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2018-2019 Report on Giving



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PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR



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2018-2019 INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



THE FIRST 50 YEARS

The Faculty of Environment turns 50

Since 1969, the Faculty of Environment has solved pressing challenges and educated leaders in sustainability. Today, the impact of Environment alumni, faculty and staff spans across the globe. Led by Environment, Waterloo was named host for the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network Canada in 2018.



RENOWNED RESEARCH

Waterloo researchers are recognized for their ground-breaking work

In December 2018, Donna Strickland received the Nobel Prize in Physics for her research in laser science.

Today, her work is used in laser eye surgery, with more medical applications possible in the future.

Keith Hipel (BASc '70, MASc '72, PhD '75) is the first Killam Prize winner from Waterloo's Faculty of Engineering, recognized for his unique approach to researching water resources and environmental issues.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

All illustrations in this report were created by Architecture alumnus Kathleen Fu (BAS '17, MArch in progress).



Proud



GLOBAL NETWORK, GLOBAL IMPACT

*Our alumni are
making change*

With more than 210,000 individuals in 145 countries, Waterloo's alumni network is a force to be reckoned with. In 2019, 12 young alumni and former students were named to international "Top 30 Under 30" lists. They are proof that the Waterloo community is filled with game changers who make a big impact on our world and global economy.



PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO IMPACT

*Waterloo receives its
60th Startup Pledge*

By signing the Startup Pledge, entrepreneurs commit to donating a portion of their company's future success. When their company has a liquidity event, like an IPO, a small portion of the realized options are converted into a gift to Waterloo.

Martin Basiri (MAsc '13), co-founder of ApplyBoard, is the 60th Startup Pledger. Thank you to Martin, and all the generous founders before him!



READ MARTIN'S STORY AT

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startup-pledge](https://uwaterloo.ca/impact-stories/startup-pledge)



GIFTS THAT GO BEYOND

*On the surface, the University of Waterloo is
a hub of talented alumni, students and researchers.*

Behind the scenes, generous donors create a solid foundation where our ideas and applications can grow. Together, we can improve the lives of those in our local communities and societies around the world.

This Report on Giving offers a small collection of examples that show the impact of your generosity. Thank you for giving to Waterloo. Your contributions help us achieve great things and move society forward.



OPEN TO SEE OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

A PASSION FOR SERVICE

Dr. Stanley F. Leavine was a dedicated public servant and physician. A memorial scholarship recognizes students who emulate his character.



“It is my biggest dream to become a physician,” explains Leah Drost, an upper-year student in the Health Sciences program.

Leah is an award-winning co-op student, published medical researcher, and community volunteer. She hopes to become a physician and dedicate her career to helping others.

“I hope to eventually work for an organization like Doctors Without Borders,” she says. “I would love to end up back in my hometown of Thunder Bay, helping to [improve] the poor access to healthcare that many Northern communities face.”

Leah’s career in the medical field is already off to a great start. In 2017 she was named a Co-op Student of the Year for her work at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, where she researched post-surgery radiotherapy for cancer that spread to the bone. The study was published in the medical journal *Radiology and Oncology*. She also worked directly with patients at Sunnybrook, and she truly enjoyed these clinical interactions.

During academic terms, Leah continues to help others by volunteering with a variety of groups and organizations. She has been heavily involved with on-campus mentorship organizations, joined student clubs, and held student leadership roles in Waterloo residence. Plus, she volunteers off campus.

“I love getting involved in my community, both with on-campus opportunities and in the wider Kitchener-Waterloo area,” she says. “I have held several volunteer roles in the community, working primarily with children and families in the downtown Kitchener area.”

Given her passion for helping others, Leah is a fitting first recipient of the Dr. Stanley F. Leavine Scholarship, an award that memorializes the prominent public servant and local physician. In many ways, she emulates Dr. Leavine’s dedication to his community.

Dr. Leavine spent much of his life in the Kitchener-Waterloo area. He served on the Kitchener Board of Health and the K-W Hospital Commission, and he was President of the North Waterloo Academy of Medicine. Later in his career, he entered city council, and held

multiple roles in our local government, including Mayor of Kitchener. Dr. Leavine was also a strong supporter in the University of Waterloo's earliest days, as a founding member of our Board of Governors.

His daughter, Dr. Desta Leavine, created the memorial scholarship, which is given to third- or fourth-year undergraduate students pursuing a medical career. It was important that recipients have an interest in a medical career like her father did.

When asked why she created the award, she simply answered, "Why not?"

Her father was very interested in education. Given his strong ties to Waterloo and the greater community, the award serves as a reminder of his public service.

The significance of the award is not lost on Leah, and Desta's gift is incredibly meaningful to her. The award has lessened the burden of her tuition, living expenses and applications to medical school. Plus, Leah says that the award reminds her there is community supporting her – cheering her on.

"I cannot fully express how deeply grateful I am for receiving this award," she says. "It truly gave me the courage and confidence to pursue my dreams, and it gave me the resources to help make those dreams a reality."

Earlier this year, Leah's dream of becoming a physician got one step closer. As of August 2019, she's a medical student.



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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

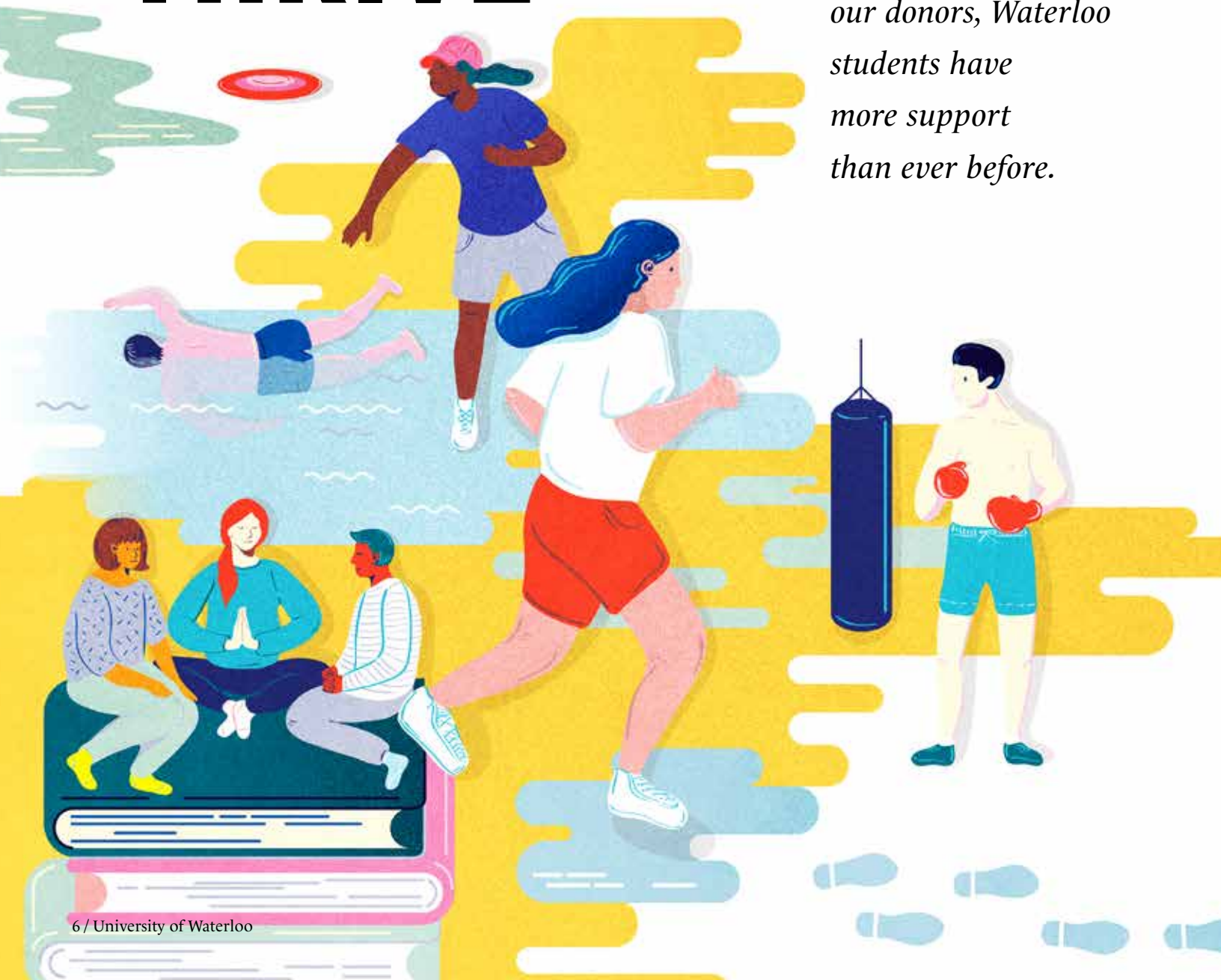


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YOU HELP STUDENTS THRIVE

Wellness – physical, mental, emotional and spiritual – is crucial to student success. Thanks to our donors, Waterloo students have more support than ever before.



HEALTHY BODIES

Encouraging balance through physical activity and play

Thanks to generous donors, including local company WalterFedy, we're extending the reach of our programs with specialized promotions and new offerings. In September 2019, we began a large communications campaign, promoting how physical activity improves academic success, community engagement and mental resiliency. In the next 5 years, we have exciting plans, including outdoor play and workout spaces.



HEALTHY SPACES

Building spaces to meet and reflect

Following renovations, our libraries can better support students' mental health and wellness while serving their academic needs. New lounges offer a comfortable space to relax and meet with friends, and a multi-faith prayer room supports spiritual wellness and diversity. These new spaces are home to the Library's student engagement programs, which promote stress relief through educational activities.



HEALTHY MINDS

Creating the support that students need

With your help, we're providing a supportive environment for all Waterloo students. In 2018, more than 50 front-line services staff received mental health first aid training, giving them the tools to provide critical support. Plus, we created online mental health workshops, so students can access resources anywhere, at any time. With up to 800 visitors every month, these online resources are helping many students improve their wellbeing and resiliency.



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STRIVING FOR HOLISTIC CARE

Pharmacy student Bradley Murphy is using a scholarship to gain an inclusive perspective



For his six-month clinical rotation, Bradley Murphy wanted to broaden his horizons and gain a holistic perspective on health care. He chose to work on Manitoulin Island, where he hoped to hone his clinical skills and learn from the island's Indigenous population.

"I'll come across Indigenous practices and teachings in my daily practice, and it's an important part of Canadian history," says Bradley. "I think it's only appropriate to understand Indigenous practices and traditions, because it will help me become a more holistic health care provider."

Today, Bradley is exploring Indigenous learning opportunities, attending pharmaceutical conferences, and volunteering in the Manitoulin community – all thanks to long-time donors Dr. Frank and Juliana Wong. They created the Dr. Frank and Juliana Wong Patient Care Rotation Award, a scholarship for pharmacy students who complete their clinical rotations in rural areas and immerse themselves in the local community.

With the island's small health care team, Bradley's work makes a visible difference. Plus, he's gained independence and confidence in his pharmaceutical skills.

"This has been a truly memorable experience," says Bradley. "I've enhanced my clinical and cultural knowledge, and furthered myself as a person. It will make me a better pharmacist and care provider."

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EDUCATING THE URBAN ENGINEERS OF THE FUTURE



NADINE IBRAHIM
TURKSTRA CHAIR
IN URBAN ENGINEERING

The Turkstra Chair in Urban Engineering is preparing tomorrow's municipal leaders

The new Chair was created by Carl Turkstra (PhD '63) with a vision to launch the next generation of engineering leaders into the public sector. Nadine Ibrahim took the position in January 2019. Through unique coursework and extracurriculars, she's helping students learn from a network of faculty, industry professionals and global experts.

“My vision is to make Waterloo a hub where urban experts come together,” she says. “Our future cities need urban engineers who collaborate with others in the face of ground-breaking, complex challenges.”

Nadine is creating new student opportunities, including discussion groups, lectures from industry professionals, and collaborative design challenges.

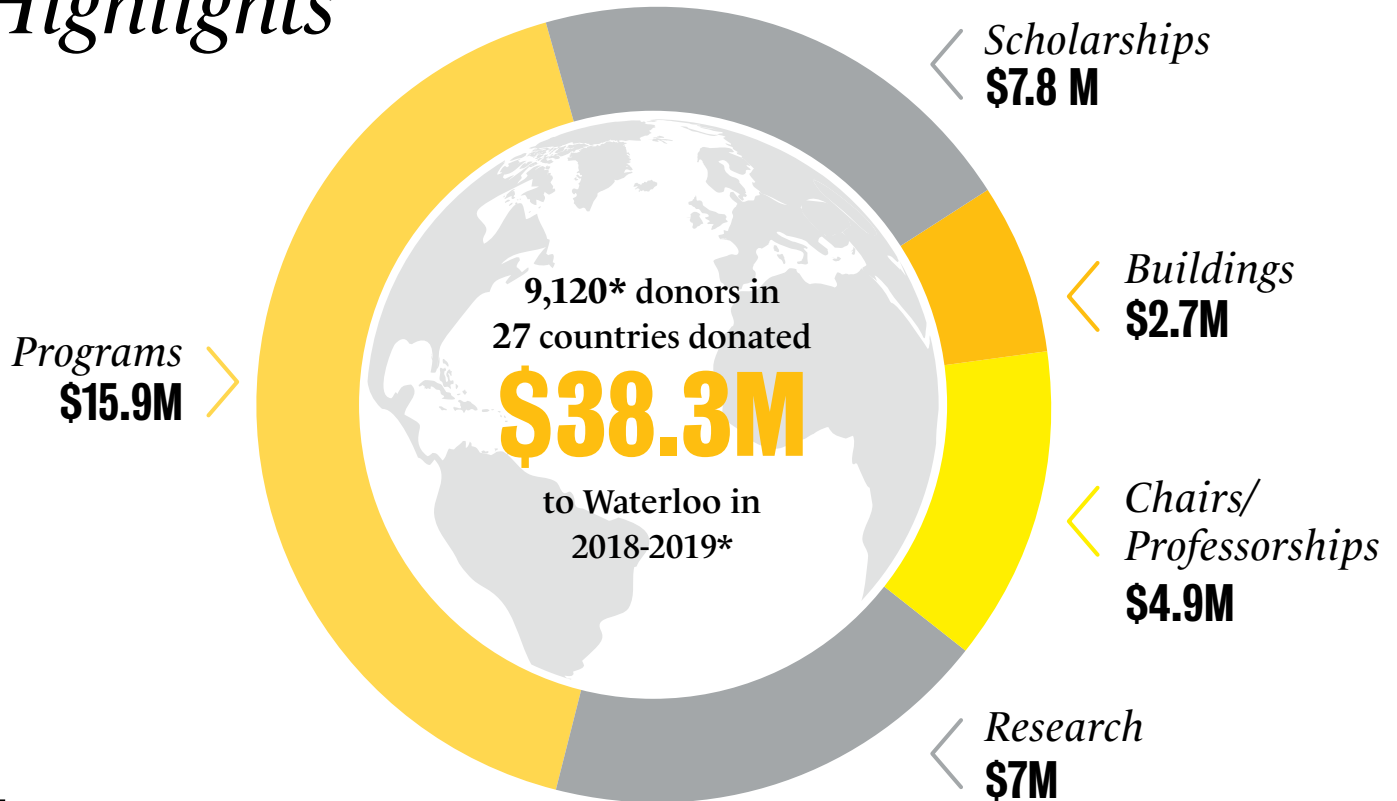


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Highlights



\$18.7M
from individuals,
including:

\$9.9M from alumni

\$5.7M from parents
and friends

\$2.6M from students

\$0.5M from faculty, staff
and retirees**



\$19.6M
from corporations,
foundations and
organizations

These figures represent dollars RAISED and include cash, pledges, gifts-in-kind, and other revenue promised or given May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019. Figures exclude payments on pledges made prior to the current year. All figures are unaudited.

* Figure does not include the thousands of students each year who make voluntary contributions.

** Overall, the Keystone Campaign, Waterloo's family campaign, raised in excess of \$2.7 million. This figure comprises gifts from all sources, including the Board of Governors, faculty, staff, and retirees, and alumni who work for Waterloo.

GIVING THAT CHANGES THE WORLD



A final word from the Vice-President, Advancement

In my role I have the privilege of engaging with our donors across the globe. No matter where you reside, or how we meet, I'm always impressed by your desire to make a difference. I hope this report displays just how powerful your gifts can be. Your generosity has a profound effect on our campus and enhances our impact on the world.

When you give to Waterloo, you support our students as they develop their intellect, drive and creativity; you help us build a global network of alumni who strive to make a positive mark on the world; and you support researchers and innovators, whose discoveries will improve lives in meaningful ways.

Waterloo is a hub of talent and innovation, and your generosity makes that possible. Together, we can educate tomorrow's leaders, spur new innovations, and create a more vibrant world.

Thank you for being our partners in change.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joanne Shoveller". The signature is fluid and cursive.

JOANNE SHOVELLER

VICE-PRESIDENT, ADVANCEMENT

IN 2018-2019

2,248

*first-time
donors*

1,519

*monthly
donors*

45

*bequest gifts
confirmed*

\$6.8M

*towards
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