YOU'RE INVITED: TRENT'S NEW STUDENT CENTRE OPENS

September 29, 2017. Mark it in your calendar. Because you are invited to the grand opening of Trent University's new Student Centre at our annual Head of the Trent regatta.

The Centre will dramatically expand the Trent campus. Architecturally, it is turning out to be everything we had hoped for – a stunning building designed by Teeple architects that blends perfectly with Trent's award winning Ron Thom architecture. Its east side features magnificent views of the Otonabee. The patio in front of the building will be an ideal place to watch the 2,000 rowers and the 400 boats participating in the Head of Trent.

The Student Centre is a \$16 million project that is the result of a partnership between the Trent Central Student Association and Trent University. A student levy will provide \$10.5 million for the project. Donors – alumni, staff, and students – have contributed almost \$4 million. Of special note is a \$1 million gift given by one of the University's most distinguished alumni, lawyer and Degrassi executive producer Stephen Stohn, from the class of '66.

The space inside the building will provide a new home for the Trent Central Student Association; much needed space for students to study and socialize; meeting places for our many student groups; and a long-anticipated Starbucks. The multi-purpose event space is flexible, with moveable furniture and access to the outdoor patio on the banks of the river.

In order to accommodate Trent's growing student enrollment, the Centre will contain a two-storey, 200seat lecture theatre -- Stohn Hall; a 60-seat Active Learning Classroom equipped with projectors, whiteboards and moveable seating; and a 100-seat tiered lecture hall.

We invite you to join us for our Grand Opening: Friday, September 29, 2017, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The event will feature live music from Toronto-based pop/rock/funk cover band Sly Fox; student performers; interactive entertainment; and an opportunity to walk around our campus and talk to students, staff and faculty about the continuing developments at Trent – the ongoing retrofit of the Bata Library; the development of our research park; and the launch of new academic programs.

You may RSVP online at: trentu.ca/studentcentreopening.

I will see you there!

Leo Groarke, Ph.D. President Trent University