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CENTENNIAL STUDENTS



TRANSFORM THEIR LIVES

The Future of Learning

2010/2011 REPORT TO DONORS

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO



Dear Supporter and Friend,

Centennial College students are determined and hopeful, passionate and insightful. They come from around the world to study at Centennial to gain the knowledge and skills needed for their chosen profession, and the critical thinking skills required to work anyplace in the world.

As valued supporters of Centennial, you each play an important role in helping these students realize their potential, and I am sincerely grateful for your generosity. Your donations help to provide much-needed financial support in the form of scholarships, bursaries and awards to deserving students who may not otherwise be able to afford postsecondary education.

Even more importantly, your support is a source of encouragement and incentive for the students. Knowing that somebody they may have never met before cares enough about their future to support them can inspire them to realize their full potential as one of tomorrow's leaders!

There are so many students who benefit from the generosity of our supporters and each has a special story to tell. Every donor is also special and has their own reason for providing assistance to our students.

In this report, we share stories about the powerful impact sponsorship has made in the lives and future of two remarkable graduates and stories of two very special donors and their reasons for helping students realize their dreams.

The number of students who choose to realize their dreams by studying at Centennial College continues to grow. That is why this report also celebrates the many exciting projects taking place at the College to accommodate our growing enrolment.

Thanks to generosity of donors like yourself, our scholarships, bursaries and awards have also grown, making the dreams of so many deserving students possible. Please accept my most heartfelt thanks for supporting Centennial students and investing in their future and in the future of our communities. Together with your support we can continue to provide access to postsecondary education to more students each year. Together, we are fulfilling our vision: To transform lives and communities through learning.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ann Buller". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Yours truly,
Ann Buller, President & CEO



A MESSAGE FROM THE CENTENNIAL COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS



Dear Supporter,

On behalf of the Centennial College Board of Governors, I would like to thank you for your generosity. This report highlights how your donations are making a difference in the lives of Centennial students.

As you will read in this year's report, when you support a Centennial student, you support your community as well. Our graduates are accomplished in the fields of: business; communications, media and design; community and health services; engineering technology and applied science; hospitality, tourism and culture; and transportation.

The Board of Governors is committed to increasing the number of scholarships and financial assistance available to the College's students.

It is our wish that no deserving student be turned away or have to discontinue their studies because of financial constraints.

You are a valued supporter and friend of Centennial College, and a champion of student success. Please accept my deep appreciation for your support.

Sincerely,

David Garner
Chair, Board of Governors

MAKING A DIFFERENCE . . .

GABRIELA ANDREA HUERTA LAZO

2011 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM GRADUATE

A SACRIFICE WELL WORTH IT



Gabriela Andrea Huerta Lazo (Centre) and Centennial College Executives Jennifer Leith and Frank Cerisano

When Gabriela Andrea Huerta Lazo's parents left their home country of Ecuador to come to Canada, their biggest hope was to be able to give their children the opportunities they never had growing up.

Last year, as Gabriela's name was called to accept the Mary McIntosh Memorial Scholarship and Centennial College Golf Merit Scholarship at the Student Awards Night, she was overcome with joy.

She knew she had succeeded at making her parents' dream come true.

"I am deeply honoured," says Gabriela. "Aside from reducing the financial burden, the scholarships I received will always serve as a reminder that the sacrifices my parents made were all worth it."

As a recent graduate of Centennial's Environmental Protection Technology program, Gabriela looks forward to a career through which she can make a positive impact on the environment. Having served as Vice President of the Environmental Student Society, Gabriela was able to engage her strong passion for protecting parks, forests and natural places. Together with her peers at Centennial, she took part in numerous community clean up initiatives, such as tree planting and the rehabilitation of parks.

When asked what she would like to say to the donors who help to fund student scholarships, Gabriela shared these touching words of gratitude: *"Thank you for supporting me and believing in my ability to succeed. I promise I will not disappoint you."*

GOAL: TO INSPIRE OTHERS TO PROTECT AND CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT



ONE STUDENT AT A TIME

MAGIZHVENDAN (VENDAN) SEKAR

2011 HOTEL AND RESORT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GRADUATE

A DREAM COME TRUE



Vendan seated bottom row, far right along with other award recipients and Centennial College Executives

With a warm personality, outgoing attitude and a knack for helping others, it's easy to see why Magizhvendan (Vendan) Sekar chose to pursue a career in the hospitality industry.

After completing a culinary degree in India and working in the hospitality and tourism industry in the United States for several years, Vendan decided to move to Canada to enroll in Centennial's Hotel and Resort Management

program. This past April, he graduated with honours.

"It's always been my dream to one day oversee operations of a full-service hotel," says Vendan. "Centennial's diverse faculty and student body, as well as hands-on training and practical courses provided me with a well-rounded experience and the valuable skills I need to succeed in hotel management."

Last year, Vendan's exceptional grades and dedication to his profession earned him the Top Student Award. He credits his professors for giving him the confidence, encouragement and guidance to excel not only in his studies, but also in his part-time work at the Sheridan Parkway Hotel and Centennial's Hospitality Management Centre.

Vendan is deeply grateful for the award he received and had these words of thanks to share with the donors: *"I will always remember the day I received the award as one of the sweetest moments of my life. Thank you for this life-changing experience. You have given me so much more than financial support – you have given me motivation to go after my dreams."*

GOAL: TO 'PAY IT FORWARD' TO CENTENNIAL STUDENTS FOLLOWING IN HIS FOOTSTEPS



I GIVE BECAUSE....



Griggs Family: Ed Griggs, Anneli Farrell and James Griggs presenting the first annual Signy Griggs Memorial Scholarship in 2005.

“I WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE COLLEGE THAT WAS CLOSE TO MY WIFE’S HEART.”

As a long-time teacher in Centennial’s Practical Nursing program and a dedicated member of the nursing profession, Signy Griggs had a positive impact on many people during her lifetime. From sharing her knowledge and providing guidance, to aspiring nursing students to helping to establish the Personal Support Worker program at the College, Signy touched the lives of countless students.

That’s why when Signy’s husband Ed was asked if he would consider creating a scholarship in his late wife’s name, he didn’t hesitate for a moment. He wanted to keep Signy’s memory alive by making a difference for students pursuing a career in the profession his wife loved so much. In 2005, Ed established the Signy Griggs Memorial Scholarship to be awarded every year to a student in his or her second year of study in the Practical Nursing program.

“It’s amazing how many talented and ambitious students there are who have promising futures ahead of them, but the only thing stopping them from reaching their goals is their financial situation,” explains Ed. “For these students, receiving a scholarship can be life-changing.”

Every year, Ed and Signy’s brother Steve Russell, who helps to support the scholarship by fundraising through golf tournaments, attend Student Awards Night to present the Signy Griggs Memorial Scholarship. They are happy to do everything they can to help deserving students realize their goals for the future.

“Our family feels privileged to be able to play such a crucial role in the lives of Centennial students. It feels really good knowing that the world will be a better place with these talented, bright minds moving forward.”

THANK YOU GRIGGS FAMILY FOR INVESTING IN TODAY’S STUDENTS AND TOMORROW’S NURSING PRACTITIONERS.





From Left to Right: Brad Chapman, News Scholarship recipient - Arfa Maqbool Mr. G.A. Easwar, Trish Dryden

Shortly after immigrating to Canada in 1996, G.A. and Shagorika Easwar launched Desi News – the only monthly magazine publication in the country that caters to the South Asian community. Several years ago, they began publishing career-based editorials featuring students of South Asian origin who earned a college degree at Centennial with the help of a scholarship.

Having once experienced what it's like to be new to the country, G.A. and Shagorika are aware of the challenges many newcomers face while pursuing a college education and at the same time working to support their family. This led the Easwar family to establish the Desi News Scholarship, which is awarded every year to two or more Centennial students of South Asian descent who have demonstrated exceptional academic achievement.

“THE GIFT OF EDUCATION IS ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE GIFTS YOU CAN GIVE.”

“It’s incredible what a profound difference a gift of a scholarship can make in a person’s life,” explains G.A. “When you take away the pressure of paying for college, you allow students to spend more time focusing on their studies and less time worrying about finances.”

The Easwar family strongly believes that supporting students in their educational endeavours is one of the best investments one can make. Their hope is to make even more scholarships available to Centennial students in the future.

“Everyone needs a helping hand sometimes. Helping students realize their educational goals is a way to not only positively impact their life, but also the lives of future generations.” says G.A.

THANK YOU DESI NEWS AND EASWAR FAMILY FOR HELPING TO ADVANCE BRIGHT FUTURES.



UPDATE:

PROGRESS CAMPUS TRANSFORMATION

To better accommodate our expanding student population, Centennial College is undergoing major infrastructure development that will add much needed space to the Progress Campus. Changes to the campus include:

A NEW AND IMPROVED A-BLOCK BUILDING

Last September marked the completion of Phase I of the A-Block renovations when 36 new classrooms and labs were opened to students for the first time. Phase II renovations were completed in the spring and included creation of new administration space.

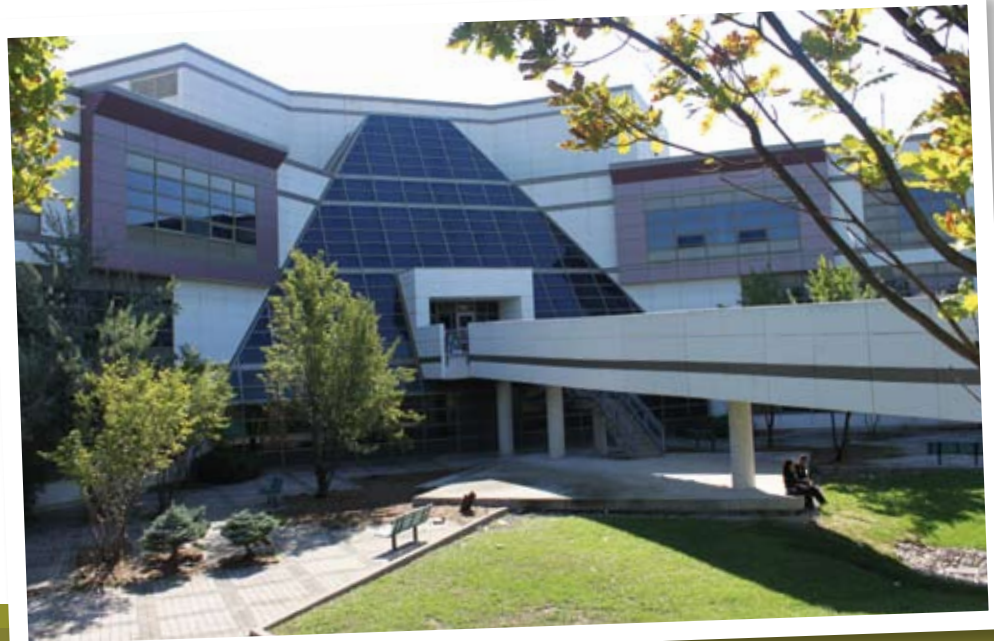
A BIGGER AND BETTER LIBRARY AND ACADEMIC FACILITY

The new 103,500-square-foot building, which will open its doors this September, will feature a two-level, full-service library, 22 larger classrooms, lab space, a lecture theatre and a living green wall. The learning-centred environment will be open, dynamic and equipped with modern technology.

A STATE-OF-THE-ART ATHLETIC AND WELLNESS CENTRE

Opening this fall, the new and enhanced Athletics and Wellness Centre will be a 65,000 square-foot, two-storey facility that will house three gymnasiums, two squash courts, an 80-metre indoor running track, a climbing wall, cardio-fitness area, two aerobic studios and much more.

**TOGETHER, WE ARE
BUILDING THE FUTURE
OF CENTENNIAL**





KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2010/2011 YOU HELPED TO:

➤ **Make the annual Centennial College Golf Tournament a record-breaking success!**

With a full field of 152 golfers, the event raised a net total of \$71,584, which was matched dollar for dollar by the Ontario Trust for Student Support program for a grand total of \$143,168 – a 100% increase from 2009.

➤ **Grow the Centennial College Endowment fund** from \$10.5 million to \$13.3 million – an increase of \$2.8 million.

➤ **Re-engage youth from economically challenged neighbourhoods in education** by supporting HYPE (Helping Youth Pursue Education) and Ontario First Generation scholarships and bursaries. Last summer, the six-week HYPE program had 140 participants, 106 graduates and 36 students who went on to enrol in full-time studies at Centennial.

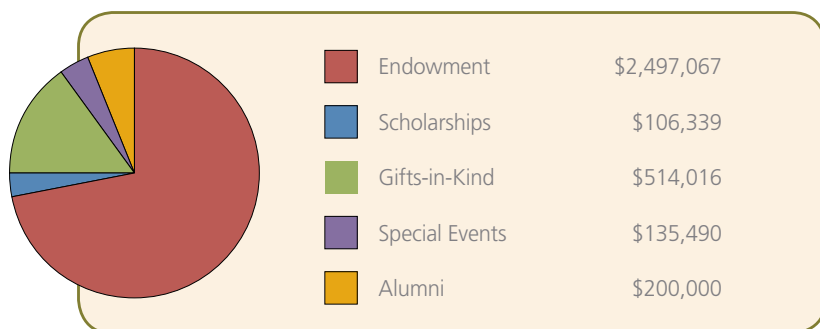
➤ **Break down barriers to post-secondary education for more students** by establishing the following scholarships: The Bismilla Family English for Academic Purposes Award, The Bismilla Family English as Second Language Award, The Global Citizen Award, and The Karen Kerr and Friends Scholarship.

➤ **Recognize remarkable achievements by Centennial students at the Student Awards Night.** Over three consecutive nights, 174 awards in the total amount of \$134,170 were given out to 175 recipients by 77 donors.

**THANK YOU. WE COULDN'T HAVE
DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!**

BREAKING IT DOWN: WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

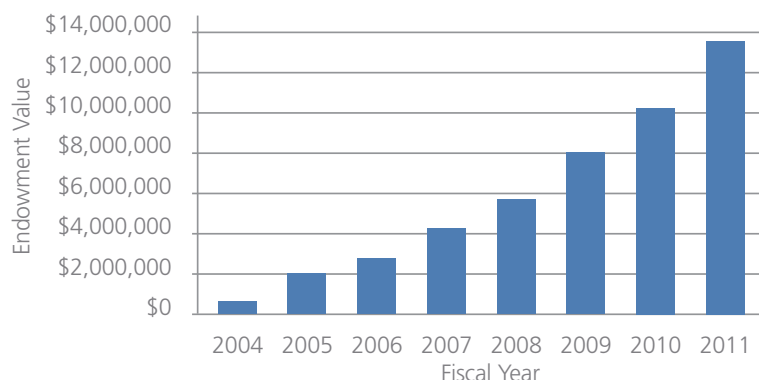
FUNDING STREAM 2010/2011



Total Raised: \$3,452,912

SOURCES OF FUNDS

ENDOWMENT INCREASED FROM \$10.5M TO \$13.3M OVER THE
LAST 12 MONTHS



IN THE WORDS OF GRATEFUL STUDENTS WHOSE LIVES YOU'VE HELPED TO CHANGE...

"This act of kindness and recognition came at a time when I was beginning to question my strength and abilities. Thank you for reminding me what I am capable of." ~ Tatjana

"I am really grateful to receive this scholarship and cant' thank you enough for this gift. I am really happy that I am able to have made my parents proud." ~ Pao

"This scholarship is a turning point in my life. I feel a new surge of energy and enthusiasm. It will keep reminding me all through my life that hard work never goes in vain and is always recognized. Thanks a lot for giving me this honour." ~ Pawandeep

WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO YOU, OUR COMMUNITIES AND THE STUDENTS THAT WE SERVE.

Thank you for investing in the future of deserving Centennial students. Your gifts help to fund scholarships, bursaries and awards that for many students can make a difference between dropping out of school and graduating with honours. Every gift matters and makes a real difference in the lives of today's students.

THANK YOU...

For sharing our vision to transform lives and communities through learning...

For helping us provide access to education to deserving students...

For helping to support the next generation of leaders in their quest to better themselves and the communities in which they live.

OUR MISSION

is to educate students for career success.

OUR VISION

is to transform lives and communities through learning.

To learn more about how you can invest in the future of deserving students at Centennial, please visit us at centennialcollege.ca/development



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