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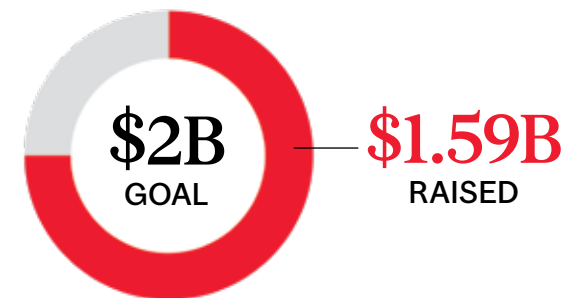
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We thank you.

Everywhere you look at McGill, donors are sparking positive change – whether it’s by supporting breakthrough medical treatments, investing in sustainability, funding innovative spaces and start-ups, or establishing new awards that foster excellence and inclusion. Read on to discover how your philanthropy is driving progress as part of Made by McGill: the Campaign for Our Third Century.

Your impact

Made by McGill Campaign progress



The number above reflects progress as of March 2022.

Giving in FY21

\$180M given by **25K** donors

The McGill Fund Strength in numbers

\$12.7M raised from **23K** donors

\$2.1M came from donations of
\$250 or less

The numbers above are the totals for fiscal year (FY) 2021.

Emergency support

5,000+ donors have given **\$1.6M**
 through the Student Emergency Support Fund
 to help over **1,500** students in need

Powerful legacies

78 donors contributed
\$11.3M in bequests and legacy gifts

The numbers above are the totals for FY21 and include only realized gifts.

McGill24 Annual day of giving

5,901 gifts totalling a record
\$3.95M in 2022

Alumni engagement

70+ alumni branches and constituent groups worldwide

300+ webcasts, webinars and virtual salons in FY21, including over **100 events** hosted in collaboration with McGill Alumni Association volunteers

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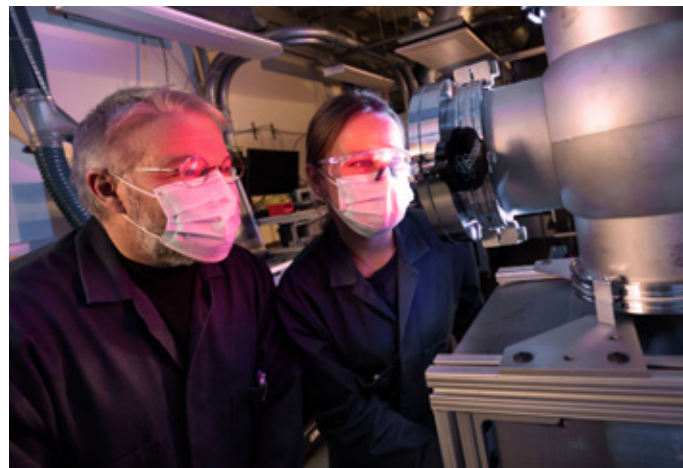
The New Vic: Where sustainable ideas will take root

McGill's **New Vic Project** maps out a bold vision for a portion of the vast historic site that was home to the Royal Victoria Hospital until 2015.

With the help of philanthropy, McGill aims to convert part of the former hospital into a state-of-the-art research, learning, and teaching hub dedicated to **Sustainability Systems** and **Public Policy**. An ambitious plan will reimagine three of the heritage buildings on Pine Avenue and replace a section of mid-century construction with a new pavilion featuring the most advanced standards of sustainability design.

The New Vic will house three research clusters that are vital to sustainability – Molecular/Materials Systems, Earth Systems, and Urban Systems – as well as the Max Bell School of Public Policy. Spaces for informal meetings and interaction will foster collaboration across disciplines.

By putting policy expertise into direct conversation with sustainability science and working with industry and government partners, the project will ensure that research is translated into tangible solutions.



Professor Sylvain Coulombe and graduate student Lynn Hein examine a low pressure plasma system for the synthesis of advanced materials.

Clean energy and green materials

Current sustainability research at McGill provides a window into the type of interdisciplinary collaborations that the New Vic will nurture.

The new **McGill Centre for Innovation in Storage and Conversion of Energy (McISCE)** aspires to be one of the world's leading sites for research into carbon-free energy conversion and storage innovation. Based in the Faculty of Engineering, McISCE's network includes members in the Faculties of Science, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, and Management.

McISCE received a big boost in fall 2021 thanks to a \$2-million donation from TD Bank Group (TD) that will bolster research capacity and train students who can develop clean energy storage technologies.

With current technology, energy can be harvested from alternatives to fossil fuels, such as wind and solar power. But the challenges of long-term storage and conversion of this energy impede its widespread use. That's where McISCE's research comes in.

"Hydrogen has the potential to be a clean energy commodity, but the problem is: how can we store it for heavy duty transportation or long-distance energy delivery, or even for international energy trade?" says Jeffrey Bergthorson, a Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and co-founder of McISCE.

His Alternative Fuels Lab is exploring the use of metal fuels as a means of storing energy and even producing hydrogen on demand.

"One idea is to use aluminum as a recyclable fuel and renewable energy commodity. The aluminum can later be burned with water to release hydrogen on demand rather than transporting and storing hydrogen itself," explains Bergthorson. "Further, it's completely sustainable, as you can keep re-using the aluminum over and over – it's a circular fuel."



Preliminary design image – subject to project approval
Photo credit: Diamond Schmitt / Lemay Michaud Architectes



Audrey Moores

Another ambitious multidisciplinary endeavour is the **McGill Sustainability Systems Initiative (MSSI)**, which mobilizes researchers from diverse areas around large-scale sustainability challenges.

Audrey Moores, a Professor in the Department of Chemistry, co-leads the MSSI's research theme on Creating Sustainable Materials.

“Our team has been developing new approaches to understanding the toxicity of nanoparticles; we have developed new materials for energy applications; we have investigated the toxicity of paint components,” says Moores. “In each of these projects, the key was the ability for us to learn how to work across multiple faculties.”

Students also benefit from transdisciplinary collaboration. “They get exposed to multiple disciplines and they get a much better perspective in systems thinking – trying to think systems as opposed to just small, divided problems,” Moores says.

Students step up to the challenge

Throughout McGill, students are working to protect the future of our planet. The New Vic Project will intensify these efforts and encourage more students to integrate ecological principles in their chosen career paths.

At the **Max Bell School of Public Policy**, Caroline Merner and a few classmates are examining how to mobilize government to implement climate adaptation solutions. Those solutions could involve natural infrastructure projects, like protecting wetlands, or bolstering existing critical infrastructure, says Merner, a McCall MacBain Scholar and co-founder of the non-profit Youth4Nature.

The devastating flooding last fall in British Columbia will be part of their analysis. The floods damaged highways, her parents lost power and “communities of friends of mine” experienced flooding, Merner notes. “It hits close to home, and you recognize that the problem of climate change is not some distant in-the-future issue, but it really is on our doorstep.”

Impact200, McGill's Bicentennial Student Sustainability Challenge, featured team projects that aim to address one or more of the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals, such as clean water and sanitation. Team MiniWaste, led by two PhD candidates in Chemistry and a Chemical Engineering graduate, won the competition with a project called FoodMap that aims to reduce food waste and promote food security.



Caroline Merner



Kayla Dowd



In the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, sustainability is a common thread running through academic programs and many of the experiential learning activities that students pursue. Thanks to donor support, all undergraduate students in the Faculty have the chance to complete an internship through the **Alton and Dianne McEwen and Family Internship Program**.

For her Summer 2021 internship, Bioresource Engineering student Kayla Dowd worked at the **Macdonald Student-Run Ecological Gardens** where interns and managers grow more than 50 varieties of vegetables without the use of pesticides or herbicides. They supply weekly baskets to their subscribers and sell produce at local markets.

Students learn everything from budget planning and marketing, to planting, maintaining, and harvesting crops. “It's the most educational job I've ever had because it's hands-on farm experience, and you are pretty quickly taking a lot of responsibility for the farm,” says Dowd.

A healthier future. Made by world-class researchers.

Leaders in cancer research

It has been a year of noteworthy achievements for the **Rosalind and Morris Goodman Cancer Institute (GCI)**, named for the benefactors whose 2008 gift energized cancer research at McGill.

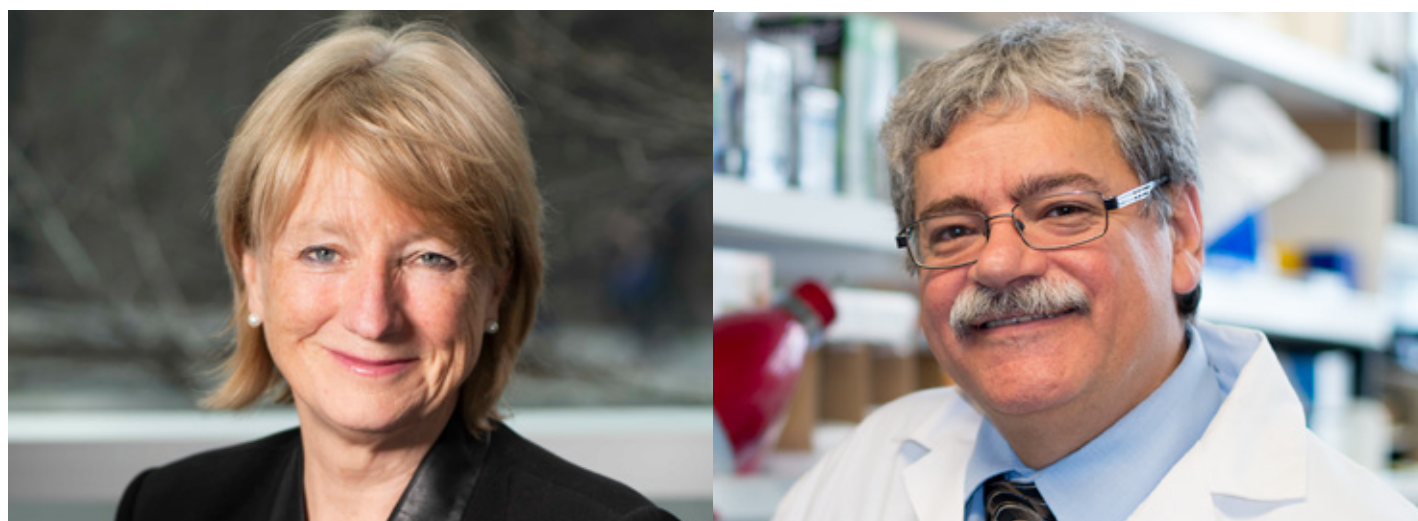
Two investigators who have played leading roles in the Institute's growth and success were honoured in 2021. Current director Morag Park, PhD, and former director Michel Tremblay, PhD, were awarded prestigious Prix du Québec for their exceptional scientific contributions.

Park is world-renowned for her discoveries on the breast tumour environment, and her investigations into tyrosine kinases have resulted in new therapies now used in the clinic. By uniting research groups throughout Quebec and Canada, she established the province's first breast cancer biobank and the Quebec Cancer Consortium.

Tremblay is a globally recognized trailblazer in the study of protein tyrosine phosphatases, a class of proteins involved in many biological processes and diseases, including cancer. With a keen entrepreneurial spirit, he has successfully translated his findings into clinical practice by founding and collaborating with biotechnology firms.

The GCI is also leading research into a cure for lung cancer, long stigmatized as "the smoker's cancer" even though one in six patients have never smoked.

The Institute's Lung Cancer Research Network (LCRN), supported by the Goodman Cancer Research Gala and many generous donors, offers real hope for patients and their families. Led by Dr. Jonathan Spicer, BSc'01, MDCM'05, PGME'12, PhD'14, and Logan Walsh, PhD, the Rosalind Goodman Lung Cancer Chair, the LCRN has already increased clinical trial capacity, improved access to precision medicine, and built an ambitious Intent to Cure Lung Cancer Research Program.



Morag Park and Michel Tremblay

The Network is focused "on answering the most important questions about lung cancer: why do some patients respond to certain therapies while others do not? And how do we increase survival rates?" says Walsh. With donor support, the LCRN is poised to double lung cancer survivorship in the next decade.

Investigating the origins of brain cancer

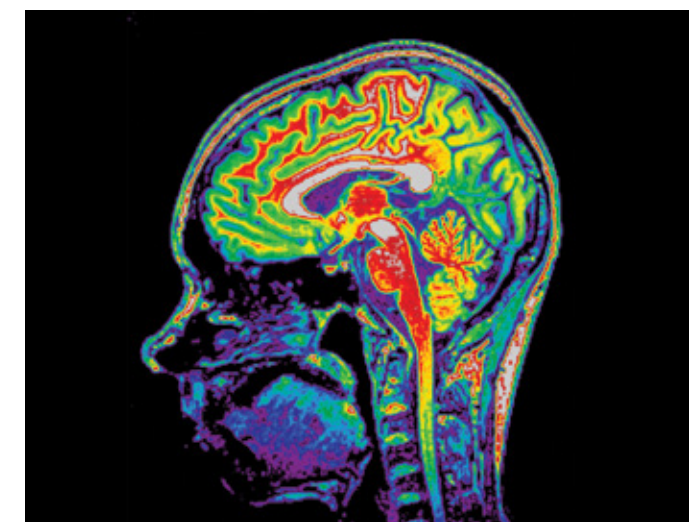
Researchers at **The Neuro** (Montreal Neurological Institute-Hospital) have made a major breakthrough in understanding glioblastoma, the most common and aggressive type of malignant brain tumour.

A team led by Dr. Kevin Petrecca, BSc'94, PhD'00, MDCM'02, Chief of Neurosurgery at the McGill University Health Centre and leader of the Brain Tumour Research Group at The Neuro, has detected a progenitor glioblastoma stem cell – a cell type from which all other cancer cells develop.

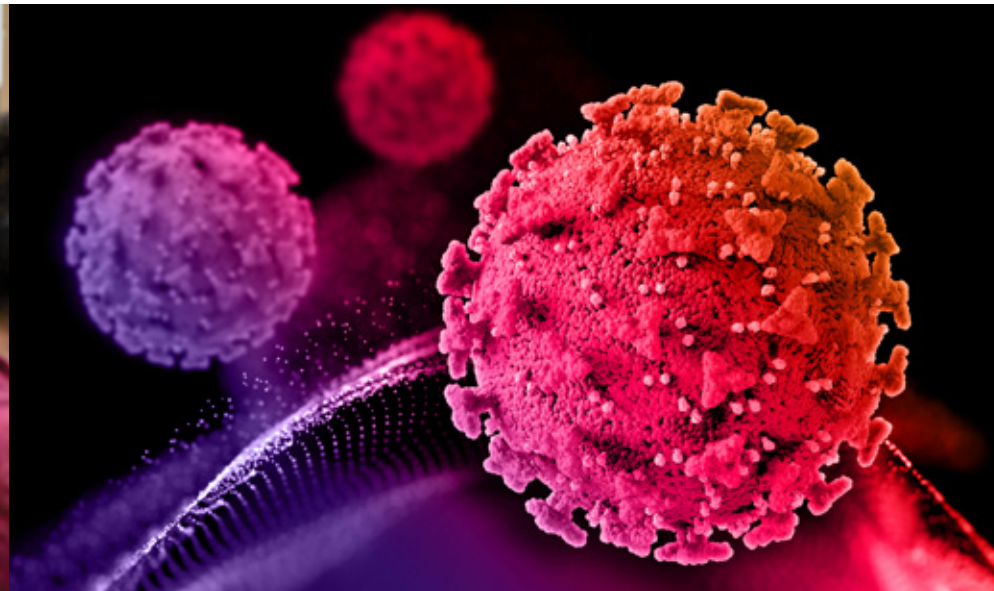
The results of this groundbreaking work are transforming cancer research strategies across the globe. "Our work has gone a long way in resolving the complexity of glioblastoma heterogeneity, and it provides a new framework to reconsider the nature of glioblastoma," says Petrecca.

Now his team's objective is to uncover how and why these cells mutate into cancer cells. "Something causes the transition from normal to precancerous to cancer cells, and the research process is very clinically translatable, so we are also identifying targets as we progress," Petrecca says.

The Brain Tumour Program at The Neuro has received significant support from private donors, foundations, and The Neuro's annual gala, A Brilliant Night. This funding fuels novel and ambitious research in previously unexplored areas with immense potential for discovery. "Our donors are essential," says Petrecca. "Without their help, research like ours simply would not advance the way it has."



Top: Dr. Kevin Petrecca



Supporting essential pandemic research

The past year has taught us that the race to beat COVID-19 is a marathon rather than a sprint – and the **McGill Interdisciplinary Initiative in Infection and Immunity (MI4)** is leading the pack.

MI4, a network of over 250 researchers from across McGill faculties and affiliated hospitals, mounted a swift response to the pandemic in early 2020 and established the MI4 Emergency COVID-19 Research Fund thanks to generous support, secured in partnership with the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) Foundation, from donors such as the Doggone Foundation, the Trottier Family Foundation and the Hewitt Foundation.

Over the past two years, philanthropy has continued to fuel MI4’s essential contributions to public health. The Fund has provided support to 67 innovative research projects – including those highlighted here – with topics ranging from wastewater surveillance, to genetic markers that predict severe disease, to the psychological wellbeing of healthcare professionals.

Recognized among the leaders of Canada’s pandemic response, MI4’s researchers are advising policymakers through roles on the Canadian COVID-19 Therapeutics Task Force,

the Quebec and Canadian vaccine advisory groups, and the COVID-19 Immunity Task Force, which is housed in McGill’s School of Population and Global Health (SPGH).

Predicting COVID-19 transmission

Mathieu Maheu-Giroux, MSc’06, MSc’09, an Assistant Professor at the SPGH, and several colleagues have built a mathematical model that generates predictions about COVID-19 transmission in Quebec.

“Our primary objective is to make sense of the surveillance data we have, so we can try to track in near real time what level of transmission we are experiencing and, based on that, what we are likely to experience in the next few days or weeks in terms of cases, hospitalization and mortality,” he explains.

This work is informing decision-making and is being used to help reduce mortality rates, protect the healthcare system and minimize social disruptions. Maheu-Giroux credits philanthropy for allowing him to quickly launch the project and assemble a communications team to share results with public health bodies.

Tracking vaccine development

Two other researchers at the SPGH, epidemiologist Nicole Basta, PhD, and biostatistician Erica Moodie, PhD, are the brains behind an online tracker that provides updates on the development of COVID-19 vaccines.

“Our goal with the vaccine tracker is to help the public find and access reliable information about COVID-19 vaccines, improve understanding about the vaccine testing process, and manage expectations about when a vaccine may be available,” Basta said when the project launched.

Now reaching over two million users worldwide, the tracker continues to provide comprehensive data on the safety, efficacy, and approval status of all COVID-19 vaccines.

Outreach in marginalized communities

There is growing evidence that the pandemic has had a disproportionate impact on certain communities, according to Dr. Cécile Rousseau, MSc’94, Professor in the Department of Psychiatry.

She and Dr. Alexandra de Pokomandy, MDCM’01, MSc’09, Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine, launched an outreach project called CoVivre to strengthen the COVID-19 response in at-risk communities. By partnering with local organizations, the project is helping to reduce infection risk, mitigate the psychosocial and mental health consequences of the pandemic, and combat misinformation online.

Based in Montreal, CoVivre is now having an impact nationwide thanks to a partnership with the CanCOVID network.

Big ideas for the future. Made by innovation.

The world needs innovation more than ever. New approaches to everything from recycling to healthcare to shopping. That's why McGill's entrepreneurial ecosystem, strengthened by the new McGill Innovation Fund, lifts up the bold and the curious.



The Recycling Pioneers Kirk Lau, Simina Alungulesa and Arneet Kalra

Innovation always starts with a good idea – even if it means diving into a pile of garbage. That's how it started for the Recycling Pioneers, founded by three McGill students who pored through recycling and trash from the McConnell Engineering Building cafeteria. This led to the development of a smart waste bin with better segregation of materials, built-in sensors, and display screens to guide consumers. The result? More recycling, less landfill and an innovation poised to take off.

The Recycling Pioneers were nurtured by McGill's innovation ecosystem. Their idea got started with the goLEAD program (a student project incubator, part of the Empower initiative in the Faculty of Engineering), then a \$3,000 grant from the Sustainability Projects Fund, and the involvement of a software engineering student through McGill Engine's Startup Internship Program. At McGill, it takes an innovation village to make positive change and, with donor support, that village is growing.

McGill's **Dobson Centre for Entrepreneurship** has already produced more than 400 active startups that have collectively raised over \$1.5 billion in seed funding and created more than 8,000 new jobs. Driven by young entrepreneurs from all faculties, imaginative startups tackle everything from using bacteria to break down oil, to leveraging social networks to boost volunteerism.

Meanwhile, the **McGill Engine Centre**, run out of the Faculty of Engineering, distributed over \$161,000 in grants, awards, and fellowships in 2020-21, supporting 47 projects that range from sustainable housing construction to a smart, automated toothbrush. Among the Engine's many funding and training programs is the TechAccel program which helps students, like the Recycling Pioneers, jump-start and accelerate technologically-based ideas.

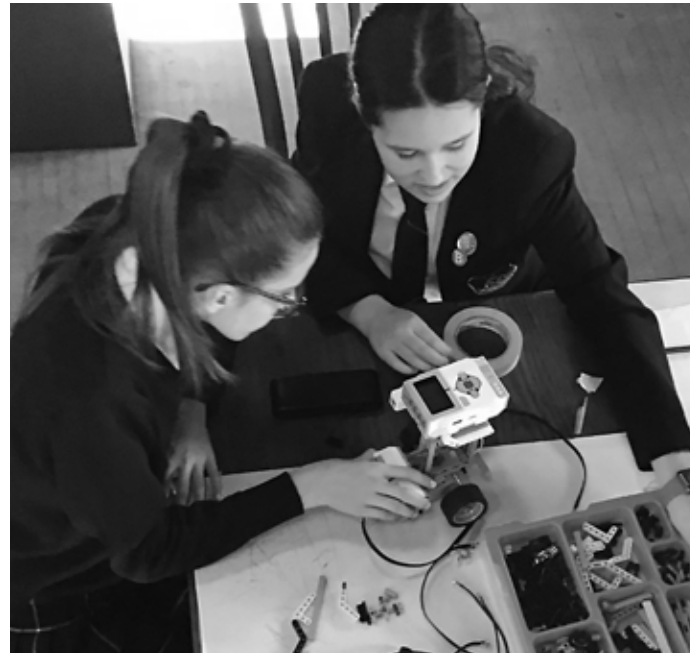
At the **Bensadoun School of Retail Management**, innovation starts on the ground floor – literally. That's the location of the retail innovation lab, a unique partnership between McGill and Alimentation Couche-Tard. The first of its kind in the world, the lab will enable groundbreaking research in retail management, testing innovative technology in a live retail environment to transform the customer experience and potentially re-invigorate the post-pandemic retail landscape.

No matter how innovation manifests itself, financial support is the oxygen for great ideas and that's where the new **McGill Innovation Fund (MIF)** plays a vital role. Dr. David R. Holbrooke, BSc'64, MDCM'69, has stepped up as the first donor to make a major contribution to the MIF with a \$500,000 gift that was matched dollar-for-dollar by the University's Martlet Research Trust. Nine projects – ranging from novel treatments for osteo- and rheumatoid arthritis pain to products that assist people with mobility issues – have already won inaugural MIF awards. With the goal of generating even stronger donor support, the MIF is poised to take McGill's innovators and entrepreneurs to the next level.

Guiding McGill's focus on innovation is an accompanying emphasis on **ethical and responsible decision-making**. A gift from BMO Financial Group launched a fellowship and award program based in the Faculty of Science for students researching the ethics of artificial intelligence, while another gift from David Laidley, BCom'67, will create the Laidley Centre for Business Ethics anchored in the Desautels Faculty of Management.



Performers and teachers are among those who have been most profoundly affected by the pandemic. By investing in innovative, future-driven projects, the Faculty of Education and the Schulich School of Music are giving students and faculty the tools and spaces they need to reimagine the future of their fields.



“We’re collaborating from inception, so we have a shared vision for the project,” explains Lisa Starr, Chair of the Faculty’s Department of Integrated Studies in Education, and a CoLab project member.

Thanks to joint fundraising efforts, generous gifts from The Molson Foundation and the R. Howard Webster Foundation have laid the groundwork for the CoLab, providing 40 per cent of the \$10 million needed to sustain the partnership and its operations.

Support for the CoLab comes at a pivotal time in education, says Starr, pointing to the movements around climate change, #MeToo and #BlackLivesMatter. “These large-scale social movements have captured people’s attention.”

“We need to reconcile what we know about education and the skillsets required with how young people are going to respond to these global challenges. These are big things they’re inheriting. I think we have an obligation to help them through that.”

Starr says educators around the world are already taking an interest in the CoLab. “We’re generating research and evidence directly from our community, and we’re showcasing that as a world leader in education.”



A partnership to advance education

It’s the first project of its kind in Canada. **The CoLab**, a transformative partnership between the Faculty of Education and Trafalgar School for Girls, will address the evolving needs of educators and students by developing research that will help bridge the gap between theory and practice.

While crucial, it can be difficult to gain access to schools to conduct research. To facilitate this, Trafalgar, an independent Montreal high school, will be moving to a new purpose-built space next to the Faculty by 2025.

Building on the Faculty’s long history of partnering with schools to develop knowledge that will improve student success, the CoLab will encourage academics and educators to interact daily, integrating teacher training with cutting-edge research.



Redefining the study and practice of performance

The Schulich School of Music is re-envisioning both in-person and virtual experiences of performance through the transformation of **Pollack Hall**, McGill’s premier concert venue.

Pollack Hall has been a staple of the Montreal music scene for almost half a century, and now functional and aesthetic upgrades will elevate the musical experience for both performers and audiences. These upgrades will include a redesigned entrance and seating area, enhanced accessibility, and revamped artists’ facilities. Improvements to the broadcasting capability will allow virtual audiences to experience the magic of a Pollack Hall concert from anywhere in the world.

This project is part of a larger metamorphosis of the Strathcona Music Building, which will see new research and teaching facilities, acoustically enhanced practice rooms, ensemble rehearsal spaces, and teaching studios with tools to examine performance. With these new environments, the School can continue to expand its innovative, multidisciplinary approach to music pedagogy and research.

The transformation of Pollack Hall is made possible by a partnership between McGill and private philanthropy, with more than \$20 million already committed to the initiative. A campaign was launched in October 2021 to raise the remaining \$5 million needed to realize this exciting project.



Nurturing talent. Made by support for faculties.

In every faculty, school and unit, your generosity helps create opportunities and resources to match the limitless potential of McGill students. Thank you for helping us turn their talent, passion, and hard work into lifelong success.

AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES



30 students placed in skill-building summer internships
\$420K+ awarded in undergraduate scholarships

DENTAL MEDICINE AND ORAL HEALTH SCIENCES



17 students received scholarships
3,741 patients treated in the Faculty's community clinics, where students learn to be community-engaged dentists

ARTS



125 students received awards through the Arts Internship Office
40 students engaged in applied research thanks to Arts Undergraduate Research Awards

DESAUTELS FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT



300 students attended the first virtual "Meet McGill" career event
15 new need-based bursaries established by donors

ATHLETICS



176 Athletic Financial Awards distributed
\$200K raised for teams and athletes through **16** crowdfunding projects

EDUCATION



87 undergraduate scholarships awarded
100+ Indigenous students benefitted from teacher training programs

ENGINEERING



623 scholarships and bursaries awarded
107 undergraduates received summer research grants

SCHOOL OF CONTINUING STUDIES



72 students received awards totalling at least **\$42K**
2,500+ students and alumni received assistance from Career Advising and Transition Services

LAW



\$200K+ awarded in entrance scholarships
92 students gained hands-on experience volunteering at **30** law clinics

SCHULICH SCHOOL OF MUSIC



511 scholarships awarded for academic and performance achievements
\$484K distributed in need-based student aid

LIBRARY



1.3M visits to the online catalogue
11.7M print and electronic items in McGill's collections, including **4.4 million** e-books and **153,000** e-journals

SCIENCE



1 in 5 undergraduate students received a scholarship
110 students gained research experience through Science Undergraduate Research Awards

MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES



\$1.5M distributed in bursaries, scholarships and awards
348 students received financial support from the Faculty

Tomorrow's changemakers. Made by opening doors.



Grace Ma

Being part of the inaugural cohort of McCall MacBain Scholars has “meant the world” to Grace Ma, a first-year Law student from Winnipeg. “I have also really appreciated all the leadership and personal development opportunities the scholarship provides us through guided sessions, mentorship, and coaching.”

John McCall MacBain and Dr. Marcy McCall MacBain established the scholarships with a historic \$200-million gift to the University in 2019. In addition to the 20 McCall MacBain Scholars who were selected to receive full scholarships in April 2021, 55 other promising candidates identified during the search process were offered entrance awards of \$5,000 or \$10,000.

For McCall MacBain Scholar Kasem Alhaeik, whose family moved back to Canada from his native Syria in 2012, the scholarship allows him to focus on his master’s in Political Science with an option in Development Studies. He’s passionate about studying aid and working in



Kasem Alhaeik

In September, McGill welcomed the first recipients of the **McCall MacBain Scholarships** – 20 aspiring innovators, community builders, and leaders who embarked on master’s and professional degree programs buoyed by a full scholarship.

Meanwhile, the **Chancellor’s Third Century Challenge Fund** has also sparked a flurry of new bursaries at McGill.

The two initiatives – championed by McGill Chancellor John McCall MacBain, BA’80, LLD’14, and his predecessor, Chancellor Emeritus Michael Meighen, BA’60, LLD’12, respectively – are boosting student support in McGill’s third century and fostering excellence and inclusivity.

international cooperation. Growing up in Syria, he saw non-governmental organizations “doing great work, but I also saw a lot of failures,” he says.

Paired with a mentor (Nahlah Ayed, host of CBC Radio’s *IDEAS* and former foreign correspondent in the Middle East) as well as a faculty advisor, Alhaeik also values the program’s enriching leadership sessions.

The Chancellor’s Third Century Challenge Fund, created by Chancellor Emeritus Meighen with a \$2.5-million gift in 2019, included matching funds to encourage others to launch entrance bursaries for students in financial need. Donors rose to the challenge, contributing nearly \$3 million and establishing 48 student awards that span all faculties. Two more bursaries were created thanks to collective giving on McGill24.

Chafik Hamad, MBA’15, is one of the donors who was inspired to create an award. He set up the RAFAH Bursary in his mother’s memory with an eye toward helping students who face systemic barriers to education such as refugees and displaced people. RAFAH, his mother’s name, refers to well-being and prosperity in Arabic, which is what Hamad hopes to bring about among student recipients.

The Cadet Foundation Bursary, also established with the help of the Challenge Fund, aims to support and train more Black physicians.

Nicolas Cadet, MDCM’12, an ophthalmologist and oculoplastic surgeon, launched the Cadet Foundation with his wife, Ji Wei Yang, MDCM’12, and his parents. He hopes word spreads about the bursary because “many people from Black and marginalized communities don’t really feel as if they’re welcome in medicine necessarily or that medicine is an option for them.”



Chancellor John McCall MacBain and Dr. Marcy McCall MacBain



Chancellor Emeritus Michael Meighen



Donors Nicolas Cadet and Ji Wei Yang

Moving forward together. Made by breaking barriers.

Acknowledging and dismantling the systemic barriers that impede access to – and success within – the McGill community can be difficult and uncomfortable work. McGill’s leaders, faculty, students and staff have shown their commitment to doing this work and taking urgent action to promote equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI).

By partnering with donors who share these values, McGill has been able to expand and accelerate EDI initiatives throughout the University.



“It is a shared responsibility among us all to stand up against unacceptable behaviour and contribute to a culture that respectfully encourages continuous growth for all. Our power to change lies in us all working together.”

Dr. Yolande E. Chan
Dean of the Desautels Faculty of Management



Top: Asia Blackman; bottom right: Dr. Charles R. Drew

Partnering with HBCUs

Launched in June 2021, the **Charles R. Drew Graduate Fellowships** are an important part of McGill’s Action Plan to Address Anti-Black Racism. The Fellowships were developed in partnership with Howard University and provide funding for students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to pursue graduate work at McGill. With the help of philanthropy, Drew Fellowships can be awarded to more and more students each year.

Howard graduate Asia Blackman was selected as the inaugural recipient of the Drew Fellowships and began a master’s in Epidemiology at McGill in fall 2021. Speaking to the *McGill Reporter*, she said this initiative “is a crucial step in creating more avenues for graduate students of colour.”

Named after a medical pioneer who is known as the “father of blood banking,” the Drew Fellowships are also part of a larger project to celebrate exceptional McGill graduates of colour like Dr. Drew, MDCM’33, whose stories deserve more attention.

Supporting Indigenous initiatives and cultures

In the Faculty of Arts, a 2019 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation continues to bear fruit. The Foundation provided vital funding for the **Indigenous Studies and Community Engagement Initiative (ISCEI)**, which was designed to increase resources for Indigenous students, faculty and staff, and support the growth of the Indigenous Studies Program, while responding to some of the Calls to Action from the Provost’s Task Force on Indigenous Studies and Indigenous Education.

With newly established artist-, writer- and elder-in-residence programs, ISCEI is increasing exposure to Indigenous art, culture and expertise within the McGill community and among the general public. ISCEI also organized Indigenous programming for the University’s Bicentennial celebrations, which featured a performance by Inuk and Mohawk singer Beatrice Deer.

In November 2021, McGill announced plans to establish an **Institute for Indigenous Research and Knowledges**, thanks in part to a gift from the family of alumnus Gerald Rimer, BCom’56. The Institute will include an Indigenous Language Reclamation and Revitalization Lab that will help preserve and grow Indigenous languages and cultures.



Beatrice Deer



Creating pathways for underrepresented groups

Many donors have embraced McGill's efforts to recruit and retain students from historically underrepresented groups, but two Law graduates recently raised the bar in this area.

David Binet, LLB'85, partnered with his home Faculty to launch a comprehensive EDI Fund that will help Law students from underrepresented groups thrive throughout their educational journeys. This includes expanding outreach to Montreal youth who may not think of McGill as a place where they can flourish.

On a mission to make higher education more accessible, Martine Turcotte, BCL'82, LLB'83, has established a University-wide program for individuals who have spent time in the Youth in Care system, which includes a full-ride bursary and funding for recruitment and experiential learning.

Mobilizing collective giving for EDI

The McGill Muslim Alumni Society (MMAS) is one of many groups using crowdfunding to raise money for initiatives that are advancing EDI at the University and in the wider community.

Thanks in large part to the MMAS's fundraising efforts in 2021 – and all the donors who supported the project through the McGill Crowdfunding platform – the **Centre culturel islamique de Québec (CCIQ) Memorial Award** is now endowed to exist in perpetuity. Established in memory of the six men who were murdered in the 2017 Quebec City mosque shooting, this award is given annually to a McGill student who shows a commitment to fostering the inclusion of Muslims in Quebec and Canada.

Anti-Islamophobia advocate Sarah Abou-Bakr was selected as the 2021-22 recipient of the CCIQ Memorial Award. The McGill master's student has been involved in many community efforts to promote a better understanding of Muslim experiences.



Dr. Kenneth Melville

Another crowdfunding success story is the **Melville Undergraduate Research Bursary in Pharmacology and Therapeutics**, which recently reached its ambitious \$100,000 goal.

The Bursary is named in honour of Dr. Kenneth Melville, BSc'26, MDCM'26, MSc'31, a trailblazing pharmacologist and civil rights advocate who is remembered as the second Black Chair of McGill's Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics.

Melville's grandson Dr. Chris Wright worked with the Department to launch the initiative, which provides funding for a student from a historically underrepresented group to complete a research internship in the Pharmacology and Therapeutics lab and participate in a mentorship program.

"Everyone wants to make a difference but sometimes it's hard to know what to do and how to have an impact – and where do you even start? I think this bursary is a very direct and tangible way to improve opportunities for people of



Arrani Thambimuthu

colour and for underrepresented groups," says Wright, who worked closely with Associate Professor Bastien Castagner on the project.

In 2021, the inaugural Melville Bursary was awarded to Pharmacology student Arrani Thambimuthu, who spent her internship studying *C. difficile* antibodies in the Castagner Lab.

Speaking about the impact of the bursary, Thambimuthu says: "It's helping me follow my dreams to become a pharmacologist one day. And it's going to help other students like me that are less likely to have a mentor encouraging them to achieve their goals, and break social and financial barriers to pursue higher studies."

With gifts of all sizes, donors are extending the reach and impact of many other EDI-focused, and often student-run, projects at McGill – including Scientista (improving gender equality and diversity in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), the Black Youth Outreach Program (stimulating interest in McGill programs among the Black youth of Montreal), and True Colours: Solidarity in Healthcare (creating safe spaces for gender and sexually diverse patients in clinical settings).

A thriving community. Made by volunteers.

Leading by example

Claude Généreux, BEng'85, epitomizes the critical role of volunteers at McGill – energized by the challenges facing the University, supportive of the vision for our third century, and dedicated to the spirit of giving back.

“Giving back to the community is important to me and my family and we believe that we need to encourage people to do more of that,” he says.

Among his many volunteer commitments, Généreux serves as Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors and Co-Chair of Made by McGill: the Campaign for Our Third Century. Crucially, he is also helping McGill foster closer collaboration with key leaders in the corporate sector and building vital support for the University’s future needs.

For Généreux and countless volunteers like him, giving back is measured in many ways – whether it’s time devoted to the University or donations that pinpoint worthy student needs and often evoke a personal resonance.



Claude Généreux



That was the case when Généreux and his wife Myriam Legault, BEd'85, made a \$1-million gift to enhance scholarships for varsity athletes, strengthen the men’s lacrosse program, and create an award for athletes who demonstrate exceptional community service.

“I had much pride during my brief experience as a varsity athlete and had a chance to relive it decades later through my son [Louis-Charles Généreux, BCom'18] with the lacrosse team,” says Généreux. “This philanthropic notion of supporting a team and trying to encourage others to do more community service is very important to our family.”

Volunteers like Généreux are not an anomaly among McGillians. Hundreds of alumni and friends are serving in volunteer leadership roles, sharing their energy and expertise to help the University move forward.

Connecting through shared identities

McGill’s alumni groups, powered by volunteer organizers, are the lifeblood of our growing community. With 300,000 graduates living in 185 countries, our regional alumni network has never been larger or more engaged, boasting more than 70 groups worldwide.

Shared geographies, however, are not the only McGillian ties that bind. Increasing diversity on campus over time has led to a more diverse alumni population and the growth of new alumni affinity groups, which are formed around shared identities.

Under the umbrella of the McGill Alumni Association (MAA) and in alignment with McGill’s EDI efforts, groups including the McGill Queer Alum Association and the McGill Latino Alumni Society were added to the affinity group network, creating opportunities for graduates and students from those communities to find, support and advocate for each other. A McGill Indigenous Alumni Association is also currently being developed by the MAA in collaboration with Indigenous Initiatives and First Peoples’ House.

Meanwhile, well-established affinity groups like the McGill Women’s Alumnae Association (MWAA) are working on ambitious initiatives. In honour of their 130th anniversary, the MWAA raised \$130,000 to establish a new entrance scholarship for female students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) that will help address the gender gap in STEM fields.

In addition to support for financial awards, mentorship is a hallmark of alumni engagement – and student success – at McGill. Both the MWAA and the McGill Black Alumni Association launched specialized mentorship programs in 2021, each making more than 100 mentee-mentor matches, connecting undergraduate and graduate students with alumni from around the world.

“It’s really invaluable to be able to have safe spaces, to have people with shared experiences connect and be able to enrich each other,” said MBAA co-founder Sandrine Ntibarigobeka, BA'16, speaking to CBC News about the launch of the mentorship program.



A triumph 200 years in the making. Made by legacy donors.



“My grandparents are from Goa, India, and my mother was the first to immigrate to Canada. This bequest honours my entire family, their courage, and their values of education and service – which they still hold today. It excites me to know my legacy will have a tangible impact on future McGill students.”

Vanessa L. D'Souza, BSc(PT)'98, legacy donor

Her gift commemorates the D'Souza and Mendonca families who arrived in Canada in 1970 and will aid McGill students in financial need.

To honour my loved ones.
To help the next generation.
To see my name live on.

These are just a few of the reasons why donors supported McGill's 200 for 200 Legacy Challenge. Launched to coincide with the University's Bicentennial celebrations, the Challenge aimed to secure 200 legacy gifts – such as a bequest in a will – to McGill by December 31, 2021.

The campaign was a resounding success thanks to the over 200 donors who participated. A total of 214 legacy gifts have been confirmed, and this generous philanthropy has resulted in an estimated \$25 million in planned giving intentions for the University.

“The outpouring of support has been overwhelming,” says Susan Reid, Director of Bequests and Planned Gifts. “Every gift is so appreciated.”

Because of the lasting nature of legacy gifts, McGill will have a reliable source of funding to fuel bold projects and emerging priorities in its third century. Legacy donors are encouraged to designate their gifts to initiatives and areas that are most meaningful to them, such as student awards, a specific faculty, the Library, or the University's greatest needs.

“Gifts of all sizes are of great benefit to McGill,” says Ann Vroom, BA'67, the Challenge's lead ambassador. “They will ensure a solid foundation for students, researchers, and the many programs so vital to its future.”



By the numbers: The 200 for 200 Legacy Challenge

214 legacy gifts secured

\$25.1M

The estimated value of the Challenge's planned giving intentions, which count towards Made by McGill: the Campaign for Our Third Century.

Breakdown of legacy gift designations

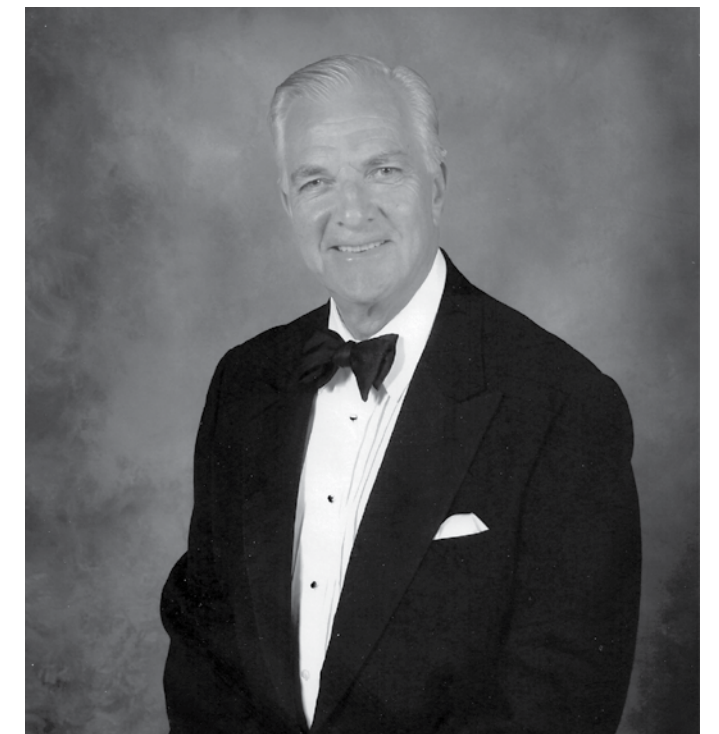


61% ■ Specific faculties and units
21% ■ University-wide programs
18% ■ Not yet designated

“Things were tight financially [during my deanship]; nine out of 10 years I had to accept a budget cut. Discretionary funds kept the Faculty afloat, and maintained the excellence of the educational program. That's why my gift will go to the Faculty's Dean's Fund.”

Dr. Kenneth Bentley, DDS'58, MDCM'62
Former Dean of the Faculty of Dental Medicine and Oral Health Sciences (1977-87), and legacy donor

His bequest to the Dean's Fund will help advance the Faculty's immediate needs, such as research and travel opportunities for students.



Milestone gifts



From left to right: Neil Rimer, David Rimer, Danny Rimer, Marie-Françoise Wiegert, Gerald Rimer, Richard Rimer.

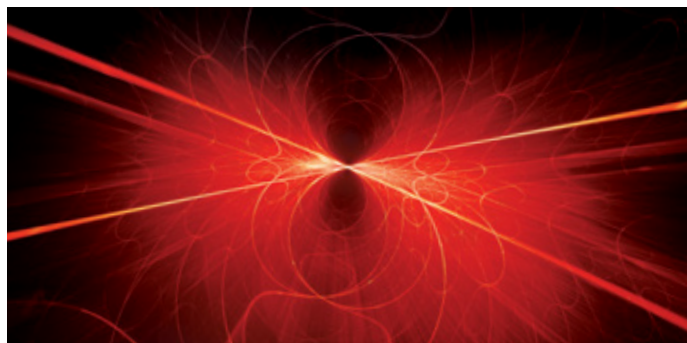
March 2021

The Rathlyn Foundation donates over \$3.4M to Made by McGill: the Campaign for Our Third Century.

April 2021

Marika Roy establishes the Alain and Marika Roy Fund for Bioengineering Professors.

The Faculty of Law receives \$1M from David Binet to help create an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Fund and establish a Business Law Chair.



June 2021

With a \$1M gift, Claude Généreux and Myriam Legault strengthen the men's varsity lacrosse program and create new awards for exceptional student-athletes.

BMO Financial Group gives \$2M to the Faculty of Science to establish a new student awards program for responsible AI research, and \$2M to The Neuro in support of the Brain Tumour Research Centre.

August 2021

The R. Howard Webster Foundation invests in innovative pedagogy with a \$1.5M gift to the CoLab, a partnership between the Faculty of Education and Trafalgar School for Girls.

An anonymous donor gives \$3.5M USD to Leadership for the Ecozoic, a partnership between McGill and the University of Vermont that aims to empower graduate students to find pathways to a flourishing world.

The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences receives a generous bequest from the estate of the late James Turnbull.

September 2021

Building on support established by Ian Soutar in 2007, the Soutar family provides renewed funding for career enhancement and professional development in the Faculty of Engineering and the Desautels Faculty of Management with a new \$1.5M gift.

With a \$2M gift, Donald Lewtas establishes the Lewtas Experiential Learning Office in the Desautels Faculty of Management.

October 2021

Dave Pelletier donates \$1.5M to create new scholarships, fellowships and undergraduate research awards in the Faculty of Science.

An extraordinary bequest from Ray L. Hart is expected to be the largest donation to the School of Religious Studies since its founding in 1948.

November 2021

With donations totalling \$13M, Gerald Rimer and the Rimer family support a major renovation of the Leacock Building and build the foundation for a future Institute for Indigenous Research and Knowledges.

TD Bank Group supports the development of carbon-free technologies with a \$2M gift to the McGill Centre for Innovation in Storage and Conversion of Energy.



David Laidley



Principal Suzanne Fortier and George Lengvari

December 2021

George Lengvari gives back to his two alma maters with a joint \$2M gift to the varsity basketball programs at McGill and Concordia University.

Continuing its generous support of the McGill Space Institute (MSI), the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation grants an additional \$2.5M to help build outrigger telescopes for the CHIME project, led by MSI Director Victoria Kaspi.

With a \$1M gift, Martine Turcotte helps make McGill more accessible to youth in care by funding new outreach and recruitment initiatives, a full-ride bursary, and experiential learning opportunities.

A \$1.5M commitment from the Amelia and Lino Saputo Jr. Foundation provides funding for McGill's Dementia Education Program and the Office of Education Technology and Online Learning.

February 2022

David Laidley establishes the new Laidley Centre for Business Ethics in the Desautels Faculty of Management with a \$5M gift.

Joanne Rémillard-Furino creates an endowed chair in biomolecular, cellular, and tissue engineering, named in honour of her late husband Salvatore Furino.

Limitless impact. Made by unrestricted giving.

When the pandemic hit, students and faculty suddenly needed support in ways no one could have anticipated – to cover basic needs or launch urgent research projects.

It was a powerful reminder of the importance of unrestricted gifts to the University's greatest needs or to a Dean's Fund in a faculty or unit. By supporting discretionary funds like these, donors ensure that their contributions go to where they are needed most and that units have the flexibility to deal with unexpected challenges.

Unrestricted gifts are having an impact in every corner of the University. Here are just a few examples of areas where donations of all sizes are making a difference:



to McGill Athletics and Recreation can provide additional tutoring hours for a student.



to the Faculty of Dental Medicine and Oral Health Sciences can fund a complete dental examination.



to McGill's Greatest Needs can support student mental health and wellness initiatives.



to the McGill Library can assist in sending a student to a rare books conference.



to the Ingram School of Nursing can give a student access to a simulated arm for IV training.



to the Peter Guo-hua Fu School of Architecture can help fund the School's Lecture Series.



to the Faculty of Education can help power the Faculty's new STEM Teaching Labs.

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