During his time in the Indigenous Studies B.A. program, Zhaawnong has used his considerable social-media reach (more than 150,000 followers) to educate his audience about Indigenous history and culture, while raising awareness for First Nation organizations such as the Indian Residential School Survivors’ Society and Native Women’s Association.

Passionately involved with Trent University’s First Peoples House of Learning (FPHL), Zhaawnong also works as a junior firekeeper for the department and spoke on a youth expert panel at the Elders & Traditional Peoples Gathering. In addition to his work with FPHL, Zhaawnong has also worked as a program outreach and education instructor for Trent Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge and Science (TRACKS) Youth.

Learn more about Zhaawnong Webb
Momentous Change student ambassador and Paul Delaney Award recipient.
At Trent University, we’ve spent a lot of time over the past year thinking about ‘momentous change.’ We know momentous change is happening in the world around us - whether it’s through AI, climate change, race relations, or the health of our economies – and we know that, at Trent, we are driven to activate, understand and steer these changes for good. But we asked some of our supporters one very important question - when specifically does momentous change happen? Here’s a snippet of the insightful and inspiring responses:

Moments change happens when diversity and inclusivity are non-negotiable.
Moments change happens when we support Trent students and scholars in speaking up about Indigenous histories, issues, and solutions.
Moments change happens when there are safe spaces to explore ideas and debate issues openly.

To help ensure Trent can continue to create this kind of meaningful change, we have launched the Campaign for Momentous Change – the boldest philanthropic campaign in the University’s history. With continued support from alumni, our community, and friends throughout this time of rapid change, the University will remain a vibrant institution for collaboration, discovery, and leadership. As Chancellor Stephen Stohn ’66 puts it, “The world needs more Trent!” and I couldn’t agree more.

Within this report, you’ll find live links connecting you to stories of how your philanthropic support is creating momentous change. Our future nurses have gained a new scholarship as well as more opportunities for a life-changing placement in Central America. Students who face financial barriers to their dreams now have additional support through Trent’s largest-ever endowed bursary. Refugees now have access to a new scholarship and leadership award, while yet another gift is doubling the number of students who can participate in community-based research.

You can also read more about the Campaign itself, which aims to raise $100 million and sign up 500 new monthly donors to provide stable and reliable support to our students and faculty as they tackle some of the world’s most pressing issues.

On behalf of all of us at Trent University, I want to express my deep gratitude and appreciation for all that you do to create momentous change. For me, momentous change happens when we share a vision, are inspired to succeed, and work collectively.

SHERRY BOOTH, ’98, B.A. B.Sc,
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WITH THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF SUPPORTERS LIKE YOU,

MOMENTOUS CHANGE IS HAPPENING AT TRENT UNIVERSITY
Trent University launched the $100-million Campaign for Momentous Change – the largest in University history – to empower students, enable world-changing research, steward the University’s iconic architecture, and vitalize our campuses.

To date the ambitious campaign has raised more than $42M, including $6.6M to build a new residence and academic building at Trent Durham GTA and provide greater supports for Durham students; a $2.5M gift from the Joyce Family Foundation that removes financial barriers for disadvantaged students and allows them to follow their dreams; nearly $2.4M to launch and support the inaugural Jarislowsky Chair in Trust and Political Leadership to enhance learning opportunities for Political Studies students; and a $1M gift from David and Joan Moore to create international scholarships and bring the brightest minds from across the world to study at Trent.

Learn more about the Campaign for Momentous Change.
The Ishkodehwin Peer Mentorship program, directed by the First Peoples House of Learning, is designed to assist incoming Indigenous students in making a successful transition to University life and meeting academic expectations through peer-to-peer support, intentional mentorship opportunities and cultural engagement.

Learn more about the Ishkodehwin peer mentorship program.

Trent University students are gaining an even richer experience when studying politics, fiduciary policy and responsible governance thanks to a generous gift from Scotiabank.

The gift supports the new Jarislowsky Chair in the Trust and Political Leadership program led by inaugural Jarislowsky Chair, Dr. Cristine de Clercy.

Trent is at the forefront of this first-of-its-kind network of endowed chairs that aims to build greater trust in public institutions and create the leaders of tomorrow in public service.

Learn more about the Jarislowsky Chair in the Trust and Political Leadership program.
Students who are refugees now have access to a new annual scholarship and leadership award thanks to the generosity of Dr. Alena Heitlinger, a retired professor of Sociology at Trent University (who was herself a refugee from Czechoslovakia) and her husband Dr. David Morrison, also a retired Trent professor and former head of Trent International. The couple made a significant gift on Giving Tuesday 2022 to ensure students who face challenges as refugees get support through World University Service Canada.

Learn more about the impact of this generous gift.

Trent’s School of Education remains at the forefront of teacher education – nurturing educators, but most importantly learners, who are ready to create new knowledge, flourish in a technology-driven environment, and lead with compassion.

The Campaign for Momentous Change is inspiring research and discovery in the School of Education by creating more opportunities for future teachers to learn and develop on the land and in our communities. It also supports our students – the teachers of tomorrow and advocates for social and environmental justice, equity, and reconciliation. And it will create inspiring places in which to learn, collaborate and explore.

Learn more about the impact of Trent’s School of Education.
NEW TRENT RESEARCH BOAT HELPS PRESERVE LOCAL LAKES AND RIVERS

Trent University’s new aquatic research vessel RV Ingleton – named after donors Carol and Ralph Ingleton - will help Trent researchers continue their work into improving water quality and habitats of local aquatic ecosystems. The goal of the Trent Aquatic Research Program (TARP) is to engage the community in thinking about the lake as a living system and contribute to the health and conservation of the Stoney Lake ecosystem.

Learn more about the impact of TARP.

More students will be able to experience the life-changing international nursing placement in Central America through a generous gift from the leader of the Campaign for Momentous Change, Gavin Marshall ‘76.

A significant portion of the gift will support Trent’s future nurses who travel to remote villages in Honduras and Guatemala to assist vulnerable populations through health promotion and nursing education.

Learn more about the impact of this gift to the international nursing placement.
REMOVING FINANCIAL BARRIERS FOR DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS

Local students who face financial barriers now have greater support to achieve their academic goals thanks to a $2.5-million gift from the Joyce Family Foundation to create Trent’s largest-ever endowed bursary.

Learn more about the impact of the Joyce Family Foundation Bursary Endowment Fund on students.

TRENT’S ICONIC ARCHITECTURE PRESERVED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

A momentous gift to the Bryan P. Davies Heritage Fund is creating lasting and meaningful support for Trent University’s iconic architecture.

Learn more about the impact of the Bryan P. Davies Heritage Fund.

DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WILL GAIN EXPERIENCE IN COMMUNITY RESEARCH

A $1.2-million gift will support Trent University’s community-based research program by doubling the number of students and community organizations able to participate in the impactful program.

Learn more about the impact of this gift and community-based research at Trent.
To date, Trent University has signed up 100 new monthly donors, making momentous progress to reaching the goal of 500 monthly donors prior to completing the Campaign for Momentous Change.

NEW BURSARY FOR STUDENTS WHO LIVED UNDER CHILDREN’S AID SOCIETY CARE

Students who have lived under the exclusive care of the Children’s Aid Society have access to a new bursary through an important gift from alumna Elizabeth Wills-Edwards ’08.

Learn more about the impact of the Willsy’s Extended Society Care Fund.

On Trent Day 2023, the Trent community came together to raise $462,525 to support students and programs, set a new single-day record of increasing monthly supporters, volunteer at service sites to support the community, and collect 1,795 pounds of non-perishables for local food banks.

Learn more about the impact of Trent Day and monthly giving.
NEW AMPHITHEATRE OFFERS MOMENTOUS ARTS HUBS IN PETERBOROUGH

Catharine Parr Traill College is now home to the Jalynn Bennett Amphitheatre - a momentous new performance space that promises to become a hub for arts, culture, heritage, and education in downtown Peterborough.

Learn more about the amphitheatre and impact of legacy gifts.

NEW CLIMATE CHANGE WEATHER MONITORING STATION BENEFITS RESEARCHERS, STUDENTS, AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY

For more than 40 years, Trent University has been a hub for collecting local weather data used by researchers, students, individuals, and organizations interested in weather information. Thanks to a generous gift from local civil engineering company D.M. Wills Associates Limited, the Trent Farm has a newly installed monitoring station that features a whole suite of measurements including precipitation, temperature, humidity, wind speeds and directions, solar radiation, and soil temperatures.

Learn more about the impact of gifts to Trent Farm.

BOOSTING SCHOLARSHIPS, EMERGENCY FUNDING AT TRENT DURHAM

More Trent University Durham GTA students will have access to scholarships and emergency funding thanks to a $517,500 gift from the Jeremiah F. Coughlan Foundation.

Learn more about the impact of Dr. Jerry Coughlan Hat Trick Award.
YOU INSPIRED ...
Momentous Change at Trent University

What your gifts supported

- 38% Bursaries, Scholarships, Awards, and Prizes
- 13% Student Wellness, Accessibility, Athletics, and Colleges
- 12% Research
- 8% Experiential Learning
- 6% Trent Funds Areas of Greatest Need + Operating Support
- 9% Gift-in-Kind
- 9% Academic Support
- 5% Campus Projects

$10.3M
THANK YOU
Trent Community for your loyal support

Trent supporters

- $3,481,994 Alumni
- $2,123,754 Staff, Faculty, Retirees, Board & Community
- $4,710,633 Corporations, Foundations

Type of fund

- $6,942,761 Endowed
- $2,486,295 Expendable
- $887,425 Gift-in-Kind
Alumni giving by decade

- 73% 1970s
- 15% 1960s
- 5% 2000s+
- 3% 1980s
- 1% 1990s

Alumni from around the world

- 52,503 Canada
- 635 Asia
- 768 United States
- 457 Europe
- 205 Middle East & Africa
- 204 Latin America & Caribbean
- 90 Australia & New Zealand

*Contactable alumni*
Fund Distribution to Academic Units

$2,514,663

- 46.73% Humanities & Social Science
- 10.53% Nursing
- 8.47% Science
- 7% Graduate Studies
- 3.27% Education & Professional Learning
- 21.19% Trent Durham GTA

$358,646 College Support
$266,340 International Support
$1,150,572 Indigenous Support
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