Appeal for Memorial’s Covid-19 Student Emergency Funds

Dear Members,

Below is an appeal to contribute to Memorial University’s undergraduate and graduate student emergency funds. I hesitate to pass it on. Today is Giving Tuesday. Most of us find our inboxes crammed with appeals to contribute to more worthy causes than we can support, each in a time of pandemic and uncertainty, seemingly as deserving as the next.

If I call attention to Memorial’s student emergency funds, it is not only because many students find themselves in straitened circumstances, but also because helping them is vital to Memorial’s ability to fulfill the role that it has. All of us have different perspectives on the university and what we did as faculty or staff. I came in 1971, never expecting to stay. Teaching for thirty-nine years, encountering former students, and observing how our society has changed, I have a sense of how important the education and opportunities that Memorial provided has been and how important it can be as the province confronts its straitened circumstances.

Not everyone will agree and how and what we give is an individual matter. All I can do is ask that you consider contributing to the undergraduate and graduate emergency funds, as one of many worthy causes.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Steven Wolinetz
President, MUN Pensioners’ Association

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Sent on behalf of Memorial University Development

Together, let’s celebrate the power of collective action and the generosity of the Memorial University community.
Today is GivingTuesday

GivingTuesday is kicking off earlier than usual this year in light of COVID-19, encouraging people all over the world to give back. Together, let’s celebrate the power of collective action and the generosity of the Memorial University community.

You can give in a variety of ways – with a smile, a listening ear, a baked treat, to name a few. And if you are able, you can also make a donation to support Memorial’s students during the pandemic. If you’ve already supported our students through these funds, we thank you.

We are encouraged by the federal government’s recent announcement of student support. However, many of our undergraduate and graduate students are still experiencing major difficulties as a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic. Some are not eligible for federal funds for various reasons, and others have need that far exceeds the support available to them. Memorial’s Undergraduate Student Emergency Funding and the SGS Graduate Student Emergency Fund provide critical financial relief for undergraduate and graduate students who face exceptional challenges and personal crises.

Join us today and make a world of difference!