



2022 ANNUAL DONOR
IMPACT REPORT

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Community of donors

Through your collective support, Saskatchewan Polytechnic students have persevered and advanced their education and expertise. Your unwavering belief in the value of practical education has fueled your investment in tomorrow's leaders, who will spearhead progress, development and sustainable communities.



379

donors

\$3,056,148

total raised

124

first-time donors



Celebrating You

The support provided by the Saskatchewan Polytechnic donor community has made a remarkable difference in the lives of students. By pooling resources and working together, you have helped to create a supportive network that fosters academic success and encourages personal growth.

Your generosity reinforces the notion that when a community comes together, it can achieve great things, particularly when it comes to investing in education and building a bright future for upcoming generations.



Giving to Make a Difference

Dale (Autobody Tech '71) and Sherry (Dental Assistant '71 and Diploma Nursing '92) Martin donated \$20K to establish a long term trust to create a new bursary that will help students in need at Sask Polytech. The donation to help students overcome financial barriers was made during Giving Day in 2021.

Their daughter, Heather Mohr, is also a Saskatchewan Polytechnic alumna and an instructor in the School of Transportation. Through Heather, they learned about the financial barriers for students that exist “all through the campus.” The Hand, Heart, Hope bursary was established and is open to all students enrolled at the Saskatoon campus, regardless of their field of study.

Sherry and Dale received help when they went back to school which encouraged them to support the students who struggle financially to finish their courses. The Martins gave through securities, one of many ways available to donate toward supporting Saskatchewan Polytechnic students.





Learning to Live Life with Passion

Life changes provided a different focus for a Business alumna to leave a legacy for the future of Automotive and Veterinary Technology students. Annetta McDavid worked in the financial services industry for many years. Life changed very suddenly when her husband and her father passed away on the same day.

McDavid set up a legacy in her late husband's name based on his work in the automotive industry and his passion for cars. Annetta established the Dale Martens Memorial Bursary to support students in Saskatchewan Polytechnic's Automotive programs. She also made a provision in her will through a legacy gift for the scholarship to continue into the future.

Now an equine therapist, Annetta's passion for animals, especially horses, inspired her to do more for her alma mater. When she learned about the Veterinary Technology program, she decided to leave a legacy gift in her will to that program as well.

Significant losses in her life taught Annetta about living life with passion and she believes that leaving a legacy to help future generations succeed is a big part of living passionately.



Your Gifts in Action

Our industry partners are top performers in their respective industries and they have been incredibly generous in sharing their expertise with us. Their contributions have been instrumental in helping us stay up-to-date with the latest industry trends and equipping our students with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the workforce.

Your collaboration supports us in many ways, from equipment for our students to learn on to imparting your knowledge through our Program Advisory Committees or on partnership research projects. Thank you for your continuous efforts in connecting and innovating with Sask Polytech.



Seeding the Future

Saskatchewan Polytechnic's Agriculture and Food Production program in Moose Jaw received an important piece of equipment in September. The program was looking to purchase an air seeder. Ag machinery manufacturer Vaderstad learned about the need and gifted a 2012 30' air seeder worth over \$60,000.

The Seed Hawk 30 Series air seeder was completely serviced and refurbished with new air lines. Bryan Sarauer, program head says, "We thank Vaderstad for their generous donation. The air seeder will provide students with the opportunity to operate locally utilized equipment as well as learn the proper techniques on how to optimize seed planting settings for the best growth potential."

This was the first donation to Sask Polytech from Vaderstad. The ag machinery manufacturer sells equipment world-wide and is headquartered in Sweden.



Enhancing Learning Experiences

At Saskatchewan Polytechnic, we are dedicated to providing our students with the most enriching and rewarding learning experiences possible. By enhancing our students' learning experiences, we are preparing them to become the skilled and knowledgeable professionals that are in high demand across various industries and fields.



Supporting Sask Polytech Students on the World Stage

Leah Lucyshyn, a Graphic Communication graduate, received support from Saskatchewan Polytechnic to pursue her dream to compete at the WorldSkills competition as part of Team Canada in-person in Switzerland. Luchyshyn won gold at the national level earning her a spot to compete on Team Canada at WorldSkills in Aarau, Switzerland.

With her sights set on winning gold at WorldSkills, Luchyshyn received a \$6,000 bursary to cover her travel and accommodation at the competition in October.

Without the financial support, Luchyshyn would not have been able to make her dream come true and compete internationally.



In the KNOW

In March of 2022 nearly 600 Saskatchewan Polytechnic students attended the second annual KNOW conference presented by Graham Group. The full day professional development conference gave students the opportunity to learn a variety of essential skills to help them along their career journey.

The virtual conference included a keynote address, an exhibit hall and a 21st Century Skills Workshop Series powered by RBC Future Launch. Workshop topics included online networking, intercultural communication and working with difficult people.

With your support Sask Polytech students are able to connect with community leaders, industry experts and Sask Polytech alumni to access core workplace essential skills needed for career success.



“Attending the KNOW conference was an incredible experience! The event was packed with insightful sessions, engaging discussions, and top-notch speakers who provided valuable perspectives on the latest trends and best practices in organizations.

I left the conference feeling energized and armed with practical knowledge that I could immediately apply to create connections in my career path in Cybersecurity. I highly recommend the KNOW conference to anyone who wants to stay up-to-date on the ever-evolving Canadian Workplace.”

KENECHUKWU A., CYBER SECURITY



Transforming Our Campuses Through Invaluable Contributions

Your generosity has truly elevated the quality of education at Saskatchewan Polytechnic, benefiting students, faculty and the broader community. With access to cutting-edge technology and training resources, students can stay abreast of the latest developments in their fields and become better equipped to navigate the demands of a rapidly evolving job market.

Gifts made towards updating learning spaces, enhancing technology and procuring modern materials and equipment have had a positive impact on the learning environments at all Sask Polytech campuses.



Advancing Automotive Training

Alumni members Barb and Tom Bissonnette's \$60K donation to the Auto Body Technician certificate program provides tools for students to learn the latest automotive panel repair techniques. Their donation made way for the purchase of the newest less intrusive dent repair (BETAG) equipment.

Tom Bissonnette, former owner of PARR Auto Body in Saskatoon and current Executive Director of the Saskatchewan Association of Automotive Repairers (SAAR) said the goal was simple, 'to make Sask Polytech the number one collision repair training centre in Canada.' Tom iterated that the BETAG equipment is the way of the future for auto body metal repair.

Barb, alumni of the Recreation Technology diploma program as well as a retiree of Sask Polytech and Tom, a graduate of the Farm Machinery Mechanics Technology diploma program, made the decision to see the difference their support is making for students at the Saskatoon campus.





Celebrating Indigenous Students

In June 2022, Saskatchewan Polytechnic celebrated a \$200,000 investment by Alliance Pipeline in support of the institution's Indigenous Student Success Strategy. The gift from Alliance, a joint venture of Enbridge Inc. and Pembina Pipeline Corporation, empowers Sask Polytech Indigenous students to focus on their education, grow life skills and celebrate their successes throughout their post-secondary educational journey.

Indigenous students are an important part of Sask Polytech's community. Based on the principles of *miyo wâhkôhtowin* (good relationships), Sask Polytech strives to provide a place of belonging where all students can feel welcomed, inspired and empowered.

Alliance Pipeline's gift has helped Sask Polytech celebrate and share the educational journeys of 24 students over the past two years through the Indigenous role model calendar. The gift also helps support events organized by Sask Polytech's four Indigenous Students' Centres and support relationship building with our students. *Thank you* to Alliance Pipeline for investing in Sask Polytech's Indigenous students.

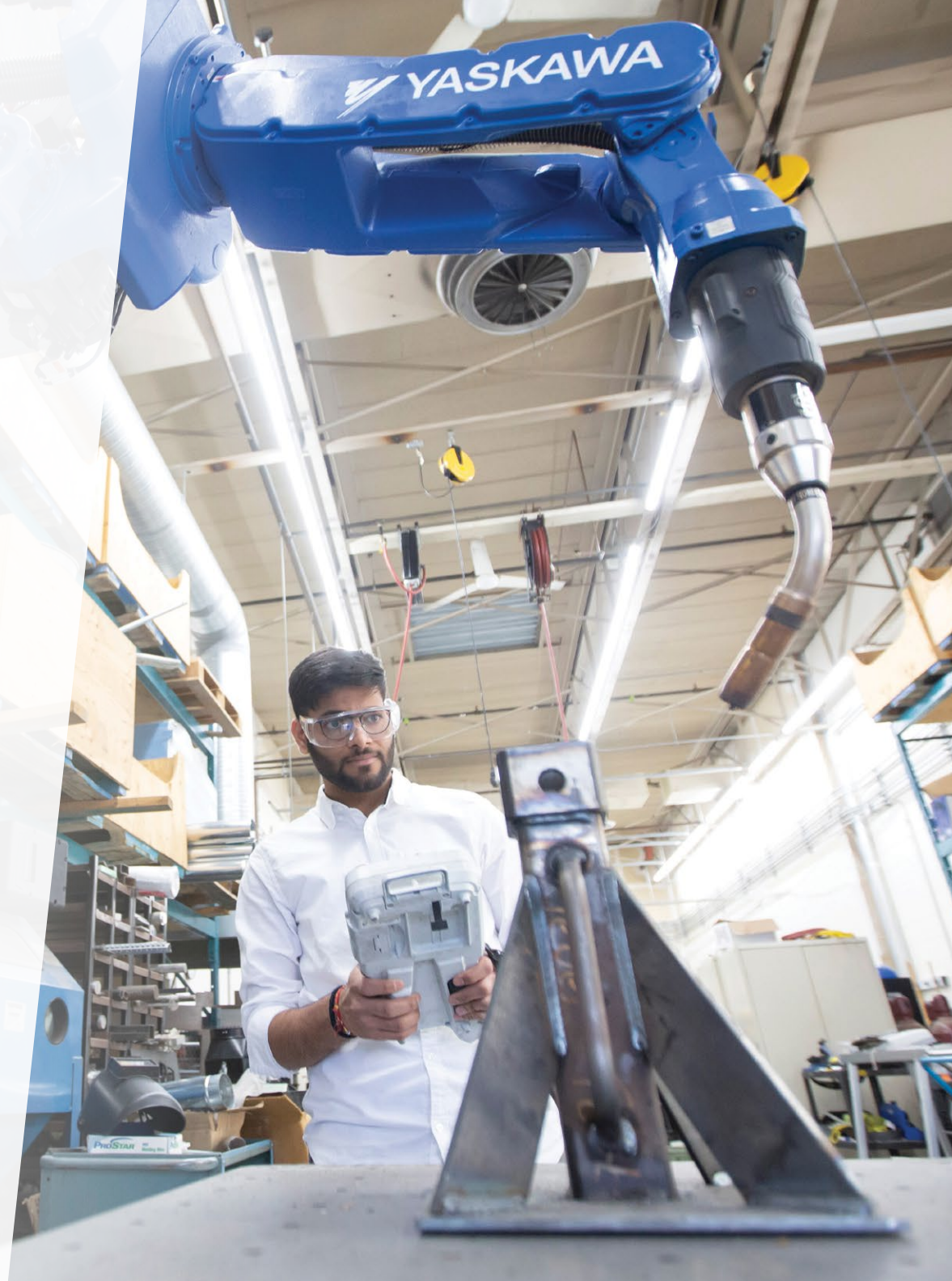


Giving Day

2022 marked the second annual Saskatchewan Polytechnic Giving Day. The event raised over \$13,000 going directly toward Student Emergency Bursaries. We express our heartfelt gratitude to all the donors who have helped to break down financial barriers for students, empowering them to achieve success and inspiring them to reach their full potential on their learning journeys.

By investing in education and the success of our students, donors like you have made a significant and lasting impact on the lives of many of our students and are helping to build a strong Sask Polytech community.

\$13,323
raised



“Receiving this bursary will motivate me to maintain my GPA and complete my degree. I will be able to focus on my education and put my energy into doing well in my classes.

Your generosity is allowing me to make my goals and dreams a reality. I hope in turn one day I’ll be able to give back and help other students achieve their goals. Thank you for your generous support.”

**CARMEN B., APPLIED
MANAGEMENT, YEAR 4**

“I would like to give a huge thank you to donors. It’s been very financially stressful as a full time student and mother with very little income. With this money generously given I will be putting it towards daycare bills, parking fees outside of Sask Polytech, and bills.

This has been a weight of stress lifted and I am extremely thankful for the support you’ve given me and can now focus on my studies. Thank You!”

TENEIL W., HAIRSTYLIST

Student Awards

Your support has made it possible for students to pursue their academic and professional aspirations with less burden of financial constraints.

733

SCHOLARSHIP,
AWARDS AND
BURSARIES

\$874,475

TOTAL
AWARDED
TO STUDENTS

“I am extremely grateful for this opportunity. The opportunities I have received through my program have helped me elevate my daily life skills as well as my financial opportunities and life. This award will help me get to push through the remainder of this course and the start of my career.

I have been very worried about my financial life over the past few months, barely scraping by at times, so this will help me get on my feet. I can now focus on bettering my grades as I will be able to fund myself a lot easier.”

NICKOLAS H., ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGIES, YEAR 1

“Thank you so much for your generosity. Awards are an amazing opportunity for students, and I am thankful to be able to receive one as it will be an immense help in offsetting an unexpected cost and provide me with the tools necessary to successfully complete the program.”

SYDNEY W., ARCHITECTURAL
TECHNOLOGIES, SEMESTER 5

Throughout the past year, your generous gifts have directly benefitted Saskatchewan Polytechnic students at all levels and in all programs across the province.

The financial support that students receive through donor-funded awards has played a pivotal role in lowering the barriers that hinder their progress towards achieving their academic goals.

By alleviating the financial burden that often accompanies pursuing higher education, students are better equipped to focus on their studies and prepare for a brighter future.





Thank you

With the generous support of our donors, Saskatchewan Polytechnic is continually enhancing our students' learning experiences. Our donors' contributions play an essential role in empowering our students to achieve their academic and career goals, positioning them for success in a rapidly changing and competitive job market.

By also partnering with industry leaders, we can incorporate the latest technologies and equipment into our programs, enabling our students to acquire the skills and knowledge required to succeed in their chosen fields.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to enhancing the learning experiences of our students and demonstrating the power of community.

Sincerely,

Kris Brown

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