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College of Arts and Science Alumni of Influence

Mr. Forbes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, March 13th, I had the pleasure to attend the sixth annual University of Saskatchewan College of Arts and Science Alumni of Influence Dean's Gala and Award Ceremony at TCU Place. As always, it's a wonderful event and it's important to see Saskatchewan people recognized for their contributions across our province, our country, and around the world.

This year's recipients come from all walks of life — from academia, the arts, business, and the community activists. The diversity and breadth of their accomplishments speak to the quality and disciplinary excellence that we have in our programming and instruction at the University of Saskatchewan.

This year's recipients included Federated Co-op CEO [chief executive officer], Scott Banda; former Saskatoon police officer, Keith Briant; CBC [Canadian Broadcasting Corporation] radio personalities, Piya Chattopadhyay and Robert Enright; renowned scientist and business leader, Heather Koshinsky; visual artist, Zachari Logan; Idle No More founder, Sheelah McLean; Chinese businessman, Bob Xiaoping Xu; and well-known Saskatoon-based poet, playwright, and author, Donald Kerr.

I ask all members to join me in congratulating this year's award recipients and also join with me in recognizing important contributions that the University of Saskatchewan makes to our province's cultural, intellectual, and community well-being. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.