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George Hendy '68

"My orphaned father emigrated from Mardin, Turkey in 1925 with his grandmother at the age of ten. He settled in Coaticook and left school after grade two to support his grandmother by peddling clothing in the Eastern Townships. My mother was born in Mont Rolland, Quebec and her parents were also from Mardin. She too left elementary school to support the family by working in a factory.

My parents raised their seven children by working long hours for 36 years at their restaurant in Sherbrooke, Quebec. All of us worked there at one time or another. Their fervent wish in raising us was that we should all aspire to higher education to enjoy a better life than they did. None of us disappointed them in that regard.

Bishop's opened up a whole new world to me. I had professors who taught their subjects well and made it interesting for their students. They were approachable and always willing to help with any questions I might have.

I was proud and very appreciative of my years at Bishop's and readily accepted an invitation from the late Conrad Harrington '67 to join the Bishop's Foundation in the early 1990s. When the time came to give to Bishop's, I did so gladly and dedicated my first major donation to my parents' memory. The many letters I have since received from recipients made me realize how much scholarships at Bishop's are appreciated by young people starting out in life who need financial assistance to complete their education.

I, therefore, plan to add to the *Thomas and Cecile Hendy Scholarship* in my Will."

—George Hendy '68

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THE SPIRIT OF STEWARDSHIP AT BISHOP'S



At Bishop's University, stewardship is about fostering meaningful connections and making sure our donors get to see firsthand the impact of their generosity. Most of them are alumni—individuals whose lives were shaped here at Bishop's—and their gifts stem from a strong desire to ensure the experiences and opportunities once presented to them are made available to the next generation of students.

It has always been important for us to keep our donors, both alumni and friends, connected to the campus and students they support so dearly. Whether that is through a letter from a scholarship recipient, a luncheon with a sponsored intern, or a guided tour of a newly inaugurated space, we make sure our donors truly feel the difference they are making.

For our donors, there is nothing more rewarding than meeting the students whose journeys they have made possible. And for us, there is nothing more satisfying than facilitating a meeting between a donor and a student they have helped. Time and time again, supporters of Bishop's tell us how meaningful it is for them to hear from our students, to learn about their goals, and to know they are helping carry forth the values and experiences they cherish so deeply.

It is incredibly touching to know our community is so passionate about helping the next generation of learners. This passion drives us and our fervent commitment to consistent, transparent, and responsible stewardship.

Know that when you give to Bishop's, you are making a real difference, and you will be able to see the impact of your generosity in every thank you letter, scholarship luncheon, building inauguration, or guided tour. Your donation is more than a transaction; it is the start of a treasured relationship. Just like you are committed to our students and this institution, we are committed to you.

—*Jacqueline Scott '90*

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Justine Trempe '22

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: AN ASSET, NOT A BURDEN

The recent discourse about international students and the actions taken both federally and provincially trouble me deeply. What started as measures to address ‘bad actors’—organizations taking advantage of these students and failing to deliver on the quality of education they promised—has now led to consequences for the students these new policies are supposed to protect, as well as all Canadian universities.

After the federal government announced its cap on international students in 2024, the provincial government followed suit and openly stated it wanted to reduce the number of international students coming to Quebec. I, along with many higher education stakeholders in the province, believe this to be a mistake.

The perception that international students burden our economy and housing market could not be more untrue, especially for Bishop’s students. First, these students pay their tuition in full and come here at no cost to our society. Second, over 50% of first-year students at Bishop’s, including a significant number of international students, choose to live on campus. Third, if they do live off-campus, they, like everyone else in this community, pay rent, buy groceries, and work part-time jobs—all contributions to the local and provincial economy. These students, whose numbers had remained fairly stable at Bishop’s until now, are not a financial burden on Quebec society; in fact, they are a direct source of revenue for the provincial government. At times like these, when relationships with the United States are strained, it feels counterintuitive to reject this kind of opportunity.

It is likewise important to recognize these students do far more than contribute to our economy. They add value to our society culturally and professionally. A diverse student body is core to Bishop’s values and the student experience we offer. When people with different backgrounds gather in a space like our campus, something quite magical happens: students engage in rich dialogue, they are exposed to different outlooks on world issues, they learn new information, and they acquire deeper respect and empathy for others. The inclusion of international students into our student body is an essential part of this experience.

Moreover, when these students are at Bishop’s, they learn valuable skills and knowledge within the Quebec context. International students are generally here for two to five years, giving them time to learn the French language and integrate into Quebec society. Those who stay after graduation have a higher likelihood of easily transitioning into life in Quebec. They are also fully trained to succeed in their chosen fields; many go on to become entrepreneurs and leaders in our communities. As for those who return home, they become ambassadors for this province and for Canada; they can help us open new markets and create significant opportunities for economic growth.

Every segment of society loses when these students do not come to Canada. They are not a problem. They are an opportunity—one that we are foregoing. It is extremely frustrating, especially when it should have become clear by now that we need to collaborate with other countries, and we need to attract the best talent possible.



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To the international students at Bishop’s, and to those who wish to attend Bishop’s, know we are fighting for you. In November, I attended the parliamentary committee hearings regarding Bill 74 with Dr. Graham Carr, President of Concordia University. We stressed the need for international students, emphasized this bill is a threat to university autonomy, and defended the rights of universities to choose their own students.

As a member of the *Bureau de coopération interuniversitaire*, I have taken part in efforts to better educate the government on the importance and the reality of hosting international students. We have been advocating to various government representatives and MNAs, and I have personally had many discussions with elected officials and our allies ever since restrictions on international students were announced. This work continues daily.

Know that Bishop’s University recognizes the value of international students, and we will continue to fight for their right to attend higher education institutions in Quebec and Canada.

—**Dr. Sébastien Lebel-Grenier**
Principal and Vice-Chancellor

TRAINING ATHLETES WITH VIRTUAL REALITY

From coaching alpine skiing on the slopes of Mount Ruapehu in New Zealand, to teaching and conducting research with varsity athletes, **Dr. Maxime Trempe** has always had a passion for sports. Although he loved his post-CEGEP job as a professional ski instructor, he thought it best to continue his education, so he enrolled in the Kinesiology program at *Université de Montréal*, at which point he discovered his love of academia.

Now, as Full Professor in the Sports Studies Department at Bishop's, Dr. Trempe can marry his passion for research and teaching with his interest in coaching. Much of his research focuses on skill acquisition and decision-making skills. The latter was the focal point for his latest experiment, which involved training Bishop's student-athletes with virtual reality (VR).

The project came to life when **Caleb Pagé '16**, former Assistant Coach for the Gaiters Men's Basketball team, approached Dr. Trempe for help to improve the players' decision-making skills on the court. Upon consulting literature on the subject, they found evidence supporting the use of video training to improve these skills. The training consisted of showing the athletes five second clips of plays ending with a black screen. The coach could then ask the player what they would do in this situation and provide immediate feedback.

While this research appeared fruitful, it had never been tested from the lab to the court and proven transferable. Simply put, it was unclear if the players were merely



Dr. Maxime Trempe

getting better at watching the clips in the lab and providing the correct answers or actually improving their decision-making skills during practices and games.

While filming the clips to set up this kind of training, Caleb and Dr. Trempe were inspired to try the same thing with virtual reality. This prompted their research project—in collaboration with Dr. Pierre-Michel Bernier from *Université de Sherbrooke*—to compare the effectiveness of video-based programming on a regular screen versus the same video-based programming with a movement responsive VR headset.

To accurately determine the level of improvement, they tested the participants' decision-making skills on the court prior to their training. The athletes were then divided into three equal groups for the training sessions: the VR Group, which was immersed in short 360° degree video clips with a VR headset, the Computer Screen Group (CS), which watched the same short

video clips but on a regular computer screen, and the Control Group (CTRL), which watched 15-minute videos of university-level basketball games on a regular computer screen. Both the pre-test and post-test included "Trained" and "Untrained" plays. The Trained plays were repeatedly presented to the athletes during the training sessions, while the Untrained plays were not.

The Untrained plays were designed to determine if the chosen training method also had an impact on decision-making skills in unpredictable scenarios, also known as generalized gains. Dr. Trempe and Caleb observed the training method did in fact have a huge impact.

In the post-test, both the VR and CS Groups outperformed the CTRL Group on Trained plays. That said, there was no significant difference between the VR and CS Groups. However, when it came to the Untrained plays, the VR Group significantly outperformed the other two groups, scoring almost 20% higher than the other two groups. The project revealed that both training with short clips on a computer screen and training with 360° videos with a VR headset are transferable from the lab to the court; however, VR training led to much better generalized gains. Based on these results, the researchers hypothesized that VR training helped the student-athletes become superior visual information seekers while on the court, allowing them to make quick and smart decisions in unknown scenarios.

Since then, the use of VR for training athletes has been explored by more members of the Bishop's community. In 2023, **Nicolas Baril '24** conducted a project with the



Gaiters Football team and now uses this training method as a Quarterback Coach at the *Cégep de l'Outaouais*. In another example, **Virginie Lévesque '24** worked as a Research Assistant for Dr. Trempe while he helped a local mountain bike group implement VR into their training sessions. Finally, **Dr. Fabian Alberto Romero Clavijo**, a post-doctoral fellow in the Bishop's Sports Studies Department working under Dr. Trempe's supervision, is currently investigating the effectiveness of VR training for baseball batters in collaboration with Dr. Thomas Romeas from the *Institut national du sport du Québec*.

As for Caleb, he is now the Technical Director for the *Club de basketball Les Astéries* and Executive coach for the Sports Studies Basketball program at *l'École secondaire Le boisé* in Victoriaville, QC. While he was using VR to train the athletes he coaches, usually 55–65 teenagers each year, he has spent the last year

developing a membership program so other teams can start using this innovative technology as well. His goal is to use this new program to resume VR training with his teams this fall. "We've played against a few teams whose coaches told me that my players are always in the right place at the right time and making appropriate decisions," affirms Caleb. He adds that his players enjoy using this technology and have noticed a difference on the court.

Despite the evident success of using VR to train athletes, it remains a rather undervalued training method in the world of sports. Dr. Trempe plans to investigate this lack of enthusiasm with **Dr. Tavis Smith**, Assistant Professor and Chair of the Bishop's Sports Studies Department, Dr. François Rodrigue from *Université du Québec en Outaouais*, and Émilie Roy from *Excellence Sportive Sherbrooke*. Hopefully the insights gained from this

project will help shine a light on this unique kind of training.

After all, the advantages go beyond improved performance—VR training can also be used for injured players who are not ready to return to practice, to train second string players who most likely get less playing time, and to reduce physical demand on athletes' bodies. Compelling benefits like these make it easy to imagine the growing popularity of VR training in years to come. Who knows, perhaps this technology will play an essential role in securing more championships at Bishop's.

THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION WORKS TOWARD “VALUING AND PROMOTING INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE, WORLDVIEWS, CULTURES AND HISTORY”

For over a decade, faculty and alumni from the School of Education (SoE) have been working towards understanding the place of de-colonization and reconciliation in the SoE’s curriculum. While they have made great strides to date, this endeavour is continuous—as an institution educating future teachers, Bishop’s has a responsibility to provide safe and inclusive learning environments, enriched by diverse teaching methods and accurate historical narratives for future generations. As the late Honourable Murray Sinclair, Chief Commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, said, “It is precisely because education was the primary tool of oppression of Aboriginal people, and miseducation of all Canadians, that [...] education holds the key to reconciliation.”

The Introduction of Indigenous Education Courses

In 2013-14, Bishop’s Education faculty members worked to develop two new courses: EDU204–Indigenous Education and EDU205–Colonialism, Education & De-Colonization. In 2015, EDU205 was taught for the first time as an elective by **Dr. Lisa Taylor**, and in 2022, it became a required course for all SoE students. As for EDU204, the faculty members did not feel comfortable moving forward without an Indigenous professor’s input. Then, in 2020, the SoE received funding to develop the structure of the course, so **Drs. Avril Aitken** and **Dawn Wiseman**, and Dr. Taylor worked with SoE graduates **Curran Katsi’tsorokwas Jacobs ’15**, **Celine Martin ’16**, and **Loretta Robinson ’07** to determine what the course should accomplish.

It was important for the alumnae involved that the course have two distinct features: first, that it would be pass or fail—it did not seem relevant to attach a grade to this kind of learning—and second, that the course would be taught in six-hour blocks on Saturdays to accommodate learning outside of the classroom.

The Growth of Indigenous Leadership in the SoE

EDU204 was taught for the first time in Fall 2021 by Curran, a member of the Kanien’kehá:ka community from Kahnawake and co-founder of the Indigenous Cultural Alliance at B.U. In the four years since she taught the first iteration of the course, Curran has continued teaching in the SoE as a Contract Faculty member. She has since begun teaching EDU205 as well and stopped using traditional grading schemes. This decision allows her to build trust with her students and helps them stay focused on learning rather than producing for the sake of a grade. She says she sees herself as a facilitator for these courses which are heavily rooted in building relationships. “I see this as an opportunity to engage students not in learning about Indigenous education but in participating in education by Indigenous people,” she explains.

Curran initially felt resistance from students who were not familiar with her community-based approach and non-traditional way of teaching. However, with time, she watched the students become attached to her pedagogy and has seen the ways in which the course transforms their expectations of what education should be. “As a required first-year course, EDU205 sets a foundation for students

as they move through the Education program. I can see the students taking what they learned and implementing it in their assignments,” says Curran.

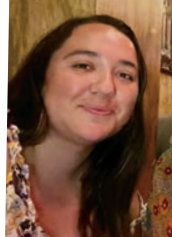
This is the case for first-year Education student Leia Yetman, who feels the positive impact of this learning process: “I became more aware of the various teaching and learning methods beyond the traditional Western style I grew up with. This awareness allowed me to discover what works best for me and aligns with my needs.” She adds that courses like these are essential for awareness, saying “It is easy to think that because we read about colonialism in history books, it is a thing of the past. EDU205 is important because it reminds us that the effects of colonialism are still very much present today and continue to impact Indigenous groups.”

As the Principal of Wejgwapniag School, which has welcomed student teachers from the SoE, Celine, Mi’gmaq from Gesgapegiag, hopes this kind of learning will encourage student teachers to engage more deeply with Indigenous communities: “I’d like for someone outside of the community to come and experience life here, meet the kids we work with, and see how different the environment and the students are compared to somewhere in a big city.” Celine was the first Turtle Island Intern and organizer of the inaugural Orange Shirt Day Walk at Bishop’s in 2016, which is now a yearly occurrence at B.U.

In 2022, **Dr. Colette Yellow Robe**, a member of the Tsistsistas/Suhtai (N. Cheyenne) tribal nation from Nebraska, joined the faculty of the SoE and began teaching sections of



Dr. Avril
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Katsi'tsorokwas
Jacobs '15



Celine
Martin '16



Loretta
Robinson '07



Dr. Lisa Taylor



Dr. Dawn
Wiseman



Dr. Colette
Yellow Robe

EDU204 and EDU205. She is the first full-time tenure track, Indigenous woman professor at Bishop's.

When teaching Colonialism, Education & De-Colonization, Dr. Yellow Robe initiates the course by covering cultural protocols, specifically educating students on how to conduct themselves with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples. Unlike Western education, which is heavily outcome based, her approach is process based. While she does meet some resistance to her style of teaching, Dr. Yellow Robe helps her students differentiate between feelings and facts and encourages them to build confidence in the self-guided learning experience. She encourages difficult conversations and takes the time needed to explore any dissonance with her students.

When Dr. Yellow Robe teaches EDU204, she focuses heavily on land-based learning and getting the students outside the traditional classroom walls. She is proud of how her students learn to apply this knowledge to their lesson plans, saying, "It is probably one of the most satisfying courses I have ever taught in my life." Last fall, she started teaching GSE541, a graduate level de-colonization course, which was taught for the first time at Bishop's under her leadership.

Dr. Yellow Robe has also taken the lead within the SoE when it comes to Truth and Reconciliation outreach events on campus to create awareness among other B.U. professors and prepare them to better welcome Indigenous students in the classroom.

Additionally, SoE faculty members have taken part in "The Day on

the Land," a project initiated by Loretta, from the Naskapi Nation of Kawawchikamach, and inspired by guidance from her community elders on how best to prepare teachers to work with Indigenous youth. It started with new teachers in the community school spending time on the land and being the students while the elders were the teachers. Since then, this initiative has grown significantly—to include SoE faculty, to partners at McGill, to Central Quebec School Board educators—and is now an exchange program for high school students.

The Implementation of Competency 15*

Loretta was also responsible for the development of Competency 15, a framework to promote teachers learning to integrate Indigenous knowledge, histories, cultures, and pedagogies in their practices. In 2020, when the Ministry of Education approached the First Nations Education Council (FNEC), her employer at the time, for support in providing feedback on the proposed new teacher competency framework, Loretta was concerned about participating. "I knew adding an Indigenous voice to this document meant there was a responsibility to ensure the true stories were being told by the right people. I did not want to be a part of something that would continue to perpetuate systemic racism and silence my people," she affirms.

With support from the Regional Table on Indigenous Student Success, she and the members declined to revise the existing competencies, and

Loretta took the lead on writing an additional competency focusing on "Valuing and Promoting Indigenous Knowledge, Worldviews, Cultures and History;" which is how Competency 15 came to life. Although the Ministry ultimately refused to use it, the FNEC launched the competency anyways, with the support of Ghislain Picard, Regional Chief of the Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador, *Institut Tshakapesh*, the Cree, and the Inuit.

After a formal vote, the SoE agreed to implement Competency 15 alongside the other teaching competencies. While Bishop's is not the only institution to have done so, many school boards have not adopted Competency 15—in fact, most do not know it exists. "It is crucial for more schools to take action," explains Loretta. "It is incredibly problematic when school boards are not ready for Indigenous students. The more people who ask their school boards to learn about these competencies, the bigger the impact."

The Ripple Effect

Next year's SoE graduates will be the first full cohort to have taken the required EDU205, with many among them having also completed EDU204. The impact will undoubtedly follow each of these students into their future schools, helping to create a more inclusive and welcoming educational environment for future generations of students. With the help of each graduate, the SoE is contributing to reconciliation and de-colonization efforts on a larger scale.

*cepn-fnec.ca/en/competence-15/

THE SVSC RELOCATES TO BETTER SERVE THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY



Front: Principal Lebel-Grenier and Gabrielle Joncas
Back: Danai Bélanger – Vice-Principal Student Affairs, and Noémie Thibault '22

In light of the systemic nature of sexual violence on Canadian campuses, Bishop's has increased its efforts to fight sexual and gender-based violence on campus and to create a safe environment for students, staff, and faculty. These efforts include the unveiling of the new Sexual Violence Support Centre (SVSC) during the 12 Days of Action Against Gender-Based Violence. Now located in Cormier House, the SVSC is exclusively dedicated to providing confidential, trauma-informed, and survivor-centered support and resources to the

Bishop's community.

With the expertise of Sexual Violence Response Advisors (SVRAs) **Gabrielle Joncas** and **Noémie Thibault '22**, Bishop's offers services with a non-judgmental and intersectional lens, ensuring the inclusion of all, including the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. The services, offered in English and French, are provided in an accessible, trans and queer positive environment and are available to the entire campus community, regardless of when an incident occurred. Tailored support for 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals who have experienced gender-based violence is likewise available.

The SVRAs also partake in the education and advocacy of the Bishop's community by facilitating training sessions and communication initiatives through which they hope to spread awareness and promote safer campus practices.

By putting in place services that strive to become inherently inclusive, Bishop's demonstrates its commitment to creating a safe and supportive environment free from sexual and gender-based violence.



Chris Oldland, Sarah Oldland, Elin Oldland, Amélie Poiré-Lehoux, Dr. John Oldland, Principal and Vice-Chancellor Sébastien Lebel-Grenier, and Gabrielle Santerre

DR. JOHN OLDLAND SUPPORTS HOCKEY SCHOLARSHIPS

On November 29, 2024, Dr. John Oldland joined the Bishop's Gaiters Women's Hockey team for a ceremonial puck drop in recognition of his generous support of the program. Dr. Oldland has established a \$500,000 endowed fund to finance the *Alice Oldland Women's Hockey Scholarships* in honour of his wife.

Dr. Oldland and Alice joined the Bishop's community in 1984 when John was appointed to the Williams School of Business as Professor of Strategic Management and Advertising, and later Entrepreneurship. He was previously an executive at the worldwide advertising agency J. Walter Thompson.

In 1986 they founded Hatley, the clothing and gift wholesaler and retailer, with a boutique in Lennoxville, and at other locations across Canada, as well as in the US and UK. Alice was the artist who created many of the designs on the crested clothing. In the late 90s, their sons, Chris, Nick, and Jeremy, took the helm and have been running operations since.

Dr. Oldland retired from Bishop's in 2002 and was named *Professor Emeritus* in 2004 in recognition of his distinguished service to the University.

Today, with his gift, Dr. Oldland ensures that members of our women's hockey team will be supported as they continue to strive for excellence nationally.

CIBC SUPPORTS INDIGENOUS STUDENTS AT BISHOP'S

On February 19, 2025, Bishop's University had the honour of announcing CIBC's generous commitment of \$200,000 in bursaries for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students. For the next four years, the *CIBC Indigenous Student Bursaries* will provide financial support to twelve recipients each year, helping to make a Bishop's education more easily accessible to motivated individuals from Indigenous communities across Canada. Rosa Trunzo, Senior Vice President and Region Head of Personal Banking for the Eastern Canada Region, highlighted CIBC's commitment to reconciliation, saying, "At CIBC, we believe in advancing economic reconciliation, we're proud to partner with Bishop's University to help make education more accessible, flexible and inclusive while creating access to opportunities for Indigenous prosperity in Canada. I've seen first-hand how Bishop's genuinely cares for its students and personally heard the impact the CIBC Indigenous Student Bursaries have had on students' lives. Together with partners like Bishop's, we're creating a world where everyone's ambition can thrive."

Several of this year's recipients had the opportunity to meet with representatives from CIBC and share their stories

in person. It was a touching moment for all present to hear just how deeply the students feel the impact of this support. Many shared how the bursaries not only alleviate their financial stress but also make them feel welcome and motivated.

Julie-Ann Vollant Whittemore, a 2024-2025 recipient, emphasizes the importance of this support: "I want to express my deepest gratitude to CIBC, the University, and the Indigenous Student Support Centre for your incredible generosity. Your support has had a tangible impact on my life. It's not just about the financial relief—though that, in itself, is invaluable—it's about knowing that there are people who care about our success and our futures."

Indeed, this partnership between CIBC and Bishop's speaks to their shared commitment to reconciliation and creating a truly inclusive environment "These scholarships represent more than just financial support; they symbolize a commitment to education, empowerment, and opportunity. They are a reminder that when we invest in the future of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students, we are not only investing in individual success but also in the cultural richness and strength of their communities," says **Vicky Boldo**, Associate Director of Indigenous Initiatives.



Left to right: Mya Anthony; Jasper Cottrell; Julie-Ann Vollant Whittemore; Aurora Tekahawisake Dailleboust; Hailey Gardner; Ashley Page '19; Shawna Chatterton Jerome '21 – Coordinator of Indigenous Student Support Services; Sébastien Lapointe, Market Vice-President; Jean-Sébastien Soucy – Community General Manager, Imperial Service Estrie-Montérégie at CIBC; Dany Poulin – Banking Centre Leader at CIBC Lennoxville; Rosa Trunzo – Senior Vice-President and Region Head at CIBC; Principal and Vice-Chancellor Sébastien Lebel-Grenier; and Peixin Zhang – Market Vice President, Business Development, Eastern Region at CIBC

BISHOP'S INTRODUCES FIRST EDITION OF *SIMPLY NOIR*

On March 19-20, Bishop's University welcomed guest speakers from across Canada and the USA to participate in *Simply Noir: A Celebration of Black and Afro Heritage, Leadership, and Scholarship*. The two-day symposium was the first of its kind at Bishop's and featured a variety of presentations, including a documentary screening, traditional storytelling, and workshops.

The event began with the screening of *Trusted to Serve*, a documentary by former B.U. professor Dr. W. Andy Knight—Distinguished Professor and inaugural Provost Fellow in Black Excellence and Leadership at the University of Alberta, as well as Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada—which investigates the presence of white supremacy in the Canadian Armed Forces. Christian Ngoga, a third year Computer Science student, was greatly impacted by the film, stating “*Simply Noir* was an eye-opening experience that brought together powerful voices and stories. I was left with a renewed sense of responsibility from the screening of *Trusted to Serve*, which highlighted that true progress starts when we face difficult realities head-on.”

The symposium also included a Black Professionals Networking Event for students to connect with industry leaders, as well as a special workshop by The Montreal Steppers, a performance collective and non-profit organization committed to the art form of step. Both days incorporated presentations and discussions with scholars, activists, artists, and alumni, including **Allison Saunders '98** and **Aïssata Sako '03**.

Krystopher Isidore '25, a Psychology student and one of the *Simply Noir* student organizers, says, “Organizing this event was deeply rewarding, challenging me in new ways and reinforcing the value of collaboration between peers and school staff. Witnessing the unity of Black students highlights the remarkable achievements that are possible through collective effort.” Participants formed meaningful connections, gained valuable knowledge, and engaged in conversations that were sometimes challenging but always valuable. The hope is to hold *Simply Noir* again next year.



CELEBRATING THE DUNN FAMILY'S LASTING IMPACT

On April 12, 2025, The Dunn Family Atrium was inaugurated in the Student Union Building in recognition of the Dunn family's decades of support of Bishop's University and its students. The late **Dr. Pam Dunn DCL '99** was a philanthropist and tireless supporter of Bishop's. In 1999, she established the *Holt Scholarships in Modern Languages* in honour of her father W.R.G. Holt and her grandfather **Sir Herbert Holt DCL '29**, as well as her children, four of whom attended Bishop's: **Peter '66**, **Robert '68**, **Daryl '75**, and **Debra '76**. These scholarships are awarded to outstanding students in a Modern Languages program. Pam believed deeply in education and community, values that live on through her son, Peter. A loyal alumnus, Peter has helped raise significant funds for Bishop's, particularly in athletics, and he continues to champion his mother's legacy with pride. On behalf of Bishop's University, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Dunn family.



Sadie Dunn, Toby Dunn, Frazer Dunn, Nancy Dunn, **Robert Dunn '68**, Tulum Dunn, Beckham Dunn, **Peter Dunn '66**, Tim Dunn, Adrian Dunn, and Principal and Vice-Chancellor Lebel-Grenier

Allison Saunders '98
and **Aïssata Sako '03**

THE HEWITT FOUNDATION SUPPORTS CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS AT BISHOP'S

Bishop's University is proud to announce the Hewitt Foundation's donation of \$800,000 towards research progression scholarships for the first two cohorts of the new doctoral program in Clinical Psychology.

The primary goal of this program, which welcomed its first cohort in the fall of 2024, is to address the shortage of clinical psychologists in the province who work in the public sector. Second year bilingual students will practice their skills under the supervision of qualified professionals in a Community Clinic located in Mackinnon Hall. It is estimated that a minimum of 288 Townshippers will benefit from accessible, low-cost mental health services in the Clinic's first year of operations.

Normally, the time required to complete the program is four years. However, many students take up to seven years to earn their degree because they need to work part-time to cover the cost of their studies. The contribution from the Hewitt Foundation will support Bishop's students financially, ensuring they can complete their studies, and the required research component of their degree, within a reasonable delay and enter the job market as soon as possible.

"Investing in the education of future clinical psychologists is essential for addressing the rising rates of psychological distress in our communities. By supporting these scholars, we are not only empowering individuals but also fostering a network of compassionate professionals dedicated to enhancing mental health services when they are needed most," said Kim Anderson, Chief Executive Officer of the Hewitt Foundation.

While levels of psychological distress among the population are spiking within Quebec, the current delays in accessing public mental health services are more and more unreasonable. With the establishment of the doctoral program and the generous contribution of the Hewitt Foundation, Bishop's will train the psychologists of tomorrow, providing the community with much-needed access to bilingual mental health services.



Luca Valsan, Samuel Degen, Tianji (Jimmy) Zhou, John Grace, Jeremy Côté '19, Samuel Richardson, Felix Mignault, Hassan Elshabasy, Andrew Stevenson, and Ignacio Quiroz Vargas (on screen)

BISHOP'S HOSTS FIRST CANADIAN PSI START PROGRAM

In May, Bishop's was proud to host the Perimeter Institute's (PI) Perimeter Scholars International (PSI) START Satellite Program for undergraduates—a two-week, in-person summer school dedicated to exploring modern theoretical physics. This marked the program's first ever session in Canada. The PSI START Satellite Program serves as a bridge to encourage participating students to apply for the PI's master's program, making it an excellent incentive to engage and retain top talent in the country.

Alongside Bishop's organizers **Dr. Lorne Nelson** and **Dr. Valerio Faraoni**, this year's program coordinator was **Jeremy Côté '19**. Also a PSI master's alumnus, Jeremy is now a doctoral researcher at *Université de Sherbrooke*. He believes this intensive program will help grow the Bishop's Physics and Astronomy Department (PAD). "I hope partnering with the Perimeter Institute, which has a strong reputation in Canada and internationally, will make the Physics program at Bishop's more attractive to both local and international students. The program will also widen the students' views of possible paths available to them in theoretical physics," he says.

To host such an event on campus not only further cements Sherbrooke as a leading centre for quantum research in Canada, but it also helps establish Bishop's as a first-rate institution for studying physics. In fact, during last year's solar eclipse, the PAD participated in several outreach initiatives, including an on-campus viewing party, and earlier this year, during Research Week, Bishop's welcomed **Dr. Arthur B. McDonald**, Queen's University professor emeritus and winner of the 2015 *Nobel Prize in Physics*, to campus.

"The B.U. Department of Physics and Astronomy is well known for great research, teaching, and outreach internationally and locally, but programs and events like these confirm that Bishop's University is a prime location for studying physics, that it gives more to its students than the average Canadian university, and that it plays a significant role in the Canadian and international research ecosystem in spite of its small size," affirms Dr. Faraoni, Interim Dean of Science and Mathematics. By collaborating with the PI, Bishop's opens the door for more impactful programs and initiatives and creates the perfect environment for the next generation of physicists.

BUCS: FORGING BUSINESS CONNECTIONS ON CAMPUS AND BEYOND



Back: Luke Allan '25, Maxime Gaudreau, Ian Quesnelle, Max Harrison, and Samuel McNamee
Middle: Simon Vendetti, Shelly-Ann Canares, Emily Trudeau, and George Krallis
Front: Beck Winsor '25, Chelsea Lafontaine '25, Cleo Wulder '25, Chloë Beauvais, and Joseph Aubert

The Bishop's University Commerce Society's (BUCS) mission is to enhance the experience of students in the Williams School of Business (WSB) by representing their interests, empowering them to reach their full potential, and inspiring leadership. To do so, BUCS organizes social and professional events throughout the year, giving students the opportunity to meet new people, build relationships, and approach professors in a more informal environment.

BUCS is currently composed of 16 students who volunteer their time for the betterment of their peers. One such student is **Cleo Wulder '25**, BUCS President. Having been both Director of Events and Vice-President and having worked closely with the previous President, the transition to her new role felt like a natural next step for her final year at Bishop's. Being a part of BUCS has led to many unique opportunities for her, including networking with

various professors, staff, and alumni, as well as serving on the onboarding committee of the new Dean of the WSB, **Dr. Margaret Shepherd** (see page 28).

BUCS organizes a variety of events such as business mixers, career fairs, career and cocktails evenings, and case competitions. The social events are the perfect place for students to mingle with various stakeholders and alumni, while the competitions are a form of experiential learning that allow the students to practice their critical thinking and public speaking skills. **TJ Smith '19** and **Maxim Jacques '20** have volunteered to coach the BUCS case competition teams and often come to campus to provide career advice.

The most anticipated BUCS event is *Beyond the Bubble*, a yearly speaker series in Montreal featuring BU graduates. Co-created in 2009 by **Eric Cormier '02** and **Eric Desbiens '99**, *Beyond the Bubble* connects WSB students with alumni who are well established in their careers. The event allows engaged students to hear from people who have been in their shoes and build their professional network with graduates from a variety of business fields. The day ends with a networking cocktail where alumni in the area are invited to mingle with the speakers and students. Guest speakers for the 2024 edition included **Kai Bjorn '96**, National Director and Owner of Corporate Connections Canada; **Mylène Savoie '98**, VP Group Account Director at Innocean Canada; and **Timothy Bowker '18**, Co-Founder & CEO of Micropreneur Media Group. A special thanks is also due to **Stephen Lloyd '89** for enabling BUCS to host the event at Denton's office.

Cleo says the plan is for BUCS to organize even more activities for students in the future. This year they introduced a bowling tournament in collaboration with the Bishop's University Charity Fashion Show and a WSB golf tournament, both of which had impressive turnouts. Cleo hopes the society continues down this path after she graduates.

Should any alumni wish to support BUCS going forward, they can do so by offering to speak at an event or share useful information about their company or work opportunities. Alumni are also encouraged to come and meet students at events such as the networking cocktail at *Beyond the Bubble*.

FROM BISHOP'S TO THE BENCH

In the Class of 1961's yearbook, former Principal Ogden Glass wrote, "Education is a continuing and unending process." After 50 years on the bench, **Justice Brian Stevenson '61** can attest to the truth of this statement. He has used the lessons he learned at Bishop's to guide him in his career and has not stopped learning along the way.

After four years at Bishop's, Brian graduated with a Major in History and a Minor in English Literature. Not only was he a member of the Deep Purples (now the University Singers) and President of the Athletics Society, but he also won the *Golden Mitre Award* for his contributions to the social life of the University. Brian played an essential role in convincing the Board of Trustees to fund the Football program, which led to the hiring of **Bruce Coulter DCL '98** and ultimately helped the Gaiters become perennial contenders for the Vanier Cup.

After graduation, Brian got married and began working at The Royal Trust Company in Montreal. Unsure about this career path, he was persuaded by a friend to attend law school at Queen's University. Afterwards, he accepted a job in Calgary, and he and his wife moved out west. He was appointed to the bench in 1974 and was an acting trial judge in criminal court, at the provincial level, for 50 years until he retired in late 2024.

It was not until 1982, eight years after Brian became a judge, that The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms was signed. This document became essential to the practice of law, particularly for those administering justice. "Judges don't make the law; they interpret the legislation given to



Justice Brian Stevenson '61

them by elected representatives—it is the essence of democracy," says Justice Stevenson.

The Charter ultimately played a crucial role in what has become his most famous case: the claim against Big M Drug Mart for violating the Lord's Day Act. In 1985, the supermarket was charged for being open on a Sunday. Given the different religions practiced in Canada, Judge Stevenson believed the Lord's Day Act violated the Freedom of Religion section of the Charter. Much to his mother's disapproval—"I didn't raise you that way," she told him—he acquitted Big M Drug Mart and concluded that the legislation was unconstitutional. The case went to the court of Appeal in Alberta, where his decision was upheld two to three, and finally went to the Supreme Court of Canada where his ruling was upheld by all nine justices. Since then, this case has been taught to law students across Canada.

Over the course of his expansive career, Justice Stevenson has seen the judicial system evolve tremendously. The introduction of technology in the courtrooms is perhaps one of the most striking changes he has experienced. For example, defendants and lawyers can now appear in court via live video—an option that would have seemed unthinkable in his early days as a judge.

As for what kind of changes he would like to see going forward: continued efforts towards reconciliation with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples. "Judges get a pretty good view of humanity," explains Justice Stevenson. "We must do what we can to educate our fellow citizens. The path ahead is difficult, but this is essential for healing."

Although Justice Stevenson encountered an endless number of people as a judge, from kings to elected officials to regular individuals, he has always done his best to treat people equally, regardless of their status. He credits his university years for helping him be impartial: "Bishop's has shaped my life and my philosophy," he says. "It gave me solid footing on which to inform an opinion, to learn to look at contrary views and do my own research."

Now that he has retired, Brian still plans to follow the law and keep up with changes in legislation, but he has found a new purpose: to research his family history and travel to Ireland where his ancestors came from in 1830. His hope is to put those English Literature courses to good use and write a book about his discoveries. We wish him well on this exciting next chapter in his life!

MEET THE BISHOP'S DINOS

By *Meghan Grant '05*

Nah, we didn't rename the Gaiters. The Dinos is the group name for eight friends who met at Bishop's in 2001.

Each Dino came to Lennoxville independently, from cities and towns across the country, forming the base of the club at Mackinnon Hall during frosh week. A few stragglers snuck into the group from the New Side 'burbs of Kuehner and Abbott.

About a year into calling our gal Tracy, "T-Rex," the rest of us made a decision that would have group chat implications for decades to come: everyone needed a dino nickname. From that point on, we called ourselves "The Dinos."

The group placed little concern on scientific or zoological accuracy. Palaeontologists and lovers of Alberta's Royal Tyrrell Museum best not read on.

We are: T-Rex, Samplesaurus, TriSarahTops, Meglodon, Erinasaurus, Clairadactyl, Levasaurus and Joannaconda (I know, I know). Otherwise known as **Tracy Gibson '05, Michelle Sample '05, Sarah Peacock '05, Meghan Grant '05, Erin O'Neill '05, Claire Ashton '05, Rachel Levasseur '05 and Joanne Ghiz '05.**

Today, Tracy Gibson is the chief operating officer of FiddleHead FSG, a flooring and interior construction finishes company in Halifax. Michelle Sample is a founding partner of her Toronto-based family law firm Mehra Sample LLP. Sarah Peacock is an art therapist at Wild Art Therapy Collective and a children's counsellor in Halifax. Erin O'Neill is the assistant deputy minister of primary care and rural health with Alberta Health in Edmonton. Claire Ashton is the executive director of the New Brunswick children's non-profit

Bee Me Kidz. Rachel Levasseur is a senior policy advisor with Indigenous Services Canada focused on First Nations, Inuit and Métis healthcare in Ottawa. Joanne Ghiz is the director of communications for the federal government's Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency on PEI. And I (Meghan Grant) am a journalist for CBC News in Calgary, with a justice system beat.

Back in 2001, we were eight teenagers, thrown into a world without parents for the first time. And we learned how to be grown-ups together in Lennoxville. We became the type of friends I had never experienced. The kind who don't speak ill of each other behind backs. The kind where the friend who didn't hit the Loft left a Gatorade outside the bedroom door for the friend who did.

We learned to fight and make up. We nursed each other back to health



Tracy Gibson '05, Meghan Grant '05, Michelle Sample '05, Rachel Levasseur '05, Joanne Ghiz '05, Erin O'Neill '05, Sarah Peacock '05, and Claire Ashton '05

after illnesses or accidents (I'm looking at you, Arches).

Dreamy nights were spent dragging our table outside our unofficial headquarters at 14 Conley for dinner parties on the front lawn, often made possible thanks to our George Foreman Grill.

Lennoxville provided the small-town, pre-social media backdrop for us to try new experiences, take risks, make mistakes and still be cheered on, or caught by, the safety net of the chosen family we'd built.

We joined clubs and teams and got jobs. Some of us carpooled home to the Maritimes in Joannaconda's car "Ol' Blue." We met each other's parents and siblings.

The Dinos are diverse in so many ways, including in our Lennoxville lifestyles; some of us were more focused on our studies while others in the group treated the Loft and Lion like we were logging hours for our pilot's license. A few of us played sports at Bishop's – basketball, rugby – others worked on campus, volunteered, sang in the choir and managed the finances for the Bishop's University Commerce Society (a position T-Rex auditioned for by breakdancing).

Our concert road trips to Montreal tell the story of an adolescent life lived in the early 2000s: Cake, Interpole, Scissor Sisters and Barenaked Ladies (the Steven Page era). On campus we got Method Man & Redman and Vanilla Ice, who, legend has it, was mandated to play "Ice Ice Baby" a minimum of three times.

After graduation in 2005, we dispersed, pursued further education and got our careers off the ground.



Front: Claire Ashton '05, Rachel Levasseur '05, Michelle Sample '05, Sarah Peacock '05, Erin O'Neill '05, Joanne Ghiz '05 (with baby).
Back: Meghan Grant '05 and Tracy Gibson '05

Next chapters were kicked off with the Bishop's experience as the foundation of our adulthood.

The summer after grad, the Dinos organized "Rewind" – a B.U. reunion for anyone who could make it to Nova Scotia, complete with purple t-shirts and a pub crawl. Rewind evolved into an annual Dino Reunion, held each year, somewhere in Canada. We've reunited in towns and cities in BC, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, PEI and Nova Scotia.

In 2021, the Dinos sneakily and successfully nominated Erin O'Neill to receive Bishop's *Top 10 After 10* award. Erinasaurus shot up the success ladder post-university; leading the Fort McMurray fire recovery and getting seconded into Alberta's COVID Emergency Operations Centre. Her recognition by our *alma mater* brought us back to Lennoxville to celebrate.

It was our first time back since 2005 and it was the first trip for many of

us post COVID lockdowns. We hit up Dewies, the SUB and of course, the Lion where the amount of wings and pints consumed will remain, as they say in my business, off the record.

The Top 10s and their nominators got the chance to question then-principal Michael Goldbloom on changes to the culture since the days of "drop your daughters here" signs. We also got the chance to mingle with current students. And while it's not perfect, we left feeling Bishop's has come a long way.

Once again, we are spread out over our giant country, but the group chat is daily and the reunions are annual. The Dinos have been roaring since 2001 and are stronger than ever 24 years later.

Plus, we're working on the next generation so keep an eye out for our Dino Juniors (I'm looking at you, Velocijasper) anytime from the class of 2031 to the class of 2047.

BISHOP'S: A FAMILY AFFAIR

From 1948 to 1966, one family proudly watched their six children graduate from Bishop's University, a legacy that lives on today. Henry and Clarissa Burt raised three boys and three girls in Lennoxville, all of whom studied at Bishop's: **Audrey '48, Marion '50, Sylvia '55, Robert "Bob" '57, Ralph '60, and John '66.**

Audrey, the first to attend, graduated with a B.Sc. She was secretary-treasurer of the Women's Association, and played basketball, hockey, and badminton. After graduation, Audrey worked with her father at the Pleasant View Hotel in North Hatley (as did her sisters and Robert to help pay for their education) and later worked for Canada Facts and Bell Canada while being a mother and homemaker.

Marion earned her B.A. in History and English and received her High School Teaching Diploma (also at B.U.) the following year. She took part in several University plays, was on the Basketball and Hockey teams, and was part of the Dramatics Executive. She later went to France to teach at a Canadian Air Force base where she met her future husband. After his retirement, they returned to Canada where she continued teaching in Nova Scotia.

Sylvia graduated with a B.Sc. She served on the Women's Society and the Students' Executive Council, captained the Women's Basketball team, and was named *MVP* from 1953 to 1955. Shortly after graduating, Sylvia married Garth Smith, who came to Bishop's in 1954 as the Women's Basketball Coach. Over the next 38 years, he held many positions at

B.U., including Assistant Director of Athletics, Intramural Director, Intercollegiate Coordinator, Men's Basketball Coach, and Head Golf Professional of the Old Lennoxville Golf Course. The Smiths lived on campus until their eldest son, **Kimball '85**, was five. Sylvia became well-known for her special chili dinners, which she and Garth hosted for the basketball teams.

Bob went to Florida and worked in the restaurant industry before returning to Lennoxville to obtain his B.Sc. at Bishop's. He was named *MVP* in his freshman year and captained the 1956 Championship Football team. He also played basketball. After he graduated, Bob worked as a chemist for a company in Toronto and by the time he retired, he was CEO and President. When the 1954–56 Championship Football teams were inducted into the B.U. *Athletics Wall of Distinction* in 2009, many players, including Bob, helped established the 1954–56 *Team Award*, which is given to a football player who demonstrates athletic excellence.

Ralph also graduated with a B.Sc. He played football for his four years at Bishop's and was on the '55 and '56 Championship teams with Bob. He went on to work for General Foods in Montreal and Cobourg, ON, and later managed food processing operations in Nova Scotia and Ontario.

Like Bob, John did not immediately go to university but did later receive his B.A. in Business Administration. He played football his first year but chose to focus on his studies in the following years and was a member of the Business Club. After graduation, John held several technology jobs,

including supervising the computer department at a company in Drummondville, QC, and then for Ontario Hydro.

Evidently, community involvement and athletics were important to the Burt family. This spirit did not go unnoticed by their peers and colleagues. In 1991, Sylvia was inducted into the B.U. *Athletics Wall of Distinction* in honour of her commitment as a student-athlete and as the Women's Basketball Coach for two years following her graduation. In 2012, friends of Bob chose to honour their former team captain by establishing the *Bob Burt Award*, which is presented to a student-athlete who best exemplifies Bob's qualities of leadership, integrity, and perseverance.

The Burt legacy does not end with the six siblings. Kimball continued the family tradition by studying at Bishop's. Much like his parents, aunts, and uncles, he was involved in sports and extracurriculars. He played on the Golf and Basketball teams and was the Vice-President of the Economics Club. He also met his future wife, **Lisa Welden '82**, at Bishop's. They have three children: **Andrew '13**, a founding member of the Bishop's Club Hockey team, Lindsay, and **Ryan**, who is now Head Coach of the Bishop's Golf Team and Interim Manager of the Old Lennoxville Golf & Ski Club.

The Burts have a longstanding history at Bishop's, and it all started with Mr. and Mrs. Burt helping their six children attend this wonderful institution. Their support set in motion a multi-generational story that continues to inspire today.

Turn to page 40 to read John's story about his parents and see a family photo.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM TRIUMPHS NATIONALLY

Flashback – February 25, 2024

The Gaiters face the Carabins in game three of the 2023-24 RSEQ Semifinal with a ticket to U SPORTS nationals on the line. The game enters triple overtime in the Jane and Eric Molson Arena when the Carabins score, and Bishop's is eliminated.

Fast Forward – March 1, 2025

The Gaiters and Carabins are once again battling in overtime during the RSEQ Semifinal. This time Bishop's holds the series lead with one game under their belt. Cue Captain Gabrielle Santerre who scores in overtime to send the Gaiters to their first RSEQ Championship. This was arguably the greatest day in Bishop's sports history, as both the Men's and Women's Basketball teams also captured RSEQ titles that memorable Saturday.

The National Championship – March 23, 2025

While the Woolwich Memorial Centre seats 1,300 fans, the game was sold out with over 1,500 fans in attendance—locals said it was the largest attendance ever at the facility. Santerre, Gabrielle Rousseau, and **Maude Pépin '25** each score, helping Bishop's claim the crown with a 3-0 victory against the Waterloo Warriors. Screams, tears of joy, and

jubilant followed. Former Principal Michael Goldbloom, who was instrumental in the creation of the Women's Hockey program, joined Athletic Director **Matt McBrine '96** to proudly award the team their gold medals.

The Evolution of Women's Hockey at Bishop's

Women's Hockey has played an important role in athletics and student life at Bishop's since the early 1900s. Formerly known as the Polar Bears, the club team consisted of both B.U. and Champlain players. From 2017–19, the team joined the American Collegiate Hockey Association as the Gaiters, and in January 2020, the University announced they would join the RSEQ and U SPORTS for the 2020–21 season. As an homage to their history, the 2024–25 team included the Polar Bears logo on their jerseys.

Although Covid-19 prevented the team from playing in their first varsity season, it did allow former Head Coach, Dominic Desmarais, and current Head Coach and former Assistant Coach, **Valérie Bois**, to recruit new talent. Many of the prospects knew Dominic and Valérie from the *Équipe Québec* camps, and it was these existing relationships that gave them the confidence to take a chance on the new team.



Building a Winning Team

So, how did the team win the national title in only its fourth season in the league? Undoubtedly with rigorous training, determination, and hard work; however, the coaching staff also placed a lot of emphasis on team building and self-reflection.

In the past year, the athletes participated in multiple group workshops and monthly one-on-one sessions focused on self-awareness and mental performance. "We took a really human-centered approach," says Valérie. "It was important for the players to learn more about themselves and how they react under stress and in competition." The team also established a regular visualization exercise led by forward Savana Cianci. The players found the technique so useful they asked for the exercise to be included in their busy schedule during nationals. "Maintaining the team's routine was key to addressing the high-stress environment," says **Alexandra Boulanger**, Assistant Coach. "The players

told us they appreciated how everyone behind the bench remained calm and carried on as usual. It helped them enjoy the week without feeling too much pressure."

Support from parents and alumni played a vital role as well. Whether it was hosting tailgates, helping with meals, or cheering loudly from the stands, their involvement gave the players a big boost of encouragement.

Time to Celebrate

Upon their return to Lennoxville, the team received a police escort to campus where they were welcomed by 200 screaming fans. Subsequently, they have been guests of the Sherbrooke Phoenix, Montreal Canadiens, Montréal Victoire, Sherbrooke City Hall, and the National Assembly of Quebec, where they received a standing ovation.

We look forward to watching the team's growth, both on and off the ice, next season!

Photo : Collection Assemblée nationale du Québec; Claude Mathieu, photographe



Congratulations to our Championship Teams!



Photo: Université Laval



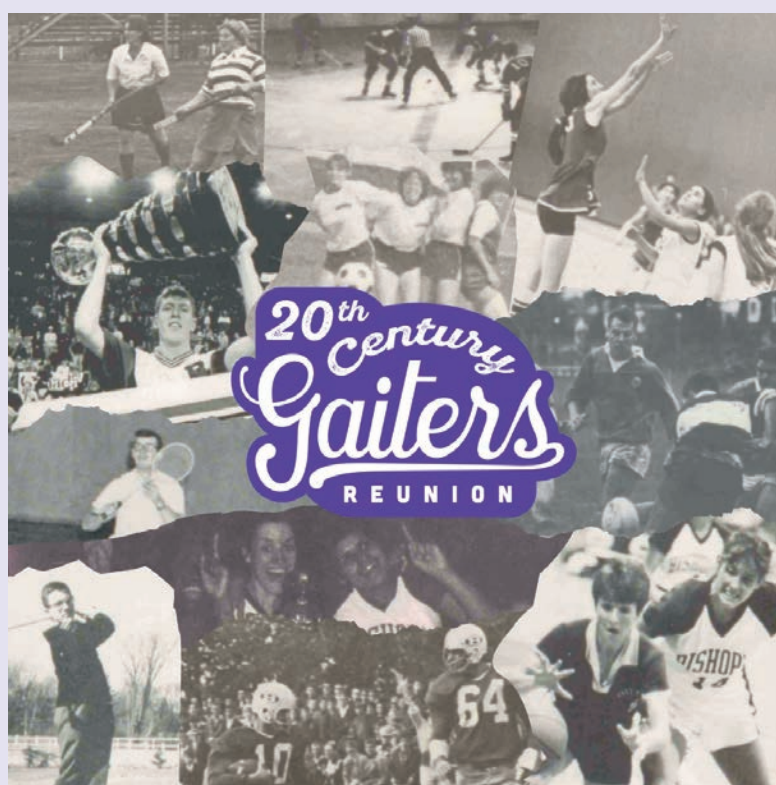
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Calling all Gaiters between 1942 to 1999!

Mark your calendars for **September 26, 2026***! A Gaiters of the 20th Century Reunion is planned for the 2026 Homecoming Weekend at Bishop's! If you did not receive the 'Save the Date' email, you should try updating your contact information at ubishops.ca/update.

**Please note this date is subject to change, pending confirmation of the 2026 Homecoming schedule.*





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KWIGW8MNA: Where Voices Meet

March 21, 2025 was a momentous day at Bishop's University. After years in the making, it was time to open the doors of Kwigw8mna ('our house and yours' in Abenaki).

Bishop's welcomed students, staff, faculty, alumni, donors, government officials, and community members to celebrate the equinox and commemorate the inauguration of this new Indigenous student gathering space. The ceremony served as a perfect reflection of Kwigw8mna's intended purpose: to create dialogue and build relationships between First Nations, Métis, Inuit, Indigenous peoples for other lands and non-Indigenous community members. Indeed, Chief Rick O'Bomsawin, Chief of the Abenaki of Odanak, highlighted the importance of hosting the opening at this time: "Today is the day that the daylight and the night share equal time, they come together as one—in this house we can all come together as one."

The opening ceremony began with a performance by the Odanak Flying Sturgeons drum group, followed by remarks from several stakeholders involved in this transformative project. Afterwards, guests were invited to enjoy guided tours of the newly renovated building, along with delicious food and drink prepared by Chef Jacques Watso, owner of Café Masko, and his team.

The day was an important milestone in Bishop's history—one that will leave a lasting impact by encouraging awareness, dialogue, and reflection. As **Principal Lebel-Grenier** said, "This building has been reinvented as a space that clearly expresses our commitment to our Indigenous community members."

The Process

This restoration was the culmination of many years of planning, discussions, labour, and, as with any reconstruction project, a few roadblocks. Prior to its restoration, the building, previously known as Divinity House, had been deemed structurally unsound and was on the verge of demolition. However, in 2019, Bishop's announced the provincial government would provide most of the funding required to transform the facility into a gathering space and resource centre for Indigenous students, faculty, and staff.

Collaboration with and guidance from the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples on campus, along with the Abenaki Nation, were vital to the completion

of this project. “It was important that the teams be conscientious of aligning with Indigenous values and principles,” says **Vicky Boldo**, Associate Director of Indigenous Initiatives. Many distinct aspects of the building came to life through consultations and partnerships. The wall map at the entrance and the Kwigw8mna logo were created in collaboration with the *Ndakina Office* and designed by *Agence Niaka*.

The Challenges

When the construction project was first put out to tender, the budget had been evaluated as being close to \$7 million and the funding had been secured thanks to \$1 million in donations from Bishop’s alumni and friends, and a \$700,000 grant from the federal government, with the difference being funded by the provincial government. Unfortunately, Covid-19 struck, and the bids came in at almost double the estimate. In due course, the Government of Quebec increased its commitment to \$12.7 million. This, and the University’s decision to increase its operating fund commitment to \$1.9 million, allowed the project to move forward.

However, fully reconstructing a historical building inevitably brings unexpected challenges. Early in the process, the construction crew discovered the structure had been built on a rock formation, with boulders embedded into the foundation. These had to be laser cut before work could proceed. Similarly, serious delays resulted from structural problems on a brick wall. Nevertheless, the *Comco Entrepreneurs* crew, the Buildings & Grounds team, and everyone involved addressed each unexpected issue with care and determination.

If you are interested in learning more about the renovation and the challenges faced along the way, watch

for the Kwigw8mna documentary, led by **Shawna Chatterton Jerome ‘19**, Coordinator at the Indigenous Student Support Centre (ISSC), and directed by Daniel Brière, a member of the Wolastoqiyik Wampanoag First Nation. The film will be released this fall.

The Impact

Now that the Indigenous Student Support Centre has moved to Kwigw8mna, Shawna and Vicky can better address students’ needs. Shawna, who has been involved in the project since 2019 when she was the Turtle Island Intern, confirms the new amenities, such as the kitchen and gathering space (named Tolba al8msakw), have an impact some may not fully appreciate. Communal activities can make a huge difference for students who have come to Bishop’s from remote communities and may be experiencing isolation. Providing a space where First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students can come together and build a home away from home will undoubtedly support their wellbeing and academic success.

The students also have access to a dedicated study space, while the ISSC interns, like Julie-Ann Vollant Whittemore, have their own office. “I still remember when we were first planning this building back when I moved to Lennoxville and started at Champlain in 2019. To now be working and studying inside this ‘vision come to life’ is incredibly meaningful. As a student and ISSC intern, Kwigw8mna has become a space where I can focus, relax, and feel supported. It’s more than just a place to work—it offers a sense of belonging that makes it easier to stay grounded and succeed in my studies,” says Julie-Ann.

In addition to student spaces, Kwigw8mna is now home to a research lab for the Canada Research

Chair in Digital Indigenities, **Dr. Genner Llanes-Ortiz**. There are also offices for Indigenous faculty and an apartment reserved for Indigenous Knowledge Holders, guest speakers, and visiting family members. Finally, landscaping for an outdoor gathering space was recently completed in time to host the Indigenous Students Graduation celebration. Kwigw8mna has become a multipurpose space; one that will bring comfort to First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students, create dialogue with non-Indigenous community members, and support Indigenous researchers. As Shawna said, “This building is an important symbol; it is a visual representation of Indigenous peoples on campus. I think people will become curious and want to come in and learn more.”

It is fitting the opening of Kwigw8mna coincided with the ten-year anniversary of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s Calls to Action. This building is a large step towards “reconciliation,” as Vicky puts it, and Bishop’s is committed to continuing its efforts to better support Indigenous students and work in collaboration with the Abenaki community.

As Chief O’Bomsawin remarked: “Kwigw8mna is a testament to what happens when institutions listen to Indigenous community members in the true meaning of recognizing the Abenaki territory. This territory has a long history as a place that brings people together. We have co-habited this region for many years, and this space acknowledges the past while creating a future where Indigenous students have the resources, recognition, and community they need to thrive. It represents both a commitment and a responsibility.”



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The Building's History

Built in 1891, Divinity House, fondly named 'The Shed,' and later 'The Dive' and 'Div,' by its residents, was first home to Theology students in the Faculty of Divinity. The building underwent renovations in 1949 and 1962 to accommodate more students. In 1970, the Divinity program closed, and the building became primarily a residence for undergraduate students. It later became the first co-ed residence on campus. In 1988, the building

was renovated once more; this time transformed into administrative offices and became headquarters for the *Learning for Life* Capital Campaign. In 1993, when staff offices were moved to McGreer, Divinity became home to faculty offices and a writing centre for students. In 2014, the building was closed due to structural decay and remained unused until renovations began for its transformation into Kwigw8mna.



CONVERSATIONS WITH WOMEN IN PHILANTHROPY

Women across Canada, and beyond, are transforming the world of philanthropy, and Bishop's is fortunate to have many supportive alumnae and friends who are eager to make a difference. In this article, you will hear from four of the women who are inspiring the next generations at B.U. and leading by example through their generosity. Their stories remind us that charitable donations are about more than tax incentives; they are about impact, hope, and purpose.

What inspired you to get involved in philanthropy?

Kathryn: I have always enjoyed volunteering my skills and offering my financial support when I expect that I can be of help. I believe in encouraging efforts to improve the lives of others both in my own community as well as in developing countries.

Margot: I would say I started to get involved when I was 14. I volunteered quite often during the summer holidays, beginning as a candy striper at the Montreal General Hospital. I grew up in a world where you learned early on about giving back, either with your time as a volunteer or financially if you had the capability.

Jo-Anne: I am a philanthropic advisor in my profession at TD. So, I help our high-net-worth clients incorporate philanthropy as part of their financial and estate plans. That includes educating them on the tax incentives related to charitable giving and all the different giving vehicles. I think that I have the best job as I get to help people give money to charity, which is very rewarding.

Sandra: When my father passed away 20 years ago, many people shared stories about ways he helped them in challenging times. These stories were all new to me. He made a difference for those people at a time when they were struggling. He did it quietly with no fuss, no expectation of tributes or accolades. Both my parents volunteered in our community.

I realized there are many ways to give and share in support of others, whether through time, skills, money, or resources. Everyone can help, no matter how little or how much we have, and we all need a hand to lift us up at some point.

Why do you support Bishop's University?

Kathryn: My late husband, **Dr. Robert Macmillan '74**, and I studied at Bishop's, and we truly valued that experience. We wanted to help others secure a good quality of education. After my husband's death, I wanted to support students in the School of Education whose goal was to teach and lead effectively. I am especially interested in supporting students who have demonstrated their interest in helping others.

Margot: My husband, Peter Heyerhoff, was born in Germany and went to an agricultural college before immigrating to Canada. While he ended up on a different career path, he remembered everything he had learned about biodynamic farming. When we retired and bought a farm in Canton de Hatley, he started to apply that knowledge to our land. He passed away in 2020, around the same time Bishop's was launching the Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems program, and I felt supporting this initiative was the perfect way to honour Peter and what he believed in. It was serendipitous.

Jo-Anne: I had a very positive experience attending Bishop's. I had the opportunity in my second year to be don of Pollack, which was an all-girls residence at the time, and I made some great friends that I am still in touch with. I am also aware of the financial challenges universities face and have chosen to donate both my time and money. I have been on the Foundation Board, as well as its development committee, and I have mentored new graduates in the JUMP program. I have also organized alumni events featuring B.U. alumni guest speakers. I love connecting with B.U. grads and I find satisfaction in volunteering.

Sandra: My time at Bishop's, and the memories and friends I made there, formed a foundational part of who I am as a person. I literally and figuratively grew up at Bishop's—got my first job, lived in my first apartment, learned my strengths and my weaknesses. The University has evolved so much since my time there, and it is so inspiring to see the support and services available to and created by students. When I talk with today's students, I am always in awe of their openness, their accomplishments, and their energy to help change the world. If I can help support their dreams and goals, I know they will look back on their Bishop's years with deep affection. Those bonds carry forward through the generations of students.

What advice would you give to women looking to make a difference through philanthropy?

Margot: First, I would say it is important to read about philanthropy and learn how it is different from being a passive donor. Second, I would encourage them to find their niche by choosing causes that resonate with them. Third, it helps to get involved in the charity you want to help—for example, board membership. I would also encourage anyone to read *The Art of Giving* by Charles Bronfman and Jeffrey Solomon.

Jo-Anne: Philanthropy is giving time, treasure, and talent for the public good. Sometimes you have more money than time to give. Other times, you may have more time than money. My best advice is to just get started. A small monthly donation is a great way to start donating. Also, look for volunteer opportunities that match both your skills and time commitment.

Sandra: Follow your passions and interests—even if you think they may be idiosyncratic. You will discover that the world is full of people who share those passions, and you will find new ones. Talk with people who are different than you, learn their stories and find commonalities you share. Volunteer in ways that fulfill those passions or challenge you to think and feel differently. Philanthropy is a big word, but it can be embodied in small and moderate ways that make a big difference, especially in your community.

How do you decide where and how to give? Do you follow a specific philosophy or strategy?

Kathryn: I give to people and institutions that I trust will appreciate my contribution and will benefit from it. I prefer to give directly to those in

need, so the funds are used for the intended purpose.

Margot: My philosophy is to give locally where I can see the impact and direct result of a gift. I also consider how big the potential impact of my contribution might be and how the cause resonates with me personally. In a more strategic sense, I think it is smart to be on the inside. As a founding member of the Massawippi Foundation, I can see the financials, help accomplish specific goals, and know what needs to be done to guarantee the survival of the entity and its future success.

Jo-Anne: For me, it is important to develop a philanthropic plan that reflects my values. There are 86,000 charities in Canada, and they are all asking for money. Once you develop a plan, you can have greater impact. Plus, I always have a slush fund for friends or family members who are doing a ride or run and ask me for support.

What's the most rewarding part of giving back to your community?

Kathryn: When my efforts result in a positive step toward someone's achievement or in meeting a need, then that is truly a gift not only to them but also to myself. It is very satisfying to see a positive change in someone else's life or to have participated in enabling others to take steps toward their goals.

Sandra: Seeing how a gift of time, skills, or money can make all the difference for even one person, organization, or project. Knowing that you are part of a community that has come together to collaborate on something that is greater than the sum of our individual roles. Hearing the story of how someone has been impacted by your gift. Sharing the joys and frustrations of the sometimes

challenging journey towards the goal and feeling the warmth of knowing that you helped improve someone's life even though you may never meet them.

What inspired you to support the Kwigw8mna project, and how did it feel to return to campus for the inauguration?

Sandra: Some years ago, I learned the former Divinity House, now home to Kwigw8mna, was at imminent risk of demolition. As a long-time advocate for the conservation and creative reuse of heritage architecture and a one-time summer school resident of 'Div,' I was dismayed at this possibility. The building's history began in 1891 as a residence for theology students training to become Anglican priests. When I learned of the proposal to repair and repurpose the building into a centre for Indigenous students and faculty it felt like one small circle could be closed in the long destructive and painful legacy of colonial churches' and priests' roles in residential institutions for generations of Indigenous children across Turtle Island. Perhaps 'poetic justice' is too light a phrase but, in some ways, it feels appropriate. It is an opportunity for "reconciliation."

The Indigenous-centred opening celebration on the spring equinox, with ceremonial drumming and singing and dancing, with traditional foods and observances, held hand-in-hand with settler inauguration traditions was moving and powerful. I was honoured to be able to attend and to witness this long-awaited joyful culmination of so many people's emotional, physical, and intellectual labour. Walking the sunlit rooms, hearing laughter, and marvelling at the fresh new spaces filled me with gratitude that I had the opportunity to help bring life back into this warm

old brick 'Shed' that is our and everyone's house.

Can you share a success story of an environmental project you have supported?

Margot: That would be the Massawippi Foundation's acquisition of an important piece of land in Sainte-Catherine-de-Hatley in 2013. The land was owned by a developer and had already been divided into 22 building lots, six of which were by the water. For us, it was an ecologically important part of the mountain which was contiguous to land we already owned. We miraculously convinced him to sell the entire 57 acres to us, but we only had six months to raise \$1.2 million. It was an incredibly tight timeline, but we knew that if we failed, it would probably be sold to another developer.

So, we got to work and knocked on doors, and we managed to raise the money in record time. Protecting this land was a huge win, and we have since built environmentally friendly trails people can use for free.

Are there any other causes you support?

Kathryn: I have tutored many elementary and secondary students, some who did not speak or write in English but who suddenly found themselves studying in Canada. I have coached teachers in developing countries by responding to their requests for pedagogical workshops, classroom visits, and pedagogical discussions. For many years I have been a volunteer at a program in London, ON, that provides meals to those in need. I have also edited

manuscripts for those who wanted to self-publish a book of their family's history or who hoped to have their work published professionally.

You've been an advocate for unrestricted donations, can you shed light on why this is important to you?

Jo-Anne: Trust-based philanthropy is currently modelled by Mackenzie Scott (ex-wife of Jeff Bezos). She has been making very generous gifts to charitable organizations. While her team does the due diligence on the organizations, once she makes the gift, it is unrestricted. That means that the charity can use the funds for the highest priority. Some of my donations to B.U. are unrestricted as I believe they know best where funds are needed most.



Dr. Kathryn Noel '78
Kathryn is a published researcher who has taught in B.Ed. and M.Ed. programs at several universities, including Bishop's, Acadia, Western, Nipissing, and the University of Manitoba, among others. She was a consultant for provincial education ministries in Quebec and Nova Scotia. In 2020, she established the *Dr. Robert Macmillan '78 Memorial Award*, in honour of her late husband, and the *Dr. Kathryn Noel '78 Award*, both in support of Education students at B.U.



Margot Graham Heyerhoff DCL '23
Margot is President of the North Hatley Library Association, President of the Massawippi Foundation, and a Trustee of the Massawippi Conservation Trust. She is a supporter of the Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems program at B.U. and recently established the *Peter Heyerhoff Scholarships* in honour of her late husband.



Jo-Anne Ryan '83
Jo-Anne is the Vice President of Philanthropy Advisory Services at TD Wealth, and she is a Director on the Bishop's University Foundation Board. She regularly contributes to the scholarship and bursary program at Bishop's and has been an avid supporter of the University for decades.



Sandra Miller '90
Sandra served as a Librarian at the National Research Council in Ottawa from 2001 to 2005 and worked in the Middlesex London Health Unit from 2005 to 2007. In 2008, she established the *O'Kill and Barbara Miller Bursary* at B.U. in memory of her parents, and most recently, has been a crucial supporter of the Kwigw8mna project.

DR. MARGARET SHEPHERD, DEAN OF THE WILLIAMS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Dr. Maggie Shepherd came to Bishop's from the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC), where she was the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies. Over her 27-year career, she has held a variety of senior academic roles at RMC, including an eight-year tenure as Chair of the MBA program, Interim Dean of Graduate Studies, and inaugural Associate Vice-Principal and Director of Academic Services.

As Dean of the Williams School of Business (WSB) since March 2025, Maggie is focusing on the development of strategies for the growth of the WSB, ensuring alignment with the University's mission, values, and goals. She will also work with faculty to develop and implement academic programs and experiential learning opportunities to help business students thrive and gain relevant experience. Maggie believes in building strong relationships and supporting initiatives that make a tangible impact. As such, she intends to work closely with alumni, industry partners, and other stakeholders to create new and exciting experiences for students.

She earned a B.A. from *Université Laval* and an M.A. from RMC, completed a post-graduate program on Negotiation at Harvard University, and obtained a Doctor of Business Administration in Marketing from Walden University.



Dr. Margaret Shepherd



Kylie Côté '99

KYLIE CÔTÉ '99, VICE-PRINCIPAL FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Kylie officially took office in her new role on May 5, 2025. A proud B.U. alumna, Kylie graduated in 1999 with a B.B.A. Afterwards she worked as an Account Manager for CIBC and a Financial Administrator for Granitslab International Inc. In 2006 she returned to Bishop's but this time as a staff member. She began as a Senior Accountant in the Business Office and has since occupied many roles, including Business Analyst, Manager of Ancillary Services, and Acting Interim Secretary General. The wealth of knowledge she has developed in these past 19 years makes her the ideal candidate for this new role.

As VP Finance and Administration, Kylie is responsible for the financial management of the University, which includes developing the annual budget, managing investment strategies, and monitoring Bishop's financial performance in alignment with the University's strategic goals. She oversees several departments, including Financial Services, Ancillary Services, Buildings and Grounds, as well as Capital Projects and Planning.

Kylie has proven herself to be a thoughtful and inclusive leader ready to take on new challenges and inspire with her solution-based approach.

ALUMNI BOOKS

String Bean's Dream

by Julie Di Sensi



Over 30 years ago, **Julie Di Sensi '08** wrote a story for her children and their elementary school friends. Now, Julie is a published author and *String Bean's Dream* is an inspiring tale for even more children. String Bean is an ordinary caterpillar with big dreams, but she is afraid of trying. She is afraid of making mistakes and failing, and she is afraid of being laughed at. All the wee life in Pellerrandra is looking forward to the annual costume ball. With the help of her friends and a little belief in herself, can she make her dreams come true in time for the Moonlight Ball? This book encourages children of all ages to believe in their dreams, for they can come true.

The Ruin of Starlight

by Juliet Lockwood



The Ruin of Starlight, the second novel in *The Legacy of Villains* duology by **Juliet Lockwood '17**, was released in February 2025. There's an entire universe of fairy tale worlds waiting outside Neverland's doors and, when a malfunctioning portal erupts on the deck of the Jolly Roger, Jolie Hook is about to discover firsthand just how many of them have teeth. To get home, Neverland's most chaotic found family must race to gather star fragments—all while evading the bounty hunters desperate to turn in Jo for the crimes of her father. But with Peter Pan magicless, Jolie certain that she's slowly dying, and an entire universe working against them, following the stars might be leading them to ruin.

Black Women Freedom Fighters

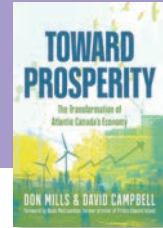
by Sophie Brady & Gordon Barker



Black Women Freedom Fighters, by **Sophie Brady '24** and **Dr. Gordon Barker**, Professor in the B.U. History Department, tells gripping stories of remarkable African American women, placing their freedom fights on centre stage in a nation struggling with the contradictions between slavery and freedom. Describing escapes from an institution that legitimated physical and sexual violence against women and separated their families, it also focuses on the struggles of free Black women kidnapped into slavery. Revealing Black women's determination and courage, the book examines how their freedom fights exposed slavery's horrors and immorality, fueled antislavery sentiment and militancy, and expanded the Underground Railroad. Black women are positioned as real heroes in the American Emancipation narrative.

Toward Prosperity

by Don Mills & David Campbell



Atlantic Canada has long been seen as a “have-not” region in terms of economic performance. Many factors have played into this underperformance: stagnation in population growth, chronic unemployment, an aging population, a high number of people living in rural communities, and an overdependence on government. But that story is changing.

In *Toward Prosperity*, social scientist **Don Mills '71** and economist **David Campbell** (co-hosts of the *Insights* podcast) examine, with the aid of numerous explanatory graphics and visuals, the economic transformation that is currently under way in Atlantic Canada and provide a blueprint for sustaining that momentum in the long term.

Tony '61 and Sue Pacaud '63, Dave Bogert '63, David Williams '63, Bill McLaughlin '63, Peter Welsh '64, Winn Oughtred '64, and Jim Currey '65 caught up in January—a good time was had by all!



L to R: Dave Bogert '63, Peter Welsh '64, Sue Pacaud '63, David Williams '63, Bill McLaughlin '63, Winn Oughtred '64, Jim Currey '65, and Tony Pacaud '61

Peter Dunn '66 and Mike Leonard '72 caught up in France prior to Peter's annual cycling trip.



Peter Dunn '66 and Mike Leonard '72

Members of the '67 Basketball team met in North Hatley for a few days of golf and camaraderie in September 2024. They were joined by other Gaiters from their era for an evening of storytelling and fun. *Photo at right.*

Peter Munzar '67, Sandy McDonough, Butch Staples '67, Lynn Staples, Debbie (McVeay) Black '69, Lindsay Black '69, Barrie Hall '70, Janet Hall, Laura Rezlescu, Bruce Stevenson '76, Terri MacKenzie, John MacKenzie '69, Will Mitchell '68, and Tom Allen '69

Several graduates from the 1960s and 70s got together in Toronto last December. *Photo at right.*



Congratulations to **David Simpson '72** (Photo above, front row, second from the left), who was part of the Men's Over 70 Basketball team that won gold at the Pan-Pacific Masters Games in Queensland, Australia. The team returned happily to the aged care facility with their medals!

Artist **Tony Harris '88** was recognized during an on-ice ceremony for his painting, which was commissioned to commemorate Alex Ovechkin's record-breaking 895th goal.

James Maloney '89 and **Will Greaves '06** were elected as Members of Parliament in the recent federal election. James was also elected National Liberal Caucus Chair.



Front to back (left): Fred Partington '71, Peter Caven '72, Bob Fellows '79, Kit Osler '66, and Bob Ewart '70
Front to back (right): Bill Fellows '67, Bob Adams '67, Joan Mitchell '68, and Jim Mitchell '66

Nadia Martel '90 was appointed to the Board of Directors of Boralex Inc.; she will also be a member of the Human Resources Committee and the Governance and Health and Safety Committee.

Samantha Huntington '91 came to see us at Griffin House in November 2024.



Sterling Mawhinney '88 and Samantha Huntington '91



Alumnae **Willa Griffin '93**, **Beth Foley '92**, and **Yvonne Robertson '92** caught up at a friend's wedding in Mexico.



Willa Griffin '93, Beth Foley '92, and Yvonne Robertson '92

Nikki Fraser Heslin '94 has called Toronto home for the past 25 years, happily raising three children with her husband. After earning her undergraduate degree from Bishop's, she spent time in London, where she completed an M.Sc. in Health Psychology. More recently, she returned to graduate studies, earning a Master in Kinesiology from the University of Toronto. She now serves as the consulting Exercise Physiologist for LUME, a women's health clinic in Toronto, while continuing to coach clients through her own practice, which she has run for over 20 years.

Tanya Bolduc '97, **Dakota Jamal Wellman '15**, **Amelie Primeau-Bureau '19**, and **Leea Rebeca Ruta '24** returned to campus for Humanities Week. They shared their journeys after graduation and advice on developing a career with a humanities degree to current students. *Photo below.*



Kylie Côté '99 was appointed Vice-Principal Finance and Administration at Bishop's University, and took office on May 5, 2025. *See page 28.*

Monika Mitchell '00 has been the International Student Success and Global Learning Coordinator at Bishop's for the past two and a half years. She is proud to share that, with a lot of promotion and hard work, the exchange program now has a record breaking 92 students going abroad next year!

Trevor Scott '07 was featured in *The Globe and Mail* for his successful hedge fund's 5-year anniversary.

Bishop's University is obviously a pipeline straight to Glenlyon Norfolk School (GNS) in Victoria, BC, as evidenced by the photo below of five B.U. grads, all GNS teachers, posing with Principal Lebel-Grenier.



Megan Durovick '08, Keegan Durovick '12, Kelly White '16, Principal Leber-Grenier, Amanda Chaval '11, and Christine Morris '12

Dakota Jamal Wellman '15, Amelie Primeau-Bureau '19, Tanya Bolduc '97, and Leea Rebeca Ruta '24

Kris Smith '11 and **Kevin Dezan '11** were awarded the *Outstanding Townships Award* and **Lyssa Paquette '14** was awarded the *Young Townships Leader Award* by the Townshippers' Association.



Kris Smith '11, Lyssa Paquette '14, and Kevin Dezan '11

Photo Credit: Matthew McCully

On February 1, 2025, **Austen Metcalfe '14** and his business partner opened their own law firm in Toronto. Collins & Metcalfe LLP is a woman- and queer-owned union-side law firm working for working people. They support clients in grievance arbitration, human rights claims, landlord and tenant issues, employment, and professional regulation defence.

Since 2017, **Patrick Munkittrick '15**, **Drew Pollock '06** and **Adam Spirk** have organized the annual *Clinton Munkittrick Memorial Golf Tournament* in memory of Patrick's late brother, **Clinton '17**. Since then, this initiative has helped raise over \$50,000 for Alexander Galt Athletics and other local initiatives. This year's tournament took place on June 7, 2025.

Thom Niles '15 and his family appeared on several episodes of *Family Feud Canada* in March. They won three games, including the Fast Money round in their first episode. Congratulations!



Adam Spirk—Gaiters Women's Rugby Head Coach, Drew Pollock '06, and Patrick Munkittrick '15

Marie-Soleil Provençal '19 was named a finalist for the *Prix Relève* as part of the 2024 *Prix en arts et culture de l'Estrie* for her project *BIRD REQUIEM*, which features a series of three assemblages combining stopped clocks and watches with

historical illustrations and stuffed specimens of North American birds. The project borrows a traditional style of presentation from history museums to raise public awareness of the current issue of species loss.



Thom Niles '15, Lucy Niles, Martha MacDonald, Leah MacDonald, and Jonah MacDonald



Marie-Soleil Provençal '19

PIANOLAND, a one-act play by **Sally Cunningham '21**, was read as part of the 2025 Women's Work Festival in St. John's, NL.

Photo: Jean-Michel Naud

When the Gaiters Football team won the AUS Championships in 2024 and made it to the Uteck Bowl, several alumni showed their support with viewing parties across the country.



Kelley Patrick '86 with some of her family originally from Lennoxville



Sunil Joshi '03 with his father, Dr. Arvind Joshi



Kathy '00 and Peter Vautour '00



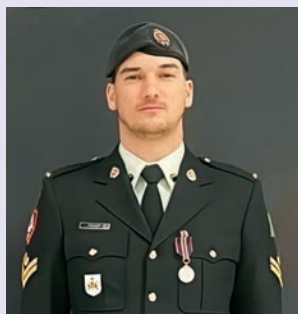
John Messenger '97, Susan Emerson '83, Tom Emerson '85, Nathan McGeachy '21, Ian Stephens '03, Andrew Zollinger '95, Buddy Herold '96, Marie Olney '83, Matthew Flynn '11, Bob Urban '88, Kerry Andersen '95, Drew "Woody" Hunter, and Kevin Thygesen '96

Several Bishop's alumni and community members were awarded the *King Charles III Coronation Medal*. We are proud to celebrate their achievements and the positive impact they have made. Congratulations to the following recipients, which include staff, faculty, alumni, and supporters of Bishop's University:

Enzo Evangelisti '22
Tim Favot '16
Jack Garneau '57
Margot Heyerhoff DCL '23
Jayne Marrotte '15
Dr. Lorne Nelson
Lyssa Paquette '14
Doug Pawson '06
Allison Saunders '98
Patterson Webster



Vice-Principal Academic & Research Dr. Andrew Webster, SRC Manager of Communications & Engagement **Enzo Evangelisti '22**, on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Quebec, Major General (retired) Guy Chapdelaine, and Manager of Student Recruitment and Retention **Lyssa Paquette '14**



Tim Favot '16



Doug Pawson '06 and **Andrew Furey**, Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador



The Honourable **Francis Scarpaleggia**, MP for Lac-Saint-Louis, Quebec and 40th Speaker of the House of Commons, and **Allison Saunders '98**

FARE THEE WELL

We remember the following alumni and friends with fondness and sorrow.

(Compiled from information sent to the Alumni Relations & Philanthropy Office before June 1, 2025.)

Dr. Paul Niloff '40 on December 3, 2020.

Margaret Jane Simpson '51 on November 5, 2024.

Gene Zinniger '51 on December 26, 2023. He is survived by his spouse, **Beverly '53**.

Lee Campione '53 on March 14, 2025. She was pre-deceased by her brother, **Dr. Reed Scowen '52**, and is survived by her brother, **Philip Scowen '59**, and her daughters, **Annis '79**, Cathy, Martha, and Christine.

John Black '57 on January 5, 2025.

Douglas Stevenson '59 on December 8, 2024.

Marjorie Goodfellow '59 on October 26, 2024. After obtaining an Honours in History at B.U., Marjorie studied Library Science at McGill. While she worked in the library system for many years, she also did genealogical research for clients as well as on her own family history.

Marjorie was an active member of the Sherbrooke community. She was a founding member and president of the Townshippers' Association and was publicly elected to the board of directors of the Sherbrooke university hospital system, volunteering for 13 years. She was an advocate for the English-speaking minority in Quebec and was chosen to represent the

Eastern Townships on a provincial committee to advise the minister of health on service issues in the English-speaking community. Marjorie was on the board of the *Société d'histoire de Sherbrooke* for many years and served in many capacities at the Eastern Townships Resource Centre. She frequently shared her knowledge of local history through talks, publications, and interviews.

Marjorie served on the Bishop's University Corporation (now Board of Governors) for two terms and was always a strong supporter of her *alma mater*. We are saddened to lose such a dedicated and kind-hearted member of the B.U. family.

The Rev. James “Jim” Young ‘60 on May 13, 2025. Born in New Zealand, he acquired his M.A. after working as a journalist and serving a tour in Korea. He married in 1958 and moved to Quebec, sponsored by the Bishop of the Diocese of Quebec, Philip Carrington, a fellow New Zealander.

While attending Bishop’s University, he earned a Theology degree and was ordained in the Anglican Church in Windsor Mills, all while teaching the first undergraduate Psychology course at Bishop’s.

In 1960, he served in the Magdalen Islands, acquiring a small aircraft to help in his ministry. In 1964, he moved to Harrington Harbour on Quebec’s Lower North Shore (LNS) and in 1968 to Mutton Bay, continuing to serve as the Flying Priest. During this period, he was instrumental in creating a School Board serving the population of the LNS.

In 1971 he moved to Australia, later retiring in New Zealand. He continued to support Te Aute, a private college whose mission is to promote students of Māori origin to leadership positions in their own communities.

—**Tom ‘61** and
Barbara Matthews ‘63

James Grant ‘61 on November 22, 2023. He is survived by his spouse, **Sally Butler ‘63**, and his sons, **Edward ‘93** and Jeremy.

John Macaulay ‘62 on January 14, 2025. John ended his battle with cancer with courage and grace with his beloved wife, Carole, by his side. Born in Hudson, QC, John was a proud B.U. graduate who studied Business Administration. He was an avid performer with the Deep Purples,

which led to his lifelong joy of singing and playing the piano.

John served in the Canadian Military before building a diverse and impactful career, primarily focused on human resources. He was the embodiment of a true gentleman—loving, kind, and generous. He had a calm and happy presence, loved to tell jokes, and was full of laughter. A lifelong sports enthusiast, John always looked at life “with a glass half full.”

A generous benefactor of Bishop’s, John’s recent years saw him as an enthusiast of “Shakesperience,” a Bishop’s class taught by Dr. Jessica Riddell each year in Stratford, ON. He now joins his lifelong friend and classmate, **Cliff Maclean ‘62**, whom he lost in 2023. R.I.P. John, your Bishop’s family misses you.



John ‘62 and Carole Macaulay

David Marler ‘62 on January 2, 2025. He is survived by his spouse, **Jeanne ‘65**, and his children **Stephanie ‘92** and Michael.



Dr. Peter G.C. Campbell ‘63

Dr. Peter G.C. Campbell ‘63 on January 30, 2025. Dr. Campbell obtained an Honours Chemistry and Physics degree from Bishop’s. He completed his Ph.D. in Chemistry at Queen’s in 1968. An early scientist interested in interdisciplinary research in environmental sciences, he was recruited by l’Université du Québec to initiate a research program at the new *Institut national de la recherche scientifique*. From 2001 to 2015, he held the Canada Research Chair in Metals Ecotoxicology. In 2002 he was inducted into the Academy of Science of the Royal Society of Canada. He received an honorary doctorate from the *Université de Bordeaux* in 2010.

I first met Peter in 1988 when we purchased the cottage next to his family cottage at *Lac Breeches*. Our families became close. When Peter was at Bishop’s he played varsity basketball. At the cottage, besides basketball, he loved tennis and golf. We served together on numerous committees including the club board and the environment committee. The photo shows Peter aged 80 collecting water samples at the entrance to *Lac Breeches* in August 2023!

He is survived by his spouse, Barbara, his children, Kimberley, **Andrew '94**, and Owen, his brother, **Douglas '67**, and his nephew, **Tim '93**.

He will be missed!

—**Charlie Carman '02**

Professor Emeritus Computer Science

Kay Delaney-Beausoleil '63 on March 20, 2025. Her father, the late **Dr. William Delaney '38**, was also a Bishop's graduate.

Stuart "Stu" Henry '63 on February 19, 2025. Stu was a charter member of the Persephone group that met every March 21 to celebrate the Winter Olympics of March 21, 1962. The group was made up of 95% Bishop's alumni, and we decided to make every five years special.



Stu Henry '63

We went to England in 1990, and then **Peter Watson '64** invited us to Bermuda in 1995. **John Martland '64** then invited us to Lizard Island in 2000 and **Rob Kaulbach '66** to Lunenburg in 2005. Then Marie and Stu suggested Quebec City and the *Manoir Richelieu* for 2010, and we returned to England for 2015.

—**Peter Welsh '64**

The Rev. John Serjeantson '63 on May 1, 2024.

Edna Ouellet '63 on November 17, 2024.

Andrena Telford '65 on May 19, 2022.

Thomas Pick '66 on November 25, 2024. He was pre-deceased by his brother **Michael Pick '60**.

Peter Kreuser '66 on November 24, 2024. He is survived by his spouse, Ingrid Michels, and his children, Michael, **Martin '99**, and **Maximilian '11**.

Jean Hollingworth '67 on February 20, 2025.

Gale Taylor '70 on December 14, 2024. She is survived by her husband **Paul '69**, and her sons, Alec and Eric.

Garth Henderson '71 on November 25, 2024.

Louis Hendy '72 on January 19, 2025. He is survived by his siblings, including his brother, **George '68**.

Diane Everett '74 on January 28, 2025. She is survived by her sister **Dr. Jane Everett '75**, her wife Christiane Beaudoin, and her daughter, **Alexandra '13**.

The Rev. Daniel Poirier '74 on February 7, 2020.

David McCracken '84 on May 28, 2025.

Daintrie Hanrahan '85 on March 19, 2025. She is remembered by her brother, **George Hunter '79**.

Peter Brass '88 on July 6, 2022.

Matthew McLean '93 on March 6, 2025.

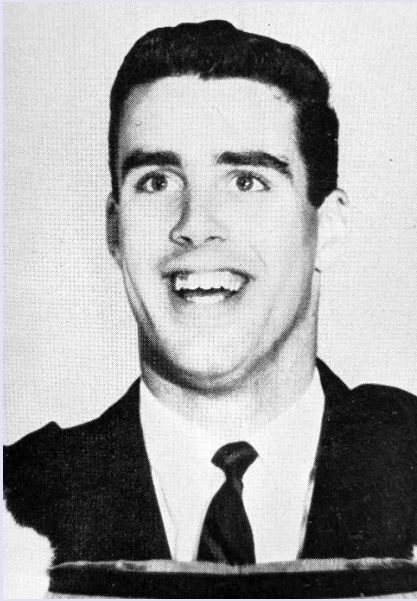
Krista Wallace '01 on December 1, 2024.

Travis Gendreau '07 on April 19, 2024. He is survived by his spouse, Angela Marie Gendreau, and his children, Warren, Gareth, and Scarlet.



Travis Gendreau '07

Dian Cohen DCL '10 on May 5, 2025.



Bud McMorran '60

The Bishop's world was saddened to learn of the sudden passing of **Sydney "Bud" McMorran '60**,

DCL '04. I speak for many in our community in sending our heartfelt condolences to Yvonne, his wife of 60 years, and to his entire family.

While his outstanding career achievements clearly established him among our most prominent alumni, one who regularly personified how a liberal arts degree from Bishop's can be so valuable throughout life, he also continued to support his *alma mater* selflessly by giving back in countless ways over the close to seven decades which followed his graduation. But beyond that, he was the patriarch of one of the University's most loyal families, whose unflagging commitment to Bishop's began with his grandfather in the early years of the 20th century, through his own father just before the great Depression, and then to Bud and his two sisters, **Jane '63** and **Dixie '67**, in the '50s and '60s, to his own twin daughters, **Lea '88** and **Tracy '88**, as the century began to wind down.

Bud, like most freshmen of the time, enrolled at Bishop's in the fall of 1956 as a callow youth of 17 from Montreal West High School—there was no CEGEP in those days—to pursue an honours degree in Economics under the tutelage of the legendary Dr. 'Clem' Judson. Bud was a distinguished student and an excellent and avid sportsman. He soon found his niche as quarterback on the Football team and as a shooting forward on the Basketball team, and he was named MVP of Basketball and *Athlete of the Year* for the 1958–59 season.

Bud's business acumen and accomplishments speak for themselves, as did his modest, unassuming professional demeanor. To rise from a junior management trainee at TD Bank to Vice Chair of that vast and complex organization needs no additional embellishment. By all accounts, Bud was a well-respected boss who supported and mentored his large staff and treated all with equal dignity and respect. His ability as a raconteur with an endless litany of anecdotes, many Bishop's related, was among the reasons many found his companionship so charming and entertaining.

His selfless dedication to volunteer activities meant he was always available to lend his expertise to causes he valued. Asked to join the Board of the Toronto East General Hospital (known today as the Michael Garron Hospital), Bud jumped in so enthusiastically that he was soon chairing their Foundation Board, which he did for years, raising millions in donations along the way. Similarly, when called upon by his *alma mater*, Bud joined the B.U. Foundation Board, also chairing it for years, again raising millions, and sitting to this day as an Honorary Member. He was

as proactive himself as he expected others to be, and he became one of our most consistent and generous benefactors.

Bishop's rightfully acknowledged his many contributions to the University by naming him *Alumnus of the Year* in 1976 and awarding him an Honorary Doctor of Civil Law in 2004, the latter the highest award the University can bestow. However, these accolades cannot begin to lessen the void his passing has created in all of those who knew him.

I am honoured to write this piece with love for a lifelong pal suddenly gone, who shared our mutual affection for the institution which allowed us to develop to our potential and nurture that promise for more than 70 years. Innumerable others, who were students with us and who have remained friends, all feel the same about Bud and our Bishop's memories. Our lives have been enriched by the wonderfully joyful interactions of our times together. Rest in peace, Bud.

—**Squee Gordon '60**

Bud's roommate, teammate, Best Man, Godfather to one of his daughters, and friend for more than 70 years



Squee Gordon '60

Births

Michael Mykolyshyn '12 and Audrey Daoust welcomed Gabriel Rémi Mykolyshyn on January 15, 2025.



Elyse Gagné '12 and **Christopher Palmer '13** welcomed Mackinnon, brother to Lexington and Indigo, on December 22, 2024.



Rachel Stevenson '13 and Andrew Thom welcomed Theodore Walter on May 18, 2025.



Timothy Wood '13 and **Allison Bloom '14** welcomed Samuel Wood in July 2024.



Katie LeClair '13 and **Shayne Cholette '17** welcomed Mildred "Millie" Cholette-LeClair on February 14, 2025.



Caleb Pagé '16 and Gabrielle Dumont welcomed Ézekiel Pagé on May 3, 2024.



Weddings

Christine Morris '12 married Riley Trottier on October 6, 2024, just steps away from their home on the Songhees Walkway in Victoria, BC. They held celebrations in several cities, including Toronto, where they were joined by **Kelly Van Den Hurk '13**.



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It was a pleasure to catch up with alumni in Central and Western Canada last November. We hope to see more of you this fall!



126 YEARS: THE LEGACY OF HENRY OLIVER BURT AND CLARISSA LARIVIERE

By John Burt '66

To me, the true way to look at my family and how all of Henry and Clarissa Burt's six children obtained a higher degree of education at Bishop's University is to look at what my parents and siblings had to sacrifice.

I know it is hard today to fully grasp what life was like in the early 1900s—especially being born into an immigrant family from the UK or France, whose parents made their living farming in the Richmond/Melbourne area. Over the course of their lives, my parents had to contend with two World Wars, recessions, and other upheavals.

At the end of the First World War, my grandfather insisted my father get a degree in agriculture at Macdonald College to help on the farm. My father's hope was to be a lawyer, but in those days, one did not argue with their father's wishes. My mother and father later married and lived on the Burt farm, which they sold after my grandfather's passing. They then moved to Coaticook, with two children, to start a new life owning a café/bake shop. However, the Great Depression was not the time to start this kind of venture. Fortunately, my father was able to find work at King's Hall College in Compton in 1936 and worked as the chef there until his retirement in 1968.

I think that due to my father's family experience, our parents never pressured us to attend university. However, it brought them great joy when each of us chose to pursue a



Clarissa and Henry Burt

degree, recognizing the greater opportunities it could provide. My parents, raising six children on a chef's salary, could not afford to pay our tuition but provided room, board and unwavering moral support. All six of us, as well as my wife Sandra, worked to finance our studies at Bishop's.

I look at the lives of the six Bishop's Burts, the sixteen grandchildren and the twenty-nine great grandchildren of the Henry and Clarissa Burt lineage and realize we were well brought up with love and support which we passed on. The children of my parents, with their Bishop's degrees excelled in life and worked for a research company, taught children, managed a company as CEO, worked as a lab assistant, worked as a senior systems analyst and more. Their grandchildren's professions include doctor, nurse, computer analyst, entrepreneur, city supervisor, insurance analyst, company COO, environmental analyst, and manufacturing supervisor.

126 years later and that strong support of Henry and Clarissa Burt continues to make a valued mark in our society.



John Burt's Graduation, *Sherbrooke Daily Record*.
Ralph '60, Marion '50, Mrs. Burt, John '66, Mr. Burt,
Sylvia '55, Audrey '48, and Bob '57

Photo: Gerry Lemay



Fall 2025 **ALUMNI & FRIENDS RECEPTIONS**

Western Canada

Edmonton, AB - October 6
Calgary, AB - October 7
Victoria, BC - October 8
Vancouver, BC - October 9

Central Canada

Ottawa, ON - October 29
Toronto, ON - October 30
Montreal, QC - November 13



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New this year:

- ✓ Family-friendly activities
- ✓ Alumni & Friends BBQ
- ✓ Tours: Educational Farm & Kwigw8mna