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Black's stellar efforts recognized by McDowell Foundation

Don Black, one of Saskatchewan's heavyweights in terms of the financial world, has also been active behind the scenes in fostering teacher action research through the Dr. Stirling McDowell Foundation for Research into Teaching.

Black, the executive chair and former President and CEO of Greystone Capital Management in Regina, was honoured as the most recent recipient of the McDowell Foundation Award for outstanding contributions to educational research. The Award was presented at the annual Learning from Practice conference Friday in Saskatoon.

As a staunch believer in leading through example, Greystone not only contributed \$100,000 to the McDowell fund, but also donates its services as the Foundation's investment manager.

When the Foundation was formed in the early 1990s, Black embarked on a cross country trip to encourage colleagues within the business world to consider making donations to the McDowell Foundation.

These combined efforts by Black and Greystone have helped significantly in boosting the fund past the \$2 million mark this year.

Black, who has held a number of high-profile positions within the financial world in Saskatchewan, also sat on the McDowell Foundation's board of directors during its formative years. He was personally involved in the Major Gifts Track to help build the endowment fund that supports substantive and continuing teacher-led research.

He has continued to be among the Foundation's most steadfast supporters since its inception.