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Working together at Royal Roads University

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## LIFE.CHANGING

### At Royal Roads, we do things differently

Each journey is unique. Each story is personal. Every day, our team crosses paths with inspiring people – students, researchers, alumni and donors – who are changing the world we live in.

*Impact* came about because we want to introduce you to these remarkable people and share a few of the many ways they use their Royal Roads experience to make a difference in the world.

It's that synergy we want to celebrate. Whether told from the perspective of a donor, student or researcher, you'll find many lives are touched by every single story.

Changing lives through education, learning and leadership: that is what you can make happen.

### Learning that changes lives

Your contribution to Royal Roads can have a lasting impact in so many ways.

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## You are invited to attend a complimentary luncheon at Hatley Castle

March 14, 2017

# Leadership and Legacy

Learn how people are using their time, talent and charitable giving to create change and make a difference.

### Topics of discussion

- o Learn how to choose the right charity for your goals
- o Explore your leadership roles: gifts of time, talent and treasure
- o Discover how others have used charitable giving to help achieve their goals to make a difference
- o Enjoy lunch in the castle

Meet **Janice Waud Loper**.  
Read our interview with Janice on the next page and hear from her in person at Leadership and Legacy on March 14.

**Sara Neely** of the Victoria Foundation will lead our discussion and moderate a panel of donors, community leaders and planned giving professionals sharing examples from their own journeys of leadership and legacy.

### Please join us

**Tuesday, March 14, 2017**  
**Noon to 1:30 p.m.**

Drawing Room, Hatley Castle  
Royal Roads University

Seating is limited

Please RSVP to  
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# Janice Waud Loper

## PLANTING THE SEEDS OF LEGACY

Alumna Janice Waud Loper picked up more than just the seed of an idea when she pocketed an acorn while on a visit to Geneva. She established a legacy.

Janice carried the acorn to her first residency in the Master of Arts in Leadership program as a symbol of growth and transformation. Now, that symbol stands for opportunity for new students in the School of Leadership Studies through the **Acorn Scholarship** established by Janice and her husband as a planned gift.

Janice says it's satisfying to think of others gaining as much from the leadership program as she did. "We know there will be students at Royal Roads for years and years to come who will go through the program like I did, and will feel supported by our gift. It's a great feeling."

As Vice President Development for the Tapestry Foundation for Health Care, Janice knows how tough it can be for many people to talk about mortality and to plan their estates.

"Considering that the process of estate planning might actually be fun helps people not get too dour about it. People gain a tremendous sense of pride in seeing the fulfillment of their values through planned giving," she says. "We did – it's a great feeling to know that we will be remembered through our gifts."

"We've had a wonderful and inspiring time planning our legacy. The experience has allowed us to crystallize our values and discuss our life achievements and loves."

Together, they have established 15 funds at organizations across the country related to the arts, sports, families, communities and education, including at Royal Roads University.

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That positive impact in the present is a big part of their joy in planning the future, she says.

"One of the most rewarding things in this process has been the chance to meet with people associated with the organizations we have chosen to support, as I have done with Royal Roads," she says. "Sometimes in my work, I don't have the opportunity to meet the donor of a planned gift. And I feel that's a shame."

Janice encourages others who are planning their estates to speak with foundation staff about their values and hopes. "The foundation knows what's possible and they are there for you. They are delighted to talk to you," she says.

Estate planning is not only a way to connect with people in the present, Janice says, but it provides a way for people to connect with your values in the future.

### Charitable giving can help you:

- o Plan your retirement and possibly receive income for life
- o Leave a legacy without giving up assets
- o Reduce or avoid capital gains taxes
- o Make a personally significant gift, often larger than you thought possible
- o Enjoy the satisfaction of knowing your values and hopes for the future will continue to have impact even after your lifetime.



# Recognizing passion and perseverance

## Helping students reach their goals

Sometimes, financial difficulties can stop even the most determined students from completing their education and reaching their goals and ambitions. **The Rachel and Ernest Fox Loan Fund** at Royal Roads can help put students back on track to success.

It was Rachel Fox's wish to provide interest-free loans to university students based on scholarship as well as need. She entrusted a gift in her will to the **Victoria Foundation**, who partnered with Royal Roads University to help make Rachel's wish a reality.

This unique loan program supports Royal Roads' commitment to be responsive to a changing economy and the communities we serve, creating strong, innovative partnerships that help reduce financial barriers to education.



Since 2010, interest-free loans from the **Rachel and Ernest Fox Loan Fund** at Royal Roads University have helped more than **45** people achieve their goals to continue their education.

Confronted with a choice between tuition or living expenses, each loan recipient faced the possibility of withdrawing from his or her studies. Here is just one example:

An MBA student was furthering her education with support and a tuition sponsorship from her employer. As she approached the end of her studies, her company downsized and she lost her position, along with her tuition sponsorship.

With help from The Rachel and Ernest Fox Loan Fund she successfully completed her studies and graduated with her cohort. She is now a leader in her industry sector.



### THE IMPACT OF STUDENT AWARDS ON LIFE-LONG LEARNING

# Thank you!

## IN THEIR OWN WORDS

*"The awards I received benefited me more than just financially. They inspired me to become the best I can be as I move on from university."*

*"My program included students from thirteen countries, and the diversity of mindset and culture really cultivated my passion for travel... Overall, my experience at Royal Roads was amazing."*

Peggy Lui  
CFUW Victoria-Helen Joy Russell Bursary  
The Beadle Family Award

*"Okay, I think I can do this, so I'm going to try—and that's when everything changed."*

*"It's through education that we do make a difference in people's lives and not just through that one person, but through every life they touch—their families, their children. It's a gift that just gives and gives and gives."*

Tanya Patullo  
Tournament of Aces Bursary

*"Quite simply, without my award, I could not have continued in my educational journey and I would not have fulfilled a lifelong dream."*

*"My Royal Roads professors made such a positive impact on my life. They were all open to communication and made me feel respected and valued as a learner at Royal Roads."*

*"If I could do it all over again I would. The knowledge gained from the program and my experience at Royal Roads will be with me always. It has opened my eyes to the power of learning and the possibility to improve not only myself, but also the world we live in."*

Patrica Anthony  
MBA Award