

Celebrating 50 Years of Economics at Memorial University

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A Message from the Head



When Einstein opined that: not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts, he probably wasn't reflecting on the 50 years of service that the department has just completed to our students, the university, the province and the profession. Yet, his profound observation does beg the question: which accomplishments should we emphasize on our night of celebration? Should we count our services to the university community, our publications, our research, our grants, our public engagement activities, the number of economics majors and economics minors trained to think like an economist, the number of students in other faculties and departments who have been exposed to Economic concepts, or should the benefits of the knowledge transferred to our students, to governments, to the public, to the media, to industry and/or to business be considered more important? Notwithstanding the fact that we ought to count and recognize all these impressive achievements, our most significant contribution, in my opinion, is the department's role in knowledge generation and knowledge transfer. This will live on through the impact of our research and through our students. Tonight, we profile the research from some of our former students and senior faculty. This is a tangible demonstration of how the Department's impact is paid forward currently and will be manifested in perpetuity through our student's accomplishments and, in turn, through the achievements of their students. Our student's successes are our proudest accomplishments!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wade Locke". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

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