**Convocation 2015: Stephen Stohn**

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Stephen Stohn speaking

Well, we're here on the banks of the Otonabee and nearly 50 years ago when I was a student here at Trent, on these very steps, Tom Symons who was the President, the Vice-Chancellor of course at the time, inaugurated. Now there is concrete here, we had actually built a stone retaining wall that he wanted to inaugurate. It was in November, there was just a small group of about 20 of us, and in order to provide some flourish to the occasion he sort of anointed the steps, thanked us all for creating it, and then with his pipe in his mouth - entirely unplanned - he dove right into the water over here. In his suite with his pipe still in his mouth. And we all have remembered that to this day. But that was the kind of life we had back in those early days of Trent. We were very close to the administration, to all of our professors, it truly was a foundation for my career later in life.