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We respectfully acknowledge that Red River College Polytechnic campuses are located on the original lands of Anishinaabe, Ininiwak, Anishininwak, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and homeland of the Red River Métis.

Walter and Maria Schroeder recognized with Honorary Bachelor of Education degree

Winnipeg, Manitoba on original lands of Anishinaabe, Ininiwak, Anishininwak, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and homeland of the Red River Métis -- Walter and Maria Schroeder, founders of The Schroeder Foundation, are the recipients of an Honorary Bachelor of Education Degree from Red River College Polytechnic (RRC Polytech) in recognition of their dedication in removing barriers to education for Manitoba youth.

“We are elated to present Walter and Maria Schroeder with an honorary degree to celebrate our shared commitment in removing learning barriers,” said Fred Meier, President and CEO. “The additional support they provide students helps set them up for success. Transitions to post-secondary can be challenging, but the Foundation’s efforts to engage directly with students and their families helps youth thrive during their time here and beyond.”

Walter and Maria Schroeder grew up in Winnipeg and have always believed in helping others. In 1976, Walter created a new Canadian based bond rating agency called Dominion Bond Rating Service which became one of the world’s premier agencies. After they sold their company, the Schroeder’s have focused their energy on philanthropy and created The Schroeder Foundation.

“We believe in the power of education and access should be available for all,” said Walter Schroeder. “We are so grateful to be receiving this honorary degree from RRC Polytech.”

“When we were young and growing up in Winnipeg, we benefited from the generosity of others, and now it is our turn to extend that same support to students in our hometown,” added Maria Schroeder.

Since 2019, The Schroeder Foundation has funded 135 full scholarships to RRC Polytech, with wrap-around supports like tutoring, guidance, and academic coaching. The Foundation has devoted their resources on improving health and education services across Canada with a particular focus in supporting Winnipeg’s high school students in the North End.



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In the last two years, the Foundation has provided 190 full post-secondary scholarships to RRC Polytech, The University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg. The Foundation also awards over 10 full scholarships to Vancouver Film School each year to extraordinary students in Sisler High School's post-high CREATE program. This is in addition to the 700+ merit awards provided annually to high school students at St. John's High School, Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute, and Sisler High School.

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