2019-20 STFX IMPACT REPORT
A CELEBRATION OF XAVERIAN GENEROSITY
This year’s Donor Impact Report comes at a time of tremendous change and uncertainty.

From the global health crisis to the senseless events in Portapique, NS that claimed the lives of 22 victims (including StFX alumni Lisa McCully ’13 and Alanna Jenkins ’05, as well as Cst. Heidi Stevenson, who grew up in Antigonish County and whose mother is a former StFX employee), these are exceptionally challenging times for us all.

Throughout them, the global StFX community has come together in support and solidarity. I have never been prouder to wear to my father’s X-Ring.

In the pages that follow, you will find stories that demonstrate the generosity and goodness of the Xaverian community. They represent what many alumni have done over the years and are continuing to do, without which StFX would not exist. Since 2017, we have challenged our graduates to adopt the “every alumni, any amount, every year” giving mentality. This year, we thank you again for your gifts, both financial and non-monetary. Your acts of kindness have given us great hope and supported those at the heart of our institution—our students.

But our work is not done—we still need your help. Alumni, I know you carry our Xaverian values with you wherever you go. I encourage you to take that shared sense of community and passion for social justice and continue to pay-it-forward for the next generation of proud StFX graduates.

Together, with time, strength, and perseverance, and the hope of better days ahead, the uncertainties that we are facing will diminish. Some things, like the Xaverian spirit, never change.

Hail and Health,

Mr. Murray Kyte ’87
Vice-President, Advancement
St. Francis Xavier University

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Johnny Sears received his MBA from the University of Detroit and his Doctorate of Business Administration from Harvard—but he was a son of Antigonish.

From his childhood home at the corner of West and St. Ninian Streets, he could see students teeming around the old StFX library and smell lunch from Morrison Hall—so it was only natural that he’d want to attend the university, too. From the time he entered StFX in 1948, Dr. John T. Sears was a vital thread in the fabric of our university and our town.

The “T” in his name is for Tulloch, a nod to the Scottish ancestry on his mother’s side. Through her, Dr. Sears was a fifth-generation Nova Scotian, a direct descendant of the earliest Scottish settlers in Antigonish and Cape Breton. This place meant something to Dr. Sears: it was the home of the university that provided an education for him, his wife (Ann, a graduate of Mount Saint Bernard), and their children; and a 42-year career as Professor of Commerce, Chair of the department, Dean of Arts and Science, and finally, Academic Vice-President and Provost.

But the Antigonish community was also dear to his heart. The list of organizations that benefitted from his service is long, and his contributions to St. Martha’s Regional Hospital are especially remarkable. He was determined to build both StFX and the hospital, and occasionally—cunningly—hired married couples: one a professor and the other a doctor. Both, he felt, were essential to the ongoing development of Antigonish—as was a vibrant arts community, which he demonstrated through many years of service to the local theatre.

When Dr. Sears was hired by StFX in 1954, then-President Somers was at the helm of a campus undergoing significant changes. The post-war boom in enrolment created a need for more faculty members; indeed, in the 1950s, the faculty complement expanded from fifty-two to ninety-one professors. Until then, the faculty of StFX were overwhelmingly clergymen—but the rapid growth of the university outpaced the supply of qualified priests. And so, Dr. Sears was hired amidst a period of laicization; by the end of the 1950s, nearly 50% of the faculty were lay people.

Dr. Sears joined the ranks of faculty members committed to ensuring that StFX became a nationally-competitive university, one that attracted the best students and professors. He was instrumental in the professionalization of the faculty, especially its shift towards discipline-leading research and the establishment of a program to recognize teaching excellence.

And, he was a mentor to other professors, even when the advice was delivered in his signature, direct style. Once, a colleague was struggling to finish his dissertation. Dr. Sears “stared” at the younger man and said: “Get the door closed, put your butt in the chair, the pen in your hand, and finish it!”

The creation of the Dr. John T. Sears Endowed Chair in Corporate Social Responsibility at the Gerald Schwartz School of Business, though, is perhaps the
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finest and most tangible evidence of the impact Dr. Sears had on his students. The gift, made by John and Adrienne Peacock, of the class of 1963, honours Dr. Sears’ insistence on the relationship of business with ethics. John Peacock, now Chancellor of StFX, remembers Dr. Sears’ distinctive teaching style: “It was easy to be impressed by him—and you wanted to impress him.”

Dr. Sears was no stranger to controversy. His sense of ethics is clearly telegraphed in many archived newspaper clippings, such as one highlighting a course in responsible management that he co-taught at Dalhousie one summer. Dr. Sears lamented “the standard of living in the Maritime Provinces [that] is hurt because of poor management, manifested by poor allocation of resources, human and natural.”

Chuckling, his daughter, Mairi MacFarlane, notes that “you never were wondering what he was thinking.”

Ms. MacFarlane ’87 explains his connection to StFX: “He loved this place, but he didn’t wear it on his chest or his sleeve. He just loved it—it was a part of him.” She recalls many family dinners with her father still dressed in his shirt and tie—because he was going back to work after they ate. Or, he would sit in his red corduroy chair with the family dog on his arm, consuming Time and Macleans and The Chronicle Herald—any and all news publications he could find. He was a lifelong student.

In 1980, when filling out his registration form for Homecoming, Dr. Sears responded to the question, “How many Homecomings have you attended?” by simply drawing the infinity symbol. By that time, his more than thirty Homecomings must have felt infinite—but he had at least thirty more to go. Now, Dr. Sears’ contributions to StFX and Antigonish feel infinite, as generations of students will benefit from his insistence upon—always—doing the right thing, solidified by the endowed Chair that bears his name and mandate.

Dr. John T. Sears, son of StFX and of Antigonish, died on the fifth of February this year, at home.

Historical photos of Dr. John T. Sears are courtesy of the StFX archives.
Father Stan Says “Go X Go!”
The X-Spirit Embodied

Under the guise of afternoon tea, Father Stanley MacDonald is invited to leave his home in Mockler Hall.

It’s April 8th, 2018, and he doesn’t know it yet, but the X-Women varsity athletes have a trick up their sleeves.

Stanley, more affectionately known by the StFX community as ‘Father Stan,’ is picked up by X-Women Rugby Head Coach Mike Cavanagh. By way of Mike’s half-ton truck, the pair arrive moments later at the Keating Centre.

That’s when Father Stan begins to hear a familiar chant—“Go X Go! Go X Go!”

Once inside the gymnasium, Father Stan is met with an incredible sight—members of the X-Women Rugby team and other varsity athletes, dressed in matching t-shirts that read: “Father Stan Says Go X Go.” Their navy-coloured shirts depict a cartoon image of the retired parish priest’s likeness—and his signature grin.

“They were all doing the cheer,” he recalls, laughing. “I had never seen those t-shirts before. It just surprised me to no end!”

At 88 years old, Father Stan is not your average cheerleader, but his enthusiastic “Go X Go!” chant has been a staple of countless X-Women and X-Men games since he moved back to campus after retiring from parish ministry in 2008. Young and old, X fans echo his enthusiastic cheers Marco Polo-style, rallying student-athletes to victory.

“I speak to virtually every student that I see. We all need affirmation,” he says. “They come to me at the table at Morrison Hall and say, ‘do you mind if I sit with you?’ and I say, ‘I would be delighted.’”

Today, when he’s not cheering on varsity athletes, Father Stan can be found connecting with an array of students across campus.

“You’ve heard of the StFX spirit? Well, nobody knows what it is, but we know how it feels—we want to give back,” he says. “When I think about the way that I want to give back,” he continues, “it’s to StFX.”

He certainly has.

You would be hard-pressed to find someone more adored on campus than Father Stan, whose presence, whether on the bleachers or in Morrison Hall, is constant and welcome.

The X-Spirit is a legendary phenomenon, invisible to the naked eye and felt deeply by all those who know it — and Father Stan is its shining — or rather, grinning-embodiment.
The Art of Giving:
Canadian Editorial Cartoonist Bruce MacKinnon

Observeant visitors to the StFX Art Gallery, located in Bloomfield Centre, will notice a heavy steel door in the corner, painted to blend with the walls. Lucky visitors will gain admission to that secret space—an old vault dating to when the space was used as a bank. While there’s no cash lining the shelves anymore, there is something more precious: the university’s art collection.

And, included among that collection is an extensive series of original artwork by a son of StFX, Bruce MacKinnon—one of Canada’s finest editorial cartoonists. He has won numerous national and international awards for his work, and was chosen so often as the best political cartoonist in Halifax that The Coast newspaper removed him from contention by putting him in the Hall of Fame, so others could have a shot at the title.

MacKinnon moved to Antigonish in Grade 4, when his father Neil accepted a teaching position in the History Department at StFX. The younger MacKinnon loved basketball and jazz—and art. Although he eventually chose to focus on art at other Maritime universities, he first enrolled as a part-time, off-campus student at StFX.

It wasn’t until he moved into MacIsaac Hall, though, that he fully understood the university’s magic. “I loved being in the middle of it all,” he remembers. “It was such a tight community experience—and so fun.”

He’d started cartooning as a young teenager, and his work was first published in Antigonish’s local newspaper, the Casket. Since the 1980s, MacKinnon has worked for Halifax’s Chronicle Herald, producing editorial cartoons that have skewered Canadians’ hearts and minds with his ability to take the temperature of current events with an image and sparse text.

MacKinnon calls himself a traditionalist, using ink and watercolour on paper and illustration board to create art that others now mostly produce digitally. He has works in the National Gallery of Canada and the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, but notes that “editorial cartoons are really an historical record of community.” As such, he feels their natural home is a university.

And, the natural home for his art is his home university—StFX. He’s had calls from other institutions hoping to get an original Bruce MacKinnon piece for their collections, but as he says, “They’re a long way away, and they’re not my home.”

Ironically, his first donation came about by happenstance: he’d been storing his originals in his basement, which flooded. His earliest works were badly damaged, and MacKinnon realized that they needed to be properly stored, in an archive that was accessible to the public. In the late 1990s, he gave 130 original pieces to the university. Since then, he’s worked with members of the university staff to choose cartoons that have the most relevance to either the Antigonish community or StFX.

Some of his favourite StFX cartoons feature sports. One pays homage to long-time basketball coach, Steve Konchalski; another features the StFX men’s hockey team taking a dig at former Alberta premier, Ralph Klein.

MacKinnon has now given more than two thousand original editorial cartoons to StFX. He’s had several shows in the gallery and launched a book at an on-campus event. Perhaps most importantly, he’s happy that the works have been appreciated.

“I’m living proof,” he says, “that artwork needs a place for people to see it. You can’t just put it in the basement and wait for the flood to come.”

Cartoons courtesy of Bruce MacKinnon.
The Gift of a Legacy: Sullivan Family Plants a Seed

The first time that Josephine Sullivan lived with indoor plumbing and electricity was in 1935, when she entered grade 12 at Mount Saint Bernard College, a school run by nuns located on the east side of the StFX campus.

Upon graduation, Josephine, affectionately known as “Josie,” was accepted into Normal College, a teacher-training school located in downtown Truro, Nova Scotia. The eldest of fifteen children, Josie’s ability to attend Normal College was made possible via the generosity of Sam Kennedy, a well-to-do uncle who resided in Vancouver.

Sam’s gift altered the course of Josie’s life forever. Once planted, the seeds of education would make a fundamental impact upon Josie and generations of the Sullivan family to come.

Josie enjoyed a fulfilling teaching career throughout rural Nova Scotia. While teaching in Guysborough County, she met her future husband, Henry Sullivan, in his hometown of Salmon River Lake. The duo married in 1948, and at Josie’s insistence, moved to Antigonish. A lifelong learner, Josie cherished education and felt that the likelihood of their future children attending StFX would be higher if they returned to her hometown.

Once in Antigonish, Henry, who had trained part-time as a barber during his war years, opened a barbershop downtown (since passed down to son Blaise Sullivan, ‘Henry’s Hairstyling’ still proudly stands today). Together, Josie and Henry raised nine children in Antigonish and boast dozens of grandchildren.

One of Josie’s crowning moments as a mother came in 1971, when the couple’s first-born child, Patrick Sullivan, graduated from StFX. Following graduation, Patrick continued his education at the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University. In 1995, he was appointed to the Court of Queen’s Bench of Alberta, a milestone that was “a phenomenal accomplishment for the family.”

“It’s about giving somebody an opportunity,” Jack says. “Sometimes it’s not about the money. It’s about ‘somebody believes in me.’”

“‘That magic combination of higher learning and community giving is so powerful,’” Kathleen adds. “‘It started as just a few of us, but it’s ballooned and moved right down to the grandchildren who have now given.’”

Among those grandchildren is Martin’s son, Deny Sullivan ’16, who points out that his family’s fund is a culmination of the generosity of generations before him who paid their successes forward. “[My grandparents] would be continuously blown away by the leaps that their families have made,” he says. “This bursary is a symbol of that.”

In fact, between the Sullivans, Landrys, and Robertssons, there are now over 80 post-secondary diplomas, certificates, and degrees in the family.

Indeed, the seeds of education, first planted by Uncle Sam Kennedy, nurtured by Josie and Henry, and fostered by Patrick and his siblings, have changed the lives of the Sullivan family forever.

Now, the Sullivan Family Bursary hopes to plant similar seeds of success for other Antigonish-Guysborough families.

Through it, Henry and Josie’s legacy will not only live on; it will grow.
In the first decade of the twentieth century, StFX shifted—from a religious college educating the sons of northeastern Nova Scotia to an expansive university offering a broad curriculum.

Throughout the 1900s, the college added significantly to its existing slate of programs, and that expansion attracted students from other parts of Canada and the United States.

It was a happy problem, but the burgeoning enrolment meant that the college’s facilities simply couldn’t accommodate all applicants. StFX began a fundraising campaign in late 1907, hoping to raise $100,000 for campus development—but it was not until two unexpected benefactors took an interest in StFX that the university could grow.

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A Lifetime and a Lineage:
Dr. Mary Oxner

Dr. Mary Oxner, Associate Professor, may have joined the Gerald Schwartz School of Business in 2000, but her connection to StFX began some 33 years earlier.

When she was just two years old, Mary’s father, Nick, began his undergraduate career at the university, obtaining both a Bachelor of Science (’71) and a Bachelor of Education (’72). Marguerite, Mary’s mother, worked at the university in the Business office for 46 years, until her retirement in 2004.

Like her father, Mary graduated from StFX with a Bachelor of Science (’87) and would later return to her alma mater as a faculty member in the Department of Accounting and Finance.

“StFX was a part of my life from an early age. I would have never considered going anywhere else,” she says.

Today, in addition to teaching, Mary serves as a Faculty Program Coordinator for Service Learning, a unique program that blends academics, hands-on learning, and social responsibility.

When it comes to social responsibility, Mary gives back in a variety of ways. Mary is the current Chair of the East Coast Credit Union, the Secretary/Treasurer of the Creative Wellness Project (which organizes the Friendship Corner, mental health workshops, and peer support groups in Antigonish), and the Chair of the Finance Council of the Diocese of Antigonish.

“Supporting universities helps support students to have access to education,” Mary says.

“StFX is a part of who I am,” she continues. “By investing in a student today, you’re impacting the future of that person. Education is so critical to our economy, our community, and to people more generally in Canada.”

Faculty Champions

Breaking Barriers:
Drs. Doris and Hugh Gillis

In 1996, StFX became the first Canadian university to offer Service Learning, a hands-on, immersive program where students work alongside community partners to apply what they’re learning in the classroom to real projects and programs.

As part of Immersion Service Learning, StFX students travel with faculty members to diverse communities around the world. The hands-on experience gained in their travel acts as a catalyst for reflection on various social justice and community development issues.

To date, the program has provided more than 1,000 students with experiential learning opportunities not typically found inside of a classroom.

Dr. Doris Gillis, a Senior Research Professor and former Chair of the Department of Human Nutrition who travelled with a student group to Guatemala as part of the program in 2007, explains that the impact of the trip was two-fold, both for herself and the students.

“It made a mark in their understanding of their world—and of themselves,” Doris says. “It was a strong learning experience.”

Unfortunately, the cost of travel can be a barrier to student participation.

In response, Doris and her husband Dr. Hugh Gillis, a former Academic Vice-President at StFX, created the Service Learning Endowment, bridging the financial gap for students who may not otherwise be able to participate in the program.

“They have to provide the money for air travel, and that’s difficult for a lot of students,” says Hugh.

By reducing financial barriers, Doris and Hugh’s commitment has helped ensure that more students can take part in the unique experiential learning opportunity that Immersion Service Learning provides.

Their commitment not only champions the program and its students but the StFX community at large.
StFX Day of Giving 2020: Xaverian Kindness Stays the Course

“Unprecedented,” adjective: Never done or known before.

The word ‘unprecedented’ has been used repeatedly to describe both the global pandemic and its tragic effects. Indeed, COVID-19 has impacted us all, and those at the heart of our institution – our students – have shouldered the burden of uncertainty and the deferral of their futures.

The StFX family is always looking out for ways to support our students. That’s why we originally launched our annual Day of Giving campaign in 2017 to support financial aid programs like bursaries and scholarships. It’s also why we shifted the focus of this year’s Day of Giving (which took place May 12, 2020) to support the newly established Our StFX: Student Emergency Fund for COVID-19 Relief.

And in the midst of this global turmoil, we asked for your support.

You delivered.

From donations made in honour of frontline heroes and loved ones to alumni submissions of COVID-19 acts of service, you came through for our students in a big way. Across our social media channels, we shared your tales of generosity and kindness, celebrating acts that ranged from grocery deliveries to hand-sewn face masks.

Stories like Maggie Bunbury ‘19, who raised over $1000 for her local food bank on Facebook as part of her birthday celebrations, and Emma Boudreau ‘20, who helped welcome home her neighbour’s baby boy with a homemade sign and balloons, provided a much-needed reminder of what the Xaverian spirit can accomplish.

Karen Brebner ’90, inspired us when she donated all of the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from her lab to St. Martha’s Hospital. So did Austin Hawley 67, when he told us about Dr. Kris Hawley ’94, an Emergency Room physician in the Hamilton Health Sciences system, who is not only working on the frontlines but also using his 3D printer to produce ear saver clips for face masks.

Through monetary gifts and storytelling alike, the StFX community raised just over $300,000 for students facing financial strain because of COVID-19.

Among these students is second-year Psychology major Kaitlin Cullen.

“During these stressful times, the Student Emergency Fund has made a huge impact on my life. It’s made it possible for me to finish my year at StFX,” Kaitlin says. “Your support is greatly appreciated by students like me.”

The tremendous success of this year’s Day of Giving campaign would not have been made possible without the help of over 500 donors, the StFX Alumni Association, the Board of Governors, and countless staff and faculty members. Our Alumni Association demonstrated exemplary leadership, donating $50,000 while also encouraging Xaverians around the world to make a difference in their communities.

Our legendary community involvement and service to others remains a unifying theme of the StFX experience. These may be unprecedented times, but some things, like the Xaverian spirit of giving, remain undaunted.

Whether you made a gift, shared a story, or liked, retweeted, and celebrated with us online, you helped students like Kaitlin experiencing hardship make this difficult time a little bit easier.

On behalf of all our students, thank you.

Please note: Donors who supported the May 12 Day of Giving and the Our StFX: Student Emergency Fund will be recognized in the June 2021 Donor Impact Report, which covers contributions for the April 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021 fiscal year.
Celebrating Our Donors
President’s Club Members reaching a milestone in 2019-2020

As part of the Our StFX: Changing Lives, Together and Student Emergency Fund campaign, we asked students to tell us what they love about being part of the StFX family. Some of their answers are included in the photos featured on the following pages.

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