

# Impact of your giving.

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



Langara College  
Foundation

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# Territorial acknowledgement

snəwəyət̓ leləm̓ Langara College acknowledges with respect our location on Musqueam unceded traditional territory. Our relationship with Musqueam is reflected in our use of the name snəwəyət̓ leləm̓, which means house of teachings and was given to the College in 2016 by Musqueam, and in the incorporation of the Musqueam symbol in the College's coat of arms.



# The power of giving: Transforming futures

MESSAGE FROM THE LANGARA COLLEGE FOUNDATION CHAIR AND PRESIDENT  
EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

At Langara College Foundation, we believe in the transformative power of education and the generosity that fuels it. In 2024, our donors, alumni, and community partners came together to make an incredible impact amidst challenging times to continue providing an inclusive and enriching learning environment for students.

Despite facing external pressures, Langara remains unwavering in its commitment to inclusion and education, helping students not only adjust but thrive. We are grateful to donors for helping ease the transition of international students, ensuring they can integrate into campus life.

In the face of the growing demand for more qualified health practitioners, our commitment to strengthening health education has never been more important. Our donors contributed to enhancing our nursing equipment and setting up new awards, to ensure future nurses are supported.

The demand for Emergency Food Assistance remained high in 2024. Additionally, the Holiday Hamper Program saw record numbers of students registering for assistance and the support of the Foundation was able to help over 350 students during the holidays.

The challenges of the past year have only reinforced the strength of our community. Amid national and global uncertainties, Langara's enduring values of support, unity, and resilience shone brighter than ever. Each contribution, whether large or small, have helped create a brighter future not just for Langara students, but the future of Canadian society.

To our donors, partners, and friends: Your support is important now more than ever, transforming lives one student at a time. Thank you and we hope to partner with you in the years ahead.



**Bruce Hurst**  
CFP, FCPA, FCGA Chair,  
Langara College Foundation



**Yusuf Varachia**  
Vice-President External Relations  
and Community Engagement

# Year in review



**\$12,324,941**

2024 endowment balance



**681**

Number of scholarships



**944**

Number of bursaries



**\$1,252,579**

Total awards and bursaries



**1015**

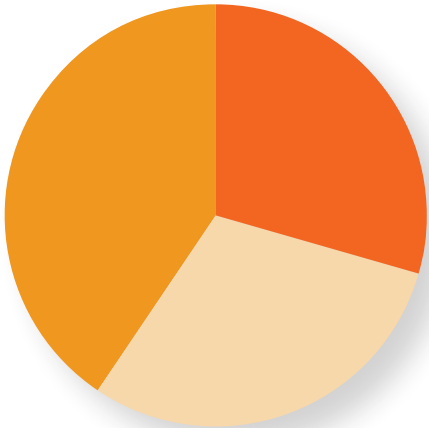
Number of students assisted



**496**

Number of donors

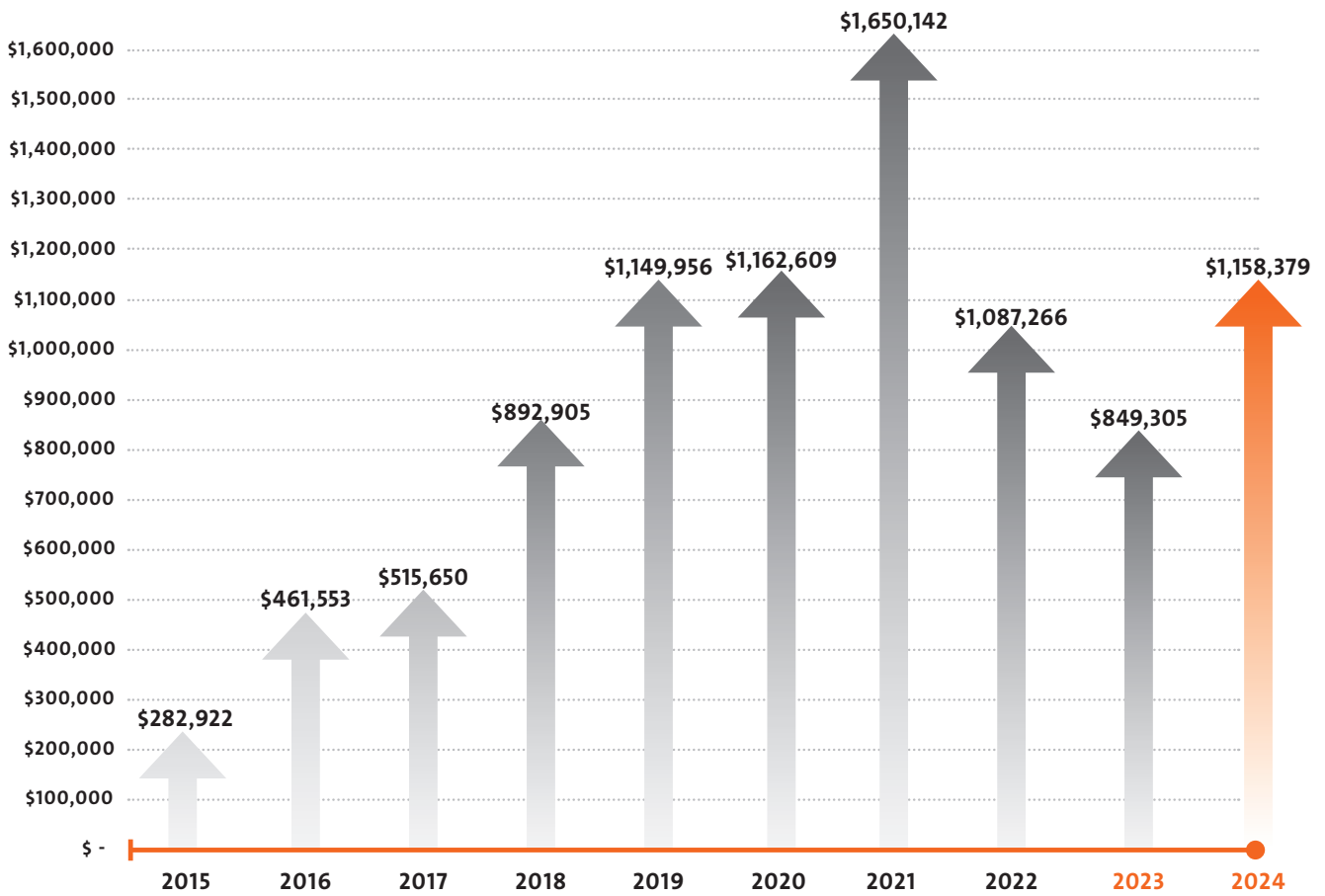
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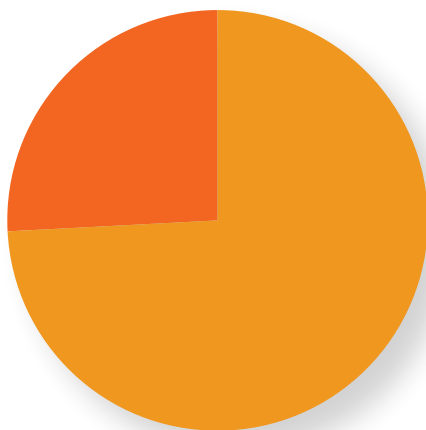
- Bursaries**  
\$486,074
- Scholarships**  
\$766,505
- Other projects**  
\$369,070

Total distributions for 2024 = **\$1,621,649**

## DONATIONS RECEIVED 2015–2024



## SUMMARY OF DONATIONS 2024



● Annual/other donations  
\$1,010,024

● Endowed donations  
\$148,355

Total donations for 2024 = \$1,158,379

Total donations for 2023 = \$849,305

# Langara partner invests in community growth

STUDENT LIFE INITIATIVES LAUNCHED THROUGH CHARTWELLS CONTRIBUTIONS

At its core, Langara College strives to create an exceptional student experience and foster a supportive community for students and faculty. Our students come from diverse corners of the world, eager to expand their knowledge and develop valuable skills that they will carry into the workforce.

For Langara students Nneka Mimi Brown Osundu and Adriana Purdie, life at Langara has been an opportunity to immerse themselves in the community, develop new skills, and access key career opportunities.



*“In Langara, I found community, I found acceptance, I found my voice, and I found a space where I was seen, heard, and valued for who I am, regardless of how I look.”*

– Nneka Mimi Brown Osundu, International PDD Student of Business Administration.

In November, food services partner Chartwells donated \$125,000 to Langara College to fund student offerings through the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) office and launch a new mentorship initiative in the Nutrition and Food Services Management Program. This contribution illustrates the confidence our donors have in our students, empowering them to make connections at Langara and cultivate their paths to success.

With this donation, students like Nneka and Adriana will be able to access new EDI programs and mentorship initiatives that will enhance their skillsets and make deep connections that will open doors to a spectrum of opportunities.



*“I realized that, to grow my career, become a well-rounded leader, and give back to my community, I needed to expand my skills beyond the kitchen.”*

— Adriana Purdie, Nutrition and Food Services Management Student

# Donor support paves the way for Langara nurses

At its core, Nursing is a profession of care. Students and professionals work tirelessly to provide the highest quality of care to our family members, friends, and fellow community members. Their dedication, skill, and resilience is a quiet force that contributes to the healthcare system across Canada.

Here at Langara, National Nursing Week is an opportunity to support the next generation of nurses as they prepare to step into these critical roles. With unprecedented demand for nurses in recent years, our students are vital to the healthcare system. Their hard work holds up our community on all ends.

In May, Langara College proudly launched its first-ever fundraising campaign in celebration of International Nursing Week. This milestone initiative highlighted the vital contributions of our nursing students and faculty while rallying community support for the future of healthcare education.

We are thrilled to report that the campaign raised an impressive \$25,000. This achievement was made possible in large part thanks to generous donors like London Drugs, a valued community partner committed to supporting the next generation of healthcare professionals.

But this celebration is not without its difficulties. The intensity of the program creates difficulties for students who are financially supporting themselves through their degree. Many aspiring nurses face financial barriers that make pursuing their education challenging. Through student aid, such as bursaries and endowments, students have been afforded the opportunity to focus on their studies without the stress of financial hardship.



For donors like Barbara Mikulec and her husband Mark, the nursing program at Langara is something to be admired. The student's hard work and resilience particularly struck a chord with them after attending a recent donor appreciation reception, where one nursing student recounted her experience in Langara's nursing program. As past recipients of bursaries from their university days, Barbara and her husband were inspired to offer their support in the form of the Barbara Mikulec Nursing Bursary.

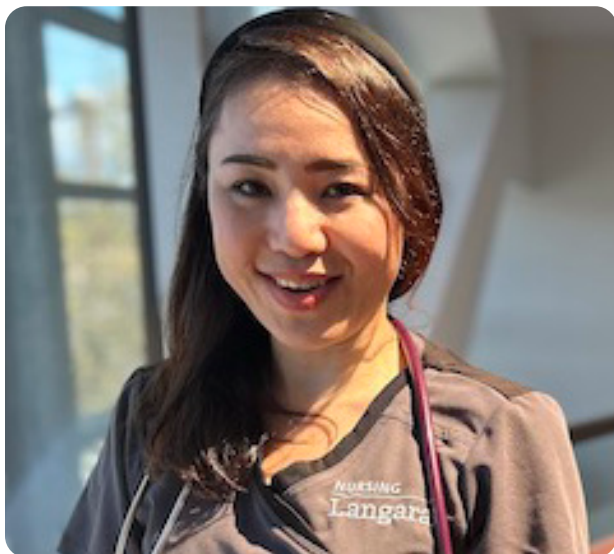


*“We wanted to enable their education, to be able to be without stress, and it is our pleasure to share”*

– Barbara Mikulec

For our nursing students, donor support helps them further their education and smoothen their journeys. This financial support is an investment into our students and their potential, ensuring that our healthcare system will be supplied with tenacious and skilled nurses.

Supporting the nursing program at Langara College means you are caring for our future nurses and the incredible impact they will make on the Canadian healthcare system. Our students are ready to make their impact; donate to Langara College now to make yours.



**Tomoko Nakamura,**  
a Canadian newcomer and recent graduate from Langara College's Nursing Program, now working at VGH.

# Fueling future talent in the performing arts

## STUDIO 58 ALUMNI RETURN TO SUPPORT LANGARA PRODUCTIONS

The Studio 58 Alumni includes hundreds of talented professionals in the performing arts.

Recent Acting program graduate Ivy Charles is one of the many former students who return to their training ground to support the program's deep-rooted community spirit. This year, the actor stepped into an entirely new role for herself, as Assistant Director, with *Heathers: The Musical*.



*“I was a student at Langara for three years, and I can come back and still learn.”*

– Ivy Charles

The Studio 58 program strives to foster lifelong connections between students, faculty, and alumni.

Jessie Liang is another Langara College Alumni who came back to the school to direct *Baggage*, a play that explores the emotional baggage we carry from past relationships.

This strong network of mentorship and collaboration creates a dynamic environment where knowledge and opportunities are not only shared but also paid forward to future talent.

*“This school is bursting with creativity and ambition! What a privilege to return to my alma mater for my solo directing debut.”*

– Jessie Liang





ROTTWEILERS  
TAKE A BITE OUT OF SUICIDE

*Heathers: The Musical*

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