



# Thank you!



**2020 Annual  
Donor Impact Report**

**Donors are changing students' lives**, strengthening the learning environment, expanding programs, and empowering innovation with every generous gift to Saskatchewan Polytechnic. In 2020, our community of donors rallied together to ensure that students were supported and continued to have a positive learning experience. Thank you for investing in Saskatchewan's future.

## Community of donors



**346 donors**

Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2020  
(combined individual and organizational)



**\$4,020,362**

Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2020  
(includes gifts-in-kind and cash donations)



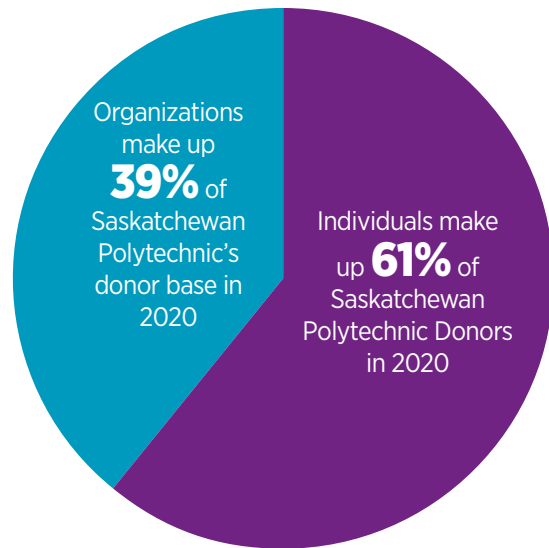
**20% Alumni**

out of all donors



**39% Staff/  
Faculty**

out of all donors



"It is important for students to know that there are people behind the scenes who want to see them achieve and to be able to grow into situations where they too might help others one day."

—Kelly Nelson, Alumnus,  
A.Sc.T., Manager, Campus Facilities

## Emergency bursaries

In 2020, the Saskatchewan Polytechnic community came together to ensure that students continued reaching their educational goals in the face of a global pandemic.

You answered a call for help and showed your generosity by supporting the **Student Emergency Fund**.

As donors, your generous support to the Student Emergency Fund provides stability to weather difficult circumstances. Your gifts ensure students have access to supports so their basic needs are met and they remain focused on learning.



**\$416,217**

Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2020  
(total emergency bursaries awarded)



**786 Students**

Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2020



Student Emergency Fund Appeal  
April 1 - May 30, 2020  
139 individuals and organizations rallied together to raise

**\$55,000!**

"Getting this bursary means I am able to pay another month's rent. I am a caregiver in Saskatoon and because we go into our client's homes, a lot of our clients have cancelled our services which has resulted in our hours being cut down. Going from 40 hours a week to 15 hours a week makes it nearly impossible to pay my rent, let alone put food on my table. Getting this bursary has lifted a huge amount of stress off my shoulders. I am so grateful and thankful to Saskatchewan Polytechnic for looking out for their students in a time like this."

—Bailey W., Disability Support Worker program

## Student awards

Donors are creating an amazing student experience by supporting student awards. Your gifts are recognizing excellence and helping students complete their programs successfully.

By supporting **Student Awards**, donors are investing in student success. At Saskatchewan Polytechnic, donors are also establishing memorial awards as a meaningful way to celebrate the life of a cherished loved one or the career of a distinguished colleague.

Thank you for your generous gifts to the student awards program.

### Scholarships, awards, and bursaries 2019-2020 school year:



**1020**

Number of scholarships, awards, and bursaries



**\$1,307,766**

Dollar amount of donor supported awards

“This amazing news came to me as a surprise and brightened my day in a way I never knew possible. I am incredibly grateful that I was chosen to receive this award and knowing that I will be receiving some financial aid has not only lifted a lot of stress off my shoulders, but reminded me of my goals, my strengths and my optimism for a wonderful future. Thank you so very much, from the bottom of my heart.”

—Danielle H., Interactive Design and Technology program  
Recipient of the Saskatchewan  
Innovation and Opportunity Award

## Support for Indigenous strategies

Donor support through the **Indigenous Student Success Strategy** helped to remove barriers for Indigenous students and enhance their student experience by incorporating Indigenous ways of thinking and learning into the everyday culture at Sask Polytech. Your support ensured students had access to financial supports throughout the year including emergency bursaries, holiday hampers, as well as access to cultural programming through the Indigenous Student Centres.

- In 2020, the Sask Polytech community came together to celebrate **Honour Ceremonies** in Moose Jaw and Prince Albert.
- Indigenous students entering programs in the fall of 2020 accessed a virtual summer transition program offering cultural knowledge, financial literacy, and personal skills.
- Your generosity also allowed several holiday events to be hosted including **Indigenous 101, Kitchen Party, Cree for Beginners** and **Tipi Time**. The events brought our community together to build connections and spread cheer.



**\$223,422**

(supporting Indigenous Student Success Strategy initiatives)



**120**

(holiday hampers distributed)



## Learning support through gifts-in-kind

Donors and friends of Saskatchewan Polytechnic offer critical support by ensuring that programs maintain quality learning environments with sustained infrastructure. Through their gifts-in-kind donations, donors are ensuring that students are building skills using equipment and technologies that will prepare them for their careers.



**\$658,064**

(donated as gift-in-kind)

“The donations our Agriculture Equipment Technician program receives throughout the year enhance our students learning environment and increases the students learning potential. We have new equipment on loan and receive many “like new” current model components, electronic diesel engines, CVT and powershift transmissions. The exposure to these new items positions the students to gain much needed experience in technologies and assists them in gaining employment or to perform well in their respective workplace.”

—Chris Thomson, Program Head,  
Agricultural Equipment Technician program

### Examples of gift-in-kind donations received:



#### Combine

Combine transmission assembly complete with axles and brake assemblies from  
**Alliance Farms**



#### Safety Gear ▶

**Grainger Canada**  
donation of high visibility fire rated clothing to various programs



# THANK YOU!

2020 presented challenges for all of us and a global pandemic impacted the way we came together as a community. The lasting lesson from this past year is that our community is supported by donors who value kindness and generosity. Donors like you!