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Annual Report to Donors

April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017

St John's College
92 Dysart Road, Winnipeg, MB

Warden's Message

What a celebration for the 150th! It has been quite the year for the College. For the first time this year Jackie Markstrom, our Development Officer, and I travelled with the University of Manitoba Alumni to events in Toronto, Ottawa, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria. We visited Montreal for the first time in many years, reconnected with folks in Kingston, and ended up with two trips to Toronto and Ottawa. At each of these locations we encountered alumni with whom we had lost contact and who were glad to reconnect with their College. Some of them even came to our Gala Celebrations in April! Our Alumni stepped up to the plate this year: more people donated to the College and our donations increased as well.



SJC Alumni and Friends gathered together on April 28-30th for the 150th Anniversary Reunion Weekend.

Congratulations to all of you and thank you very much. Having achieved 150 years I would like to ask each of you to think forward to the next 150 years. What can each one of us do to ensure the vibrant caring community that we love so much as St John's College continues to nurture students in the future?

Dr Christopher Trott, Warden and Vice-Chancellor

Scholarships & Bursaries



Daniel Lee Senior Stick presented **Christian Okwudiwas '17** with the James Frost Cross Memorial Trophy.

St John's College is proud to award over \$101,150 in Scholarships, Bursaries to SJC members. The College continues to invest 100% of all donations to support our students each year. Approximately 3.5M has been invested at an average rate of 12.1% over the past three years. This past year 94 scholarships and bursaries were awarded in recognition of their hard work and commitment.

"I just want to say Thank You to St John's College for being a community of compassionate, unceasingly loving and supportive people. I have benefitted immensely from the love and generosity of the college through my studies. Thank you for being a family: supporting us, and celebrating all of our achievements. I love SJC and will always be a proud Johnian! - Christian G. Okwudiwas '17"



Award Dinner
Montaser and Chris Trott

Montaser has not just settled in nicely – he has thrived. In June Montaser received the Mayor’s Volunteer Service Award. He created a theatre company and an after-school programme for Syrian youth who have resettled in Winnipeg. Montaser said “It’s been roughly a year now for me in St John’s College residence and it was a very welcoming, inclusive, warm environment to be in. WUSC gave me a new life opportunity and St John’s covered one of the biggest parts of starting a new life which is accommodation. Though, it is not just a ‘shelter’ it is a big step to feel that you belong to this community.”

SOCIAL JUSTICE CAMP - A FIRST FOR ST JOHN’S

Last July the College hosted 12 young teens and 3 university student support staff. We were excited to welcome this diverse group, with several Metis, refugee, and new Canadians. The week’s curriculum focused on local issues that impact the lives of the students. The camp would not have been possible without a generous grant from the Diocese of Rupert’s Land. Students from low income families were supported by a school principal and three College Fellows.



Thank you to everyone who made the first social justice day camp such a success!

Friends of St John’s College Luncheon “What St John’s Means to Me”



“Without St John’s College’s care and aid I could never reach this goal!”
~ Yongtain Cheng ‘16

As someone who has lived in St Johns for four years, it is in fact, my home. I know every corner of her. The galley, the restaurant, the reading room, the library, my trace is everywhere. It is she that watches me, from one who barely speaks English to being an honor student in psychology.

I still clearly remember a friendly roommate who helped me edit my first paper in politics; and another student who always gave me suggestions at my hard times; and the former Dean, who taught me how to take a bus when I first came to Canada.

Though these are just small things, they are valuable memoirs of mine. However, I do believe that I am NOT the only lucky person who has this fortune; every member of the St John’s College shares this kind of similar experience as I do. These charitable memoirs are created by all of us and enshrined by all of us.

It is St Johns College that provides us such a wonderful place to live and to contribute to the both academia and to the real world. It is under St John’s shelter that we enroll in such a great community and become one. Yongtain Cheng ‘16

St. John's College Residence is unique on campus for its small, tight-knit and diverse community. This year the residence accommodated more than 60% of international students, including 4 from Syria sponsored by WUSC Program. We also had the opportunity to accommodate 15 Indigenous students from Northern Manitoba. With such a diverse population, there are many opportunities for cross-cultural friendship and understanding.

Since my appointment as the new Dean of Residence, I have heard positive feedback about a wide variety of activities and residence programs that are organized for the students. One highlight of the year was a scavenger hunt where students were divided into teams and hunted for clues spread across the campus. They got to know each other, create bonds and became more familiar with the campus. The friendships that are built in SJC Residence span continents and last lifetimes, and with your generous support new generations of students will continue to have the opportunity to share these wonderful experiences. Fayaz Hasan, Dean of Residence



Front: Shaylan Cottick, Momo Watanabe, Morgan Taverner, Nour Elabd, Florian Schwickart, Riley Coulter

Because of Your Support we are able to:

- award over \$101,150 in scholarships and bursaries to SJC members!
- provide classroom space for a teacher and students from Northern reserves working towards reintegrating into University!
- provide free room and board to Grade 11 Northern Manitoba students attending the Health Career Quest Summer Camp!
- welcomed over 200 first year students!

Connecting with Alumni and our Community

St John's College strives to remain connected to Alumni and our communities.

One way SJC engages community involvement is through the Alumni Special events such as **Lunch & Lively Conversations, Organ Concerts and Bach's Birthday**. We also had a great turnout for the Anniversary Reunion Weekend April 28-30, 2017 to end the 150th Celebrations, with Alumni coming from across Canada.

Chris Trott and Jackie Markstrom made special visits to engage with Alumni and friends in Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria. We enjoyed getting to meet so many Johnians and thank you for sharing your wonderful stories of when you were at the College.

Chaplaincy Programs

The Chapel continues to be a special quiet space where students, staff and professors can find a retreat from the busy schedules. In residence and the wider community, the Chaplaincy programs continued to support the students, provide crisis intervention, counselling, leadership training and a weekend retreat with SJC Student Council and other student leaders.

Our Chaplain, the Rev Alison Chubb left the College in July and is now working in Ontario. We were fortunate to have Daly deGagne, a SJC student help as a spiritual adviser to indigenous students living in our Residence while waiting for the Chaplain position to be filled.

In August 2017, we will welcome The Rev Shelly Manley-Tannis to the position. Shelly is an ordained Minister in the United Church of Canada and comes with extensive experience in pastoral care and spiritual formation.



Supporting Indigenous Youth

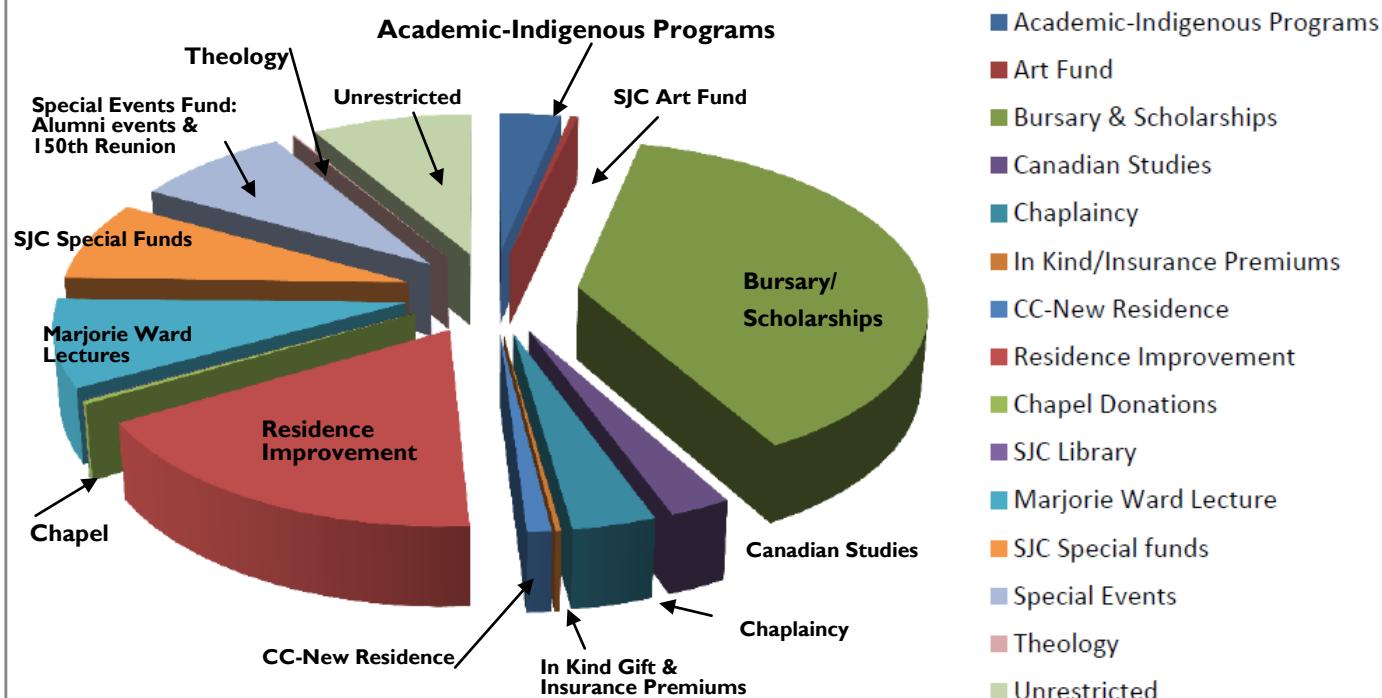
Health Career Quest Summer Camp is a two-week camp held in July, to provide opportunities for Grade 11 Northern Manitoba First Nation students to look seriously at a healthcare career. Through donations from Heathbridge Capital Management Ltd and private donors, the College was able to provide meals and accommodation for 12 students and their group leaders. The camp participants take part in daily experiences in a variety of health profession including medicine, dentistry, rehabilitation, nursing and pharmacy. Everyone enjoyed the safe and caring community of St John's and the new experience of what it is like to live in residence!



Since the fall of 2015, St John's College has hosted a group of Indigenous students from the Sapotaweyak Cree Nation who are transitioning into university life. The College provides classroom space, access to the residence and a meal plan for students who complete upgrading courses during the first term. This also allows students to familiarize themselves with campus and urban life, prior to entering university. In the second term the students are enrolled in UM courses and are provided support from the program to complete the course. The students create a bond during their time together and a greater understanding of campus life.

Celebrating 150 Years!

Financial: What you have chosen to Support!



THANK YOU!

Your generosity has raised \$253,555! 100% of your donation goes directly to further the needs of the College!

Academic –Indigenous Prog \$8,235
 Art Fund \$1,100
 Bursary/Scholarship & MSBI \$96,954
 Canadian Studies \$6,320
 Chaplaincy Endowment \$8,555
 In Kind & Insurance Premiums \$592
 New Residence \$2,464
 Residence Improvements \$44,588
 Chapel Donation \$772
 Library \$100
 Marjorie Ward Lecture \$21,432.36

SJC Special Funds: \$22,791

- ♦ Northern MB Students & Health Quest Camp \$5,500
 - ♦ Social Justice Camp \$3,800
 - ♦ Syrian Refugees \$3,390
 - ♦ Fellows & Staff Project Fund \$400
 - ♦ New Daily Bread Chairs \$6,552
- Special Events Income \$17,828
 (Alumni events & 150th Reunion Wknd)
 Theology \$300
 Unrestricted \$21,523

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St John's College Development Team

During our 150th Anniversary year we have been honoured to meet with many of our Alumni and SJC Friends. We've heard your stories of College life from the 60's through to present and they're all inspiring! We are so glad to be part of this College as we look towards what the future may hold. Through communication and engagement, the College is promoted as a safe, caring, small yet vibrant community. Please call and let us know your favourite story!

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