# Craig Kielburger

**2 minutes, 11 seconds in length**

Video Description: Craig Kielburger addresses the camera directly throughout the entire video. He is standing in front of a dining room with empty tables set behind him. Background noise is heard throughout the video.

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## What is your name and relationship with Trent?

Craig Kielburger responds:

My name is Craig Kielburger and I am fortunate to have received an honorary degree from Trent University.

## Can you describe what you do?

Craig Kielburger responds:

I am the co-founder of Free the Children, a children’s empowerment organization the work’s here in Canada and around the world providing education service opportunities engaging youth through making a positive change in the community.

## What does it mean to you to be here tonight?

Craig Kielburger responds:

In Free the Children we have a very special connection to Trent because we have so many Trent graduates become senior leaders in our organization. Our executive director is a Trent grad from 2002 our chief people officer from 2001. In fact we disproportionally hire from Trent because it is such and extraordinary community. So it was an honour for me to be welcomed into this community to receive a honourary degree from Trent to become an extended member of the family. This is a university where the graduates are truly changing the world through international development, through agricultural, through science, technology and so many amazing ways we get to see it in our organization and in so many organizations that are positively influenced as a result of Trent graduates.

## Can you comment on philanthropy and volunteerism, the broader theme of the evening?

Craig Keilburger responds:

What’s so extraordinary about the community here today by investing in Trent is that they are not only helping students but also creating a long-term ripple impact and I think that’s the true essence of philanthropy and the Greek definition of love of humanity and how we shift to be a better more inclusive counting place. So many Trent grads have gone into service related projects. They’re being honoured here tonight, we see them in our charity where we have so many Trent graduates who are part of the extended family and this philanthropy today, its not just helping students at the University but it’s empowering students to have a positive impact in their community, across Canada and all around the world.

## Can you comment on the award winners?

Craig Keilburger responds:

It’s extraordinary to spend time with this distinguished group of award winners, people who have worked in the industry of mental health in various areas in their community, from the local to even the global, with Canada’s former ambassador to the Congo among the group. These six award recipients embody the spirit of Trent because it’s the spirit of service.

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