

A message from Dr. Janet Morrison



Reimagining education and learning

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Colleagues,

With the end of the fall term fast approaching, many of us are looking forward to resting, rejuvenating and safely honouring the traditions that matter most to our families. Before we head out for our holiday closure, I'd like to provide a short update on three initiatives:

- The 50-30 Challenge
- The Open Innovation Challenge
- The Virtual Holiday Cheer

The 50-30 Challenge

Earlier today, the Hon. Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, announced the Government of Canada's 50-30 Challenge aimed at boosting diversity at the senior-most levels within organizations. Approximately 500 organizations are early signatories including Sheridan. The Challenge asks organizations to achieve 50% gender parity and attain 30% representation of under-represented groups on boards and executive teams. [Learn more.](#)

The Open Innovation Challenge

In November, Sheridan launched the [Reimagine Learning and Education in our Communities Challenge](#) - an opportunity for participants across Canada to lend their experiences, ideas and solutions to address the question: ***How might we collaborate within our communities to reimagine learning and education so that no one is left behind and all youth and adults can realize their full potential?***

If you want to learn more or share your thoughts on our challenge question, please consider attending our remaining information session of the year, being held on December 15 from noon to 1 p.m. [Register today.](#)

The Virtual Holiday Cheer

It's an annual tradition at Sheridan to gather with colleagues before the winter break and this year will be no different. Please join me on December 16 beginning at 11 a.m. through WebEx events (a registration link will be shared next week) for a live presentation. If you can't join us then, a recording of the event will be posted to Sheridan Central.

We have a number of speakers lined up – including some of our students – who want to express their gratitude. Since we can't be together in person, I also hope that you'll [submit a photo](#) that demonstrates how you celebrate at this time of year or what you plan on doing during the winter break to relax.

Colleagues: your collective efforts to over the past nine months continue to energize and inspire me. Thinking back to all that you have achieved fills me with an enormous sense of pride and gratitude.

Warmly,

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