

# CHAMPIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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*What led to your commitment to higher education and university governance?*

I had the privilege of attending Acadia University in the 1960's which for me was a life changing experience. The quality of the educational experience was a great assist in my career development, my social network and created lifelong friendships. I have felt a responsibility to give back in many ways to help younger students also enjoy the advantages of a strong Liberal arts education. Participating as a member of the Board of Governors and now as Chancellor I feel able to contribute to the university's growth and success.

*What impresses you the most about today's students?*

Their level of awareness about global issues and challenges and political and economic trends far surpasses that of my era. They arrive with technological skills that are essential to have in this fast changing environment. In a smaller university like Acadia they welcome the opportunity to get involved in the local community outside of their classroom studies and thereby develop a greater sense of responsibility for others.

*What is your vision for the role of universities in the region's future?*

The economic well being of the region can be greatly enhanced by having our universities encourage their students to participate in research projects with local companies as part of the educational experience. The spinoff benefits to industries willing to partner with our schools are obvious and will encourage a greater number of graduates to remain in the region after graduation.

