

A message from Dr. Janet Morrison



Please participate. Help galvanize Sheridan's future

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Colleagues:

Over recent weeks, media has continued to question the value and relevancy of post-secondary education; consistently, self-proclaimed pundits have argued that our sector is ripe for disruption. Across [the US](#), [the UK](#) and [Australia](#), we're hearing reports of growing numbers of post-secondary institutions closing or merging as the pandemic continues and enrolment declines.

Sheridan has stemmed that tide through a consistent focus on academic quality, enrolment recovery, expense avoidance, and revenue generation. Thank you for contributing to these efforts through your collective work to rethink and retool our operations.

Equally germane to evolving and increasing the value and relevancy of post-secondary education at Sheridan is the mandate of our Galvanizing Education Hub (GEH) Task Force.

GEH has been hard at work over the past several months to address challenges stemming from the pandemic. Fundamentally, they were tasked with leveraging our strengths in creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship to catapult Sheridan forward. Their work is grounded in human-centred design, a creative approach to problem solving that starts with people and ends with innovative solutions that are tailor-made to suit their needs.

GEH has been charged with considering the following question, critical to galvanizing Sheridan's future: *In the context of the current pandemic and calls for systemic change, how might we reimagine our services, outreach, programs, and teaching and learning environments to attract and support students to learn well and thrive?*

To inform their work, we need your insights. Please take advantage of the four different ways you can engage with [GEH through the Sheridan Central portal](#). Members of GEH are creating weekly quick polls, offering 1:1 chats with taskforce members, doing lightning question rounds that focus on the future of higher education, and hosting group innovation sessions.

The next two sessions are scheduled for **September 22 from 3:00-4:30pm** and **September 24 from 11am-12:30pm**. There is [still space available to register](#).

It's important that all of us contribute to this critical undertaking. Broad engagement across our learning community is key. Your insights and ideas will inform the taskforce's recommendations about how Sheridan can best galvanize its future.

I continue to be immensely proud of the collective chorus of direction that you provided to the development of our Sheridan 2024 Strategic Plan. I hope that you will continue to 'lean in' and drive positive momentum.

Warmly,

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