

Speaking Points

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Introduction

- Thank you, Sam [*Sam Weiss, Director, Hotchkiss Brain Institute*] and good morning, everyone.
- I'm thrilled to be here for what is truly a proud day for the University of Calgary...Alberta...and our students training to become leaders in neurological and mental health care research.
- I want to commend the University of Calgary for honouring Harley Hotchkiss' legacy by launching the Campus Alberta Neuroscience International Scholars Program.
- This unique program will take neuroscience research to the next level...by pairing international neuroscientists with students and fellows at Alberta's research institutions to exchange ideas, knowledge and insights.
- And it will provide outstanding opportunities for Alberta trainees to connect with international leaders in industry and academia...through an annual international neuroscience symposium hosted by our leading research institutions.

Hotchkiss Brain Institute's Legacy

- Since the Hotchkiss Brain Institute opened its doors seven years ago...hundreds of graduate trainees and post-doctoral fellows...in neurological and mental health research...have benefitted from this world-class and innovative training centre.

Alberta's Support for Learners

- That's why the Government of Alberta was pleased to provide \$5 million in funding support for the Campus Alberta Neuroscience International Scholars Program...which we're confident will only raise the bar of excellence to an even higher level.
- And thanks to the tremendous generosity of the Hotchkiss family and other donors who have also contributed to this program...our province's up-and-coming researchers will have more opportunities to gain a global perspective...

...and learn new skills, techniques and methods that can be applied to develop solutions to some of the world's greatest challenges...like addiction and chronic diseases.

- And they will have the support to take this new knowledge...and put it to use to improve the quality of lives of thousands of Albertans.
- Like the Hotchkiss Brain Institute, our government is committed to developing the next generation of health care researchers, innovators and educators.
- We're actively working with institutions...like the University of Calgary...and our other Campus Alberta partners...to ensure our province continues to develop a health care workforce that is highly trained, innovative and adaptable.

Conclusion

- In closing, I'd like to thank the university's and the institute's leadership teams...the Hotchkiss family...and all faculty and staff for your commitment to developing the next generation of researchers and health care professionals in Alberta.
- But most of all, I'd like to thank Harley Hotchkiss for his extraordinary inspiration, dedication and commitment to the people of Alberta.
- His strong leadership and outstanding achievements are an inspiration to all Albertans.
- Thank you.

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