YOUR Gift at WORK

THANK YOU

Huron AT WESTERN
Thank you for breathing new life into Canadian Liberal Arts education.

Earlier this year, I addressed the statement, “The Liberal Arts are dead,” a false claim, which has been increasingly plaguing post-secondary institutions within the last several years. Within this article, I spoke to the quiet crisis being experienced by young Canadians who are leaving school without the knowledge and skills required to succeed in our rapidly changing modern job market.

On a personal level, I am passionate about the arts and all that literature, theology, politics, and more, have contributed to my understanding of the world and my ability to influence it. But more than that, I recognize the quantitative and qualitative data that shows our world is crying out for leaders who are not only smart, but also demonstrate heart-oriented strategies for bringing the best out of the people and the environments which they encounter.

Not only am I confident that the world desperately needs more people who choose to act ethically, even when no one else is watching, but I recognize that a well-rounded education, supplemented with hands-on learning experiences, is the way to bridge the gaps between students’ drive to succeed and their desire to act from a place of care and empathy.

Thanks to your support of Huron’s unique vision we’ve become more and more able to deliver on our commitment of cultivating an elite education that is accessible to a diverse mosaic of young leaders and develops their character alongside their minds. In celebration of that, I want to share a few stats that show I am not bias in my vehement enthusiasm surrounding the power and appeal of the Liberal Arts.

This year, Huron’s enrolment increased by 53 per cent. More than that, the application to our Arts programs went up by 80 per cent, and our admission average is at a nearly unparalleled 89 per cent. Not only does this entrance average place us amongst the top and most elite institutions in Canada, our significant growth is in direct opposition to trends surrounding Liberal Arts education across North America.

These numbers and the countless positive experiences and exceptional people they represent are nothing short of astounding. I truly believe they show that our local and global community’s recognition that our world’s complex issues demand compassionate leaders.
Throughout the year, my confidence in our shared vision was continuously reaffirmed, as we conferred numerous highly-esteemed individuals with Honorary Doctors of Divinity. From the internationally-recognized moral theologian, Rowan Williams, through to the philanthropic advocate and distinguished business executive, Melinda Rogers, we’ve been honoured to weave these exceptional leaders into the rich tapestry of Huron’s legacy of excellence in leadership.

I can’t thank you enough for your generosity, which has helped make this all possible. With that said, I am hopeful these impressive numbers won’t cause us to rest on our laurels – because better is not good enough. Please continue to work with Huron to ensure students, from around the world, can come to a university where they will be united by academic ability and social responsibility, regardless of their socioeconomic background. With your support, we will build upon our ability to curate Canada’s most distinguished learning environments.

Thank you for empowering Huron students to prove that not only are the Liberal Arts not dead, this type of education is thriving – and so are the young leaders whose immense potential is nurtured by it.

Sincerely,

Dr. Barry Craig
President
YEAR IN REVIEW

PRESIDENT BARRY CRAIG

launched new strategic direction for Huron, outlining four goals that illuminate who Huron is, what matters, and where the university is heading:

1. Transform the Landscape of Liberal Arts Education in Canada
2. Put Students at the Heart of Huron
3. Position Huron on the Global Stage
4. Build for the Future

For the first time ever, every single first-year student received a wellness kit from student council just prior to exams, thanks to the generous support of alumni, parents and the entire Huron community.

Huron faculty members Dr. Steve Bland (Philosophy), Dr. Jim Crimmins (Political Science), Dr. Amanda di Ponio (English & Cultural Studies), Dr. Lucy He (Chinese, Japanese & East Asia Studies), Dr. Paul Nesbitt-Larking (Political Science), Dr. Nina Reid-Maroney (History) and Dr. John Vanderheide (English & Cultural Studies) all authored or edited books published in 2018.

Huron welcomed largest first-year class in its 155-year history. 432 full-time first year students, including increase of 10% in students with 95%+ average.

New positions were added to support the student experience and student success in areas including wellness, student life, career services and community partnerships.

Introduced new major in Global Rights Studies and a new minor in Chinese Business Communications.

The Faculty of Theology introduced Major and Minor modules in Religion and Theology within the Bachelor of Arts program, allowing students to combine studies in Religion and Theology with another BA program at Huron or Western.

Huron launched its new website huronatwestern.ca
Many campus improvements completed, including:

**Cronyn House**
Cronyn House completely renovated to become the international hub for the University, now known as the Apps International House.

**Library Reception**
Renovated the library reception area and exterior, as well as refinished reading room study desks

**Dining Hall**
Dining Hall exterior completely repaired and repainted, roof and concrete pad replaced

**Classrooms**
Classrooms updated with new furniture, paint, technology and flooring

**Residences**
Updated Brough, Henderson and Young Houses for use as residences

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**Leadership with Heart**

**142 PAID INTERNSHIPS**
Huron students demonstrated a strong interest in working both on and off campus this year.

**400+ VOLUNTEER PLACEMENTS**
Huron students practised Leadership with Heart by giving back to the communities that mean the most to them.

**CAREER MAPPING AND NAVIGATING POSSIBILITIES**
Huron’s Career Development team has been working one-on-one with students to plan intentional volunteer and internship experiences, relevant to the industry students want to work in post-graduation.

**CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE LAUNCHED!**
Located in the Student Support Services area of the West Wing, Academic Advising and Career Development Services are now situated in one convenient location.

**MENTORSHIP PROGRAM – CONNECTING STUDENTS**
Huron launched a tri-mentorship program to encourage career and academic mentorship between students, recent graduates, and senior alumni. Developed to foster and connect Leaders with Heart.

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**CURL (The Centre for Undergraduate Research Learning)** awarded 8 Research Fellowships valued at $1,500 each, on topics such as the economic experiences of refugees in Canada and the differences between Canadian and Nordic teachers’ conceptions of creativity and early childhood teaching models.

An **Institutional Grant from the SSHRC** allowed us to fund student-faculty research collaborations in the form of paid research assistantships for four faculty research projects in the fields of Psychology, History, English, and French.
Huron welcomed the Revd. Dr. Gary Thorne as the new Chaplain.

Huron hosted many prominent speakers, including Chancellor Prem Watsa, Dr. Chad Gaffield, Dr. Torrance Kirby, Neil Orford and Dr. Steven Vose.

The Rev. Dr. Lizette Larson-Miller, The Huron-Lawson Chair in Moral and Pastoral Theology, was appointed Canon Praecentor of the Diocese of Huron.

Our Residence Life team implemented a wellness initiative called The 30-Day Self-Care Challenge.

Huron’s History Department partnered with Woodland Cultural Centre to further the work of truth-telling about the history of Canada’s residential school system; students digitized and transcribed historical records related to the residential schools.

Dr. Bill Acres, Dr. Gary Badcock, Dr. Amy Bell, Dr. Tara Dumas, Dr. Bill Irwin, Dr. Nina Reid-Maroney and Dr. Tom Peace were all awarded Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) grants.

New Behavioral Finance Course: The Art & Science of Value Investing launched through funding provided by Michael Burns, Class of ’90.

Huron Underground Dramatic Society (HUDS) staged performances including iconic musical “Mamma Mia” as well as sketch comedy show “The One in the SAC.”
Huron Foundation

The purpose of the Huron Foundation is to receive, invest and manage endowment funds in order to assist Huron in attracting students and maintaining its standing as a first-class liberal arts and theological university.

INVESTMENT RESULTS

The Foundation’s investments were $19,758,862 as of December 31, 2018. In comparison, the investment portfolio stood at $21,107,585 at the start of 2018. The significant decrease is due to the market declines in late 2018. We are pleased to note the market value of investments at March 31, 2019 had increased to $21,259,419.

Our Investment Committee and Board are in the process of reviewing our investment policies and asset mixes so as to be confident that there is an appropriate balance between risk and reward.

PAYOUT

The Foundation reviews the amount of the yearly grant to Huron annually to fulfill the Foundation’s duty to manage endowed assets in a responsible manner. The Trustees take into account various factors including forecasts for longer term returns from capital markets. The intent is to mute the effect of market volatility on the portfolio and the level of grant. The Foundation has to balance the needs of Huron with whether future longer-term capital market returns will be sufficient to more than cover this annual payout. The 2018 grant to Huron was $1,146,652.

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Strength in Numbers
You give. They thrive.

In 2018, you contributed total of $1,016,046

Donors
720

Median Gift Amount
$200

First Time Donors
64

Our donors

- 75% Alumni
- 17% Friends
- 5% Faculty & Staff
- 3% Corporations, Foundations and Churches

What your gifts supported

- 54% Campus Revitalization
- 16% Scholarships & Bursaries
- 12% Unrestricted
- 8% Academic Programming
- 5% Experiential Learning
- 2% Library
- 2% Chapel
- 1% Other

Donors giving $500 or more 28%

Donors who have given for the last 5 consecutive years 44%

Donors who have given for the last 10 consecutive years 26%
444 students received a scholarship

30 Average class size

83.8% Averaging entering grade

90% of graduating students say professors provided support within and beyond the classroom that exceeded their expectations

13:1 Student to faculty ratio

1:1 Mentoring ratio

The Cost of a University Education
How it All Adds Up:

Annual tuition & fees for an undergraduate student
$8,587

Annual tuition & fees for an international undergraduate student
$31,231

Books and supplies $1,500/year
Residence accommodation $8,164/year
Meal plan $4,595/year
THANK YOU FOR BEING A LEADER WITH HEART
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