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A note from the President's Office

As President and CEO of Saskatchewan Polytechnic, I am deeply inspired and gratified by the support we receive from our community—both industry partners and individuals. This support plays a crucial role in ensuring our students have the resources they need to succeed academically and flourish in their careers.

Each day we see people generously give their time, talent and resources, reducing barriers and providing critical financial support. From state-of-the-art equipment and modern learning spaces to academic awards and bursaries to emergency financial assistance to deal with unanticipated hardships, Sask Polytech's donors make a difference in the lives of hundreds of students every day. Our learners thrive, thanks to the generosity demonstrated and documented on the pages of this report.

If it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a province to equip an adult—for a career and a future filled with opportunity. Thank you for being an integral part of our students' success!

Sincerely,



Dr. Larry S. Rosia,
President & CEO



A group of four students, three women and one man, are gathered around a laptop computer. They are all looking at the screen with interest and focus. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent purple filter. The text 'WITH SINCERE appreciation' is prominently displayed in the upper left quadrant.

WITH SINCERE appreciation

This report highlights the exciting achievements made possible at Saskatchewan Polytechnic by supporters like you. We are humbled by your generous support and amazed by the possibilities that lie ahead. We truly appreciate all that you have made possible for Sask Polytech students through your contributions.

TOTAL RAISED:

 **\$16,562,327.20**

TOTAL NUMBER OF DONORS:

 **475**

TOTAL # OF FIRST-TIME DONORS:

 **191**



YOUR STORY, our future

There are many ways to support Saskatchewan Polytechnic, whether you are a first-time donor, a recent graduate or a long-time alumnus. First-time donor Lorne McConaghy and long-time donor Gord Mertler may have different approaches to giving, but they share the same passionate goal: helping our students thrive!



Investing in the future

Lorne McConaghy's gift to Sask Polytech supporting education and innovation in agriculture

Lorne McConaghy, a dedicated farmer from Melfort, Saskatchewan, has generously committed \$100,000 to Saskatchewan Polytechnic's Time to Rise campaign. His gift will directly support the construction of the new Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Joseph A. Remail Saskatoon Campus. This significant contribution reflects his belief in the power of education and its role in advancing the agricultural industry.

"Agriculture has given so much to me and my family, and I believe in giving back to help train the next generation of skilled technicians. Saskatchewan Polytechnic plays a vital role in preparing students for the future, and I'm proud to support this project that will benefit our province for years to come," said McConaghy.

In recognition of his generosity, Saskatchewan Polytechnic will name a primary classroom, the McConaghy Family Agricultural Equipment Technician Classroom, after the new campus opens. Until the new campus opens, his support will be recognized at the current Saskatoon main campus within the Agriculture Equipment Technician program area. McConaghy's gift not only strengthens education but also ensures the future of skilled agricultural technicians in Saskatchewan.





Building on a family legacy

Continuing the Mertler family's impact on carpentry students at Saskatchewan Polytechnic

After George Mertler's passing in 2012, his wife Ann sought a way to honour his distinguished woodworking career and lifelong mentorship of carpentry students. She established the Ann and George Mertler Bursary at Saskatchewan Polytechnic to support full-time carpentry students. Ann funded the bursary through annual contributions, and even after her passing in 2016, her legacy continued through a portion of her stock portfolio, providing financial assistance to students in need.

Their son, Gord Mertler, is carrying this legacy forward by including a planned gift in his will, ensuring ongoing support for future students. "The Mertler legacy is what's important to me," he says. By continuing this tradition, Gord not only honours his parent's generosity, but also encourages others to consider bursary contributions to give back. With financial aid often making the difference between completing a program or withdrawing, the Mertler family's dedication ensures students can focus on their education and, in turn, pay it forward to their communities.

YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

Student awards

Your support empowers students to pursue their academic and professional aspirations by alleviating the burden of financial constraints. The financial aid provided to students through donor-funded awards has been critical in reducing the barriers that hinder their progress toward their academic goals.

TOTAL # OF
DONOR-FUNDED
AWARDS
DISBURSED:



717

TOTAL AWARDED:



\$1,055,157.76

Scan the QR code to learn
more about supporting post-
secondary education through
awards and bursaries.



“I feel deeply honoured and grateful for your generosity and support in helping me pursue my education. As a single mother of one, this award will significantly impact my academic journey by alleviating financial stress and allowing me to concentrate on my studies. It has provided me with financial assistance and inspired me to work even harder to achieve my goals and make the most of this opportunity.”

Cristina C.,
Business Diploma student

“Thank you for the student award you generously donated. I am the first in my family to pursue a post-secondary education. I need to pay for my education myself since my reservation could not provide me with funding this year due to budget constraints. Thank you again for your generosity.”

Jonathon S.,
Electrical Engineering
Technology student

THE IMPACT YOU MAKE

Every day on our campuses, there are students who experience an emergency threatening their academic futures. A car accident, an illness, or a delayed support cheque can force a student to choose between covering essential expenses and continuing their education. Luckily, thanks to generous faculty, staff, alumni and donors, Saskatchewan Polytechnic has a Student Emergency Fund that provides bursaries for students in these challenging situations.

TOTAL # OF STUDENTS WHO BENEFITED FROM THE DONOR-FUNDED EMERGENCY SUPPORT BURSARY:



TOTAL AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED:



Spring Appeal

On April 17, 2024, Saskatchewan Polytechnic hosted its annual Spring Appeal to support the Student Emergency Fund. With student funding requests increasing annually, ongoing support is essential to ensure that no student must choose between their education and overcoming unforeseen challenges. The Spring Appeal plays a crucial role in sustaining this support and impacting the lives of students in need.

The Student Emergency Fund provides immediate support for students facing unexpected financial hardships. To learn how it helped Amber and her family, scan the QR code.



Giving Day

Our fourth annual Giving Day took place on Tuesday, December 3, 2024. If you're not familiar with it, Giving Day is an annual day for the Saskatchewan Polytechnic community—students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents and friends—to come together and support the Student Emergency Fund. An anonymous donor matched each donation dollar for dollar, doubling the impact of each contribution!

TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED:

 **\$14,050**



Fostering **CHANGE**

Strengthening Indigenous student support
at Saskatchewan Polytechnic





Suncor Energy Foundation has supported the wītōkamāhtōtān Indigenous Student Success initiative at Saskatchewan Polytechnic. This initiative aims to address the systemic challenges that Indigenous students face in accessing and completing postsecondary education.

The wītōkamāhtōtān initiative—which means “helping each other” in Cree—is designed to enhance the recruitment, retention and success of Indigenous students. The funding supports key initiatives that reduce financial barriers and foster meaningful connections with Indigenous communities.

Key components of this initiative:

- **Expanding student support through the Wicitowin Transition Program (WTP):** The WTP, previously a summer transition program, will now be a year-long initiative providing academic, cultural and personal support to Indigenous students.
- **Reducing barriers through financial assistance:** A new Tuition Deposit Assistance initiative will help Indigenous students overcome financial challenges, making post-secondary education more accessible.
- **Strengthening Indigenous student spaces and community connections:** Investments in Indigenous Students’ Centres and culturally relevant support services will create a welcoming environment, fostering belonging and success for Indigenous learners.

Saskatchewan Polytechnic and Suncor Energy Foundation demonstrate a shared commitment to reconciliation and inclusive education. By investing in Indigenous student success, Suncor Energy Foundation is not only supporting individual learners but also helping build stronger Indigenous communities and a more diverse workforce that benefits Saskatchewan’s economy.

Saskatchewan Polytechnic is deeply grateful for Suncor Energy Foundation’s leadership and support in making post-secondary education more accessible and empowering Indigenous students to achieve their full potential.

RISING TO MEET SASKATCHEWAN'S GROWING ECONOMY

The Time to Rise campaign, launched in spring 2024, aims to raise \$100M for a new state-of-the-art Saskatchewan Polytechnic campus in Saskatoon. Located at Innovation Place, the new campus will modernize learning spaces, increase program capacity, and create Canada's first post-secondary education and research hub of its kind.

Major campaign contributions include:

Nutrien's \$15M gift, the largest corporate gift in Sask Polytech's history, led to renaming the School of Mining, Manufacturing and Engineering Technologies to the Nutrien School of Mining, Manufacturing and Engineering Technologies.



Joseph A. Remail's \$25M gift, the largest gift to Sask Polytech, resulted in the naming of the new campus to the Joseph A. Remail Saskatoon Campus.



Leslie and Irene Dubé's \$7.5M gift, announced during National Nursing Week, led to the naming of the Leslie and Irene Dubé School of Nursing.



Cenovus Energy's \$2.5M gift to the Time to Rise campaign directly supports the construction of the new Joseph A. Rемаi Saskatoon Campus. In recognition, the chemical technology lab, power engineering technology lab and instrumentation lab will be renamed the Cenovus Energy Labs.



In August 2024, provincial leaders and Saskatchewan Polytechnic faculty, students and employees gathered to break ground on the new Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Joseph A. Rемаi Saskatoon Campus. Premier Scott Moe reaffirmed the government's \$200M commitment, initially announced in 2023.

Scan the QR code to discover how The Time to Rise campaign aims to empower Sask Polytech graduates and strengthen the provincial economy with a new, 21st-century Saskatoon campus.





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