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Message from David T. Barnard, President and Vice-Chancellor

At the University of Manitoba, we have made being an employer of choice one of our top priorities. Thanks to you, we are making significant strides in achieving this objective. Our goal is to ensure we have the best people possible to do an even better job of building bigger futures for our students.

As you have may have already seen in Saturday's edition of the *Winnipeg Free Press*, we have been named one of Manitoba's Top 25 Employers. Past recipients include the very best of our province's private and public institutions, including Boeing Canada, New Flyer Industries, Manitoba Hydro and True North Sports & Entertainment.

We are proud to be recognized among this select group of exceptional employers that consistently produce world-class results. They do so by creating a workplace atmosphere that attracts and retains the very best talent.

We were assessed based on eight criteria, including physical workplace; work atmosphere; health, financial and family benefits; vacation and time off; employee communications; performance management; training and skills management; and community involvement.

The creation of an outstanding workplace is a shared responsibility. I have often said the University of Manitoba is a great place because the cause and the company are great. We are transforming the lives of our students and we have the privilege of working with remarkable people.

I am asking you again to help us as we strive to be an even more outstanding employer. This fall, we released our first-ever Outstanding Workplace Strategy and Plan. Please go to www.unmanitoba.ca/outstanding_workplace to learn more about the plan and to provide your input on how we can make further improvements to our strategy.

Thank you again for your commitment to the University of Manitoba. You make it a pleasure to come to work each day and I want all of you to feel as valued and excited about your experience here as I do.

David