SENIOR LEADER BIOGRAPHY
Vice-President (Development)
Gary Durbeniuk

Gary Durbeniuk became vice-president (development) for the University of Calgary in July 2002, where he continues a 25-year fundraising track record in the philanthropic community.

Gary began his fundraising career at the university in 1986, advancing to director of development for the institution. In 1996, he left to lead the fundraising activities of five health care foundations that merged under the new Calgary Health Trust umbrella, where he increased net donations by 70 per cent in the trust's first four years.

After returning to the university in his current role, fundraising has grown at the university from $18 million to $90 million annually.

Gary also acted as executive director for Reach!—a joint campaign between the University of Calgary, Calgary Health Trust and Alberta Health Services that raised $312 million.

More recently, he was one of the executive sponsors for the IS² project, a strategic initiative to improve financial controls and administrative services, and reduce administrative costs across campus.

A University of Calgary alumnus, Gary has a 30-year volunteer history in the Calgary community.