



ANNUAL REPORT 2018

**St. James Scholarship
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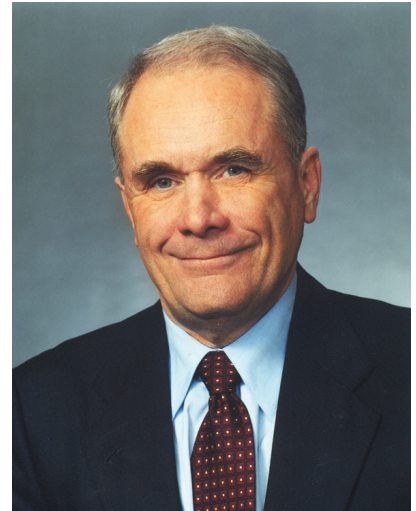
Celebrating Student Success
for Over 80 Years

President's Report 2018

During the 2018-2019 school year, the St. James Scholarship Foundation continued to emphasize building awareness of our foundation, conducting donor research, and reviewing our organizational by-law.

Our by-law review resulted in revisions to our meeting requirements, a new direction on electronic decision making, and gender neutral language. The revised by-law will be presented for approval at our Annual General Meeting, May 9, 2019.

The history and current status of the Foundation was presented to the St. James-Assiniboia School Board of Trustees on October 9, 2018. This followed the civic election and was received as the Report on Education at the start of the meeting. One of our past award recipients, Vanessa McKay (featured on the following page), accompanied the President for this opportunity and spoke on behalf of students benefiting from our program.



The President has continued meeting with a group of Silver Heights Collegiate 1960's alumni. This group has become one of our most loyal and long term donors with a record of giving for more than ten years.

This year, the character of our donors changed significantly as we welcomed new corporate and institutional donors. St. James Burger & Chip Co. is our new corporate donor. The local eatery created a scholarship at both St. James Collegiate and Collège Sturgeon Heights Collegiate in the amount of \$500. Our institutional donor was the Patricia Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. The Order of the Eastern Star donated \$10,000 to support the Anne Simpson Memorial Award at Westwood Collegiate. This award will be perpetual as we have established a sub-fund in our Agency Fund at the Winnipeg Foundation to provide the required income.

During the past year we experienced some changes in our Board of Director's membership. James Dunlop, CPA, CGA, the Accounting Supervisor in the Division has taken on the role of Secretary Treasurer. Lindsey Sawyer has retired and in her spot, we welcomed Deanne Crothers B.A.(Hons).

Our board appreciates the ongoing administrative support provided by the St. James-Assiniboia School Division, all without cost to the endowment. Staff members James Dunlop, Accounting Supervisor, Elizabeth Rothery, Executive Secretary, and Jennifer Cameron, Information Officer, deserve our thanks and appreciation for the direct support they provide to our board.

We look forward to continuing to serve our community as we work to recognize the many dedicated and capable young people attending our community schools. We welcome community contributions to our endowment fund, which directly supports deserving students in their future endeavours.

Bruce G. Alexander
President, St James Scholarship Foundation

Recipient Profile

Vanessa McKay

St. James Collegiate graduate talks scholarships and opportunity

Our 2018 recipient profile is Vanessa McKay, a 2016 graduate of St. James Collegiate. An outstanding student, Vanessa received the following recognitions upon graduating in St. James-Assiniboia School Division:

- St. James Collegiate Alumni Award
- St. James-Assiniboia Award of Excellence
- Emergent Biosolutions Science Award
- Herff Jones Believe in You Scholarship
- Margaret E. Nix and Slade C. Nix Entrance Scholarship (University of Winnipeg for an entering female Aboriginal student)
- Chancellor's Special Entrance Scholarship (top two students entering University of Winnipeg)

She is now pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in bio-anthropology with a career goal in the health sciences, preferably in Medicine. Vanessa is motivated by a desire to understand the world around her, how and why it works. As she says, "Science provides the window for my curiosity."

Vanessa is fulfilling her early promise by continuing to be recognized for academic achievement in her university studies. In the past two years, she has been presented with these awards:

- Dean's Honour List (student of highest distinction)
- Golden Key Honour Society (top 15% each year at University of Winnipeg)
- Business Council of Manitoba Award
- Academic Proficiency Scholarship
- Alaa S. Abd-El-Aziz Aboriginal Student Scholarship
- The Jack Little Memorial Scholarship (University of Winnipeg)

Vanessa shared with the St. James Scholarship Foundation how these awards have made a significant difference in her life.

"One of the special things is you know people out there support you and are confident you will do well."

Vanessa says it is very encouraging to have that support and belief from others who have been part of her academic journey.

"Awards and scholarships have allowed me to focus on academic work and less about money. Adding awards to my resume allows me to be recognized as a good candidate for future academic awards."

She is greatly appreciative of the scholarships she has received to date and expressed a few words dedicated towards our donors.

"I would want them to know their support means a



lot to students," said Vanessa. "Without this support, dreams do not become reality. I would not be where I am without them. It inspires one to reach goals that at first seemed impossible."

Vanessa has another message for students in high school.

"Work hard and get involved with an interest you are passionate about. Get involved with extra-curricular activities and community service as having a broad experience is very important."

Even with her busy academic life, Vanessa still finds time to help. This year she accompanied St. James Scholarship Foundation Board President Bruce Alexander to present a delegation to the school board on the activities and history of the St. James Scholarship Board. She was very effective on that occasion in reminding the school board of the great benefits the awards program brings to worthy students in community schools. We look forward to staying in touch with Vanessa in the years to come and seeing what she will accomplish in the next chapters of her life.

Written by Foundation President Bruce Alexander

Donor Profile

St. James Burgers & Chips Co.



Local business leads the way investing in community grads

The recently established burger joint on the corner of Ness Avenue and Collegiate Street weaves generosity into their business plan.

St. James Burgers & Chips Co. opened in October of 2017. Inside the building, once home to the Red Boot Drive Inn and Pop's Burgers, the new eatery serves up a variety of gourmet burgers, fat boys, fries and more. Best of all, the business is open all-year round.

"We are really happy and pumped to be here," shared co-owner Ravi Ramberran (pictured on the left). "The community is so strong and the support has been great."

St. James Burgers & Chips Co. is quickly making a name for themselves both in the community and across Winnipeg. To date, they've earned accolades such as 1st place in La Poutine Week 2018 and Virgin Radio's Best Fries in Winnipeg 2019. While the new business is flourishing, they are determined to bring more than great tasting eats into the community.

"We don't hire anyone unless they want to give back to the community," said Ravi. "If you don't have it in your blood than you aren't the right fit."

The business donates 25% of the tips they receive to help support local causes in the community. The staff team, made up of five members, works together to decide on where to donate the funds. They all take part in earning the tips and make sure everyone is on board deciding

which causes they help to support. With this system in place, the business has been able to donate more than \$12,000 to local charities since they opened, with a strong emphasis on helping veterans.

Co-owner Sanjay Sewpaul (right) brought the idea forward to create a scholarship opportunity for local youth. As a graduate of St. James Collegiate, he knew about the St. James Scholarship Foundation and thought it aligned well with the business's aim to make a difference in the local community. Through partnering with the Foundation, St. James Burgers & Chips Co. sponsored two new scholarships, each in the amount of \$500. The awards will be presented to deserving candidates at the two closest high schools - St. James Collegiate and College Sturgeon Heights Collegiate. The criteria for the scholarship is centred on citizenship, requiring the individual to be active in the community as well as to be a positive advocate for women's rights.

"We both have little girls," explained Ravi, referring also to Sanjay. "For this specific scholarship, we want to give to students who give back to the community, help others in need and who display some kind of equity role."

Both scholarships will be presented for the first time in June of 2019 at the corresponding schools graduation ceremonies.

Donor Profile

Anne Simpson Memorial Scholarship

Leaving behind a legacy to support youth in the community

Originally from Scotland, Anne Simpson spent most of her life living in the community of Westwood. A vivacious woman with a true zest for life, her spirit is sure to be remembered in the area she called home for many years to come.

When Anne Simpson passed away on December 4, 2016, she left a generous donation to the Patricia Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star — a member of the Masonic body. Anne served as a member of the Eastern Star for more than 50 years and provided tremendous support during that time. The Patricia Chapter was not expecting this donation upon her passing and held a special meeting to unanimously decide where to invest and meaningfully donate the gift she left. One of the decisions to come out of that meeting was the idea to invest in a child's future within her community, as Anne had a profound fondness of children.

"Although she did not have children, she often spoke of children because she loved children," shared Pamela Eagleton, Patricia Chapter Trustee.

The chapter established the Anne Simpson Memorial Scholarship at Westwood Collegiate based on a donation of \$10,000 to the St. James Scholarship Foundation. The Foundation, in partnership with the Winnipeg Foundation, is now able to offer this scholarship in perpetuity in the amount of \$500. The scholarship will be presented each year to a deserving candidate based on criteria reflecting Anne's life and values. The successful recipient will have the highest average out of two Grade 12 Science courses, a minimum of 40 community service hours and will be registered to pursue science at the post-secondary level.

The science component of the scholarship seemed a natural fit for an award honouring a woman who spent her life working in the healthcare industry. Anne came to Canada from Scotland with all of her requirements to work as a nurse. She worked at the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg as the Supervisor of Nursing where she demonstrated her passion for helping others on a daily basis.

"We felt she would like to help someone going into the health field," said Pamela. "If this donation helps somebody make a decision to go into a program that is science related, then we've won."

The Patricia Chapter recognizes the difficulties placed on young people today and the fact that financial strain may impact a person's decision to pursue further education. While the chapter supports multiple charitable causes in Winnipeg each year, the main criteria of their



donations is to help people.

"We want to confirm to this young person that somebody else has faith in them, a whole organization has faith in them and their process," said Pamela.

The Anne Simpson Memorial Scholarship honours an intelligent, hard-working woman determined to make the most out of life and aims to help future recipients do the same. Anne's peers at the chapter affectionately reminisce about her ability to lighten any room many, many candle power, always match her purse with her shoes, show up with a twinkle in her eye and a smile on her face. According to them, she had an enviable sense of humour and savoir-faire.

The Anne Simpson Memorial Scholarship will be presented for the first time at the Westwood Collegiate graduation on June 25, 2019. Thank you to the Patricia Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star and to the late Anne Simpson on helping to install this new opportunity for deserving youth in our community.

St. James-Assiniboia Scholarship Foundation
Statement of Financial Position as at December 31, 2018 - Unaudited

		2018	2017
ASSETS			
Current Assets	Cash & Short-Term Investments	157,090.00	\$ 148,610.00
	Accounts Receivable	9,057.00	7,430.00
		166,147.00	156,040.00
Non-Current Assets	GIC Investments	36,441.00	17,428.00
	Patronage Equity	554.00	503.00
			36,995.00
		\$ 203,142.00	\$ 173,971.00
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
Current Liabilities			
	Accounts Payable	\$ 53,620.00	\$ 11,588.00
		53,620.00	11,588.00
Net Assets			
	Restricted Fund	83,775.00	102,804.00
	Unrestricted Fund	65,747.00	59,579.00
		149,522.00	162,383.00
		\$ 203,142.00	\$ 173,971.00

St. James-Assiniboia Scholarship Foundation
Statement of Revenues & Expenses - Unaudited
For the Period Ending December 31, 2018

		Restricted Funds 2018	Unrestricted Funds 2018	Total 2018	Total 2017
Revenues					
	Donations	\$ 37,550.00	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 38,810.00	\$ 8,900.00
	Interest	-	3,014.00	\$ 3,014.00	2,247.00
	WF Spending Grant	6,216.00	2,919.00	\$ 9,135.00	7,308.00
Total Revenue		43,766.00	7,193.00	50,959.00	18,455.00
Expenses					
	Awards	\$14,595	1,000.00	15,595.00	13,363.00
	Administrative Expenses	-	25.00	25.00	25.00
Total Expenses		14,595.00	1,025.00	\$ 15,620.00	\$ 13,388.00
Net Surplus (Deficit)		\$ 29,171.00	\$ 6,168.00	\$ 35,339.00	\$ 5,067.00
Net Assets, Beginning		\$ 102,804.00	\$ 59,579.00	\$ 162,383.00	\$ 184,721.00
Transfers to WF Endowment Fund		48,200.00	-	48,200.00	27,405.00
Net Assets, Ending		\$ 83,775.00	\$ 65,747.00	\$ 149,522.00	\$ 162,383.00

2018 St. James Scholarship Foundation Award Recipients

ST. JAMES COLLEGIATE	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT
Deer Lodge Centre	\$100	Ella Saquilayan
St. James Collegiate Alumni Award	\$100	Chaztain Marie Bautista
Jan Ernest Carlson Scholarship	\$400	Paolo Rufino
Constance and George Waters Memorial Award	\$500	Mharvin Dellupac
Eric Jonasson	\$500	Ronalette Lacuin
Tom Dercola Humanities Award	\$100	Mallory McLeod
Penny Mead Memorial Scholarship	\$100	Viet Anh Thu Le
Captain Gordon Oliver Alexander Memorial	\$250	Dexter Tresqu
Edith and Thomas Cox Memorial Award	\$800	Ian Javero
Dr. D. Young Humanitarian Award	\$100	Efrel Cabaguio
Harry Pauls English Award of Excellence	\$125	Katelyn Creelman
Emergent Biosolutions Science Award	\$400	Sara Shire
Crosstown Civic Credit Union Award	\$500	Moksh Bali
Paul Havixbeck Memorial Award	\$100	Moksh Bali
Bill Moir Award	\$500	Jalen Mangaron

COLLÉGE STURGEON HEIGHTS COLLEGIATE	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT
Deer Lodge Centre	\$100	Helly Panchal
Silver Heights Alumni Class of 60	\$500	Hannah Irvine
Joyce Aiken Award	\$100	Mary McAuley
Jim Huggard Award	\$500	Hoor-Ui-Ain Aziz
Wpg Rock and Mineral Jewelry Award	\$100	Savannah Sagness
Silver Oak Hockey Tournament Scholarship	\$200	Sophie Macvicar-Stuart
Penny Mead Memorial Scholarship	\$100	Cole Hennigar
Susan Bohonos Memorial Award	\$500	Mary McAuley
Emergent Biosolutions Science Award	\$400	Annu Stephen
Brent Corrigan Award of Excellence	\$250	Savanna Greenwood
Winnipeg Airports Authority Award	\$500	Sayge Tremblay
Bruce Park Metis Heritage Award	\$500	Mackenzie Medeiros

WESTWOOD COLLEGIATE	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT
Deer Lodge Centre	\$100	Sara Jamieson
Jill Mino Memorial	\$250	Tiana Steeves
Penny Mead Memorial Scholarship	\$100	Julia Anderson
Shannon Ellis Scholarship	\$150	Carter Kennington
Addy Ryngach Memorial	\$200	Maya Sykes
Emergent Biosolutions Science Award	\$400	Ben Ulmer

2018 St. James Scholarship Foundation Award Recipients

JOHN TAYLOR COLLEGIATE	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT
Darcee Gosselin Memorial Award	\$200	Brynn Miles
Deer Lodge Centre	\$100	Emmanuel Olorunfemi
Jim and Lillian Huggard Award	\$500	Noah Gandier
Penny Mead Memorial Scholarship	\$100	Paul Morgan
Charlotte Lee Memorial Award	\$200	Aubry Erik
Madison Claven-Enns Memorial Award	\$200	Chelsea Oliver
Emergent Biosolutions Science Award	\$400	Michaela Groen
JT 50th Anniversary Award	\$1,500	Brynn Miles
Indigenous Leadership Award	\$1,000	Chelsea Oliver

BUCHANAN SCHOOL	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT
Shirley Agnes Tyrrell Award	\$500	Emily Fisette

LINWOOD SCHOOL	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT
Julie Larson Memorial	\$25	Javier Merricko
	\$25	Madeline Eastveld

STEVENSON-BRITANNIA SCHOOL	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT
Julie Larson Memorial	\$25	Nevaeh Charles
	\$25	Essence Stevenson

BRUCE MIDDLE SCHOOL	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT
Julie Larson Memorial	\$50	Jilnee Shah

ROTATED ANNUALLY - BRUCE	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT
Neil Krebs	\$100	Emily Barnett

LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT
James McLeod Memorial Award	\$100	Nathan Varghese

Our History

The history of the St. James Scholarship Foundation is a little like the history of St. James itself, a story of citizens getting together for the advancement of a common cause.

Founded in 1938 and incorporated by the act of the legislature in 1958, the St. James Scholarship Foundation has fulfilled a vital function for many years administering thousands of dollars in scholarships and awards to deserving students in St. James-Assiniboia School Division.

The Foundation began with nothing— no funds and no organization beyond a group of 12 dedicated volunteers. Six months after the inception of the Foundation in December of 1938, the group received its first contribution of \$3.00 raised by the ladies of a bridge group. In the years to come throughout the Second World War, further funds were raised by a group of St. James Collegiate Alumni. The Foundation remained very much a “kitchen table” organization guided by local volunteerism for the next twenty years.

It wasn't until 1958 when a more formal organization was suggested. An interested and passionate group petitioned the Manitoba Government to incorporate the St. James Scholarship Foundation. The petitioners included:

R F Wightman, MLA St James
T B Finlay, Mayor of St James
W S Scott, Treasurer
A W Hanks, Editor, St James Leader
J S Hannah, Barrister
C Pearl L'Ami, Social Editor
Elinor Wheeler, widow
Fannie Cook, widow
Esther Argue, teacher
V G Clark, school principal

The St. James Scholarship Foundation Incorporation Act came into effect April 9, 1958. This began an era of more formal organization and a closer linkage with the administration of the school division, as well as the finance department. The fund benefited greatly from this linkage as members of the finance department began to take on the role of Secretary Treasurer on the board. This significant expertise and experience helped best manage the Foundation's resources. During this period, donated capital was invested into guaranteed investment certificates (GIC) at banks and credit unions. The GIC provided safety for our capital and with historical high interest rates, income could endow an award in perpetuity.

Over time prevailing interest rates began to change and could no longer generate the income needed for the scale of the awards program. This resulted in some underfunded awards being discontinued. With no end in sight and the decline of interest income, the Foundation decided to take a new direction rather than reduce the program. In 2014, an agency fund was established at The Winnipeg Foundation. The fund was initially established with a transfer of \$20,000 from our capital, which was matched with \$15,000 from The Winnipeg Foundation.

In a relatively short period of time, the agency fund has grown substantially. In four years, the fund now stands at over \$140,000. The income produced has allowed for expansion in our program, such as in 2017, the Indigenous Leadership Award was introduced on an annual basis in the amount of \$1000.

The agency fund continues to be of great benefit to donors. It works to enable perpetual awards and can accept donations in many forms as opposed to strictly cash. Donated funds now benefit from professional money management services provided by The Winnipeg Foundation producing income that more than doubles our GIC investments.

During this time the Foundation also developed a web presence on the St. James-Assiniboia School Division website. This enables interested members of the public to review our governance procedures, our meeting minutes and our annual reports. This access to information has been important in encouraging new donations.

The St. James Scholarship Foundation, partnered with The Winnipeg Foundation now sees a future of sustainability and growth. Our new partnership continues to attract new donors, both private and corporate, to continue to benefit deserving students in our community schools. The St. James Scholarship Foundation is a registered charity and all donations are tax deductible. As we reflect on our 80 years in the community, we look forward to continuing to grow our scholarships and awards to best support youth in accomplishing their dreams in St. James-Assiniboia.

How to Donate

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The St. James Scholarship Foundation serves our award recipients and our donors by maintaining two endowment funds. These are funds on deposit with local financial institutions and our Agency Fund at the Winnipeg Foundation.

Prospective donors may choose to fund a new scholarship or alternatively, they may prefer to donate to the pooled fund in one of our two endowment funds. Prospective donors wishing to establish a new award are advised to contact the school principal at the chosen school to complete the application form required by the school division. Principals are able to give good advice on possible award criteria as they are very well aware of the needs of their students and their awards program. Alternatively, members of the scholarship board can be contacted for advice using the contact information listed below.

Locally Endowed Awards

Funds held in our local endowment are managed using GIC's at prevailing interest rates. Interest rates have been at historic low levels recently and for this reason they do not permit perpetual endowment of awards. Prospective donors are advised that our local endowment can support an award for a term of years. As an example, a donation of \$2500 would support a \$250 annual award for approximately ten years. Donors may also choose to contribute to our general pool of funds and in this way provide a more general benefit to our fund.

Winnipeg Foundation Agency Fund Endowed Awards

Prospective donors wishing to endow an award in perpetuity are able, through us, to establish a sub-fund within our Agency Fund. These donations must be a minimum of \$10,000 to be accepted by the Winnipeg Foundation. They also benefit from the dollar matching program at the Winnipeg Foundation. Because the Winnipeg Foundation employs a staff of professional money managers they can accept donations in a variety of forms such as investments, as well as cash. Again, to establish an award of this type prospective donors should first contact the school principal or the St. James Scholarship Foundation for advice. Prospective donors wishing to contribute to our pooled funds at the Winnipeg Foundation can make their donation directly to the Winnipeg Foundation referencing the St James Scholarship Foundation Agency Fund.

Tax Deductible Receipts

All donations are income tax deductible and official receipts will be promptly provided.

Contact Information

Advice regarding donations or establishing new awards can be obtained from:

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A Word of Thanks to Our Donors

This year's fundraising efforts raised a total of \$38,810 in contributions from individuals, members, community groups, local partners and organizations. The St. James Scholarship Foundation would like to acknowledge and say thank you to all of our donors for their generosity. A special thanks to the many St. James-Assiniboia School Division employees and trustees who contributed to this year's internal campaign. We appreciate your support.

Gifts of \$100 or more

Private Individuals

Bruce Alexander

Holly Hunter

Craig Johnson

Sandy Lethbridge

SHCI 60s Grads

Cheryl Smukowich

Dorothy Young

Stefan and Cindy Jonasson

Institutional Donors

Patricia Chapter #8 Order of the Eastern Star

Corporate and Business Donors

Crosstown Civic Credit Union

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