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—Bill Robson &
Lissa McRae

Some people are gifted, born with the ability to teach. Institutions that attract such individuals ensure their students the best educational experience possible. So, imagine the good fortune of Bishop's students when a couple of professors arrived, in the mid-1980s, both born with the "gift".

Such is the story of Bill Robson who arrived at Bishop's in 1983, and his spouse Lissa McRae who arrived a few years later. They were hired in the Business division, now the Williams School of Business (WSB), as young, energetic professors who were ready to make a difference. And what a difference they have made!

Their nearly 30-year careers were marked by striking similarities: "Best teachers", "always available and dedicated to student success", "mentors and friends", "engaging with high expectations" are but a few of the repeated phrases that described their frequent nominations for teaching awards and contributions to student life. Bill and Lissa were devoted to their teaching, involved in their students' extra-curricular endeavors, especially Rugby, and highly-esteemed by the young people they served.

Fast forward to 2021 where Bill and Lissa are once again ensuring an extraordinary *Bishop's Experience* for generations of students to come. Their philanthropic decision to bequest some registered retirement investments will support the rugby program, the WSB, case competitions, and the Refugee Sponsorship Program.

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BISHOP'S: A NATURAL HABITAT FOR HUMAN INTERACTION

Like most of you I suspect, what I have missed the most during the pandemic is seeing people. Simply put, meeting Bishop's graduates is the favourite part of my job. I love how it is so easy to find that instant connection with fellow alumni even though we may have graduated decades apart.

So, while far fewer alumni returned than is the tradition, we enjoyed welcoming back alumni



Bishop's Homecoming 2021 – Griffin Alumni House's first impromptu visitors since March 2020!

Keith Labbett '91, Jay Rosenfeld '90, Vanessa Gray '93, Rob Allatt '93, Phil Wilson '93, Cynthia Scala Labbett, Jennifer Hallesey.

and friends for Homecoming in late September, after a one-year hiatus. We were also pleased to host the classes of 1962–1966 to a campus tour and lunch in October and other in-person events such as a **pancake breakfast** during Student Success Week (see page 19), and the **2021 Top 10 After 10** induction ceremony in November (see page 5). Optimistically, we are now turning our attention to scheduling and re-scheduling

long-overdue reunions. We will soon be in touch with the lineup of Class Reunions and chapter events to be held in 2022.

One thing that has kept me going since COVID-19 became dominant in our lives is the great outdoors – an appreciation of nature. Fortunately, there is no shortage of natural spaces on campus, and I share the belief that these must be preserved, protected and enhanced.

In this issue, you will read about the University's efforts and vision to promote sustainable development practices. Bishop's developed a **Campus Master Plan** in 2020. This outlines the plans for campus development and demonstrates an enduring and sustainable vision for the future of our natural and built environments. For more information, visit www.ubishops.ca/about-bu/our-campus/campus-master-plan/.

I hope you will soon have the opportunity to return to Bishop's to enjoy the natural beauty of the campus – perhaps at Homecoming 2022, scheduled for September 22–24. In the meantime, be well, stay safe, and Happy Holidays.

—**Jacqueline Scott '90**

Associate Vice-Principal, Advancement

P.S. We learned just before press time that **Norman Webster, '62, DCL '85** passed away on November 19, 2021. We extend our deepest condolences to his wife Patterson, and children David (Associate Professor, History and Global Studies at Bishop's), Andrew, Derek, Gillian and **Hilary '90**. A more lengthy tribute will be featured in the next edition of the *Bishop's Alumni Magazine*.

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Alex Cook '13 assumed the role of President of the Bishop's Alumni Association in July. We are pleased to welcome him and thank his predecessor Lesley Kelly '99 for her loyal service to Bishop's.



I could not be more excited to take on the role of President of the Bishop's Alumni Association. I've seen firsthand how passionate and supportive this community is and I'm excited to make sure that passion remains and spreads, not just across our current alumni chapters but throughout Canada and around the world. The association has played a major role in my career and I want to make sure that as a group, we continue to open doors for one another.

To start, I want to welcome the Class of 2021 to the Alumni Association. Like the Class of 2020, I know your experience as a student did not end as you hoped it would, but now you are part of an incredible community – one that is committed to making sure your connection to Bishop's remains strong. We look forward to celebrating you in person in June 2022!

My goal is to make the BU Alumni Association meaningful to you. I want to go beyond our typical networking and community events; I want to create a platform to give back to our communities and to open career doors for one another. Over the last few years, we've built passionate alumni chapters in Toronto, Vancouver, Ottawa, Montreal, and the Townships. I want to connect these chapters to create a consistent experience for all. I also want those in other cities and countries to be as much a part of the conversation. If you think your city is missing a chapter, let me know, and let's build one! In the meantime you can read about existing chapters and their leaders on page 36.

Another of my goals is to ensure you stay connected with the University and get value from the Alumni Association, no matter when you graduated. I urge you to sign up for our **JUMP Mentorship Program** or our **Bishop's Career Café**, both designed to create a platform for our most experienced alumni to share their knowledge with recent graduates, to serve as mentors, and to support one another throughout our careers. I encourage alumni of all ages to leverage our community. If you're on LinkedIn and a company you're interested in has a Bishop's graduate working there, reach out! I'd bet they are eager to help.

I also recommend joining us for our unique **Donald Lecture Series** where we host acclaimed speakers like

Dr. Jane Goodall. After all, learning doesn't stop when you walk out of the Quad for the last time. And please let me know if you are passionate about your *Bishop's Experience* and can join us at local recruiting events around the world. Help us to attract future generations of Gaiters.

Finally, if you are willing and able, any philanthropic gift, no matter what the size means a lot. Together, we can ensure that Bishop's students continue to have an amazing and life-changing experience for generations to come.

If you have any ideas on how we can further advance the Alumni Association, you can reach out to me directly at alumpres@ubishops.ca or on LinkedIn, Instagram, or Twitter at [@alexcookinn](https://twitter.com/alexcookinn).

Raise a Toast. 

—Alex Cook '13



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A SURVIVOR-CENTRED APPROACH

As you may know, we are engaged in an intense discussion about sexual violence in our community. It took courage for the survivors to share their stories. We are listening carefully to them and will continue to support them.

It has been anguishing to hear that some students at Bishop's feel unsafe and unsupported by the University.

Any form of sexual aggression in our community is unacceptable and we must work to eradicate it.

Our legal and moral obligation is to ensure a study and work environment free from any form of violence or harassment.

There must be zero tolerance for violence and harassment at Bishop's.

Under the survivor-centred leadership of our Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Stine Linden-Andersen, and the determined engagement of students, faculty and staff, the University has implemented several measures to address sexual aggression at Bishop's.

However, I have heard the clear message from our students that we need to do more, and as Principal, I am accountable for ensuring that we do.

Statements of support and expressions of good intent matter, but the actions of our administration and of our community will be what matter most.

Each of us has the responsibility of being an active bystander equipped and ready to intervene to prevent sexual aggression.

We are committed to providing support to anyone who makes a disclosure and to investigating fully every complaint of sexual violence made to us.



We will always support survivors on their path towards justice.

As a University, we rely on several strategies to combat and address the consequences of sexual violence.

First, we aim to educate ourselves and the community. For the last several years, we have required all first-year students to take **Active Bystander Intervention** training and to attend the "Can I Kiss You?" consent presentation during their first week on campus. The online training module "It Takes All of Us" is mandatory for students, faculty, and staff. This program strives to increase awareness of sexual violence to help shift the campus culture to one of respect and consent, and to create a community free of sexual violence.

Second, we have instituted concrete actions intended to prevent sexual violence. Our Security team is present to respond to sexual violence on campus day and night seven days a week. They are trained to ensure that any survivors who disclose acts of sexual aggression are accompanied and guided to the supports available to them.

On nights featuring big events, Student Services and student peer supporters install safety tents on and off campus as safe gathering spaces. The **SafeWalk** program, which provides accompaniment in walking

across the campus and in town, and the lighting installed on the bike path, are among other sexual violence prevention tools which have been implemented.

Third, we support survivors. The University's full-time Sexual Aggression Response Coordinator works closely with the other councillors to provide support. The University also has processes for survivors of sexual violence to report these criminal acts in a safe environment designed to protect survivors' privacy.

I would like to express my appreciation to the young women who bravely told their stories to the Board of Governors recently and expressed their commitment to helping to identify and implement the necessary changes.

The Board of Governors has created an Ad hoc Committee on the Prevention of Sexual Violence. It will be chaired by **Cathy McLean '82**, Vice-Chair of the Board.

Its mandate includes reviewing and making recommendations on how to improve the University's policies, procedures and practices for preventing sexual violence, receiving disclosures of sexual aggression, supporting survivors and sanctioning aggressors.

I am confident that if we work together with urgency, courage, and respect, we will make the changes necessary to ensure that Bishop's is a safer community for everyone.

—**Michael Goldbloom, C.M.**
Principal and Vice-Chancellor

BISHOP'S HONOURS A NEW *TOP 10 AFTER 10* CLASS OF ALUMNI – LEADING THE WAY IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS AND COMMUNITIES



From left: (front) Douglas Pawson '06, Andrew MacCannell '02, Dany MacDonald '03 and Mark Lawson '09; (back) Jennifer LaPlante '00, Amy Svetelis '01, Erin O'Neill '05 and Leigh Sowerby '03. Missing: Danielle Shafiepour '06 and Justin Smith '05.

During the 2021 Class of the *Top 10 After 10* induction ceremony in November, we honoured ten accomplished graduates from the Classes of 2000 to 2011.

JENNIFER LAPLANTE '00

After graduating from Bishop's with a B.A. Honours in Sociology, Jennifer completed an MBA and Master of Science and moved into the world of Artificial Intelligence. She is the Executive Director of DeepSense, an organization growing the adoption of AI and machine learning in the ocean sector in Canada. She also launched SafePath, a start-up focused on increasing accessibility

for pedestrians and cyclists. An active volunteer, Jennifer serves on the boards of Halifax Harbour Bridges, the Arthritis Society, the Victoria Hall Society, and the Government of Canada's AI Public Awareness Working Group. In addition, she runs the Halifax chapter of Women in Machine Learning & Data Science. In what spare time is left, you can find Jennifer teaching fitness classes, running, or spending time with her family.



MARK LAWSON '09



While at Bishop's, Mark majored in Political Studies and minored in English, served as President of the Students' Representative Council (2008–2009), and participated in the Model UN. His career has seen him serve at the highest levels in politics: as Chief of Staff to Ontario's Minister of Economic Development, Deputy Chief of Staff and Head of Policy to the Premier of Ontario, and Chief of Staff to Ontario's Minister of Finance. Currently, Mark serves as Vice President of Strategic Initiatives at Enthusiast Gaming, a Nasdaq-listed esports and gaming company headquartered in Toronto. Mark also holds a Master of Energy and Earth Resources degree from Queen's, is a member of the Banff Forum, and served as President of the Bishop's Alumni Association from 2017-2019.

DR. DREW MACCANNELL '02



Drew draws upon the B.Sc. in Physics and two Minors in Biology and Mathematics he earned at Bishop's as Associate Director of Pharmacometrics at Biogen Therapeutics, where he works to help alleviate the suffering of those with diseases such as multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and spinal muscular atrophy. His quest to improve wellbeing has led him to volunteer with the Massachusetts Science and Engineering Fair to motivate and inspire young scientists and high school students, and highlight the role that mathematical modeling and computer science can play in the art of healing. Drew proudly supports the **Drew MacCannell Award for Interdisciplinary Excellence** at Bishop's in hopes the award will contribute meaningfully to the diversity of scientific backgrounds at the University.

DR. DANY MACDONALD '03



After graduating from Bishop's with a B.A. Honours in Psychology, Dany completed an M.A. and Ph.D. in Sports Psychology at Queen's. His inclination toward research ultimately earned him the SCAPPS Young Scientist Award, bestowed yearly to only one student in Canada who has demonstrated significant productivity during their formative years. As the first faculty member in the newly formed Kinesiology program at University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI), his research focuses on positive youth development through sport. UPEI recently recognized his research by presenting him with an Award of Merit for Scholarly Activities. Dany is engaged in teaching and service activities at UPEI where he has received the Faculty Association Teaching Award. He also served as Department Chair from 2017–2021.

ERIN O'NEILL '05



Erin graduated from Bishop's with a B.A. Honours in Geography, Major in History, and Minor in Education. She then earned a master's degree in Rural Planning and Development from the University of Guelph. After her studies, Erin moved to Fort McMurray, Alberta, where her roles as Chief of Planning and then Operations Manager led her to drive the Recovery Task Force during the 2016 wildfire. This led to her position with the Alberta Government, doing natural disaster recovery on a provincial scale, and when the pandemic struck in 2020, her focus shifted to the COVID Emergency Operations Centre. Erin credits her success to her time at Bishop's: "It sometimes feels surreal that I have been given the opportunities that I have."

DOUGLAS PAWSON '06



Douglas graduated from Bishop's with a B.A. in Political Studies and English and a Minor in History. He went on to earn an MBA from Cape Breton University and Master of Philosophy in Policy Studies from the University of New Brunswick. Today, Douglas holds the position of Executive Director of End Homelessness St. John's. In this role, he leads a dedicated team to support and align efforts across all levels of government with over a dozen community organizations towards a vision where everyone in St. John's has a home. He also serves on the Boards of the United Way of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness.

DR. DANIELLE SHAFIEPOUR '06



Danielle graduated from Bishop's with an Honours B.Sc. in Biochemistry and was the recipient of the Governor General's Silver Medal. As a medical student at McGill, she earned an M.D., C.M., followed by certification in anesthesia from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and finally a thoracic anesthesia fellowship at the University of Toronto. During the COVID crisis, Danielle helped develop a simulation task force at the Montreal General Hospital and led hospital-wide simulation sessions to prepare for the management of COVID patients. As Director of Simulation in Anesthesia, she leads the curriculum development and execution of the annual two-month Junior Resident Orientation Program, an integral part of McGill's Residency Program in Anesthesia.

JUSTIN SMITH '05



Justin graduated from Bishop's with a B.A. in Business and a Minor in Economics. Today, he is Chief Executive Officer at Innovation 7, a 100% Indigenous-owned company. Innovation 7 is a trusted advisor to Indigenous communities, governments, and private sector companies helping to build longstanding and meaningful relationships in the pursuit of reconciliation. Justin serves as a subject matter expert in infrastructure project development and provides executive project oversight and management expertise to Innovation 7 clients. He is passionate about eliminating systemic barriers faced by Indigenous people, communities, and businesses through meaningful consultation and sustainable economic development. Justin has woven his beliefs about equity, diversity, inclusion, and a healthy work-life balance into the culture of Innovation 7.

DR. LEIGH SOWERBY '03



Leigh graduated from Bishop's with a B.Sc. in Biochemistry. He then studied medicine at the University of Calgary in 2006 and did residency in Otolaryngology at Western University. He later completed a fellowship in Rhinology and Anterior Skull Base Surgery at the University of Alberta. After joining faculty at Western, he completed a master's degree in Health Management at McMaster University. Leigh's area of expertise is in nasal obstruction, rhinosinusitis, endoscopic orbital surgery, and anterior skull base surgery. He has received tri-council funding for his research, and has authored over 90 peer-reviewed publications, including 17 papers related to COVID-19. As co-founder of Manuary, he has helped raise over \$600,000 for head and neck cancer research across Canada.

DR. AMY SVOTELIS '01



Amy graduated from Bishop's with an Honours B.Sc. in Biology with Distinction and then she completed a Master of Science in Anatomy and Cellular Biology and a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology at the *Université de Sherbrooke*. She began her career as a research facilitator at the Centre for research at the *Centre hospitalier universitaire de Sherbrooke* (CRCHUS) and rose to the role of Assistant Director before returning to Bishop's in January 2020 as Director of Research and Graduate Studies. Amy serves on the Boards of several important government entities for research and innovation in Quebec. Amy is known for her passion for research, the advancement of knowledge and interdisciplinary collaboration, and for being an inclusive leader.

Please visit: alumni.ubishops.ca/alumni-association/alumni-achievement-awards/top-10-after-10/ for more information about our Top 10 inductees.

TO BU AND BEYOND!

Dr. Jason Rowe, professor in the Bishop's University Department of Physics and Astronomy and Canada Research Chair in Exoplanet Astrophysics, focuses his work on determining what properties make a planet 'Earth-like' and whether there is life beyond Earth. His recent projects have concentrated on launching small satellites into low orbit. Using infrared spectroscopy, these satellites measure the chemical properties of the atmosphere, such as the presence of water, providing essential information in determining how habitable an environment is.



Dr. Jason Rowe

In 2020, Dr. Rowe joined a team at NASA as a co-investigator trying to find habitable planets in other solar systems. The Pandora mission, as it is called, entails studying some 20 known stars and exoplanets outside our solar system to understand their atmospheres and see whether they could be viable. He comes as a valued team member, his prior experience including work on missions like the MOST microsatellite and NEOSat, among other impressive credentials.

This project is unique, though, given its budget and schedule. Allotted only \$20 million, Pandora's funding is lower than most other space programs. Additionally, the agenda for the project is much more accelerated than others. Instead of taking decades, these satellites could be airborne by 2025. It is still uncertain whether Pandora will really help in detecting life outside of Earth, given how loose the concept of habitability is. Nevertheless, there is value in the project since it could help discover how planets are formed, and consequently the origins of Earth.

However, Pandora is not the only mission of this type on Rowe's plate. Dr. Rowe and his team at Bishop's are now spearheading a group of scientists and industrial partners alongside Dr. Stanimir Metchev, Canada Research Chair in Extrasolar Planets at Western University's Institute for Earth and Space Exploration. They are creating a prototype for Canada's next potential space telescope mission. The first phase of this project, titled the Photometric Observation of Extrasolar Transits (POET) mission, received a \$1.1 million contract from the Canadian Space Agency.

The goal of the mission is to send a telescope into orbit around known exoplanets, and potentially to discover exoplanets similar to Earth. Again, the compositions of the exoplanets' atmospheres will be measured to detect any Earth-like planets closely orbiting dim and cool stars nearby and to determine whether there are other habitable planets. The project is moving forward and aims to have the telescope in orbit by 2026. Unlike other telescopic space projects, this would be the only one that is unique to a single country, since it would be entirely funded and built by Canada.



Dr. John Ruan

DR. JOHN RUAN APPOINTED CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR IN MULTI-MESSENGER ASTROPHYSICS

Over the summer of 2021, **Dr. John Ruan**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy, was awarded a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Multi-Messenger Astrophysics, one of the most prestigious awards for research. A Tier 2 Canada Research Chair position provides exceptional emerging researchers \$120,000 annually for five years to establish ambitious research programs at Canadian universities. Chairs are nominated by their institution and evaluated by an external review panel of experts. The creation of this Chair reinforces Bishop's role amongst the leaders in the field of astrophysics.

Some of the most fundamental questions in astrophysics are: "What

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happens when compact objects such as black holes and neutron stars collide? What are the origins of the heaviest elements in the universe? How do supermassive black holes at the centres of galaxies grow?"

In the past, Ruan has led telescope observations of the first neutron star merger, the collision of dead stars' remaining cores. His observations confirmed that these events were responsible for producing conditions that allowed the formation of some of the heavy elements listed near the bottom of the Periodic Table.

With his appointment as Canada Research Chair, Ruan intends to answer the question of whether neutron star mergers create all the heaviest known elements or merely some. If the latter is true, he hopes to discover how the other elements are made. To answer these questions, Ruan will lead a Canada-wide team of researchers aiming to discover the next neutron star merger and observe its effects using world-class telescopes across the globe and in space. The team's long-term goal is to discover the cosmic origins of heavy elements and understand the astrophysical mechanics behind neutron star mergers.

This research is funded by the Tier 2 Canada Research Chair position coupled with additional funding of over \$200,000 from the Canada Foundation for Innovation and the *Québec Ministère de l'économie et de l'innovation*. The sum is being used to establish a Gravitational Accretion and Multi-Messenger Astrophysics (GAMMA) Lab on the Bishop's campus. The lab will include offices and a meeting space for the GAMMA Research Group, as well as a dedicated high-memory computing server for data-intensive research. It is currently under construction in the Johnson building, and combined with Dr. Jason Rowe's laboratory will create the largest collaborative research space on campus to date.

When discussing what brought

him to Bishop's, Dr. Ruan praised the University's foresight in creating this Research Chair opportunity for a field of astrophysics that is still relatively new. He stated, "This is going to be a big thing." Luckily, Bishop's will have a front seat for every development.

For more information on Dr. Ruan's research, visit his website: <https://gamma-research.space/>

BISHOP'S WELCOMES BANTING FELLOW

After months of pandemic-related obstacles to international travel, Bishop's was finally able to welcome **Dr. Simplicie Ayangma Bonoho** on campus, the institution's first ever Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship recipient. He arrived mid-October and will be spending the next two years at Bishop's researching Canada's contributions to the health development of francophone countries in Africa.

A Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship is a recognition awarded by the Canadian government to postdoctoral applicants who they believe will positively contribute to Canada's social, economic, and research-based growth. It is available to all applicants regardless of citizenship in hopes of attracting the best and brightest minds to Canada and developing them to be the research leaders of tomorrow. Following a rigorous selection process by a panel of experts, seventy fellowships are awarded annually, providing funding of \$70,000 per year for two years. Being among the highest ranking applicants, Dr. Ayangma Bonoho was one of three recipients highlighted during the international press conference revealing this year's winners.

Ayangma Bonoho's research centres on francophone Africa's health development and the role Canada has played therein. He explains the topic, stating, "In the aftermath of independence in 1960, Canada

initiated a series of technical, social and humanitarian interventions in the health sector in Africa. My project aims to carry out an in-depth



Dr. Simplicie Ayangma Bonoho

study of Canada's contribution to the health development of French-speaking African countries between 1960 and 1980, focusing on the cases of Cameroon, Senegal and Tunisia, identified in 1969 by the CIDA as priority countries."

Building on his previous doctoral research on the World Health Organization conducted at the University of Geneva, Ayangma Bonoho seeks to include Africa more prominently in health history. He says, "Based on rigorous fieldwork including documentary and oral surveys, the project is based on the methodological and theoretical tools of transnational social history (historical comparison and various transfers). It thus intends to contribute to the rapidly expanding history of health and development, because understanding world health news is closely linked to knowledge of the past."

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Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships rely heavily on the alliance between the candidate and their institutions; applicants must craft their applications in tandem with the host institution, emphasising collaboration between all parties. The host institution must thus be chosen based on their alignment to the proposed research and commitment to seeing it through. This was a mantle Bishop's gladly stepped into; many interdisciplinary research teams at Bishop's are committed to social justice, so Ayangma Bonoho's research is a perfect fit within the University's mission. Focused on the interplay between public health and social issues, the topic is in perfect alignment with research priorities at Bishop's. The project will be a valuable addition to the history of Canadian development aid, a main research focus of his supervisor, Dr.

David Webster, Professor of History and Global Studies at Bishop's. The desired synergy between applicant and host institution is thus unarguable.

Ayangma Bonoho explains what drew him to Bishop's. "It must be said that I only knew BU through the internet, mainly because of its prestige." Prior to discovering Bishop's, he had the support of Professor Pierre-Yves Saunier from Laval University, whose continued interest in Ayangma Bonoho's research led him to forward Dr. David Webster's 2019 piece *A Samaritan State Revisited: Historical Perspectives on Canadian Foreign Aid*. Ayangma Bonoho adds, "The discovery of this fabulous book had thus led me in the footsteps of Dr. Webster who enthusiastically agreed to continue this project with me. [...] Dr. Webster opened the doors at Bishop's to me."

The only hurdle in the applicant/institution relationship was the distance! The pandemic complicated travel between Cameroon and Canada, so Ayangma Bonoho's arrival on campus was a drawn-out process. "The trip was long," he says, "with more than six hours of stopover in Brussels. Repeated anti-COVID health checks, in Canada especially, and a quarantine of a few days upon my arrival at BU. It took about two weeks to get over the jet lag. Everything is okay now; I have been able to regain my balance and my research is progressing."

Thanks to the tireless support from the Office of Research and Graduate Studies and BU International, he is finally with us on campus, and we look forward to supporting his research. Welcome to Bishop's Dr. Ayangma Bonoho!

ANTHONY SANOGO '21 AWARDED ARBOUR SCHOLARSHIP

Anthony Sanogo '21, a newly-minted Bishop's graduate in Information Technology, was awarded a \$13,000 scholarship by the Arbour Foundation to pursue a M.Sc. in Computer Science at BU.

Established in 2005 by the late Pierre Arbour, the Arbour Foundation supports Master's and Doctoral students in Engineering, Computer Science, and Business Administration, which the Foundation considers fundamental to the health and vibrancy of the economy of Quebec. Every year, the Foundation awards approximately \$550,000 to qualified recipients. Bishop's University graduate **Phil Arbour '02** is Chair of the Board.

The Arbour Foundation is partnered with nine universities in Quebec, including Bishop's. To be considered, students must complete an application which is first vetted by their university. Selected applications are then forwarded to the Foundation, which interviews candidates in person. Scholarship recipients are selected via a merit-based competitive process, with scores given on a number of fixed criteria corresponding to the type of degree being pursued by the applicant. The Foundation looks for academic excellence in ambitious and deserving students who have had to overcome personal and professional difficulties on their educational path.

The Arbour Foundation stands for the values of diversity of opinion / freedom of speech and expression; a commitment to rational thought; a judicious application of knowledge; and individual responsibility, meritocracy, and equality of opportunity.

Anthony Sanogo was an ideal candidate, and he becomes the first Bishop's student to be awarded a prestigious Arbour Foundation scholarship. A Montreal native, Sanogo has overcome several obstacles on his path toward graduate education. His persistence led him to Bishop's where he triumphed both academically and socially, playing for the Gaiters basketball team and embodying the *Bishop's Experience*. Sanogo ultimately wants to work in the cloud computing sector of information technology before starting his own consulting firm. The support from the Arbour Foundation and Bishop's University are instrumental in helping him to achieve these goals.

For more information about the Arbour Foundation, visit: www.fondationarbour.com/en/a-propos/nos-valeurs/



Anthony Sanogo '21



Bishop's Educational Farm

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: FRONT AND CENTRE AT BISHOP'S

Sustainable development is one of the defining issues of our time. Daily headlines remind us of the dire consequences of climate change, biodiversity loss, and resource scarcity. Despite living in its own purple bubble, Bishop's is not immune to these issues. Ensuring that subsequent generations of Bishop's students and the wider community of the Eastern Townships can access and enjoy the University's exquisite landscapes is thus paramount to campus planning.

Despite "sustainable development" being such a common phrase, it is crucial to consider its definition as given by the Government of Canada's Federal Sustainable Development Act. Sustainable development is "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." Therefore, sustainable development is about more than just environmental concerns: it also addresses the economic and social challenges that impact all aspects of human activity. Every individual or organization has a role to play to ensure a sustainable future for us all.

As a commitment to sustainable development, Bishop's University devised a plan spanning from 2020 to 2024 to inform campus activities and ensure our purple community acts in the most environmentally conscious way.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2020–2024

The Bishop's community of students, faculty, staff, and management were consulted during the development of the plan to better understand sustainable development preoccupations, concerns, and priorities. Workshops were

used to build a survey that was sent to the entire university community and ultimately drew in 598 responses.

Priorities as determined by respondents included waste management, transportation, climate change, building and energy systems, and food systems. Coupled with the information gathered during the many consultations, these priorities drove the targets of the *Sustainable Development Plan 2020–2024*, broken into four main goals:

1) Operate Bishop's University in an increasingly ecological and responsible manner

Bishop's University is uniquely positioned to exercise leadership in sustainable development. As a multi-faceted operation, it can leverage its position to promote the most ecologically conscious processes in several different areas.

As a real estate owner, the University can actively work to minimize its environmental footprint by managing the energy, water, and other natural resources it uses sustainably, thereby reducing the waste its operations create. Bishop's put this into practice in 2008 by starting a geothermal project to replace its old steam heating and cooling system, which operated on natural gas and oil, with a new system that draws on natural energy from the earth. This has enabled Bishop's to take advantage of cost effective, reliable, sustainable, and environmentally friendly energy. As an added benefit, the University was saving \$500,000 annually in heating and cooling costs by 2014.

Moreover, as a consumer and investor, the University can use its financial power to influence markets to adopt responsible practices, while minimizing its own



environmental footprint, improving its positive societal influence, and managing its funds sustainably.

Among the University's objectives is to become carbon neutral by 2030. Trees are one major natural way of cleaning carbon pollution from our air and sequestering it in the ground while helping to fight climate change. The reforestation of the campus is being achieved through the continued development of an arboretum around which nature trails and conservation sites offer tranquility and outdoor opportunities to the Bishop's community. For more information on this initiative, please read the article "Bishop's Begins Planting 10,500 Trees on Campus" on page 16.

2) Engage the Bishop's University community in improving its sustainable performance

The Bishop's community has long been involved in sustainability on campus. Listed below are examples of community events, student-lead initiatives, and other ventures to develop a stronger environmental conscience in the Bishop's community.

LA TASSE

La Tasse is a project that reduces disposable cups on campus by putting reusable mugs in circulation. When buying a warm drink on campus, customers can put a \$5 deposit down for a blue *La Tasse* branded mug. After finishing the drink, the user can return the mug to any participating establishment and obtain a refund. After being washed, the reusable cup is put back into circulation, effectively reducing single-use waste. Though the pandemic forced *La Tasse* into hiatus, it had been a popular initiative on campus that we look forward to relaunching!

La Tasse was made possible by the Bishop's University *Green Levy*, whereby \$2.50 is taken out of student fees each semester to finance sustainability projects on campus.

TRAYLESS CAFETERIA

This student led initiative resulted in the removal of trays in Dewhurst Cafeteria. With no trays, students are forced to make thoughtful food choices, instead of filling their trays with food that goes to waste. This project has reduced food waste, water, and energy consumption.

BISHOP'S BEES

Founded by former student **Nick Melka '17**, *Bishop's Bees* is an environmentally conscious club whose focus has been to bring beekeeping to Bishop's University and to increase knowledge about bees. After leaving Bishop's, Melka went on to found *Miel MTL*, a company that often collaborates with *Bishop's Bees* and was instrumental in bringing three beehives onto the Bishop's campus in 2016. Students are responsible for maintaining the hives, securing locations, and encouraging a healthy bee population on campus.

Bishop's Bees embodies sustainability on campus. In addition to improving pollination of the surrounding area by maintaining the bee population, it hosts activities and workshops that focus on sustainable practices. In the past few years, *Bishop's Bees* has put on events like making your own reusable wax wraps, mead making, and a spring-cleaning clothing exchange to reduce textile waste. Whether producing its own organic honey or beeswax candles, or orchestrating events around environmental protections, *Bishop's Bees* has been at the forefront of student-lead sustainable development on campus for years.



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DID YOU KNOW?

In 2010, Bishop's became the first university in Quebec to ban the sale of single use bottled water thanks to the *Think Global, Drink Local* campaign.

ECO-WEEK

Eco-Week is a week-long event hosted by the BU Environmental Club to foster interest in sustainability. It is designed to promote and share ecological knowledge with the Bishop's and Lennoxville community. Comprising various forms of media such as film screenings, guest speakers, and round tables, *Eco-Week* seeks to generate open discussions among faculty, students, and the community. Usually hosted early in the winter semester, *Eco-Week* is a critical means of engaging the Bishop's community in sustainable practices by making knowledge and activities accessible.

3) Instill curiosity about sustainable development through academic programs and research

Through academic programs and research efforts, Bishop's can equip a new generation of leaders with the skills and expertise to solve the world's greatest sustainability problems, advance knowledge of sustainability issues, and enable interdisciplinary collaboration on effective, evidence-based sustainability solutions. Cognizant of this fact, the University has implemented educational programs to further awareness around and interest in sustainable practices, such as the ever-growing Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems program.

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS PROGRAM

Bishop's new Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems program (SAFS) offers insights on the social, economic, and environmental aspects of agriculture to better understand the farm-to-table process to adapt it for more sustainable and ecologically conscious practices. Courses offered thus examine many aspects of modern agriculture and food systems, including scientific, entrepreneurial, and social issues, as well as global food security and climate change impacts.

The program is taught both in class and in the field. Given the university's location in a rich agricultural region, there are ample opportunities for students to collaborate with farmers in the Eastern Townships on improving the sustainability of our current agriculture and food systems. Furthermore, an educational farm is being developed on campus and is set to become the educational hub of sustainable farming activities at Bishop's. This "living land laboratory" offers students an opportunity to practice sustainable agriculture and model a future for ecologically conscious agriculture.

Following graduation, possible career paths (in addition to organic farming and market gardening) include horticulture, agribusiness management, food security analysis, agrology/agriculture consulting, and research.

The sustainable agriculture movement is not only right; it's alive and growing. Given its rural location, it is only fitting that Bishop's is part of the movement bringing farming back to nature.



Students harvesting the fruits of their first-season labours at the Educational Farm.

4) Promote the wellbeing of our community through sustainable development initiatives

As a community, we support each other and engage in the adoption of more sustainable behaviours through increased awareness and better support of grassroots projects. Bishop's offers and benefits from many funding opportunities to back environmentally focused projects.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STUDENT INTERNSHIP

The *Sustainable Development Student Internship* is a position funded partially by the Bishop's Foundation, using income from both the **Elizabeth Harvey Memorial Sustainable**

Development Student Internship Trust Fund and by the **Kruger Sustainable Internship Fund**. The intern plays a leadership role in promoting awareness of sustainable development and in the realization of sustainable development projects, activities, and initiatives on the Bishop's University campus, particularly "grassroots" projects initiated by students.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ACTION GROUP

The *Sustainable Development Action Group* (SDAG) is a multi-stakeholder group working toward the promotion and increased awareness of the need for sustainable projects and development on campus. Primarily made up

of students, the SDAG works to implement ideas and projects concerning sustainable development such as the *Think Global, Drink Local* campaign to ban bottled water on campus and the *La Tasse* initiative.

In conclusion, students, employees, alumni, and friends of the University share a great interest in sustainability and can always be counted on for support. All are committed to preserving the environment and are willing to make changes and educate themselves to promote a more sustainable future.

For more information on sustainable development at Bishop's, visit: www.ubishops.ca/sustainable-development-at-bishops-university/

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BISHOP'S BEGINS PLANTING 10,500 TREES ON CAMPUS



Students **Shaddai Kalau-Tavormina** and **Kayla Vardy**, and **Laurence Williams**, Sustainable Development Advisor

Thursday, September 23 of National Forest Week in Canada, marked the first phase of a major tree planting project on the Bishop's University campus. The event kicked off a partnership between BU and Tree Canada, the leading charity in the country for planting and nurturing trees, thanks to which Bishop's will plant 10,500 trees by the end of the year. This initiative is integral to the University's 2020–2024 Sustainable Development Plan.

The University community was invited to participate in the planting event and over 30 students, professors, and staff members congregated at the Peter Curry Conservation Area alongside Principal Michael Goldbloom, C.M., and former Principal **Dr. Hugh Scott, DCL '99**, now Chair of the Tree Care and Biodiversity Committee. Also in attendance was Vincent Lemonde, whose company *Le monde des arbres* has provided guidance to Bishop's throughout this undertaking.

Student and Co-Lead of the *Bishop's Environmental Club*, **Danielle Storey**, recounts her experience at the event as such: "The event was great.

They gave us a tutorial and explained how certain things, like mushrooms, help the trees grow. Overall, we planted about 300 trees of different species around the campus marsh. Lots of students and members of the community were there helping. It was a great event and I hope we do the same thing next year!"

In fact, six species of trees were selected to be planted across nine sections of the campus: yellow birch, bur oak, white spruce, red maple, tamarack, and balsam fir. All are native to the area and were chosen based on the biodiversity of the 550-acre campus.

"We have a responsibility, not only to the Abenaki people but also to future generations of Bishop's students and the wider community, to ensure the sustainability of this land."

—Principal Goldbloom

In planting these trees, the University hopes to encourage more birds to settle on campus while creating a wooded passage between Bishop's and the Saint Francis River. Furthermore, planting trees in areas of increased flood risk can help combat erosion and improve water absorption when flooding occurs. These benefits complement the reduction of carbon dioxide in the

air, helping Bishop's achieve its goal of becoming carbon-neutral by 2030 and doing its part to thwart climate change.

In addition to the ecological benefits, Dr. Scott pointed out the emotional value of this venture. Students who participate in planting these trees on campus will always recognize them as their own and be able to watch them grow while they attend Bishop's. As alumni, they can return to see their tree's growth and the contribution it has made to biodiversity on campus. Participation generates a feeling of investment in the tree's life and the mark it makes on the ecosystem, while emotionally connecting contributors to the project.

September's tree-planting event was not the first of its kind on the Bishop's campus. In 1993, as part of the events to mark the 150th anniversary of the University, Dr. Scott led students in planting 150 seedlings that were donated from all the Canadian provinces and territories. And for several years now, on National Tree Day, students, faculty, staff, and alumni have gathered to plant trees around the wetlands while promoting the value of a green campus to the entire community.

Principal Goldbloom strongly supports and encourages these tree-planting endeavours. "We have a responsibility, not only to the Abenaki people but also to future generations of Bishop's students and the wider community, to ensure the sustainability of this land. As stewards of this unceded land, it is the University's obligation, alongside the community members who occupy it, to ensure the longevity of the ecosystems on our beautiful campus."

A NEW PROJECT TAKES FLIGHT

BIRD-BANDING AT THE PETER CURRY CONSERVATION AREA

On the eastern side of campus, tucked behind the Sports Centre on roughly seven acres of wetland, lies the Peter Curry Conservation Area, or “Marsh”. It is close enough to the heart of campus to be easily accessible and quiet enough to attract a variety of wildlife, nature lovers, and bird watchers. It is also a natural laboratory for Bishop’s students and faculty, and home to the new Peter Curry Marsh Bird Banding Station. Though it has existed for more than 30 years, the Marsh remains a relatively unknown gem within the community, but this article may change all that.

The Peter Curry Marsh is named after **Peter Duncan Curry '34, DCL '88**, who in 1990 donated \$20,000 toward its creation. But the Peter Curry Marsh Bird Banding Station (2021) is a brand new, volunteer-based, pilot project run by a handful of key people in the Bishop’s Biology Department and community. Dr. Marylène Boulet (Senior Lab Instructor, Biology), **Chelsey Paquette '18** (Research Professional), Dr. Mike Richardson (Co-Chair and Associate Professor, Biological Sciences), and Catherine Geoffroy (an avid birder and community member who donated many hours to help bring the Station to life) make up the team.

Bird banding is a common practice that involves capturing birds using fine “mist” nets so researchers can collect data including species, sex, age, and physical measurements like weight, wing length and fat deposits. After capture, each bird is given a tiny, bracelet-like band with



a unique serial number and is then released back into the wild. While the Peter Curry Marsh station is comparatively small, the data being collected is of international significance. The serial number contains information about when and where the bird was banded, so when it is recaptured elsewhere, other researchers have access to the details of each bird. It is not uncommon for migratory birds to travel hundreds of kilometres to their southern winter destinations, and birds from the Peter Curry Marsh station may be captured in the southern United States, Mexico and even Honduras. Over time, a database is built that helps researchers track birds’ migration patterns and population changes over time, and even helps gather insight into the effects of climate change.

According to *eBird*, the citizen science bird-tracking platform managed by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, a total of 161 species have been spotted at the Peter Curry Marsh to date, with 112 spotted in 2021 so far.

Since this summer, in just a few sessions, the Station banded more than 80 birds from 18 different species. Quebec is home to some renowned bird banding stations that capture hundreds of birds per day. Other than some banding done as a teaching activity at the *Université de Sherbrooke*, the Peter Curry Marsh station is the only one of its kind in the Eastern Townships (the closest would be the McGill Bird Observatory). Not being located on a migratory route, and with such a small team, the Peter Curry Marsh station will never be able to contribute huge amounts of data, but according to

Dr. Boulet, the work is still important and worth doing. She says part of the mission is to show the beauty of nature and teach environmental awareness while she hopes people – especially students – will be amazed by birds.

The Biology Department funded the Station’s materials, and classes of biology students have already started visiting the Station to learn about bird banding. While researching and monitoring through the Station is part of Dr. Boulet’s job, the banding is done on the team members’ personal time, limiting their capacity for now. Eventually, they hope to launch a fundraising campaign to help buy more supplies, gather a team of trained volunteers who can band regularly, and one day see it become a permanent and independent station.

Next time you’re on campus, add the Peter Curry Marsh to your route. Birdwatching has been proven to increase happiness, and can even be a form of meditation. Bring your binoculars or just sit and enjoy the view.

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Baltimore Oriole



Northern Waterthrush



Lincoln's Sparrow



Northern Flicker



Black and White Warbler



Snow Bunting

The following are just a few of the species that have been spotted at the Peter Curry Marsh:

- Mallards
- Wood ducks (*seen most frequently breeding there*)
- American widgeons
- Black ducks
- Blue-winged teals
- Green-winged teals
- Common mergansers
- Hooded mergansers,
- Common goldeneyes
- Buffleheads
- Canada geese
- Redheaded ducks
- Great blue herons
- Green herons
- American bitterns
- Belted kingfishers
- Osprey
- Cormorants
- Pied-billed grebes
- Bald eagles
- Great egrets
- Bobolinks
- Tree swallows
- Merlins
- American Kestrels
- Northern harriers
- Killdeers
- Warblers
- Song sparrows
- Yellow warblers
- Common yellowthroats

TREE PLANTING AND BEAUTIFICATION OF THE BISHOP'S CAMPUS

Of equal value to many during the reforestation of the campus is the continued development of an arboretum through which nature trails and conservation sites become the haven of the Bishop's community. Currently, the *Peter Curry Conservation Area*, (established through a major gift from the late **Peter Curry '34**) and affectionately known as "The Duck Pond", is the focus of such beautification efforts.

The Hugh & Paule Scott Campus Beautification Fund and *The Jones Sustainability Fund* (established by **David Jones '78** and Lois Carson) are and will provide valuable funding for ongoing and sustainable projects. *The Stewart Hopps Fund* (established in memory of her late father by **Judy Hopps '69**) is another such fund.

Annual and special donations also support this cause and notable mention goes to **Thomas Pick '66**, the late **Eunice Baldwin '55**, and *Ducks Unlimited Canada*. Thanks to all for their belief in the stewardship of the land on which we learn and its sustainability for the next generation.

ADVANCEMENT OFFICE HOSTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST FOR STUDENTS

The last week of October marked Bishop's University's first Fall break, dubbed "Student Success Week." Over the course of the week, different groups on campus held events to encourage student success and support them in this busy time of the semester. To mark the occasion, the Advancement Office hosted its first edition of a pancake breakfast for students at Griffin House. Some of our "happy customers" are featured on the cover of this issue!

Pancake breakfasts at our alumni house are nothing new to the Advancement Office, which has been hosting them at Homecomings over the past five years. However, this event was targeted specifically for students who remained on campus for the week.

It was a cold but sunny Wednesday morning, when the backyard at Griffin House was set up with tables and chairs to host an influx of hungry students. There, the Advancement Office staff served pancakes and apples along with hot chocolate, coffee, and tea. Students could stay seated and be served or take their breakfast to go.

In the spirit of sustainability, attendees were encouraged to bring their own utensils to reduce single-use waste. Many came with forks, knives, and travel mugs. Students without their own cutlery were supplied with compostable single-use items.

Despite being a new endeavour, the event was a great success with over 60 hungry students ultimately dropping in! Pancake chef **Lorna Ruemper '11** flipped about 200 pancakes topped with maple syrup or a homemade purple blueberry coulis, in keeping with Bishop's tradition.

The goal of the event was to demystify Griffin House and its operations, flagging the Advancement Office as a resource for students even before they have graduated and become alumni. Moreover, the Alumni Association promotes a culture of Bishop's graduates giving back to their fellow Gaiters. And it's never too soon to be initiated into the alumni community!



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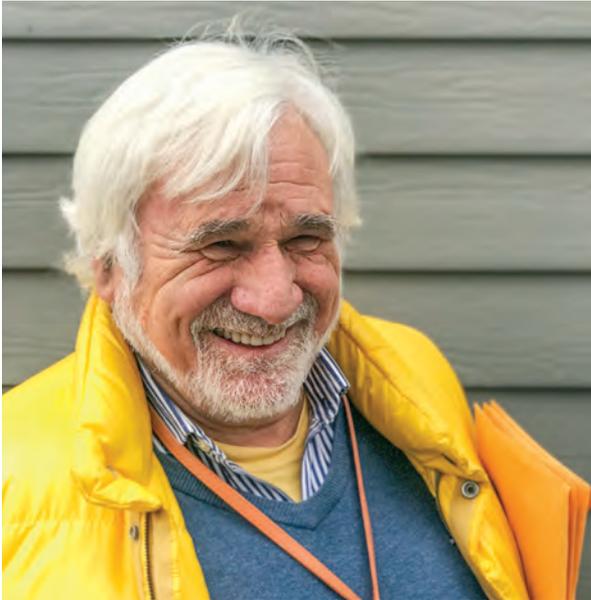


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NEW TALES BY TURNER



Peter Turner '63

Peter Turner '63 recently self-published his second book, *Linebound*, about an Anglo-Quebec country lawyer who chooses to immerse himself in the duality of his province. Moving between English and French or urban and rural environments, the protagonist Charlie pieces together a rich life marked by multiplicity. He consequently refuses to join the exodus of English-speaking Quebecers in favour of a life challenging the fracture between disparate factions. The book, comprising many stories from Turner's own life, dwells on the societal differences between contrasting language and social groups in Quebec and the benefits one can reap when subscribing to both sides of an issue.

The novel was born from Turner's frustrations with societal distinctions. The author says: "It has always troubled me that our little, tiny world could be divided on class, or

rural and city, so I wanted to write about that." Drawing from Turner's own experiences growing up in Quebec and working as a country lawyer, *Linebound* encapsulates a willingness to move to the fringes, an area to which the author has always gravitated. This paired with his "opposites attract" mentality has rewarded him with his most meaningful connections in life – his wife and his best friend – highlighting the value that dif-

ferent views can bring to our lives. Turner believes in cleaving together different communities, not cleaving them apart, and he has made it a goal in his life to seek out that which is "other" to him.

Bishop's consequently fell perfectly into the puzzle of Turner's life, its small size encouraging, if not imposing, intermingling between educational and social groups. "There aren't enough [students] to sustain a separate community," he says, "and that's magic. It's a golden environment because football players can end up in a Shakespeare play in a silly costume dressed up as courtiers. That's how it was back in my early days; there weren't enough actors and football players would have to fill in. Debaters were athletes. You don't see that in other environments. Debaters are debaters and athletes are athletes. I think that's the great thing about Bishop's: the opportunity to

get to know people that are different." Bishop's has been an institution that pushes against the instinct to flock with birds of a feather, favouring community building despite superficially apparent differences.

Turner brought this philosophy into his pedagogy when he returned to Bishop's in the '80s as a part-time professor of international law. Building the same kind of unified class he experienced as a student was paramount to his teaching, despite students' varied backgrounds coming not only from English and French areas of Canada but also from across the globe. Turner would spend the first few classes getting to know each student individually, which eased discussion in class. This, in turn, facilitated conversations exploring each student's biases, helping individuals with different beliefs and backgrounds to coexist, and generating a better understanding amongst them. Turner would tell his students: "Try to figure out who these people are, because they're not any better or worse than you; then the best thing of all is you learn that another culture is not better or worse than yours, it's different." This sentiment is echoed by characters in his novel.

Overall, Peter Turner values the coming together of individuals despite their perceived differences. "Community: it's a wonderful word. I think communities are our salvation," he says. *Linebound* is an embodiment of this belief complete with biographical accounts, told with humour and levity, to support the author's hypothesis. The novel can be purchased online through peterturnerstories.com or in select bookstores.

FOREIGN SERVICE

THE COMPLEXITIES AND REWARDS

Sylvain Fabi '88, Denver, Colorado

It was a chance conversation between professor and student. The class was an elective for the student who was enrolled in a B.B.A., Marketing, but that conversation would change the course of that student's life forever. What that professor (Dr. Andrew Johnson) suggested had never crossed the student's mind... take the foreign service exam. Now after a career spanning nearly 30 years and three continents, **Sylvain Fabi '88** finds himself as the Canadian Consul General in the U.S. Mountain West Region, which includes the states of Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, and Kansas.

Sylvain joined the Trade Commissioner Service of External Affairs and International Trade Canada in 1992, a period instrumental in preparing him for the rigors of the foreign service.

His first posting overseas was in Moscow from 1995 to 1998, where he was trade commissioner for Canada. Four short years after the fall of the socialist system in Russia, it was "a free for all" in the words of Sylvain. The first of Sylvain's two children was born in Sherbrooke during this time and the second upon his return to Canada.

A posting in Havana, Cuba followed as commercial counsellor where his primary focus was on business development opportunities for Canadian companies in Cuba. This posting lasted from 2001 to 2005 and was a favourite of Sylvain's wife, Jany Joyal.

In 2005 the family was on the move again, this time to Santiago,

Chile. "Canada has a large presence in Chile, in the mining, banking, and electricity transmission industries, so my work required extensive travel around the country and between Chile and Canada. I have fond memories of that beautiful country," he recalls.

From 2009–2015 Sylvain held several high-level positions in Canada as senior departmental advisor to the Minister of International Trade (2009–2010), Director for bilateral relations with South America and the Caribbean (2010–2013) and Executive Director of the North America Policy and Relations Division (2013–2015). Jamaica was next from 2015–2017, and while his children finished their studies back in Canada, he served as High Commissioner for Canada in Jamaica and the Bahamas.

Sylvain made the transition in 2017 into a significant cross border role as Executive Director of US Transboundary Affairs Division, which deals with all border matters between Canada and the U.S. Over \$2 billion of goods cross this border each day.

Today, Sylvain is not only the Consul General for the U.S. Mountain West region but is the Chief Negotiator for Canada for the modernization of the Columbia River Treaty that was originally ratified in the 1960s. The purpose of the treaty is to maximize the electricity production in the U.S., where there are more than 30,000 megawatts of installed capacity (nearly double that of James Bay) as well as reducing flooding in the United States. The participation



Sylvain Fabi '88

of Canadian First Nations representatives in the negotiations, where they play an active role, is a source of pride for Fabi.

Sylvain looks back fondly on his years at Bishop's, where he donned the shoulder pads as an outside linebacker for the Gaiters. "It was a great education that took place within a fun environment. I especially appreciate, upon reflection, the fact my classes were taught by professors who already had extensive experience in the business world." He also encourages graduates to think about the foreign service as a career choice. While not an easy life, it is one filled with the reward of representing one's country on the world stage.

Sylvain and his wife now live in Denver, Colorado. He can be reached at: sylvain.fabi@international.gc.ca

SINGAPORE CALLING

Angela Locke '97, Singapore

We often hear the phrase “non-linear career path” tossed around, but in the case of Hatley, QC native **Angela Locke '97**, she is the very embodiment of the phrase.

Angela graduated from Bishop's in 1997 with a B.A. – Double Major in Economics and Finance – and moved to Montreal to pursue a career in finance, with either an investment firm or investment bank. Days before sitting down to take the requisite industry exams, she decided finance wasn't for her, and instead turned her attention to marketing. Angela soon joined Future Electronics, a Montreal-based semiconductor distributor, as a product marketing manager. As Future was expanding rapidly, the opportunities within the company were plentiful, even for a recent graduate.

During these years at Future, Angela also played rugby for the National Women's Rugby 15's Team. At that time the team wasn't heavily funded by Rugby Canada, so she actually had to pay to play for Canada. Future supported her passion for rugby and retained her as an employee, even when she was away training and competing.

The second shift in her non-linear career came in 2005, when she moved to Singapore as Senior Manager, Organizational Development (OD), Asia Pacific and Japan at Future. It was a dramatic adjustment for Angela being only one of two women in her department while holding a managerial position within a patriarchal society. But she persevered and she succeeded in growing the company's presence in Asia.



Angela Locke '97

Career shift number three at Future came in 2009, when she became Director, Human Resources and OD, Asia Pacific and Japan. Angela credits her history in other areas of the business with a smooth transition into Human Resources, allowing her to hire effective individuals who would help move the company forward.

She has since worked in the far east for two other companies as Director of Human Resources, including her current company MaxLinear which, like Future, operates in the electronics and communication industry.

Angela remembers her time at Bishop's fondly. “I was very involved in the life of the University, from playing rugby and competing with the track and field team, to working as a Marshall or my involvement with the Students' Representative Council. Looking back, my enduring memory of Bishop's is of making connections and friendships that last

a lifetime, no matter how much time has passed or how great the distance between us.”

Her advice to recent graduates is simple, “Get out and meet people, particularly those working in companies in which you are interested. I encourage alumni, particularly younger alumni, to seek out opportunities to work outside of North America and see how business is conducted in other parts of the world. Whether or not you remain abroad, as I have, you'll acquire invaluable knowledge to use later in your business and personal life.”

Angela encourages anyone travelling to Singapore to reach out to her as she loves to play tour guide. She would be happy to give any visiting Gaiter advice on things to do, places to visit, and of course, places to eat and be entertained. She can be reached at: angelalocke5@yahoo.com.sg

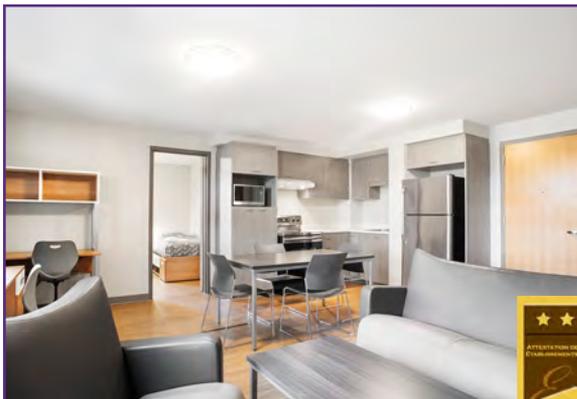
BISHOP'S INAUGURATES PRIDE CROSSWALK

To mark Pride Month in June 2021, the Bishop's University Pride Alliance, in collaboration with the Students' Representative Council (SRC), inaugurated a Pride Crosswalk located between the Student Centre and Morris House. "The rainbow crosswalk is a symbol reminding the community that hate is not tolerated here" said Gillian MacLean, co-lead of the Bishop's University Pride Alliance.

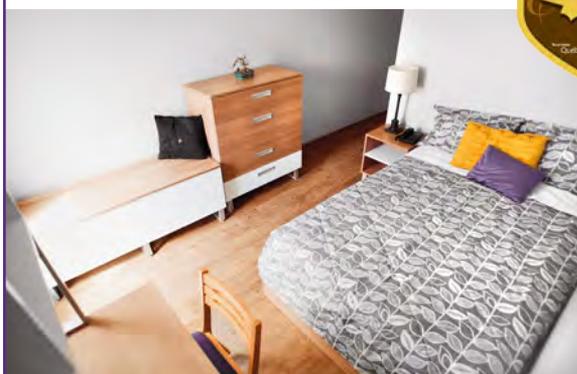


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Bishop's University Pride Alliance Co-Lead Gillian MacLean, Vice-Principal Academic Miles Turnbull, SRC President Enzo Evangelisti, and Principal Michael Goldbloom make their way across the new rainbow crosswalk on campus.



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NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

On September 30, 2021, Bishop's marked Canada's first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with the suspension of all academic activities for the day as the university community learned about, and reflected on, the painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools.

Proposed by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission as one of its 94 Calls to Action, the Day honours the lost children and survivors of residential schools, their families, and their communities. It is considered a vital component of the reconciliation process.

The day was a highlight of Truth and Reconciliation Awareness Week whose organizers included Vicky

Boldo, Special Advisor of Indigenous Student Support and **Shawna Jerome '21**, Indigenous Student Support Assistant, with collaboration from the Indigenous Cultural Alliance (ICA). It began with the distribution of orange shirts in front of McGreer. Réjean Obomsawin, Odanak traditional Elder; Abel Bosum, Former Grand Chief of the Cree, and current member of the University's Board of Governors, gave the opening statements, while the remainder of the day was centred on Indigenous student voices like those of **Simon Daley** (Anishnaabe), **Carlton Bobbish** (Cree), and **Camilla Rizzi** (Dene /Inuk).

Leaving McGreer, the crowd walked to Centennial Park in Lennoxville where further testimonies detailed



Photo: Gordon Lambie '09

the envisioned path towards reconciliation. Participants observed 215 seconds of silence to honour the 215 children found in unmarked graves at the former Kamloops Residential School site. The group then walked back to Coulter Field to hear the final speakers of the day, to spell out “Every Child Matters” on the field, and to conclude with a “reconciliACTION” activity mobilized by the Students’ Representative Council where participants joined together to make a banner.

Other activities organized for Truth and Reconciliation Awareness Week included a KAIROS blanket exercise. This is a participatory workshop to help attendees understand the effects of colonization on the land we know as Canada. The interactive exercise explores the past and the present, peeling through 500 years of history into the

present day. There was also a screening of Director Tim Wolochatiuk’s film *We Were Children*, which conveys the hardships and profound impact of the Canadian government’s residential school system through the eyes of two children, Lyna Hart of the Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation and Glen Anaquod of the Muscowpetung First Nation. The screening was followed by a question-and-answer session moderated by Cree Bishop’s student **Nikki Baribeau**.

Kudos to the Indigenous Student Support Centre and the ICA for organizing a most effective, educational, and poignant week of commemoration. It served to remind us of the ongoing need to continue to reflect on the inter-generational harm from the residential school system and to respect and appreciate the survivors for their courage and resiliency.



Photo: Gordon Lambie '09

BISHOP'S SPORTS BROADCASTING: THEN AND NOW

The Bishop's Gaiters boast a rich and long athletic history: the first team of that name at Bishop's was the 1884 football team. In over a century, athletics at Bishop's undeniably have been transformed. Highlighting some changes in the past 20 years, alumnus and 2019 Bishop's Top 10 After 10 inductee **Eric Bergeron '99** and student **Shane McFarlane** – who coincidentally are both from Cornwall, Ontario – discussed their individual experiences as broadcasters of Gaiters games.

In the late '90s, Bergeron stood in a unique position among the founders of the Bishop's athletic radio broadcasts. Minorng in Business and Computer Science, his skillset was well suited to this new endeavour and along with the help of other students, the broadcasts came to life. Bergeron worked with **Matt Glandfield '99**, the “tech wizard,” on setting up the electronic aspects of the broadcast, while fellow students **Matt McCooye '99** and **Jeff Chapman '98** did colour commentary on the games. They focused on basketball and, with the support of former coach Eddie Pomykala, they became a respected source of information about Bishop's basketball, bringing collegiate athletics to the larger community. The radio broadcast gained traction and wide popularity with alumni, and eventually full support from the athletic department.

For McFarlane, a student in the Williams School of Business, the process has been far less labour intensive. With a pre-existing network set up for live broadcasts of Gaiters sports, McFarlane could step into a role instead of creating one. However,

his responsibility expanded, acting as lead commentator on all Gaiter games except rugby, with the growth of the webcast. Often working beside a rotating cast of colour commentators, McFarlane prepares for games by going over key information about the season, uncovering compelling statistics about the games and players, and researching additional information to discuss during games.

A remarkable evolution from Bergeron's era to McFarlane's is the advance in technology that changed the face of Gaiters broadcasting. Operating before the invention of webcasts and high-speed internet, Bergeron and Glandfield built a contraption allowing them to call into the Bishop's radio station CJMQ over a dial up phone line, from which McCooye and Chapman did their broadcasts. Today, the technical



The broadcast team in Halifax at the 1998 National Basketball Championship Tournament – **Matt Glandfield '99** (standing), **Matt McCooye '99**, **Jeff Chapman '98**, and **Eric Bergeron '99**

components are set up by video coordinator Thomas Barton and after a brief equipment check and test run, McFarlane is ready to go.

To some extent, the technological advances have led to the



Hecklers' Row – Bergeron would sit with a group of friends at the games to heckle the opponents and cheer on the Bishop's team.



Shane McFarlane '22 at the Women's Hockey home opener against the Montreal Carabins

partial dilution of this banded group. Whereas Bergeron and his involved classmates formed their own informal fraternity called "Alpha Delta Sports," allied by their love of the game but sadly by their ineptitude as high-level players, McFarlane notes less of a community spirit today. His team requires fewer hands on deck and there is a less consistent cast of contributors, making it harder to bond as a unified team.

Despite the differences between their tenures as athletic announcers, Bergeron and McFarlane can agree on one ageless fact – the Bishop's spirit. Regardless of its era, Bishop's has always boasted a connected and enthusiastic student body with unconditional support for their Gaiters. That spirit and feeling of commitment to the university attracted both Bergeron and McFarlane to Bishop's. Bergeron concludes, "When I took the campus tour, I felt like I was exactly in the right place, and nothing in the four years I experienced showed me otherwise." The complicity of a small town and those who call it home, even for a short time, is an indelible part of the *Bishop's Experience*. Timeless and dependable, nowhere is Bishop's pride better showcased than in the bleachers of Gaiters games.

ALWAYS AN A+ WITH ANDREWS

Bishop's student-athletes are reaching new heights academically. This year, an amazing 166 student-athletes made the Academic All-Canadian/Academic All-Stars list, meaning they hit an 80% average or better. The combined GPA of all student-athletes at Bishop's is 79%!

These are the results of years of hard work from not only the student-athletes that make us so proud, but also the drive and dedication of BU's Athletic Academic Success Coach, **Mike Andrews '16**.

Mike knows how to balance school and sport. He came to Bishop's from Oakville, Ontario, on a full scholarship to play basketball. During his five years at Bishop's, he was a *Réseau du sport étudiant du Québec* (RSEQ) first team All-Star three times, league MVP, Bishop's University Athlete of the Year, Canadian Interuniversity Sport Academic All-Canadian, and he led his team to a RSEQ championship – all while pursuing a triple major in Secondary Education, Social Science, and Sports Studies.

After graduation, he continued playing ball as a member of the Canadian National Development Team before returning to Bishop's to earn his B.Ed. Shortly thereafter, he began coaching at Bishop's and Champlain College.

"There was so much I loved about teaching, and so much I loved about coaching, and I wanted to find a way to combine the two to help student-athletes in the same position that I was."

He found a home at Bishop's to bring all his skills and experience to bear. After starting out with the Men's Football Team in 2016, his role has grown into a full-time position focused on the academic success for all ten varsity teams on campus, representing over 320 student-athletes.

Andrews talks like a coach. His drive, passion, and strategic approach are infectious, intended to reach his audience in a language they relate to. He talks about mindset, motivation, and methods. He puts value on time, energy, and money. The importance of the three R's: Respect yourself, Respect others, and Respect your environment. All of this finds its way into a **BU SKILLZ** program that motivates student-athletes to take the passion and discipline they have for sport and apply it to their academics.

It is a daunting task being successful on all fronts as a student-athlete, who in some cases spend 30+ hours a week dedicated to their sport. Add in a full course load, time for fun, family, and being present for their community and it's easy to imagine getting overwhelmed.

During the last four years, over 250 athletes have benefited from tutoring, which has also led to 50 jobs for student-athletes tutoring within the program. Mike encourages all student-athletes to take advantage of the support initiatives in place in the **BU SKILLZ** program. "Whether you're a first year student or about to graduate, I am here to help you pursue your academic goals while excelling in your sport. Don't hesitate to reach out!"



Mike Andrews '16

NANCY KNOWLTON RECEIVES INAUGURAL U SPORTS 2021 MITCHELL FAMILY ALUMNI OF THE YEAR AWARD

This past May, Nancy Knowlton '75, DCL '09, a former leader of the Gaiters' women's basketball team, was selected as one of two winners of the inaugural U SPORTS 2021 Mitchell Family Alumni of the Year Award.

The award celebrates two former varsity athletes who have become leaders in their communities and recognizes the continued contributions by each of them to their *alma mater*.

"People from small towns and small universities can go on to do great things, so why not us?"

—Nancy Knowlton

Nancy is a remarkable person. She has personified the pursuit of excellence from her time as a student-athlete through her exceptional success as an entrepreneur. Over the course of her career, she has contributed greatly to the wider business and education communities through her commitment to put technology at the service of learning.

Nancy believes profoundly in the transformative power of education and is deeply committed to supporting young people so that they can fulfill their potential and realize their dreams.

Nancy has been instrumental in the creation of two of the highest-impact programs for students at Bishop's: the Chancellor's Excellence Scholarships, and the Bishop's Exceptional Student Talent (B.E.S.T.) Project Fund.



Nancy Knowlton '75

Both these programs enable Bishop's to support outstanding students in achieving their goals and to benefit from their talent and engagement. We are grateful for her belief in and support for our students.

Nancy has been an extraordinary leader as a student, as an athlete, as an entrepreneur, as an educator and as a philanthropist.

In a meeting on Zoom with Bishop's students who were gathered to congratulate Nancy on this well-deserved honour, she concluded with these inspiring words: "People from small towns and small universities can go on to do great things, so why not us?"

Thank you, Nancy, for your philanthropy and for reminding us to strive to be the best we can be.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

THE POWER OF STORYTELLING: THE BOULTBEES

The Boulton experience at Bishop's began well before the first Boulton, **Alex Boulton '61**, first set foot there. It originated when family friend, **Grenville (Ike) Temple '40**, a World War II veteran, often shared stories of his transformative experience with the Boultons. When it came time for Alex, the eldest Boulton of his generation, to attend university, there were only two options in his mind: University of Toronto, where his father had gone, and Bishop's.

The University of Toronto seemed like a natural choice as it was about a hundred kilometers away from the family mink ranch in Cobourg whereas Bishop's was six hundred kilometres away. However, his father felt the University of Toronto was already too big when he went there. That, combined with Ike's stories, led Alex to choose Bishop's. He recalls flying to Montreal from his summer job on an icebreaker in the Canadian Arctic and then taking the train from there to Lennoxville. That trip would be the easiest as he tended to hitchhike to and from home.

Alex initially struggled to find his place, but the intimate nature of Bishop's prevented him from slipping through the cracks, like he might have at a larger university. His poor marks were noticed, and he had a sobering conversation with the Dean about his prospects and ability to continue attending Bishop's if something did not change. And change it did, as Alex went from the verge of expulsion to being on the Dean's list. In fact, he went on to graduate with an Honours degree in Economics and even learned enough French to take a job in Montreal upon graduation. Even more important were the friendships he made at Bishop's – friendships that continue to this day.

When it came time for **Peter '67**, Alex's youngest brother, to choose a university, he too chose Bishop's. Alex and Peter were very different people with different backgrounds, despite being raised in the same household. Alex attended a one-room schoolhouse for most of his primary and secondary school years. Peter, on the other hand, attended Trinity College School, where he was noticed for his athletic ability and his contribution to several clubs. Influenced by Ike's stories and those of his older brother, Peter chose Bishop's where he continued his involvement in sports and clubs, and he too graduated with an Economics degree. Sadly, Peter passed away in 2017, but Bishop's remained dear to his heart throughout his life.

When it came time for the next generation of Boultons to attend university, the choice was clear. **David Boulton '92**, the eldest child of Alex and Valerie Boulton, had grown up hearing so many positive stories about Bishop's that he could not imagine studying anywhere else. Like his father and his uncle before him, he enrolled at Bishop's to pursue a combined degree in Economics and Business.



The late **Peter Boulton '67**

David's third year took an unlikely turn when **Arlene Jones '92** became his bog mate in Kuehner. Arlene was a friend of David's sister, Amy, and had heard many stories of Bishop's around the family dining room table over the years. When she learned that she could obtain an



David Boulton '92, Arlene Jones Boulton '92, Lauren Boulton '20, Alex Boulton '60, Nicholas Boulton, and Jacob Zantingh.

Honours degree in three years instead of four at Queen's, she decided to attend Bishop's. Like Alex and Peter, it was a choice that she made sight unseen. She decided to accompany Amy and her boyfriend when they came to pick David up at the end of his second year. The four of them decided to visit Quebec and it was there where a friendship turned into something more: David and Arlene ended up returning to Bishop's as a couple in the fall and

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thirty-two years later are still going strong. Besides attending Bishop's, David followed in his uncle Peter's footsteps by deciding to become a Chartered Accountant. As such, he extended his time at university to obtain the additional courses required and graduated with Arlene in 1992.

To no one's surprise, except perhaps that of her parents, **Lauren '20** became the first of the third generation of Boultbees to attend Bishop's. While Lauren had also grown-up hearing about Bishop's from her parents, her grandfather and great uncle, she was leaning strongly toward universities that were closer to home. It was visiting Bishop's for the first time, as part of a campus tour on a fateful Homecoming weekend, that finally sold her on the *Bishop's Experience*.

In the summer following her first year, Lauren enrolled in Dr. Jessica Riddell's "Shakesperience", a one-week, three-credit course taken during the spring semester in June. During this week, students (as well as students of life), travel to the renowned Stratford Theatre Festival in Stratford, Ontario to see six plays, participate in workshops and backstage tours, and meet with directors, actors, and writers.

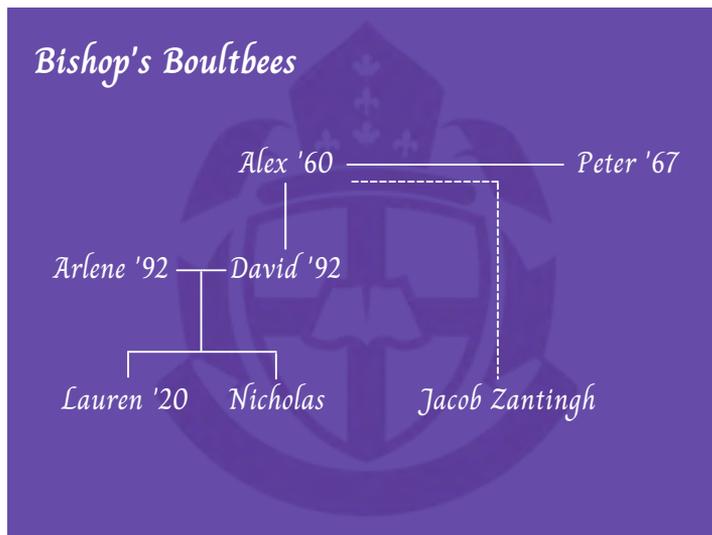
This experience started Lauren on a unique path characteristic of the transformative education offered at Bishop's. She was a member of the Jarislowky Student Advisory Council, where she helped organize the "Up for Debate" weekend, when students from the four universities that make up the Maple League (Bishop's, Mount Allison, St. Francis Xavier, and Acadia) come together in Lennoxville to compete for the Jane Blaikie Cup, and participate in a business case competition, TEDx Bishop's talks and a Donald Lecture (in this case with Paralympic athlete Rick Hansen, whom Lauren was privileged to introduce). This experience led to her becoming a student fellow for the Maple League, then a post-graduate fellow, and now the Strategy and Advancement Lead and Project Manager for the Maple League Online Learning and Technology Consultants (OLTC) Program.

Lauren's brother, **Nicholas '24**, came to visit her often.

He obtained an even deeper introduction to Bishop's as he audited some of Lauren's classes and even attended some St. Patrick's Day parties over the years! An avid Rugby player, he also got to know fellow members of Lauren's rugby team. The plan was for Nicholas to live in residence for his first year, last fall, while Lauren continued her work with the Maple League. However, he ended up completing his first year asynchronously from home due to COVID. Despite this, the *Bishop's Experience* still resonated thanks in part to the efforts of the OLTC program that helped professors and students make the pivot to online learning. Although currently majoring in Economics, Nicholas has taken full advantage of the liberal arts nature of Bishop's and is considering adding a

major in Philosophy to his degree along with a Psychology minor in Mindfulness and Contemplative Studies.

The final member of the third generation of Boultbees to attend Bishop's is Lauren and Nicholas's cousin, **Jacob Zantingh '25**. This is Jacob's first year and like those that came before him, Jacob is sure to make the *Bishop's Experience* as unique as that of all who preceded him.



It is clear the power of storytelling impacted so many Boultbees in the same way, starting with Ike Temple encouraging Alex and his brother Peter, then David and Arlene, and finally the generation of Lauren, Nicholas, and Jacob. The Bishop's tradition is like the deep roots of the Boultbee family tree, in that it provides both the stability to feel secure and the freedom to branch out, grow and expand to make it your own. The connections and relationships developed at Bishop's and the one-on-one attention is a key part of the Boultbees' experience at Bishop's. The University is small enough to be intimate without sacrificing the offerings of larger schools. In addition, the culture and majestic environment of the Eastern Townships is an unequalled draw. The *Bishop's Experience* and liberal arts philosophy and model of education are even more relevant today than ever and we look forward to welcoming future generations of Boultbees to the Bishop's Family.

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR BOB EGAN '80



Bob Egan '80

The Bishop's Alumni Association has bestowed the Alumnus/Alumna of the Year award since 1967. This honours longstanding commitment and outstanding contributions of Bishop's graduates to their University. It is with great pride that we add **Bob Egan '80** to this group of distinguished recipients.

Over the years, Bob has consistently demonstrated his commitment to Bishop's through generous volunteer support. He has attended events as a speaker and held events as a host. He has given his time, provided mentorship, fundraised, and more.

Bob's impact is most clear in his role in the Ottawa JUMP program and at a national level. Because of his leadership, young graduates and alumni of all ages benefit from the network and mentorship program he has built.

"Eeeeg" (as his friends call him) is described as a genuine, kind, and welcoming Gaiter whose energy fills the room and whose positivity is contagious. His actions have benefited Bishop's and helped to make it an even better university.

We hope to celebrate Bob and his wife **Ronna '82** in person in the not-too-distant future.

YOUNG ALUMNA OF THE YEAR ALIOSHA (ALLIE) HURRY '19

The Young Alumna/Alumnus of the Year Award was established to recognize an individual who graduated in the past five years. Nominated by their peers, recipients embody the spirit of Bishop's through their professional achievements or community service. This year's winner is Aliosha Hurry.

When the harsh realities of the real world and the injustices experienced by those on the periphery of society are brought into focus, those moments can often be a catalyst to greater purpose. **Allie Hurry '19** had just such an awakening when studying Criminology and majoring in Sociology at Bishop's.

She had always been interested in pursuing a degree in law and this epiphany, about injustice in the world, focused her energy on helping the less fortunate who don't have the knowledge or resources to help themselves.

Allie credits her sociology professors Dr. Vicki Chartrand and Dr. Steven Cole with opening her eyes to the world's many injustices. Now at McGill, she has volunteered with *Innocence McGill*, which does research and work toward reversing wrongful federal convictions. This semester, she is working with CRARR (Centre for Research-Action on Race Relations) in place of one of her courses. CRARR deals with cases of racial, gender-based and disability-based discrimination.

Next, she will work for McCarthy Tétrault in Montreal as she did in summer 2021. Allie was drawn there because

of the law firm's emphasis on doing pro-bono work in the community. This gave her the opportunity to work on a file about the treatment of prisoners in the Canadian penal system during COVID. She also published an article in an on-line law journal dealing with missing and murdered Indigenous women.

During her time at Bishop's, Allie was involved with the competitive cheerleading team. She also served as fundraising director for the BU Fashion Show and she worked as a research assistant for Dr. Vicki Chartrand.

Allie bleeds purple through and through, and it is for this reason along with her commitment to social justice that we congratulate her for being selected *Young Alumna of the Year 2021*.



Allie Hurry '19



John Mitton '08 and **Heather Moffatt '09** were married in Pugwash, Nova Scotia on August 26, 2021

Ryan Thomson '08 and **Sarah Dykeman '09** were married in Beamsville, Ontario on September 7, 2019. From left: (*bottom*) **Michael Orlando '08**, **Audrey Figueroa Pierre '08**, **Ryan Thomson '08**, **Sarah Dykeman '09**, **Laura Curiale '07**. (*middle*) **Craig Ramsey '09**, **Michael Smaluck '09**, **Stephanie Carr '09**, **Katherine Garretto '09**, (*top*) **Trevor Kennedy '08**, **William Cleghorn '08**, **Aaron Cardarelli-Goddard '08**, **Leigh White '09**, **Ashley Lawrence '07**, **Krista McNally '07**.



Marianne Champagne '21 and **Bruno Alepins** were married in East Angus, Quebec on July 10, 2021. **Theresa Graham '21**, **Thomas Watson '20** and **Marie-Ève Melley '21** were in attendance.



Lindsay Reid '16 and **Eric Trottier '15** were married on September 24, 2021. The following Bishop's alumni were in attendance: **Irene Bohinc '86**, **Mark Vandzura '87**, **Daniel Bohinc '94**, **Alec Neely '15**, **William Combaluzier '15**, **Will Millar '15**, **Sean Currie '15**, **Nikki Sison '15**, **LukeMacPherson '15**, **LaceyMcCaslin '15**, **KentChristensen '15**, **JordanLavoie '15**, **JoelSemujanga '15**, **EriksVitols '15**, **Emily McLellan '15**, **Benjamin Buschke '15**, **Alex Buffam '15**, **Olivia Vandzura '16**, **Alexandra Huxham '16**, **Emily MacGowan '16**, **Aislinn May '16**, **Aiden Verster '16**, **Alyssa Gonin '16**, **Jason Hines-Duncliffe '16**, **Jake Godber '16**, **Gus Grier '16**, **George Gardiner '16**, **Julia Zigrossi '16**, **Jordie Dollinger '16**, **Tiffany Osterman '16**, **Olivia Amiel '16**, **Erica Moore '17**, **Hayley Reid '19**, **Nicole Reid '20**, and **Andrew Doucet '22**.





Ellie Louson '08 and Isaac Record welcomed a daughter, Charlotte MacLeod, on September 4, 2021. A granddaughter for **Andrew Louson '71** and a cousin for **Katie Warlund '92**.



Natalie Barnes '09 and Joel Lefebvre '09 welcomed Joshua Lefebvre on February 22, 2021. Chloe and Nicholas are very proud siblings!



Val Manouk '09 and Ryan Hillier welcomed Jude Alexander Hillier on May 6, 2021, a nephew for **Anthony Manouk '08**, **Andrew Manouk '13** and **Alex Manouk '15**, and a grandson for **Graham Hillier '82**, and a great nephew for **Mitch Gibbons '82**. Val plans to show this magazine to Jude when he is 17 and tell him he has no choice but to go to Bishop's!



Erin Mahoney '10 and **Paul Starr '11** welcomed Lawrence John Starr on January 10, 2021.



Trent MacPhail '11 and **Pascale St-Pierre '13** welcomed Ezekiel William on July 26, 2021. A brother for Mila.



Sofia Marhue '20 welcomed Darius in June 2021.



Vernon '21 and **Hannah Campbell '21** welcomed Odiah this summer.

THROUGH THE YEARS

Naomi Jervis Read '42 turned 100 this year.

Dr. T. Crossley Loughheed '49 recently donated the funds necessary to purchase an Atomic Absorption Spectrometer for the Chemistry Department. AVP Advancement, **Jacque Scott '90**, enjoyed a visit with him and his son Francis in Kingston in September.



Dr. T. Crossley Loughheed '49 and Jacque Scott '90

After her lecture on September 15 on *History Made Visible: The Story of Glen Villa Art Garden*, as part of the Donald Lecture Series, Patterson Webster had the opportunity to meet **Georges-Philippe Gadoury-Sansfaçon '21**



Georges-Philippe Gadoury-Sansfaçon '21 with Patterson Webster

who was awarded the **Norman Webster Prize** that was endowed by Patterson and the late **Norman Webster '62, DCL '85**. This prize recognizes a student with high academic standing, and who has made a significant contribution to University life through participation in athletics or other extracurricular activities.

Congratulations to **Stephen Stafford '64**, President/Owner and his family for the Hovey Manor earning the top spot in Travel + Leisure magazine's annual listing of the Top 10 Resort Hotels in Canada.

On September 30, 2021, family, and friends of **Winston Fraser '65** – as well as Vicky Boldo, Special Advisor Indigenous Student Support and **Jacque Scott '90**, participated in the virtual launch on Zoom of his latest book *Voir les différences*. This is an illustrated dictionary of French/English expressions that highlights the differences between the French and English versions of equivalent expressions. The book is dedicated to three of Winston's language professors at Bishop's who were responsible for kindling his interest in languages: Professors James Gray (English), E.H. Yarrill (French), and Leo Sepp (Russian). In recognition, he is donating the proceeds from the sale of his book to the Indigenous Student Support and Initiatives Fund at Bishop's. To order a copy of the book (or any of Winston's previous titles), visit www.amazon.ca and key in the author's name.

Lifelong learner, **John Luxton '67** returned to campus to meet up with past professors and fellow members of the Mature Students Network for lunch in the garden at Griffin House.

Dr. Lana Radloff, Assistant Professor, Classical Studies; **Bruce Stevenson '76**, Advancement Office; **John Luxton '67**; **Gabriela Rotariu**, Psychology student; and **Catherine Moleski**, Applied Psychology student.



Rodney Smith '64, Clare Ewart, Peter Welsh '64, Dave Ewart '64, Jana Ewart, Pat Draper '64, Jim Currey '65, Susan Currey, Kit Osler '66, Susan Townsend Pacaud '63.

1962–1966 CLASS REUNION

The classes of 1962 through 1966 assembled for a reunion from October 3rd to 6th, 2021. The gathering was organized by **Stephen Stafford '64** and **Peter Welsh '64** and included more than 50 alumni and their spouses from Canada and the U.S.

Highlights of their stay were meals at the Manoir Hovey, boat cruises on Lake Massawippi, a guided tour of the campus and a lunch organized by the Advancement Office, as well as a tour of Pat Webster's famous Glen Villa Art Garden.

Many of the participants had not been back to the area in many years, and all commented on how wonderful the campus is looking, including the Sports Complex, Library Learning Commons, and science labs. They also enjoyed a presentation by Principal Goldbloom after the Monday dinner at Manoir Hovey, which gave an overview of further developments at the University.





Bruce Stevenson '76, Tom Allen '69, Ron Loucks '74, and Mark Saykaly '72.

In August, **Ron Loucks '74** hosted **Mark Saykaly '72, Tom Allen '69, and Bruce Stevenson '76** to a delightful day of golf and camaraderie at the Knowlton Golf Club. Being “the perfect host” Ron allowed all his guests to better his crafty 77 score while the long drive of the day honour went to Mark Saykaly with a crushing 300-yard blast on the signature 9th hole pictured above.

While in town for Homecoming, **Jeff Haver '81** and **Sandy Law '81** took a tour of Griffin Alumni House. This was a trip down memory lane for Jeff who lived there with his father, Dr. Cecil “Doc” Haver, Professor Emeritus and a beloved Professor of Economics at Bishop’s from 1972–2004.



Sandy Law '81 and Jeff Haver '81

Cathy Logue '85, the Global Leader of the CFO Practice Group at Stanton Chase, has been ranked among the top five CFO search consultants in North America. She was also recognized in October as one of Canada’s Most Powerful Women: Top 100 by WXN, North America’s #1 and only organization that meaningfully propels and celebrates the advancement of women at all levels, in all sectors, and of all ages.

James Maloney '89 was re-elected in the district of Etobicoke-Lakeshore, ON, in the recent federal election.

Peter and Lara Neal hosted a small BU reunion at their cottage in Pointe au Baril.

The Pine River Institute is naming its expanded dining hall in honour of **Peter Neal '89**, Lara Neal, and their children – a family who openly share their personal mental health journeys to save the lives of others. Located near Shelburne, Ontario, the Pine River Institute is a residential treatment centre and outdoor leadership experience for youth 13 to 19



Becca Neal, Lara Neal, Peter Neal '89, Bridget Neal, and Hannah Neal.

struggling with addictive behaviours and often other mental health issues.

The Neals are no strangers to the challenges that mental health concerns and addictive behaviours can bring not only to youth, but to an entire family. Over these past years, the entire family has had the chance to face their own personal struggles and heal. They now publicly advocate for mental health and have become an inspiration for others.

Ian Drysdale '90 has been appointed CEO of One Inc.

Alix Kroeger '90 now works for *The New Statesman* as the International Managing Editor.



Ian March '89, Ann Gallery '92, Lara Neal, Peter Neal '89, Sandy Nattress, Ian Cleghorn '91, and Lynne Bridgman '89.



Nadia Martel '90

Nadia Martel '90 was appointed to the Board of Taiga Motors. Nadia was also honoured with the *Avocat émérite* distinction by the *Barreau du Québec* at a gala in Montreal in November. The distinction is bestowed on members of the bar who demonstrate professional excellence and exceptional contributions to the legal professional and to their communities.

Murielle Lortie '91 was appointed Chief Financial Officer of Claridge Inc. in September 2021.

Wade Felesky '92 was appointed President of New Stratus Energy, effective June 1, 2021.

Colin C. J. Feasby '94, Q.C., was appointed Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta on August 6, 2021.

Drew Hamblin '97 has been appointed to the VeriTX Corporate Board and to the Board of Advisors for the University of Waterloo's new aviation program.

Trevor Lovig '97 is now Managing Director – People in Deals (HR M&A) at PwC Canada.

Christina Smith '97 was re-elected as Mayor of Westmount, QC.

Dawn Nita '98, the Owner and Chief Chocolatier at DWN Craft Chocolatier, opened her store in February in Orillia, Ontario.

Philippe Longchamps '99 has been nominated for the Varkey Foundation Global Teacher Prize. This is an annual US\$1 million award by the Varkey Foundation to a teacher who has made an outstanding contribution to the profession.

Amy Abe '03 will be joining Bishop's University in January 2022 as the Special Advisor, Equity Diversity and Inclusion (EDI). Amy has over 15 years' experience in change readiness, intercultural competence, Indigenization, decolonization, and EDI.

James Andrews '16 participated in the 26th TriMemphré Magog with the Canadian Cancer Society as the beneficiary of his fundraising efforts.

Beverley Smith '17 made good use of her BU degree to complete the Accelerated Nursing program at StFX. She is now a Registered Nurse in Palliative Care and is loving it.

Laurie Tanguay '17 has been promoted to the role of Food Service Associate Marketing Manager at PepsiCo and will be moving to Toronto in June.

Clare Webb '17 has been added to the Team Canada Mission staff for the Lucerne 2021 FISU Winter Universiade. Clare spent the last eight years as a member of the Bishop's Athletic Department, beginning as a student intern and continuing in a full-time Digital Media and Home Events role. Clare left Bishop's earlier this year to complete a post-graduate certificate in Sport and Event Marketing at George Brown College in Toronto.

Christophe Boucher '19 and **Lauren Hutchings '21** were engaged on October 8, 2021.

CHAPTER NEWS

We are pleased to announce our new Chapter Leaders for Toronto and Vancouver. **Carolyn Gagnon '16** and **Jacob Gerlofs '19** are taking over from **Alex Fournier '14** and **Alex Cook '13** (our new Alumni President). Thank you to them both for keeping the Gaiter spirit alive in the regions. Our other Chapter Leaders are **Katie Leclair '13** (Ottawa) and **Graham Moodie '69** (Eastern Townships).



Carolyn Gagnon '16

Carolyn Gagnon '16
Toronto Chapter Leader

"Bishop's has been in my family for generations. My dad loved his time at BU so much he even convinced my mom (a non-Bishop's grad) to get married in St. Mark's Chapel – on Homecoming weekend, of all weekends.

I wouldn't trade my four years spent on the Massawippi shore for anything! While at BU, I was a coordinator for the Dance Club and Competitive Dance Team, participated in Fashion Show, and I was a member of the Golf Team. I graduated with a B.A. in English (Media & Cultural Studies) with a Minor in Entrepreneurship.

I now live in Toronto and I work as a Consultant for NATIONAL Public Relations. I look forward to connecting with all my fellow Gaiters and raising a toast together again!"

Jacob Gerlofs '19
Vancouver Chapter Leader

“Bishop’s was a genuinely transformative experience for me; I made deep and lasting friendships, cultivated character, developed my career, and had some of the most fun I’ve ever had in my life. This tends to be a universal *Bishop’s Experience* and one which has created a community of dedicated alumni long after graduation – a community that I am proud to be a part of.

I completed my B.Sc. in Neuroscience and Psychology at Bishop’s, and minored in Drama Studies. During that time, I played intramural hockey and volleyball and was a member of the Ski & Board Club, the Rock-Climbing Club, the Photography Club, and the Neuroscience Student Network – for the latter two I was a club co-lead.



Jacob Gerlofs '19

I’ve volunteered at the annual Charity Fashion Show and participated in O-Week as a Team Leader and Judge. I was also involved in the arts at BU, having acted in a production, directed a short film, written a

play, and worked as a photographer around campus. With the help of BU opportunity funds (thanks to alumni), I also completed research internships in France and China.

I now reside in Vancouver where I am completing my Ph.D. in Neuroscience at UBC and am enthused to be leading the Vancouver chapter! I see so much value for all alumni in being a part of a greater network and I’m committed to strengthening and growing our local Gaiter Nation.”

*Just before press time, we learned that **Laurie Tanguay '17**, Chapter Lead for Montreal, will be moving to Toronto. If you are interested in taking on this role, please contact **Sterling Mawhinney '88**, Alumni Relations Coordinator, at sterling.mawhinney@ubishops.ca or 819-822-9660*

MONTREAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Under a beautiful sunny sky on September 11, 2021, 74 alumni and friends from Montreal, Sherbrooke, and Ottawa gathered at Summerlea Golf & Country Club for the first post-pandemic, in-person alumni event.

Principal Michael Goldbloom and former Chancellor Brian Levitt kicked off the day playing in the first foursome, and all those that followed benefitted from a course in pristine condition.

Several prizes for the golfers and for the post tournament raffle were donated by the following generous alumni: **Vince Morena '93** (St-Viateur Bagels gift certificates), **Matt McBrine '96** (BU Athletics Package), **Peter Neal '89** (Neal Brothers Gift Basket), and **Louis Ialenti '06** (made-to-measure suit from The Cloakroom).

Thanks go out to the organizers: **Laurie Tanguay '17** (Montreal Chapter Leader), **Eamonn Doyne '19** and

Rick Bougie '76 who were ably assisted on the day by four volunteers, and Advancement Office staff.

Plans are in the works for the 2022 edition of the tournament. Stay tuned for more details.



Alain Beaudoin '94, Laurie Tanguay '17, Jacquie Scott '90, and Michel Marleau '91.

DR. JEAN LEVASSEUR

By Dr. Jamie Crooks
Professor of Philosophy



Jean Levasseur obtained his Ph.D. from the *Université de Bordeaux III* in 1989, with an impressive thesis entitled *Jacques Poulin: étude thématique et narratologique de son œuvre (1967–1988)*. He began his teaching career at Mount Saint Vincent University before joining the Bishop's community in 1992. He taught French as a Second

Language, and Quebec Literature and history in the *Département d'études françaises et québécoises* until 2019.

Travels, rigor, and great versatility can best describe Jean Levasseur. While travelling several countries, a study of his published articles and other work shows that Jean Levasseur also travelled time and genres through his numerous interests and expertise. He published several papers on Acadian literature – more specifically on the author Jacques Savoie – on Quebec legends, and on contemporary Quebec literature (in his analysis of Sergio Kokis's texts, for instance). His most important work was published in 2017 after many years of diligent preparation, and in collaboration with Rémi Ferland. The *Dictionnaire des artisans de l'imprimé à Québec* is the reference for information on the Quebec City publishing scene and related crafts between 1764 and 1900.

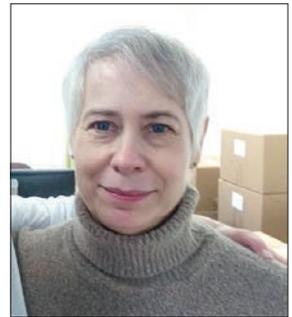
Through short stories, legends, theater, and other literary genres, Jean Levasseur introduced and perfected the knowledge of Quebec culture and language to students from all around the world. He succeeded in transmitting his passion for the Francophone world to many, in a relaxed and humorous atmosphere. His excellence and rigor also had an impact on numerous students in the pursuit of their studies at the graduate level.

Thank you, Jean, for your dedication to the *Département d'études françaises et québécoises* and its students over the years. Your contribution has greatly improved diversity in the course offering of the department. Thank you for providing a safe and thriving space for cultures to encounter.

KAREN THORNELOE '75

By Catherine Lavallée-Welch
University Librarian

On July 1, 2020, **Karen Thorneloe '75** began her retirement from Bishop's after 45 years of dedicated service to the Library Learning Commons. Karen started out at the Library as a student employee in 1972. After graduating from Bishop's, she began her career as a library technician in the cataloging department. After receiving her master's degree in Library and Information Studies from McGill, Karen became a Reference Librarian in 2004. She served as liaison librarian for the Music, Computer Science, and Modern Languages departments as well as to the Williams School of Business. Karen also worked at the Research Assistance desk and taught multiple sections of the Library's information literacy lab. When an item is found in the library catalogue and on the shelves, it's thanks to the hard work of talented individuals like Karen who select titles and identify, classify, and describe the materials. Her legacy persists on the library's shelves.



BEVERLY OAKLEY

By Catherine Lavallée-Welch
University Librarian

Library Assistant **Beverly Oakley** took retirement in May 2020, after 31 years working at the Library Learning Commons, first as a part-time then as a full-time employee. You could see Bev every morning at the Library Services Desk. She took care of circulating items – books, reserves and many a study room key. In the afternoon, she processed new books received for the collections and, managing the stacks, made sure they would be found correctly on the shelves. Bev was a well-known figure to library users, and we thank her for her many years of service to them.



It is with fondness and sorrow that we remember the following alumni and friends. (Compiled from information sent to the Advancement Office before October 15, 2021.)

ALUMNI

Lucille Hope (née George) Derick '44 on August 28, 2021. Mother of **Brian Derick '72**.

Rev. Canon Brian Scott Kelley '49, civil rights activist and driving force to end homelessness on April 6, 2021.

Joan Forman (née Sargent) '53 on January 3, 2021. Mother of **Heather Forman '91** and grandmother of **Andrew Doucet '21**.

Daphne Joan McMullan (née Atchison) '53 on August 24, 2021. After obtaining her B.A. degree in Economics and Philosophy from BU, Daphne completed a degree in education in 1954. She continued through life to support her *alma mater* with the creation of the **Daphne Atchison McMullan International Study Fund** as well as supporting many other charities.

Elizabeth Griffiths '54 on December 9, 2020. She was predeceased by her niece **Julia Bradshaw '80**.

Renaud Gabriel Scheib '54 on May 26, 2021. Husband of **Eva Scheib '89**, father of **James Scheib '94**, and father-in-law of Dr. Suzanne Hood, Assistant Professor, Psychology Department.

Blake Beamer '59 on January 8, 2021.

Jane Susan Rose (née Hufton) '64 on February 14, 2021.

Michael Victor Falk '68 on September 17, 2021.

Heather Anne Kindon Aulis '72 on February 13, 2019.

David Munzar '80 on June 20, 2021. Husband of **Diane '78** and brother of **Michael '75**, **Paul '70**, and **Peter '67**.

Phyllis Emery Skeats '80, on March 18, 2021. Wife of Terry, a former Librarian at Bishop's and mother of **Joanne Pocock '81**. Phyllis began her employment at Bishop's University in 1967 where she spent many years as a Reference Librarian. Among her accomplishments were genealogical research; the writing of several books on local history; and involvement in numerous volunteer organizations, including the Lake Massawippi Area Historical Society, Heritage Huntingville, and the Old North Church Cemetery Association. In 2010, the Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network (QAHN) awarded her the Marion Phelps Award for her dedication as librarian, archivist, scholar, and genealogist to Anglophone heritage.

Les Albert '94 on April 26, 2021.

Nancy Loadenthal (née Fisk) '95 on July 7, 2021.

Benjamin Perlman '04 on May 9, 2021 after a courageous battle with cancer. His bravery and stoicism spoke volumes of who he was as a person.



Benjamin Perlman '04

Ben was a warrior in arms for all who knew him, but a dearest brother to **David Perlman '00** whom he cherished and worked alongside with for 10 years. Even as the younger brother, Ben could find ways to carry the family torch in times of need or ride to the rescue with a battalion of hilarious impersonations that would cue an encore performance every time.

FRIENDS

Dale Brooks on August 26, 2021. Dale was a longtime member of the Buildings and Grounds crew.



Bob and Hazel Farnham

Hazel Farnham, longtime Gaiter fan, on October 17, 2021. She is survived by her husband, Bob and children Derrick, **Cher '99** and **Curt '04**. In 2001, Hazel and Bob were jointly bestowed with the *Ray Almond Award*, awarded annually to a dedicated community member of the Bishop's Athletics family for exceptional contributions. They are also the only couple to have been honoured with private seats at the Mitchell Gymnasium. Student-athletes will miss your kindness and support Hazel.

Dr. Thomas Jones on July 23, 2021. Tom and his sister, Susan Gram, endowed a fund in 2014 at Bishop's to create the **Gertrude Conway and David Alfred Conway Jones Scholarships** in memory of their mother (who attended Bishop's in 1931) and brother.

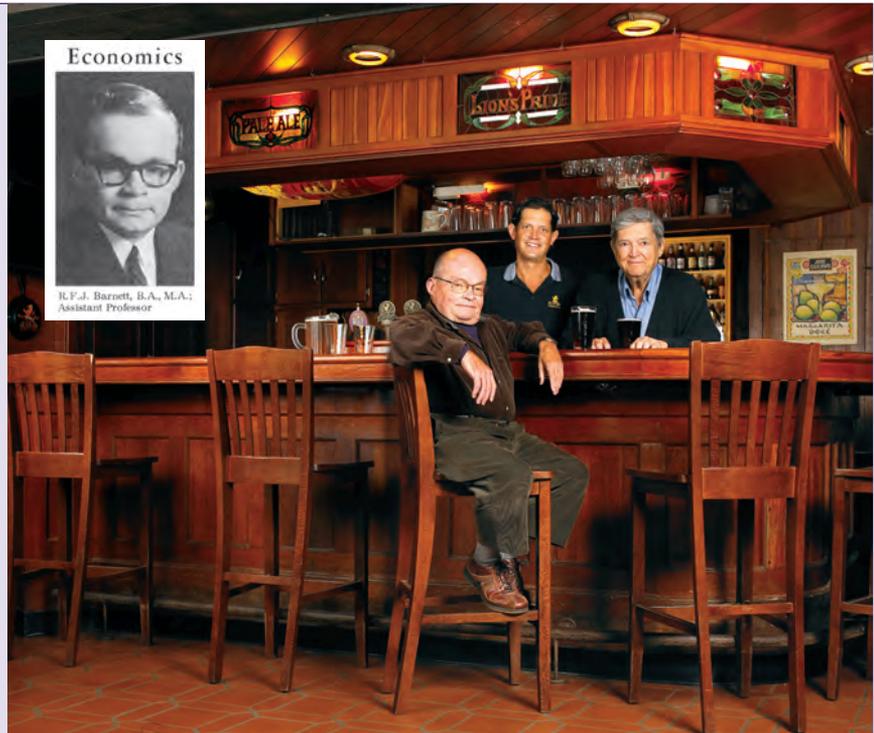
**PROFESSOR
ROBERT F. J. BARNETT**

It is with great sadness the University community learned of the passing of Robert “Bob” F. J. Barnett, Professor Emeritus of Economics, on June 9, 2021 at the age of 83.

Professor Barnett arrived at Bishop’s in 1966, and his arrival caused quite a stir amongst the faculty, according to former colleague and friend, Dr. David Seale. “Bob arrived in 1966 from Cambridge and everyone wanted to meet the new economics professor who had left Cambridge to come to Bishop’s. There was a great air of excitement surrounding his arrival.”

He quickly became a popular teacher who attracted new students to the Economics Department. His area of specialty was Economic History and remarkably nearly 20% of the student population at the University was enrolled in one of his courses each semester. When Bob retired in 1998, his friend and departmental colleague, the late Professor Stan Groves, summarized Professor Barnett’s contribution to Bishop’s in one word: dedication.

Professor Barnett’s legacy also extended to the wider Bishop’s community. In 1973 he co-founded the Golden Lion Pub with two fellow Bishop’s professors. Crowned the Best Student Pub in Canada in 2005, the “Lion” has employed numerous students over the years while countless others have enjoyed the festive atmosphere, especially on “Wing Nights.”



The late Bob Barnett and the late Stan Groves, two of The Golden Lion Pub founders, at the bar with current owner and operator Stan Groves Jr. '81. Inset image is from the 1967 Quad Yearbook.

Testimonials from Bob’s former students include the following:

“I was a student of Bob’s in the mid-80s. Although diminutive in stature, his teaching style and knowledge were gigantic. I remember the first class I had with him. He entered the class with a stack of four or five books, placed them on the corner of the desk, and began his lecture. What spilled forth was fascinating, revelatory, and pure entertainment for someone who loved history and economics. I tried my best to never miss a class, even those at 8:30 am, because I always felt I would miss out on some wonderful revelation that only existed in that moment.”

—Sterling Mawhinney '88

“I considered Robert one of my best friends for the better part of twenty years. He was one of my professors and a mentor who provided me with the use

*of his office on weeknights. This, with the help of his colleagues the late Stan Groves, the late Cecil “Doc” Haver, and Fakhari Siddiqui was instrumental in my eventual graduation. Bishop’s was one of the greatest times of my life and golfing with Bob, **Tim Belford '71**, and the late John Kapluk was a tradition that carried on for years. Another of Bob’s passions was spending time at his fishing camp located on a private lake – a place to retreat at a lodge with no electricity. Whether playing cards with **Lucie Doheny '80** or taking road trips to watch the Gaiters play Queen’s (his alma mater), my memories are of his generosity and hospitality. A legendary pillar of the community and a gentleman who will be dearly missed, I salute you Robert and in your own words, ‘Well done!’”*

—Robert Richardson '78

Photo: Grant Simeon '85

THE HONOURABLE RAYMOND SETLAKWE '49, DCL '03

Legendary Bishop's alumnus, the **Honourable Raymond C. Setlakwe '49, DCL '03** passed away on October 14, 2021 at Hôpital de Thetford Mines.

Raymond obtained a bachelor's degree from Bishop's University in 1949 and then a law degree from *Université Laval*. Throughout his lifetime he was an active and effective volunteer at Bishop's, first as a Member of the Corporation (1970–1990) and then in 1996 his involvement turned to the Foundation where he served until his death. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to public life, his success in business, and his commitment to volunteerism and philanthropy, he was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from Bishop's University in 2003.

A native of Thetford Mines, Raymond's professional life was dedicated to managing the family business, A. Setlakwe Limited. His business relationships were characterized by respect, transparency and empathy while he served as an active participant in the civic and community life in Thetford.

Raymond loved politics and he was an active member of the Liberal Party of Canada. A personal friend of Jean Chrétien, he took pride in having met all Canadian

Prime Ministers since McKenzie King. Raymond would often say, in his dry-witted way, "I have no enemies in politics – only adversaries." In 1996, he received the Order of Canada, awarded by Governor General Roméo Leblanc, then in 2016 the Lieutenant-Governor of Québec awarded him the Medal for Exceptional Merit. The culmination of his political life came in 2000 when Raymond was appointed to the Canadian Senate. He loved his career as a parliamentarian and was especially proud of his contribution in passing Motion 44 recognizing the Armenian Genocide.

Raymond Setlakwe is survived by his spouse and life-long partner, Yvette Bourque, his four children, and his extended family. The Bishop's family sends our condolences to the entire Setlakwe family on the loss of your patriarch and mourns the loss of an extraordinary graduate and supporter of the University.



PROFESSOR SYLVIE BÉQUET

It was with shock that the Bishop's University community learned of the sudden passing of **Professor Sylvie Béquet** on July 3, 2021. She leaves behind her two children, **Amélie Lecocq '06** and **Alexandre Lecocq '13**, as well as many colleagues and friends within the Bishop's community.

Sylvie Béquet began her teaching career at Bishop's in 1983 and was still employed at the Williams School of Business (WSB), at the time of her passing. Her area of expertise was finance, and over her career she was a teacher and mentor to innumerable students. She worked as a collaborator and consultant within the capital markets industry and contributed to several scholarly publications over her career. She held the position of Dean of the WSB from 2005–2008.

Perhaps her single most important contribution to the WSB was as the Principal Advisor to the SEED Portfolio. Established in 2000, SEED offers hands on investment experience to students as they manage a real money portfolio.

Former Dean of the WSB, Bill Robson, commented, "Sylvie produced students with great strategic skills who could immediately see the big picture. At the NIBS (Network

of International Business Schools) case competitions, every time we had a portfolio manager from the SEED program on our team, we invariably won the competition that year. She was a great teacher, and her loss is immeasurable within the University."

The WSB has established a special fund in Professor Béquet's memory to assist high performing students in the SEED Portfolio. Donations can be made at www.ubishops.ca/gift. (After you have entered the amount you wish to contribute, click on "Other" for the Designation, and enter "Sylvie Béquet Memorial Fund") What a thoughtful and caring way to be ensure Sylvie's legacy at Bishop's.



MICHAEL SINNOTT '14

By *Michael Medland '81*
Drama Instructor, Technical Director
Turner Studio Theatre at
Bishop's University

Bishop's Drama and Centennial Theatre were dismayed to learn of the passing of **Michael Sinnott '14**.

Michael arrived in 2010 as a (relatively) mature student and rapidly made his presence felt – and heard – at Centennial Theatre and Turner Studio Theatre and Bishop's Drama – his home for four years.

He soon made himself an integral part of our operation: working on all the Drama Department's shows. Yes, this was for his degree, but mostly for the joy of it. He also worked on countless touring and rental shows

as part of the (under) paid student crew. Upon his graduation, I was delighted and proud, but not in the least surprised, when he was, in short order, accepted into the Master of Fine Arts program at University of Calgary.

After being granted his degree, Michael was hired at the Segal Centre in Montreal, where he became Head Technician in their studio theatre. I invited him to return here for a couple of painting and design gigs after he came back East, and surely would have again.

Michael's memorial service at the Segal was very moving and featured testimonials from several fellow alumni.

Michael's friends here at Bishop's have pitched in to buy a Centennial seat in his memory. We all are going



to miss him... maybe a little less when we cross the stage and look out over the Centennial audience and imagine Mike taking in the proceedings from seat A-1, (House left, front row, on the aisle).

We extend our condolences to Daniel Wylie, Michael's husband and longstanding soulmate.



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GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO TRY – NO MATTER WHAT

By Sabrina-Binta Koné '21

Earlier this year, my parents were watching the Raptors game when they saw an ad promoting the *Wayne and Theresa Embry Fellowship*. Not knowing much about it, my Mom looked it up and immediately texted me, suggesting I apply.

A quick Google search gave me all the information I needed to know, and I knew it was something I wanted to pursue.

Essentially, the fellowship is a one-year rotational program within the Raptors organization awarded to a candidate who exemplifies a commitment to both social change and the game of basketball. The selected candidate gets the opportunity to work at the Raptors facility, gain hands-on experience in different departments, and learn from mentors about team operations.

The *Wayne and Theresa Embry Fellowship* provides two Canadians the opportunity to gain firsthand experience in a professional basketball operations environment. So, I kicked off the application process. I was shocked a few weeks later when I received an email saying I was selected as a finalist. I knew over 100 people had applied and I *never* expected to make the “Final 8” cut.

Once the finalists were announced, we got together (virtually) for a weekend to proceed with the selection process. Typically, we would have all gone to the Raptors facility in Toronto to experience this in real life, but the organization delivered an amazing weekend together, through our screens.

A jam-packed weekend of meetings, interviews, presentations, and Q and A's, was highlighted by

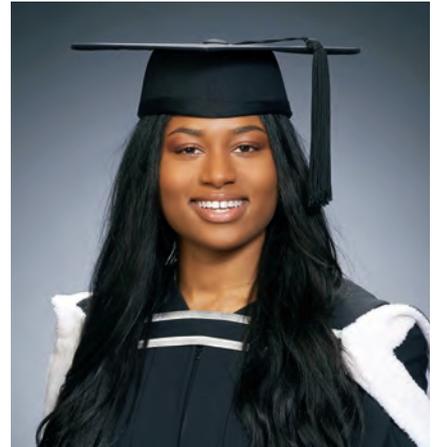
introductions to *Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment* representatives, to former NBA star Wayne Embry, to Raptors executives, including the Raptors President, Masai Ujiri. We even received a delivered meal, dessert, and wine to enjoy together on Zoom.

The other candidates were incredible individuals and as the youngest finalist selected, I was absorbed by everything they had to share. Some had completed master's degrees, others developed elite programs in their regions, while others were working toward creating opportunities for underdeveloped communities. It was inspiring because even though we came from different parts of Canada, we had similar interests and we were able to make long-term connections.

I was nervous when the phone rang a few weeks later. They informed me that although I had finished in the top three, I was, unfortunately, not a winner.

Of course, I was disappointed at first, but upon reflection I am thrilled to have gone through such a unique experience. The selection committee also reassured me the winner simply had more experience and they would love to stay in contact. That, in itself, was so great to hear, but the important thing about the process is what I learned about myself and the organization.

As I look back and wonder how I was lucky enough to have had this experience, I can't help but reflect on the opportunities that Bishop's gave me. At times people thought I was biting off more than I could chew, but my involvement at Bishop's provided me the confidence to become a finalist and show an NBA team that,



Sabrina-Binta Koné '21

although I was the youngest candidate, I was able to compete in this high-level competition.

I encourage other students to think outside of the box and put themselves out there because you truly never know what doors will open for you. We are so fortunate at Bishop's to have a small-knit community that genuinely supports one another.

In closing, I wish all the Gaiter athletes continued success and good luck in the 2021–2022 season – I can't wait to cheer you on, as a proud alumna supporter!

Sabrina played on the women's varsity soccer and basketball teams during her time at Bishop's. She was also a member of the Joint Board and Senate Task Force on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, and one of the Valedictorians of the Class of 2021 along with Sally Cunningham '21 (who incidentally contributed the Student Perspective found in the Summer 2020 edition of the Bishop's Alumni Magazine). Sabrina is currently a digital media analyst at Valnet in the entertainment industry (movies and television) in Montreal.

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