

## University of Toronto Alumni Association

The University of Toronto's Alumni Association's (UTAA) annual general meeting is the culmination of Spring Reunion events. Each year, the UTAA works to encourage alumni participation in the life of the University, through a network of alumni volunteer, groups, councils and committees. UTAA has a renewed mission and is expanding its work through focused committees and working groups aimed at providing alumni with meaningful experiences and lifelong connections with U of T. These initiatives include: community engagement, awards and scholarships, and partnerships with student life and alumni relations on alumni mentorship programs.

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Dr. **Samantha Nutt**, a 2000 graduate of the Post-Graduate Medical Training, Family and Community Medicine Program at U of T, was the keynote speaker at this year's annual general meeting of the University of Toronto Alumni Association. Professor Nutt is founder of War Child Canada and author of *Damned Nations: Greed, Guns, Armies and Aid*. She spoke about the impact of war and the problem of getting aid to those who need it, and suggested it is time to formulate a new international development model to change the way aid is provided to war-ravaged countries around the world.



## Boundless Engagement

The UTAA's Community Engagement initiative brings together alumni interested in having a positive impact in their communities. The UTAA facilitates this effort by profiling alumni and their community work; helping alumni connect with each other and the University around common interests; and providing support and education to help alumni be most effective in their community-based activities.

During the past year, the UTAA highlighted the community work of numerous alumni, including (clockwise from top):

Alumnus **Gideon Forman** (BA 1987) is fighting for environmental protection across Canada as the leader of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE)—an award-winning group of 5,400 doctors and concerned citizens working to protect human health by protecting the planet.

**Anne Kerubo** (BA 1998) (centre) is supporting and advocating for people affected by mental health issues through her volunteerism at Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences. Over the seven years of volunteering Kerubo has spent time with patients at the drop in centre, provided spiritual care services and supported recreational and special events. She is currently a board member of the Volunteer Association at Ontario Shores.

**Sara Dolcetti** (BASc 2009) believes in the importance of developing value-based health care systems—both nationally and internationally—and was recently in Haiti on a volunteer project to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Haitian HIV healthcare delivery.





The Boundless theme has its own special resonance with students, who are drawn to its values of openness, inclusiveness, and optimism, and what it says about their own potential for contributing to a better world. At June Convocation, graduates produced more than 500 personalized digital Boundless Banners, featuring a portrait with customized wording articulating their own future goals and aspirations.

This was a new element of Convocation Plaza, a marquee gathering place for graduates and their guests following their convocation ceremony. Open throughout convocation, the venue serves as a welcoming space and offers new graduates an opportunity to learn about the myriad benefits and alumni programming available to U of T alumni as well as the many opportunities to stay engaged with the University after graduation.

The experience of Convocation is a special bond uniting all U of T alumni. A joyful celebration and time-honoured tradition steeped in rituals dating back to medieval times, the event marks the culmination of years of hard work as well as an important rite of passage, which for U of T students, means becoming members of a global alumni community over half-a-million strong.



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## Venus Caught in Transit

More than 5,000 people, wearing special glasses, looked up in awe at Varsity Stadium on an early evening in June, witnessing a once-in-a-lifetime event—the transit of Venus across the Sun.

Students, faculty, alumni and other amateur astronomers watched as a small black dot crept across the sun. Venus makes its visible trek across the sun twice a century, eight years apart. The last one was in 2004 and it means the next pair will not happen until 2117 and 2125.

There have been only seven transits of Venus since the invention of the telescope in 1610. In the 1700s and 1800s, the transits gave astronomers their first accurate measurements of the distance to the Sun. Today, transits are used to find planets orbiting stars other than the Sun.

In addition to the glasses, U of T provided solar telescopes, door prizes and astronomers to answer questions. The event was organized by Alumni Relations, the Dunlap Institute for Astronomy and Astrophysics, the Institute for the History & Philosophy of Science and Technology and the Faculty of Arts & Science.

Alumni Relations produced 3,000 “Boundless Vision” glasses for distribution at Spring Reunion headquarters, Varsity Stadium and regional events. Dunlap produced 43,000 for distribution across Canada.



# Boundless Promise Matching Program

The University of Toronto enjoys a high standing among the world's leading universities, based on the excellence of its programs, faculty and students. Compared to our peers, U of T may also be one of the last great universities that remains publicly accessible.

Excellence and accessibility are at the core of the University's values. For more than a decade, we have been explicitly committed to making the U of T education available to any student who merits acceptance, regardless of their means. As a result of this commitment, we welcome more students from lower-income households than any other university in the province and allocate more of our operating budget to bursaries and scholarships than the average of other Ontario universities.

Further fueling this commitment to accessibility is a new program to stimulate gifts for financial aid. The new Boundless Promise Matching Program will match disbursements from endowed donations of \$25,000 or more in support of needs-based awards, doubling the impact of the gift. These matching funds go above and beyond what the University already commits to student financial aid annually.

Funding student needs-based scholarships connects our alumni and friends to today's students and tomorrow's leaders. A commitment to student aid is a vote of confidence in the rising generation of Canadians. Once they graduate, these bright young people will be poised to give back to their own communities, further multiplying the impact of the donations that made their education possible.





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## Springtime in Paris

International philanthropist Dr. **Helen Vari** convened a two-day series of events for U of T alumni in Europe, including a dinner for 100 people at her home in Paris, a private tour of the National Museum of the Legion of Honour, and a reception at the Canadian Embassy in Paris.

Alumni traveled from Austria, Canada, England, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Scotland, Switzerland and the United States to attend the events, reconnect with their alma mater and hear about the University's progress.

The Hon. David Peterson, together with his wife Shelley Peterson, attended the events. The trip was Peterson's last official trip as Chancellor of U of T, after six years of remarkable service. The Legion of Honour tour had special resonance for Peterson, who is a knight of the Order of the Legion of Honour of France, and Vari, who was recently made an officer of the Legion of Honour in a ceremony at her Toronto home.





05.09.12

# Student Welcome Campaign

The Boundless Campaign, with its themes of boundary crossing opportunity, openness, inclusion, and impact, has resonated strongly with students who see in it a reflection of their own values and aspirations. The campaign has been the grateful recipient of student generosity across many faculties, in response to the campaign's significant emphasis on student life and learning.

On September 5<sup>th</sup>, the University launched a Boundless poster and banner campaign for returning students to draw attention to the incredibly diverse environment of choice available to students at U of T for both curricular and extra curricular activities. With more than 700 undergraduate programs and more than 800 student clubs, U of T offers many different opportunities for students to find their niche, build friendships and feel a sense of belonging. The bold images and playful copy was designed to resonate with student sensibilities and inspire them to discover the amazing depth of the U of T experience on all three campuses.








**BEAVER FINDS CANOE,  
THE END!**

**WE'VE GOT  
A CLUB  
FOR THAT.**

**BOUNDLESS**

CANADIAN FICTION

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO  
MISSISSAUGA



**WHAT DO  
YOU BENCH?**

**WE'VE GOT  
A CLUB  
FOR THAT.**

**BOUNDLESS**

IRONSports CLUB

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO



**POW!  
ARRRRRRGH!**

**WE'VE GOT  
A CLUB  
FOR THAT.**

**BOUNDLESS**

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**WE'VE GOT  
A CLUB  
FOR THAT.**

**BOUNDLESS**

SCARBOROUGH  
CAMPUS  
ARCHERY CLUB

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

**WE'VE GOT  
A CLUB  
FOR THAT.**

**BOUNDLESS**

MINIMALISM

**WE'VE GOT  
A CLUB  
FOR THAT.**

**BOUNDLESS**

INSECT  
PHYSIOLOGY

**WE'VE GOT  
A CLUB  
FOR THAT.**

**BOUNDLESS**

SCULPTURE

**WE'VE GOT  
A CLUB  
FOR THAT.**

**BOUNDLESS**



# Elevating Rotman

A shiny glass cube perches above a red brick heritage house on St. George Street, north of Hoskin Avenue. The unique structure is the spacious new addition to the Rotman School of Management. The merging of different architectural styles was deliberate, intended to reflect visually the business school's commitment to Integrative Thinking.

The building—the cornerstone of Rotman's \$200-million campaign—officially opened on September 5, 2012. The addition more than doubles the school's existing footprint, placing Rotman's eleven research centres all under one roof for the first time, and providing much needed space for a planned 50% expansion of the MBA program and 30% expansion of the PhD programs. The expanded Rotman School also provides a networking and career-building hub to connect the school's more than 12,000 alumni to boundless opportunities for professional development both in Toronto and around the world.

Rotman's expansion was possible through generous contributions from many donors including landmark benefactions from Sandra (BA 1975) and Joseph L. Rotman (MCom 1960), Marcel Desautels and an anonymous donor. Both the Rotmans and Mr. Desautels have made transformative gifts to the school over the years, helping to put Rotman on the map as one of the world's most innovative business educators.



Just one year before **Anthony Lacavera** (BAsc 1997) launched Globalive Communications, he was a computer engineering student at the University of Toronto hoping to make an impact on Canada and the world.

In September, Lacavera—who now also heads independent wireless carrier and powerful industry competitor WIND Mobile—returned to campus to speak to 1,400 members of this year's entering class of engineers. During his inspiring talk, he spoke about how humility, persistence and hard work got him to where he is today: head of two of the fastest growing companies in Canada. He urged students to enjoy their time at U of T Engineering and build relationships, telling those in attendance to introduce themselves to the person beside them—and nurture their entrepreneurial spirit.

A member of the Engineering campaign cabinet, Lacavera is an example of the growing number of alumni who are returning to campus to connect with students and encourage them to carve out paths as innovators and entrepreneurs. He has a lot of experience to share: he was recently named one of Canada's Top 40 Under 40 and CEO of the Year for 2010 by Report on Business Magazine.





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# Opening Night at Music

Every September, Dean Don McLean of the Faculty of Music unveils a season schedule of more than 400 performances, lectures and master classes to a select group of faculty, alumni, donors and friends.

But this year's unveiling of the season schedule went beyond classes, concerts and conferences as Dean Don McLean described a new strategy for Music based on "three i's": extend the interdisciplinary reach of the Faculty, heighten its international profile and make infrastructure improvements to the 50 year old Edward Johnson Building.

Interdisciplinary initiatives will be expanded through the new Music and Health Research Collaboratory, a centre devoted to music therapy and sound related research in neuroscience, psychology, sociology and teaching. Internationalization will come about through new fellowships and funding formula modifications. And Dean McLean gave those in attendance a "sneak preview" of infrastructure renovations under consideration.

"This was a state of the art facility when it opened," McLean said of the music building. "But that was 50 years ago." Basic renovations are underway, he said, and there are now plans under consideration to renew the building's distinctive lobby and remake the 815 seat MacMillan Theatre into a 1,000 seat "contemporary training room that looks, feels and most importantly sounds like a great opera house." The Boundless campaign will support each of these important initiatives.

Faculty of Music alumnus Aaron Tsang composed the opening and closing fanfare for the launch of the Boundless campaign. Throughout the past year, U of T music students performed the composition at various campaign launch events.

**Full Score**

**BOUNDLESS**  
Fanfare for the University of Toronto  
score in c

Aaron Tsang

Allegro con brio (MM ♩ = c. 120)

Trumpet in C 1  
Trumpet in C 2  
Trumpet in C 3  
Trumpet in C 4  
Horn in F 1  
Horn in F 2  
Trombone 1  
Trombone 2  
Tuba 1  
Tuba 2  
Percussion 1  
Percussion 2

*ff* with pride...  
*ff* with pride...  
*mf*  
*mf*  
*mf*  
*mf*  
*mf* always blend with horns throughout  
*f*  
*f*  
*f* let ring

Aaron Tsang © March 2012



## Recognizing Outstanding Alumni Service

Every year hundreds of University of Toronto volunteers give their time, expertise, professional advice and financial support to the University. U of T is enriched by their many and diverse contributions and honours them at the annual Arbor Awards ceremony. Created in 1989 to recognize volunteers for their outstanding personal service, the awards acknowledge the commitment of those alumni and friends whose loyalty, dedication and generosity enhance the quality of the U of T experience for students, faculty and staff members and alumni.

The 2012 ceremony took place October 12, 2012 at the president's residence at 93 Highland Avenue where 92 people received awards. More than 450 guests attended the event. Volunteers representing 24 faculties, colleges, schools and other U of T divisions were honoured, as were many engaged in multi-divisional and university-wide initiatives such as Hart House, the Senior Alumni, Soldiers' Tower and other activities of the Division of University Advancement. They were recognized for their work as advisors, mentors, class leaders and organizers, members of the central and divisional alumni associations and networks, guest lecturers, coaches, lab instructors, fundraisers and for many other roles.

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Françoise Ko (BSc 1997, MSc 2001, PhD 2006) received a 2012 Arbor Award in recognition of her contributions as chair of the U of T Alumni Association's College of Electors. As chair, Dr. Ko presided over the re-election of Chancellor David Peterson, the subsequent election of Chancellor Michael Wilson and the election and re-election of the alumni members of Governing Council.





The Faculty of Medicine has a record of discovery that has changed the world, from the discovery of insulin and stem cells to the identification of the genes responsible for early onset Alzheimer's disease. Building on this tradition of innovation and impact, the Faculty is developing future health care leaders, contributing to the well-being of our community and improving the health of individuals and populations in Canada and around the world.

On September 13, 2012 more than 300 students, alumni, benefactors, volunteers, faculty, staff and members of the medical community gathered at the Terrence Donnelly Centre for Cellular and Biomolecular Research to celebrate the launch of the \$500 million campaign for U of T's Faculty of Medicine, a cornerstone of the University's overall \$2 billion Boundless campaign. The largest ever fundraising initiative for a medical school in Canadian history, the Faculty has already secured more than half of its campaign goal.

Through this exciting initiative, the Faculty of Medicine aims to transform health care for

Canadians and people across the globe by training future health care leaders and putting scientific discovery into action.

Speaking at the launch event, Dean Catharine Whiteside (BSc 1972; MD 1975; PhD 1984) highlighted the key role that philanthropic efforts play in advancing the Faculty's research and education objectives. She acknowledged the generous support of individuals like Campaign Cabinet Chair Michael Dan (MD 1984), Paul Dalla Lana, Terrence Donnelly, Carlo Fidani, Mark Tanz (BA 1952; Hon. LLD 1990) and Stuart Tanz, and the Eaton family, who have made transformative gifts to the Faculty of Medicine.

Philanthropist Paul Dalla Lana, whose historic gift established the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, also spoke at the event. In his remarks, he praised the contributions of alumni and volunteers. "These individuals represent the legacy of the Faculty with their leadership, impact and service around the world," he said.







## A Noteworthy Milestone

First year residents **Jeff Alfonsi** and **Joshua Levitz** announced an exciting \$2 million gift from the student group Toronto Notes (TNotes) to the Boundless campaign. Toronto Notes was created by students for students nearly three decades ago. Today it has become a globally popular study guide. TNotes intends to continue supporting the campaign, helping to address the financial burdens facing U of T Medical students through bursaries as well as upgrading facilities and improving student health and wellness. Jeff Alfonsi received a Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Award in 2012.




## Making Life-changing Breakthroughs

With our aging population, few Canadian families today remain untouched by neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's. Neurodegenerative diseases could surpass cancer as the second leading cause of death by 2040. Thanks to the pioneering vision and pathbreaking philanthropy of individuals like Mark Tanz and Lionel Schipper, we have every reason to be optimistic. Medical breakthroughs such as those being made at U of T's Tanz Centre have the potential to halt or at the very least significantly slow the progression of Alzheimer's. Under the direction of Peter St George-Hyslop, an international authority on the genetics and mechanisms of neurodegenerative disorders, the Tanz Centre has been the setting for many crucial discoveries related to Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and other devastating conditions.

The Tanz Centre is one of many big priorities for U of T Medicine's campaign. The Faculty's goal is to raise \$31 million in support for the centre's continuing international effort to understand the causes of neurodegenerative disease. Tanz Centre scientists are preparing to add a new generation of investigators and move to a state-of-the-art facility at the Krembil Discovery Centre at University Health Network's Toronto Western Hospital. With new skills, new ideas and new tools, Tanz will be at the leading edge of research and treatment of some of the most devastating neurodegenerative diseases affecting Canadians today—providing comfort, support and dignity to patients and easing the burden of caregivers and families.





A man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a blue suit jacket over a light pink shirt, is sitting on a red patterned rug in front of a large, multi-paned window. He is holding a white paper airplane in his right hand, looking out the window with a thoughtful expression. The window shows green foliage outside. The room has dark wood paneling.

## Sharing Opportunity

Experiencing a diversity of cultures, travelling to other countries and meeting new people are formative parts of a well-rounded educational experience. As a graduate student in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology in the Faculty of Medicine, **Nael Al Koudsi** (BSc 2004; PhD 2010) had the opportunity to travel widely — Ottawa, Montreal, Austin, Orlando and Prague — to attend global research gatherings where he met experts in his field and was able to share ideas and hone his presentation skills. When Koudsi graduated with his PhD in 2010, he felt compelled to make a \$10,000 gift to enable other students to gain invaluable cultural experience and career development through travel to academic conferences and research meetings.



# Celebrating Engineering Innovation

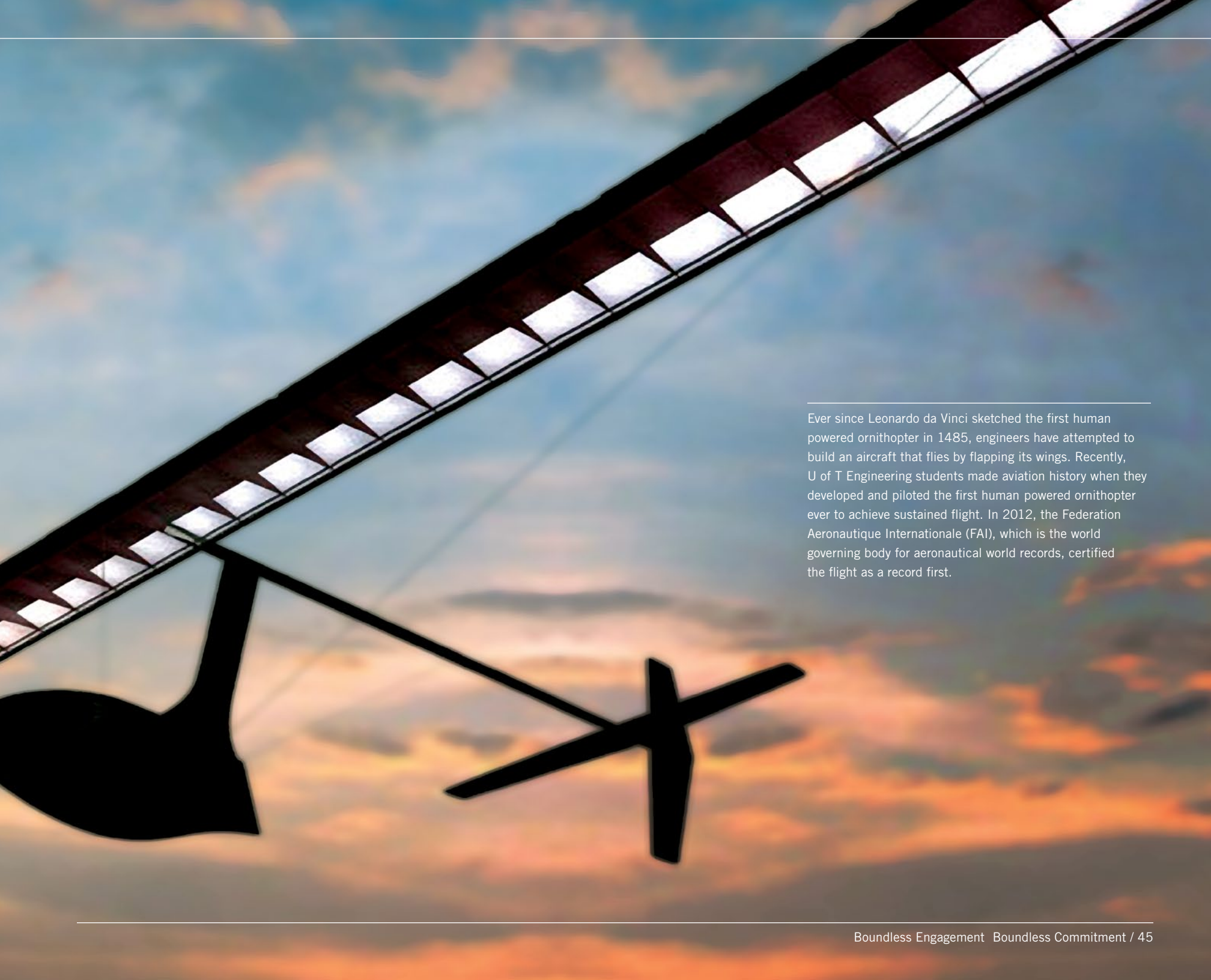
Over its 139 year history, U of T's Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering has earned a reputation as Canada's leading school for engineering research, teaching and innovation; and as a centre of immense inspiration, remarkable innovation and boundless possibilities. U of T engineering students are a diverse and talented group whose average entering mark this year was more than 92 per cent – the highest in Canada. Faculty members are among the world's best, pushing the frontiers of engineering research in all its disciplines, while alumni comprise some of this country's most visionary entrepreneurs and innovators.

On September 15, 2012, the Faculty kicked off its \$200 million campaign with an Afternoon of Engineering Innovation that showcased the Faculty's strong industry links, its global excellence and innovation, and the tremendous potential of its students. Attended by more than 600 members of the Engineering community, the event featured lectures, industry panels with alumni, and dozens of student exhibits.

At the event, Dean Cristina Amon announced the success to date of the Faculty's campaign, which had already secured more than \$80 million towards its goal – the largest ever fundraising initiative for an engineering school in Canada. The campaign aims to engage the faculty's global network of alumni and friends to nurture a new generation of engineers – technically deep, globally adept and business savvy – to address

some of the most pressing and complex issues of our time.

Building a new Centre for Engineering Innovation and Entrepreneurship is a core priority of the engineering campaign. Located on St. George Street, beside Simcoe Hall and Convocation Hall, the centre will be a landmark U of T building and a nerve centre for the Faculty's collaborative learning and interdisciplinary research. Several members of engineering's campaign executive committee along with early supporters, have rallied behind the vision for this new building, committing more than \$10 million to help accelerate plans to build it. These supporters include: George Myhal (BASc 1978), chair of the Engineering Campaign Executive Committee and senior managing partner of Brookfield Asset Management, who made a \$5 million gift to the new centre and closed the plenary session of the Afternoon of Engineering Innovation with an inspiring personal perspective on how his success grew out the opportunities provided by his U of T education. Other major donors to the building include Peter Allen (BASc 1962), who was motivated by Dean Amon's striking vision for the Centre to make a \$1 million gift; Bill (BASc 1967) and Kathleen Troost, whose \$2 million gift will build space for the Institute for Leadership Education in Engineering (ILead); alumnus Walter Curlook (MMS 1950, MASc 1951, PhD 1953) who provided a \$1 million gift towards much needed lab renovations; and Paul Cadario (BASc 1973) donated \$1 million for the Centre for Global Engineering as well as graduate fellowships.



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Ever since Leonardo da Vinci sketched the first human powered ornithopter in 1485, engineers have attempted to build an aircraft that flies by flapping its wings. Recently, U of T Engineering students made aviation history when they developed and piloted the first human powered ornithopter ever to achieve sustained flight. In 2012, the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI), which is the world governing body for aeronautical world records, certified the flight as a record first.



## Engineering Success

**George Myhal's** (BASc 1978) ties—as a student, alumni, donor and volunteer—to U of T Engineering span five decades. In that time, the role of engineering has evolved, but the importance of a first-rate education has remained constant. “I received an outstanding education from U of T that I am thankful for,” said Myhal, who serves as Chair of the Faculty’s Campaign Executive Committee. “Given changes to technology and its impact on our lives, engineering will have a higher profile and more importance in the world than when I was a student. It’s important for the Faculty to play a part in this new era for engineering.” Now chief operating officer and senior managing partner of Brookfield Asset Management, Myhal’s visionary \$5-million gift to the Centre for Engineering Innovation & Entrepreneurship helps ensure that U of T stays at the leading edge of technical expertise while responding to the growing need for well-rounded, global leaders.



The launch of the Fraser Mustard Institute for Human Development (IHD) on September 27, 2012 firmly established University of Toronto as a leading centre of research in early human development. IHD is the first institute of its kind in Canada, bringing together University of Toronto researchers from a variety of disciplines—such as education, medicine, psychology, biology and social work—to connect in new ways and make the most of the early years of human development.

The institute is named for renowned early childhood advocate Dr. Fraser Mustard, who first envisioned it. His concept for the centre, which holds true to this day, was for a body that would not only bridge academic disciplines such as education, medicine, psychology, biology and social work, but would also bring scientists together with policy makers and practitioners in a grand collaboration. The fundamental understanding was that human development in the first 2000 days of life is so complex and varied that true progress can only be made through an approach that considers all factors in a child's development. Lending particular immediacy and excitement to the IHD's work is the rapid growth in understanding of the interplay between genes and the environment and how they influence health, learning and social functioning.

The kickoff event at the MaRs Discovery Centre was attended by members of Dr. Mustard's family as well as by key supporters including the Honourable Margaret Norrie McCain (BA 1955; Hon. LLD 1996), Dr. Eric Jackman (BA 1957; MA 1962), Mats Sundin, Eb and Jane Zeidler, Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment and the Lawson Foundation.





## Boundless Community: University of St. Michael's College

Boundless Community aptly describes the spirit and the objectives of the University of St. Michael's College. For 160 years, St. Michael's has been a tight-knit community, committed to the pursuit of knowledge, service and social justice.

On September 29, 2012 St. Michael's launched a \$50-million campaign to build on these progressive traditions. Speaking at the launch, SMC President and Vice Chancellor Anne Anderson announced that \$24-million had already been raised thanks to the extraordinary commitment of alumni and friends.

The campaign will seek support for five key priorities: revitalizing campus learning and living spaces; modernizing the John M. Kelly Library; establishing the SMC One Cornerstone Program for first-year students; strengthening the hallmark undergraduate programs in Book & Media Studies, Celtic Studies, Mediaeval Studies and Christianity & Culture; and increasing scholarship and bursary support for undergraduate and graduate students.

SMC Student Union President Mike Cowan announced gifts of \$1-million from James McGovern and his family in support of the Chaplaincy Program; \$150,000 from Philip Armstrong and his family for the Celtic Studies program; more than \$30,000 for new computers and furnishing from the Friends of the J. M. Kelly Library; and a gift from St. Michael's Collegium Hugh MacKinnon of materials, books and manuscripts relating to the British novelist and religious thinker G. K. Chesterton.





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## Building Bridges at Woodsworth

It was a year of celebration for Woodsworth College as it marked anniversaries for key programs: the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Millie Rotman Shime Academic Bridging Program; the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Summer Abroad Program; and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies. The timing couldn't have been better as all three areas are funding priorities within Woodsworth's \$7-million Boundless fundraising campaign. The campaign capitalized on two events marking these anniversaries to also launch the campaign—one for the bridging program on October 2 and another for the summer abroad program on October 18.

Woodsworth is one of seven colleges serving the students of U of T's Faculty of Arts and Science. The campaign for Woodsworth and its 6,000 students will raise funds for Scholarships and Awards, the new Woodsworth ONE program to support first year students; Access Programs such as the bridging program; and the Summer Abroad Program that encourages international experience.





# Revitalizing Robarts

Natural light, seating near windows, access to computers, outlets for laptops, universal wireless access and tools to facilitate collaborative learning such as white boards—these are the amenities of the ideal study space in a 21<sup>st</sup> century research library. In recognition of the central importance of the library to higher education, the University of Toronto has launched a multiphase revitalization of Robarts Library—Canada’s largest academic library. With the help of our visionary benefactors, the expansion and renovation will reinvent Robarts for a new century, dramatically increasing the quantity and quality of study spaces and reconfiguring them to support the needs of students, faculty and researchers in today’s digital age.

Thanks to the generous support of friends and donors, including lead gifts from Russell and Katherine Morrison, phase one of the Robarts renewal is now complete and Phase two is underway. On October 2, 2012 U of T libraries and the Centre for Teaching Support and Innovation (CTSI) officially opened a newly renovated space on the fourth floor that includes new study areas and the addition of an electronic teaching lab. The exciting next step in the revitalization is Robarts Common—a five-story pavilion that will be the new face of Robarts, opening up library’s west side to the street, bringing a flood of natural light to the lower floors and making the overall environment more inviting, accessible and productive for students. Most significantly, the new wing will add 1,200 new work and study spaces to Robarts, bringing the total of spaces in the library to more than 6,000.







U of T's highly regarded program in Jewish Studies attracts some of the most talented scholars and students working in the field. This past October, the Centre for Jewish Studies launched a public campaign to enhance its impact as an intellectual cornerstone in Toronto and one of the most vibrant centres for Jewish studies in the world. The centre has identified more than \$36 million in aspirations to advance Jewish studies. In a unique collaboration, the University has partnered with the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto to raise a minimum of \$18 million toward those aspirations in a community based campaign, led by co chairs Larry (LLD 2012) and Ken Tanenbaum.

The Tanenbaum family through the estate of Anne Tanenbaum and the Lawrence and Judith Tanenbaum Family Charity Foundation has led the community campaign with a generous \$5 million gift to support students, fund new programs for the University and the greater community and support day to day operations. Roz and Ralph Halbert's \$1 million donation to the Centre through the UJA Federation's Community Campaign, will build on the Halberts' generous support of academic programs that foster collaborative research between scholars at U of T and those at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Early eighteenth century scroll of the Book of Esther, illustrating the festival of Purim, Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, University of Toronto.