

Dan and Carolyn Mathieson | Text Transcript | CSAHS Award Recognition 2020

Hi, I'm Dan Mathieson, a proud alumnus of the University of Guelph from 1993, a political science major. I'm Carolyn Mathieson, also a proud University of Guelph alumni, and a 1994 graduate of the child studies program.

We are proud to sponsor the Dan Mathieson Scholarship in Political Science, and the Carolyn Mathieson Scholarship in Family Relations and Applied Nutrition. We're proud to give back to the University that we love to call our own.

The experiences I gained at the University of Guelph came from not only my fellow students, my professors, the support staff, and really the overall community. I'm proud to be a University of Guelph graduate because of the difference it made in my life and prepared me for the future.

It was exciting to tell Carolyn and our kids as we celebrated our 25th anniversary of graduating from the University of Guelph, that we would honour her legacy and education and her commitment to early childhood education along with my graduation by starting the Dan and Carolyn Mathieson scholarships at this time.

We really feel it was important for us to give back to the University of Guelph because we see the importance of investing in our future generations, like the generations before have done for us. When we visit the campus, we see incredible buildings, we see great opportunity of student life and campus life, advances in education, research, and academics and we felt it was important for us to do our part and give back.

The world is faced with unprecedented challenges and we need strong leaders to address these complex problems. With financial support, students can focus on their studies, explore diverse learning opportunities, and reach their full potential.

Keep working hard and striving to improve life for yourself, your family, and for your community. On behalf of all the donors we'd like to congratulate this year's award recipients for their success. We ask you to not only live the length of your life, but also the depth of it.

Be engaged in your community, in your family, and your friends; give back to your university like we've done. It's been our honour to be part of fostering the next generation of leaders, not only at the University of Guelph, but in our country and around the world. Congratulations.