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The recipient of the 2019 McMaster University Distinguished Alumni Award is **Bruce Miyashita**.

One of the first graduates of McMaster's Arts & Science Program in 1984 and later a graduate of the Ivey School of Business with an MBA in 1988, Bruce Miyashita began his business career as an analyst with IBM Canada, joining the group writing technical and user manuals for software. He was a consultant with McKinsey & Company and then the Director of Strategic Initiatives for Bombardier Inc. He was the Vice-President of Six Sigma with Maple Leaf Foods Inc., where he led the company's performance improvement initiatives for more than a decade. Mr. Miyashita has also served in an executive role with BMO Financial Group where he built the organization's Process Centre of Excellence.

Mr. Miyashita currently divides his time between Miyashita Advisory, a consulting practice that deploys his expertise in process excellence, and running the Tom & Nancy Miyashita Foundation. Mr. Miyashita started the foundation in 2015 to honour his late parents and serve as a vehicle for philanthropy and pro-bono work designed to build practical life and employment skills for young adults.

Mr. Miyashita is an engaged community leader and philanthropist whose impact at his *alma mater* has been significant. He created the Tom and Nancy Miyashita Arts & Science Program Enrichment Fund as well as the New World of Work Forum at McMaster, where his involvement includes mentoring members of the Forum's Student Project Management Team. He has also been instrumental in connecting McMaster Arts & Science students to the unique culture and experience of Fogo Island, Newfoundland, where he is an Honorary Member of the Fogo Island Arts Advisory Board.

Mr. Miyashita serves on the Board of Directors for Academics Without Borders, a not-for-profit organization that assists developing countries' universities in training their own experts and conducting their own research to enhance national development. In 2017, Mr. Miyashita was inducted into the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre Hall of Fame for his fundraising efforts.

McMaster is proud to recognize Mr. Bruce Miyashita of the Class of 1984 with the 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award.