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Message from the Chair of the Board of Directors

As Chair of the Canadore College Foundation Board of Directors, I am continually inspired by the incredible impact our Foundation has on the lives of our students. This past year, we witnessed transformative contributions, such as the historic \$2 million gift from the Joyce Family Foundation and the RBC Foundation's support for the Indigenous Sustainable Food and Clean Water Initiative. These contributions are not only financial – they represent a lasting commitment to the success and well-being of our students and community.

The Foundation's work is rooted in a passion for student success, and we create ongoing opportunities through the generosity of our donors and partners. The funds we raise are more than numbers – they are investments in the futures of students who will go on to make meaningful contributions to society.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I appreciate all who have supported the Foundation this year. Your contributions, whether large or small, are vital to sustaining the programs and resources that enable our students to thrive. Together, we are making a difference that will resonate for generations.

■ Kirk Kelusky



Message from the Executive Director

Welcome to the Canadore College Foundation Impact Report for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. This past year has been a testament to the power of collective effort and the dedication of our donors, alumni, and community partners. Your generosity has enabled us to provide essential resources that directly impact the lives of our students, from scholarships and bursaries to innovative programs like the Indigenous Sustainable Food and Clean Water Initiative.

As the Foundation's Executive Director, I am privileged to witness firsthand how your contributions have shaped the educational experience at Canadore College. The historic gift from the Joyce Family Foundation and substantial support from Canadore College Alumni are just two examples of your incredible impact. These donations are investments in our students' futures.

Thank you for believing in our mission and for your continued support. Collectively, we are building a stronger, more vibrant future for our students and the entire Canadore community. Your generosity makes a difference, and I am grateful for your commitment to our mutual success.

■ Brad Gavan

About the Canadore College Foundation

The Canadore College Foundation plays a vital role in supporting the College's mission by meeting long-term development and fundraising goals established by the Canadore College Board of Governors. Our work ensures that students, programs and applied research at Canadore thrive.

Guided by Canadore's five strategic pillars – Student Success, Program and Service Excellence, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Connection to Community, and Sustainability – the Foundation actively collaborates with donors, alumni, and community partners. Through these efforts, we foster growth, excellence, and sustainability, enriching the experience and driving innovation at Canadore College.



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New Student Awards/ Bursaries

This year, we are excited to introduce several new awards and bursaries aimed at fostering student success. These opportunities, designed to recognize exceptional achievement and reduce financial barriers, are essential in helping students reach their educational goals. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in making these awards and bursaries possible and sharing a mutual commitment to supporting our students.

- **Canada Life, Indigenous Health Studies Bursary**
- **David G. Harrison Memorial Bursary**
- **Deborah Flynn Memorial Bursary**
- **J.L Richards Bursary**
- **The Joyce Family Foundation, Bright Futures Bursary**
- **NECO Bursary**
- **Wilcox Family Honours Bachelor of Science in Nursing Scholarship**



Giving Tuesday

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our supporters, the Canadore College Foundation raised **\$47,670** during our 2023 Giving Tuesday campaign.

**GIVING
TUESDAY**

An initial \$11,335 was donated by our community, which was then doubled

to \$22,670 by an anonymous donor. A special thank you goes to Canadore Alumni, who's additional \$25,000 contribution helped us reach this remarkable total. Your support continues to make a profound impact on the lives of our students. We are excited to share the success stories that will emerge from your contributions.



Donor Spotlight

JOYCE FAMILY FOUNDATION: BRIGHT FUTURES BURSARIES



With a landmark \$2 million donation, the Joyce Family Foundation has made a

legacy contribution to the future of students in Northern Ontario. This historic gift, the largest in the Canadore College Foundation's history, established the Bright Futures Bursaries, providing renewable financial support to up to 20 students annually. By focusing on the unique challenges faced by students in the North, this initiative enables them to pursue higher education and equips them with the tools needed to make a lasting impact on their communities.

This endowment will provide student support, ensuring deserving students can access the resources they need to succeed. The Joyce Family Foundation Bright Futures Bursaries represent more than financial aid – they are an investment in the potential of Northern Ontario's youth, fostering a brighter future for the entire region.

"We are proud to support students in Northern Ontario through the Joyce Family Bright Futures Bursaries. This initiative empowers young people to pursue their dreams and contribute positively to their communities."

Mike Harris, Trustee, Joyce Family Foundation.

RBC FOUNDATION - TECH FOR NATURE: INDIGENOUS CLEAN WATER AND FOOD SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE



Foundation

The Canadore College Foundation proudly recognizes the RBC

Foundation's generous \$100,000 contribution through the Tech for Nature Program. This vital support has been instrumental in advancing the Indigenous Sustainable Food and Clean Water Initiative. The project aims to develop sustainable, off-grid food and water solutions for Indigenous and remote communities, addressing critical challenges in food insecurity and access to clean water.

Thanks to RBC Foundation's commitment, the initiative has expanded its facilities, enhanced research capabilities, and provided essential educational programming. This collaboration empowers Indigenous communities and fosters sustainable practices that can be modelled across the country. We extend our gratitude to the RBC Foundation for their continued investment in the betterment of our communities and the future of our students.

"Our partnership with RBC Foundation is not just about technology; it's about enabling communities to thrive sustainably. Together, we are creating a blueprint for resilience in the face of environmental challenges."

Jesse Russell, Project Leader, Living Sustainability Centre, Canadore College.



Canadore Alumni: A Year of Impact

Canadore Alumni has been a driving force behind the advancement of Canadore College's initiatives, continually enhancing the students' experience and supporting the broader college community. Dedicated to increasing the quality of life, awareness, and education of current students, alumni, and the communities they serve, Canadore Alumni has made significant contributions over the past year.

Their support has been remarkable, with generous donations totaling over \$200,000. It includes a \$25,000 contribution to Giving Tuesday, \$75,000 to the Scholarships and Bursaries Program, \$100,000 to the Alumni Hall of Fame Fund, and \$7200 to the President's Club.

The Canadore Alumni's participation in annual fundraising initiatives provided critical financial support and has played a crucial role in shaping the future of Canadore College. Their contributions help ensure students have access to the resources they need to succeed while fostering a strong and supportive alumni community that continues to give back long after graduation. We sincerely thank Canadore Alumni for their commitment to the College and its students.



The Village at Canadore College

The Village at Canadore College continues to thrive as a leading intergenerational living and learning facility. Over the past year, it has made significant progress, including expanding the student training program in healthcare and wellness. Notably, the Indigenous Education and Wellness Centre has successfully launched new initiatives focused on cultural awareness and health, furthering The Village's mission to foster intergenerational connections and community well-being.

Complementing these advancements, The Village has hosted a range of impactful activities that enrich both student and community life. Programs like VON Chair Yoga and the Dementia Learning Series from the Alzheimer's Society offer hands-on experience in health care, while the Seniors Advisory Group, the first of its kind on any Ontario college campus, meets regularly to improve the campus experience for older adults. Additional initiatives such as lunch and learns, Wellness Walks, and the creation of The Village Cookbook have fostered intergenerational and intercultural exchanges, making The Village a hub of engagement and learning for all ages.

Events

PRESIDENT'S CLUB AND ALUMNI HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

In April 2023, after a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic, Canadore College alumni and community members reunited for the President's Club Dinner and the induction of the year's Alumni Hall of Fame honorees. The event was remarkable, raising \$83,500 towards the Million Dollar Fund to support scholarships for Canadore students.

This year's eight inductees represent the diversity of excellence of Canadore's alumni, making significant contributions across various industries. Their achievements underscore the impact of Canadore alumni on our community's social and economic well-being and beyond. We are proud to celebrate their accomplishments and grateful for their ongoing support.

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ALUMNI AND FRIENDS GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Canadore Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament held on June 8, 2023 was another successful event. The event raised \$27,000, which directly supports scholarships and bursaries at the College. The overwhelming participation and support from alumni and community not only fostered stronger connections within the Canadore community but also significantly enhanced educational opportunities for current and future students.



David G. Harrison Memorial Award



David Harrison, born in Parry Sound, Ontario, overcame early life challenges to pursue a successful career as an electrician, a profession he deeply loved, especially mentoring young apprentices. Sadly, we lost David in 2013 following a battle with Parkinson's Disease and Lewy Body Dementia, but it was Metastatic Melanoma that took his life.

The award supports mature students from the Parry Sound region enrolled in Canadore College's Electrical Techniques or trades programs. It aims to help recipients build a rewarding career in the trades, much like David did throughout his life.

An overhead, black and white photograph of three students sitting around a round table, studying. One student is writing in a notebook, another is looking at a laptop, and the third is also working. The table is cluttered with books, papers, and a laptop. The image is partially covered by a red overlay at the bottom.

Finance and Reporting

Financial Statements for the Canadore College Foundation can be reviewed by visiting canadorefoundation.ca/about/



Message from the Canadore College President and CEO

Canadore is always looking forward, striving to meet the ever-changing needs of our learners and the job market. This is not always an easy task, but with the support of the Canadore Foundation, we can achieve our goals. Your contributions play a crucial role in this effort.

Canadore, with the support of our partners, continues to invest in its infrastructure to ensure students have the very best learning environments possible. As the demand for financial assistance grows, your continued support becomes even more vital, and we thank you for your unwavering generosity.

As we progress, we're excited to introduce new opportunities that allow donors to continue offering support across a broad range of needs – ensuring students have access to state-of-the-art infrastructure, technology and learning opportunities. These new avenues of support will be instrumental in maintaining the momentum we've built together and sustaining our leadership in educational excellence.

Once again, thank you. We deeply appreciate our community members, alumni, friends and the numerous corporations and organizations who help ensure a bright future for our students and community. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our mission.

■ **George Burton**

President and CEO, Canadore College



Looking Forward

As we look to the future, Canadore College remains committed to developing the next generation of skilled workers, ensuring our programs and resources continue to evolve with the needs of the community and economy. By enhancing educational opportunities and expanding access, we are focused on preparing students for success in a rapidly changing world.

- Creating skilled citizens ready to lead in their industries
- Continuing to expand and improve trades-based programs
- Enhancing healthcare training to meet growing demand
- Evolving operations to align with sustainability goals and the green economy
- Increasing student access to cutting-edge technology and resources

Ways to give

There are many ways to support the Canadore College Foundation. Whether you choose a one-time gift, a monthly donation, or a planned gift, each contribution significantly impacts our students and programs. Here are some ways you can give:

Annual Gifts

Strengthen the Foundation's efforts by supporting various initiatives.

Gifts in Kind

Contribute supplies or other non-cash assets.

Bequests

Leave a legacy through your will.

Gifts of Life Insurance

Enjoy tax benefits while making a meaningful contribution.

Gifts of Securities

Donate stocks or bonds to maximize tax incentives.

These options allow you to choose the giving method that best aligns with your goals and makes a difference in the lives of Canadore students.

canadorefoundation.ca/ways-to-give



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