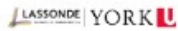


**LASSONDE SCHOOL
OF ENGINEERING**



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Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to share the very sad news of the recent passings of two individuals who were deeply connected to our school.

First, we remember Professor Tom McElroy, a retired faculty member at Lassonde whose contributions to teaching and scholarship left a lasting impact on generations of students and colleagues.

We also mourn the recent passing of Allan Carswell, who served as an admired Professor of Physics at York University and later became a generous supporter of our School. Through his philanthropy and belief in our mission, Professor Carswell helped strengthen opportunities for underrepresented students to find pathways in STEM.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to their families, friends, and all those who knew them. Both individuals will be remembered with respect and appreciation for the roles they played in shaping our community.

Please see additional memorial information below.

Take care,

Jane Goodyer

Dean

Lassonde School of Engineering

In Memoriam: Professor Tom McElroy

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Tom McElroy, Professor Emeritus of Atmospheric Remote Sounding, and a distinguished atmospheric science researcher whose career spanned more than four decades and left a lasting impact on the field. Professor McElroy joined York University in 2011, following a remarkable 36-year tenure at Environment Canada.

Among his many achievements, he co-invented the Brewer Ozone Spectrophotometer and played a key role in establishing the relationship between ozone and ultraviolet (UV) radiation. This work directly contributed to the development of the UV Index, now widely adopted by the World Health Organization and used in more than 25 countries.

We extend our sincere condolences to his family, colleagues, and all who had the privilege of working with him. We will be hosting a memorial later this spring to celebrate Tom's life and honour his memory.