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Nuclear potential

A former nuclear physicist has created three student awards with explosive potential.

The late Dr. F. Allan Johnson [BSc(Hons)/45] left a bequest of more than \$1 million to the University of Manitoba to endow three scholarships for students. The awards honour his father's love for education and his wife's career as a nurse.

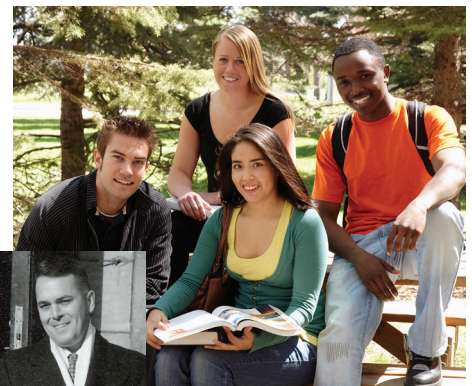
Allan Johnson grew up in Winnipeg, where he attended St. John's-Ravenscourt school. His academic aptitude earned him several scholarships, which he used to finance his post-secondary education at the University of Manitoba.

After earning his PhD from McGill University, Allan worked for Canadian Aviation Electronics and then as a nuclear physicist at the National Defense Research Board.

Allan's gift created the Frederick Johnson Scholarship for Accounting and the Frederick Johnson Admission Scholarship, both named for his late father, to reward academically gifted students in the I.H. Asper School of Business.

Allan's father, Frederick Johnson, was a chartered accountant who served as president of the Dominion Association of Chartered Accountants and the Manitoba Institute of Chartered Accountants. The senior Johnson was also a commerce professor at the U of M and is largely credited with establishing the Universal Final Exam which qualifies all chartered accountants.


Allan Johnson also set up the Rose Mary and Frederick Allan Johnson Scholarship, named for him and his



F. Allan Johnson, pictured left with his wife Rose Mary, left a bequest to set up three scholarships in honour of his family to help students at the U of M.

late wife, to support U of M nursing graduates who return to study nursing administration.

Rose Mary worked with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration overseas, and later for the Victorian Order of Nurses in Canada.

Besides his scientific pursuits, Allan Johnson nurtured passions for traveling, genealogy and painting. Jim Nyman, a longtime friend of Allan's, recalls that his painting pants were so covered with splotches that they could stand up by themselves. 

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Teaching through example

A former Winnipeg teacher has left a legacy of learning to a new generation of future educators.

Madge Stevens (BA/37, MEd/59) created the Madge O. Stevens Bursary in Education in 2001 to help students in need and to honour her own love of teaching.

Initially, Stevens planned to fund the bursary entirely through a bequest in her will. But her desire to help students led her to fund the gift during her lifetime through gifts of stock.

And the students weren't the only ones to benefit – Stevens was able to see how much of a difference her gifts were making.

Bursaries are one of the most important forms of student support




Future generations of teachers – and students – will benefit from Madge Stevens' legacy as an educator.

since they are based on financial need and benefit students who have the desire, but not the means, to seek education. As the province's largest, most comprehensive post-

secondary educational establishment, part of the University of Manitoba's mission is accessibility, and bursaries provide just that.

Emily Walker is a student who benefited from a bursary, and she explains how much it meant to her to receive financial support.

"I was really excited [to receive the bursary]," says Walker. "Every bit helps. It makes you feel like your hard work pays off."

When she died in 2008, Stevens left a bequest of \$127,227.88 to boost her bursary fund. Her impact as an educator will continue through the students who benefit from her award. 

Genetic generosity

When she was 13, Gail Marriott, (BHEc/72, BEd/75) knew she wanted to be an educator.

"I really like watching the development of people," Marriott says. "I always thought I'd like to be a teacher."

Her passion propelled her into a successful career as a home economics teacher and later as a vice-principal in Manitoba before she moved to Toronto in 1979.

Marriott's love for learning led her to take on several other careers, among them working for The

Hudson's Bay Company and as a certified financial planner.


And now her love of education has led her to give back to her *alma mater*: she has set up a bequest to start a graduate scholarship

for students studying genetics at the University of Manitoba.

"I think (scholar-

ships) help motivate people," says Marriott. "Some deserving people don't have the opportunity to (pursue) higher education at the right time."

Graduate studies can be especially demanding, as students do original research alongside regular coursework. Fellowships are a way to attract the best and brightest students, who then contribute cutting-edge research to the U of M.

Marriott's desire to support students will lead to a better understanding of genetics in the future. "What you do today is going to lead you forward tomorrow," she says. 



Gail Marriott's interest in genetics will improve health for people in the future.

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One woman's urban legend

The late Shirley Bradshaw (BA/43, BA(Hons)/46) was a legend in Winnipeg and her commitment to education will benefit future urban activists.

In addition to a long and successful career in human resources with Great-West Life Assurance Company and the Province of Manitoba, Shirley devoted time to numerous organizations such as the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg, the University Women's Club and the Manitoba Historical Society.

She really valued her own community, say Shirley's cousins Arlene MacLeod and Geraldine Raynard. "She was very pro-Winnipeg."

In 2001, Shirley created the Shirley Bradshaw Scholarship at the University of Manitoba with an initial gift of \$21,137.50. The fund provides annual awards for a graduate student and an undergraduate student with

outstanding marks, "who show interest in improving the quality of life in urban communities."

Shirley was dedicated to encouraging young people, especially women, to pursue education, says her family.

"She really thought it was important for women to get an education."

The undergraduate award benefits students studying city planning, political studies, sociology, human resource management/industrial relations, or other applicable areas.



Shirley Bradshaw's community involvement continues through her planned gift that supports students with an urban interest.

The graduate award benefits master's students in city planning or public administration.

Shirley also donated a life insurance policy to the university, which provided an additional gift of

\$76,826.36 to the fund after her death.

Shirley would have been pleased to know that so many students will benefit from her generosity. "She always felt it was important to give back," says her family.

Capital gains elimination on stock also benefits estates

Did you know that the capital gains exemption on gifts of stock also applies to stocks donated in your will? By specifying that your testamentary gifts should be made using stocks, you could be saving your estate thousands of dollars in capital gains taxes. In addition, your estate will receive a tax receipt for the donation. These two significant tax benefits may help preserve the value of your estate for your family or other named beneficiaries, while allowing you to determine your final legacy rather than the government doing it through taxation. For more information on gifts of stock in wills, or on any matter relating to making legacy gifts through your estate, please contact Beth_Proven@umanitoba.ca or (204) 474-6246.

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Feeding the world

Committed to students' success as a dean, Leonard Shebeski has a left a legacy that will ensure deserving agriculture and food science students can focus on their studies without worrying about financial pressures.

If you say the name Leonard Shebeski to people in the agriculture community, many will think of an outstanding dean at the University of Manitoba, an award-winning scientist, and a committed humanitarian. Shebeski was all these things, and more.

“He was dedicated to agriculture all his life, but in particular to the students and faculty,” says his daughter Kathryn Hatcher. She remembers that her father, and

mother, Laura, always made time for students, inviting international students to Christmas dinner and

hosting meetings of the student council at their home, complete with dinner and games.

His love for students was one of the greatest things he brought to the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, says Hatcher. “Even when he was dean, he didn’t see himself just as an administrator, he was still a teacher and a scientist,” she says, adding that as dean he mentored eight PhD students and six master’s students in addition to his administrative duties.

Shebeski passed away in August, but through a bequest of \$25,000 that strengthens the existing Leonard Shebeski Bursary in Agricultural and Food Sciences, his commitment to agriculture students will continue in perpetuity.

“Bursaries like this allow students to concentrate on their studies and to complete their degree in a timely fashion and then enter the workforce,” says Merv Pritchard, associate dean

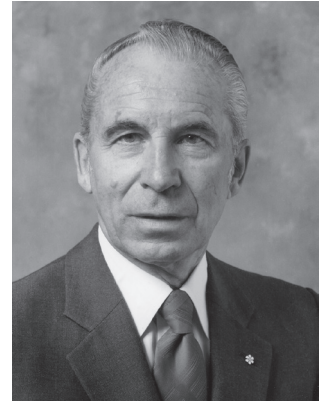
(academic) in the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences. “It helps students achieve their goals.”

Shebeski accomplished all he wanted to in life, says Hatcher, and this bursary ensures that

budding agriculturalists will have the opportunity to pursue their dreams too. “My father loved life. He set goals and achieved them.”

Among his many accolades,

Shebeski was a member of the Order of Canada, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, and significantly involved with the Canadian International Development Agency. He’d also received honorary doctorates from four universities for his significant contributions to agriculture, which included the development of the hybrid grain triticale. 🌾



Leonard Shebeski was dedicated to agriculture and students. He has boosted an award in his name through a bequest of \$25,000.

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