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# G. SCOTT PATERSON '82

## Breaking Barriers

A prolific entrepreneur, financier investor, and philanthropist, G. Scott Paterson '82 has shattered every obstacle in his way. From humble origins in St. Catharines, Scott's remarkable journey to the top of the Canadian business world has been driven by an intense drive for achievement and excellence fortified during his time at Ridley College.

In his 1998 book, *Titans*, legendary business journalist, Peter C. Newman called Scott Paterson a "one-man paradigm" — the most captivating member of the new cohort of investors taking over Canada's financial markets and a role model for a new generation of money movers at the twilight of the last century.<sup>1</sup> In the quarter century since its publication, Scott has unarguably fulfilled this

prophecy, reaching heights previously unimaginable through an unyielding spirit and indomitable work ethic. Unabated by the passage of time, his portfolio shows little sign of aging, while Scott himself expresses an unrelenting optimism about the future, which he hopes to pass on to the next generation of Ridleians aspiring to make their mark on the business world.

Over the last four decades, Scott has served in numerous roles and on many prestigious boards of directors in the media and technology sectors. He was named one of *The Globe and Mail's* Top 40 Under 40 in 1999; he has been a TedTalk speaker; he was profiled in *Time Magazine* as "One of Canada's 21st Century Leaders" and in 2007 was named as "One of 17 People

to Watch Globally" by *Newsweek*. He was awarded Western University's top Alumni Purple and White Award and has been a keynote speaker on behalf of countless organizations, including Mastercard, EY Entrepreneur of the Year, and the National Angel Capital Organization. Today, Scott serves as executive chairman of FutureVault Inc., a Toronto-based information management company, and is involved in a number of ventures, including artificial intelligence, crypto and e-commerce. But prior to his ascension to the stars, he first had to defy the odds.

While Scott has been fortunate to have a degree of success, he is clear to point out that he also has "lots of scars on his back." A precocious young man from a single-parent family, Scott