

Business and Professional Women's Club of Calgary

Business and Professional Women's Club of Calgary Bursary- Chiu School of Business

Thank you to the **Business and Professional Women's Club of Calgary** for opening doors and minds with your generous gift in support of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Calgary Bursary- Chiu School of Business. Thanks to donors like you, in 2022/23, we awarded nearly 850 students with more than \$1.6 million in student awards and bursaries, providing them a means of moving forward with their ambitions despite financial burdens that may otherwise act as obstacles to their success. Mitigating this burden is life-changing for many and you make it possible.



*Addictions Studies Diploma graduate and School of Community Studies
Spring 2023 valedictorian, Curtis Blind*

As Calgary's only comprehensive community College, Bow Valley College remains steadfast in our vision of shaping the future of post-secondary education by supporting Alberta's diversification and growth. We are prepared to adapt quickly to the industry needs of the evolving workforce in our province and equip our students with the skills and knowledge they require to be confident, resilient, and employment-ready in their fields while offering unparalleled support in their quests to succeed.

One of our top priorities remains including all learners and expanding access to a high-quality and affordable education by recognizing the diversity in the social, economic, cultural, and educational backgrounds and experiences of our student body. At the centre of this work is our commitment to Indigenization and to EDI (equity, diversity, and inclusion), with students from 135 countries around the world. We welcome nearly 600 Indigenous students each year and continue our efforts to recognize that truth and reconciliation is a shared responsibility in our community. Of the 15,077 learners taking classes in the 2022/23 academic year, more than 3,000 are international students with 112 languages spoken amongst our college population. The average age of our students is 31 years old and 70% are women. Your contributions to our students' lives offer stability and hope as they work to overcome challenges so that they can become graduates who become changemakers in their communities.

Your continued support inspires our students to realize their potential to impact their communities for the better. Bow Valley College takes pride in the work we do to make learning accessible and facilitate the thriving of our students by meeting their diverse needs. As we champion the way forward, we want to recognize the integral role your investment plays in our learners' success. Thank you for working alongside us to make all learning count and to ensure that the opportunities we provide through our

innovative programming make a meaningful difference in Calgary and the rest of the province – we couldn't do it without you!

Student Testimonials

Each one of our students has a unique story about the path that has led them to Bow Valley College, and in many cases, the hurdles they have overcome on their journey here. One thing they have in common is the gratitude they feel for the ways donor support has changed their lives.

In spring and summer 2024, your student recipient was Tara Orgill. Included below is a thank you letter and testimonial so you can read firsthand how your generosity has impacted their life. Thank you again for investing in their success!

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for establishing a scholarship at the Bow Valley College. It is an honour to be this year's recipient of The Business and Professional Women's Club of Calgary Bursary. I'm taking the Legal Assistant Diploma program at Bow Valley College.

I am a single mother of four children with my fourth being just recently born. This will help me greatly in my studies and relief many stresses financially. I pride myself on being able to help others and enjoy the small moments in life we sometimes forget to do. I chose Bow Valley over other colleges because of their reputation, inclusiveness and ability to help people achieve their goals in life.

Again, thank you so much for your support and help in my journey to achieve absolute greatness for my family and my community as well as myself.

Sincerely, Tara Orgill

In Closing

It takes a community to create a system of support for our learners, and as you've seen, the benevolence of our donors and corporate sponsors plays an intrinsic part in ensuring Bow Valley College can continue to provide accessible, inclusive education for our students. While we continuously work to identify gaps and adapt and evolve in the ways we meet their needs, our vision of opening doors and minds by creating opportunities for our learners remains unchanged. Thank you for valuing the work we do and for your commitment to supporting our mission.



Donor support remains a crucial component of our success, and more importantly, the success of our students. We witness the impact your generosity has every day as we navigate the vibrant, positive community you have helped us create. We look forward to our continued partnership in changing lives and making all learning count.

Thank you again for helping our students dream bigger than they ever thought possible by investing in their success – you are helping build a legacy that will be felt in their lives, our College and our communities.