

Arthur Irving Chancellor Emeritus Acadia University

Arthur Irving served as the Chancellor of Acadia University from 1996 to 2010.

Arthur, like his Father K.C. Irving, and brothers Jim and Jack, attended Acadia University. When he left, he returned home to Saint John New Brunswick where he worked in the family business, Irving Oil and does to this day with over 70 years of service to the Company.

As an expression of his deep commitment to Acadia and to honour his parents he, together with his brothers, Jim and Jack Irving created the K. C. Irving Environmental Science Centre and the Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens.

Presently, Arthur supports undergraduate and graduate student scholarships in Environmental Science and important research projects at the K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre.

Furthermore as a long time supporter of Ducks Unlimited where he served as both a Director and as President, he worked with DU in creating the Beaubassin Research Centre at the NB - NS border. Beaubassin today is seen as an important partnership of Irving Oil, Ducks Unlimited and Acadia University. It is here where student researchers from Acadia and other universities study the environment, the wetlands and the significant history of the area.

Arthur loves the outdoors and adventure. He has paddled many rivers in the high Arctic and has visited countries abroad on his motorcycle. Like his mother, Harriet Irving, whom the Botanical Gardens are named after, he is passionate about nature, trees and flowers.

He is deeply committed to Acadia University and to telling the Acadia University story of it being one of Canada's best undergraduate universities.