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# ENGINEERING ADVANCEMENT TRUST

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# MESSAGE FROM EAT CHAIR

## Myron Stadnyk, P.Eng

As a student in the College of Engineering, you have set yourself on the path to follow in the footsteps of many great alumni before you.

You might not know how these alumni continue to play a silent and significant role in shaping your educational experience.

Gifts of time, treasure and talent have provided enhancements across the College, from the bricks and mortar building to renewed academic programs, updated labs and equipment, and meaningful scholarships, bursaries, design team and event support.



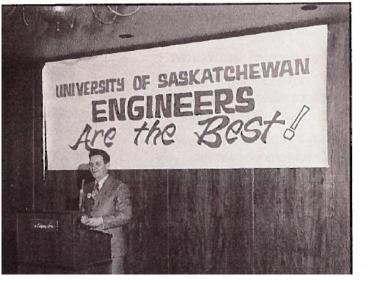
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#### The generosity of alumni impacts each student in the College of Engineering.

It's a legacy that has persisted for decades, a cycle of receiving with appreciation, to giving with gratitude. This legacy is one that alumni behind the Engineering Advancement Trust are invested in continuing.

We hope to do so with your help, through the new Engineering Advancement Trust Student Ambassador initiative. We want to hear from you and foster a grass roots connection with students to help guide our efforts to support the student community.

Thank you for considering the opportunity to help us work together to give USask engineering students the tools to inspire curiosity and success.



How alumni created the

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In 1978, the College of Engineering's Dean Peter Nikiforuk, launched the College's first ever Canada-wide fundraising drive to ensure the newly renovated college was equipped with industry-ready equipment and technology for future students. Many alumni recall Dean Nikiforuk visiting their graduating classes urging them to continue the tradition of giving back.

Graduates answered the call and the movement that created the Engineering Advancement Trust (EAT) was born.

Following the great success of this fundraising drive, the graduating class of 1982 launched their own campaign. By 1986, these efforts evolved to officially become the Engineering Advancement Trust. In over 30 years, hundreds of contributing alumni have donated over \$3.5 million to ensure the college provides innovative and up-to-date programming and facilities for students.

Throughout the College of Engineering, red footprints provide a tour of equipment used by students today, purchased with gifts made to the EAT. The footprints represent the steps that alumni like you are taking to improve the future of engineering education and offer a path for our students to follow to become exceptional USask alumni and engineers.

Thanks to the dedication of EAT alumni volunteers and donors, aspiring engineering students are provided with the advantages to continue the legacy of exceptional USask engineers.





### ON THE HORIZON: CREATING STUDENT-TO-ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

Trustees of the Engineering Advancement Trust recently approved spending to engage directly with students, forging an early bond with the alumni community to reinforcing a culture of philanthropy and attitude of gratitude within the student experience.

"Connections I made as a student to alumni provided me a career cornerstone" shares Blair Hockey, EAT Trustee and fundraising committee chair.

"Now as an alumnus, the continuous renewal of these connections keeps me engaged with the industry leaders of tomorrow."

Support from the Engineering Advancement Trust will create formative experiences which allow students to engage with alumni through a shared interest in an educational or professional topic. "We hope to have these engagements facilitated by alumni and students, who can choose the opportunities of greatest interest. Fields trips, industry tours, safety and ethics, preparing students to enter the workforce – these are all ideas that have circulated. We are very excited to have this opportunity thanks to the EAT" says Richelle Kenn, Development Officer in the College of Engineering.

Trustees believe that these efforts will enhance the student experience and create meaningful connections with the alumni community to foster affinity and ensure the continued legacy of the Engineering Advancement Trust.

The engagements will aim to broadly engage students at no personal cost. Five events, one for each year of the undergraduate program and the Engineering Graduate Community Council will provide formative experiences through the EAT.



As an Engineering Advancement Trust Student Ambassador, you will work with alumni volunteers to provide a student perspectives, support EAT campaign efforts, and help facilitate new engagements between alumni and students that provide value and connection.

The time frame and commitment for EAT student ambassadors would include:

#### EAT Student Ambassador Meet and Greet

• 1-2 hours

#### EAT Campaign Support

- Campaign training: 1-2 hours
- Campaign call drive: 2-3 days of 2 hours contacting alumni

#### EAT or Alumni Meeting Attendance

- Participation in alumni meetings to help direct planning or share insights
- 2-3 meetings a year, 2 hours in length

Through this participation, you can enjoy many benefits of building your professional network, developing team and leadership skills, and contributing to your campus community.



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