Celebrating Northern Ontario School of Medicine Donors

Hommage aux donateurs de l’École de médecine du Nord de l’Ontario
A message from the Premier of Ontario

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend my sincere thanks to all those who contributed to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) Bursary Fund. The spirit of community involvement and the dedication exemplified by all donors make us proud to be Ontarians and Canadians. This goodwill is reflected through the funds raised for the NOSM Bursary Fund — an impressive $6.7 million. And with our government matching the entire amount, the fund now exceeds $13 million. This will mean more doctors helping people across the province, especially in Northern Ontario.

Ensuring that all Ontarians have access to the best health care is a top priority for our government. By working with Lakehead and Laurentian universities, key health care partners, community leaders and conscientious donors like you, we are delivering on our plan to provide effective, efficient health care — the kind of care each and every Ontarian deserves. My colleagues and I deeply appreciate the invaluable contributions our generous citizens make to the high quality of life we enjoy here in our great province.

Our government is proud to have been a major partner in founding the NOSM — and we are equally proud to be a part of this exciting new program. The Bursary Fund is a tremendous initiative in building a stronger health care system in northern Ontario. With your support, we are helping to give Ontario families access to a doctor of their own, when they need one, close to home. And in the vast north, this is especially crucial.

Please accept my sincere thanks, once again, and my best wishes.

Dalton McGuinty
Premier

A message from the Minister of Northern Development and Mines

My message to you today is straightforward and heartfelt – thank you.

Thank you for your incredible effort and generosity in making the Northern Ontario School of Medicine Bursary Campaign a truly astonishing achievement in fundraising.

The $6.7 million you raised in a few short months became more than $13 million when the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) and the Ontario government matched the funding.

We believe it ranks among the best investments the NOHFC has ever made in Northern Ontario. We’re investing in young, motivated doctors — many with roots in Aboriginal, Francophone, rural and remote communities — who will be graduating from this school. They will be working in communities throughout Northern Ontario, and improving access to health care for all northerners.

Your fundraising goals from the beginning have been ambitious. But, with Gerry Lougheed Jr. and Greg Pilot at the helm, your collective resolve and dedication has resulted in one of the greatest, most successful fundraising campaigns ever.

In doing so, you have opened the doors of opportunity for talented youth wanting to learn and practice medicine in Northern Ontario.

Congratulations on your accomplishments, and your dedication to Northern Ontario and our future northern doctors.

Yours truly,

Hon. Rick Bartolucci
Minister of Northern Development and Mines

Dalton McGuinty
Premier
A message from the Founding Dean

It is my pleasure to present this Northern Ontario School of Medicine Donor Report and to pay tribute to the many people and organizations who have supported us along the way.

Offering financial aid to students is a NOSM priority. The School's Board of Directors Fundraising Chair, Elizabeth Dougall, led our first student bursary campaign with two committed co-chairs and a long list of volunteer team members. Through Elizabeth’s guidance and the tireless efforts of the Campaign Co-Chairs, Greg Pilot (west) and Gerry Lougheed Jr. (east), greater awareness of and, ultimately, support for NOSM medical students was ignited.

The Northern Ontario School of Medicine received its first donor-funded award in 2003. By April 2006, we were celebrating the close of the Bursary Fund Campaign which exceeded expectations. It seems that every corner of society contributed to a resounding $13 million being raised in a very short time. This success would not have been possible without the caring individuals, corporations, associations and municipalities who gave so generously. In addition, the Ontario Government boosted the campaign totals by offering a $5M matching grant from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, and providing funds from the former Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund and the present Ontario Trust for Student Support. The Northern Ontario School of Medicine is proud to be in the company of so many committed partners.

While the public fundraising campaign for the NOSM Bursary Fund has concluded this year, there is still a need for continuing contributions to the Bursary Fund so that future students will be supported for years to come. This September, we will be accepting our second intake of students. By 2008, the School will have 224 students working towards their MD. The need for financial aid will continue. In the coming year, we will be identifying other fundraising priorities for the School. This will expand the range of opportunities for donors to contribute to the overall success of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine.

I would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to all donors. Your gift to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine contributes to the School's success as a pioneering faculty of medicine.

Sincerely,

Dr. Roger Strasser

A message from Lakehead University President

Northerners have more choices than ever in making philanthropic investments. I extend my gratitude to those who have chosen to champion medical students in Northern Ontario. The generosity of these donors has provided a solid and impressive foundation of support for the Northern Ontario School of Medicine and its students.

The Northern Ontario School of Medicine is the Faculty of Medicine for both Lakehead University and Laurentian University. Our universities have grown and benefited from this newest academic member with the annual intake of 56 inspiring students who have chosen to study medicine at Canada’s first new medical school in more than 30 years.

The prospect of more physicians in the North and the positive economic impact of the School of Medicine on Northern communities makes giving to NOSM a true investment. Benefits will be reaped for generations to come as the School begins to graduate physicians. In a few years’ time, patients will receive quality care from the first graduates of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine.

Many of the donors listed in this report are long time supporters of Lakehead University, while others are new. To all donors, I extend a warm thank you for choosing to make a positive difference in the future health care of Northern Ontario.

Sincerely,

Dr. Fred Gilbert
Vice Chair, NOSM Board of Directors

A message from Laurentian University President

From the beginning, the challenge of creating a pan-Northern School of Medicine was met with enthusiasm. The School was established because Northerners were committed to seeking a solution to a long-standing shortage of physicians.

Donors to the School do more than provide financial assistance to our medical students; they help to build innovative medical programs that benefit the people of Northern Ontario. The donors - businesses, service groups, municipalities, groups and individuals - hail from the many diverse communities that make up our region.

This publication highlights some of the hundreds of donors to the School, many of whom have been long time supporters of Laurentian University. I encourage you to read their stories. You will notice that, regardless of the physical location of each donor, two common themes emerge: promise and pride. In this way, the Northern Ontario School of Medicine unites Northerners. The need for more physicians is one we all share. The solution is one our donors are a part of.

Laurentian University is proud to count the Northern Ontario School of Medicine as part of our growing family. I applaud the vision of all donors in supporting medical students who will graduate with an affinity for medical practice in Northern communities and I thank you for contributing to a healthier Northern Ontario.

Sincerely,

Judith Woodsworth, PhD
Chair, NOSM Board of Directors

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Library named to honour Penny Petrone

Her travels may have taken her around the world, but Dr. Serafina Penny Petrone always came back to the place she called home, Thunder Bay. It was Petrone’s strong belief and pride in education that led to the campaign’s landmark $1 million gift – the first gift of this size from an individual donor. Matched by the provincial government dollar per dollar, the $2 million endowment will fund several large awards for students of the west campus with research interests in either cancer, heart disease or eye disorders.

In honour of Petrone’s generous contribution, lifelong dedication to education and learning, and long-standing relationship with Lakehead University, NOSM’s west campus Health Information Resource Centre now bears her name: the Dr. Serafina “Penny” Petrone Health Information Resource Centre.

Greg Pilot, NOSM Bursary Fund Campaign Co-Chair, says, “Penny’s life touched many people. She was truly an advocate of literature, teaching, writing and Northwestern Ontario. Naming the Serafina Penny Petrone Health Information Resource Centre exemplifies her belief in the importance of supporting students and the value of libraries in education.”

From her beginnings growing up in a traditional Italian family, Petrone set tremendous goals for herself. She was a woman of many talents: educator, traveller and author. She was Professor Emerita of Education at Lakehead University and was named Honourary Indian Chief by the Gull Bay Ojibwa.

Perhaps above all else, Petrone was a gifted educator. Teaching was a calling, one that she embraced not only in her hometown, but around the world. Her interests set her apart. She had a unique and special fascination with other cultures. It was through this interest that she became a leader in the study of Aboriginal literature, writing two books on the subject. While Petrone thrived on her intellectual edge, she, like many, struggled with personal challenges. In her mid forties she was stricken with breast cancer - a diagnosis that in the 1960s offered less hope for survival than today. But Petrone was a survivor. She took from her illness a life lesson that pushed her to persevere.

Before her passing, Petrone was a volunteer for the NOSM Bursary Fund Campaign. Her historic donation ensures her passion for students and her support of health research continue to live and grow.

Additional listings of gifts in memoriam and in tribute appear at the end of this list.

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North Bay dentists support future allied health professionals  
Dr. Michael Guy is a North Bay dental surgeon who represented this city and his professional colleagues on the Bursary Fund Campaign Team. He was instrumental in bringing forward a donation of $10,000 from the North Bay and District Dental Association.  
The group of about 20 dental professionals believes the North Bay and District Dental Association Bursary will assist deserving students as they pursue their undergraduate medical education at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine.  
“The School’s mandate is to recruit students from northern, rural and remote regions, and we know that a high percentage of the first class is from such areas,” says Guy. “While physicians are in short supply almost everywhere in Canada, the need for doctors is very great throughout Northern Ontario. It’s critical that we help to encourage our young people to stay here, be educated here, and eventually practise in this region.”  
“As well as doing something for my community, I believe that we are in some way helping to improve the overall medical services here in Northern Ontario,” says Guy.  
Guy believes that the School of Medicine will have lasting, positive results for Northern Ontario’s citizens as well as medical professionals, whether they are in small, remote communities or in larger urban cities.  
“The Northern Ontario School of Medicine is a giant step forward, and we’re excited about playing a role in its success,” sums up Guy.
The Class of 2009 is giving back to the future with a bursary in its own name.

The idea came to Tara Spicer, NOSM Charter Class student, early one morning. She, like most of her classmates, is a bursary recipient. This support helped her overcome some of the financial hurdles faced by medical students and she wondered how she could say thank you.

“People have been incredibly generous,” says Spicer. “I thought that one way to say thank you to donors was to create a bursary of our own.”

A student movement to develop a Class of 2009 Bursary has begun. This is the charter class’s way of giving to the future – to “pay it forward” – for future medical students.

For Spicer, a career in medicine was a life-long dream. “Once you accept that this is who you are, the dream becomes a part of you. Yet, while the decision to go to school is easy if it’s in your heart, it can often be the financial part that holds you up.”
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Planned gift to honour medical visionaries

Through a planned gift, Robin Smith will create two medical school bursaries in honour of dedicated and well-respected physicians who have made significant contributions to the health and well-being of people: Dr. John Augustine and the late Dr. Shirley Inouye.

“Dr. Augustine, with his gentle persuasion and tenacity, had worked for many years to get a medical school in Northern Ontario. Now that his dream has become a reality, this NOSM bursary will be a lasting tribute to him,” says Smith.

The second bursary is named after the late Dr. Inouye. “Dr. Inouye was a wonderful medical practitioner who gave a lot back to her community. Although she did not have children of her own, she brought thousands of children into this world, throughout her medical career,” explains Smith.

These two medical bursaries are in addition to ten awards Smith has set up for other faculties. The awards will be realized in the future -- at the time of his passing -- when they will become part of an estate endowment.

Born and raised in Schreiber, Smith credits his university education as putting him on the road to success. With his Honours Bachelor of Commerce degree from Lakehead University, Smith entered the world of investment. Today, he is First Vice-President, Investment Advisor at CIBC Wood Gundy.

As an alumnus, Smith wants to give back to the community that supported him. Lakehead’s bursary program provided him with a way to recognize people who have made a difference in his life and, at the same time, give similar opportunities to a student.

“For many of us, universities in Northern Ontario opened the door and put us on the road to success,” says Smith, who now encourages other alumni to consider setting up bursaries and scholarships through estate planning.

Robin Smith

Laurentian alumnus Richard Bellrose advocates for student support

As a co-owner of Steel 2000 Inc., and as a 1988 graduate of Laurentian University’s Commerce program, Richard Bellrose understands the needs of medical students and the needs of his community.

“There is a shortage of doctors, notably family physicians, in the Sudbury area,” he explains. “As we get older we need medical attention more often. With the exodus of our young, talented people to the south, it is very important to try to hold on to our youth by offering quality post-secondary education.”

As Director of Laurentian University’s Alumni Association, Bellrose serves as an advocate for students. He is aware of how many students struggle financially. Medical students in particular have years of education before they can start earning a living.

It was this reality that prompted Bellrose to create the Steel 2000 Bursary for the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. As he explains, the intent of this gift is to support students with the greatest financial need. He hopes that the Bursary will help to ensure finances are not barriers for talented medical students.

Steel 2000 Inc. is located just north of Sudbury, and its owners and employees are aware of the region’s need for medical professionals. “While we know that many of the medical students will come from Northern Ontario, there will also be students from other parts of Ontario and Canada. We are optimistic that many of these students will enjoy our Northern Ontario lifestyle, and will want to stay in the area and practise after graduation.”
Club fostering a vision for the Francophone community

For the Clubs Richelieu du Moyen-Nord, establishing a medical school bursary is a perfect opportunity to foster their vision for the Francophone community in Northern Ontario. The clubs have joined their financial forces together to create the Bourse Richelieu.

“We are hopeful that the Bourse Richelieu (or Richelieu Bursary) will encourage Francophone youth from Northern Ontario to consider a medical career,” says Gratien Allaire, President of Club Richelieu du Sudbury (founded in 1947). “We hope our bursary will help them enrol at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, and remain in the area to serve our French-Canadian population.”

Le Club Richelieu is an international service club, similar to Rotary or Kiwanis. Founded in Ottawa in 1944, its purpose is to maintain and enhance the values of the French culture around the world.

Over time, Le Club Richelieu has evolved into an organization that combines social and benevolent activities. The organization is involved in many charities, but focuses mainly on supporting Francophone youth and children. Les Clubs Richelieu du Moyen-Nord includes Sudbury (four chapters), Sturgeon Falls, Blind River, Noelville and North Bay. As Allaire says, they hope that having a medical school in Northern Ontario will result in more French-speaking physicians for the region.

“Considering the high Francophone population in Northern Ontario, it makes sense to have more French-speaking doctors. This is why we have designated the Bourse Richelieu as a Francophone bursary,” explains Allaire. “It may take time, but we foresee expansion and improvement to all facets of health care here in Northern Ontario thanks to our new medical school.”
Marathon doctors support rural medical education

The nine physicians of Marathon Family Practice are well aware that practising medicine in a rural or remote area brings both challenges and rewards. As a means of offering their support to new physicians interested in practising in rural and remote areas, the well-established physicians created a bursary.

“arual physicians need a special kind of psychological makeup to do the best they can with the resources they have. Rural physicians need to be aware that even if they call you a helicopter, it may not arrive for an hour,” Cunniffe says.

By supporting Northern Ontario School of Medicine students, Marathon’s physicians are helping to build their community. “If our small contribution can eventually help alleviate some of Northern Ontario’s physician shortage, we will be happy about that,” says Cunniffe.

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Town of Huntsville takes up the challenge

During the NOSM Bursary Fund Campaign, municipalities across Northern Ontario were invited to donate. The Town of Huntsville, located two hours north of Toronto in the heart of cottage country, is one of the many communities that took up the challenge.

“The Town of Huntsville is very proud and honoured to be a participant in the Campaign, creating a Township of Huntsville Bursary,” says the town’s mayor, Hugh Mackenzie. “Health care is one of Huntsville’s top priorities and our Bursary is a true example of the community’s commitment to health-care initiatives.”

Known as the gateway to Algonquin Park, Huntsville has winding streets, elegant Victorian era wood-framed houses and is home to one of Ontario’s most efficient hospitals, the Huntsville District Memorial Hospital.

Councillor Fran Coleman explains, “When people are thinking of relocating here, the number one question we get asked is ‘what about health care?’ People won’t relocate to Huntsville unless we have good doctors and medical care. That’s why we are so excited about NOSM. We see a good fit because the medical students - our future physicians - will already have an attachment to Northern Ontario and rural communities like Huntsville.”

The town council was unanimous in establishing a NOSM student bursary.

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A living memory of Northern spirit and perseverance

The late Dr. Afrodite “Dede” Tsianou was a trailblazer, breaking boundaries to make dreams come true for herself and the people she met along life’s journey. To continue her generosity in helping others, her close friend, Dr. Catherine Mitchell, has established a NOSM bursary in Dede’s honour.

Born in a small town in Greece, Tsianou came to Canada at the age of 17 with no money and speaking little English. Determined to succeed, she worked in a factory, taught herself English, and continued her education, training first as a registered nurse and then as a nurse practitioner. With these skills she went to work in Canada’s Arctic. While working at Kugluktuk, Nunavut, Tsianou met Mitchell, a nurse who would become her life-long companion.

Tsianou’s dream had always been to become a physicist, and in 1994 she graduated from McMaster University’s medical school. After continuing her training at the University of Ottawa, Tsianou became the first internist in Canada to obtain a fellowship in palliative care. She opened her practice in Thunder Bay in 1999.

“Dede was my mentor and my inspiration,” says Mitchell. “She was always encouraging people to go higher.” This encouragement helped Mitchell to also graduate from McMaster’s medical school in 1996 as an internist and geriatrician, establishing her practice in Thunder Bay in 2000.

Looking back Mitchell commented, “When we returned to school to become doctors, we knew what we were giving up. We had no money, no income. It was tough. When we both received bursaries, it was a godsend.”

Mitchell hopes that this NOSM bursary will ease the expenses of future northern colleagues. “Northern Ontario needs more doctors. Hopefully, this bursary will help fill that need.”
Giving begets giving

There is truth to the saying that giving begets giving, and no one embodies this better than Helen Slattery.

“I wanted to go to university in the 1940s,” she says from her Toronto home, “but I didn’t have the money for the tuition, and I just couldn’t ask my parents for it – they didn’t have it!”

A bursary dropped “out of the blue” into her lap, enabling her to attend two years of university without financial hardship. This unexpected gift allowed Slattery to graduate in social work from St. Michael’s College.

Until she married and changed her career to that of a full-time mother and homemaker, Slattery practised her profession in Toronto. One of her clients, a young Aboriginal boy, inspired her to learn all she could about Canada’s Aboriginal Peoples. But beyond her professional and volunteer work, she felt that she had little opportunity to be of help.

“We are not a moneyed family,” she explains, “but an opportunity finally arose where I could do something, make a contribution.”

That opportunity came through a family friend by the name of Father Michael Stogre. Father Stogre is both a Jesuit priest and a medical doctor living in Thunder Bay and working at Anishnawbe Mushkiki.

Father Stogre directed Slattery to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, and told her about the School’s involvement of Northern Ontario Aboriginal communities in its curriculum and administrative programs. Pleased with the chance to make a contribution where her heart lies, Helen Slattery was delighted to discover that her gift would be matched dollar-for-dollar by government funding.

Board member establishes two bursaries

A sense of adventure brought NOSM Board Member Dr. Peter Hutten-Czapski to Northern Ontario, first to Blind River, and then to Haileybury. It was this same sense of adventure that brought him to the forefront in dealing with rural medical practice issues.

As past president of the Society of Rural Physicians in Canada, Hutten-Czapski knows very well the challenges faced by doctors who work outside of major centres. This is why he joined the NOSM Board of Directors, and also why he put his name to two bursaries.

“It is as promising as it gets,” says Hutten-Czapski while speaking about the new medical school. “If we do this right - and I believe we are doing it right - we will eventually make Northern Ontario self-sufficient in graduating physicians.”

Born in Montreal, Hutten-Czapski studied medicine at Queen’s University in Kingston. He currently works as a general practitioner in a clinic in Temiskaming Shores where he enjoys the outdoors and is active within his community.

As Chair of the Ontario Medical Association’s Section on Rural Practice, Hutten-Czapski realizes the importance of assisting in the recruitment of rural practitioners. He believes that many NOSM graduates will choose to stay and practise in Northern Ontario, either because they were raised here, or because they’ve made the decision to study in a Northern environment and enjoy the lifestyle.

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Sault Ste. Marie community backs medical students

The people of Sault Ste. Marie and area went the extra mile in showing their support for the medical students. Tom Dodds, Director of the FedNor International Business Centre and Mike O’Neill, a local lawyer, co-chaired the Sault Ste. Marie campaign team. Both noted the response from the community was amazing. “The amount raised is a tribute to the foresight of our entire community” say the Co-chairs.

Dodds and O’Neill helped to initiate the Customer Bank Challenge in Sault Ste Marie and Algoma. As part of the overall effort, banks and credit unions invited community members to make individual contributions. Medical school information boards at each bank teller’s receptacle told the NOSM story, inviting individuals to learn about the School, and to make a donation. The campaign, which ran for three weeks, raised close to $12,000. This fundraising effort will be matched by the Province and treated as a unique bursary called the Sault Ste. Marie Community Bursary Fund. This bursary, which includes the bank challenge donations as well as other community donations, now stands at over $44,000. With many Sault Ste. Marie individuals and companies also creating bursaries, and the City’s donation of $75,000, the community as a whole has raised nearly $500,000.

“We are very pleased with the area’s contributions to address a critical need,” says O’Neill. “We need doctors to serve more remote and rural regions in Ontario like Sault Ste. Marie and the Algoma District.”

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The Community First Credit Union Limited donation ceremony in Sault Ste. Marie. Wayne Lee, Chair (back left); Mike Brown, MPP Algoma - Manitoulin (front left); Gregory Peres, CEO (back centre); David Oraziotti, MPP Sault Ste. Marie (front right).
Deputy Grand Chief of Nishnawbe Aski First Nation, Goyce Kakegamic, created this original piece of art for the Northern Ontario School of Medicine Bursary Fund Campaign. Two hundred numbered reproductions of “A family giving thanks” were created to commemorate donors.

Chiman Harsora, Laurentian University Director of Development Tracy MacLeod, NOSM Student Kimberly Perlin, and Kala Harsora. This picture was taken at Laurentian University’s 2006 Student Awards Event. Kimberly is the recipient of the Dr. Rayudu Koka Bursary supported by the Harsoras.

Mark Dennie, Bristol Myers Squibb and George Aniol of Polish Combatants.

Gerry Lougheed Jr. (right) speaking with media sponsors Sharon Bowes of CTV and Michael Atkins of Northern Life.

Eva and Wah Chung, NOSM supporters

The Sudbury Credit Union presenting their generous donation of $50,000.

Dr. Rayuda Koka, campaign volunteer and David Kilgour, of The Sudbury Star, media sponsor.

Dr. Judith Woodsworth, Premier Dalton McGuinty, Gerry Lougheed, Jr. celebrating the successful closure of the first year of the Bursary Fund Campaign.

Greg Pilot, Campaign Co-Chair (west), speaks to local media.

Harvey Freisen (left), President and Cliff Freisen (right), Executive V.P. of Bearskin Airlines. Their company generously donated $50,000.

Brittany Shanks, Dr. Serafina Penny Petrone’s grand niece (left), and Celina Reitberger, Dr. Petrone’s sister-in-law, pose with Premier Dalton McGuinty during the premier’s visit on April 26th to Lakehead University and NOSM’s west campus (see page 3 for story).
Donor Report

Sue Gibbs, Vice President, ING Group Insurance - Ontario Region announcing a generous donation from the ING Foundation that will allow the Medical School to manage a youth mentoring pilot project where at-risk youth will be matched with medical student role models. During the week-long enrichment experience, piloted in the summer of 2006, Northern Ontario high school students will learn about medical school and health care careers while being mentored by NOSM medical students.

The City of Thunder Bay created a bursary as part of their physician recruitment and retention. Mayor Lynn Peterson and Lakehead University President, Dr. Fred Gilbert shared a smile over the good news in the medical school library.

Pierrette Gervais, along with nine other members of the School had their heads shaved as part of Shave for the Record. This event raised money for the Northern Cancer Research Foundation, Greater Sudbury Police youth initiatives, as well as the NOSM Bursary Fund.

Unveiling the campaign grand total from private donors.

Fidelity Investments Canada created a bursary in support of medical students in Northern Ontario. Fidelity’s Paul Ng toured the School while visiting the West Campus at Lakehead University.

Marc Blayney, NOSM Vice-Dean, Professional Activities, and Head of Francophone Affairs, stands near the newly installed donor wall commemorating donors to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine.
Lakehead Alumni Association  
a friend of NOSM

Lakehead University had a fabulous year in 2005. It celebrated its 40th anniversary and welcomed the Northern Ontario School of Medicine to its growing campus. In recognition of these two important milestones, the University launched the ongoing “Alumni Association Friends of the 40th Anniversary Bursary” initiative. The association is asking graduates to join together to create a bursary for medical students registered through NOSM’s West Campus.

Mark Piovesana, a “40 Friends” donor says, “As an alumnus who has directly benefited from the quality of a Lakehead education, I was honoured to be asked to support this initiative. My donation will not only support NOSM students, it will also contribute to improved health care across Northern Ontario.”

Lakehead’s Alumni Association is one of the groups that have joined the “Alumni Association of Lakehead University Friends of the 40th Bursary. Lakehead nursing and master of arts graduate Frances Picherack says, “The Northern Ontario School of Medicine will bring further prestige to the University and its alumni. It will also help to address the doctor shortage and improve the quality of health care for all Northerners. I am happy to support this Award.”

The goal is to raise $40,000 for an endowed bursary. With the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation matching funds, the “40 Friends bursary” could reach $80,000.

Any group or individual can join the 40 Friends by contributing a minimum of $1,000 towards establishing the award. Donations are still being accepted.

Individual donors to the Alumni Association of Lakehead University Friends of the 40th Bursary include: Marilyn Aldrich; Doris Baziuk; David and Helen Beckwermert; John and Kirsten Chlebovec; Dr. Lorne and Jennifer Everett; Earl Fawcett; Dr. Fred Gilbert; Dr. Dean Gresko; Benjamin Kaminski; Brian Magdee; Greig and Lynda Lawrie; Bonnie Moore and Jay Eingold; Dr. P. Neelands and Mrs. M. Neelands; David and Lois Nuttall; Margaret Page; Robert Paterson; Rick Patina; Richard and Frances Picherack; Mark Piovesana; Dr. Robert and Rita Rosehart; and Sharen Whent.
When the Timmins and District Hospital Auxiliary donated $10,000 to establish a bursary at NOSM, it was breaking new ground. This was the first time the group had ever contributed to a project outside of the Timmins area.

“We wanted to help people with the dream of being a medical school student in Northern Ontario because it is something that all communities would benefit from,” says Sylvia Rocheleau, the auxiliary’s acting president and first vice-chair.

Originally founded in 1955, the auxiliary became incorporated as the Timmins and District Hospital when the state-of-the-art facility opened its doors in 1993. Today, the auxiliary has 130 members and has raised over half a million dollars since 1996.

“Our main focus is to raise funds for the Timmins and District Hospital Foundation and to purchase medical equipment for the hospital and patients,” explains Rocheleau.

Support for NOSM followed a presentation to the group by campaign volunteer Michael Doody. “Our members had already heard about Founding Dean Dr. Roger Strasser and the rapid rate of progress taking place at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine,” says Rocheleau. “When Michael asked the auxiliary members to consider donating to the NOSM Bursary Fund and told us that the Ontario Government would match our contribution, all members were adamant about lending our support to this project.”

“We want the medical students to know that we stand behind them,” says Rocheleau.

Commemorating ‘Doctor Jack’

For almost 60 years, the late Dr. John Bateman McQuay, known as “Doctor Jack,” had been the quintessential old-fashioned country doctor in the Township of Central Manitoulin. So when Gore Bay’s Dr. Shelagh McRae suggested to the area’s other physicians that they establish a bursary in Doctor Jack’s honour, the idea was unanimously supported.

“Doctor Jack was devoted to caring for others, dedicated to his patients, and a pillar in the community. He was a very humble man who worked long hours and made house calls. During his career, he delivered over 2,000 babies,” says Mindemoya physician Dr. Michelle Snarr.

Doctor Jack was born in 1921 in Portage La Prairie and came to the region with his parents in 1934 when his father, the late Dr. Russell McQuay, set up medical practice in Mindemoya. He followed his father into medicine, graduating as a medical doctor from Queen’s University Faculty of Medicine in 1944.

He joined his father’s practice in 1947. When his father became disabled, Doctor Jack served as the only physician in the area from 1949 to 1970. He continued to practise full-time until 1991, when he began easing into retirement. Doctor Jack died on December 12, 2003.

Although Doctor Jack was a modest man, the donor physicians feel he would have approved of his name being on a bursary for NOSM medical students. Perhaps, as Snarr says, “the J.B. McQuay Memorial Bursary will help assist someone who also wants to be a country doctor.”

The eleven physician donors are: Gore Bay – Drs. Shelagh McRae, Bob Hamilton and Chantelle Wilson; Manitowaning – Dr. Marlene Spruyt; Mindemoya – Drs. Marion Baechler, Mike Bedard, Nick Jeeves, Kevin O’Connor, Maurianne Reade, Michelle Snarr, and Andy Stadnyk.
Volunteering as a way of life

Dr. George Macey, a Marathon dentist, has such a strong passion for community activism, advocacy and public policy issues that volunteering has become a way of life for him.

“If you are not at the table, you can’t make changes...you are not part of the process,” says Macey. So when the Northern Ontario School of Medicine needed money for student bursaries, Macey swung into action as a campaign volunteer and donor.

Macey believes that medical school donors understand how important Canada’s newest medical school is for the health of Northern Ontario.“These donors are history makers, creating a legacy for the future health care of Northerners.”

Toronto-born Macey has practised dentistry in Northern Ontario since 1968 when he graduated at age 23 from the University of Toronto’s Faculty of Dentistry. Currently practising in Marathon, Macey had his dental office in Thunder Bay from 1968-1985.

Since arriving in the region 38 years ago, he has filled many volunteer leadership roles. These days, Macey is the Chair of the Marathon Development Commission, a member of NOW Alliance (Negotiating Ontario’s Wellness) and a board member of the Northwestern Ontario Technology Centre (NOTC). In 2005, he was named a Fellow of Lakehead University.

Volunteer honours physician father

Dr. Nicholas Haddad was born in Montreal, but called Northern Ontario home.

He was a dedicated general practitioner who lived and worked in Sudbury. And it was here that he stayed, making a difference in the health of his patients throughout his life.

This is why when NOSM put out the call for bursary donors, Dr. Bruce Haddad – Nicholas’ son and campaign volunteer – responded with enthusiasm.

“I know my dad would be proud to have his name associated with our new medical school and for this reason I established the Dr. Nicholas Haddad Bursary,” says Haddad.

A dental surgeon in Sudbury, Haddad says, “NOSM is important because it opens the door for Northern Ontario students to become members of the medical profession. But more than that, I believe our medical school will establish Northern Ontario as a medical centre of the future.”

By establishing the Dr. Nicholas Haddad Memorial Bursary, Haddad hopes it will pave the way for some of these young medical students to follow in the footsteps of his father – footsteps that are large indeed.

After graduating from the University of Toronto’s Faculty of Medicine in 1936, Dr. Nicholas Haddad opened his medical office in Sudbury.

At Laurentian University Hospital, Haddad was Chief of Medicine for five years and Director of Long Term Care for seven years, until he retired in 1985.

Over the years, both the community and the medical profession have honoured Dr. Nicholas Haddad. In 1975, he received the Canadian Jubilee medal. In 1985, the Laurentian Hospital Board of Directors honoured him by dedicating the chronic floor lounge at Laurentian Hospital in his name. And in recognition of his many years of service, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario granted Haddad full Emeritus Status.

Dr. Nicholas Haddad passed away in January 1989, at the age of 75, but through this bursary his role modeling will continue to serve his community and the people of the North.
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Commemorative Giving

A tribute or memorial gift honours a remarkable person who touches one’s life. It also honours other remarkable people – the students of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine who enrich the health care sector in our communities.

Gifts have been given in honour of the following people:

Maureen Bartolucci
H.S. Dhaliwal
Rayudu Koka

NOSM staff supports bursaries

Orpha McKenzie’s 6th floor office faces north, or in McKenzie’s first language Oji-Cree, Keewaytinook. From her window, when she is not immersed in her work as NOSM’s Director of Aboriginal Affairs, she can gaze north and westward toward her birthplace, near what is now Bearskin Lake.

“I came from a big family – 13 of us,” she muses. “I grew up in Red Lake where my dad worked in the mine. My family encouraged me to get my education.”

McKenzie’s educational course was not a straightforward journey. While in her teens, she went to the University of Toronto to take pre-University-level courses -- her first real sojourn away from Northern Ontario. Here, McKenzie experienced such a drastic cultural shift that she decided to return home.

She married AND had four children before coming to Lakehead University in 1987 to enter into the nursing program. A son born in her second year brought both joy and another challenge: a tumour in his liver necessitated a half-year stay at Toronto’s Hospital for Sick Children, and a one-year deferment of her university education.

In 1993, Orpha graduated from nursing and was offered a position at the Keewaytinook Okimakanak (Northern Chiefs’ Council) to assist communities to develop plans for community-based mental health programs.

Today, as a medical school director, McKenzie was asked, along with her colleagues, to contribute to the bursary program. Needless to say, she rose to this challenge.

Seeing a need for funds specifically benefiting Aboriginal students, she created the annual Orpha McKenzie Bursary for Aboriginal Students.

“I know what it’s like to be a student, to have no money, and to struggle without resources,” she says. “I hope this annual award will challenge others to help support Aboriginal students.”
AstraZeneca invests in rural health care

AstraZeneca’s mission is to improve the health of all Canadians,” says Mike Cloutier, President and CEO of AstraZeneca Canada, Inc. “It can be especially challenging for Canadians in rural areas to gain access to physicians and health care. So when a new medical school opened in Ontario, we recognized an opportunity to make a valuable contribution.”

AstraZeneca, a global pharmaceutical company, donated $500,000 to the NOSM bursary fund. Matching funds from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation brought the total gift to $1 million. This gift now funds ten $5,000 student bursaries every year, in perpetuity.

With medications for respiratory, mental, cardiovascular and gastrointestinal health, pain relief, and cancer, AstraZeneca has wide expertise in health care. To develop these medications, AstraZeneca invests approximately $100 million every year in Canada in the research and development of new medicines.

Medications are, however, only part of the cycle of health care. Without health professionals in rural areas, Canadians don’t always have access to the information and treatments that can help them maintain and improve their health.

“Our donation will help make the medical school more accessible to potential students in Northern Ontario,” Cloutier says. “As those students become physicians, the physician shortage will ease.”

As for its support of NOSM, Cloutier says, “When someone becomes a physician in a rural area, that person is in a position to help improve the health of an entire community. We are proud to be part of that process.”

Inco supports medical students

2006 got off to a great start with Inco Limited leading a million dollar Monday announcement. Inco’s $500,000 pledge quickly doubled to $1 million with the matching funds from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation.

“Bursaries ensure qualified students have the means to attend medical school and allow them to focus on their studies,” said Mark Cutifani, Inco’s President, North America/Europe. “The Northern Ontario School of Medicine is a school for the North, by the North and has centred its curriculum and research on Northern Ontario health issues. As a strong community supporter and a vital economic presence in the North, Inco is proud to contribute to the success of the school and its students.”

Gifts have been given in memory of the following people:

- Ruth Black
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- John T. Chrustie
- Barbara & Jack Cohen
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- Tyndall Family
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- Susan & Zoltan Weisz
- Keith Wilkes
- C.G. & Olive Wilson
- Stella Zadorozny

Flanked by NOSM students, Mark Cutifani (front left), Inco’s President, North America/Europe announces a $500,000 donation, Dr. Roger Strasser, Minister Rick Bartolucci, Gerry Lougheed, Jr., and Laurentian University President Dr. Judith Woodsworth.

Mike Cloutier, President and CEO, AstraZeneca Canada Inc.
Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Awards & Bursaries

Since the first award for NOSM was established in early 2003, hundreds of individuals, companies, foundations and associations have set up a named bursary or award through endowed or annual giving. An endowed gift totalling $10,000 or more can establish a bursary or award in the name of a recognized individual, group or company. Annual gifts of $500 or more, committed for at least four years, create an annually funded named award.

We are pleased to announce the following awards that have been created for Northern Ontario School of Medicine students.

Some of these awards are being endowed over time and are not yet available to students.

- AALU Friends of the 40th Bursary
- Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada Bursary
- Abitibi-Consolidated Iroquois Falls Bursary
- Stephen and Maureen Adams & Family Bursary
- AFRO Heritage Association Bursary
- Algoma Insurance Group Bursary
- Algoma Steel Bursary
- Suzanne Allain, Michael Siska & Family Bursary
- Dr. J. Anawati Award
- Dr. Jean Anawati Award
- Apex Investigation & Security Inc. Bursary
- Dr. Peter Apostle Bursary
- AstraZeneca Frontline Health Medical Student Bursary
- Dr. John & Annette Augustine Award
- Avery Construction Ltd. Bursary
- Maureen Bartolucci Trust
- The Barwick Family Foundation Bursary
- Bearskin Airlines Bursary
- Belluz Realty Bursary
- Bourse de la famille Blayney-Helly
- Bishop Carter Alexander Foundation
- Ruth C. Black Memorial Award
- Town of Blind River Bursary
- BMO Financial Group Bursary
- BMO Nesbitt Burns Thunder Bay Employees Bursary
- Michel et Ginette Bonin Bursary
- Bourse des Chevaliers de Colomb
- Bristol Machine Works Ltd. Bursary
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- Bristol-Myers Squibb Canada Inc. Bursary
- Bruce Mines Insurance Brokers Ltd. Bursary
- Groupe Dentaire Sudbury Dental Group Bursary
- Fidelity Investments
- Fort William Family Health Network Bursary
- Filtrec North America / Main Filter Bursary
- Fitzpatrick & Partners LLP Bursary
- Fontaine & Associates Bursary
- Franklin Templeton Investments Bursary
- John W Pyfe Memorial Investments Bursary
- Dr Collin and Anne Germond Bursary
- Jim and Donna Gordon Bursary
- Great-West Life, London Life and Canada Life Award
- Green Circle Environmental Bursary
- Nina Grossi Memorial Bursary
- Groupe Dentaire Sudbury Dental Group Bursary
- Guardian Group of Funds Bursary
- Dr. Nicholas Haddad Memorial Bursary
- Hay Group Bursary
- Tow of Hearst Bursary
- Help Line Inc. Bursary
- Kevin L. Herman Bursary
- Holiday Inn Hotel Sudbury Bursary
- HSBC Bank Canada Entrance Award
- Dr. Geoffrey L. Hudson Award
- Township of Huntsville Bursary
- Dr Peter Hutten-Czapski Bursaries
- Hydro One Inc. Bursary
- INCO Ltd. Bursary
- The Independent Order of Odd Fellows - Sudbury Lodge 282 Bursary
- Dr. Shirley Inouye Memorial Award
- Insurance Institute of Ontario Northwestern Ontario Chapter Bursary
- Town of Iroquois Falls Bursary
- Janzen's Pharmacy Bursary
- John Andrews Award in Medicine
- Michael and Rosalind Jurcik Bursary
- Kinsmen Club of Sudbury Bursary
- Dr. Rayudu Koka Bursary

Syingtons give back to the community

Shirley and Jim Syington are strong supporters of Thunder Bay, and the entire Northern Ontario. They believe it is important to give back to one’s community. Following this principle, they have generously funded a medical education award.

They decided it was “good value for the money” while supporting a good cause, and became donors. Shirley, a retired nurse, says, “We feel good knowing that the bursary will help future doctors get their medical education. We know the students will work hard to graduate and do a good job in choosing their career pathways, no matter where they may practise. Of course, we hope that Northern Ontario is on their radar and that they will consider staying here to practise.”

The Syingtons have enjoyed success in their lives, and Shirley feels that with success comes a responsibility to pay back and to reinvest in one’s community.

“Life is not a ‘free ride’. We are all part of a community and we should do whatever we can to support that community. If we don’t, who will? Donating towards a bursary is one way to encourage our students to continue their education. It’s kind of like throwing pebbles in a pond, then seeing where the ripples go.”
HSBC invests in Northern Ontario's health education

HSBC Bank Canada has a long history of supporting access to education through scholarships and bursaries. With branches in many Northern communities, it was natural for the Bank to create the HSBC Bank Canada Entrance Award.

“We became aware of the need at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine through our branch in Thunder Bay,” says Dino Medves, Senior Vice-President, Ontario Region, HSBC Bank Canada. “Given our Bank’s charitable mandate, plus the fact that I am an alumnus of Lakehead University, as is the manager of our Thunder Bay Branch, Allan Kozlo, I was immediately receptive.”

Medves says HSBC Bank Canada understands that a good education gives young people opportunities for success and for a better future. He says too many talented young people never get the chance to fulfill their potential due to financial barriers.

“By supporting education for talented people, we are investing in the future,” explains Medves. “We hope that deserving students will find it a little easier to pursue their education as a result of the HSBC Bank Canada Entrance Award, and that the recipients of this bursary will use the knowledge and experience they gain at NOSM to make a difference in their community.”

Melanie Bussoli, Laurentian University research student.

Awards & Bursaries continued

Jerry Koyna Memorial Bursary*  
Dr. Andrew Kuchtaruk and Family Bursary  
Dr. Roger Labonté Annual Award  
Bourse l’Alliance des caisses populaires de l’Ontario limitée  
T.K. & Sylvia Leung Bursary  
Lions Club of Sudbury Bursary*  
Little Current Medical Associates Bursary*  
Margaret Ann Lorimer Award  
Gerry Lougheed Jr. Bursary  
Justice S. D. Loukidelas Memorial Bursary  
Dr. J. R. Guy & Jacqueline Lupien Bursary  
Sandra, Rory, Calum and Conor Macleod, and Daniel and Magdalena Hawes Bursary  
Dr. Robert Maloney Bursary*  
Marathon Family Practice Award  
Massey and Area Medical Foundation Bursary*  
Dr. Avadesh Mathur Bursary*  
Dr. William McCready and Ms Barb Adams Bursary  
McDowell Brothers Industries Inc. Bursary*  
Orphal McKenzie Bursary  
McMillan Birch Mendelsohn Award  
Dr. J.B. McQuay Memorial Bursary  
Mended Hearts Inc. Chapter 154 Bursary*  
Gordon Merrill Memorial Bursary  
Dr. Curtis and Jeannette Milner Bursary*  
Leo Moncion Memorial Bursary  
Lise Moore Memorial Bursary  
Dr. Stephen Morton Award*  
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City of North Bay Bursary  
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North Shore Industrial Wheel Manufacturing Bursary*  
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Northern Credit Union Ltd. Bursary*  
Northridge Savings and Credit Union Ltd. Bursary*  
Northwestern Ontario Dental Association Bursary  
Northwestern Ontario Medical Education Award Fund Bursary  
NOSM Faculty & Staff Bursary*  
Ruth Evelyn O’Neill Memorial Bursary  
Palladino Honda Bursary  
Dr. J. Campbell Pearson Memorial Award  
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Greg & Chris Pilot & Family Bursary  
Marjorie Eileen Poling Adams Memorial Award  
Polish Combatants’ Association - Branch 24, Sudbury Bursary  
Porcupine District Medical Society Bursary*  
Wayne and Ruby Prouse Bursary  
Purvis Marine Ltd. Bursary*  
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David Kilgour, Sudbury Star Publisher, joining in Shave for the Record event.

Colin Bruce, Publisher of the Chronicle-Journal getting to know students Will Pynten and Lise Mozzon.

Dan Hunt, NOSM Vice Dean being interviewed by Paula Bentz for Rx For Success which ran on Dougall Media.

Abbas Homayed, Northern Life Publisher enjoying an issue of the newspaper.
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Gerry Lougheed Jr., Campaign Co-Chair (east) addresses the audience at the formal closure of the School’s Bursary Fund Campaign.

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Greg Pilot, Campaign Co-Chair (west), speaks to local media following an announcement of a significant contribution to the Bursary Fund.