



THE SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

## Russell family endowed scholarship will impact more students

SAF faculty member Grant Russell retired in June 2016. For more than 40 years, his vision and leadership significantly contributed to the School's success, growth and global reputation.

Russell's manifold contributions reflect his deep commitment to the accounting and financial management professions, and his unwavering concern for students. When asked what kind of retirement tribute would mean the most to him, he immediately replied, "helping the students." Alumni and friends are encouraged to do just that and support the Russell Family Scholarship.

This Scholarship is awarded annually to an outstanding student entering the Accounting and Financial Management program. It currently stands at \$49,000, just over the minimum to maintain the endowment.

Alumni and friends are invited to grow the endowment by \$100,000. The additional funding will increase the number of students who receive this much-valued scholarship. The aim is to announce that alumni and supporters have reached the goal at the annual SAF awards dinner on November 10, 2016.

**“ Grant truly cares about his students, both past and present. He is an exceptional teacher, mentor and guiding light. Grant practices what he preaches, whether inside or outside of the classroom. He is a truly wonderful man and he will be missed by the School as he retires and enters a new stage in his life.**

— **Suzanne Patfield** (PDACC '03), Assistant Manager of Finance at Ontario Universities' Application Centre

# highlights from forty years of impact

## » **The Accounting Group:**

Along with others, Russell spearheaded the development of accounting and finance at the University of Waterloo.

## » **Centre for Accounting Ethics:**

Russell and colleagues created the Centre to improve the teaching of ethics and enhance professional judgement.

## » **Distinguished Teacher Award:**

In 2000, Russell was recognized for having a favourable, lasting effect on students.

## » **AFM Program:**

Russell took a lead hand in crafting a professionally oriented program focused on accounting and financial management.

## » **AFMAA:**

Russell and colleagues developed a rigorous new assessment tool, an integral part of the highly competitive admission process for the AFM program.

## » **Fellowship Program:**

Envisioned by Russell, the program brings together distinguished alumni and keen students in a mentoring relationship.

## » **“Professional Student” Concept:**

Russell championed the concept as a vital way for students to envision themselves and their future careers.

**There’s something very satisfying when a student says: *you had an impact on my life.***

— Grant Russell



Despite university being heralded as some of the “best years of your life,” thinking back to my enrolment brings me a distinct memory of apprehension. Worries about the future, worries about uncertainty — the biggest were about my financial struggles. The Russell Family Scholarship let me focus on my studies and enjoy my first year. For that, I will always be grateful.

— **Jason Chen**, 4th year student



The Russell Family Scholarship relieved some of the financial burden that comes with attending university. Scholarships like this recognize the efforts put in by hardworking individuals, and motivate me to continue being a leader and contributing to the community.

— **Rowley Luo**, 2nd year student



The Russell Family Scholarship helped to support my first year at the University of Waterloo. I am grateful to Professor Russell and his family for their generous donation in helping SAF students achieve their educational goals.

— **Mina Huang** (MAcc '12), BDO Canada



I am sincerely grateful for the financial assistance that the Russell Family Scholarship provided. It allowed me to concentrate more of my time on academics, volunteer work and extra-curricular activities.

— **Manav Kapoor**, (MAcc '13) Office of the Auditor General of Canada

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