

THE IMPORTANCE OF LEGACY PLANNING

An important feature of bequests is that they “ensure continued support for students into the future,” says Michelle Osborne, Executive Director of Gift Planning at the University. At Woodsworth, donors are stepping forward to make this critical difference.

WHEN A FRIEND of Karen and John Kaufman passed away without leaving a will or his affairs in order, it made both of them consider their own legacy and future plans. Moreover, the experience left them thinking about the people and causes that are important to them.

After much thought and reflection, one of the things they decided to do was to establish a planned gift that will benefit students at Woodsworth College in the Millie Rotman Shime Academic Bridging Program (ABP). Karen, who is a graduate of the program, has first-hand knowledge of its value. Like so

many students who have graduated from the ABP, Karen is completing her HBA on a part-time basis; in her case, while working full-time at the University. She acknowledges that she reaped the rewards of a program that prepares its students for the rigors of degree studies, within an environment that is encouraging and supportive.

John and Karen’s very generous gift to the program will help ensure that future students will have the support they need as they seek to complete their degrees.

To Karen, making this commitment was a very gratifying experience, one that

allowed her to know that “more students will be able to finish the program and fulfill a dream and be able to have the security of a better future.”

For information about how you can become a donor to this program, please contact Kim Wright, Senior Development Officer, Gift Planning at U of T (kimberley.wright@utoronto.ca or 416-978-5930) or Barbara Track, Executive Director: Advancement, Alumni & Communications at Woodsworth College (barbara.track@utoronto.ca or 416-978-4197). ■



Woodsworth students enjoying a break from studies.

FOCUS ON PLANNED GIVING: ESTATE OF NORMA BROCK

Norma, a 1947 graduate of the Division of University Extension (graduates of the Division became Woodsworth alumni with the creation of the College in 1974), believed in the power of education. Her will included a bequest for Woodsworth College that established the Norma Brock Award which benefits students who are single parents as well as mature and part-time students.

Since its inception six years ago, the award has provided \$20,000 per year. A total of \$120,000 in scholarship funding has been awarded to 64 recipients. The awards ranged between \$1,000 and \$3,000 each.

We are very grateful to Norma’s farsightedness and vision.

EMPOWERING OUR STUDENTS

MESSAGE FROM JOE DESLOGES, PRINCIPAL



RECENTLY, the University of Toronto signed a Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA) with the Province of Ontario. SMA2 recognizes the

University of Toronto as an international leader in research and teaching. Going forward a number of performance indicators will be used to benchmark the success of the institution. An example of just two of these indicators are central to the Woodsworth College mission: access programs (e.g. our Millie Rotman Shime Academic Bridging Program) and opportunities for students to have an international experience (our Summer Study Abroad Program). Supporting an ever increasing number of students who wish to participate in these opportunities, many with financial need, is a fundraising priority for us.

Woodsworth College has been fortunate to have received many bequests over the years, all of which have directly benefitted our students through the establishment of bursaries and merit-based awards. We are also very grateful to the donors who have informed us of their planned gift intentions. These donors know that their future gift will support students, and not only that, donors are able to give

us direction as to where they would like to see their gift having the greatest impact. For example, some donors are interested in helping students studying part-time, while others would like to further support students in the Woodsworth One Program or the Summer Study Abroad Program.

Through the generosity of Woodsworth donors, many of our students have been able to continue on their educational journeys – especially when financial pressures sometimes get in the way.

As a way of celebrating our bequest donors, we created the Woodsworth College Legacy Society, which meets once a year for a luncheon at the College. We hope that alumni will consider the planned giving option of providing future support, an option that can provide you the opportunity to establish your own personal legacy through a variety of methods that best suit you and your plans.

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at principal.woodsworth@utoronto.ca. Alternatively, you can contact Barbara Track, Executive Director: Advancement, Alumni & Communications at Woodsworth College barbara.track@utoronto.ca or 416-978-4197. ■



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Donating publicly traded stocks and securities is a tax-smart way to support Woodsworth College and U of T. You will receive a charitable tax receipt for the fair market value of the donated security and you will not pay tax on any capital gain.

You can designate your gift to a Woodsworth priority that meets your interests.

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For more information:

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NOVERA'S EDUCATION GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM.

Thanks to Annual Fund donors, Novera Hasan Khan (BA 2017 WDW) completed full-time studies while also serving as president of the Woodsworth College Students' Association. Donate today and help leaders like Novera make a difference in and out of the classroom.

Find out more: 416-978-0811
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CELEBRATING FALL CONVOCATION

ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH,

Woodsworth College shared the annual fall convocation ceremony with Victoria College and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at Convocation Hall. The ceremony was presided over by President Meric Gertler and Chancellor Michael Wilson, with Dr. Wendy Cecil, former Chancellor of Victoria University, delivering the convocation address, which included some timely advice for the graduates as they prepare for careers and further studies. Former Woodsworth Alumni Association president Elizabeth Trotter acted as Esquire and Adam Doyle from the Professional and International Programs office carried the gonfalon.

At every convocation, there are many remarkable stories of the journeys that students take to the successful completion of their degrees. One such story from our fall convocation stands out. Danae-Linda

Diamantopoulou-Hudson tells of her perseverance and the help she received from Woodsworth along the way:

"I should have graduated from high school in 1986 but instead I was rehabilitating from a spinal injury. I was, however, able to gain admittance to post-secondary education by attending the Pre-University Program (now Academic Bridging Program) at Woodsworth in 1988. My injury precluded me from completing degree studies at the time, but after many years away from academia, raising four sons, running a business and working two-part time jobs, there was nothing I wanted more, nowhere I would rather be, than back at the prestigious U of T as this continued to be a lifelong dream.

Skeptical that I would be able to finish my degree, as I had no idea how I would be able to manage balancing a family of six while working part time and studying, I enrolled anyway and decided I would just take it one semester at a time. I found that I loved every minute of being

a student and was thriving in academia. However, with every crisis I faced I often thought, 'this is it, now I have to drop out.' Through it all, Woodsworth stood by my side providing financial support through bursaries and grants. One particularly supportive person at Woodsworth kept giving moral support and encouraging me to keep striving toward my goal. Without all of this support, I would not be where I am today, the proud recipient of an Honours Bachelor of Arts Degree with distinction, from UofT. My classmates think it took me five years, but my family knows it took me 30. What I know, is it was the best five years of my life! I am now on to the next challenge: two more years completing a Master's Degree in Teaching. This will be a second degree from U of T to hang proudly on my wall. Both degrees will arm me with knowledge and skills that will send me out into the world ready to face new challenges." ■



Graduands sign the class of 2017 banner outside Convocation Hall



Chancellor's Procession participants



Adam Doyle, the Woodsworth College gonfalon bearer

FALL EVENTS

Professor Emeritus of Economics (UBC), Craig Riddell, delivered the third **Annual Morley Gunderson Lecture** in Labour Economics entitled *What Do Unions Do to Wage Inequality: The Roles of Gender, Skill and Public Sector Employment*. This event is co-presented by the Centre for Industrial Relations & Human Resources, the Department of Economics, and Woodsworth College.

The lecture was preceded by the presentation of the Gunderson Prize which recognizes CIRHR graduates who combine outstanding professional achievement with significant service to the Centre. This year's recipients were Clara Addo-Bekoe, Organizational Development and Learning Advisor at TVO, and Michael Villeneuve, Director, Centre for Employee Relations at Ontario Public Service.

In conjunction with the Faculty of Arts & Science, the College was proud to present Woodsworth alumna Rita Leistner (WDW '88) for a presentation entitled **From the Battlefield to the Cut Block**. Rita is an internationally celebrated artist and documentary photographer whose presentation covered her journey from photographing conflict zones in Afghanistan and Iraq, to photographing and filming tree planters in western Canada.

Alumni were also invited to a special private tour by the artist of her exhibit, "The Tree Planters" at the Stephen Bulger Gallery in Toronto.

Professor Audrey Macklin, director of the Centre for Criminology and Sociological Studies, delivered the **2017 Saul Goldstein Memorial Lecture**. The lecture, presented in October, was



entitled: *Making and Remaking Canadians through Private Refugee Sponsorship*. Prof. Macklin's lecture outlined her current research project on private sponsor groups and how they and the refugees that they sponsor are affected by this process. Macklin, is one of five scholars in Canada to receive a 2017 Pierre Elliott Trudeau Fellowship, in recognition of her outstanding scholarship and pro bono work advocating for immigrant and refugee rights.



A photo from Rita's Tree Planters series. Courtesy of Rita Leistner.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALUMNI CAFÉ

Join fellow alumni for a panel discussion on the legalization of marijuana in Canada with Andrea Hill, a corporate and securities lawyer at SkyLaw with an expertise in medical marijuana regulation. Other panelists TBA.

Wednesday, March 28, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

William Waters Lounge, Woodsworth College Residence, 321 Bloor St. W.

To register: please email events.woodsworth@utoronto.ca or call 416-978-5301

ANNUAL SEFTON-WILLIAMS MEMORIAL LECTURE

This lecture features speakers on labour management relations and is co-sponsored by the Centre for Industrial Relations & Human Resources and Woodsworth College.

Speaker: Professor Juliet Schor, Boston College

Topic: Dependence and Precarity in the "Sharing" Economy

Thursday, March 29, 2018, 4:00 p.m.

Kruger Hall Commons, Woodsworth College, 119 St. George St.

To register: please email events.woodsworth@utoronto.ca or call 416-978-5301

SPRING REUNION AND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Hold the Date!

Thursday, May 31, 2018.

Join Woodsworth alumni for a brief business meeting and volunteer recognition followed by a wine & cheese reception.



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