry.

Once retired, he had time to reflect on his experiences and his responsibility to help others. “When you go through grief, you want to give back. I’m here to help someone else.”

That perspective saw he and his wife establish a bequest to Western. When realized, it will support the Dr. V.M. Yakovishin Family Bursary in Medicine, awarded to undergraduate medical students who demonstrate financial need, and the Yakovishin Family Fund in Ophthalmology Research, focused on juvenile or early-onset adult eye disease.
Imagine yourself here. So beckons the brochure for Western’s Mini-University Summer Program for Indigenous youth, a concept that resonated deeply with Peter Baldwin, BA’62, when looking for a meaningful way to honour his late wife, Margery, BA’63.

“I was very impressed by the idea,” he says of the program offered through Indigenous Services at Western’s Student Development Centre, and one he subsequently chose to support in 2015 through the Margery Baldwin Outreach and Recruitment Fund. Participants aged 12-18 attend the university for one week, staying in residence and taking part in fun cross-faculty learning activities that integrate and celebrate their culture. Older teens enhance their leadership skills and explore educational opportunities in all areas of study. They also learn about the university application process.

In addition to supporting the mini-university program, Baldwin also established the Margery Baldwin Memorial Entrance Bursaries for first-year students applying to Western through the Centre’s Access Transition Opportunity program. Additional monies fund the Indigenous Services Centre to help break down educational barriers for First Nations students.

Baldwin wanted his gift to help others—something his wife did throughout her life. “Margery would have liked supporting students and giving them the opportunity to attend university,” he said.

Margery, who worked at Western’s registrar’s office for 15 years, was an avid reader. As such, her family also felt it fitting to remember her by devoting some of the gift to First Nations resources at Western Libraries. Funds were earmarked to preserve, as well as strengthen its scholarly materials collection, including the acquisition of rare items to support research and teaching across many academic departments.

With a lot of thoughtful consideration, a gift to celebrate one life, has in turn touched the lives of many.
Research strengths

Western ranks as one of Canada’s top research-intensive universities. From fundamental to applied discovery and other scholarly activities, its researchers advance knowledge that provides tangible benefits for the economic, social, health and cultural development of citizens in London, in Canada and around the world.

During the Be Extraordinary Campaign, our supporters and friends helped us build on our nationally and internationally recognized research strengths, and attract and retain the world’s top minds.

With the help of our supporters, we conducted research with real-world applications, enhanced our areas of research excellence and provided innovative learning experiences to students.

The matching Chairs program, supported by donors who partnered with us, helped establish 50 new Research Chairs. These expert scholars advance our existing areas of research strength and accelerate the ground-breaking work being done at Western.
More data was created in 2017 than in the past 5,000 years combined. The world’s challenge is not creating more information. Extracting meaningful insights from raw, complex data in a timely fashion is where the new challenge lies. Thanks to a $1-million gift from TD Bank Group, Western is poised to become one of the country’s leading institutions in the field of data analytics.

The investment supports Western’s professors in their research, and prepares students for their careers. From disaster risk mitigation and health-care analysis to banking and real-time brain imaging, Western’s work in data analytics is playing an important role in analyzing, and helping solve, some of the most critical issues facing the world today.

“Canada needs a new generation of leaders who take a data-driven approach to solving the complex challenges facing the world,” said Christian Nelissen, Senior Vice-President, Enterprise Data and Analytics, TD Bank Group. “Our academic institutions play an important role in helping our country become known as a global leader in data and analytics.”

Nelissen applauded Western as a “key innovation hub in southwestern Ontario,” and cheered its focus on diversity and creating new opportunities, specifically for women, to excel in the field of data analytics.

The gift also helps address the talent gap in Canada, said then-Acting Dean of Science Pauline Barmby. “Western is leading the way in addressing the shortage,” she said. “We have a strong roster of data analysis researchers and instructors, and the vision and training programs to build Canada’s pool of talent. TD’s investment has placed us in an excellent position to become Canada’s premier training institution.”

Temerty Foundation’s $2.5-million gift strengthens ALS research

Tens of thousands of ALS patients and their caregivers could see their lives improve thanks to a substantial $2.5-million gift from the Temerty Foundation. Designed to support and advance Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) research at Western’s Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, the gift has researchers poised to make greater advances in ALS treatments than ever before.

The funds established the Temerty Foundation RGNEF Research Fund for ALS, and helped implement a three-year study with an international team of researchers collectively led by Distinguished University Professor Dr. Michael J. Strong from his lab at the Robarts Research Institute.

“We have made major advances in our understanding of ALS and reached a point in our research that heralds a new era in the development of a specific treatment,” said Strong. “The future of this type of work is dependent on support and generosity like that of the Temerty Foundation. This gift enables us to continue moving forward, hopefully to the great benefit of society.”

Combined with a previous $5-million donation, the gift brings the Temerty Foundation’s total investment in Western to $7.5 million. “We have always looked for opportunities to make a difference by supporting the best research at the best institutions,” said Jim Temerty, founder and chairman of Northland Power Inc. “We’re thrilled to invest in Western’s outstanding ALS research, and to foster international collaboration to further strengthen the team.”

An ongoing commitment
$1.5 million donation from Ray and Margaret Elliot helped put Western’s Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, in collaboration with the faculties of engineering, business and health sciences, at the forefront of surgical innovation.

Matched by Western, the donation established the Ray and Margaret Elliott Chair in Surgical Innovation with a $3-million endowment.

From new devices and procedures to advancing system-wide, health-care change, London is internationally recognized for its expertise in surgical innovation and simulation-based education. This gift helped to advance that innovation leadership.

As the head of several companies dealing with surgery-related medical devices, including Boston Scientific, and once named “Best CEO in America” for Health Care (Medical Supplies and Devices) by Institutional Investor magazine, Ray Elliott, BA’74, knows a thing or two about innovation.

“The vast majority of my life has been spent in surgery-related medical devices,” he said. “We wanted to focus on contributing to improved patient quality of life through less invasive procedures and medical education through global innovation. Our relationship with Western and the establishment of this Chair allowed us to accomplish our mutual goals.”

The Department of Surgery’s long list of world firsts goes back decades and includes the pioneering of a surgical procedure to treat brain aneurysms, the first successful liver-small bowel transplant and the first robotically-assisted beating heart coronary bypass.

▲ Dr. Bob Kiaii, Chairholder, Ray and Margaret Elliott Chair in Surgical Innovation
It takes a village

When Alice Munro was awarded 2013’s Nobel Prize in Literature, recognized as a “master of the contemporary short story,” Western University announced the Alice Munro Chair in Creativity to celebrate that honour. Alumni, friends and supporters came out in droves to donate to the Chair, and raised $1.5 million to honour the creative accomplishments and achievements of one of Western University’s most extraordinary alumni. Matching dollars from Western brought the total funding for the Chair to $3 million, meaning the position is permanently endowed.

The Chair leads the creative culture of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities at Western, serving as a mentor and a model to faculty, staff and students. Assuming a leadership role between Western and the creative community in London, Ontario, the role also provides access to a world of writing beyond Canada, allowing the university to attract international authors as speakers and future writers-in-residence.

Internationally acclaimed Canadian author, Nino Ricci, was named the inaugural Chairholder in 2018. He hopes to lay the groundwork for continued creative thinking at Western – across all faculties and departments.

“Western supporters come together to fund Alice Munro Chair in Creativity”

Western’s aim to discover and bring new therapies to patients with conditions such as Alzheimer’s, stroke and heart disease has been significantly bolstered thanks to a $5 million gift from Dr. Cecil Rorabeck and his wife Linda.

Combined with a $500,000 bequest from Western supporter Myra Millson, the $1.5 million was matched by Western for a total of $3 million to establish the The Cecil and Linda Rorabeck Chair in Molecular Neuroscience and Vascular Biology. The Chair is located at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry’s Robarts Research Institute.

Dr. Rorabeck, one of the world’s leading experts on hip and knee replacement surgery, served as Robarts’ interim CEO and Scientific Director in 2007. He and Linda have made contributions to their community for years through philanthropy, volunteer and professional work. Their belief in the promise of medical research prompted the gift.

From researching nerves and arterial blood flow in the lab to using that work to combat dementia and keep hearts healthy, the support for Robarts’ research will help bring results to patients faster.

“I have been fortunate to see from the inside the extraordinary work and resources it takes to develop and bring discoveries to the patients who are waiting every day, filled with hope,” said Rorabeck. “Linda and I have chosen to invest in scientists who will be able to translate their discoveries from the lab to the bedside. Robarts is helping redefine excellence internationally and we want to continue to support that excellence.”

From bench to bedside

Western supporters come together to fund Alice Munro Chair in Creativity
One of the world’s most significant corporate archival collections is now among the most accessible and dynamic, thanks to a generous gift-in-kind from an iconic Canadian business.

The Labatt Brewing Company generously donated its archives – thousands of documents and artifacts that filled more than 2,600 boxes – to Western. The archive, which includes the Labatt Material Culture Collection at Museum London, is considered one of the top three collections in the world. It was valued at $8.3 million when donated in 2011.

Labatt augmented the in-kind gift with a significant financial donation to digitize the material. The digitization collection now offers greater access and new glimpses into 170 years of history in Canada.

Kelly Cole, Vice-President (External) at Western, said the collection showcases how Western can add value to corporate archives. “Gifts-in-kind, such as the one Labatt has made, are an important way corporations and individuals can support Western and contribute in a significant way to global knowledge and research,” she said.

The virtual exhibit (labathertage.lib.uwo.ca) offers researchers and the public a rich new opportunity to learn about Canada, London and an iconic brewing legacy through the unique lens of Labatt’s archives. The project came to fruition as Labatt celebrated its 170th anniversary in 2017. Offering hundreds of digitized images, audio interviews and radio and TV ads, the project also offers expert insights from renowned Canadian historians. The digital collection represents key items of the larger Labatt Brewing Company Archival Collection, housed at Western.
one of the country’s top business leaders and a Canadian international business law firm joined forces in 2011 to advance Western’s renowned research and teaching of corporate law.

W. Geoff Beattie and Torys LLP made a generous gift of $1.5 million that was matched by Western to create a $3 million fund to establish the W. Geoff Beattie Chair in Corporate Law, and support the Torys LLP Corporate & Securities Law Forum.

The endowment helped place Western as a leader in business law education and distinguished Western Law from other schools in Canada.

Since the creation of the Beattie Chair, Western Law has benefited from the leadership of Chairholder Chris Nichols, a Fulbright Scholar at Harvard Law School, and co-applicant on a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) grant to study shareholder activism.

The Law Forum hosts outstanding names in corporate law, with past speakers including George Akerlof, co-recipient of the 2001 Nobel Prize in Economics; Robert Shiller, co-recipient of the 2013 Nobel Prize in Economics; and Lawrence Summers, President Emeritus, Harvard University.

As the landscape in legal education undergoes significant changes, Western is keeping pace to meet – and exceed – the needs of students and the marketplace by enhancing our expertise, specialized offerings and opportunities for professionals to share their knowledge with students and faculty.

The Beattie Chair in Corporate Law has been an important foundation of Western Law’s success and a highlight of the university’s vision for the future.

Western is now positioned to lead in central banking teaching and research in Canada, thanks to a generous donation from The Jarislowsky Foundation.

The $2-million endowed gift, matched by Western, established the Stephen A. Jarislowsky Chair in Central Banking in the Department of Economics at the Faculty of Social Science. The Chair aims to encourage excellence in teaching, mentorship and research in areas essential to central bank policy and decision-making.

The Jarislowsky Foundation was founded by Canadian businessman and philanthropist Stephen Jarislowsky in 1991. Since then, it has established 29 Research Chairs in Canada in a number of fields.

“Central bankers have achieved an enormous influence on the lives of all kinds of countries,” Jarislowsky said. “I hope this Chair will lead to better central bankers, better government and better handling of finance around the world.”

Stephen Williamson was named as the Jarislowsky Chair in May 2017. Williamson is an expert in monetary policy, and most recently held the position of Vice President in the Research Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

“We are incredibly grateful to The Jarislowsky Foundation for this tremendous support and the opportunity to bring an internationally known and esteemed expert to our Western community,” said Bob Andersen, Dean in the Faculty of Social Science. “This Chair allows Western to play a significant role in conducting top research on a wide range of central bank issues related to finance and economics.”
Even though Western is a long way from his home in Switzerland, it is far from forgotten. Geologist Keith Barron, PhD’97, wears his Western necktie with pride, and a Professional Achievement Award from Western’s Alumni Association holds a prominent place in his office. In 2009, concerned the study of geology at Western was at a critical crossroads, Barron donated $1.2 million to establish the Robert W. Hodder Chair in Economic Geology. Barron and other geology alumni worried academic retirements and a proposed change in direction would mean a decline in the study of the discipline at Western. And, the Bre-X Minerals fraud (a Calgary-based company’s gold “discovery” in Indonesia) had also done no favours to the profession.

This saw Barron and other Canadian geologists redouble efforts to show solid research trumped a fast buck, campaigning administration to strengthen the study of economic geology.

The Hodder Chair makes Western the premier institution in Canada where students can pursue an undergraduate program in economic geology, en route to becoming a professional geoscientist.

Hodder Chairholder Robert Linnen credits Barron for helping to reinvigorate both the focus and financial health of the study of geology and earth sciences at Western.

“The measurable accomplishments of John M. and Melinda Thompson’s major gift to Western Engineering are extraordinary and extend their legacy of helping students. Their donation supports The John M. Thompson Chair in Engineering Leadership and Innovation, held by professor Darren Meister, cross-appointed between Ivey Business School and Western Engineering.

One of the most exciting developments led by the Chair has been the creation of the Centre of Engineering Leadership and Innovation. The Centre’s flagship program, the undergraduate Certificate in Engineering Leadership and Innovation, provides a strong base for growth.

The Chair has also helped to:
- Revitalize the core of the Integrated Engineering program;
- Integrate case-based learning into first-year core curriculum;
- Advance the dual HBA-Engineering degree; and
- Deliver selected business programming for undergraduate and graduate students.

The Chair has been instrumental in positioning Western Engineering as a key player in the Western Entrepreneurship program, while the John M. Thompson Case Studies and Curriculum Development Fund has facilitated 11 cases, all registered with teaching notes with Ivey Publishing.

In fall 2018, the John M. Thompson Award in Engineering Leadership and Innovation was presented to five Certificate in Engineering Leadership and Innovation students and the John M. Thompson BESc/HBA Scholarship to two Engineering-HBA dual-degree students.

The Thompson’s past philanthropic contributions include a lead gift in support of the Thompson Engineering Building, a standing testament to their commitment to helping Western provide an exceptional learning environment.
BM Canada delivered its trademark blue buzz as the technology giant contributed a landmark $65-million gift of computers and software to Western.

The gift was part of a $210 million initiative to create the IBM Canada Research and Development Centre – an innovation network formed by Western, IBM, the Governments of Canada and Ontario and the University of Toronto. The Centre is an Ontario-based high performance and cloud computing network charged with storing and exploring the limitless amount of “big data” that is generated 24 hours a day from everything from functional MRI scans and watershed monitors to seismic readings and wind patterns.

IBM’s gift to Western provides researchers and scientists with leading-edge analytics software necessary to fully utilize and accelerate the processing capabilities that drive the research cloud platform. The gift made Western one of the primary nodes for the Southern Ontario Smart Computing and Innovation Platform (SOSCIP).

IBM business analytics software is helping Western researchers and scientists extract relevant data, analyze it and create pertinent reports through a web-based, service-oriented architecture. The IBM DB2 database software offers the university a virtual computer lab for multiple workloads on distributed systems, producing unparalleled efficiencies for users and storage.

Tens of thousands of Canadians, and millions more around the world, will benefit from Western’s groundbreaking work on concussion thanks to the success of the National Hockey League Players’ Association (NHLPA) Challenge fundraising campaign.

The Challenge was kicked off by the NHLPA with a $500,000 gift that served as the foundation for a $3.125-million fund to support researchers studying concussion at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. NHL Hall of Famer Eric Lindros, together with a group of committed parents, athletes and philanthropists to support this innovative research.

“We are fortunate to have a strong team of collaborative researchers in London researching every aspect of concussion from diagnosis, to treatment and long-term effects,” former Schulich Dean Dr. Michael J. Strong said. “We are grateful to the NHLPA and a group of committed donors who saw the value in this important work.”

The funds support a team of Western researchers at both Schulich and Robarts Research Institute investigating the symptoms and biomarkers of concussion while working toward strategies to arrest the short and long-term devastating consequences.

“The NHLPA is very encouraged that our challenge donation has been met and research will begin. We look forward to seeing positive results that the researchers will make,” said Don Fehr, NHLPA Executive Director. “NHL players support these efforts to further understand the health impacts of concussions, so that better and more effective treatments can be devised.”

IBM contributes record $65-million gift

NHLPA assists in goal to fuel concussion research

Making sense of the world’s data
Global learning

The opportunity for students to study and experience learning in another country hones their leadership skills and provides them with advantages that can last a lifetime.

Thanks to donor supported programs like the Global Opportunities Awards, and Alternative Spring Break, we’ve broken down barriers to enable more than 2,200 students to travel and learn abroad in more than 40 countries each year, helping them gain valuable intercultural skills and global experience, all while exploring, learning and growing as individuals.

Increasing the diversity of our student population enriches the ideas and debate in our classrooms. We are grateful to those donors who are enabling Western to attract international students whose potential to learn vastly outstrips their financial ability to come to Canada to study.
Western students have more opportunities to serve the global community, after a $2-million donation from RBC Foundation.

The donation supports the Community Service Learning Program, facilitated through Western, the Ivey Business School and Huron University College. The Program extends the educational experience of students beyond the classroom with real-life experience in the community.

“This wonderful gift from RBC to Western makes a difference by inspiring community engagement and a global outlook among our students, and by providing direct benefit to the organizations they serve. As our world changes, Western students will be there, helping to lead that change,” said Western President Amit Chakma.

“At RBC, we believe we have a responsibility to cultivate future leaders with a strong sense of social responsibility,” said Dave McKay, Group Head, Canadian Banking, RBC. “We are confident that our donation to Western will ensure that thousands of students continue to support local non-profit and charitable organizations.”

RBC’s commitment has helped expand the Program for nearly a decade now, allowing approximately 5,000 students each year to take part in new educational opportunities, including the Alternative Spring Break (ASB) program. ASB is designed to give students the chance to do something different during Western’s Reading Week in February or October, or take part in a week-long experience after final exams at the beginning of May.

ASB partners with a variety of community organizations, locally, nationally and globally, who are anxious to benefit from the knowledge, passion and hard work of students who want the opportunity to have hands-on experience working with critical societal issues.

“Students have a phenomenal desire to contribute to their communities. Service learning promotes academic excellence, and gives them real-world experiences that promote personal and professional growth,” said former Ivey Dean Carol Stephenson.
For the last decade, the Dr. David S. H. Chu International Student Centre has been a centralized hub in the heart of campus, bringing students together from around the world to share ideas, culture and inspiration.

Made possible by a $2-million donation from the Dr. David S.H. Chu Family of Hong Kong, the centre opened its doors in 2009, just as Western set its sights on increasing international student enrolment under the leadership of its new president, Amit Chakma.

Over the last decade, the university has seen explosive growth in international undergraduate and graduate student enrolment, research partnerships and study-abroad opportunities.

“This wonderful facility is another great example of the transformative power of philanthropy,” said President Amit Chakma. “The Chu Family’s generosity will help Western educate global citizens and leaders for generations to come.”

David Chu, and his son, Western alumnus Ken Chu, BA’96, LLD’07, are co-founders of the Hong Kong based Mission Hills Group – the world’s largest golf complex.

“It is an honour for me and my family to establish a platform where students at Western can gather, exchange ideas, and share a common international perspective,” Ken Chu said. “Western gave me the skills and knowledge I needed to succeed in business globally, and the establishment of the Chu International Centre is my opportunity to help make a difference for students from around the world, at the Western campus.”

The Chu gift also created a number of academic awards and a public administration program in China.

A n appreciation for the Western Experience was among many things brothers Wilfred and Harvey Ng shared. That is why Wilfred Ng, BA’85, LLD’11, donated $1.8 million HKD (approximately $228,000 CAD) to create the Harvey Ng International Continuing Student Scholarship, in tribute to his late brother.

“Harvey loved Canada,” Ng said. “He was the only one who chose to stay in Canada after graduation.”

Harvey Ng, BESc’86, started his own business not long after graduation, confident his Western education prepared him well for the challenges ahead, and later diversified his business by expanding the family business into Canada. He died of cancer at the age of 47.

“We established an international continuing student scholarship to help high school students in Hong Kong who wish to further their education in Canada yet are financially incapable of doing so,” Wilfred Ng explained. “We have fond memories of the times at Western and value the great education we received. By establishing a scholarship, we are giving back to the Hong Kong community and promoting the university in this part of the world.”

He’s hopeful the scholarship “plants the giving seed” inspiring future international alumni to give back, but has no doubt it was a meaningful way for he and his sisters Serena, BA’81, MA’82, and Grace, BA’85 to honour their brother.

“Harvey enjoyed his university days thoroughly at Western, (and) would take great satisfaction in knowing our contributions will support the education of our next generation.”
Since the Global Opportunities Awards program was first launched at Western in 2012, approximately 1,000 students (around 200 each year) from faculties across the university have received either $1,000 or $2,000 awards allowing them to study, intern, conduct research and engage in community development or learning opportunities around the world.

The awards are made possible thanks to donor support, and to date more than $900,000 has been raised to establish Global Opportunities Awards from approximately 80 generous donors.

The purpose of Global Opportunities Awards is to give Western students who otherwise wouldn’t have the means to pursue an international learning experience, the opportunity to do so.

“Western is committed to providing international learning opportunities for our students. To live and work in the world today we need high levels of cross-cultural competence and intercultural understanding. By participating in academically relevant international experiences, students develop the skills, perspectives and knowledge required to become global citizens and leaders,” said Julie McMullin, Vice-Provost & Associate VP (International). “Our students want and deserve these opportunities. International education is transformational and the skills learned will last a lifetime.”

Western has matched, dollar for dollar, any donation to a Global Opportunities Award. Recipients are selected based on a combination of academic achievement, cost of the program and proposed length of study.

**GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES AWARDS OPEN A WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES**

Vindolanda Field School: An archaeology Field School taking weekly field trips to explore the landscape around Hadrian’s Wall and the north of Britain, in order to gain a broad perspective on a frontier and imperial landscape that thrived on the edge of the Roman Empire.
World-class facilities

Long considered one of Canada’s most beautiful campuses, Western spans more than 420 acres, mixing Gothic-style buildings with modern, environmentally sustainable structures.

Donor support throughout the Campaign, combined with funding from the provincial and federal governments, has helped ensure we continue providing this idyllic environment for our community of scholars and visitors from around the world.

Western has invested in state-of-the-art buildings, labs, libraries, performance and study spaces—all to enhance the teaching, learning and research needs of our students and faculty.
Roger is a 72-year-old retired tobacco farmer with diabetes and circulatory problems. On a bed beside him is Carl, a bespectacled 52-year-old accountant who has difficulty walking because of multiple sclerosis. Joanne, across the room, is recovering from a mastectomy. It’s a typical clinical room in a health-care setting, aside from the fact Roger, Carl and Joanne are mannequins, programmed to exhibit specific symptoms in the cutting-edge, 16-bed simulation suite inside the new home of the Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing.

Combining the best of academic learning and clinical education, the new $41-million building that houses the School is unlike any other in Canada. In addition to the simulation suite, research labs, student lounges and collaborative learning spaces help make this a facility where the next generation of nurses can achieve excellence.

Arthur and Sonia Labatt are dedicated, long-time donors to health sciences education at Western, and the lead benefactors of the School of Nursing. The couple were awarded honorary doctorates from Western in 2012 and Arthur Labatt was Western University chancellor from 2004 to 2008. Their support is helping prepare graduates to advance and improve health care in Canada and around the world, and their gifts have built new infrastructure, attracted top faculty and supported undergraduate and graduate student awards.

Health Sciences Dean Jayne Garland said the new facility is helping transform nursing care in Canada and around the world. “Buildings, by themselves, don’t make a school excellent. But great buildings can cultivate excellence as they become fertile fields where outstanding research, teaching and scholarship can continue to flourish.”
When the Music Building opened in 1972, it was designed for an enrolment of 400 students. Today, the Don Wright Faculty of Music is home to approximately 650 graduate and undergraduate students.

In need of space, Western undertook an ambitious project to renovate the existing Music Building and build both a two-storey section with rehearsal space and new recital hall, and a five-storey tower with teaching, classroom and performance space.

Western invested $20.75 million, with an additional $2.75 million to be raised through donor support. Western Music is more than halfway to that goal, and continues working towards fully funding the project. Meanwhile the building is complete, having officially opened in October, 2018.

The new space is bright, modern and a place in which any aspiring musician would be glad to hone their skills. It hosts a growing number of student concerts and events, as well as faculty and guest artists’ performances, masterclasses and lectures.

It is also home to the 232-seat von Kuster Hall, which accommodates more than 270 performances each year. The hall is the venue of choice for faculty, guest artists and masterclasses, and the primary performance space for undergraduate and graduate credit recitals.

Don Wright Faculty of Music Dean, Betty Anne Younker, said the project was a wonderful opportunity to work with supporters to accomplish a shared vision.

“With the support of our alumni and friends, we’ve created a first-class learning and performance facility that will support the needs of our students today, and tomorrow.”

University Chancellor, Jack Cowin, BA’64, LLD’00, and his wife, Sharon, BA’64, supported Western Engineering and honoured Western’s president when they made a $5-million gift to name the Amit Chakma Engineering Building.

The building offers a unique space meant to inspire students and faculty to learn, innovate and advance, and was designed collaboratively with input from students, faculty and staff.

As a potential Platinum LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) building, its intelligent design is environmentally sustainable, with features including a rainwater harvesting system, electric vehicle charging ports and a renewable solar energy system. If certified, it will be only the third Platinum LEED academic building in Canada.

“Some of you may not know that Amit is also an engineer, and a faculty member here in Engineering,” Cowin told guests when he surprised Chakma with the honour at the building’s official opening. “His passion for the profession and field makes this the perfect tribute to his time as Western’s President.”

The building addresses the critical need for additional space by adding 100,000 sq. ft. of work spaces that integrate classroom theory with collaborative hands-on learning.

“Your gift to Western means a lot, but never did I imagine that you’d honour us with your generous support,” Chakma said as he thanked the Cowins.

The building was also funded through Western’s own contributions and generous support from donors and the Federal and Provincial Governments.
When Western University committed $10 million towards building the new, $35.7-million Western Student Recreation Centre (WSRB), Western students held a referendum to approve funding for the rest of the cost. And they voted yes. The University Students’ Council (USC), the Society of Graduate Students (SOGS), and the Ivey MBA Student Association together pledged a total of $101 million over 30 years, at the time the largest contribution ever from a student body to a Canadian university.

Of those funds $86.2 million went to support the building and maintenance of the WSRB, with the remaining $14.8 million going to support undergraduate and graduate student bursaries.

“This is a proud day for Western students,” said Stephen Lecce, President of the University Students’ Council at the Centre's opening. “Students made a conscious decision and commitment to support the building of the Western Student Recreation Centre, and today, it is easy to see it was the right decision. It’s a signal facility that will enrich the lives of students for many years to come and it shows that students themselves possess the philanthropic desire to make our community better, now and in the future.”

Featuring a 20,000-square-foot fitness centre with more than 200 cardio machines, an eight-lane, 50-metre pool, squash and racquetball courts and five separate gymnasiums, the WSRB is one of the finest recreation facilities of any university in the country.

Western is proud the WSRB helps enhance not only the physical and psychological well-being of students, but plays a huge role in creating a sense of community. WSRB continues adding to Canada’s best student experience, and stands as a monument to the commitment Western students have to their university.

By the numbers

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Restoring an Icon
Keeping University College beautiful, inside and out

We’ve all had that moment. Rounding the curve on University Drive, crossing the bridge and seeing University College (UC) for the first time standing proudly at the top of the hill.

Since 1922, UC has dominated Western’s campus, inspiring generations of students, staff and faculty to set their sights high. But after 95 years, UC had aged and the iconic landmark needed a renovation, a renewal to ensure the interior matched the grandeur of its exterior.

With donor support, UC underwent its most significant renovation ever to prepare it for the 21st-Century learning experience.

The extensive renovations included: open-concept lounges and an atrium connecting three levels; classrooms outfitted with new technology; student gathering spaces to promote collaboration; crucial infrastructure upgrades to plumbing, wiring and ventilation; and better accessibility to provide more freedom of movement.

Most importantly, the UC renaissance has preserved and highlighted the heritage features that make the building a memorable part of Western’s history.
The 1878 Societies

The 1878 Societies, named for the year of Western’s founding, honour the University’s most generous donors. The listing below recognizes individual members of the Societies who have given $25,000 or more cumulatively, as well as corporations, foundations and associations that have given $100,000 or more cumulatively.

We are very grateful for the extraordinary contributions made by our graduates around the world. Individual Western alumni and the Alumni Association have given $140 million to Western University as of April 30, 2018.

In addition, the Helen M.B. Allison Legacies Society, Western’s gift planning program, recognizes alumni, friends and members of the community who have made a commitment to Western’s future through their Wills, life insurance policies and other bequests.

Many members of The 1878 Societies also make annual contributions to a variety of programs and projects across the University. We would like to thank all members of The 1878 Societies for their vision and leadership. We also wish to thank those donors who have chosen to remain anonymous.

Full donor lists can be found on our web site at: giving.westernu.ca/your-impact/recognition/
“It’s like the little pebble you drop into the pond to create a ripple. That’s really what I am. Just that little pebble, trying to have a positive effect on others.”

— Audrey Dan, B.A.C.S ’95, President, Dampney Family Investment Office regarding his second $5 million donation to the Department of Management and Organizational Studies at Western University ($2,000,000 - $3,999,999).

“...a great way to bring together the three things that mean a lot to me, and to Linamar as a company: manufacturing, business and improved opportunities for women.”

— Linda Hassett, BSc ’89, MBA ’97, President and CEO of Linamar Corporation on the establishment of the Linamar Foundation Scholarships for Women in Engineering and Business (R.S. McMichael Women’s Endowment ($5,000,000 - $9,999,999)).
“My family and I are pleased to be able to support this one-of-a-kind research that has the potential to change the course for people suffering from these debilitating diseases.” — Jim Tomyer on the Tomyer Foundation’s establishment of the RONET Research Fund for ALS/RML. Eurese’s family’s generous $52,000 donation is matched dollar for dollar by the Province of Ontario (up to $49,999) as well as by supporters of the ALS/FRS society. The combined efforts of these foundations and donors provide a total of $99,999 annually to the research.
We would like to recognize and thank the following donors who have given one or more gifts to the Western of $2,500 - $9,999 between May 1, 2017 and April 30, 2018. Individual donors who have given $25,000 or more are recognized in The 1878 Societies. We also wish to thank those donors who have chosen to remain anonymous.

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Governors’ Circle
Donors of $1,000 - $4,999

Verna Aikin and Kenneth A. Allred
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Linda B. and David D. Allred

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