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## PASSING THE TORCH

**Dr. Sébastien Lebel-Grenier Succeeds  
Michael Goldbloom, C.M. as Principal and Vice-Chancellor**

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*—Lynne Bridgman '89,  
Bishop's Foundation Board Member  
and Ian Cleghorn '91*



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# WITH EVERY END COMES A NEW BEGINNING

Every Convocation represents a time of transition for our students as they cross the stage and begin their lives as Bishop's alumni. But this year, with new leadership and vision, there will be a significant transition campus-wide.

Michael Goldbloom stepped down as Principal on June 30 after 15 years of devoted service to the University community. His legacy is one of genuine care for, and interest in, students, visionary leadership for Faculty and staff, and for having left the University on a solid footing for the future. His contributions to Bishop's are detailed in an article on page 29.

Among these is securing the necessary funding to transform Divinity House into Kwigw8mna, which will include a gathering space and resource centre for Indigenous students. Once completed, this will mark a new beginning for one of Bishop's most beloved buildings, which had to be vacated in 2015 because it had become structurally unsound. Renovations began in August.

Michael's successor is Dr. Sébastien Lebel-Grenier, who assumed his functions on July 1. Sébastien's official installation will be held at Centennial Theatre on September 22 during a special fall Convocation. A long-time resident of Lennoxville, and husband of Nadia Martel, a proud graduate of the Class of 1990, he has regularly attended and enjoyed Donald Lectures, BU Singers' concerts, and many other events on campus. In short, his connection to and appreciation of the University goes back a long time.

A change in leadership at the University always brings with it many questions – especially for alumni and friends. Sébastien's appreciation for the role graduates play in the



University's success has prompted us to schedule events across the country, starting in October, for him to meet as many of you as possible. In the meantime, you will find his inaugural note on the next page.

On another note, the Advancement Office has made a new start of sorts. Over the course of my 30-year career, I have often been asked, "What does *advancement* even mean?" As such, we have changed the name of our office to "Alumni Relations & Philanthropy" in the hope of making our *raison d'être* clearer to all.

Finally, as I write this message, many of our student-athletes have returned to campus for fall training camps, and in a few days we will be welcoming hundreds of new students who are making very important transitions of their own.

I look forward to watching them develop their identities at Bishop's in pursuit of a liberal education on the most beautiful campus in the country. And in a few short years they, too, will walk across the stage at Convocation to join you as Bishop's alumni.

—Jacqueline Scott '90

Associate Vice-Principal, Advancement

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## MEET BISHOP'S NEW LEADERSHIP

*Dr. Sébastien Lebel-Grenier was appointed Bishop's 19<sup>th</sup> Principal and Vice-Chancellor for a five-year term starting on July 1, 2023. He succeeds Michael Goldbloom, C.M. who had served in this role since 2008. Prior to Bishop's, Dr. Lebel-Grenier was a professor at the Faculty of Law of Université de Sherbrooke where he held many senior leadership positions, most notably as Dean. He was also a founding member and co-director of the Centre de recherche Société, Droit et Religions de l'Université de Sherbrooke, an important interdisciplinary research centre that explores the intersection of religion, culture, and law. Dr. Lebel-Grenier has pursued research on law and religion as well as fundamental rights and freedoms.*

**F**irst, I want to express how excited I am to have become part of the Bishop's community.

Bishop's is an exceptional institution built on a long history of excellence. It epitomizes the enduring relevance of a strong liberal education in a nurturing, student-centric and community-focused environment. And it is this exceptional sense of community that convinced me to apply for the role of Principal.

In my interactions with Bishop's staff, faculty, alumni and allies, I have been struck by the sense of purpose which characterizes our institution. Bishop's is shaped by a rich tradition that demonstrates our uncanny ability to remain relevant and engaged in our evolving social context.

It is a place of academic excellence that prides itself on providing a nurturing environment where outstanding young people can fully develop their potential. It offers a strong support network to diverse communities so they can thrive and develop their resilience. In other words, Bishop's University has had




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*My commitment to the University, our students, administration and graduates is to remain true to Bishop's identity...*

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and continues to have a truly comprehensive and important impact on both individuals and groups.

For nearly two centuries, Bishop's has been instrumental to the continued vibrancy of all of Quebec's

anglophone communities. I intend to continue that legacy in the future and work to augment the University's relevance for an increasingly diverse student body.

My commitment to the University, our students, administration and graduates is to remain true to Bishop's identity, committed to its students and supportive of the many communities it serves in pursuit of our mission of providing Canada's premier undergraduate educational experience.

There is much more for me to learn about Bishop's and all of you will be key to this learning process. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the coming months at alumni gatherings, so you can tell me more about *your* Bishop's, and your aspirations for our outstanding institution. I know I will benefit from your insight.

— Dr. Sébastien Lebel-Grenier

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**\$7,149,969**

*Growth During 2022–2023*

**7.8 %**

*Rate of Return for 2022–2023*

**\$2,746,327**

*Contribution from the Endowment  
to the University in 2022–2023*

\*\*Please note these figures are preliminary.  
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Bob Goldberger '79

#### **CHAIR'S MESSAGE**

**Y**our donations support scholarships and bursaries to deserving students, support our student-athletes, make possible countless experiential learning opportunities and so much more.

All of these enrich the Bishop's experience and help students pursue their passions and meet their full potential. Many of them would not be able to attend Bishop's without the support of alumni and friends like you.

By giving, you are creating the supportive and caring community that defines our university.

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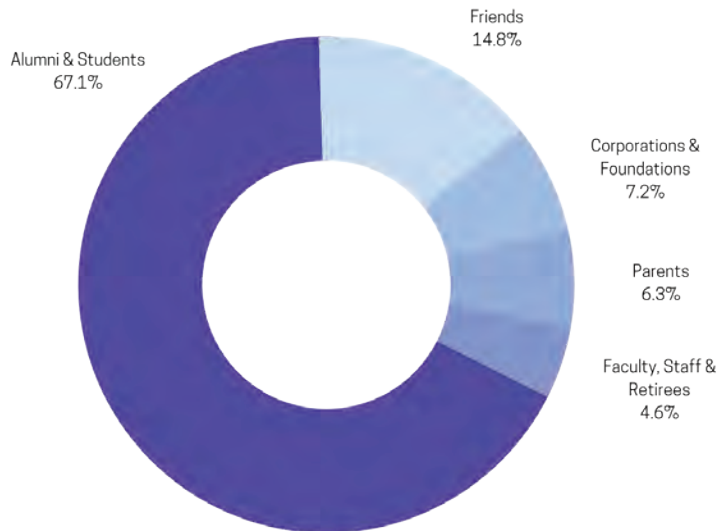
My sincere thanks to each of you for your generosity and your role in perpetuating the value of a Bishop's education.

**—Bob Goldberger '79**  
*Chair, BU Foundation*



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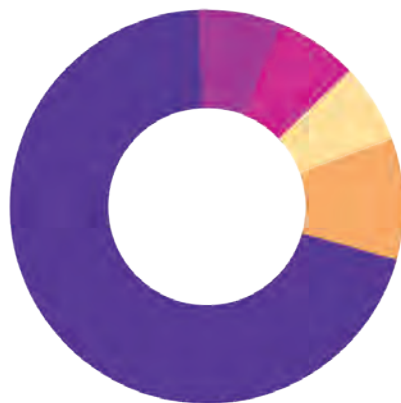
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## USING TECHNOLOGY TO CONNECT WITH STUDENTS

Dr. Linda Morra has been teaching in the English Department at Bishop's since 2007, where she has been nominated for the prestigious *William and Nancy Turner Teaching Award* three times and won the Humanities Best Professor Award several times. Linda enjoys the intimate learning environment at BU. She has often had the privilege of teaching the same students several times over the course of their studies. And a great deal of her sense of gratification comes from being able to contribute to their progress and watching them grow.

During the pandemic, everyone's educational experience changed. Dr. Morra knew she had to find other ways to connect with her students virtually and engage them with the course material. Thus, her award-winning Canadian Literature podcast, *Getting Lit with Linda*, was born. While tackling complex topics and concepts, and encouraging her audience to connect, she found that linking literature's insights to everyday life was most effective, which she did with the use of personal stories and interviews.

In 2022, *Getting Lit with Linda* won in the category of "Outstanding Education Series" for the Canadian Podcast

Awards. When it comes to reading genres outside her comfort zone, she takes notes from the Apple TV series, *Ted Lasso*: "Be curious, not judgmental." She hopes it also encourages her listeners to go beyond their normal reading patterns.

How does she pick what will be featured? Having an outside perspective helps, so chatting with her co-producer, Marco Timpano is essential. They apply the widest lens possible to Canadian and Indigenous literatures, ensuring that many different kinds of voices and stories are represented and heard.

Dr. Morra acknowledges that technology continues to entwine various spheres of our lives, and literature is no exception. The BookTok craze has created a whole online community celebrating literature. "I should take advantage of it, but I haven't yet," she says. "Right now, it inspires a wildfire of opinions, which can be overwhelming. However, it is good in the sense



Dr. Linda Morra

that it brings general opinions to the forefront."

Technological advancement has increased the accessibility of literature. Self-publishing has been on the rise and audio books allow us to absorb books in a unique way. There are numerous reasons why someone may prefer an audio book: reading is time consuming and reading hard copies can be difficult for those with physical disabilities. Some simply prefer to listen to a great voice tell a story.

As an accomplished and award-winning writer, Dr. Morra has some advice for aspiring writers: "Never let age be a deterrent. Crafting and revising are two crucial steps: sometimes it can take 10, 20, 50 drafts before your work is ready. Be open to receiving criticism. Just because a first attempt doesn't work out, doesn't mean something else won't."

Looking for a great Canadian read? Dr. Morra recommends *We Meant Well* by Erum Shazia Hasan, *Pebble & Dove* by Amy Jones, and *This is How We Love* by Lisa Moore.





## GIVING STUDENTS AN EARLY START ON RESEARCH

**D**r. Elisabeth Levac has been teaching in the Department of Environmental Studies and Geography (ESG) at Bishop's since 2005. With climate change at the forefront of many people's minds, ESG has attracted students from all divisions of the University, from business, to education, to the arts.

Dr. Levac helps direct research projects for the Undergraduate Bishop's Earth Research Group (UBERG) that was launched just before COVID by Professor Bruno Courtemanche. UBERG's mission is to get students involved in research early, at the undergraduate level. It is an interdisciplinary project, and many Computer Science students help bring the research to life by creating enabling software programs.

Dr. Levac explains, "It's a chance for students to test their own ideas in a safe environment. Maybe things work out really well, or maybe they fail, but it's okay. Students learn crucial skills about the research process and get hands-on experience. After graduation, whether they go into research, pursue graduate studies, or enter a field unrelated to ESG, there is still value to the experience. Because it teaches them how to work in teams, to plan, take risks and deal with unexpected situations." Currently most students involved do so on a voluntary basis, but the hope is to implement a funded internship program in the future.

One of Dr. Levac's most topical studies has been the monitoring of pollen concentrations in Sherbrooke. Her interest in this area began while she was completing course work in the southern United States and suddenly began experiencing allergies she never had before.

For many people spring brings seasonal allergies with it. According to Dr. Levac, birch and oak trees are two species that have a greater allergy potential during springtime. Going into summer, many people experience allergies to grass or fungal spores. Come late summer, ragweed allergies become very prevalent.

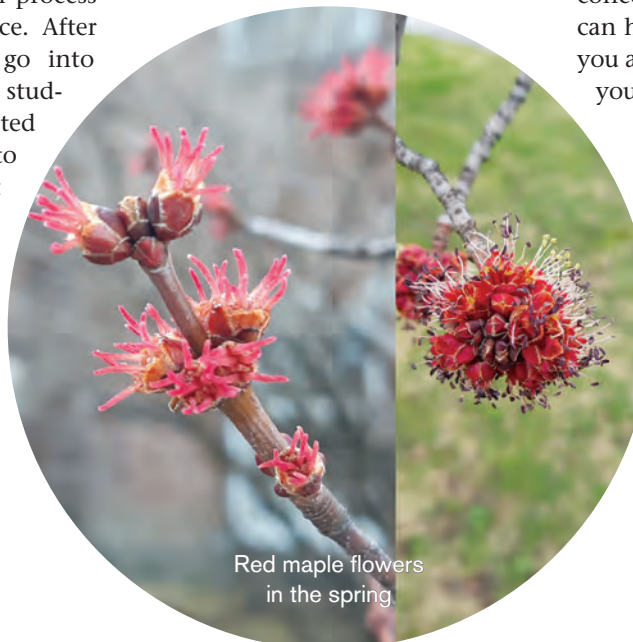
When it comes to managing allergies, a key component is managing exposure. You may enjoy the nice weather, but so do the plants producing pollen. Clear, sunny days are therefore a peak time for pollen production. Conversely, when it rains, you may feel some relief, as the flowers close and any airborne pollen is washed away.



Dr. Elisabeth Levac

Two quick tips Dr. Levac suggests during allergy season: shower immediately after you return inside to clear pollen from you, and don't hang your laundry outside. You can also use a pollen calendar like the one she has created for Sherbrooke ([www.pollenlennoxville.ca](http://www.pollenlennoxville.ca)) to track the concentration of pollen in the air. It can help you determine what species you are allergic to, so you can prepare yourself for peak times.

Dr. Levac's research project is a great example of a personal experience that leads to a specific research project. In that sense, she is demonstrating in real time the purpose and the intention of the program she helps lead.



Red maple flowers  
in the spring

## BISHOP'S WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES



Dr. Joachim Jean-Jules

**D**r. Joachim Jean-Jules has joined the Bishop's community as Director of the Office of Research and Graduate Studies to support our faculty researchers. Dr. Jean-Jules holds a Ph.D. in Business Administration from Université de Sherbrooke, an MBA from Université du Québec à Montréal and is a Certified Project Management Professional.

Prior to Bishop's, Dr. Jean-Jules was Research Director at the Canadian Institute for Entrepreneurship and Management. He has extensive experience in grants management and research administration. He has also contributed to the development of graduate programs, undergraduate and graduate courses, as well as training for practicing executives.

### ODANAK FLAG RAISING

On March 21, 2023, the Bishop's and Champlain communities came together to mark an important step on our journey towards reconciliation: the raising of the Odanak flag in front of the University, which is located on the traditional territory of the Abenaki People.

Richard O'Bomsawin, Chief of the Abenaki Council of Odanak noted, "To see this flag raised, we know everyone will acknowledge from here on out, this is Abenaki territory. This land means a lot to our people, and you have been the caretakers for a long time. We thank you." He also pointed out that flags are not an Indigenous concept, but one imported from

Europe. Raising this flag symbolizes an acknowledgement of the past and a commitment to the ongoing work of reconciliation as we share this beautiful land we call home.

The ceremony was followed by the celebration of *Sigwan* (the spring equinox) in the Quad where the community enjoyed traditional *Sagamité* soup and various maple treats.



Shawna Chatterton-Jerome '21, Coordinator of Indigenous Student Support Services, and Vicky Boldo, Special Advisor for Indigenous Student Support

Photo: Bird Bouchard



Photo: Jessica Carneau



Tyler Casat '23 performing with the BU Singers

## RETURN OF THE BU SINGERS

On March 30, 2023, after a hiatus of three years during the COVID pandemic, the Bishop's choir made its comeback. The community was excited to have the BU Singers take the stage once again, and tickets sold out quickly. The show was led by music

professor **Fannie Gaudette '02** and conducted by Dr. Jamie Crooks. The show included a special performance by former Principal Goldbloom himself who sang *The Impossible Dream / The Quest*, blowing away the audience and earning a standing ovation. To view his performance, visit: [youtu.be/1h2LOZjIOEs?t=6636](https://youtu.be/1h2LOZjIOEs?t=6636)

## DESJARDINS PITCH COMPETITION

Bishop's University hosts several practicums, one of which is in Entrepreneurship. This year, the students' final project was to pitch their companies at the inaugural *Desjardins Pitch Competition*. Dr. Mohammed Kayed oversaw the two-semester course in which he taught, mentored, and cultivated the skills that his students would need to prepare their company pitches. The students benefitted from hands-on learning by performing market research, surveys, and testing.

On April 12, twelve student groups competed head-to-head, presenting their companies in front of Professor Reena Atanasiadis, Dean of the Williams School of Business, and Jérôme Fortier, Account Manager at Desjardins Entreprise Estrie. They followed a structure similar to CBC's *Dragon's Den*, pitching their concept through a PowerPoint presentation and then defending their ideas to the judges in a Q&A session. Impressively, many teams created a

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Jérôme Fortier, Account Manager at Desjardins Entreprise Estrie, **Catrina Valsan '23**, and Reena Atanasiadis, Dean of the Williams School of Business.



Marjorie and Scott Taylor

physical product prototype through 3D printing or had demonstrations of the services they would offer. The winners of the competition received awards to help them pursue their business.

Third place (\$1,000) went to *Connect & Go*, a platform to facilitate affordable carpools geared for concerts, sporting events, and popular venues. Second place (\$2,000) went to *PetMate*, a platform that simplifies the purchase of purebred dogs and helps you find your perfect match. And finally, **Catrina Valsan '23** earned first-place (\$4,000), for *Recycled Foods*, a sustainable solution to food waste, that transforms produce typically thrown out by grocers into a healthy sorbet.

A prize of \$500 for “Best Presenters” went to *Refill Rush*, a

locally-made natural deodorant that reduces plastic waste and can be refilled with different soap scents.

Congratulations to all those who participated and a special thank you to the Desjardins Group for financing this competition!

## COBURN GALLERY OPENING

On April 21, 2023, the University welcomed Scott and Marjorie Taylor to unveil 11 paintings by Frederick Simpson Coburn (1871–1960) that they donated to Bishop's. This is the most significant gift of paintings by a single artist ever contributed to Bishop's. The Coburn collection also includes a painting donated by the Goldbloom family and one donated by the artist in 1942.

Born in the Eastern Townships in Upper Melbourne, located approximately 50 kilometres northwest of Bishop's, Coburn studied art in Montreal, Berlin, and London. His early work featured book illustrations, often portraying French Canadian society. He won the Art Association of Montreal's Jessie Dow prize, exhibited at the Tate Gallery in London and was a member of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts. His work can be found in public collections at the National Gallery of Canada and the Musée des Beaux-Arts de Sherbrooke. Coburn received an honorary degree from Bishop's in 1936.

The paintings are displayed in Tomlinson Hall (McGreer 100).





From left: (front) Camilla Rizzi and Vicky Longchap; (back) Vicky Boldo (Special Advisor for Indigenous Student Support), Drew Henkel, Zachary Mianscum-Spencer, Tahothoratie Cross, Casey Goodleaf, Victoria Tukkiapic, **Shawna Chatterton Jerome '21** (Coordinator of Indigenous Student Support Services), and Annick Corbeil (Manager of International, Indigenous and Intercultural Relations).

## INDIGENOUS STUDENTS TRAVEL TO JAPAN

In May, eight First Nations and Inuit students travelled to Japan with Annick Corbeil of the Bishop's International Office and Vicky Boldo and **Shawna Jerome '21** of the Indigenous Student Support Centre.

The three-week trip was part of the six-credit course "Nation to Nation: Building Intercultural Competencies in Local and International Indigenous Contexts."

In Japan, the students attended seminars and engaged in dialogue with Elders and community members. They also took part in land-based and community activities and offered workshops to share their own cultures.

The project, titled "Communicating Across Cultures: Building Intercultural Competencies and Lasting Partnerships in Japan," was developed in partnership with Hokkaido University's Center for Ainu and Indigenous Studies, the National Ainu Museum, and Ainu communities

in Nibutani and Shiraoi. Funding in support of the project was provided by the federal government's Global Skills Opportunity program fund.

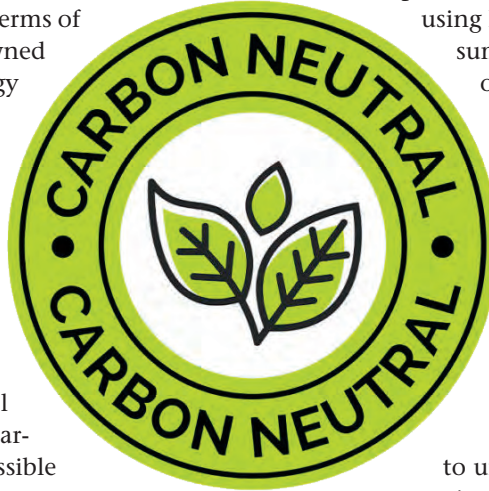
Annick Corbeil, Bishop's Manager of International, Indigenous and Intercultural Relations commented: "In applying for this funding, our greatest hope was that the relationships developed would be reciprocal and long-lasting. This is happening sooner than expected: in July, we learned that a group of Ainu from the community we visited will be coming to visit Bishop's in October!"



## BISHOP'S ACHIEVES CARBON NEUTRALITY AHEAD OF 2030 TARGET

On April 20, 2023, Bishop's announced it has achieved carbon neutrality in terms of greenhouse gas emissions, from owned and controlled sources and energy purchases. In achieving this milestone, the University has reached its original goal seven years ahead of schedule.

"This accomplishment reflects the University's commitment to environmental sustainability and its dedication to reducing its environmental footprint," indicated former Principal Michael Goldbloom. "The achievement of carbon neutrality has been made possible through a variety of initiatives, most notably the implementation of the campus geothermal



loop. This system has enabled Bishop's to cease using heating oil, drastically reduce the consumption of natural gas, and rely more on hydroelectricity for heating its buildings."

Over the years, Bishop's has undertaken numerous sustainability initiatives. This includes students voting to ban single-use plastic water bottles on its campus in 2010, planting 10,500 trees on campus in 2021, and developing the Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems program.

Looking to the future, Bishop's plans to undertake initiatives that favour public transit, and to continue to phase out natural gas heating in favour of electric heating.

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# TOP 10 AFTER 10

## A CLASS OF THEIR OWN



From left: (front) Dorcas Ettang '05, Loretta Robinson '07, Cat MacKeigan '05, Katie Price '07, and Jocelyn Molyneux '08; (back) Omar Allam '03, Daniel Wallace '02, David Pawluczuk '09, Stuart Mercier '04, and Dan Klinck '07

*Bishop's graduates are leaders in business, education, the arts, science, community and volunteer service...really, in every walk of life. Through our **Top 10 After 10** program, we honour them and share their success stories with current students and fellow alumni.*

*On March 24, 2023 we celebrated the latest cohort over lunch at The Gait. Inductees – graduates of the classes of 2002 to 2012 – travelled from around the world for the ceremony.*

*Meet the Class of 2023.*

### OMAR ALLAM '03

Omar graduated from Bishop's with a B.A. in Environmental Studies and Geography and a minor in Business. He also holds an Executive Certificate in International Negotiations and Mediation from Carleton University. Throughout his career, Omar has been an international trade and policy advisor, working as a senior Canadian trade diplomat and a senior advisor with the World Bank. He recently served as Managing Director, Founder, and Leader of Deloitte's Global Trade and Investment Practice. Prior to that, he was CEO of Allam Advisory Group, a consulting firm he founded. Omar appears regularly on *Bloomberg* and has been published in publications such as *Forbes* and *The New York Times*. He is an avid

traveler and enjoys skiing and playing tennis with his wife and their two daughters.



Omar Allam



## DR. DORCAS ETTANG '05

Dorcas graduated from Bishop's with a B.A. in Political Science (Honours) and minors in French and Public Administration/Public Policy. She went on to earn a Master of Arts in Political Studies from the University of Windsor. In 2015, she received her Ph.D. in Conflict Transformation and Peace Studies from the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa, where she is now a Senior Lecturer and the Coordinator of that program. As both a talented professor and researcher she was awarded a rating and incentive funding of ZAR50,000 by the South African National Research Foundation. Dorcas is recognized internationally as an expert in peace building and conflict management. She enjoys singing and has released an album in her native country of Nigeria. Dorcas and her husband, Enwongo have two children, Jeremiah and Elizabeth, as well as a Jack Russell Terrier, Jett.



Dr. Dorcas Ettang



Daniel Klinck

## DANIEL KLINCK '07

Dan graduated from Bishop's with a B.B.A. (Finance and Economics) and went on to work in China in private equity. For over ten years, he has been based in Rwanda where he has led several energy projects and companies. As the Founder & CEO of East African Power, his goal is to provide universal access to clean, reliable and affordable energy in Africa by 2030. In 2015, he founded Empowering Villages, a non-profit movement dedicated to driving power's transformational effect. With power, children can pursue their education, and people have better access to medical care, greatly increasing employment opportunities. In 2021-2022, Dan took part in Stanford University's Seed Transformation Program for leaders in emerging economies focused on growing their businesses and increasing the positive impact they have in their communities. Dan enjoys mountaineering and is training to climb the Seven Summits.

## DR. CAT MACKEIGAN '05

Dr. Cat MacKeigan graduated from Bishop's with a B.A. in Drama (Honours) and a minor in Women's Studies. They then earned a Master of Public Administration and an Interdisciplinary Doctor of Philosophy, both from Dalhousie University. Cat has held leadership roles in performing arts and public sector organizations in Atlantic Canada and Ontario and is an accomplished arts management and cultural policy expert. Cat has inspired, coached and led young leaders while teaching at Bishop's, Acadia University, Dalhousie University, and most recently as the first core faculty for the graduate Non-Profit Leadership program in the School of Business and Creative Industries at Nova Scotia Community College. Cat is an avid dog lover who enjoys spending their free time hiking and participating in canine agility sports.



Dr. Cat MacKeigan



Stuart Mercier

### STUART MERCIER '04

Stuart graduated from Bishop's with a B.A. in Political Studies. He and his wife, Jen '02, went on to pursue their MBAs at the University of Hong Kong and London Business School. Today, Stuart is a Managing Partner at Brookfield Asset Management, the Head of Asian Real Estate and the Country Head for China. He oversees a \$15 billion portfolio in China, Korea and Japan and a team of more than 300. In 2022, Stuart was a Finalist for ESG Leader of the Year in the ESG China Awards, leading the development of Brookfield's first certified "net zero" office. Stuart is an active Board member of the Canada China Business Council. He and Jen live in Shanghai with their children (future Gaiters) Charlotte and Thomas and are passionate volunteers for the BU Asian Cabinet.

### JOCELYN MOLYNEUX '08

Jocelyn graduated from Bishop's with a B.Sc. (Neuroscience) and a B.B.A. (Management). She served as the President of the Students' Representative Council and was recognized for her contributions to the community and student life, receiving the Golden Mitre and Ferguson Cup. She then went on to complete her M.Sc. in Environmental Science and Management from Ryerson University. During her studies, Jocelyn researched and developed best practices for waste reduction and household recycling within Ontario. She has championed sustainability within several organizations in Toronto, helping design and implement cost-effective zero waste solutions. Jocelyn's company, Wastenot Farms, creates natural soil products from everyday waste. The unique process regenerates soil using earthworms to transform organic waste from local businesses into microbe-rich biofertilizer, an alternative to synthetic fertilizer.



Jocelyn Molyneux



David Pawluczuk

### DAVID PAWLUCZUK '09 / '10

David first graduated from Bishop's in 2009 with a B.Sc. in both Physics (Honours) and Mathematics. In 2010, he obtained a third B.Sc. in Computer Science, and later an M.Sc. (Theoretical Astrophysics) where he collaborated with top researchers at the Canadian Space Agency, MIT, and NASA. Now in the tech industry at Salesforce, David works closely with CEOs and other executives across the banking, insurance, and wealth sectors to drive digital transformation and customer success. His clients include Berkshire Hathaway, GEICO, Manulife, John Hancock, CIBC, TD, and MetLife. In 2021, David received the Most Valuable Deal Team award, after closing the largest deal in Salesforce's history at that time. David lives in Oakville with his wife, Marija, and two sons, Jaxen and Gabriel. He loves family adventures, time at the lake house, golf, and music. David is also a valued JUMP mentor.



## KATIE PRICE '07

Katie graduated from Bishop's with a B.A. in Biology and a minor in English. In 2014, she received her B.Sc. Nursing (Honours) from Laurentian University, while working as a Health Care Aide on the Dementia Unit of a long-term care home. After graduation, Katie worked in the Emergency Department of the Cornwall Community Hospital. During the pandemic, Katie was Charge Nurse at the Bonnyville (Alberta) Healthcare Centre, leading a team that served 11,000 inhabitants. She is currently pursuing a Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) at Athabasca University and works as a Registered Nurse for the Centre de Santé de la Vallée Massawippi. Katie is continually involved in her community, whether it be volunteering to coach tennis, or raising money or collecting items for breast cancer and domestic abuse survivors.



Katie Price



Loretta Robinson

## LORETTA ROBINSON '07 / '17

Loretta is a triple graduate of Bishop's, who along with a B.A. and B.Ed., completed her M.Ed. in Indigenous language policy and practice in 2017. Since then, she has dedicated her time to working with her community, Naskapi Nation, and other communities across Quebec, as an Education Consultant. In 2022, Loretta received the Lieutenant Governor of Quebec's First Peoples Medal for her exceptional educational leadership and for her advocacy for Indigenous education and language. While serving as the Educational Project Coordinator for the First Nation's Education Council, she spearheaded the Competency 15 project. Today, most Quebec universities have adopted this framework to effectively integrate Indigenous knowledge, culture, history and contemporary contributions into their curriculum. Loretta unfailingly commits to speaking to multiple Education classes at Bishop's and supervises students during their practicums.

## DANIEL WALLACE '02

Daniel graduated from Bishop's with a B.A. in Political Studies (Honours). He continued his studies at Dalhousie University, receiving his Bachelor of Laws in 2005. Since graduation, he has practiced law at McInnes Cooper where he is now a Partner. A strong advocate for veterans, he has represented them in some of the largest class actions in Canada, leading to transformations in veterans' benefit programs. Daniel is also pro bono counsel for the Halifax Refugee Clinic and has taught at Dalhousie's Schulich School of Law. In 2022, he became President of the Canadian Bar Association – Nova Scotia branch. In 2020, Daniel was a recipient of one of Lexpert magazine's Rising Star Awards that honour leading lawyers under 40. In his personal time, Daniel coaches a girls' minor basketball team.

To read the full biographies of the 2023 **Top 10 After 10**: [www.ubishops.ca/alumni-relations-and-philanthropy-office/alumni-achievement-awards/top-10-after-10/](http://www.ubishops.ca/alumni-relations-and-philanthropy-office/alumni-achievement-awards/top-10-after-10/)



Daniel Wallace



## MAKING THE BEST OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Bishop's University offers students over 70 extracurricular activities and clubs to join, which helps foster a sense of community on campus. One such club is the BU Outdoors Club, that allows students to participate in various outdoor activities in the Townships and beyond.

Founded in 2016, the Club prides itself on its inclusive and easy-going attitude and environment. As it states on its Facebook page, "To join, all you have to do is show up!" Participants engage in a variety of activities from short nature walks to canoeing. The Club has events for any level of nature-lover.

In 2022-2023, it organized two overnight lodge trips. One was across the border in Moosilauke, New Hampshire and the other in Mont-Mégantic. One of the Club's co-leaders, **Annabelle Nadeau-Germann**, talks with excitement about planning these: "Overnight trips are *a lot* more work to organize but are so valuable to introducing people to the back country. Both trips filled up within the first hour!"

In addition to these outings, the Club went to the beautiful Coaticook Gorge for its annual climbing trip. This allowed new club members to try out the sport.

The BU Outdoors Club also holds many day hikes along with forest cookouts and other social events for those who prefer a more laid-back outdoor excursion. And when the opportunity arises, it collaborates with other clubs such as the BU Snow Club and the BU Figure



Skating Club, creating events perfect for those who love winter sports.

The club has big plans for the future. It has recruited an executive team of 18 to handle the Club's momentum. It hopes to organize a wider variety of large-scale events in the coming year such as more overnight trips and is hoping to obtain funding for more equipment to use for its activities.

Annabelle leaves those wishing to get involved with this comment: "We always have and always will continue to function more as a service to the student body than a club. We view all Bishop's students as members, and anyone can sign up for any trip at any time! Everything our club does is with the goal of making outdoor activities more accessible and promoting the values of conservation and reconciliation."

It should come as no surprise that the BU Outdoors Club is one of the most appealing during sign-up on Club Day!



## INAUGURATION OF THE MUNZAR SPORTS MEDICINE CLINIC

**D**r. Michael Munzar '75 has championed Bishop's Athletics since he was a student at Bishop's, where he graduated with an Honours B.Sc. in Organic Chemistry. During his time as a BU student, he played on the football team and was Team Captain in his last year. He was also President of the Student Executive Council and Associate Director of Residence. When he graduated, Michael received a Golden Mitre Award and the Howard Ferguson Cup, in recognition of his contributions to the University. He was later inducted into the Athletic Wall of Distinction, as a valued member of the 1971 Football Team.

Following Bishop's, Michael received his medical degree from McGill. He went on to create a home and a business in Montreal, practicing Family Medicine at Statcare GMF-R, the clinic he founded, and where he is currently the Medical Director.

Michael also boasts several years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry, most recently as Chair of the Board of HEXO Corporation. Over the course of his career, he has conducted several clinical trials and published numerous peer-reviewed articles.

Michael's brothers Peter '67, Paul '70 and David '80 also graduated from BU. Passionate about giving back, they created the *Zdenek Munzar Memorial Award Fund*, in honour of their late father. This provides financial support to a deserving football or basketball player every year.

A donor to Bishop's for almost 40 years now, Michael made a significant commitment to Athletics late last year. This will support the Munzar Awards, as well as an internship in the Sports Medicine Clinic at the Sports Centre, which will enable a student to gain valuable experience in athletic therapy.

As a token of the University's gratitude, the Clinic was renamed in Michael's honour on May 13, 2023. As a true testament to his impact on others, more than 70 friends and family members gathered from far and wide to celebrate the occasion.

The clinic treats student-athletes from the 10 varsity teams and provides services such as physiotherapy, massage therapy and osteopathy to the community. Katrina Lambert is Head Athletic Therapist and Manager of Sports Medicine clinic that includes a staff of seven professionals.



Dr. Jonathan Munzar, Brendan Munzar, Dr. Danielle Munzar, Dr. Michael Munzar '75, and Matthew Munzar

The Clinic represents a dramatic improvement over the 1970s, Michael recalls. "In the third game of the season in 1974, I suffered a torn hamstring. Because there wasn't a clinic like there is today, I had to get up at 7:00 am on game day, borrow a car and drive myself to the Sherbrooke Hospital to meet our team doctor, Dr. Ross in the emergency room, where I subsequently underwent a 30-minute taping session that only he knew how to apply. I then hobbled back to Bishop's in time to play the game, heavily bandaged and taped. A lot has changed in 49 years, and I am proud and thrilled to be part of this change."

As to what has prompted Michael's support of Bishop's, he explained: "Besides providing me with an exceptional academic and athletic education, Bishop's gave me the tools to explore so many aspects of student life, which provided the foundation for my future success and for which I will be forever grateful."

Thank you, Munz!



## FORSYTHE WITH THE ASSIST

**C**hris Forsythe '99 started making annual donations to Gaiter Athletics shortly after he graduated and encouraged friends and family to contribute as well. When Chris sold his business in 2008, he and his brother **Jamie '96** created the *Forsythe Award*.

The genesis of the award goes back to 2007. Chris' father, Brian Forsythe, had started coaching with the men's basketball program, and it was clear Athletic Financial Awards were sparse. Several of the players were holding down part-time jobs to help finance their education.

As a former Gaiter assistant coach with the 1998 National championship team, Chris understood that the demands placed on a student-athlete are challenging enough without having to work during the school year. This inspired him to create the *Forsythe Award* that helps support one men's basketball player each year.

Chris takes great pride in offering the support and creating an opportunity for others to contribute. He is also very appreciative of his friends, family and current employer, TFI International, who all make it possible for the Award's endowment to grow and contribute even more to the success and positive experience



Chris Forsythe '99

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of our Gaiter student-athletes.

"Bishop's University has been enormously important to any success I have had in my life. The opportunity to help a student-athlete be successful and have a great experience at your alma mater is very rewarding," Forsythe says. "In addition to watching *Forsythe Award* recipients compete, there have also been special connections and lifelong relationships built with Gaiters such as **Jason Thorne '08**, **Tim Hunter '12**, **Scott Ring '14**, former student Nervens Demosthene, and the 2022-23 recipient **Tiernan MacDougall**.

### How you can help our student-athletes

"Our Athletic Financial Awards support over 100 student-athletes. This is a critical piece to our success in attracting the best possible recruits and remaining competitive," notes **Matt McBrine '96**, Director of Athletics and Recreation.

If you are interested in setting up your own award and impacting Gaiter Athletics, reach out to Associate Vice-Principal of Alumni Relations & Philanthropy **Jacque Scott '90** at 819-822-9660 or [jscott@ubishops.ca](mailto:jscott@ubishops.ca).

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## HODDER HALL



**JANYNE  
HODDER**



Janyne Hodder, DCL '07 (Principal from 1995–2004),  
Michael Goldbloom, C.M. (Principal from 2008–2023),  
and Dr. Hugh Scott, DCL '99 (Principal from 1986–1995).



## A NEW HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Located across from Dewhurst Dining Hall, Bishop's newest campus housing welcomed students for the first time in January 2023. The building has the capacity to accommodate more than 90 students in 44 double and five single suites, known as a premium bog. Students have their own private room in a suite, and there are two bathrooms, one with a toilet and one with a shower. There is also a small, shared entryway. Natural light pours through the communal areas and signature red bricks provide privacy.

Other features include an assembly hall, a full kitchen, a laundry room, study rooms, and a storage room for sports equipment and bikes. Spaces were carefully curated with input from students.

Also available is a media room where students can play video games, watch movies, and listen to music. Adjacent to the media room is a games room. There is a pool room as well, enabling students to enjoy a classic activity enjoyed by many generations of students before them. For those looking to relax, there is a yoga room, a lounge room with suspended Zen chairs, and a lovely outdoor seating area.

The rooms and hallways where students are living are restricted to them and their invited guests. However, residents of other buildings have access to these shared spaces, further building connections across campus and creating that unique sense of community within the Bishop's residence experience.

"Our hope is that these spaces allow students to connect, make memories and build lifelong friendships," said Deborah Langford, Director of Ancillary Services.

Bishop's most accessible building on campus, it is fully equipped with an elevator, key card system, and front-loading washers and dryers. All room numbers are identified in Braille. It also has two fully accessible rooms that provide students with reduced mobility and students who use wheelchairs with more space. The rooms were designed to be adaptable. As such, they feature roll-in showers and adjustable sinks. **David Pascal '63** made a generous donation, specifically to make these rooms possible, thereby enhancing the lives of physically disABLED students for years to come. David attended a special ceremony organized for the university community to inaugurate the facility on February 20, 2023.



David Pascal '63

On April 15, 2023, Bishop's welcomed former **Principal Janyne Hodder, DCL '07** back to campus and announced that the new residence would be named after her. This honours both her leadership of Bishop's University and her contributions to higher education overall. Janyne Hodder was the first woman to be appointed head of a university in Quebec. She was Principal of Bishop's from 1995 to 2004 and led the University through a period of commotion and calm, and conflict and consensus. Through her focus on student recruitment and retention, she helped it grow while strengthening its commitment to liberal education.

It is notable that the design of Hodder Hall, which followed the renovations of Abbott, Kuehner and Munster Halls, took Bishop's University's environmental sustainability goals into consideration, being connected to the university's geothermal heating system.





## THE KUEHNER 437 SCHOLARSHIP: A LEGACY OF BISHOP'S FRIENDSHIP

**B**ack in the 90s, Geoff Macdonald '92, Mark McElheran '92, Raffi Sossoyan '92, Gregory Wilson '92, Darryl Braunmiller '93, Keith McElroy '93, Richard Stacey '93, Chris Fudge '94, Chris Gokiart '94, Stephan Hollander '94, Jonathan Kelcher '94, Jeremy Moore '94, Derek Tucker '94, Dave Jannard '95, Ray Murphy '96 and William Zimmer '96 started their lifelong friendship in Kuehner Hall. These were the days of no internet, no locks on rooms and huddling to watch *Hockey Night in Canada* in the basement common room. Thirty years later, they regularly stay in touch and are among our most dedicated groups to return for Homecoming every year.

In 2013, Geoff was inspired to give back to BU in a meaningful way. Bishop's was struggling to improve enrollment numbers at the time, with one of the reasons being the rising cost of a university education. The group got together, with each contributing what they could, to create and endow the *Kuehner 437 Scholarship*. Its unique name comes from Darryl's (Brauny's) room, K-437, which was their gathering place.

Over the past 10 years, the value of the endowment has more than doubled, and now they love to dream up big plans for how their philanthropy can come to life at Bishop's. Whether it be awarding several scholarships, increasing the scholarship amount, or getting creative to deck out a special Kuehner room, they enjoy giving back.

The Kuehner legacy has continued with Chris, Jeremy and Raffi's children (Orion, Charli and Selena respectively) who all attend Bishop's currently and lived in Kuehner, in their first year.

### For the love of Bishop's

What makes the BU residence experience so special are the bonds that are created and the ability to meet people from all around the world. Even for the shy at heart, it's easy to make friends.

"The scholarship is something special that connects all of us and connects us to BU," Jeremy notes. "When recipients send us thank-you letters, it fills us with a sense of pride to see the impact we have made."

Although many things have changed at Bishop's, many things remain the same. "You still feel the same welcoming community and, while there is a strong collective spirit, everyone is encouraged to embrace their individualism," Chris points out. "Students don't just attend class; they make the most out of every aspect of university. Being able to give someone that experience is a privilege."

The K-437s are issuing a challenge to other alumni friend groups: "If you feel that Bishop's was a big part of your life or helped you become who you are today, then *pay it forward!* You are helping build the next generation of Gaiters and ensuring the University continues to grow. It feels *good* to give, so *why not give back?*"



Derek Tucker '94,  
Raffi Sossoyan '92,  
Darryl Braunmiller '93,  
Jeremy Moore '94,  
Stephan Hollander '94, and  
Geoff MacDonald '92

## 2023 CONVOCATION MEMORIES

Convocation weekend in early June started with Bishop's first ever Indigenous Students Graduation Ceremony, held at the Principal's house. **Katsi'tsaié:ri Paul** received a special purple stole designed by Indigenous students and a sweet-grass braid.



Special Advisor for Indigenous Student Support, Vicky Boldo, **Katsi'tsaié:ri Paul '23**, Former Principal Michael Goldbloom, and Coordinator of Indigenous Student Support Services, **Shawna Chatterton Jerome '21**.

### Alumna and Young Alumnus of the Year

We were excited to recognize Alumna of the Year, **Jane Brydges '95** and Young Alumnus of the Year, **Tyler "TJ" Smith '19**.

Jane Brydges graduated with a B.A. in Political Science. Additionally, she holds an M.Sc. and Master in City Planning from M.I.T. No matter how busy life can get, Jane always finds time to help the BU community in any way she can. For the past seven years, she has been a mentor to several individuals through JUMP's Ottawa chapter. She also shares her wisdom with other students as a speaker at events, such as *Beyond the Bubble*. Jane has lent her expertise to Bishop's as a member of the Board of Governors and now as a Director of the Bishop's Foundation. She also helped further our university as a volunteer during the *Leading the Way* capital campaign.

TJ Smith graduated in 2019 as a class valedictorian, receiving a B.B.A. in Accounting. Since then, he has successfully

completed his Master in Accounting and obtained both his CPA and CISA designations. During his time at Bishop's, he was the Bishop's University Commerce Society President and a SEED Portfolio Manager. TJ deeply valued the experiential learning opportunities provided to him while attending Bishop's and, consequently, he has been dedicated to creating similar opportunities for others in the BU community. He has coached case competition teams to victory, spoken at networking events, and been a mentor to students and young graduates. Over the past year, TJ has been a professor in the Accounting Department, introducing real-world material to help students build crucial skills for post-graduation.



**TJ Smith '19** and Bishop's Alumni Association President **Alex Cook '13**

### Class Valedictorians

The two Valedictorians selected to represent the class of 2023 were **Genny Leclair, B.Ed.** and **Natalia Muñoz Gómez, B.Sc. (Neuroscience)**. Their heartfelt speeches spoke to the importance of the BU community and friendships built there and preserving these bonds, no matter where life takes you.



**Genny Leclair '23**



**Natalia Muñoz Gómez '23**



## Honorary Degree Recipients

Over the weekend, honorary doctorates were conferred upon the following distinguished individuals:

**Margot Heyerhoff,**

Environmentalist and artist

**Patrick Pichette, C.Q.,**

Business executive and Environmentalist

**Graham Fraser, O.C.,**

Former journalist and former

Commissioner of Official Languages of Canada

**The Honourable Michelle O'Bonsawin,**

Supreme Court of Canada Justice



From left: (front) The Hon. Michelle O'Bonsawin and Margot Heyerhoff; (back) Patrick Pichette, C.Q. and Graham Fraser, O.C.

## William and Nancy Turner Teaching Award

The William and Nancy Turner Teaching Award is Bishop's highest teaching honour. It is presented to the professor who has made an outstanding contribution to Bishop's both inside and outside the classroom. This year, that professor was Dr. Patrick McBrine of the English Department.

**Caitlyn Garrish '23** praised his commitment and dedication to his students. She noted that during her three years of experience as a student of Dr. McBrine, he went above and beyond to help students with their course content. "During the pandemic, his extremely elaborate and entertaining PowerPoints every week, immersive and beneficial activities, as well as his easily accessible support allowed me to converse virtually with my peers and respond to any questions or concerns I had." She added that upon meeting him at an Open House, prior to attending Bishop's, she was inspired to study in our English Literature Program when he told her, "It is always better to fail at something you love, rather than be mediocre at something you hate."



Former Principal Michael Goldbloom, Dr. Patrick McBrine, Director of Athletics and Recreation **Matt McBrine '96**, and Chancellor Daniel Fournier

## Distinguished Professor Emeritus

**Professor Bill Robson** was awarded *Distinguished Professor Emeritus* designation for his 40 years of service to Bishop's University. His contribution cannot be properly acknowledged though without also mentioning his wife, **Professor Lissa McRae**. Both are known to be among the most transformational teachers in the Williams School



Prof. Lissa McRae, Bishop's Alumni Association President **Alex Cook '13**, Prof. Bill Robson

of Business. They have given their time, knowledge and support to an estimated 8,000 students over the course of their careers. As business case competition coaches, they have provided students with the opportunity to gain valuable “real world” experience in consulting, while taking home numerous awards for Bishop's. Bill revived the Rugby Program in 1983, and he and Lissa still support it to this day. As **Professor Mark Gandey '89** remarked during his introduction, “Bill and Lissa have not only been great professors, but mentors and friends.”

### What Does the Future Hold?

Physics graduate **Jaeden Bardati '23** was accepted into a fully-funded physics Ph.D. program at the California Institute of Technology (CalTech). Jaeden has been working under the supervision of Dr. John Ruan, Canada Research Chair in Multi-Messenger Astrophysics at Bishop's. He chose CalTech because of its strong research program in gravitational waves and theoretical astrophysics. Jaeden's research aims to help astronomers locate black hole mergers after obtaining a gravitational wave

signal from future low-frequency detectors such as the space-based ESA mission: Laser Interferometer Space Antenna (LISA).

Another BU Physics graduate, **George Dufresne '23** will be attending Dartmouth College, pursuing a Ph.D. in Physics and Astronomy. He credits Dr. Lorne Nelson's introductory course for sparking his passion to pursue an education in physics. He is currently interned at NASA in the summer, working on a project that investigates the turbulent dynamics of the sun and stars.

**Liam O'Toole '23**, who completed an Honours degree in International Political Economy, and is one of the co-founders of *Bishop's Undergraduate Research Journal* received a finalist award for McGill University's McCall MacBain Scholarship. Liam has been awarded \$20,000 to pursue a Master in Political Science at McGill. He was also named one of 2023's ten recipients of the 3M National Student Fellowship, in recognition of his exceptional leadership and commitment to academic excellence.

**Mika Rohac-Grenier '23** will be attending Harvard University in the Fall. Mika helped Bishop's take home several podium wins at national business case competitions. She was also actively involved in the Dobson-Lagassé Centre and the Maple League's “The Path” Program. This year, she participated in Odgers Berndtson's CEOx1Day Program, where she had the chance to shadow Franca Gucciardi, CEO of the McCall MacBain Foundation.

This is just a small sampling of the great futures that lie ahead for Bishop's students. We congratulate them all on their achievements to date and wish them well in the future, knowing they will rise to great heights and continue to make their alma mater proud.



**Jaeden Bardati '23**



**George Dufresne '23**



**Liam O'Toole '23**



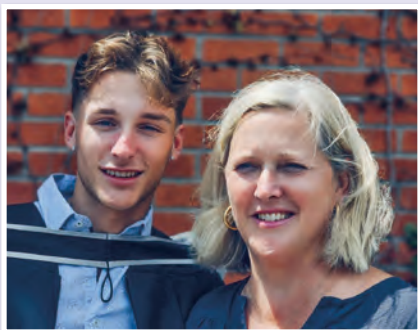
**Mika Rohac-Grenier '23**



## GENERATIONS UNITE AS BISHOP'S GRADUATES



Axel Mathieu '96, Tayna Bardati '95,  
Sonya Bardati '77 / '84, Jennifer  
Downing '09 / '17, Jaeden Bardati '23,  
Roberto Bardati '77, Dr. Darren Bardati '94,  
Kaleb Mathieu '20, Amy Godin '18 / '19



Jack McKague '23,  
Kate Boddington '94



Dan Forfellow '95, Joey Forfellow '23,  
Danielle Piercy '93



Kevin Frost '83,  
Anja Lettner-Frost '23



Shelby Gosselin Chute '23,  
Diane Gosselin '89



Elizabeth (Valleau) Hardinge '92,  
Hugo '23, Oliver, Max Hardinge '92



Paige LaPierre '19, Georgia LaPierre '23,  
Cary Lawrence '86



Keidi McKenna '23, Quinsea McKenna '21,  
Kelly (Cosgrove) McKenna '92



Midge Putnam '69, Samantha Lane '23,  
Terry Dune '68



Gina Hartley '96, Kira Ramroop '23,  
Kevin Ramroop '96



Carol Bordo '90, Samantha Restall '23,  
Simon Restall, '90



David Stewart '90, Finlay Stewart, '23,  
Valerie Buchanan '91



# CHAPTER GATHERINGS





## GOODBYE... FOR NOW

**I**t is bittersweet to write this last message after 15 years as Principal. When I stepped down as Publisher of *The Gazette* in the Fall of 2001, I thought that I would never again have a role that was as meaningful.

I assumed that something interesting would come along, but I didn't think that there would ever be a position that I would care about as much.

I did go on to work at the *Toronto Star* and at McGill and felt fortunate to do so. And when I came to Bishop's in 2008, I was excited by the opportunity.

But I did not anticipate that I was embarking on the role that would have the greatest impact on me.

I will also admit that when I first arrived, I thought some of you were – I'll put this diplomatically – a little extreme in your devotion to Bishop's.

But I came to share that devotion.

And it has been the privilege of my life to serve this University.

One of the things that I loved about being a newspaper publisher was that every day I would meet with the Editor and we would discuss our

coverage for the next day. Sadly, as my fifteen years at Bishop's come to an end, I must acknowledge that not a single professor ever asked for my advice about what to teach in class the next day.

But unlike the newspaper, where I had limited interaction with our readers, I've had the opportunity to interact with students every day.

As time passed, I realized that my capacity to have impact on the world would be primarily through the education that we provide to our students.

Fiona and I were very moved when several students from our time at Bishop's came back to campus from across the country for a celebration in our honour.

The success of a university is built on a common vision, shared values and countless contributions, big and small, by so many people.

I think that may be more the case at Bishop's than at many other universities.

When you are small, you can get yourself in trouble quickly – which we did in 2006.

But when you are small and unified, you can also recover rapidly and make great progress.

The University is in a good place now because of the dedication of an exceptional community of faculty, staff, governors, students and alumni.

My closing thought to our graduates is that Bishop's needs and merits your continued care and support.

In Sébastien Lebel-Grenier, Bishop's has chosen a Principal who will guide the University from strength to strength.

Fiona and I wish to express our profound gratitude for the support, guidance and friendship we have received.

And like you, we will stand ready to lend a hand whenever we are asked to do so.

It will be exciting to watch as the next chapter of the "Miracle on the Massawippi" unfolds.

Thank you and *au revoir*.

—Michael and Fiona



# THANK YOU, MICHAEL AND FIONA!

*As Chairs of the Board of Governors over the course of Michael Goldbloom's tenure, **Robert "Squee" Gordon '60, O.C., and Bob Hall '79**, are well positioned to reflect on his 15 years of service to Bishop's and his impact on our beloved university. They shared their thoughts on Michael's contributions below.*

**T**he University was in a fragile state when Michael became the Principal in 2008. We were facing not only a financial crisis but also a crisis of confidence.

Fifteen years later, Bishop's is flourishing.

How did a soft spoken, modest man help engineer this extraordinary revival? The answer to that question has many dimensions, but the most important one is trust.

The Bishop's community quickly came to understand that Michael had a deep commitment to our liberal education model. He genuinely cared about our students and he had a profound respect for, and confidence in, our faculty and staff.

We saw that he was ambitious for Bishop's but not for himself. And that was the foundation for our trust in his leadership.

Here are just some of the ways that the University has been transformed:

1. Enrolment, which had declined to a perilous level, has grown by almost 50%.
2. Bishop's governance system was overhauled, taking it from an unwieldy and unbalanced structure that was an impediment to healthy policy and decision-making, to one that provides a revitalized platform for getting things done.
3. Government funding that had been inequitable for Bishop's was increased considerably, allowing us to run six consecutive years of balanced budgets and to reduce our accumulated deficit. Bishop's relationship with the Quebec Government is once again mutually respectful and strong.
4. Our decrepit infrastructure has been revitalized. The list is long: the renovated and expanded Sports Centre, the spectacularly renovated Library Learning Commons, upgraded classrooms and science laboratories, a new greenhouse, the rejuvenated "New Side" residences and the new Janyne Hodder Hall, the renovated student centre, the creation of Griffin Alumni House, an educational farm and the new cross-country ski trails. And more.



5. A campus master plan has reduced the presence of cars in the heart of the campus and enhanced the pedestrian experience.
6. New academic programs in Musical Theatre and in Sustainable Agriculture have been implemented.
7. An enhanced emphasis on academic research has led to the appointment of a record five Canada Research Chairs and significantly increased external research funding.



8. The *Leading the Way* capital campaign exceeded its ambitious objectives and secured \$44 million in donations to the University.
9. A commitment to sustainability, which began with a leading-edge investment in a geothermal energy system, resulted in the University achieving carbon neutrality this Spring, seven years ahead of schedule.
10. A commitment to gender equality in sports including the launching of a women's varsity hockey team and a cheer team.

It would be appropriate to describe Michael as an institutional entrepreneur. He was determined to enhance Bishop's reputation and to give our students the confidence and tools to succeed beyond the "Bishop's Bubble".

He was the primary leader in the creation of the Maple League, the consortium of Acadia, Bishop's, Mount Allison and St. Francis Xavier universities, that has promoted our model of undergraduate education and has allowed us to accomplish together what we could not have done on our own.

Michael's vision led to the establishment of the *Top 10 After 10* Program that has honoured and brought back to campus accomplished Bishop's graduates whom our students can relate to and learn from.

He created the Bishop's Exceptional Student Talent (B.E.S.T.) program which enables students to undertake projects of their choosing to help them determine what they would like to do after graduation and to give them the experience and credentials to pursue their dreams.

He guided the creation of the Chancellor's Excellence Scholarships, which award \$10,000 every year to several entering students of high character and academic achievement. It is therefore especially fitting that anonymous donors to the fund requested renaming the awards the "Michael Goldbloom Excellence Scholarships," in his honour.

Through the Donald Lecture Series and the granting of Honorary Degrees he has consistently brought people of national and international renown to our campus. To name a few: Madame Justice Rosalie Abella, former Grand

Chief of the Cree of Northern Quebec Abel Bosum, UN Ambassador Bob Rae, Reverend Jesse Jackson, astronaut Christopher Hadfield, Olympian and mental health advocate Clara Hughes, as well as authors Esi Edugyan and Kim Thuy.

Michael has been determined to see Bishop's reflect the diverse nature of contemporary Canada. During his tenure, our leadership at the governance level and in our faculty and staff has become more diverse and the University has taken several initiatives to enhance equity, diversity and inclusion.

Michael has encouraged us on our journey of reconciliation and understanding with Indigenous peoples. He has helped us develop a relationship of respect and friendship with the Abenaki Nation on whose land the University is located. The Chief of the Abenaki Nation in Odanak has joined our Advisory Council and last year three Indigenous leaders served on the University's Board of Governors.

As such, it was appropriate that during Michael's last week as Principal he announced that the additional funding required has been secured to convert Divinity House into Kwigw8mna, which will include a gathering space and resource centre for Indigenous students. This is a project that he imagined, cared deeply about and fought hard to realize.

No doubt you are familiar with the saying, "Behind every great man is a great woman." Fiona Macleod has also served as a Bishop's ambassador for 15 years. Together, Fiona and Michael have continued a unique Bishop's tradition of hosting receptions and dinners in their home at Harrold Lodge for hundreds, if not thousands, of students, staff, faculty, alumni, and guests of the University.

The goal of any leader is to leave the institution stronger than when they began.

Michael has certainly done that and he leaves a substantial and enduring legacy.

As for so many members of the Bishop's community, it has been a privilege for us to know him and to benefit from his leadership and friendship.

—*Robert (Squee) Gordon '60, O.C.  
and Robert Hall '79*

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?



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Alumni Relations Coordinator  
Sterling Mawhinney '88 and  
Naomi Jervis-Read '42

Bishop's oldest living graduate, **Naomi Jervis-Read '42** was the guest of honour at the *Top 10 After 10* induction ceremony lunch in March.

In June 2023, **Terry Lane '68**, **Patricia Paul-Carson '68**, **Nancy Lawand '69**, (*front row below*) and **Midge (Putnam) Lane '69**, **Nick Busing '68** and **Cathy Aitken '69** (*back row*) paid us a surprise visit at Griffin House. There was much revelry and reminiscing!



**Lindsay Mills Lewis '03**, **Bruce Stevenson '76** (*representing Bishop's at the Gala*), **Liz (Curry) Mills '72**, **Don Mills '71**, **Mike Mills '00**, **Jennifer Laplante '00**, and **Liam Mills** (*a future BU grad, to be sure*)

**Hugh Cowans '70** had the opportunity to meet over lunch with the next two recipients of the Beaverbrook Canadian Foundation – **Hugh Cowans** Scholarship. **Rhiannon Day '23** is starting an M.A. in Inter Public Relations & Global Communications



**Rhiannon Day '23**, **Hugh Cowans '70**, and **Marianne Granger '23**

Management at Cardiff University in Wales in September 2023. **Marianne Granger '23** will be undertaking an M.Sc. in Agroforestry and Food Security Management at Bangor University in Wales in September 2024.

On November 3, 2022 the Mills family celebrated **Don '71** at his induction into the *Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame*.

**Jim Corcoran '73** was promoted to Officer of the Order of Canada for his long-standing contributions to Francophone music in Canada, as a writer, composer and performer.





For 30 years he hosted CBC's radio show *À Propos*, introducing popular music in Quebec to Canada's Anglophone audience. Being a talented musician himself, he has also produced multiple folk albums and composed music for Cirque du Soleil.

**Deb Huband '79** was inducted into the BC Sports Hall of Fame. She was among the all-star players in



her Bishop's days and is regarded as one of the most successful Women's Basketball coaches in Canada during her time at UBC.

**Anna M. Grant '81**, Bishop's University Archivist and Head of Special Collections, received her 40-year service award pin in December 2022.

**Andrea Poole '91** was appointed to the Board of Directors of Hockey Canada.

**Steven Bethell '92** hired student Danielle Storey to gain practical experience on his farm (Plum Hollow) in Delta, Ontario, as part of her course work at Bishop's. In late July, they entered some of the vegetables they had been growing (including beans, carrots, onions, and potatoes) into the 193<sup>rd</sup> Delta Fair's agricultural competition. While Plum Hollow Farm was competing against larger and more established farms in the area, Steven and Danielle won first place in six categories and third place



**Danielle Storey & Steven Bethell '92**

in two others. Needless to say, they are bursting with Purple Pride!

**Chris Gokiert '94** has been appointed to the Bishop's Board of Governors.

**Dan Seneker '94** is now Associate Vice-President, Enrolment Management & Registrar at Saint Mary's University. Dan had been Director of Student Recruitment and Retention at Bishop's since 2014.

**Roberto Di Donato '98** was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal for his contributions as Chair of the United Way of Greater Moncton and Southeastern New Brunswick Campaign that raised over \$2 million.

**Carly Clarke '06** was Head Coach for Canada for this summer's FIBA U19 Women's Basketball World Cup 2023.

**Sonia Sabourin '07 / '08** was promoted to the role Manager of Regional Communications for the Atlantic provinces at Infrastructure Canada in Ottawa.

**Claire Holt '10** was promoted to Principal in Executive Search (private sector) at KBRS headquartered in Halifax.

**James Yurichuk '13** was featured as one of 50 emerging leaders reinventing how Canada does business in the *Globe and Mail's* Report on Business in March 2023. James is Founder and CEO of Wuxly Movement, a B Corp™



## BU MUSIC GRADS WIN BIG AT THE CANADIAN FOLK MUSIC AWARDS

The night of April 1, 2023 was a big one for Bishop's music alumni **Daphnée Vandal '16**, **Jono Townsend '17** (far right) and **Sam Newmann '17** – all former Honours Music students. Along with their bandmates Tim Lotan (back) and Sam Robinson (front), they took home a huge win in the "New Emerging Artist of the Year" category from a group of six competitors for their album *Stranger Love* at the 2023 Canadian Folk Music Awards held in Vancouver, BC.

Their band, RedFox, formed in 2017, has been steadily gaining recognition with performances in music festivals across Canada. Their Indie-rock sound and all-original material is making news everywhere. After summer performances on the East Coast and in the UK, they are planning to record a second album of all-original material in their home-base of Montreal.

The trio met at Bishop's and during their time here, took advantage of many of the things that make music at BU special – small classes, a wealth of performing opportunities, as well as the opportunity to study multiple instruments and different genres of music from Classical to Jazz to Rock and Pop. All of this helped prepare them for the challenges of being professional musicians in today's world.

Jono Townsend speaking for the band says, "... Bishop's was a surreal experience for all of us. The amount of practical playing experience we received is unmatched. RedFox would not exist without Bishop's."

Daphnée and Jono now inspire others, and both teach in the Montreal area, and Sam is the drummer in many rock and pop bands across the city. It's a busy life, but they say that they would not have it any other way.

For more information visit:  
[www.redfoxband.com](http://www.redfoxband.com)  
 and on Instagram: @theredfoxband.

certified fashion company. It makes winter outerwear out of recycled materials, free of animal products and is manufactured ethically in Canada.

Early in the year, **Jackie Hanlin '15** was on campus with Nathania Bernabe as the Gallop Artists-in-Residence to direct students in the March production of *She Kills Monsters* at Centennial Theatre. The show featured 16 student performers and 21 students in the production crew. Among other skills, the students mastered stage combat techniques to bring this story to life.

As part of the ensemble, *Musica Intima*, **Tabitha Brasso-Ernst '15** was nominated for a JUNO award in the Classical Album of the Year (small ensemble) category.

**Patrick Munkittrick '15** sits on the Board of the Halifax Progress Club, a not-for-profit group that raises money for charities in Nova Scotia.



**Georges St-Pierre and  
Patrick Munkittrick '15**

**Laurie Tanguay '17** has joined the VIBRANT Marketing team as a Brand Experience Manager.

**Simone Goloven '17** was promoted to Director of Communications and Marketing at Bishop's College School.

**Patricia Briand, M.Ed. '17** was selected as the new Head of School for Sacred Heart School in Montreal.

**Florence-Olivia '18** and **Marie-Emmanuelle '20 Genesse**, were named one of the 15 most influential people of Quebec in 2022 by *La Presse*. The Genesse sisters have transformed their research on gender-based violence into a viral social media resource called @the.sisofficial

English Literature, Creative Writing and Journalism graduate **Jeremy Audet '22** was shortlisted for the Malahat Review Long Poem Prize for his poem *The Lobster*. During his time at Bishop's, Jeremy was the editor of *The Mitre*, Features Editor of *The Campus*, a researcher for the Eastern Townships Resource Centre and a general councillor with the Students' Representative Council. Jeremy is now undertaking graduate studies at the University of Victoria.

**Sophie McCafferty '22** was awarded a Pathy Foundation Fellowship. The latter is an intensive 12-month experiential learning opportunity available to graduating students from Bishop's and select other universities to lead a self-directed project in a community in which they have a meaningful connection, anywhere in the world. Fellows are provided with training, personal and professional development coaching, up to \$40,000 in funding, and supports to design, plan and implement an innovative project in a community of their choosing. Sophie is Bishop's first Pathy Fellow. Her project, 'Integrated Livestock Agroecological Soil Remediation in Malawi', aims to explore the potential of community-driven sustainable agriculture. By empowering women, girls and people with disabilities to experiment with integrated livestock management techniques, the goal is to initiate long-term soil remediation to reverse the local ecosystem's nutrient depletion.



**Peter Margo '53** is hosting two talks by author Alan Hustak on Canon Frederick G. Scott based on his book *Faith Under Fire: Frederick G. Scott, Canada's Extraordinary Chaplain of the Great War*.

Canon Scott, who graduated from Bishop's in 1881, was one of thirty-three chaplains who set across the Atlantic with the First Canadian Contingent from Val-Cartier, on October 3, 1914.

**DATE:** November 9, 2023

**TIMES & LOCATIONS:**

**12:30 P.M., Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Avenue, Westmount, QC**  
(A Zoom link will be provided for those who prefer to participate online.)

**7:00 P.M., The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, 3415 Redpath Street, Montreal, QC**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Contact **Peter Margo** at  
[phoenix84@videotron.ca](mailto:phoenix84@videotron.ca)

**Christopher Chabot '23** ran two marathons in less than 24 hours, raising funds in support of the Quebec Cancer Foundation, Cité-Joie Foundation, and Rotary Club of Charlesbourg Foundation during *Les 24 heures du Lac Archibald*.

**Jake Kelly '23**, who graduated in Sports Studies, was selected 15<sup>th</sup> overall by the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in the CFL Draft. He is the first Bishop's player selected in the draft since 2018.



# CHAPTER GATHERINGS

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We continue to make every effort to bring Bishop's to you by holding events across the country and beyond, as well as in the Townships. Thanks to all who came out to share their purple pride over the past few months!



Lennoxville, QC



Toronto, ON



Vancouver, BC



Ottawa, ON



Montreal, QC



Sherbrooke, QC

## Chapter Leads Needed – Apply Now!

We would like to welcome **Liz Abbott '96** and **Tom Majer '94** as chapter co-leads for London, ON. Don't see a chapter in your city and want to start one? Visit [www.ubishops.ca/alumni-association](http://www.ubishops.ca/alumni-association) for more information and the application. We are currently recruiting leads in Calgary, Montreal, and Halifax.



Marie-Camille Théorêt '23

**Marie-Camille Théorêt '23**, Captain of the Bishop's Women's Hockey team was selected to play for Canada in the FISU World University Games. The team took home the Gold Medal in Lake Placid.

## FRIENDS

**Dr. Claire Grogan**, Associate Vice-Principal Academic, and a professor in our English Department since

1994, assumed the role of Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities at Vancouver Island University on August 1, 2023.

**Dr. Miles Turnbull**, Vice-Principal, Academic and Research since 2014 assumed the role of Dean of Education at UPEI in July.



## WE THANK THE FOLLOWING RETIREES FOR THEIR LOYAL SERVICE TO BISHOP'S



**Dr. Mary Ellen Donnan**

**Dr. Mary Ellen Donnan** began her career at Bishop's in the Sociology Department in 1999. She served as Department Chair four times.

The focus of Dr. Donnan's research and teaching has been on social inequality within Canada and how to take concrete steps towards reducing that inequality. Her 2016 book, *The Shattered Mosaic: How Canadian Social Structures Cause Homelessness*, explores the failed social policies that have contributed to homelessness, in particular for Indigenous people, and provides recommendations for integrating housing, health and social policies that would improve the situation. One reviewer said: "This is a well-researched book that dispels myths and provides solutions in a compassionate manner."

Another area of Mary Ellen's research has involved community capacity building in Indigenous communities, with particular attention to the First Nations of Quebec. This work began with a shared project that followed up on the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions' recommendations about education and the Universities Canada 13 Principles on Indigenous Education. In response to these calls for change and to our own institution, Drs. Jean Manore (BU History), Avril Aitken (BU Education) and Mary Ellen have been studying Bishop's University's preparedness for better serving Indigenous students and exploring strategies for decolonizing the University.

Mary Ellen taught a wide range of courses on post-colonial theory, gender theory and on the sociology of Indigenous/Settler relations. Students loved Mary Ellen. They commented on her depth of knowledge, her kindness, her sense of humour, and her compassion. One said: "Dr. Donnan inspired us to think outside of our comfort zones and learn more about the country and world around

us. She inspired me to dig deeper about Indigenous ways of knowing, thinking, and learning. She enlightened the class on the various inequalities and systemic racism and oppression facing Indigenous Canadians, and how to be an ally."

Mary Ellen, thank you for your contributions to Bishop's University. You will be missed and never forgotten. Happy retirement!

**Willa Montague** worked for a year in 1998 as a temporary replacement in the Fine Arts Department, as Slide Curator, before she came to the position permanently in 2000. She moved the slide collection to the library in 2010 and, as demand for slides diminished, and the need for digitization of library materials grew, she saw first-hand how technology could change library work. Willa also assisted with the management of the BU art collection from 2014 onward.



**Willa Montague and friend**

**Lee Ann St-Onge** started working at the Library in 1988 in the Circulation Department. In 1991, she began providing interlibrary loan (ILL) services on a part-time basis. In 1996 she moved over to Accounts Payable in the Business Office. In 2005, Lee returned to the Library as an acquisitions clerk. In 2012, she took on the position of Library Technician for electronic resources acquisitions and ILL. Lee Ann has enjoyed every one of her roles and is looking forward to her new role of retiree!





Bishop's Student-Athlete Academic Success Coach, **Mike Andrews '16** and **Simone Goloven '17** eloped and got married in Oahu, Hawaii on May 9, 2023.

**Dr. Brittany Cameron '12** married Benjamin Jain in Kingsburg, Nova Scotia on June 18, 2022.



Alex MacMillan '08, Jaime Bishara '10, Hannah Graham '12, Shelbie Doyle '14, Robynn Ypenburg '12, Megan Clarke '12, Jaclyn Tanner '12, and Maxine Cormick '12.

**Kelly Dean-Feldman '20** married **Nathan Alves '20** at Bishop's on May 20, 2023. Bishop's alumni in attendance included **Christina-Jade Contrino '19**, **Alexandra Medalsy '20**, **Meaghan Fonseca '19**, **Fanny Gagnon '21**, **Mehgan Race Widdison '20**, **Stefani Irons '19**, **Marie-Lou Boisvert '21**, **Justine Trempe '22**, **Monika Mitchell '00**, **Aline Pierrisnard '18**, **Hadrien Lamar '20**, **Sarah Gaits '20**, **Ed Bloomfield '19**, **Ryan Comeau '19**, **Jonah Fortin '19**, **Sarah Caimano '21**, **Steven**



**Campo '22**, **Sterling Mawhinney '88**, **Dan Seneker '94**, **Evan Wilson '20**, **Michael Lisella '10**, **Krissy Langlois '20**, **Cedric Francois '20**, **Liam Mackenzie '19**, **Emily Lampron '19**, **Antoine Belair Rivard '21**, **Nick Struss '19**, **Cailleigh Macdonald '21**, **Cameron Tucker '19**, **Vince Lajeunesse '19**, and **Avinash Ramrakka** (former exchange student).





**Hilary Lemon '09** and **Cameron Solomon** welcomed **Simon Solomon** on November 10, 2021.



**Nicola Zoghbi '11** and **Marie-Eve Bourassa** welcomed **Félix Zoghbi** on February 23, 2023.



**Michael Mykolyshyn '12** and **Audrey Daoust** welcomed **Evelyn Alice Mykolyshyn** on August 31, 2022.



**Kaila Ezard '09/'10** and **Mark Kingston '11** welcomed **Ariya** on May 1, 2023. She can't wait to join the BU family in the 2041!



**Alex Inch '10** and **Cali-Anne Baker '12** welcomed **Brianne** on January 12, 2022.



**Taylor Poelman '13** and **Andrew Smith '13** welcomed their first child, **Grady**, a potential 4<sup>th</sup> generation Gaiter, in June 2023.



*We remember the following alumni and friends with fondness and sorrow. (Compiled from information sent to the Alumni Relations & Philanthropy Office before August 1, 2023.)*

## ALUMNI

**Frances Pharo '39** (née Baker) on May 25, 2020. She was predeceased by her husband **Merritt Pharo '40** and is survived by her granddaughter, **Joanne Henrico '94**.

**Dr. George MacDougall '42** on January 11, 2023.

**Dr. John A. Pinder '50** on January 31, 2023.

**The Hon. Anthony C. Abbott '52** on March 23, 2023. He is survived by his wife, **Naomi Abbott '52**, child, **Hilary Abbott '80** and his brother **Lewis Abbott '56**.

**Lt. Col. Grahame Baskerville '54** on June 24, 2022.

**Ian Watson '54** on April 2, 2023. He is survived by his children **Mark Watson '89** and **Yannie Watson '93**.

**David Hackett '57** on February 25, 2023.

**Donald Gordon Ross '58** in August 2020.

**Iain MacLean '59** on April 23, 2022.

**Rev. David S. Fearon '59** on January 8, 2023.

**Alfred Hayes Dougan '65** on June 13, 2022.

**Alan R. Nowers '65** on November 14, 2022.

**Edward Loveland '65** on February 13, 2023.

**Christine Anglin '66** on July 23, 2023.



From the 1950 BU yearbook



In active ministry days

## THE REVEREND CANON WILLIAM EBERT "BIM" HOBBS '51

A dedicated BU graduate, my Dad, **Ebert "Bim" Hobbs '51**, passed away on March 20, 2023 in Toronto at the age of 98. Dad cherished his time at Bishop's and remained connected until the time of his death.

Born in Ashton, Ontario, Dad began his theological training at Bishop's following his service in the Canadian Air Force during WW2. Stories related to Bishop's were part of my entertainment growing up; escapades living in Divinity House; meeting my mom, Audrey Spanswick, at a Youth Group event in Sherbrooke; studying for his finals while awaiting my birth in Sherbrooke Hospital; receiving my middle name, Jane, from Senior Woman, Jane White, when Dad was Senior Man. Dad was involved in many student activities, and his leadership skills would serve him well.

Ordained in the Anglican Church of Canada and following several years in parish ministry and army chaplaincy, Dad became

internationally recognized for his work in Resource Development, Church Planning and Communications. This included national programs in Canada, the U.S., and other countries.

In his later years Dad was Honorary Assistant at St. Paul's in Toronto, as well as Chaplain for the veterans at Sunnybrook Hospital and for the Royal Canadian Legion, Fort York Branch. Dad made a significant impact on the charitable sector in Canada, including helping to establish Navion, a leading fundraising consulting firm.

Dad dearly loved his family and leaves behind Doreen, his wife of 10 years, 3 of his 4 children (one deceased), 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Following my Mom's death in 2010, Dad initiated the *Hobbs-Spanswick Leadership Award* for a qualifying Bishop's student.

I am grateful for the impact that Bishop's played in Dad's life, as well as my own.

—Debbie Heim (née Hobbs) '72

**Peter Pickersgill '67** on April 15, 2023. He is survived by his wife **Lisa Rae Pickersgill '68**.

**Elizabeth "Bette" Harpur (née Walker) '68** on December 16, 2022. Wife of **Douglas Harpur '68**.

**Pamela J. Deans '71** on November 5, 2022. She is survived by her husband, **Mark Armitage '69**.

**Webb Dinning '77** in June 2023.

**Andrea Neill '78** on January 6, 2023.

**Judy Mouland '85** on January 22, 2023. Sister of **Bob Mouland '73**, and lifelong friend to **Jeff Matheson '84** and **Cynthia Denault '86**.

**Bruno Charest '87** in late 2022, due to natural causes following some health challenges over the last year. His former teammate **Derek Schumann '90** wrote: "Bruno, you were so much more than a teammate.



**Bruno Charest '87**

You were a loyal friend and protector; you were a brother and we will miss you deeply." A bursary has been set up in Bruno's memory to help a deserving student-athlete. To contribute, visit [www.ubishops.ca/alumni-relations-and-philanthropy-office/donate-now/charest-donation/](http://www.ubishops.ca/alumni-relations-and-philanthropy-office/donate-now/charest-donation/)

**Tommaso Saiano '93** on December 24, 2022.



**Charles Goode '01**

**Charles Goode '01** suddenly on July 24, 2023. Charles was involved with rugby at Bishop's from 1996–2018. He started as a player, then moved into coaching. He was the head coach from 2014–2018 and earned RSEQ Coach of the Year honours in 2014.

Charles remained involved in rugby in the community and was a regular at all Gaiters' home games and an active member of the men's rugby alumni group.

**Victor Masson '18** died a tragic death on May 15, 2023 while vacationing in Mexico with his girlfriend. Friends can leave a message of support here: [www.dignitymemorial.com/en-ca/obituaries/chicoutimi-qc/victor-masson-11295566](http://www.dignitymemorial.com/en-ca/obituaries/chicoutimi-qc/victor-masson-11295566)

## FRIENDS

**Denis Goulet** on November 7, 2022. He was the Human Resources Coordinator at Bishop's from 1989 until his retirement in 2004.

**Dr. Douglas Brown** on December 3, 2022. He was a professor of Biology at Bishop's for 30 years and *Professor Emeritus*.

**Joan Paterson** on February 14, 2023. Joany was affectionately known as the "First Lady of Bishop's" while **Alex K. Paterson '50, DCL '74, O.C.** served as Chancellor. Mother of **Angie Arndt '80** and **Alex Paterson '83** and grandmother of **Alex Paterson '09**.

**Dennis Wood, C.M.** on January 13, 2023. A successful entrepreneur and philanthropist, Mr. Wood served on the Bishop's University Corporation (now known as the Board of Governors) from 1988 to 1996. He was also Townships Chair for the *Learning for Life* campaign (1987–1992). His family continues to support Bishop's through the *Dennis Wood Scholarship*.

## LET'S STAY IN TOUCH!



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## THE JOY OF MENTORSHIP

By Helen Fortin '79

**M**any graduating university students are looking for more than just employment, they want their future to lead them towards a sustainable livelihood and overall well-being.

I have been mentoring for years, most recently with the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), and have sought out BU peers who've also enriched their lives by doing the same.

**Bob Egan '80**, National Chair of the JUMP mentorship program at Bishop's, sees mentoring as sharing experience while realizing that everyone creates their own path. Bob's answer is always "patience." I agree. Mentors seek to empower mentees, (or *protégés* as per JUMP), to have the confidence to navigate the job market and succeed in an ever-changing landscape of a world gone mad. It all starts with trust.

A relationship with a mentor provides guidance and open conversation. Concerns about work-life balance, career options, networking, and any obstacles you may think are holding you back, are reviewed to catapult you forward. Like any major next step in life, this requires research and personal reflection. What feels good? What do your choices entail? Are *you* choosing this for you? Is it realistic?

Mentors find it very satisfying to help their mentees help themselves and cherish the bonds developed in the process. A mentor allows a mentee to appreciate that they have the capacity to be the best they can be *if* they are truly honest about what they want.

JUMP mentor and friend, **John Hussey '83**, posits that mentoring "is a fulfilling experience whereby you



Helen Fortin '79 and her mentee, Simon Abou-Fadel

get to share experiences to the benefit of someone who is defining their life journey." Personally, as an Honorary Board member of the Fraser-Hickson Institute in Montreal, I applaud John, who is on the governing board, when he points to raising children as our first mentoring experience. See [minibiblioPLUS.org](http://minibiblioPLUS.org)

We need mentors at most stages of our lives and often the relationship leads to lifelong friendships. My own mentor understands everything about me and always brings out the best in me. He tells me the truth when I feel lost, as we all are sometimes.

So, how do mentees benefit? "As I embarked on a development career alongside my acting, my mentor shared her experiential insights into the art of fundraising," Simon Abou-Fadel, Actor/Director General at Youth Theatre in Montreal observed. "Helen led with generosity and

contagious energy. Going above and beyond in my personal stewardship, her expertise and confidence inspired me to mentor others."

If you align yourself with JUMP, or other organizations that place mentorship at the forefront of their success, you will open yourself to a community of people who simply want to make the world a better place. What could be better than that?

*\*Article adapted from original version in Townships Weekend February 18, 2023*

*Helen Fortin is a Writer/Visual Artist and Advocate for Early Childhood Literacy Development currently sitting on the boards of the Visual Arts Centre and the Fraser-Hickson Institute in Montreal.*

*For more information about JUMP, visit [www.ubishops.ca/alumni-relations-and-philanthropy-office/services-and-benefits/](http://www.ubishops.ca/alumni-relations-and-philanthropy-office/services-and-benefits/)*



# *An Impact for Generations*

*Dr. Douglas Brown  
(1934–2022)*

*A Friend Indeed*

**W**hen we thank donors to Bishop's for their generosity, we cannot overstate the valued contributions of those who are not actual Bishop's alumni but who have developed a close affinity toward the University. Current and former faculty and staff, parents, and loyal foundation and corporate donors are all considered to be part of the Bishop's family. These friends constitute an intricate part of the Bishop's fabric through their contributions to multiple programs, enhancements, and services on campus.

The recently deceased **Dr. Douglas Brown** retired from Bishop's in 1996 after 30 years of service as a professor of Biology, but chose to

maintain his relationship with the University through philanthropy. He established an endowment fund to which he faithfully contributed over the years and with his last gift, made through a life insurance policy, his fund has grown to over \$400,000. This investment in Bishop's will produce over \$18,000 annually, in perpetuity, to enhance the experience of students in the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

Dr. Brown's legacy is a testament to his belief in higher education, to his generosity, and above all to his confidence in Bishop's ability to offer a first-class educational experience to its students. A true friend indeed, Dr. Brown will be missed but never forgotten.

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***Thank you for ensuring BU can impact students well into the future.***

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# *Come Meet Principal Sébastien Lebel-Grenier!*



## **Western Tour**

Victoria, BC  
*October 2, 2023*

Vancouver, BC  
*October 3, 2023*

Calgary, AB  
*October 4, 2023*

Winnipeg, MB  
*October 5, 2023*

## **Central Tour**

London, ON  
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*November 7, 2023*

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*November 8, 2023*

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*November 9, 2023*

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