



## Delivering fame and glory

Dan Levy ('02) can add one more (red and grey) feather to his cap. In addition to his many hard-earned successes, he's lived up to the words of his school song.

In September, *Schitt's Creek* won a record-setting seven trophies at the Emmy Awards. Levy, who co-created the series with his father Eugene, personally took home trophies in three categories: acting, writing, and directing. Not bad for someone who says he started to find his voice in an OAC1 English class taught by Anne Carrier at North Toronto.

"Ms. Carrier had an innate ability to make you want to strive, both academically and intellectually," he told Richard Ouzounian for a piece on Carrier in the December 2016 issue of *Professionally Speaking*, the journal of the Ontario College of Teachers. "She created a safe space for ideas to be shared, concepts to be discussed and options to be expressed without fear of failure or embarrassment."

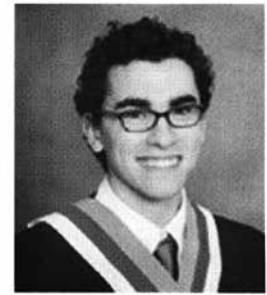
Levy characterized high school as a "tricky time." He knew he wanted to write and make his voice heard, but lacked the confidence to make things happen. After finding the school's theatre program, he excelled as co-host of the school fashion show, and looked for other opportunities that were similar.

Things started to click for Levy while working on an assignment on Thomas King's *Green Grass, Running Water*. "Instead of delivering another generic assignment, I took a risk and decided to mimic the book's unique narrative structure to convey my ideas."

He did an excellent job, recalled Carrier, saying it wasn't a traditional approach, but an extraordinary examination of the nature of social satire. "He had a real attunement to it."



**Daniel Levy**



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While waiting out the pandemic in Toronto at the home of his parents, Levy has been leading fans through "Indigenous Canada," a 12-week course covering Indigenous histories and contemporary issues in Canada, reported Catherine Porter ('91) in *The New York Times*.

According to Porter, the free, online program doesn't include any professor interaction. However, every Sunday afternoon, Levy broadcasts a meeting with "professors from the university to go over the lessons." Hours before his Emmy win, she wrote, he was online for that week's discussion.

Levy is not the only television comedy writer to come out of NT. Fellow NT graduate Ins Choi ('92) wrote *Kim's Convenience*, a play about a Korean-Canadian family and their convenience store in Regent Park. He later adapted it into a highly successful CBC show of the same name.

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# Your Foundation at Work

## A critical role in a historic time

This is a historic time for staff and students at North Toronto.

Many of the events and rites of passage that we took for granted are not happening. Iconic events like Maytime Melodies, the prom, track and field season, athletic banquet, face-to-face student council election campaigns and voting, graduation ceremonies, and end of school parties are all not possible. Staff have had to quickly engage students in different modes of learning while still coping with their own personal lives.

If there is any upside to this pandemic, it has raised the respect and appreciation towards teachers and their role in helping students learn. In some cases, it has inspired people to be creative as they cope and maybe even thrive in these strange times. Hopefully we will look back at this episode in our history and make positive changes and appreciate many of the things that we take for granted.

With things totally different than from any time in our experience, there is great uncertainty as to what the future holds. Our Foundation's role may be more important than ever. Our thoughts are with the administration, teachers, support staff, students and their parents. With so many traditional events cancelled, we're focusing on how best to help contribute to the recovery.

On a more positive note it was great news that Schitt's Creek swept all the major Emmy awards, as writer and actor Dan Levy is an NTCI grad!

Thank you to all our donors and supporters. We could not continue to support the school without your help and generosity.

—Ron Wakelin ('64), Chair

## Help us help students

Join the Norse Club, the Foundation's monthly giving program. Whether it's \$50, \$25 or \$10, your monthly monetary gift will help the Foundation continue its mandate of supporting current students at NT through the provision of scholarships and grants. Learn more at: <https://ntci.on.ca/foundation/donations/the-norse-club/>.

You can also make a one time gift to the North Toronto Alumni Foundation online or by cheque. To donate online

## Supporting student endeavour

The Foundation continued to support student endeavours in 2019-2020, even with in person activities truncated by Covid-19. It sponsored athletes, several graduation scholarships, and the school's Remembrance Day celebrations in November, when it also voted to make its sponsorship of the Remembrance Day celebrations an annual contribution.

Students from the Robotics Club, Math Club, Peer Assistant Learning Program, and NT Wellness Club all made presentations during the Foundation's annual Dragons' Den in October 2019. This popular event connects students with alumni and helps the Foundation decide which activities to support.

The Robotics Club received money to support its VEX robotics projects and an all-girls team. Approximately 50 students from all grades participate in this student-led club that was started in 1993 to design, build, and program a robot to compete in the annual VEX Robotics Competition. In 2018, Team 820 DeltaTech proudly represented North Toronto at the Ontario Championships in their most successful outing since moving to the new school.

Also receiving funding was the Peer Assistant Leader Program, or PALs, which helps new students adjust to the school. Close to 400 Grade 9, ESL, and transfer students are all supported by approximately 100 PALs. Some activities include Grade 9 welcome day, all-inclusive winter holiday lunch, monthly ESL student lunches, and transfer student lunches. These lunches give new students a chance to meet with PALs, ask questions, and receive guidance on how best to succeed at NT.

Finally, the Foundation also regularly supports *Graffiti*, NT's student newspaper, and sponsors alumni events, like 2019's Class of '69 reunion.

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Or mail your cheque to: NTCI Foundation, 17 Broadway Avenue, Toronto ON M4P 1T7.

And be sure to check out our mask initiative on page 8! Thanks to our partnership with a couple of NT entrepreneurs, a portion of every mask sold will go to the Foundation.

# Saving Our Heritage

## Slaying an archivist's dragon

For years, I have been on a mission—to wrestle a dragon to his knees—if not to defeat him entirely.

My dragon resides in the NT archives, in two shoe boxes and one rather large carton of posed and casual pictures, taken by former members of the Pentagon staff from the 1960s to the 1990s. How little did those students know or care that they were leaving me such a task, when they blithely left behind unidentified, random photos and went on to graduate from NT

The task they left me, cataloguing these photos, is brutal and often tedious. My archives files are separated by decade and year. The snapshots have no mention of year, team, or the context of the pictures. So it falls to me to take each photo from the box, where it has been left with all the others, totally mixed up over the years, and try to identify the year and subject.

Many are a marvellous record of life at the old NT I can usually spot the decade. Does Mr. Smith have sideburns? It must be the 1970s. Sometimes I can even recognize some of the students to give me a clue.

But do you think I can connect that to the years those students graced the halls of NT? I am reduced to perusing the appropriate yearbooks, hoping to recognize a face, outfit, or scenario that will help me identify the year and activity recorded in that picture. It is painstaking work. But it is also fun to revisit the energy, enthusiasms, humour, and routines of the students at NT in the late 20th century.

Once or twice a month I tackle this Herculean task for a couple of hours. It is very slow going, and I am happy if I identify three or four pictures.

Such slow progress has got me thinking about a way to tackle my dragon quest. Although this Covid-19 affair has left both me and my dragon huddling in our lairs, perhaps we could hold an NT Archives Open House some evening when we are free to mingle. It will feature a giant *Identify the Photo* bee.

This would be far more productive, and maybe, just maybe, put the dragon in his place. There would be fewer random photos adrift in the archive boxes, and it could be a lot of fun. Stand by for more details.

—Nancy Baines (Staff), Archivist, NTCI Foundation

This is but one example of the unidentified pictures stored in the archives. These are a marvellous record of life at the old NT, but it's challenging to connect the pictures to a specific year, or even a specific face to a name.



*Graffiti*, North Toronto CI's award-winning, student-led newspaper, has continued to publish in spite of Covid-19.

## Build *Graffiti's* digital archive

*Graffiti* has been an integral part of the North Toronto CI community for nearly four decades. Perhaps you have fond memories of flipping through your copy of *Graffiti* during class, filling out the puzzles at the end of the paper, or rushing to meet the final deadline as an editor.

*Graffiti* was a formative part of my high school experience. That's why I've started a crowdsourcing project to create a digital archive that contains every issue. *Graffiti's* physical archive is inaccessible to many students and alumni, and some of the older print issues are severely deteriorated. A digital archive would allow NT alumni to look back at their days in high school as they scroll through old issues of *Graffiti*, and be a useful resource in the future.

Since June, I have reached out to dozens of former *Graffiti* editors and contributors who have graciously scanned and sent in old issues of the paper. So far there are 62 issues dating back to 2005 in our digital archive, along with short notes from former editors reflecting on their favourite *Graffiti* memories. If you would like to send in an old copy of *Graffiti*, or are a former editor and would like to send in a short blurb, please email me at [ntcigrffitiarchives@gmail.com](mailto:ntcigrffitiarchives@gmail.com) and I will provide more information.

You can take a look at the digital archive by visiting [issuu.com/graffitithevoiceofnt](http://issuu.com/graffitithevoiceofnt).

—Joshua Chong ('20), NTCI Foundation



# Celebrating the Class of 2020

## Leading on to fame and glory

The graduation ceremony was postponed and then cancelled. Yearbooks were delayed, and graduation diplomas too. But still, the NTCI community has done its best to celebrate the class of 2020.

In June, each graduate received a lawn sign designed by the guidance secretary Lisa Vaughan, and a gift bag of goodies. They were delivered by a team of staff and parents.

Year books and diplomas will be picked up—by appointment for health and safety reasons—starting in November and accompanied by this newsletter and a special gift from the Foundation. We couldn't let the year pass without offering a special tribute of our own.

## 2020 award winners

Betty Bealey Laureateship in English: **Emily Sakaguchi**

Brian J. Pearson Scholarship: **Mariana Toth**

Cameron Gray Memorial Award: **Owen Doane**

David J. Tyrrell Award for Vocal Music: **Nicola Henderson**

Dr. Myron Tarshis Music Award, University Women: **Jane Carli**

Female Athlete of the Year, TSSWAA Scholarship: **Rosie Nichols**

Gibbons Award in French: **Megan Christoforidis**

Guggino Prize: **Ava Shah-Beigi, Yoohyun Park**

Hal Brown "Triple A" Award: **Marc Goldthorp**

Jack Dow Music Scholarship: **Chiara Urban**

Jane Kennedy Prize for Studies in Latin and English: **Ava Shah-Beigi**

Jim McQueen, Sam Baker Dramatic Arts Award: **Michelle Ehrlich**

Kerr Trophy: **Kamil Mamdani**

Male Athlete of the Year: **Ethan Hum**

Mike Cherry Memorial Award: **Jamie Li**

North Toronto Collegiate Dramatic Arts Award: **Natasha Cockett**

NTCI Foundation Centennial Scholarship: **Rachel Lee**

Principal's Award for Student Leadership: **Kamil Mamdani**

R. R. H. "Bud" Page Valedictorian Prize: **Kamil Mamdani**

Sakhwarlkar-Bhatt Citizenship Awards: **Sean Lee**

Senator Keith Davey Award: **Sarisha Panday**

Sifton Trophy: **Zoraise Ahmad**

Waldron Prize for Publications: **Hannah Argiloff**

Waltman Scholarship: **Sean Proctor**

W. J. Houston Scholarship: **Lauren Zhang, Jennifer Li**

George K. Rogers Memorial Award: **Alex Swistun, Michael Che, Deena Shirkoool,**

**Sara Chiarotto O'Brien, Zach Schrebinsky, Sophie Cohen, Sineen Madni**

North Toronto Commemorative Award: **Annie Ballantyne, Sam Barton,**

**Marc Goldthorp, Emily Sakaguchi, Megan Christoforidis, Ensi Culhaj**



## Michelle Erlich ('20) wins Sam Baker Award

One of the most recent graduate awards is the Sam Baker Dramatic Arts Award. Over \$20,000 was raised this year to endow this award, which was first awarded in June 2019. It honours the memory of Sam Baker, a talented dramatic arts student who died shortly after graduating from NTCI in 2018.

While at NT, Sam discovered two passions, dramatic arts and rugby. A leader and role model for other students, Sam was an entrepreneur, athlete, and scholar. When he graduated, he was awarded the Global Education Award for obtaining the highest marks in geography, and the Douglas F. Lam Memorial Scholarship for his skill in the dramatic arts.

Michelle Erlich received the Sam Baker Dramatic Arts Award in 2020. She is a remarkable example of leadership, who inspired others with her love to create many original, thoughtful, and creative dramatic works. Michelle has a strong work ethic, keen intellect, and active imagination, all of which fuelled her work. Equally important, she always encouraged her peers to be the best they could be in group rehearsal, and was always helpful and caring of others.

# Meet a '20 Grad

## Zoraise Ahmad

### What are you doing now?

Attending Ryerson University for the RTA Media Production program.

### Favourite NT memory?

When the Student Council, created our short film for the 2019 Holiday Assembly. It was a blast directing, operating the camera, and editing our footage to come up with a final product.

### Favourite teacher? Why?

There were so many amazing teachers at NT, but if I had to choose one, it's Mr. Hobson. I have so many great memories of him, meeting him when he supervised the weight room after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, watching him passionately teach his philosophy lessons (including him dressing up as his favourite philosopher... that was awesome), and him agreeing to be the voice of Santa Claus for Student Council's Holiday video. He's always so engaging, funny, and truly wishes for all of his students to succeed.

### How has Covid-19 affected you personally?

The main way COVID-19 has affected me is the inability to be on campus for my university program. The Media Production program at Ryerson is designed to be hands-on and it's beneficial to be on campus to learn, especially for courses like Sound Production and Digital Media. Ryerson has done a remarkably good job at adapting our program to be taught online, but learning in person would still be the best.

## Annie Ballantyne

### What are you doing now?

Studying Health Science at Queen's University

### Favourite NT memory?

Red and Grey Day every year!

### Favourite teacher? Why?

Ms. Chamberlain and Mr. Tallevi made the athletics program one of my favourite parts of NT. Ms. Chamberlain was my first gym teacher in Grade 9 and made it my favourite class that year. Throughout my four years she was always involved and interested and would help me with anything. I loved stopping to catch up whenever I was in the gym office! I didn't have Mr. Tallevi as a teacher until Grade 12, but he was still always friendly and interested in what I was doing, especially if it was sports related! In Grade 12 his class soon became my favourite and the best part of my schedule.

### How has Covid-19 affected you personally?

Covid-19 has had a huge impact on my life. For a while it meant finishing high school online and missing out on sports and other aspects of my high school life. Luckily, I'm able to be in Kingston this year even with classes online, and my cross country practices have been modified so we are able to meet in person, which is a huge improvement.

## Megan Christoforidis

### What are you doing now?

Studying kinesiology at the University of Toronto

### Favourite NT memory?

Charity Week! I always had a lot of fun going to the different booths and selling things too. In Grade 9 I completely avoided the first floor for the whole week because I was so intimidated, but after that I made sure to make the most out of it.

### Favourite teacher? Why?

I had a lot of great teachers over my four years at NT, so it's a little hard to narrow it down to just one. However, Mme. Philippe, Mr. Roche, and Mrs. Chamberlain were some of my favourites and I was lucky enough to have them each for two years at NT!

### How has Covid-19 affected you personally?

The biggest adjustment for me has been transitioning to online school and not being able to meet anyone in my program in person. However, my program is relatively small, and I've been able to "meet" a lot of people online through social media, and we made a group chat for our whole program, which is pretty cool! There's already a good sense of community, even though we haven't met in person yet.

These lawn signs were designed by Lisa Vaughan, NT's guidance secretary.



# In Memoriam

## Christie Mary Blatchford ('70)

Renowned Canadian journalist Christie Blatchford was a force to be reckoned with.

Born in Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec, she had already started high school when her family moved to Toronto, where NTCI was her school of choice. After Grade 13, Christie studied journalism at Ryerson, and was named the leading journalism graduate.

She started at *The Globe and Mail* in 1973, making headlines as Canada's first female sports reporter, and would go on to write for all four major Toronto newspapers during her exemplary career. In 1998, she was recruited to *The National Post*, where she remained (except for a short return to *The Globe*) until being diagnosed with lung cancer in November 2019.

Christie was more than a reporter and columnist. She was a regular on the CFRB 1010 radio station and authored a number of non-fiction books including *Fifteen Days: Stories of Bravery, Friendship, Life and Death from Inside the New Canadian Army*. Based on her experiences during a 2006 visit to Kandahar, Afghanistan, the book won the Governor General Literary Award in 2008. Other awards included a National Newspaper Award and the George Jonas Freedom Award.

Her last achievement was her induction into the Hall of Fame of Canadian Journalism in December 2019. Too ill to attend, she received her award in bed, delivered personally by Mayor John Tory.

She died in Princess Margaret Hospital surrounded by family and friends on February 12, 2020.

## Donna Britten (Wakelin) ('58)

Donna's life motto was that you make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give. She lived each day with a grateful spirit and taught those around her to never lose their own voice. A voracious reader, Donna was also a skilled pianist, exceptional communicator, and a passionate teacher.

While at NT Donna was active in sports, music, and the G.A.A. She married classmate Jim Britten and they had a strong 53-year marriage. After graduation Donna briefly taught elementary school and was fondly remembered as the favourite Grade 7 teacher by a number of students from the class of '68 at their 50th reunion.

Her teaching career was shortened when her middle child developed physical challenges, and she became an advocate for people with disabilities. Donna was past president of

Community Living Toronto and also served in various capacities at the provincial level. In 2017 Donna received the Anne Oliver Award for her outstanding contributions to the work of Ontario Agencies Supporting Individuals with Special Needs.

Donna passed away on March 24, 2020.

## Air Marshall Chief Sir David George Evans ('41)

Sir David Evans was a Second World War pilot and decorated senior commander of the Royal Air Force (Britain). Born in Windsor, Ontario, on July 14, 1924, David was educated in Toronto at Hodgson Public School and NTCI.

David joined the Royal Air Force in 1943 and trained as a pilot in Canada. After receiving his commission in April 1944, he flew fighter ground-attack missions and was one of the first RAF officers to enter the Belsen concentration camp.

After the war, he had a rich and varied career with the RAF, where he advanced quickly. In 1977, he became Air Officer Commander-in-Chief of Strike Command, with the additional NATO appointment of Commander-in-Chief UK Air Forces.

Evans retired from the RAF in 1983 to pursue a second career as a director of British Aerospace. His many honours included the CBE, a knighthood (despite the Canadian government's policy against Canadians taking such honours), and the King of Arms of the Order of the Bath.

Evans was also an athlete of some significance. Most notably, he was the pilot of Great Britain's bobsleigh team for the Commonwealth Games, World Championships, and the 1964 Olympic Games. On another occasion he represented Canada in the Commonwealth Winter Games and won two bronze medals.

Sir David Evans passed away on February 21, 2020.

## Michael ("Mike") Lee Tzekas ('69)

NTCI lost a loyal, long-time supporter of the school when Mike Tzekas passed after a long battle with cancer. Born in Greece, Mike immigrated to Canada at the age of four. After attending Deer Park Public School, he became part of NT's close-knit class of '69 and was involved with the planning of its 50th reunion.

Mike had a successful career with Xerox Corporation before turning to politics. He was first elected to the City of Scarborough Council in 1991. He held that position until 1998, when Scarborough amalgamated with Toronto. He continued as Toronto councillor for Scarborough Wexford until losing to Norm Kelly in 2000.

Shown here in 1968, Barbara Kamienski left an indelible mark on the Foundation. An accomplished musician and editor, she was the Foundation News editor until her passing in 2019.



During his time as a councillor, Mike was credited with getting Ellesmere Community Centre built and ensuring that plans to regenerate Terraview Park and Willowfield Gardens Park were carried out.

Always proud of his Greek heritage, he served as a president of AHEPA's Sons of Pericles and of the Pan-Macedonian Association of Ontario Inc. Known for his philanthropic work, he was recognized in 2012 with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Award for his dedication and many contributions to his community.

He passed away on February 12, 2020.

### A special tribute to Barbara Kamienski ('71)

Loyal friend, trusted colleague, brilliant musician, stellar editor, beloved wife and mother—these are all phrases that describe Barbara Kamienski, a much loved and respected member of the North Toronto Foundation Advisory Board who lost her battle with cancer in June 2019.

Born in Winnipeg, Barbara was nine when she moved to Toronto with her mother. She soon distinguished herself at John Fisher Public School where, through the itinerant music program, she began her life-long love affair with the French horn.

At NT, Barbara continued to excel, staying in the top five of her class and winning awards. Musically, she was partly responsible for the senior orchestra successfully performing two challenging pieces of repertoire, as both featured significant French horn solos.

After graduating from NTCI, Barbara's love of music led her to Germany to pursue a career as a professional musician. She always maintained that the lessons she learned at the school served her well during her 20-year career in leading orchestras. Even after returning to Canada in 1999, Barbara's former colleagues hired her back for tours when extra French horns were needed!

In Toronto, Barbara played in several local orchestras and chamber music ensembles. She also returned to school, graduating from Ryerson University's Publishing Program with Honours. Barbara indexed and edited many large projects and is credited in over one hundred publications in multiple fields of endeavour.

She also nurtured and edited her father's memoir: *Hidden in the Enemy's Sight: Resisting the Third Reich from Within*. Published in 2008, it revealed that before becoming an art critic, columnist, and editorial cartoonist for several newspapers in Winnipeg, Jan Kamienski had been a member of the Polish resistance in the Second World War.

Barbara loved NTCI and was deeply involved in planning the school's 100th anniversary festivities in 2012. She willingly edited *Memories Forever*, which chronicled the history of the renowned NTCI music program. This led to joining the NTCI Foundation Advisory Board as editor. She is greatly missed.

### Also remembering

Donald Edward Andrew, '50, January 3, 2020  
John Michael "Mike" Armstrong, '82, June 23, 2019  
Nancy Louise (Clark) Bone, '48, May 20, 2020  
Elinor Anne Brown, '51, May 29, 2019  
Mary Chivilo (Staff), November 22, 2019  
John Bryan Currah (Staff), January 10, 2020  
Charlene Donovan, '91, January 12, 2020  
Clifford Douglas Fraser, '47, April 1, 2020  
Kenneth Earle Howie, '43, December 19, 2019  
Grant George Ince, '46, April 17, 2020  
Helen Marie Jackson (Suthons), '47, March 4, 2020  
Carole Anne Kavanagh (Clancy), '54, June 12, 2020  
Virginia Elizabeth "Ginny" Kernohan (Backus), '70, April 8, 2020  
John Douglas Leitch, '48, July 24, 2020

Joan Anne Leydon, '46, June 24, 2020  
Brian Light, '72, January 19, 2020  
Thomas Clarke Wallace Little, '42, March 5, 2020  
Roy William Loach, '46, February 17, 2020  
Patricia Malone (Kirkwood), '59, October 23, 2019  
Hallier "Sandy" Alexandra (Thomson) McDevitt, '57, May 31, 2020  
James Harvey "Jim" McMurray (Staff), October 2, 2020  
Robert Charrette Milne, '50, December 27, 2019  
Jim Singleton, '52, January 21, 2020  
Estelle Sirman, '52, April 22, 2020  
Dr. Howard Tile, '58, November 1, 2019  
Donald Gordon Water, '51, October 28, 2019  
Henry Lawrence Killam Wilson, '59, September 24, 2019  
Beverley Zwingenberger, '62, December 30, 2019

## The NTCI Foundation

The NTCI Foundation is committed to preserving the rich heritage and reputation of North Toronto Collegiate Institute as a fine example of public education. We support current students with scholarships and grants, promote and encourage alumni events, and facilitate ongoing communication between and alumni and the school.

The Foundation is led by an advisory board of about 20 alumni, retired staff, student representatives, and the current principal. The board meets approximately six times a year.

### Advisory Board members 2019-2020

Nancy Baines (NT Staff '68-'01) (Archivist)

Annemarie Brissenden ('91) (Editor)

Lisa Cain ('82) (Vice Chair)

Joshua Chong ('20) (Student Rep)

Lorraine Clarkson ('71)

Caroline Conacher ('93)

Ensi Cullhaj ('20) (Student Rep)

James Farr ('87)

Stephanie Jones ('08) (Treasurer)

Mark Kinoshita ('82) (Current NT Staff)

Rachel Loo ('13)

William Mack (Principal)

Brian Maltman ('71) (Secretary)

James McNeill ('07)

Paula Sanderson ('09)

Kirsten Sixt ('83)

Owen Smith ('03)

Barbara Szelinger ('82)

Ron Wakelin ('64) (Chair)

## About Foundation News

Foundation News is the North Toronto Collegiate Institute alumni newsletter. It features stories about NT students and staff (past and present), as well as information about the Foundation and its activities.

Foundation News is typically published once a year in June and mailed to alumni who specifically request a paper copy, emailed to our subscriber list, and distributed to that year's graduating class at their graduating ceremony. The graduation ceremony was delayed this year, and we had hoped to publish in time for a re-scheduled fall commencement ceremony. As many of you know that ceremony was cancelled due to Covid-19.

We'll resume our regular publication schedule with our next print issue in June 2021. And, we want to hear from you. Tell us your stories, your successes, and your latest news. Email us at [ntci-foundation@ntci.on.ca](mailto:ntci-foundation@ntci.on.ca), and put *for the newsletter* in the subject line.

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## Foundation partners with NT entrepreneurs to produce masks

With most of NT's extracurricular activities on hold and other Foundation sponsored events cancelled for 2020-2021, the Foundation has found a new way to support students and 2020 grads: limited edition red and grey masks silk-screened with the NT logo. The masks will be distributed to all students in November at the quadmester change, and to the 2020 graduating class after their virtual Commencement.

NT alumnus and Advisory Board member Lisa Cain ('82) and her business partner Sue Fisher ('84) are producing the 1,500 masks for the Foundation at significantly reduced pricing through their company, Soft-Masks. Featuring high quality adjustable elastics, the masks

are made from 100% cotton fabric, and hand sewn here in Canada.

*Help us support our students and show a little school pride at the same time!*

Want a mask of your own? Starting November 16, you can purchase a limited edition NT mask for \$20 at <https://soft-masks.ca/ntci>; \$7 from every purchased mask will be donated to the Foundation. In addition, 20% of sales from all other masks purchased from Soft-Masks by NT alumni or friends of NT between November 16 and December 16 will be donated to the Foundation. **Be sure to write NTCI in the *Special instructions for seller* when checking out, so funds can be directed to the NT Foundation.**