INSPIRING SUCCESS ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18





THOMPSON Four RIVERS UNIVERSITY

Foundation

CHAIR'S REPORT

This past year was a milestone year as the Foundation received the single largest ever donation from Dr. Sherman Jen. This transformative gift was the driving force in our successful fundraising year where total funds raised exceeded \$9.7 million. At fiscal year end the foundation's student assistance endowment topped \$24 million. This success would not be possible without the continued support of our generous donors and the work of our dedicated volunteers and staff.

Highlights of the year included a \$500,000 donation towards student bursaries from long-time Foundation donor, Trans Mountain Corporation, and \$2 million in private donations to support state-of-the-art equipment. Research efforts at TRU will benefit from the \$1.5 million in funding from the Jen donation for innovation and research excellence.

The Foundation breakfast debuted our first ever TRU Day of Giving which proved to be wildly successful. Longtime Foundation supporters Roland and Anne Neave kicked off the donations that morning with a \$20,000 gift and after 36 hours we had successfully raised \$62,000 from alumni and new and existing donors to support students.

In November, \$672,000 was handed out at the annual awards ceremony to 610 students, making it our most successful ceremony ever.

Foundation volunteers worked hard to put on another amazing Gala, where guests enjoyed the Indiana Jones themed event while raising funds for students. The team also organized a fun golf tournament at the Kamloops Golf and Country Club that raised \$30,000 for student support.

Our success is possible only through the support of our loyal donors. This is my last year as Chair of the TRU Foundation and I can tell you over the six years I have been involved, it has been an inspiration to meet all the donors who believe in the gift of education and who continue to support Thompson Rivers University as it develops into a world-class institution. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely

Rick Sallis Chair, TRU Foundation

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At Thompson Rivers University, we believe high quality post-secondary education should be accessible to everyone. And I'm glad to know that donors, such as yourselves, are right there with us.

Through your generosity and the work of the TRU Foundation, we have been able to support thousands of students through merit-based and needs-based awards. That pool of students grows with each passing year.

In my eight years with Thompson Rivers University, the TRU Foundation has celebrated milestones that include the growth of the student assistant endowment to \$24 million, holding our 25th annual Gala, and this past year, receiving the largest gift in our university's



Alan Shaver, President and Vice-Chancellor

history. Accepting the \$5-million donation from Dr. Sherman Jen was a highlight, knowing the extraordinary impact it will have as the university nears its 50th anniversary in 2020.

Over the years, TRU has worked with funding partners and individual supporters in many ways to enhance student success and build our research capacity.

With support from friends, alumni, businesses and government, TRU is making more scholarships, bursaries and awards available to students, funding innovative research and building state-of-the art learning facilities.

Your donations have a profound effect in making our university an outstanding place for discovery and learning. I am confident support for the university will only continue to blossom as word of TRU's innovation, new research and quality education spreads even further.

Thank you for making Thompson Rivers University exceptional.

Sincerely,

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Alan Shaver President and Vice-Chancellor

2017/18 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

total funds raised \$9,785,984

operating expenses \$306,050



GIVING BY CATEGORY

TOTAL	\$9,785,984
 Individuals 	\$6,189,904
 Foundations 	\$749,375
 Corporations 	\$2,751,329
• Alumni	\$95,376



DISBURSEMENTS

TOTAL	\$6,754,602
• Operating Transfer	\$205,152
 United Way 	\$52,984
 Gifts In Kind 	\$50,938
• Department Initiatives	\$561,194
 Research 	\$1,501,000
 Buildings 	\$2,792,575
 Bursaries & Awards 	\$1,590,759

IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

\$2 million from two private donors to endow scholarships and bursaries across all faculties **\$2 million** in donations for state-of-the-art equipment for students to utilize

\$1.5 million in private donations to support research



Dr. Sherman Jen with TRU President and Vice-Chancellor Alan Shaver

Sherman Jen's \$5-million donation is largest ever for TRU

Thompson Rivers University received its largest-ever single donation in October 2017.

Dr. Sherman Jen of Maple Leaf Educational Systems gave TRU a personal donation of \$5-million, announced at an event in the Brown Family House of Learning.

His generous gift is the university's biggest individual private donation ever. It is allocated for scholarships and teaching and research facilities, all of which will have a major impact on TRU and its students.

Dr. Jen's donation breaks down as follows:

- \$1.5 million for the Dr. Sherman Jen Research Innovation Fund—to support research in the Faculty of Science and the School of Education.
- \$1.5 million for the Dr. Sherman Jen High Fidelity Simulation Centre—which uses computer-driven high fidelity mannequins to engage students and faculty in innovative health teaching and research methods not possible using real patients.
- \$500,000 for the Dr. Sherman Jen Instrumentation Lab—a virtual venue for the next generation of instrumentation professionals.
- \$500,000 for the Dr. Sherman Jen Innovation Competition Prize Endowment—which will fund prizes and support student participants in innovation competitions in areas like Science, Leadership and Business, and Trades.

 \$1 million for the Dr. Sherman Jen Student Scholarship Endowment—to support scholarships in Science, Trades and Technology, Law, Education, Social Work and the Master of Education.

"This generous gift supports innovation and capacity growth through teaching and research excellence for faculty and students and by creating new opportunities for student success through scholarships and innovative capital development," said TRU President and Vice-Chancellor Alan Shaver.

Dr. Jen's donation creates new learning and research opportunities for students and faculty scholars and recognizes academic excellence.

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Maple Leaf is China's largest private international school system. It is certified by BC's Ministry of Education. TRU has had a long partnership with Maple Leaf and in September, 2016, Maple Leaf Education North America opened its BC Independent School on TRU's Kamloops campus.



Bachelor of Social Work student Jayme Burger shares her story of how a bursary allowed her to continue her studies.

TRU Day of Giving successfully debuts at Foundation breakfast

A TRU first proved to be a smashing success as the Day of Giving far exceeded its goal when it debuted at the TRU Foundation's annual breakfast in November.

Set to raise \$36,000 in 36 hours, the event received enough donations to make that amount within the first several hours. Roland and Anne Neave kicked things off with a generous \$20,000 donation. With such strong momentum, the goal was moved to \$50,000. That goal was also surpassed hours before the 8:30 p.m. deadline.

When all was said and done, 92 donors helped TRU's first-ever Day of Giving raise a whopping \$62,000.

Social work student and recipient of the Lafreniere-Mellquist Bursary, Jayme Burger, spoke to hundreds of donors and supporters who gathered at the Grand Hall for the annual breakfast.

"You are all part of the solution and I firmly believe that your continual support in allowing others to become educated will have a ripple effect that will be inconceivable," she said.

Burger is one of thousands of students who benefit from the TRU Foundation's annual campaign to raise money for scholarships and bursaries.

Major donations announced at the 2017 donor breakfast included:

- Nandi Spolia on behalf of the Kamloops Hindu Cultural Society, \$20,000
- Chris Owen of Interior Plumbing and Heating, \$45,000 for a five-year sponsorship of the Drive the Trades golf tournament
- Mme. Justice Hope Hyslop representing the Superior Court Judges of BC, \$100,000

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2017 Foundation Awards celebrate students and donors

The TRU Foundation handed out \$672,603 in student awards at its annual ceremony in November 2017, an increase of \$50,000 from the previous year. The university also added 30 new awards compared to 2016 —20 of them endowed.

Tourism Management student Michelle Davies was one of 610 students who received bursaries and scholarships at the TRU Foundation Awards ceremony in the university gymnasium. Donors and students got to meet face-to-face as cheques were exchanged for gratitude and stories from the classroom.

Davies told donors that without the Co-op Student of the Year Award, she would have to work more and study less.

"Academically, the awards and scholarships I have received motivate me to work harder and achieve more as a student. Personally, these awards and scholarships say 'I believe in you, your hard work and dedication is worth it, keep doing what you're doing," she said.

The TRU Foundation has been supporting students and the university for 35 years, during which time the



endowment portfolio has built up to more than \$20 million.

Award Highlights

Trans Mountain Corporation, a long-time Foundation supporter, announced a \$500,000 donation towards bursaries for students in trades, social work, human service, research and environmental science. The gift marked the largest corporate donation to TRU in 2017.

The contribution breaks down as follows:

- School of Trades and Technology: \$200,000 in bursaries
- Faculty of Education and Social Work: \$100,000 in bursaries
- Faculty of Science Applied Research: \$100,000 in bursaries Faculty of Science: \$100,000

Above: Tourism Management student Michelle Davies addresses the audience during the 2017 Foundation Awards.

Williams Lake students benefit from \$30,000 in awards

The TRU Foundation handed out more than \$30,000 in scholarships and bursaries to 32 Williams Lake TRU students at their annual awards ceremony in December 2017.

This ceremony brings together individuals, businesses and organizations who believe in the importance of learning and education—so much so that they commit funds and volunteer hours to financially assist TRU students.

Students in Williams Lake have benefited greatly from the work of the TRU Grit, an active group of business

people who, since 2012, have raised more than \$150,000 for students and projects at the Williams Lake campus.





New Award recognizes unsing hero

Imogen Padmore enjoys her ice cream thanks to the work of a respiratory therapist who inspired the creation of a new scholarship.

A few days after her first birthday, Imogen Padmore suffered complete respiratory failure due to a superbug infection (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus). Despite the many caregivers to whom she owes her life, it was the work of one particular respiratory therapist that stood out and, in 2017, inspired a new scholarship at TRU.

Padmore, now three years old, spent six weeks in the hospital, mostly at the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) at Vancouver Children's Hospital, on the road to recovery. There were many caregivers, including doctors and nurses, who helped save her life.

One of them was Jason Dennison, the respiratory therapist who held the bridge throughout a long, fogged-in night before the helicopters arrived to transport Padmore from Victoria General Hospital to Children's Hospital in Vancouver.

The child's grandfather Tim Padmore watched the events unfold and witnessed the impact the traumatic event had on his family. He was inspired to take action and chose the TRU Respiratory Therapy program, the only one in the province, as the benefactor.

"It was a very emotional time and I felt like I should do something. When Imogen reached her third birthday, I thought it was fitting to create an award that would run until her sixteenth birthday."

"Imogen's Award recognizes Jason for his skills and character and celebrates those who follow him, holding lives in their hands. I hope that it can create an impact within a health profession that isn't always highly visible," said Padmore.

The award is presented to an outstanding graduating student of the Respiratory Therapy program who demonstrates superb technical skills, determination, responsibility and solid academic achievement.

"As a member of the health care team, the care Jason provided to Imogen exemplifies the value of respiratory therapists in a patient care crisis," explained Chair of the Respiratory Therapy Program, Tom Dorval.

"It was a very emotional time and I felt like I should do something. When Imogen reached her third birthday, I thought it was fitting to create an award that would run until her sixteenth birthday."

"Patient care is always a team effort. Whether it is saving a life, as in Imogen's case, or simply improving a patient's comfort or quality of life, the unique knowledge and expertise of graduates of TRU's Respiratory Therapy Program contribute significantly to that effort. This is what makes respiratory therapy such a rewarding profession." Do Premier ollection of ontemporary

TRU Foundation and students benefit from Reach proceeds

Representatives from The Reach, TRU and CAPE Developments participate in the groundbreaking ceremony for Creston House, the first building for The Reach.

In early 2018, TRU received the first proceeds from The Reach: just over \$1.5 million to fund student support and research activities. TRU and the TRU Foundation receive an equal distribution of the returns from The Reach, a long-term development project created to generate an ongoing revenue stream for the university.

It was the closing of the first lease with CAPE Developments that generated these funds of more than \$1.5 million. CAPE's building, Creston House, will rise north of Old Main and consist of privatelyowned condominiums.

Since CAPE broke ground on Creston House in fall of 2017, Kelson Group has begun construction on the second building in the Campus Master Plan: Legacy Square. The five-storey, 77-apartment rental building will rise in the adjacent lot west of Creston House. Construction began in June 2018.

The Reach was originally conceptualized in the 2013 Campus Master Plan. To realize the vision of a University Village, TRU created the TRU Community Trust, which in turn set up The Reach development project to generate revenue.

The TRU Community Trust develops land parcels identified in the Master Plan through long-term leases with private developers so the land is always owned by the university.

Of this \$1.5 million, the TRU foundation received \$750,000 to be added to the student assistance endowment to fund scholarships and bursaries.

Capital Projects Update

Nursing and Population Health Building

Project: A purpose-built three-storey home to TRU's Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Nursing and Health Care Assistant programs.

- Start: April 2018
- Finish: Anticipated January 2020
- Status in August 2018: Site preparation
- Cost: \$37.2 million

Industrial Training and Technology Centre

Project: The Industrial Training and Technology Centre (ITTC) builds on TRU's strong base of trades programming, paving the way for the university to train more students for indemand technology and trades professions.

- Start: February 2017
- Finish: September 2018
- Status in August 2018: Final stages of construction
- Cost: \$30 million

Old Main Classrooms

Project: A \$5-million modernization of classrooms on Old Main's first and second floors.

- Start: June 2018
- Finish: Anticipated March 2019
- Status in August 2018: Under way
- Cost: \$5 millior



RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

Highland Valley Copper supports creation of Centre for Ecosystem Reclamation

Dr. Lauchlan Fraser, NSERC Industrial Research Chair in Ecosystem Reclamation.



Greg Brouwer

In 2017, Highland Valley Copper (HVC) pledged \$200,000 in cash and \$150,000 in-kind support over five years for the establishment of a Natural Sciences and Engineering Council (NSERC) Industrial Research Chair at TRU.

The creation of an Industrial Research Chair position supports the development of industry-based solutions to environmental challenges.

"Environmental disturbance

occurs naturally and is also an outcome of natural resource development. Our research aims to understand the ecosystems of the BC interior so that we can quickly and properly restore them to fully functioning and sustainable ecosystems following disturbance," said Dr. Lauchlan Fraser.

"At Teck Highland Valley Copper (HVC) we are committed to responsible mine closure in collaboration with local First Nations people and communities. Research at Highland Valley Copper is a vital part of our reclamation program, so when Thompson Rivers University approached us to contribute to the Industrial Research Chair we welcomed the opportunity," said Greg Brouwer, general manager of Teck Highland Valley Copper.

The establishment of the Industrial Research Chair, in collaboration with Highland Valley Copper, is an exciting first step in the creation of a Centre for Ecosystem Reclamation (CER) at TRU. The Centre —the first of its kind in Canada—will provide the scientific evidence necessary to transform attitudes about land use, and in doing so, create resilient and healthy communities and natural environments.

Reclamation solutions will be developed in consultation with local Indigenous communities, incorporating their interests and using native plant species to restore traditional land use.

This research ties directly to TRU's strategic priorities to ensure the environmental sustainability of the region. More effective reclamation plays a role in climate change, as mine sites, specifically water levels and longevity of species, are already being affected by changes in climate.

Highland Valley's \$350,000 grant was the fourth TRU received toward the development of an Industrial Research Chair. Genome BC has pledged \$250,000 toward the project, the Real Estate Foundation of BC has pledged \$150,000, and in 2016, New Gold, operators of the New Afton copper and gold mine, committed \$200,000 to the initiative.

Award recipient learns leadership lessons from the sidelines



On the heels of winning the 2018 Neil Russell Student Leadership Award, Kaitlin Lomas was not only approaching her undergraduate finish line, but also catching her breath after a school year jam packed with complications and challenges.

After suffering a concussion in October 2017, Kaitlin's academic and athletic timeline was completely upended.

"This was my last year to play for TRU," Kaitlin said in March. "By being benched for half of the semester, I missed so many final moments—like my last home opener game. I came to realize how much my identity was rooted in being an athlete."

Athletic culture is ingrained in Kaitlin's DNA, and she credits her teammates and coaches from TRU WolfPack Women's Volleyball for their support and encouragement.

The week following her injury, she, along with Rachel Windhorst, were voted team captains by the other players for the 2017-2018 season.

As a result of her injures, the newly appointed Team Captain dropped two classes. She focused on one class, continued with her honors project, and managed to move forward as a Student Leader with the Pack ACademic Edge (PACE) and the Student Wellness Ambassador Team (SWAT).

Through a collaboration with the Kamloops Sexual Assault Counseling Centre and TRU's Sexual Violence Response and Prevention Manager, Kaitlin, along with Kendra Finch spearheaded a student-driven #IBelieveYou—Supporting Survivors of Sexualized Violence campaign. Campus and community alike embraced the process and the outcome of this project.

"I can't speak to that experience alone, and it was essential that the message was inclusive and diverse," Kaitlin said.

Kaitlin's leadership style is very "behind the scenes." She strives to inspire, motivate, encourage and promote. She also believes that it's about seeking out individuals and placing them in environment where they can succeed.



"Although, a lot of learning takes place when we step out of our comfort zone," she said.

"As a student-athlete, Kaitlin exemplifies resilience, dedication and commitment to her studies, the TRU community, and to the WolfPack," said Robbyn Bennett, Interim Director, Student Affairs & Accessibility Services, and Assistant Coach. "From Bell Let's Talk Day, TRUly United, Toys for Tots to Paws for a Cause, she is constantly engaged in different initiatives that make our campus a better, more inclusive place for others."

As a leader, Kaitlin believes that leading by example is key.

"My own work needs to be done well before I can even begin to critique others."



Above: Dean of Law Brad Morse with Heather Maki, recipient of the CBABC award, and Kenneth Armstrong. Below: Faculty of Law students gather at the spring awards celebration.

Students receive \$120,000 at law awards

Deserving students gathered in November and March to be recognized with TRU Law awards.

In all, 27 scholarships, bursaries and course prizes totaling nearly \$85,000 were awarded at the seventh annual fall ceremony in late 2017. At the spring awards ceremony in March, 18 students received a total of \$36,800.

"When I first got the letter telling me I would be a recipient of this prestigious award in early November, I immediately called my (now) late mother to share the good news," said Alejandra Henao, who was one of four recipients of the Law Foundation Public Interest Award and its coveted \$5,000 financial prize in March.

"My mother told me how proud she was of the work I had done as a poverty law advocate, as I got to assist people with poverty and family law matters, and how I would continue this line of work as a Pro Bono Students Canada Program Coordinator in the year to come. Although my mother is not here with me, I think we share this award because it is a testament to the values she instilled in me," Henao said.

Dean Brad Morse says donors make an immense difference.

"TRU Law students benefit a great deal. Our generous donors currently allow us to award \$160,075 annually," he said. "Our goal over the next five years is to build our annual award disbursement to \$500,000."





TRU Foundation Gala raises \$58,000 for student awards

With the title Fortune and Glory, this year's Indiana Jonesthemed TRU Foundation Gala was destined to be another box-office hit. Community support helped to raise more than \$58,000 that will directly impact scholarships, bursaries and awards for TRU students.

As fun as the night was with its opportunity to network and catch up, participate in silent and live auctions and take in performances by Crossbow, Drum Afreaka and The Dave Coalmine Band, the overarching theme of student assistance was not lost.

In memory of their son and former VP of Advancement Christopher Seguin, Deb and Joe Seguin took to the stage and announced the creation of a bursary in his honour.

After their words, the next moments were filled with tears and a standing ovation for someone who truly believed one of the best treasures in life was someone unlocking their potential. And education is one of the best ways to do that.



Above: TRU President Vice-Chancellor Alan Shaver addresses the audience.

Below: Joe and Deb Seguin announce a bursary in memory of their son, Christopher Seguin.



Join us February 9th for the 2019 TRU Foundation Gala

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Patterson receives Ken Lepin Prize of Excellence in Education

John Churchley, Ken Lepin, Allison Patterson, and Alan Shaver.

Fifteen top students in arts, business, education, science, culinary arts, tourism, nursing and law shared in \$27,250 in awards and prizes at the Lepin Awards Presentation in spring 2017.

Allison Patterson, a graduating Year 2 Teacher Candidate in the Bachelor of Education program (Faculty of Education and Social Work), was the 2017 recipient of the Ken Lepin Prize of Excellence in Education.

Patterson was on the Dean's list throughout her four years of study at TRU, and has been a great ambassador for the TRU B.Ed. during her two years in the program. An outstanding teacher candidate, Patterson, who grew up in Clearwater, hopes to teach the primary grades in our local region.

Ken Lepin, who in 2017 received a BC Community Achievement Award for his philanthropy, has given more than \$200,000 to students since 2006. The awards provide financial assistance to students, bestowed on the basis of outstanding academic achievement in course work and research, as well as leadership activities.



TRU Law Associate Dean Jon Heshka (left), Ken Lepin and TRU President Alan Shaver present Brianna Meyer with the 2017 Ken Lepin Prize of Excellence in Law.

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From left to right: Ann Cheeptham, camp co-founder; Paul Michel, TRU Director of Aboriginal Education; Wendy Heshka, Telus Community Foundation; Karen Gamracy, TRU Director of Advancement.

Aboriginal youth camp receives \$10,000 from Telus

TRU's Aboriginal Youth Summer Camp in Science and Health Science celebrated its 10th birthday in 2017 and received a gift in the form of \$10,000 from the Telus Community Foundation. Among the fund's criteria: projects addressing youth, the environment, technology and education.

To recognize and honour the gift, a ceremony was held outside Cplul'kw'ten in April.

"This \$10,000 is going to be very useful and very helpful towards being able to provide all the activities that help make the campers feel more welcome on campus when they stay here," said microbiology faculty member Ann Cheeptham, who founded the camp with nursing faculty member Star Mahara. They continue to be part of the organizing committee. were looking at a \$15,000 budget to run the July 30 to August 3 camp for 20 students in Grades 9 to 12, all coming from different parts of BC.

Over the years, the camp has proven popular, with registration usually full by the end of May and some students returning more than once.

During the five-day camp, students attend hands-on mini-classes that provide insight into various career paths in sciences and health sciences. They also become familiar with TRU and what Kamloops has to offer.

Indigenous knowledge, ways and understanding are woven into the curriculum; for example, students learn to identify and harvest plants for medicinal and food purposes. Classes are led by TRU students, faculty members and members of the community.

Before receiving the gift, Cheeptham said organizers

What will your TRU legacy be?

Give the gift of education by leaving a planned gift to future generations of Thompson Rivers University students.

If you would like to learn more about leaving a gift in your will, contact Sarah Sandholm, Director of Planned Giving.

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I want to work for an organization that strives to protect the planet. The Alvin and Lydia Grunert bequest helped me in my journey toward that goal."

— Janelle Hawrys, 2017 Bachelor of Business Administration



Stronger Together

TRUly United celebrates fifth annual campaign

TRUly United champions kicked off the fifth annual campaign in October.

The 2017 TRUly United campaign raised \$192,116 from Oct. 30 to Nov. 17.

Although just shy of the \$200,000 goal, TRU hit a significant achievement by reaching 50 percent employee participation.

Employees gave to a campaign that, in partnership with the United Way, invests in the financial support of students and their future, and contributes to remarkable programs and people throughout the Thompson, Nicola and Cariboo region.

In addition to payroll deductions, payroll lottery and one-time donations, departments raised money through fun challenges, such as the Faculty of Law's bake sale, and HR's numerous events like pumpkin carving, a wine draw, 50/50 and guess-the-baby photo challenge.

Kelson Group again generously stepped up with a \$20,000 matching gift.

Assistance through TRUly United supports programs like the United Way Rent Bank and the Clearwater Trails program. Donations are also directed to student scholarships and bursaries through the TRU Foundation.



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12th Annual TRU Foundation Classic

The 12th Annual TRU Foundation Classic Golf Tournament raised \$30,000 for student awards. Held at Kamloops Golf and Country Club in August 2017, the annual tournament welcomed 140 golfers for a fun day on the links.

Cameron Hopkinson was the big winner of the day, landing a hole-in-one.

Riley Balson, Brock Balson, Mike Lynn and Shaun Roberts, representing Thompson Valley Roofing, made up the winning team at the 2017 TRU Foundation Golf Classic.

Cameron Hopkinson celebrating his hole-in-one with teammates Harold Dreyer, Eleanor Thompson and Diana Dreyer.



Save the Date–November 1 and 2 A TRU DAY OF GIVING

TRU's Day of Giving is back this fall after a goal-crushing first year in 2017. This 36-hour online giving campaign gives TRU alumni and donors a chance to give back, to make a difference and to impact current and future students. Donors can direct their gifts to scholarships, bursaries and programs across all faculties.

Our goal is to exceed last year's total of \$62,000 raised in 36 hours. From 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1, to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 2, alumni and donors can make an online

gift at tru.ca/givingday or by calling us on these days during business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at 250-828-5264.

Donations of all sizes make an impact. Gifts will be matched through generous contributions from individual and corporate donors.

Watch our website at **tru.ca/foundation** for more information. Thank you for your support!



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