



Changing Lives

DONOR REPORT
2025-2026

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Land Acknowledgement

Algonquin College campuses are located on the traditional, unceded, and unsundered territory of the Anishinàbe Algonquin People. The Algonquin People have inhabited and cared for these lands since time immemorial. We take this time to express our gratitude and respect to them and to the land for all that it has provided and will continue to provide.

As a post-secondary institution, we acknowledge the harms done to Indigenous Peoples and are committed to learning from the past. We pledge to promote healing and resilience as we move forward in partnership with the Algonquin Nations, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples in a spirit of reconciliation.

While we recognize that territorial acknowledgements are only one step in cultivating greater respect for and inclusion of Indigenous Peoples, we commit to accompanying these words with actions. We are dedicated to building a future and community that is better for all.

We pledge to continue exploring and making meaningful contributions to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action.



Mission

To transform hopes and dreams into lifelong success.

Vision

To be a global leader in personalized, digitally connected, experiential learning.

Values

Caring

We have a sincere and compassionate interest in the well-being of the individual.

Integrity

We believe in trust, honesty and fairness in all relationships and transactions.

Learning

We believe in the pursuit of knowledge, personal growth and development.

Respect

We value the dignity and uniqueness of the individual. We value equity and diversity in our community.

MESSAGE FROM THE VP, ADVANCEMENT AND STRATEGY



MARK SAVENKOFF
Vice President,
Advancement & Strategy

Kwey kakina. (Hello everyone.)

There have been significant developments these past few years at Algonquin College. We continued to adapt to the changing post-secondary landscape in our country. Through it all, we saw our community coming together in force to support us and deliver an incredibly successful fundraising year.

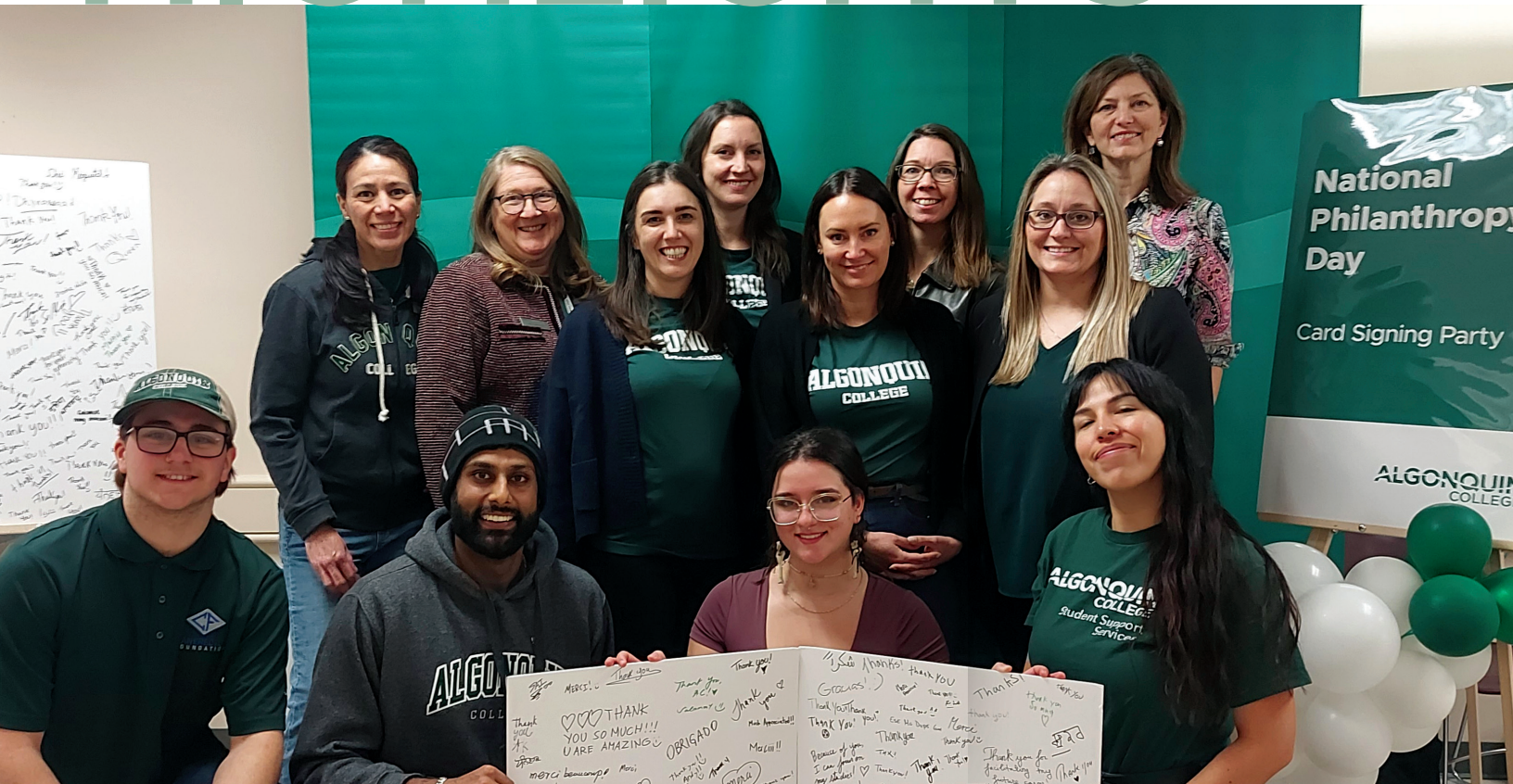
We feel immensely grateful for the outpouring of support we received this year. When the need was greater than ever, you came through. Together, we raised over \$6 million to strengthen student financial aid, enrich campus learning environments, and invest in projects that shape the student experience. This remarkable generosity is benefiting students today and will continue to benefit generations of students in the future.

This past year, Algonquin College also released its Strategic Plan 2025–2030. This plan introduced an exciting new vision for the College to be the premier destination for innovation through polytechnic leadership, driving prosperity and impact in the nation's capital and beyond. Knowing that we have the support of our community allows us to build on our unique polytechnic identity and continue to provide industry-aligned, hands-on learning that helps our graduates launch successful careers.

It's certainly a special time to be at Algonquin College, and we feel the momentum growing. With your continued support, we will keep elevating the academic experience of our learners to help them transform their hopes and dreams into lifelong success.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Savenkoff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "S".

HIGHLIGHTS



National Philanthropy Day reflects fundraising momentum and student excitement



On November 14, 2025, on the eve of National Philanthropy Day, the Algonquin College community gathered to celebrate the positive impact philanthropy has on our community. Students, faculty, and staff members connected with one another and filled giant cards with hundreds of handwritten messages of gratitude to donors and partners.

“Everyone was in high spirits at the National Philanthropy Day event,” said Krista Pearson, Algonquin College’s Vice President, Student Services. “The students were all smiles as they expressed how much they appreciate the support the College receives from the community. The event reminded us how important it is to support our current students in their journey to become tomorrow’s leaders.”

**GIVING
TUESDAY**



The ARC pedestrian bridge gets colourful for Giving Tuesday 2025

On the eve of Giving Tuesday 2025, the pedestrian bridge between the Student Commons and the Athletics and Recreation Centre (ARC) in the Ottawa campus was decorated with blue and red lights. This special lighting added a beautiful glow to the wintry scene in this part of campus and piqued the curiosity of everyone who passed by the bridge.

Navy blue and red are the colours that symbolize Giving Tuesday. The lighting of the ARC pedestrian bridge with these colours was done in honour of Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel Ltd., who provided \$20,000 in matching funds for Algonquin College's Giving Tuesday 2025 campaign.

The ARC bridge lighting was a success on the College's social media platforms and inspired community members to join this global day of giving and donate early. When the campaign officially ended a day later, the College had raised a **record-breaking \$90,161.15** from 108 donors.

NOTES OF GRATITUDE

from our students

Our students are grateful for the support they receive and acknowledge the impact donor generosity has on their lives.

The thank-you letters we receive are a real treasure trove of gratitude and positive impact.

Here are some excerpts from the letters students wrote this past year:

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I started school while navigating a significant life transition—becoming a newly single mother to two young children, including one with special needs—and managing a chronic health condition. I now feel as though I have a community of support cheering me on toward the finish line. Thank you for investing in my future.”

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This scholarship has truly motivated me to keep pushing for excellence. I currently hold a 3.96 GPA, and with your support, I am more determined than ever to maintain this standard.”

“

I am someone who is always used to giving and helping others whenever I can. Being chosen to receive this support is a very emotional moment for me. It has lifted a significant weight off my shoulders.”

“

Your generosity is not only an investment in my education but also in my future career and the patients I will care for. I am deeply grateful for your support and will carry this kindness forward in my practice as a nurse.”

PEOPLE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Every year, hundreds of people choose to support Algonquin College. As we get to know our donors, we are touched by their stories and generosity. These people come from all walks of life, but they all share a common goal: helping our students succeed.

The donors highlighted below represent a sample of the many people actively making a difference in the lives of our students.

Carman and Gail Joynt



Carman Joynt is a retired partner from the Ottawa office of Deloitte & Touche, Chartered Accountants. He is a passionate volunteer and philanthropist and has been a board member of many commercial and charitable organizations, including the Algonquin College Board of Governors.

Gail Joynt held leadership positions at Canada Post for nearly 15 years, during which time both she and Carman obtained Sommelier certificates at Algonquin College. Since 2014, Gail continues to sit on charitable boards and manage their rental property in Provence, France.

Carman and Gail Joynt are longtime supporters of Algonquin College. On Giving Tuesday 2025, they gave over \$20,000 to the Carman and Gail Joynt Bursary, a fund they have donated to since 2010 to support students with financial need.

Ed Ireland



Ed Ireland is a civil engineer from Ottawa who has supported Algonquin College for over 18 years. During this time, he has created 27 funds to support students in a wide range of programs, including architecture, allied health professions, skilled trades, and many more.

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of nursing education at Algonquin College, Ireland established two new scholarships for nursing students. These new scholarships also honour the legacy of Ireland's mother, Ellen Ireland, who was a nursing supervisor at the Queensway Carleton Hospital for more than 17 years.

Joshua Qiyuk



Joshua Qiyuk was a young Inuk man from Nunavut. A talented cook, he attended C'est Bon Ottawa, a local cooking school, and later went to Algonquin College. In October 2025, Qiyuk became the victim of a violent attack, and his life was tragically ended.

C'est Bon established two new funds in memory of Joshua Qiyuk, who is lovingly remembered as a kind and hard-working person. These new funds, called the Joshua Qiyuk Memorial Scholarship and the Joshua Qiyuk Memorial Bursary, support Indigenous students in a variety of Culinary Arts programs.

STORIES THAT MOVED US



New program advances gender equity in technology and the trades

A group of 14 industry partners, including founding partner Leacross Foundation, came together in September 2025 to support the launch of the newly reimagined Women in Tech and Trades (WiTT) program, previously known as We Saved You a Seat.

WiTT empowers women in technology and skilled trades programs at Algonquin College by providing spaces and opportunities where learners receive mentorship, engage in professional networking, and develop leadership skills.

Sandra Brancatelli, Dean of the School of Advanced Technology, has seen firsthand how this program has been a positive force for women students. “It’s been a pleasure to sit on the WiTT steering committee and see the program take off,” she said. “The program’s positive impact is already tangible. Women are being empowered to tackle industries’ key challenges and opportunities.”



From left to right: Mistalyn Seguin, Director of Philanthropy at Algonquin College; Jens Merkel, Finance Director at Siemens Healthineers' Point of Care Ottawa; Claude Brulé, President and CEO of Algonquin College; and Erin Stitt-Cavanagh, Dean of Algonquin College's School of Health Sciences.

Algonquin College celebrates 50 years of nursing education

On January 30, 2026, Algonquin College celebrated 50 years of nursing education with a special event that brought together alumni, faculty, current students, and healthcare partners. This event featured a panel of high-profile speakers that discussed the legacy of the College's nursing programs and the future of the profession.

Several community partners marked this major milestone throughout the year by donating in support of nursing education. Among them was Siemens Healthineers, a global provider of healthcare equipment, solutions, and services, who donated a set of advanced blood analysis devices. These devices are being used in the College's simulation labs to help nursing students prepare for life-saving scenarios they will encounter as nurses.

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The Mamidosewin Centre receives extra support from Adirondack

Adirondack Information Management Inc. is a certified Indigenous business that supplies professional consultants to clients in both the public and private sectors. Since 2024, Adirondack has donated to the Migiwewin Indigenous Initiatives Fund in support of the Mamidosewin Centre, which provides services and cultural programming to Algonquin College's Indigenous students.

Thanks to Adirondack's ongoing support, the Mamidosewin Centre has been able to increase engagement with Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers, boost food security for Indigenous students, and facilitate more culturally grounded workshops. Additionally, Adirondack has sponsored a highly successful laptop loan program to support academic success among Indigenous students.



From left to right: Troy Heath, Merit Ontario's Director of Operations and Training; Glenda Rahn, Merit Ontario's Director of Workforce Development; Mike Gallardo, President and CEO of Merit Ontario; Katherine Root, Dean of the Algonquin Centre for Construction Excellence; and Lorraine Hodds, Chair of Electrical, Horticulture and Building Science at Algonquin College.

Merit Ontario opens a new electrical lab

Merit Ontario sponsored the opening of a state-of-the-art electrical training lab in Algonquin College's Ottawa campus. In recognition of this sponsorship, made possible through the Merit Ontario for Apprenticeship program, this new lab was named the Merit Ontario Electrical Lab.

"The expansion of our facilities supports our growth and reflects the new curriculum standard for electrical apprenticeships that has been launched in Ontario," said Katherine Root, Dean of the Algonquin Centre for Construction Excellence. "Part of the revised curriculum standard puts greater emphasis on advanced fire alarm systems. The Merit Ontario Electrical Lab addresses this need and provides our apprentices with a dedicated space where they can further master these skills."



LCBO expands access for Sommelier training

LCBO through its Spirit of Sustainability platform donated \$10,000 to establish a new financial aid award for Sommelier students at Algonquin College. This new award, made possible by LCBO's Spirit of Inclusion Initiative, is helping people from equity-deserving groups enter, advance, and thrive in the beverage industry.

The LCBO Spirit of Inclusion Initiative Award is offered to women and non-binary Sommelier students from diverse backgrounds, including Black, Indigenous, People of Colour, 2SLGBTQIA+, people with disabilities, and first-generation Canadians.

YOUR IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS



Total funds raised
\$6,049,529



Learners
supported by
financial aid

791



Total number of donors

442

Increase in funds
raised from last year

+17%



**NEW FUNDS
CREATED**

64



Featured Funds

This past year, we created a new website to showcase some of the funds having a positive impact on our community. Each of these featured funds focuses on a way to empower learners and elevate their educational journeys. This makes it easy for you to support students in a way that's important to you and share this passion with others.

Explore our featured funds:
algonquincollege.com/advancement/featured-funds

ENDOWMENTS



What are endowments?

Endowments are donations that the College holds and invests in perpetuity to benefit learners. The College generates returns from endowments to fund financial aid and other types of support for learners. The Algonquin College Board of Governors is responsible for approving the investment policy.

The current policy stipulates that 4.25% of the five-year rolling average of the endowment fund's market value should be spent annually.

Mìgwech! (Thank you!)

Each year, thousands of new students join the Algonquin College community. They come from across Canada and all over the world, drawn by the strength of our academic programs and our focus on career readiness.

This large and diverse student population relies on the academic excellence made possible in part by the generosity of our donors and partners.

Your generosity.

When you support our students, you're helping them gain the skills, knowledge, and experience to launch and accelerate their careers. This has a transformational impact not only on the lives of our graduates, but also on the communities where they live and work.

Thank you for contributing to Algonquin College. We are proud to have you as a valued member of our community.

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