

A message from Dr. Janet Morrison



Celebrating us

December 3, 2020

Dear Sheridan Community,

Over the past few weeks, the second wave of COVID-19 has created a dramatic increase in the number of positive cases and hospitalizations in Ontario and pulled more regions – including Peel (home to our Brampton and Mississauga campuses) – into lockdown.

At a time when you may be growing weary of hearing bad news or experiencing fatigue, I'd like to share a few good news stories involving Sheridan. While they do not erase the seriousness of the pandemic – or our need to remain vigilant – I hope they'll afford you a reason to smile. Today I'll cover:

- Breakfast for a Bruin
- The Magna School for the Skilled Trades
- Long Service Awards
- Holiday Cheer – Save the Date

Breakfast for a Bruin

Thanks to the generosity of over 200 alumni, graduating students, friends of Sheridan and employees, Sheridan raised \$6,295 for the Student Union Food First food bank. The generosity of so many members of our community will provide students with increased food security, allowing them to focus instead on nourishing their minds and reaching their full potential.

The Magna School for the Skilled Trades

Today, we received a [\\$2M gift from Magna](#) – a globally recognized Canadian success story – to update labs with state-of-the-art equipment, support student scholarships, provide resources for training and fuel experiential learning outside the classroom. In honour of the gift, we have renamed our suite of Skilled Trades programs as the Magna School for the Skilled Trades. In addition, our Skilled Trades Centre at the Davis Campus in Brampton has also been renamed the Magna Skilled Trades Centre. This gift is a significant milestone – it's one of the largest single investments that Sheridan has received over the past decade.

Long Service Awards

Earlier this afternoon, Sheridan held its annual Long Service Award ceremony – this time, virtually. We had the pleasure of honouring 169 of your colleagues who were celebrating significant milestones and retirements. This cherished event acknowledges the invaluable contributions, commitment and dedication of so many whose work ensures the success of our students. If you were unable to watch the livestream, please visit [here](#) to see the list of recipients.

Holiday Cheer – save the date

It's been a long-standing tradition at Sheridan to gather together for a year-end celebration in advance of our annual holiday shutdown. This year, we're moving the event online. Please hold **Wednesday December 16 at 11:00 am** in your calendars. We'll be sharing more details next week in the Insider.

Colleagues – this pandemic continues to test our patience. The path won't always be linear, and we might not always get everything right on the first try, but I have every confidence that together, we will prevail.

Warm regards,

Janet Morrison, PhD
President and Vice Chancellor

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