Your
St John's College
Community

ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

In Thy light shall we see light
St John's College is located on original lands of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Dakota peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation.

We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

Our Mission

St John's College, a founding member College of the University of Manitoba, fosters an inclusive and supportive post-secondary, co-ed, and residential learning community informed by Anglican tradition, for students, fellows, and staff from varied disciplines and programs.

Our Vision

Enriched by their educational experience, St John's College members contribute to society with a profound sense of social justice and cultural awareness.
Dear St John’s College friends and supporters,

Since becoming Warden last summer, it has been an honour and a joy to meet so many of you virtually and in person (as the pandemic has allowed), to hear your stories from your time at the College, and to learn about all of the ways you support our community. Your financial contributions have been especially important the last two years, as the College has navigated shutdowns and remote operations, and seen a dramatic reduction in our normal revenue streams. This report is to share with you how your generous support has been put to work, enabling us to continue serving our students, fellows, staff, and alumni through a very difficult time.

This year your donations helped us to assist our students through scholarships and bursaries, and when emergency funding needs arose as a result of the pandemic and the war in Ukraine. Gifts to Chaplaincy provided for a range of excellent programming, from the Christmas jazz concert to the gardening club, through which we have created a Healing Garden and continued our efforts towards making the College a welcoming and accessible place for Indigenous students. Because of your support of residence repair and renewal, we have been able to provide a safe and caring home to students from all over the world even through the darkest periods of the pandemic.

As I write this note, the College has fully reopened and resumed in-person operations. We are thrilled to hold face-to-face classes and other events in the building again, and to see the return of our students, faculty, staff, and community members. Thank you for helping us to reach this moment, and with your ongoing support we will take St John’s College into an even brighter future.

Sincerely,

Dr. Allison Abra
Warden & Vice-Chancellor
YOUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE

100% of your donations directly support our students!

Where Needed Most

148 donors gave $83,305.06

*YOU* make it possible for students to achieve their dreams

Scholarships, Bursaries, Indigenous Achievement Fund

59 donors gave $145,571.98

*YOU* make education attainable for those who need financial assistance and help students to focus on university and learning

Residence Improvements

9 donors gave $1,690.00

*YOU* provide a safe community and home away from home for all students

"Thank you for a safe place to live."
-Andrew Kunjok
YOUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE

You are shaping the leaders of tomorrow!

**Chaplaincy**

34 donors gave $11,270.25

YOU are helping our leaders of tomorrow fulfill their future with a solid spiritual and emotional foundation

**New Residence Campaign**

47 donors gave $33,488.68

YOU are helping us build towards a brighter and more sustainable future for our students and the community

**Theology and Canadian Studies**

3 donors gave $6,540.00

YOU are promoting excellence and contributing to society

Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity!

Together, we raised $281,865.97!
YOU MAKE THIS HAPPEN

(photographed: SJCSA Vice-Stick Jenna Brignoly, Valedictorian Carrie Livingston, SJCSA Senior Stick Mercy Shwaykosky)

“In Thy light shall we see light”, Psalm 36, verse 9, is the College motto. I understand why it is our motto. St John’s was the light for me, a safe place to come and be with friends, worship, study, and to participate in the various activities the College or St John’s College Students’ Association had put on. From game nights to late night exam cram sessions or even waxing the past Warden’s legs for charity (Dr. Trott!). We all have fond memories of our time at the College and have made many lifelong friends that we may not have met if it had not been for St John's being our place to gather, virtually or in person.”

CARRIE LIVINGSTON ’22
VALEDICTORIAN

"I am a first-year student in the Faculty of Health Sciences. I would like to express my gratitude to all of you for continuing to support students. I would like to recognize that your support goes beyond meeting financial needs but relieves a great amount of stress from our backs and allows us to better perform academically."

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Over the past number of years, we have been fortunate to receive donations to the College through thoughtful charitable bequests. These have been directed to scholarships and bursaries, Canadian Studies, and towards the student Residence.

HOW YOU CAN MAKE AN IMPACT AT ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

Did you know that by including a charitable gift in your Will you support both St John's College and your family? And, in making such a gift you help to reduce the taxes levied against your estate. A small percentage of your estate has the potential to be a huge gift to the College. It is not a complicated process and we encourage you to talk with your family and professional advisors about your legacy plans.

(Will Power movement, and you can visit our page here: https://www.willpower.ca/charities/st-johns-college/ or contact our Development Officer Jackie Markstrom at 204-474-9350 or Jackie.Markstrom@umanitoba.ca

(photographed left to right: Erin Palamar (née Kolodie) was the Registrar and Confidential Secretary to the Warden for 18 years, Dr. Shirlee Anne Smith, C.M. (DCL), Dr. Christopher Trott visiting with Mrs. Lois Totton in 2016)

Your decision today will change the lives of our students for generations to come through your legacy gift
We are able to do this because of you

"St John’s College is a special safe place that allows me to branch out and grow as an individual. I always knew the College and the Residence held the fondness of the people who were here before us, but I was not able to visualize it until one council meeting when we stumbled across the old photo albums. Seeing all those happy memories made me realize that it is the strong bonds of our community that make St John’s so special. Thank you for donating and letting us make lots of happy memories too!

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-Jasmine Wood (student in Residence)