



# SETTING THE STAGE FOR LEARNING

Immersive | Inclusive | Accessible

Help Us Transform Confederation College's  
**NEXT CREATIVE LEARNING SPACE**

## **Confederation College is launching an ambitious new plan to completely transform the Crawford C. McCullough Rotary Lecture Theatre.**

We will breathe new life into this old theatre with 21st-century technology and better accessibility to create a new immersive, inclusive learning and performance environment. **All we need is your help Setting the Stage!**

When the lecture/performance theatre first opened in 1972, you'd see students in bellbottoms sitting cross-legged on carpeted risers or on the stage. It was a radical new environment designed to make a big class seem small and learning approachable. But that was 50 years ago, and the age of bellbottoms and classic lectures has long given way to "wearable tech" and interactive learning. **Students need relevant programming to prepare for today's job market.**

**Our new learning space will be immersive, inclusive, and accessible – a truly multi-functional space to meet the needs of students and to provide the community with a specialized event venue.**

## **Sending Confederation College to the Region – and Bringing the World to Us**

Our new interactive lecture/theatre will help us **overcome distance barriers to education.** We'll be able to engage and interact with students at campuses across the region and bring the world to us through state-of-the-art smart classroom technology.

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**Confederation College has committed \$1.5 million of \$2 million to create a new, immersive lecture/theatre learning environment. We're asking the community to help us get over the finish line with the last \$500,000.**

With your donation, we will:

- Create an immersive "720-degree" learning, theatre, and production environment
- Enhance learning for Confederation College students across Northwestern Ontario
- Better prepare students for today's job market
- Overcome distance barriers to education
- Recognize and celebrate our Indigenous students and the heritage of the region where we live
- Provide Thunder Bay with a specialized theatre for performances, TED Talk-like events, and travelling lectures
- Meet today's accessibility standards

## Will You Help Us Set the Stage?



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## Immersive

**Students today learn differently than when the theatre first opened.** That's why we are converting our multi-functional lecture hall and performance theatre into a "smart" classroom and performance venue with state-of-the-art production equipment. The plan includes digital audio/visual and technology upgrades with interlinked controls and communications from control rooms to stage. The new theatre will be optimized for the digital learner providing new seating, side tables, and plug-ins for personal technology. And, the space will provide that essential link between our media students and a live audience. New lighting and presentation controls will accommodate lectures, performances, film projects, and even a sound lab for media students using the latest industry tools.

## Inclusive

**Our new theatre will better reflect nature and the Indigenous heritage of the region where we live for a culturally inclusive learning space.** We envision bringing the outside in with finishes that reflect the beauty of Northwestern Ontario: flooring that takes its colour cues from birch bark and stone, a ceiling that sparkles with the wonder of a starry night, artwork from Indigenous artists on wooden acoustic panels, and a circle inlaid on the main stage representing a place to come together. We will also unveil a new Anishinaabe name for the theatre that recognizes the importance of learning in its many forms.

## Accessible

**Our expectations for accessibility have changed over the last 50 years.** The new theatre will meet those needs – and meet Ontario's accessibility standards – for all students, lecturers, performers, and the visitors.

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