



THE
KING'S
UNIVERSITY



IMPACT REPORT

2020-21

PURSuing A BETTER WORLD AS EDMONTON'S CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Our mission as Edmonton's Christian University is to provide Christian university education that inspires students from across Canada and around the world to bring renewal to every walk of life.

Every student at King's is made in God's image.

By helping to develop their unique interests, passions, and talents, our hope is that they leave here knowing who they are, having heard God's call, ready to embark on their life's work.

We believe that learning happens best in community, and that the greatest ideas are born in conversations between friends. With the help of our donor community, King's provides a unique and supportive learning environment for our students that gives them a strong foundation for life.



Ryleigh Vandershee: Adventures in Research

As a biology student at King's, Ryleigh Vandershee spent the summer of 2019 conducting research in the wilderness of northern Alberta as an assistant to a graduate student from the University of Alberta. Their research, supervised by King's Biology professor Dr. Vern Peters, and others from the University of Alberta, examined the effects environmental factors have on the habitat choices of snowshoe hares.

"Our job involved driving as close as we could to a research site and bush-whacking the rest of our way in," recalls Ryleigh. "When we arrived, we set up 50-meter by two-meter transect lines and collected all the data we could from within that plot: pellet counts, vegetation types—you name it."

That summer, Ryleigh helped collect data from more than 140 such plots in the forests around Fort McMurray. Though most days were uneventful, Ryleigh and her colleague once unknowingly entered a part of the bush used by hunters to bait bears. To their surprise, they found themselves within 30 feet of a black bear. Although both carried bear spray for safety, they managed to frighten the bear off without incident.

On a separate occasion, while walking back to their vehicle, Ryleigh felt as though they were being fol-

lowed. As it turned out, a large black wolf had taken a leisurely interest in them!

During the following school year, Ryleigh spent time editing research models, analyzing and interpreting data, and collaborating with her supervisors and colleagues to get their research published. Under the supervision of Dr. Peters, she also used some of the data for her senior thesis. Ryleigh credits her education at King's for preparing her for such a unique project.

"If I had to pick a course or two that were most useful to me in my research, it would be my plant diversity course with Dr. Vern Peters as well as research methods and biostatistics with Dr. Darcy Visscher."

This autumn, in addition to managing King's Community Garden and applying for medical schools, Ryleigh continues to edit her research models and revise her paper as she works to have their work published. The hope is that their findings provide insight into how climate change will affect snowshoe hares and which variables most influence their choice of habitat, allowing conservationists to focus their efforts for the greatest impact.



Trees for Tomorrow

Because of your generosity, over 128 trees and 550 saplings were planted this spring in support of campus beautification, student wellness, and sustainability. We couldn't have done this without your support!

- In total, 88 people gave towards this initiative, exceeding our initial fundraising target of \$8,000 by over 400 percent! The dividends of this investment are already beginning to grow, making our campus a more welcoming place for new generations of King's students.
- Together, we planted a diverse collection of trees, including:
- 300 Fir
 - 120 Paper Birch
 - 42 Willow
 - 37 White Spruce
 - 25 Swedish Aspen
 - 24 Tamarack
 - 18 Colorado Spruce
 - 13 Linden
 - 7 Ohio Buckeye
 - 6 Flowering Crab
 - 6 Trembling Aspen
 - 5 Brandon Elm
 - 5 Ponderosa Pine
 - 4 Autumn Blaze Maple
 - 3 Ming Cherry
 - 3 Scots Pine
 - 2 American Elm
 - 2 Apple
 - 2 Evans Cherry
 - 2 Green Ash
 - 2 Inferno Maple
 - 2 Swiss Stone Pinen



Melanie Humphreys, Ph.D.
President

Moving Forward in Faithfulness

I have been utterly amazed this year at God's faithfulness and how King's alumni and community have rallied around the beautiful vision of this institution, despite high levels of uncertainty in the world. Your support has enabled us to put together a strong plan for delivering top-quality Christian academic and student programs that meet students where they are, both in-person and online.

Our task is an awesome one! We exist to inspire and equip learners to make real, positive impacts in our world and in the lives of others. There is no better time to invest in the next generation. Thanks for being a part of this great place. Pray for us and our students, that we remain encouraged and faithful to our God as we build into this year.

Faithfully yours,

Statement of Financial Position

Assets	Current assets	1,941,363
	Investments	8,678,128
	Property and equipment	19,291,489
	Total	29,910,980
Liabilities & net assets	Current liabilities	23,015,853
	Long-term debt	916,850
	Deferred capital contributions	2,883,519
	Net assets	3,094,758
Total	29,910,980	
Revenue	Tuition	10,096,301
	Government grants	5,254,578
	Sales and other	2,914,055
	Donations	2,416,447
	Total	20,681,381
Expenses	Instruction, research, library	\$8,362,402
	Student services	5,644,547
	Administration and advancement	3,065,490
	Facilities and computing	3,163,794
	Interest on debt	243,610
	Total	20,479,843
Surplus	Total	201,538

For a complete, detailed report on King's finances, please visit: kingsu.ca/finances

2019-2020 Investments for Students

Launched the **Academic Enrichment Centre**, consolidating all of King's student services and academic supports in one location.

Founded the new **Centre for Career and Calling**, supporting students and alumni as they seek employment or placement in graduate and professional programs.

Invested in **new video conferencing equipment, live-streaming software, and network infrastructure** to enhance our online learning experience.

Opened a **new seasonal community ice rink**, supported by generous contributions from business partners in the community.

Disbursed **\$660,000 in student awards and scholarships**.

Upgraded our **Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Imaging (NMRI) machine** to ensure that our research in the sciences continues to be world-class.

An update on the Critical Operations Fund

Through your generous gifts to the Critical Operations Fund, King's successfully navigated significant challenges to our financial situation and the health of our students, staff, and faculty due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Your support enabled us to quickly pivot to online course delivery and provided the foundation for the hybrid model we have rolled out for the 2020 academic year, which now includes in-person and online instruction. Because of your support, **we surpassed our goal of \$200,000** and are entering the 2020-21 academic year on good financial footing and with **an enrolment increase over last year**. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE KING'S HARVEST BANQUET

November 14, 2020, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Join us for a small group online event featuring live entertainment, a keynote address, alumni achievement awards, and a silent auction. More details to come!

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"I would say that the community is my favourite part about King's. I am blessed to play volleyball with an amazing group of teammates. They're some of my best friends and are great people to be around. Everyone at King's is so friendly and I have made a lot of friends because of that!"

Tanner Piers
Eagles Volleyball, Right Side



"I will be starting a Ph.D program in philosophy this fall. My work is centered on issues of love and hospitality. What does it look like to be hospitable to the stranger? What does it mean to embody the love of Christ? These questions are exciting because they change how we interact with people."

Anna Boessenkool
B.A. Philosophy '20



"My favourite thing about my job is encountering students who are willing to stare our world's brokenness and suffering in the face and commit themselves to living lives of loving-kindness in their own unique ways. I love King's commitment to exploring Christ's call in every corner of the world."

Jonathan Nicolai-DeKoning
Director, Micah Centre



Together We Work: Volunteer Day 2020

On August 15, 2020 members of King's community, including staff, faculty, students, and alumni, among others, gathered on campus to help with a number of campus improvement projects. Volunteers painted bike racks and planters, stained fences, trimmed foliage, and planted flowers to beautify the campus for incoming students.



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