

## Backgrounder

### About Noreen Taylor – the university’s new Chancellor

Noreen Taylor is a distinguished leader with a lifelong commitment to Canada’s health-care, cultural, educational and horse racing communities.

Ms. Taylor is President of Windfields Farm Limited, a company created by her late father-in-law, E.P. Taylor, a legendary Canadian visionary, entrepreneur and world-class horse breeder. Ms. Taylor is a strong supporter of the university’s Campus Master Plan. The plan focuses on creating an unprecedented research and teaching hub on the former Windfields Farm lands, which will create an environment for even more student success.

After graduating from the University of Toronto (with a Master of Arts in Art History, as well as a Bachelor of Education from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education) Ms. Taylor began her career teaching art and art history at Toronto’s Malvern Collegiate Institute. Her talents and enthusiasm led to overseeing the Claude Watson School for the Arts (at Earl Haig Collegiate Institute) as its founding artistic program director. She is also a noted painter who exhibited on a regular basis; her works can be found in a number of public and private collections, and on the covers of several literary books.

In 2000, she created the Charles Taylor Foundation named after her late husband, a celebrated journalist, essayist and horse breeder. The foundation oversees the famous RBC Taylor Prize, awarded annually for excellence in English-language literary non-fiction. Her commitment to the arts is matched by her focus on improving health care. Following the lengthy care of her husband Charles, she became committed to patient care, first as a community representative for Cancer Care Ontario, then as a force behind the creation of a Palliative Care Centre at Sunnybrook Hospital, and now as Chair of Saint Elizabeth Health Care, Canada’s largest not-for-profit home-care organization.

In recent years Ms. Taylor’s skills in leadership and governance have been in high demand. She has served as Chair of the McMichael Canadian Art Collection, as a member of the Advisory Board of the University of Toronto Art Museums, and on the board of the National

Ballet of Canada. In 2000, she received an Arbor Award from the University of Toronto for her work in advancing the Centre for the Study of Drama, and in December 2015, she was named as Chair of the Board of Canadian Stage, one of Canada's most distinguished theatre companies.

In 2015, she was named by Governor General David Johnston as a Member of the Order of Canada.

### **About the University of Ontario Institute of Technology**

Located in the eastern Greater Toronto Area, the University of Ontario Institute of Technology has grown out of a bold, ambitious vision: to take on the grand challenges we face as a society, and find solutions to meet and exceed tomorrow's needs.

By teaching students new approaches to problem solving along with innovative uses of technology, our commitment to scholarship produces new types of graduates: highly engaged citizen leaders with an entrepreneurial spirit; people prepared to excel in the modern workplace, and ready to lead their peers.

Our faculty experts engage with more than 300 industry partners to develop unique programs that incorporate program-specific and industry-current software and practical, hands-on experience in a real-world setting.

In recent years, more than four out of five graduating UOIT students participated in work-integrated learning through opportunities such as co-ops, internships and practicums.

The university houses more than 70 specialized research laboratories and facilities. These facilities show our commitment to attracting leading scholars and creating excellent learning experiences.

The university wants to grow into an even more innovative mixed-use, vibrant community hub. To reach this goal the university has created a Campus Master Plan to develop 190 acres directly north of the campus; this land was donated to the university by the family of noted entrepreneur and thoroughbred horse-breeder, E. P. Taylor. This expansion will establish the new classrooms, laboratories and infrastructure required to provide students, professors and researchers with the space they need to build Canada's competitiveness while creating an exciting and rewarding educational experience.

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