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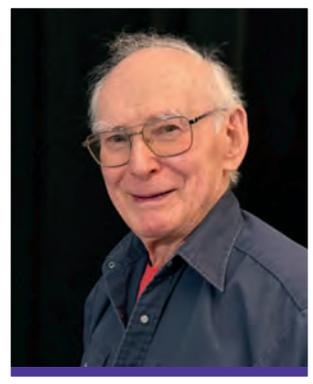
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# Give Now, Shape Tomorrow —A Legacy of Lasting Impact—



Fred Argue '63

When asked if I would share my decision to leave a Legacy Gift to the Bishop's University Foundation, my answer was a resounding yes. While I am neither a financial planner nor a lawyer, I have had both Bishop's advice and the guidance of estate planning workshops to manage my decision.

The obvious first step is that one should have a will to disperse your after-death assets as you wish. Beyond the obvious care to your family, you may have residual funds that allow you to do further good in your community. Furthermore, the Government has put in place considerations to promote philanthropy to charities.

To our financial benefit, we can avoid taxable capital gains and be issued a charitable tax receipt for the market value of a donation. In the meantime, one can still collect the interest or dividends on this investment. This is my case with respect to long-held Royal Bank shares.

For me, two very important factors contributed to my success in life: my family and my University. Although I pursued further studies at McGill, it was at Bishop's where I truly gained the insights and advantages that guided my life decisions. When I approached **Bruce Stevenson '76** in the Alumni Office, he counselled me on how to create a student award and the *Honour and Douglas '29 Argue Award* was born. As both my father and I were educators, it was fitting the award be made for students within the School of Education.

A well-known Piet Hein poem states, "Selves were meant to rise above, you shall live in what you love." While we're not looking for immortality, there is comfort in knowing the expression of your appreciation in a tangible and lasting way can be made to those who have been so good to you: in my case, my parents and Bishop's University.

—Fred Argue '63

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*When you include Bishop's University in your estate plan,  
your generosity and compassion prevail in perpetuity.*

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## A WREATH FOR SHERMAN: A PERSONAL JOURNEY OF REMEMBRANCE



As I write this just days before Remembrance Day, I am reminded that, like many universities across Canada, Bishop's was deeply affected by both World Wars. Many students put their education on hold to serve. Tragically, some never returned.

One of them was **Sherman Peabody**, a Bishop's student who became an RCAF Flying Officer in WW2. On July 28, 1944, while taking part in a raid on Stuttgart, his Lancaster heavy bomber was shot down over eastern France by a German night fighter. Two men managed to parachute out, and three bodies were recovered at the crash site. However, Sherman's body (and that of one of his fellow crewmembers, James Harrington Doe) were never found. This was a source of enduring grief for his family for over 70 years.

In 2016, relatives of Sherman's, Jon and Robert Peck, commissioned

the Bishop's History Department to ascertain Sherman's fate. Under the supervision of Bishop's faculty, the project offered students **Spiro Trent '17**, **Megan Whitworth '17**, and **Sean Summerfield '17** a rare and transformative opportunity to conduct their research at the National Archives in Ottawa, the Public Record Office in London, Cirey (population 48) in the Vosges Mountains in France, and Germany.

Ultimately, they were successful in determining the fate of Sherman and the other missing crewmember, James: they had likely been captured and then brought to the nearby Natzweiler-Struthof concentration camp where they were killed. This project was documented in the *Globe and Mail* and Bishop's University produced a short film, which likewise involved Bishop's faculty and students. *For more information, please refer to the article on page 14 of issue no. 52 of the Bishop's Alumni Magazine.*

This past summer, Jon Peck arranged for my husband and me to meet with Alain and Evelyne Founé, who have been keeping the memory of Sherman and his fellow crewmembers alive in Cirey, France. It was Alain who helped facilitate the construction of a memorial bearing the names of Sherman Peabody and his crewmates.

Not one to settle for an ordinary tribute, Jon had arranged for a 400-pound block of granite to be transported from Graniteville, Quebec to France, bringing a tangible piece of Canada to the vicinity of the site



Sherman Peabody

where Sherman's plane was shot down. Unknown to me before our visit, Jon had also arranged for me to lay a wreath at the monument. This experience remains one of the most moving and memorable moments in my life.

If you have ever stood before a war memorial in Europe, you have likely seen the seemingly endless rows of headstones. Each is a solemn reminder of the thousands who gave their lives for something greater than themselves, many of them heartbreakingly young. It is difficult to fathom the fear they must have felt in their final hours. I can only imagine the weight of those moments, and I remain deeply grateful for their sacrifice.

—**Jacqueline Scott '90**  
Associate Vice-Principal  
Alumni Relations & Philanthropy

# BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL FUTURE FOR ATHLETICS

You might have heard through our University communications channels or media outlets that Gaiters Football will be returning to the Quebec conference next season. This move comes after careful consideration and constructive discussions with other Atlantic University Sport (AUS) football programs regarding significant sector-wide financial constraints and increasing travel costs that are affecting the sustainability of all programs involved. In this context, the additional travel costs associated with Bishop's participation in the AUS could no longer be supported.

Bishop's is grateful for the extraordinary collaboration and support it has received from its AUS partners over the last eight years. We are excited to once again have the chance to compete with other Quebec teams in the *Réseau du sport étudiant du Québec* (RSEQ) and see this move as an opportunity to openly discuss opportunities to make RSEQ football more competitive.

This decision reflects a broader and very challenging financial landscape across the Canadian higher education sector, which is also impacting Bishop's. Given this and pursuant to my recommendation, the University's Board of Governors created a Special Advisory Committee on Athletic Operations Sustainability at its November 7, 2025 meeting.

Athletics have long been a defining force at Bishop's, not only for our student-athletes, but also for alumni, community members, staff and faculty, and of course, the student community as a whole. B.U. Athletics creates connections that are essential to the

Bishop's experience. It is crucial we take action to preserve and protect this reality.

Athletic operations have incurred significant deficits over several years. Until now, these shortfalls have been offset through the University's general operating budget. However, given our current financial reality, this approach is no longer viable.

The Special Advisory Committee is composed of seven members, all of whom are former student-athletes, and the majority of whom are Bishop's alumni. Each member was selected for their expertise and insight, ranging from legal and financial knowledge to hands-on experience with athletic operations at other educational institutions in Canada.

The Committee's mandate is to assess the department's current financial position, examine its structure, and review how resources are allocated. It will evaluate the capacity of coaches and staff to support our varsity teams, the competitive environment within which each team operates, and the quality and safety of the student-athlete experience. Realistic avenues for additional funding will also be explored. The Committee is expected to submit a report and recommendations to the Board of Governors by the end of May 2026.

Meanwhile, steps have been taken to strengthen financial support for Athletics, including securing new sponsorships and launching a special athletics campaign aimed at increasing the endowment fund dedicated to athletic scholarships and operations. I want to emphasize these measures alone are not enough to ensure



the long-term sustainability of the department; however, they will make a significant difference in creating a predictable stream of revenue to support Athletic operations. If you want to donate to Gaiters Athletics, please visit: [www.ubishops.ca/athletics](http://www.ubishops.ca/athletics).

You can rest assured that Athletics will remain an integral part of Bishop's campus life, community outreach, alumni engagement, and student recruitment. Together, we will find a path forward to a sustainable future for Gaiter Nation.

*More information about the Special Advisory Committee can be found at [ubishops.ca/athletics-sustainability](http://ubishops.ca/athletics-sustainability). The Committee welcomes recommendations and insight from our community. If you wish to make recommendations to support the long-term sustainability of Bishop's Athletics, we invite you to write to [athleticsustainability@ubishops.ca](mailto:athleticsustainability@ubishops.ca).*

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

## CHANGING THE CONVERSATION: KNOWLEDGE MOBILIZATION TO PREVENT GRIEVANCE-BASED VIOLENCE

In 2020, Dr. Heather Lawford, Canada Research Chair and Psychology Professor at Bishop's, received a grant from Public Safety Canada to examine grievance-based violence through the lens of generativity (concern for future generations).

As part of this research, Dr. Lawford interviewed a series of former violent extremists. From these discussions she noted that many of these individuals experienced a turning point in their youth where they felt judged, unheard, or dismissed. These moments created a vulnerability that either pushed them to seek out extremist groups or left them susceptible to the machinations of said groups. The interviews also revealed that had an adult, such as a mentor or an educator, intervened and provided a better response during one of those moments, these individuals would likely not have turned to these groups. "When society does not think youth have the capacity to care for future generations, it creates openings for groups to target them," says Dr. Lawford.

She knew her next step was to find a creative way to mobilize this knowledge while protecting the identities of those who had shared their stories. Luckily, she spoke to **Dr. Rebecca Harries '88**, Drama Professor at Bishop's, who happened to have the perfect solution. Dr. Harries suggested using the Forum Theatre technique, pioneered by Brazilian artist and activist Augusto Boal.

Forum Theatre is a tool for political change where people are invited to identify an issue affecting their community, develop a scenario around the issue, have it performed, and then analyze and intervene at key moments in the drama. This technique allows the audience to become 'spect-actors' with the ability to influence the outcome of the scenario, ultimately providing concrete solutions to these real-life situations.

Both Dr. Harries and Dr. Lawford agreed the turning points highlighted in the interviews with former violent extremists were naturally climactic moments that could be used in Forum Theatre. As such, Dr. Harries and her students developed different scenarios around these turning point life stories.



**Florence Bergeron '19**, Associate Director of Knowledge Mobilization at SCC, **Dr. Heather Lawford**, and **Dr. Rebecca Harries '88**

The students and Dr. Harries performed these scenarios at a conference coordinated by Dr. Lawford, and Dr. Sarah-Myriam Martin-Brûlé, Politics and International Studies Professor at B.U. Several experts in grievance-based violence from around the world were in attendance and participated in the exercise. In one instance, a young person became disillusioned after being sent by their school to an equity workshop, only to be denied support when they sought to explore these ideas further. Scenarios like this helped the

adult leaders in the room realize the long-term impacts of tokenizing youth initiatives.

The outcome exceeded expectations. “The activity led to unbelievably vulnerable and perceptive conversations,” says Dr. Harries. “It was a moving moment, and I was stunned by the possibility of what this could become.”

Dr. Lawford’s partners at Public Safety, who attended the conference, clearly felt the same—they called her and asked her to continue and expand on the work, offering another grant to support this initiative. Subsequently, the Students Commission of Canada (SCC), a non-profit organization where Dr. Lawford is the Research Director, took the lead. The SCC collaborated with Dr. Lawford and Dr. Harries to develop and host a four-day workshop with youth from Sherbrooke, Halifax, and Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

Most of these youth, some from vulnerable communities, had never participated in theatre arts, so Dr. Harries helped them develop their skills for Forum Theatre. “The initiative was youth voice driven,” says Dr. Lawford. “The goal was to unlock the creative potential of young people who would take the lead and create products in their own community that would serve to prevent grievance-based violence.” Upon hearing them describe moments of injustice—echoing themes described in the interviews with former violent extremists—the idea of **Hearing Unheard Moments** (HUM) came to life.

HUM is a knowledge mobilization project, with a research component for which Dr. Lawford is the lead researcher, led by the SCC – Centre of Excellence for Youth Engagement and funded by a \$3,000,000 grant from Public Safety Canada. Working with national partners—BGC Canada, Child Development Institute, CIVIX, GoodBot, Moonshot, National Alliance for Children and Youth, Next Gen Men, Pathways to Education, and Per Se Brand Experience—they are offering tools and resources, such as Forum Theatre, to drive systemic change aimed at reducing violence and polarization in our society. “Rather than creating a product or workshop, we are providing a model of support and knowledge mobilization that will empower individuals to work through difficult conversations where multiple views are allowed to stay in the room,” says Dr. Harries.

They have identified ten sites across Canada where they are going to implement this training for youth and adult allies. The process will always be in collaboration with the

populations they are planning to engage with, and the level of service provided will be catered to each location’s particular needs. The goal is to look at the individual in a variety of contexts—at school, with family, within the community—and study how certain policies may be creating moments of exclusion and grievance that are going unheard. “If we started to pay a little more attention to each other and worked on an upstream level to prevent these injustices from occurring, we could prevent grievances from being hardened into violence,” explains Dr. Lawford.

The SCC and Professors Lawford and Harries agree that working with the youth in these communities is key to this initiative. “We want to avoid imposing a solution and instead provide frameworks to empower young people to navigate these situations in an informed manner,” affirms Dr. Harries. Together they may look at physical accessibility in their environments, at the way language is used in certain policies, or at the diversity, or lack thereof, of staff or authority figures in their communities and educational institutions—all with the goal of creating spaces where more people feel welcome and less likely to turn to violence as an outlet.

The feedback received to date has been extremely positive. Staff and youth leaders at the SCC continue to use the skills developed during the four-day workshop. Now, the work continues to make sure the tools and resources they are building end up in the hands that need them most. A toolkit is available on the HUM website at [www.studentscommission.ca/getInformed/SocialCohesion/hum2025/](http://www.studentscommission.ca/getInformed/SocialCohesion/hum2025/).

The progression of this project is living proof of the impact of interdisciplinary collaboration found at Bishop’s. Had a psychology professor and a drama professor stayed in their so-called lanes, this project might never have evolved in a way that is now getting international attention for its unique approach and positive impact.

### USEFUL DEFINITIONS:

**Grievance-based violence:** refers to acts of harm driven by perceived injustice, rejection, or resentment—often rooted in personal or social grievances.

**Generativity:** a concept in developmental psychology referring to the concern for and the need to contribute to the next generation.

## FROM CLASSROOM TO ADMINISTRATION: DR. HULL'S JOURNEY AT B.U.

When Dr. Kerry Hull joined Bishop's in 1997, she fully expected to leave for medical school the following year. Now, almost 30 years later, her deep connection to Bishop's—sparked all those years ago—still runs strong, and she continues to make a meaningful impact on the University's tight-knit community.

Throughout her time at Bishop's, Dr. Hull has explored many facets of faculty life; first as a professor, subsequently as a Dean, more recently as the Associate Vice-Principal, Research, and currently as Interim Vice-Principal Academic and Research. While she had not foreseen a transition from biologist to administrator, she views the opportunity to move between roles as one of the many advantages of working at B.U. "This is a place of endless possibilities, for students but also for professors. At Bishop's, you do not just discover paths you never imagined—you fall in love with them. Each new direction brings exciting opportunities to learn fresh skills and gain perspectives that transform how you see your work and the world," says Dr. Hull.

Dr. Hull has taught a wide range of biology courses, including genetics, evolution, history of biology, cell biology, physiology, exercise science, and human anatomy; she received the *Divisional Teaching Award* in 2009. Her teaching emphasizes active learning through case studies that connect theory to real-world applications. She also employs guided inquiry, encouraging students to take ownership of their learning by tackling questions, problems, and data sets themselves. She says, "It is wonderful to watch students reach that moment of clarity with a challenging concept. Those 'aha' moments result in learning that persists long after the final exam." Her research program extends this philosophy, helping anatomy and physiology instructors at two-year colleges integrate these techniques into their own classrooms and become educational researchers themselves.

These experiences have prepared Dr. Hull for the complexities of her current role. As Interim Vice-Principal Academic and Research, she oversees the academic operations of the University, supports Deans and faculty, and is leading a major curriculum and academic review aimed at optimizing resources. While financial constraints



Dr. Kerry Hull

are a driving factor, Dr. Hull remains optimistic. "This moment gives us the opportunity to ask fundamental questions about our priorities and explore new ways of working together to deliver an outstanding education. The entire community is working tirelessly to ensure Bishop's thrives for the next 180 years."

Outside of her administrative responsibilities, Dr. Hull enjoys the cultural, athletic, and outdoor opportunities offered by Bishop's and the Eastern Townships. She enjoys cheering on the Gaiters, attending performances of the B.U. Singers (and hopes to join them one day), and spending time running, biking, and skiing in the mountains of Quebec and Vermont.

Dr. Hull concludes, "Bishop's is an extraordinary place that fosters creativity and growth. I'm deeply grateful for the relationships and opportunities that have given me and my family a life that is both challenging and rewarding."

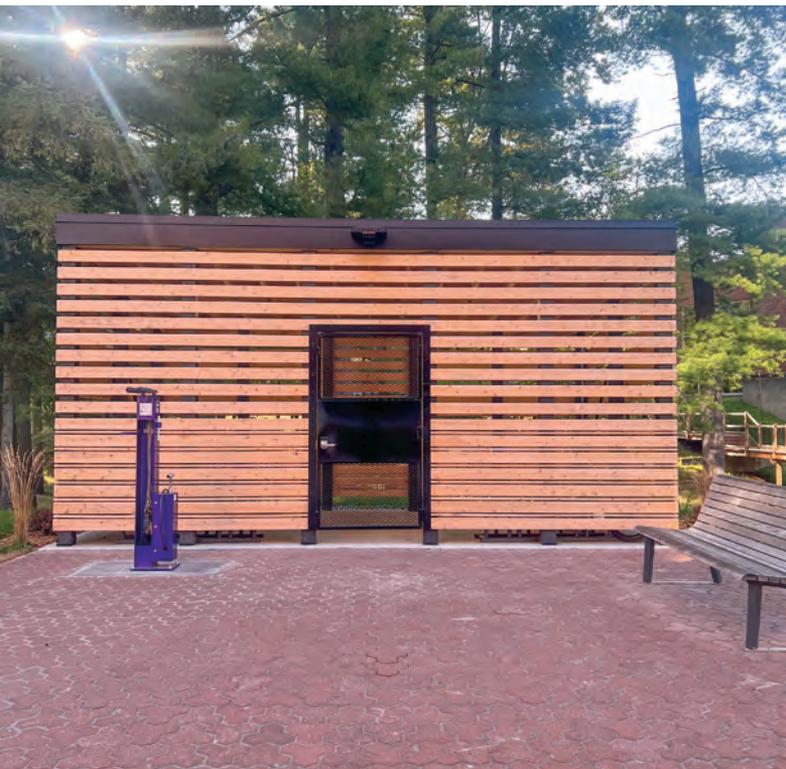
## CAMPUS SHIFTS GEARS WITH NEW BIKE SHELTER

In September 2025, the Bishop's community gained an on-campus, year-round bike shelter. This new facility aligns with the Sustainable Development Office's (SDO) infrastructure projects for the B.U. campus.

Guided by the Bishop's Sustainability Plan, the University aims to operate in an ecologically and socially responsible manner. Objectives such as reducing car traffic and maintaining the carbon neutrality that was achieved in 2023 have brought a mindful perspective towards ways in which the University can positively impact the environment. A temporary winter bike shelter pilot project was initiated on campus in 2023 and 2024; however, the extreme weather conditions called for a stronger structure to provide improved security.

Recognizing the community's passion for active transportation, a project team from the Buildings & Grounds Department partnered with the SDO to design a new four-season bike shelter. Centrally located near the Student Union Building and Johnson, the shelter offers 16 electronically accessible parking spaces. This initiative encourages cycling as a convenient option on campus and contributes to Bishop's "Bike Friendly Campus" badge, earned through the *Vélosympathique* certification in January 2023.

The shelter was successfully completed in time for the fall semester, and cyclists who are excited to bring their wheels onto campus now have a secure place to store their bikes.



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## THE MORE THE MERRIER: PATERSON HALL RESIDENCE EXTENSION

In June 2025, Bishop's University announced the extension of Paterson Hall, one of its seven on-campus student residences. This new section will offer students modern suite-style accommodations that blend comfort with community. The building's new wing is expected to be completed by fall 2026.

Since the student population is targeted to increase to 3,000 students in upcoming years, the extension will ensure a comfortable experience for on-campus life. The new wing will meet all necessary requirements for accessibility and will add 3,000 square feet of space and 63 beds, increasing capacity from 164 to 227 residents. The units will consist of two bedrooms, a shared washroom, and a common area. Additionally, there will be study rooms and a zen room for recharging after late-night study sessions.

This project became a possibility thanks to a special \$6.3 million grant from the *Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur* (MES). To further support Bishop's ongoing sustainability goals, the MES is also providing a \$600,000 grant to improve the residence's energy efficiency.

Paterson Hall's thoughtfully designed new wing stands as a testament to our commitment to accommodating and celebrating our growing student family.

## BISHOP'S SAYS OUI TO NEW BEGINNINGS: LAUNCHING OUI EXPERIENCE

On September 17, Bishop's University, in partnership with its *Département d'études françaises et québécoises*, launched OUI EXPERIENCE, a new campus-wide initiative. The program is designed to celebrate Quebec culture by making French as a Second and Additional Language more accessible to the student body. Designed as a symbolic and reflective process, the program invites students to discover the French language through the support of French-speaking, English-speaking, and allophone members of our community.

"As an ambassador, I'll try to convince English speakers that French is the most beautiful language in the world and that French-speaking culture from Quebec is worth discovering," said Mélanie Noël, former journalist at *La Tribune* and Ambassador of OUI EXPERIENCE.



Jessica Ford Photography

OUI EXPERIENCE invites students to immerse themselves in Quebec culture through engaging, hands-on learning activities and events, including book clubs, cultural outings, daily tutoring, workshops, movie nights, and themed dinners at the French Hub (pictured above). Initiatives such as OUI Café, a recurring activity focused on reading local news in French, and OUI Lunch, a monthly outing to the *Promenade du Lac-des-Nations* and nearby restaurants, will help students engage with and explore the local culture as well. French as a Second Language courses offered by Bishop's are also a part of the initiative, with a view of helping students to develop their oral and written skills in a warm and welcoming approach to learning.

It looks like saying *Oui!* to French immersion has many perks.



Kim Anderson, Chief Executive Officer, Hewitt Foundation (front far left) and Claudia Mendès, Manager, Grants and Partnerships, Hewitt Foundation (front far right) with students from the inaugural PsyD cohort

## FROM CLASSROOM TO CLINIC: BISHOP'S PSYD PROGRAM MAKES LOCAL IMPACT

On September 23, Bishop's University proudly celebrated the official inauguration of its Psychology Clinic, a major step forward in expanding access to affordable, bilingual psychological services and addressing a critical need in the Eastern Townships.

The clinic is a key milestone in the development of Bishop's new Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) program. Second-year students, trained as clinical interns, are now providing psychological assessments and psychotherapy under professional supervision.

Within three weeks of opening, the clinic welcomed roughly 35 clients, half English-speaking and half French-speaking, ranging in age from 8 to 75. The English-speaking community, in particular, has responded enthusiastically; many clients noted they had been searching for English services for months. The affordable rate of \$25 per session has been an additional factor in encouraging individuals to seek care.

"The Bishop's University Psychology Clinic will expand access to affordable mental health services in both English and French," said Dr. Catherine Malboeuf-Hurtubise, Psychology Professor and former PsyD Program Chair. "Through internships, students gain practical experience delivering care to the community. Upon graduation, they will be licensed psychologists equipped to serve clients in both official languages."

Bishop's University gratefully acknowledges the Hewitt Foundation for its generous support of scholarships for students in the program. This funding allows students to focus on their academic and clinical training, while also promoting timely completion of the degree within four years—helping to increase the number of practicing psychologists in the region.



## INTRODUCING BISHOP'S NEW AFFINITY SPACES

In 2021, Bishop's signed the *Scarborough Charter on Anti-Black Racism and Black Inclusion* alongside 58 other Canadian institutions as a promise to create an inclusive campus for all members of our community. This fall, three new on-campus affinity and equity spaces were introduced to the Bishop's University campus as an important step towards fulfilling this goal.

The spaces include a Parent and Infant Care Room, a private space for feeding parents and their babies; a Black Affinity Space, created for Black students, staff, and faculty to connect; and the 2SLGBTQIA+ Affinity Space, a safe and affirming environment for faculty, staff, and students who identify as a part of a 2SLGBTQIA+ community. By embracing diversity and belonging, the affinity places act as a safe space for students and employees to forge connections through shared experiences.

Affinity spaces are more than rooms. They are places of care, belonging, and affirmation. They allow members of the Bishop's community with shared lived experiences to connect, support one another, and access tailored resources. When people feel safe and affirmed, the whole campus becomes stronger, more inclusive, and more vibrant.

## BMO SUPPORTS INDIGENOUS STUDENT SUCCESS

On November 6, 2025, Bishop's University celebrated BMO's \$200,000 contribution to Indigenous student support and initiatives. This four-year funding commitment strengthens the University's efforts to foster a safe and inclusive environment for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students.

The Abaznoda BMO Fund will be directed toward bursaries and emergency funding to reduce financial barriers

for Indigenous students. Additionally, it will provide support for cultural activities and land-based programming that celebrate Indigenous heritage, traditions, and knowledge.

The term "Abaznoda" originates from the Abenaki language and best translates to "basket". In Abenaki culture, baskets hold significant cultural value, and the tradition of basket weaving remains vital within Abenaki communities today. Attributing an Abenaki dimension to the name of the fund is a meaningful gesture of "reconciliation" that highlights a collective commitment to taking thoughtful and constructive steps toward building stronger relationships with Indigenous communities.

"BMO's generosity does not just help one student—it helps a community of Indigenous students who are finding their voices, confidence, and their sense of home here at Bishop's," says Psychology student Paulina Kuznetsov. This partnership is a testament of Bishop's and BMO's shared devotion to supporting and empowering Indigenous students.

"Guided by our purpose 'To Boldly Grow the Good' in business and life, this contribution reflects our commitment to reconciliation and to creating safe and empowering spaces where First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students can thrive, strengthen their voices, and shape a brighter future," states Katy de Grandpré, Regional Vice President, Personal Banking, BMO.



Dr. Colette Yellow Robe, Associate Professor, School of Education; Jasper Cottrell, History Student; Vicky Boldo, Director Indigenous Initiative & Intercultural Relations; Daniel Jarry, Director, Operations and Community Giving, BMO; Mark Shadeed, Vice President Indigenous Banking Quebec & Atlantic, BMO; Sébastien Lebel-Grenier, Principal and Vice-Chancellor; Paulina Kuznetsov, Psychology Student; Danai Bélanger, Vice-Principal Student Affairs and Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; and Katy de Grandpré, Regional Vice President, Personal Banking, BMO

## THE CAMPUS CELEBRATES 80 YEARS OF PUBLISHING

Founded in 1944, *The Campus* printed its inaugural edition with a mission in mind: produce Bishop's first fortnightly newspaper that focuses on various topics of interest. Though the first issue covered sports headlines and Bishop's social news, the newspaper has expanded over the years to better reach multiple audiences and now covers a multitude of subjects from opinion pieces to business and economics articles. Since its debut, *The Campus* has consistently provided updates on current affairs while keeping student involvement at the forefront of the newspaper's core.

In November 2024, *The Campus* celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary, marking many years of community-driven journalism that holds a timeless legacy in Bishop's history. The current editor-in-chief, Rianna Ostrosser, feels this milestone is worthy of celebration. Beyond keeping students informed, the newspaper provides an excellent experiential learning opportunity for the staff. "Students learn how to meet deadlines, work within a team, and communicate clearly, all skills that transfer directly to professional settings," says Rianna.

**Cassie MacDonell '22**, lived this journey when she worked for *The Campus*, first as a contributor for two years and then as Editor-in-Chief. She now works at Special Olympics British Columbia as the Communications Coordinator. In this role, Cassie executes the internal communications program for volunteers and athletes, alongside fundraising communications via social media and email. *The Campus* served as a tangible way for Cassie to pursue her passion for writing and build on her teamwork and leadership skills. "I completely credit *The Campus* for helping me discover my passions and guiding my career path. Since Bishop's is a small school, it allows for students to pursue unique opportunities they may not receive at a larger school. My involvement as Editor-in-Chief not only helped me stand out when I applied to my Master of Media in Journalism and Communication program but also helped me get a role at *The Sherbrooke Record* and later *The Globe and Mail*," says Cassie.



Photo: Emily Crunican '25

Similarly, **Greg Dempsey '04** fondly remembers working at *The Campus* as Editor-in-Chief. While managing and mentoring a team of editors, photographers, and writers, Greg learned to navigate professional environments and gained hands-on writing experience. Now a career Foreign Service Officer working at Canada's Embassy to the U.S. in Washington, DC, Greg uses the skills he developed at *The Campus* daily. "I do a little of everything in my career, but it is the ability to deliver clear concise messaging that my *Campus* experience really developed," Greg confirms.

*The Campus* provides students with the opportunity to discover a variety of professional fields. From positions such as Director of Marketing and Communications to Staff Writer to Graphics Editor, there are a plethora of opportunities for students to get involved and discover how a passion can turn into a career. "Looking back, my skills were not as developed as they are currently, but this is the essence of *The Campus*: a comfortable environment where you can make mistakes and learn from them so you can deliver even better journalism and results when you move into your professional career," says Cassie.

For over 80 years, *The Campus* has been an invaluable extracurricular for hundreds of students. From hands-on experience in journalism and publishing to forging relationships with classmates and a variety of on-campus stakeholders, the opportunities for students to develop essential career skills are endless. We look forward to reading *The Campus* for many years to come.

# 2025 CONVOCATION MEMORIES

On June 7, 2025, 660 students crossed the stage at the 198<sup>th</sup> Convocation ceremonies and became alumni of Bishop’s University. In addition, Bishop’s proudly hosted several celebrations in honour of students with diverse identities and backgrounds. International students, Black students, and Indigenous students were each celebrated in acknowledgment of their unique paths and the rich perspectives and ideas they bring to this community.



Alexandre Mador '25



Principal Lebel-Grenier and Christina Lépine '25

## Class Valedictorians

The 2025 valedictorians were **Alexandre Mador '25** and **Christina Lépine '25**. Both recognized the supportive community at Bishop’s and the endless opportunities available to B.U. students. They agreed the Class of 2025 leaves prepared to face their next adventures, make a difference in the lives of others, and challenge the status quo. As Alexandre said, “We leave here not just as graduates, but as thinkers grounded in logic, guided by empathy.”

## Teaching Award

The *William and Nancy Turner Teaching Award*, the highest teaching award at Bishop’s, was conferred to Dr. Catherine Malboeuf-Hurtubise, Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology. **Arianne Marchand '25** described Dr. Malboeuf-Hurtubise as a deeply engaged, generous, and supportive mentor who always makes time for her students.



Dr. Catherine Malboeuf-Hurtubise, **Arianne Marchand '25**, and Chancellor Daniel Fournier

## Honorary Degrees

Honorary Degrees were conferred to **Michael J. Sabia DCL '25** and **Dr. Joanne Liu DCL '25, MD, C.M., FRCP**.

Michael Sabia was named Clerk of the Privy Council and Secretary to the Cabinet by Prime Minister Carney effective July 7, 2025. Prior to this, he served as the President and CEO of Hydro-Québec, Deputy Minister of the Department of Finance Canada, Director of the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy at the University of Toronto, President and CEO of the *Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec*, and President and CEO of BCE, among many other notable positions. Mr. Sabia is an Officer of the Order of Canada.

Dr. Liu is a paediatric emergency physician and professor at McGill University’s School of Population & Global Health. Formerly President of *Médecins Sans Frontières*, Dr. Liu has distinguished herself as a global health leader, working on initiatives such as introducing comprehensive care for survivors of sexual violence and developing a telemedicine platform for connecting doctors in rural conflict zone areas with specialists worldwide.



Front: Michael J. Sabia DCL '25 and Dr. Joanne Liu DCL '25, MD, C.M., FRCP  
Back: Principal and Vice-Chancellor Sébastien Lebel-Grenier and Chancellor Daniel Fournier

All photos: Jessica Ford Photography

## ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

### Alumnus of the Year

It was an honour to present the *Alumnus of the Year* award to **Bob Hall '79** in recognition of his decades of service to Bishop's University. A dedicated volunteer, Bob served as the Chair of the Bishop's University Board of Governors from 2014 to 2024. Under Bob's leadership and thanks to his exceptional skillset, experience, and abilities, the Board of Governors was able to navigate several significant challenges while preserving its ability to put Bishop's mission first.

Bob graduated from B.U. with a B.A. in History, and in 1983 he obtained a law degree from *Université de Sherbrooke*. Newly retired, Bob was Chief of Strategy and Legal Affairs at Cascades for more than 30 years. He has been Chairman of the Board of Directors of Goodfellow Inc. since 2022. In 2018, he was named *Avocat émérite* by the *Barreau du Québec*, a distinction that recognizes professional excellence, remarkable contributions to the profession, and outstanding community engagement. In 2023 Bob was named *Grand ambassadeur* by *Université de Sherbrooke* in recognition of his contributions as an alumnus.

For years, Bob has been dedicated to giving back and supporting local causes. He served as a member of the Board of Directors of the *Collège Mont Notre-Dame* from 2008 to 2013. He was also a member of the fundraising campaign committee for the Ronald McDonald House in Montreal. More recently, he acted as Honorary President for the 2024 and 2025 fundraising campaigns of *La Fondation de la société des soins palliatifs à domicile du Grand Montréal*, where he currently serves as a board member. In addition, he is actively involved with the Mackay Foundation, Tour CIBC Charles Bruneau, and the Blue Massawippi Project. He has likewise always been a staunch supporter of his *almae matres*.

### Young Alumna of the Year

It was a pleasure to bestow the *Young Alumna of the Year* award to **Emma Story '21** who graduated from Bishop's with a B.Sc. and is now pursuing an M.Sc. in Sport Management at the University of Florida online.

Since 2022, Emma has taken on multiple roles at the Abilities Centre in Whitby, Ontario—an organization dedicated to providing inclusive and accessible programs and services to the community, while also leading research on inclusion and developing initiatives for nationwide implementation.

Now, as Manager of Recreation, she oversees a team of six certified therapists. Emma also manages the Therapeutic Recreation in Schools program, an initiative promoting essential skill development for children and youth living with disabilities. Under Emma's leadership, this program has been integrated into 12 schools across Ontario.

Outside of work, Emma is heavily involved in community initiatives. She has worked with Farkhunda Muhtaj, a Northern Super League soccer player and social activist, to launch Project Purpose, a new non-profit organization which uses sports to empower underserved communities. She also volunteers as a mixed ability sport coach to provide recommendations to sporting organizations on reducing barriers for athletes with disabilities. Emma is a member of the Board of Directors for Therapeutic Recreation Ontario and an Advisory Council member for the Canadian Disability Participation Project 2.0.

Emma's dedication to inclusion, accessibility, and empowerment not only uplifts those around her but also reflects the spirit of service and excellence that defines our alumni community.



Jane Brydges '95 – Chair of the Bishop's University Foundation Board, Bob Hall '79, Emma Story '21, and Alex Cook '13 – Alumni Association Past President

Photo: Jessica Ford Photography

## WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE CLASS OF 2025?

Our 2025 graduates have embarked on exciting journeys and career paths since Convocation in June. Here's a look at a few of their next steps.



Rory Point-Du-Jour '25

**Rory Point-Du-Jour '25** earned a Sociology degree from Bishop's, with a concentration in Criminology, Law, and Social Policy, and a minor in Sports Studies. Since then, she has been working as a Community Justice Worker and Program Facilitator at the Elizabeth Fry Society in Ottawa, a non-profit organization that works with women and gender-diverse people who have been, or are at risk of being, criminalized.

Rory's role allows her to carry forth the organization's

mission to assist women and marginalized communities in the justice system. She offers support and advocacy to her clients, helping them navigate barriers and move past this difficult point in their lives. She honed the leadership and organizational skills essential for facilitating programs and connecting individuals with community resources during her time at B.U., where she co-led the Volleyball Club. She especially enjoyed organizing practices and events and fostering a strong sense of community through sport.

Although her next steps are not set in stone, Rory intends to continue her career in social work, with a focus on supporting immigrants and marginalized communities.

**Angus Whyte '25** obtained his B.A. from Bishop's with a major in Politics and International Studies and a minor

in Philosophy. This fall, he started his first semester at the Schulich School of Law (SSL) at Dalhousie University in Halifax to pursue his J.D. and intends to obtain a certificate in Marine and Environmental Law within the J.D. program. As a Haligonian, Angus was familiar with the SSL's encouragement of unselfish public service, a mission that aligned with his own values.

Although Angus came to B.U. as a science student, he



Angus Whyte '25

ultimately chose a new field of study thanks to the support and stability he received from the *Michael Goldbloom Excellence Scholarship*. This financial aid, combined with his interest in international agreements, economic policy, and environmental law—which he developed while pursuing an independent research project at Bishop's—led him to further explore these topics at Dalhousie. Angus also fondly recalls his experience with the Model UN Practicum, which exposed him to professional development opportunities outside of the classroom.

Angus hopes to continue exploring his love of environmental and international trade law, but for now he is simply grateful for the opportunity to attend law school and plans to see where this path takes him.

After earning her B.A. with an honours in Philosophy and a minor in Fine Arts from Bishop's, **Lilah Kyllonen '25** chose to pursue graduate studies in London, England—a childhood dream come true thanks to her determination and support from the Beaverbrook Canadian Foundation.

Deeply passionate about philosophy, Lilah took advantage of every opportunity at B.U. to further explore the subject. As a teaching assistant, she led class discussions and helped students better understand the course materials. Her honours thesis, supervised by Dr. Jamie Crooks, likewise challenged her and prepared her for the realities of graduate studies.

When Lilah discovered the M.A. Philosophy program at King's College London, she felt she owed it to herself to apply. Four years of Philosophy was simply not enough for her! Her dream became reality when she was awarded one of the *Beaverbrook Canadian Foundation – Hugh Cowans Scholarships* (valued at \$20,000 and awarded to high-achieving graduating students from Bishop's who plan to pursue graduate studies in the UK). This scholarship helped relieve the financial stress of moving abroad, and she is now happily living and studying in London.

Lilah plans to pursue her passion for the field through doctoral studies with the goal of one day becoming a professor of philosophy.



Lilah Kyllonen '25

# PURPLE RUNS IN THE FAMILY



Andrew Blanchard '90, Justin Pascale Blanchard '25, Mia Pascale '91, and Kyla Pascale Blanchard '24



Beck Winsor '25 and Tara Marsh '94



Chelsea Sheridan '25 and Lorcan Sheridan '89



Claire McClelland '25 and Keith McClelland '80

Convocation at Bishop's is often a family celebration, and we were delighted to welcome so many B.U. parents, siblings, grandparents, and loved ones to be part of this special day.



Douglas Jarvis '12, Laura Hedgcock Ravis '78, Eilieen Murphy '25, and Stephen Jarvis '78



Esther Rouleau '88, Etienne Martel '24, Chloé Rouleau '25, and Hans Rouleau '97



Gary Connor '69, Kelsey Groves '25, Lesley Connor '93, and Stan Groves '81



Hank Wulder '24, Cleo Wulder '25, and David Leberec '65



Jack Linnell '25 and Betsy Kennerly Linnell '93



Jake Matheson '25 and Al Matheson '88



John Fowell '25 and Don Fowell '93

PURPLE RUNS IN THE FAMILY



Kathleen Bieber '99 and Morgan Passmore '25



Katie Aitken '25 and Allister Aitken '21



Kirby Stubbart '94 and Kirsten Stubbart '25



Layla Calitri '25 and Chloe Calitri '23



Nancy Becker '91, Samantha Becker '25, and Frank Becker '91



Nancy Richard '96, Chelsea McBride '25, and Matt McBride '96



OJ Burnett '01, Oliver Burnett '25, and Cynthia Burnett '01



Raffi Sossoyan '92 and Selena Sossoyan '25



Rica Kabayiza '23, Hoza Kabayiza '25, and Mary Assumpta '98



Ron Gillespie '90 and Mackenzie Gillespie '25



Dr. Suzanne Banfill '96 and Matthew Sylvester '25



Toby Rochester '57, Abigail Rochester '25, and Trevor Rochester '94

## LEADING BY EXAMPLE

**R**oberto DiDonato's '98 philosophy on philanthropy is to give back more than you take. As someone who has been giving back to his community since the age of 15, he has a clear understanding of the difference generosity can make.

Before coming to Bishop's, Roberto had been a volunteer soccer coach since his early teens. Once at B.U., he fully immersed himself into campus life through athletics and extracurriculars. He played on the Men's Soccer team, oversaw the Soccer and Basketball intramural league referees (he won referee of the year twice), and was a marshal. After **Cameron Hughes** graduated in 1996, Roberto stepped up and took on Cam's legacy of hyping up the crowd; he would dress up and ride a unicycle at half time during the basketball games. He also volunteered to run the 50/50 draws during the games.

Roberto's time at Bishop's gave him the chance to build his confidence, and the small class sizes encouraged him to get to know people and develop new relationships. Living in the Eastern Townships also allowed him to improve his French; today, he is fully trilingual and speaks French daily for his work.

Since graduation, Roberto has continued to find ways to give back to his local community, often volunteering 10 to 20 hours per week. He previously coached soccer at the provincial level where he went to several National Championships with his teams. He was also the soccer coach at Mount Allison for six years,



Roberto DiDonato '98

President of the Moncton Basketball Association, and today he coaches his daughters' high school basketball teams. Philanthropy is a passion that he shares with his wife, Jaime. Every year, they choose to give to a local establishment in need, from their local high school to the YMCA.

For several years, Roberto was Chair of the Fundraising Campaign for United Way of Greater Moncton and Southeastern New Brunswick. His role entailed soliciting different corporations for donations and creating awareness around the fact that the local United Way supports over 28 organizations in the area. As the largest United Way in New Brunswick, they had a fundraising goal of \$2.3 million during his first year as Chair, which they almost reached. In his second year, they proudly achieved this incredible goal. In 2022, he was awarded the *Queen*

*Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal* for his contributions to the community.

In his professional life as a Senior Investment Counsellor at BMO, Roberto helps his clients meet their financial goals, including advising those with foundations and the ability to give back. His job is just one more way he can contribute meaningfully to his community, a value that has been ingrained in him since his youth: "I have always been told we are put on this planet to make it a better place. I volunteer my time, my expertise, and my resources because it is the right thing to do. It is not about recognition; it is about making a difference and hopefully encouraging others to give back too," he affirms.

Recently inspired by his friend **Chris Forsythe '99**, who funds an award for a Men's Basketball player at Bishop's, Roberto has established the *Roberto DiDonato Women's Soccer Scholarship*. "Women's sports are traditionally disadvantaged and get less support, so I want to do what I can to empower these student-athletes," explains Roberto. "This is also my way of giving back to an institution that helped me develop my career. If everyone can give back more than they take, our communities will thrive."

Roberto's philosophy on giving has certainly impacted more lives that he can count. As a role model there is no better, and he personifies the values he has embraced since his youth.

## FROM TRY OUT TO LIFELONG PASSION

In 1986, **Barb Gillie '89**, née Wilson, impulsively chose to try out for the Women's Rugby team. Little did she know, this decision would spark a lifelong passion for a sport that continues to shape her life today.

Having come from a larger university in Ottawa, Barb was hoping to find at Bishop's what she did not at her last school: small class sizes, a liberal education, approachable professors who challenged their students to think critically, and women's sport. When she visited campus at Homecoming, she knew she had found all this and more; she had found a community.

Although Barb planned to play basketball, when she heard of the newly founded Women's Rugby team, she decided to give it a try. "After our first training session, I was hooked," says Barb. "I am proud to have played at the beginning of the team's history and say my rugby journey started at B.U."

In the summer, Barb played for the Ottawa Banshees, as well as both the Ontario and Quebec Women's provincial teams for two years each. After Bishop's, she moved to Scotland and attended Edinburgh University where she continued to play. After graduating, she played at the club level for the Edinburgh Academicals FC and Watsonians FC. She also played representative level for the East Region Women's team and the Scottish Select team.

Barb played rugby for 18 years. She became a player-coach for the Watsonians FC in 2003 and retired from playing when she transitioned to assistant coach and later head coach.

For over 35 years, Barb has held many volunteer and board roles within the rugby world. As Chair of the



**Barb Gillie '89**

Scottish Women's Rugby Union, she initiated and led the process for the integration with the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU), resulting in a unified body for women's and men's rugby by 2009. While Chair of the Five Nations Championship Committee (now Six Nations), she successfully led negotiations for the integration of the previously separate women's and men's tournaments.

Barb worked full-time for the SRU for 11 years. During this time, she coordinated the first women's international rugby match at a national stadium. This had an incredible ripple effect, leading other rugby unions to follow suit and likely culminating in the Women's Rugby World Cup being held at a sold-out Twickenham Stadium in London, England this year.

In 2011, Barb moved back to Canada and began working for the federal government. Today, Barb is a Policy Analyst in the International Team, within the Consumer Product Safety Program at Health Canada. According to Barb, both her Bishop's education and her involvement in sport have had an undeniable impact on her career path. "Playing rugby was like starting a new job. I met new

people, learned problem solving, strategic thinking skills, and the importance of teamwork," she says.

Upon her return to Canada, Barb joined Barrhaven Scottish RFC where she became the first female Club President, coached junior girls' teams for 10 years, and has been the senior women's team coach for the last two years. She was Chair of the Rugby Ontario Grassroots Club Development Committee for two years and is now Secretary of the Rugby Ontario Board.

Barb was also on the Round Table Working Group for the enactment of Rowan's Law; an Ontario provincial statute passed in 2018 and the first concussion legislation in Canada. The law is named after Rowan Stringer, a high school rugby player who died from multiple undiagnosed concussions in 2013. Having coached Rowan at the club level and being an advocate for player welfare, Barb is incredibly proud to have taken part in the enactment of this law. "My philosophy as a coach is about player safety and welfare, ensuring that my players are learning skills, how to tackle and take contact safely, can ask questions and have fun in a safe environment," affirms Barb.

Undoubtedly, Barb's time as a rugby player at Bishop's has influenced her life in immeasurable ways. From professors that encouraged her to think critically to a sport that fueled her with passion, Barb's B.U. experience is a testament to this institution's mission to develop the leaders of tomorrow. She not only leads a successful career, but she also continues to make a remarkable difference in the rugby community.

## WITH GRATITUDE: HONOURING THOSE WHO HELP BISHOP'S SHINE

If I have learned anything from working with the many volunteers who contribute to Bishop's success, it is that generosity lives at the heart of our community. As such, I would like to thank the Foundation Board members who have chosen to step down after many years of service: **Bob Goldberger '79**, **Tim Griffin '71**, **Roger Hardy '93**, **Ron Loucks '74**, and **Jo-Anne Ryan '83**. I am delighted that Tim, Jo-Anne, and Ron have agreed to remain on the Board as Honorary members.

Named *Alumnus of the Year* in 2011, Bob has been a faithful Director for over two decades while serving as Chair for seven years. He has generously dedicated his time and financial acumen to growing the endowment fund to record levels, while serving as a model of philanthropic leadership for all donors. The Goldberger Football Team Room and the *Goldberger Athlete Leadership Awards* are just two examples of the lasting impact of his generosity on campus. See page 40 in issue no. 61 to read about Bob's commitment to B.U.

As longstanding Chair of the Investment Committee, Tim has provided essential insights that have contributed to the impressive growth of the B.U. endowment fund. Over his 23-year tenure on the Board, Tim has been a steadfast champion of the University—most notably as Co-Chair of the *Leading the Way* capital campaign, the most successful fundraising initiative in the University's history. Tim was named *Alumnus of the Year* in 2018. See pages 27-38 in issue no. 52 to read the Campaign report.

Inducted into Bishop's *Top 10 After 10* in 2009, Roger is a distinguished



Jane Brydges '95

graduate whose professional accomplishments underscore the value of a Bishop's education. He brought his business acumen to bear in support of the Foundation's fundraising efforts. His generous support of student-athletes and student emergency funding, to name a few, has reinforced the importance of generosity.

Ron's six years of service on the Development Committee have been instrumental in cultivating new relationships with prospective donors. Drawing on his experience serving on the boards of other non-profit organizations, he has consistently brought fresh perspectives to our fundraising efforts. His commitment to finding innovative ways to support students has been unwavering.

As former Vice-Chair of the Board, and a strong advocate for women in philanthropy, Jo-Anne participated in defining the Foundation's strategic direction and ensured the Board fulfilled its fiduciary responsibilities. Her commitment to unrestricted giving has empowered the University

to sustain vital services and ease the burden for many students in need. Jo-Anne was named *Alumna of the Year* in 2019. She has been on the Board for 15 years.

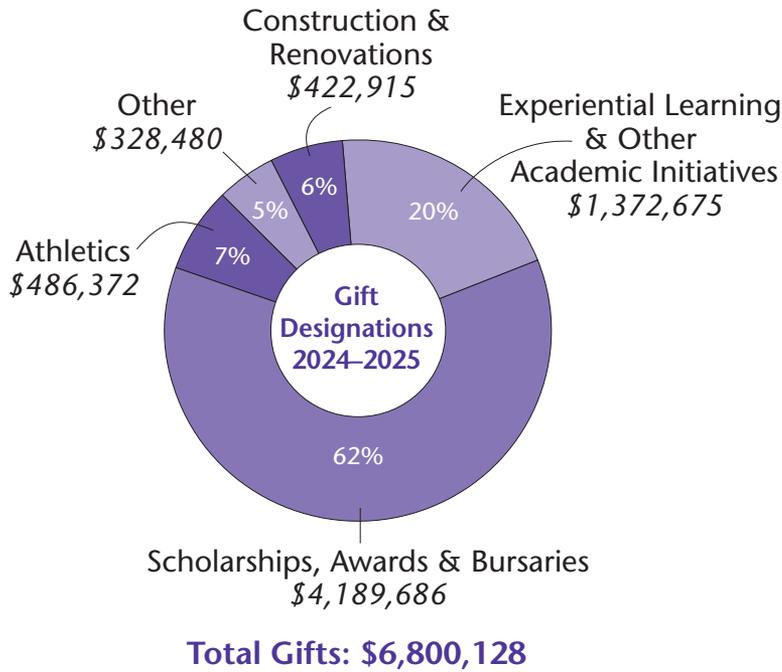
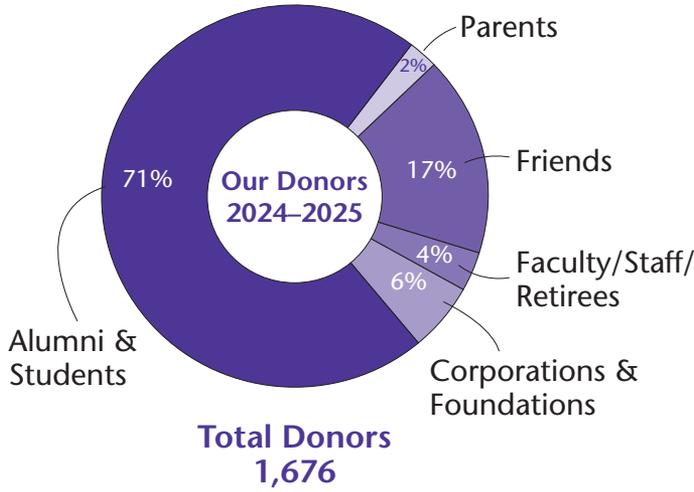
I could further describe their generosity and devotion, but even the most expansive tribute would fall short. Please join me in thanking these incredible volunteers for their meaningful contributions. As you can see from the visuals on the next page, it is the collective effort of our community that allows Bishop's to thrive. Everyone can make a difference, be it through their time, knowledge, or philanthropy. The impact on our students is undeniable.

Donations help us support not only financial aid, but also innovative teaching, campus improvements, and the vibrant student experience that makes Bishop's a special place. Even the smallest gift can spark change. In fact, it was the accumulation of small gifts in 2019 that led to the opening of the BUnited Peer Support Centre. Today, it is an essential resource for student connections and non-clinical mental health services.

Because of our donors, Bishop's remains a place where students thrive. As we look ahead, our goal remains clear: to provide a transformative educational experience where students are supported, inspired, and empowered. I invite everyone who believes in this vision to join us.

— Jane Brydges '95  
Chair, Bishop's University  
Foundation Board of Directors

# 2024–25 DONATION HIGHLIGHTS



## 2024-25 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Jane Brydges '95

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- Mark Saykaly '72
- Dr. Hugh Scott, DCL '99
- Dr. David Williams '63, DCL '96

## Bishop's Endowment at a Glance

**\$87,520,084**

Market Value  
as of  
April 30, 2025

**\$8,391,933**

Growth  
During  
2024–2025

**9.57 %**

Rate of  
Return for  
2024–2025

**\$1,929,042**

Contribution from the  
Endowment to the  
University in 2024–2025

## SHAPING THE FUTURE TOGETHER: BISHOP'S NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

Last year, Bishop's University embarked on a journey to develop a new strategic plan, which was adopted by the Board of Governors and launched this fall. More than just a document, this plan will serve as a guiding light and decision-making tool as the University addresses its priorities, improvements to its operations, and any unexpected challenges over the next four years.

**Murielle Lortie '91**, Chair of the Bishop's Board of Governors, affirms the importance of having this guide: "The strategic planning process is essential to how the Board fulfills its responsibility for oversight and stewardship of the University. Our role is to support and help guide decision-making so that the University is strong and sustainable for the future. The Strategic Plan is a tool that enables us to do this effectively."

Of utmost importance in the development of this plan was mobilization across the B.U. community. The University began the first stage of the process with consultations with four crucial groups: faculty, staff, students, and alumni. "We very much wanted this exercise to be a community-wide effort," says Principal Lebel-Grenier. "I was impressed by the level of engagement. Everyone took this process to heart, and some truly significant conversations took place."

Over 2,000 individuals participated in surveys about the future of the

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*"The Strategic Plan translates vision into action, ensures that aspirations are grounded in practical steps, and helps us prioritize in a world of many opportunities and challenges."*

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— Chancellor Daniel Fournier

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institution. Of these, 824 were alumni. The insights collected from the surveys, as well as from interviews with key external stakeholders, and workshops with the on-campus community provided the necessary groundwork for developing the Mission, Vision, and Value statements and identifying the institution's goals and strategies. From there, an action plan was created to reflect these new key pillars:

1. Ensure Bishop's long-term financial sustainability.
2. Strengthen what sets Bishop's apart in cultivating tomorrow's innovators and leaders.
3. Enhance Bishop's impact, reputation and recognition.

Progress on parts of the action plan is already underway. For example, work is in progress to develop a distinctive and unified messaging strategy for the Bishop's brand. Efforts are also being made to evaluate and enhance the experience of incoming students, helping them transition smoothly into life at B.U. Monthly staff

"Gaiter Blocks" have been introduced to support regular professional development. Additionally, implementation of a new Enterprise Resource Planning system has begun.

Each of these actions has been prioritized thanks to input from the B.U. community, and every one of them is intended to contribute to the strength and longevity of the University. As Chancellor Daniel Fournier says, "The Strategic Plan translates vision into action, ensures that aspirations are grounded in practical steps, and helps us prioritize in a world of many opportunities and challenges."

Although the University has recently faced certain political and financial challenges, the completion of this plan provides clarity in uncertain times. Together, we have forged a path forward, one that reinforces the unique opportunities a Bishop's education provides. Thanks to this collective effort, Bishop's is prepared to navigate towards a stronger and brighter future.

To see the full 2025–29 Strategic Plan, scan the QR code below or visit [www.ubishops.ca/strategic-plan/](http://www.ubishops.ca/strategic-plan/).



Bishop's is shaped by its identity as an English-language university located on W8banakiak wdakiw8k, the traditional lands of the Abenaki Nation, on a striking natural campus in a predominantly francophone region of Quebec.

We empower students to achieve their full potential and develop a strong sense of self. Our educational experience is based on breadth and depth of learning, collaboration across disciplines, research and creativity, meaningful interaction with faculty and staff, and opportunities to learn by doing. Our unique model enables us to cultivate tomorrow's innovators and leaders.

## Mission

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## Vision

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To be widely recognized as an inclusive university that prepares students to contribute with purpose, compassion and impact in a rapidly changing and increasingly complex world.

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## Values

### community

The Bishop's **experience** is *founded on a **diverse** and **supportive** community that **welcomes all** our members **as they are** and that **fosters meaningful connections** through *reciprocity, respect and **responsibility**.**

### SUSTAINABILITY

Bishop's has constantly evolved since our foundation in 1843, building on our strong tradition of quality for the benefit of future generations. Financial, academic, social and environmental stewardship are at the core of our mission.

### empowerment

**Bishop's is about empowering all our students to reach their full potential, both inside and outside the classroom. We believe in growth through curiosity, inspiration, intellectual rigor and dedication.**

### HARMONY

Learning is grounded in fundamental human aspirations. Beauty, joy, hope, and empathy are embedded in Bishop's mission as we challenge all members of our community to positively change the world.

# TOP 10 AFTER 10



Front: James Yurichuk '09, Kathleen Heyer '06, Will Greaves '06. Back: Étienne Méryneau '10, Danielle Morissette '13, Sonja Solomun '09, Philippe Vennes '11. Not pictured: Joshua Brown '09, H  l  ne Champoux '04, and Trevor Golding '08.

**W**e are pleased to introduce the 2025 Bishop's University **Top 10 After 10** cohort. These individuals have distinguished themselves as leaders in their communities, exemplifying the spirit and ideals fostered at Bishop's through their careers, innovative ideas, and philanthropic efforts.

On November 21, 2025, Bishop's was proud to welcome seven of the ten inductees to campus to share their knowledge with our students during a Speed Networking event and the official Award Ceremony.

Scan the QR code below to see the full biographies or visit [www.ubishops.ca/Top10After10](http://www.ubishops.ca/Top10After10).



## JOSHUA BROWN '09

Joshua holds a B.A. in Political Science from Bishop's and an M.B.A. from the Ivey School of Business at Western University. Joshua is currently Vice-President at ICONIQ Capital, a global investment management firm, where he is responsible for client partnerships in Asia Pacific.

Originally from Canada, Joshua has spent much of his career working internationally, including more than a decade working on, or in, Asia Pacific. In previous roles, Joshua has worked in Singapore, Geneva, Toronto, Yangon, Bangkok, and Kuala Lumpur in government, consulting, and civil society positions.

Joshua is a passionate ski mountaineer and alpine climber, interests he developed as a Bishop's student during a ski trip to Jay Peak.



Joshua Brown

When not at work or in the mountains, you can typically find him spending time with his wife, Marine, and twin daughters, Scarlett and Victoria.



Hélène Champoux

### HÉLÈNE CHAMPOUX '04

Hélène graduated from Bishop's in 2004 with a B.B.A., concentration Finance. She landed her first job at Hydro-Québec when her future boss offered her a position on his team after watching her argue passionately with an airline agent over a last-minute flight home. At Hydro-Québec, she built a 12-year career managing the heritage pool, investor relations, and major commercial agreements.

Life then brought her to China, where she worked on the international commodity trading desk of a sales office for Aluminum Corporation of China. Then came another leap of faith, to Singapore, where she helped build Galen Growth into a leading global HealthTech market-intelligence company.

Today, Hélène has come full circle, back in the energy sector, working with the Government of Quebec in Singapore. She supports Quebec companies in cleantech and sustainability as they expand across Southeast Asia.

### TREVOR GOLDING '08

Trevor Golding is an entrepreneur and innovator in Canada's ag-tech sector who graduated from Bishop's in 2008 with a B.B.A. in Finance and Economics. In 2017, he founded Gold Leaf Technologies Inc., a company specializing in horticultural lighting and environmental optimization systems for commercial growers. Building on that success, he launched FutureProp, a venture focused on revolutionizing plant propagation.

His collaborative leadership and forward-thinking approach earned him recognition as one of Greenhouse Canada's *Top 4 Under 40* in 2023.

Trevor credits much of his success to his time at Bishop's University. It was there that he built a strong foundation for his career and met his wife, **Johanna '09**. Today, they are raising their family while managing two businesses together, continuing to live out the values of hard work, community, and innovation that Bishop's helped inspire.



Trevor Golding



Will Greaves

### WILL GREAVES '06

Dr. Will Greaves earned his B.A. in Political Science and International Relations from Bishop's in 2006, followed by an M.A. from the University of Calgary in 2009, and a Ph.D. from the University of Toronto in 2016.

In 2017, he began his career as a political science professor at the University of Victoria and received tenure in 2023. An award-winning educator, researcher, and academic leader, Will has written more than 30 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters and has authored three books.

He was elected Member of Parliament for Victoria in April 2025 and serves on the House of Commons Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities and the Standing Committee on National Defence.

He is grateful to live with his wife, **Carolyn '07**, and their daughter on southern Vancouver Island in the traditional territories of the Lekwungen-speaking peoples.



Kathleen Heyer

**KATHLEEN HEYER '06**

Kathleen graduated from Bishop's in 2006 with a double major in Biology and English before earning her J.D. *cum laude* from New England Law | Boston. She is now a Partner at Pierce Atwood LLP.

Kathleen is a recognized authority in real estate, land use, and renewable energy law. In 2023, she helped establish the Land Court's first-ever tax lien foreclosure pro bono program.

Kathleen serves on the board of the Massachusetts Real Estate Bar Association, is a member of the Abstract Club, teaches courses in land use and development, and has authored influential amicus briefs before Massachusetts' highest courts.

Outside of work, Kathleen serves on the board of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Salem, and, with her husband, **David Moon '06**, is transforming their property into a native plant and wildlife sanctuary.

**ÉTIENNE MÉRINEAU '10**

Étienne graduated from Bishop's in 2010 with a B.B.A., Concentration Business and Marketing, and later received a Certificate in Disciplined Entrepreneurship from MIT.

He is an award-winning entrepreneur, writer, and investor. He is the Founder and General Partner of Telegraph Ventures, a \$40M venture capital fund based in Montreal, focused on early-stage AI-driven startups. Prior to this, Étienne co-founded Heyday, a conversational AI startup acquired by Hootsuite for \$60 million in 2021.

A published author, AI thought leader, and speaker featured in over 100 publications internationally, Étienne made the prestigious Forbes *30 Under 30* list in 2018 (Marketing & Technology). Throughout his career, his work has been recognized with more than 65 awards internationally.

Étienne loves to spend time with his wife and daughter, travel, read, write, play tennis and hockey, follow geopolitical news, and mentor young entrepreneurs.



Étienne Mériteau



Danielle Morissette

**DANIELLE MORISSETTE '13**

Danielle graduated with a B.A. from Bishop's with a major in Psychology and minor in Criminology. She earned an Undergraduate Certificate in Addictions at *Université de Montréal* and a Graduate Diploma in Public Administrations at McGill. She is completing a Cumulative M.A. in Mental Health from *Université TÉLUQ*.

Danielle has lived in Nunavut for 10 years, developing strong relationships with Inuit communities. As the Corrections Training and Development Manager for the Government of Nunavut, Department of Justice, Corrections Division, she develops training programs and policies to better serve both Inuit inmates and the colleagues who support them.

Danielle has established case management foundations for the Adult Territorial Correctional Centres in Nunavut, and she has helped develop correctional officer training across Nunavut.

Danielle has a deep appreciation for the land, language, wildlife, and traditional beliefs of the Inuit.

**SONJA SOLOMUN '09**

Born in the former Yugoslavia and raised in Canada from age nine, Sonja has built a distinguished career at the intersection of technology and democracy. She obtained her B.A with an Honours in Sociology, and a double minor in English and Psychology from Bishop's in 2009. She completed graduate studies at Queen's (M.A.) and McGill (Ph.D.).

Today, Sonja is Assistant Research Professor at the Max Bell School of Public Policy and Deputy Director of the Centre for Media, Technology and Democracy at McGill. Her work examines digital policy and the environmental implications of AI and digital platforms.

Sonja helped shape Canada's federal policy on platforms and AI. She has advised Canadian and international governments on digital policy, AI and information integrity. Her research has been featured in several publications and broadcast media.

Sonja's most meaningful inspiration comes from her son, Luka.



Sonja Solomun



Philippe Vennes

**PHILIPPE VENNES '11**

Philippe is a business leader and entrepreneur from Quebec City. After graduating from Bishop's in 2011 with a B.B.A. in Finance and Economics, Vennes was selected as one of 36 students chosen from over 1,000 applicants for The Next 36, Canada's premier entrepreneurship program.

In late 2011, Vennes joined his family's company, FLB Solutions Alimentaires—a Quebec City-based food distributor his grandfather founded. By 2016, at age 28, he became President, guiding the company to over 50% growth within four years. Under his leadership, FLB broadened its services across Quebec, diversified its client base, and led the company through rapid expansion and resilient pivots.

Philippe's ambition is clear: triple the business over the next five years while protecting the service promise that built FLB's reputation. He credits that goal to a great and dedicated team.

**JAMES YURICHUK '09**

James obtained his B.A. from Bishop's in 2009 with a major in Sports Studies and minors in History, Psychology, and Environmental Studies and Geography.

After a successful run in the CFL, where he was part of the 2011 Grey Cup winning team, James channeled his drive into entrepreneurship. He went on to found Wuxly, a Toronto-based company specializing in engineered apparel for defense and civilian markets. Wuxly is a major supplier to the Canadian Armed Forces.

Guided by a commitment to innovation, integrity, and community, James has led Wuxly into global markets, working on projects ranging from NATO collaborations to supporting Ukraine's rebuilding efforts.

Bishop's laid the foundation for his success in sport and in life, with his greatest achievement being his role as a devoted parent to four children with his wife, Daniela.



James Yurichuk

## FROM FIELD TO BOARDROOM: THE IMPACT OF THE B.U. EXPERIENCE

**T**im Saunders '83 has built a successful 35-year career across the technology, telecom, cannabis, clean tech, and public accounting industries. In 2019, he was named a Fellow of the Chartered Professional Accountants Association in recognition of his professional and community contributions. How did he develop the ambition, confidence, and perseverance to lead such a diverse and accomplished career? According to Tim, it all started during his time as a Bishop's football player.

While he may have been recruited by over a dozen universities, Tim ultimately chose Bishop's for one reason: the purple Bishop's Gaiters uniforms, which he thought were the coolest in the country. However, had it not been for the determination of **Ron Perowne '72** to recruit both Tim and his parents, he might never have seen those uniforms in the first place. He says it became one of the most defining decisions of his life.

He credits much of his success to the lessons he learned on the field: "No one wins alone. Every single player has a job to do, and if one person misses an assignment, it all collapses. That understanding of roles, trust, and interdependence shaped how I led teams later in business," says Tim.

Even though he started every year he played, Tim never took his position on the team for granted. He earned his spot through hard work, resilience, and discipline; skills that would stay with him throughout his career. "The biggest thing Bishop's and football gave me was the belief that I would figure it out, even if I had no idea how in the moment," he says. "I have never



Janice and Tim Saunders '83

thought I was the smartest person in the room. Honestly, I have worked with people far smarter and more talented than me. But I knew I would outwork most of them. I would stay later, prepare better, take on more. I learned that excellence and success are not about being brilliant—it is about doing more than the people who settle for average."

This way of thinking is what earned him an academic scholarship after his first year at B.U. and is likely why he was bestowed the *Golden Mitre Award* by his peers in his final year.

This mentality also guided him through his entire career—from his first job at Coopers & Lybrand (now PwC) where he started as staff assistant and became senior manager; to his position as VP and Corporate Controller at Mitel; to Vodafone in Prague, where he led a global finance transformation across 22 countries; and back to Canada, where he helped transform Canopy Growth into a global company operating in 15 countries and on every continent.

Whether it was moving his family to a new country or building a cannabis company that most banks would not touch in the early days of legalization, Tim approached each challenge with

the determination to see it through successfully but always with humility. "There is something about being from Bishop's—no entitlement, no ego, just this sense that you earned your way in and you will earn your way forward," affirms Tim.

Throughout his many career adventures, Tim always remained supportive of his *alma mater*. He has been a speaker in various classrooms and clubs and was a guest coach at training camp. He proudly helped fund the football team's flights to the Maritimes for three years when they first joined the AUS because he "just wanted the team to have the chance to compete." He has also pledged a legacy gift. Whenever possible, he gladly hired Bishop's students and graduates, telling them to make him proud (which they always did).

Most recently, Tim has established a fund to provide student-athletes with scholarships every year. Why? "Because Bishop's gave me everything—not money, not privilege—but belief, resilience, and a place to become who I am. I owe more than I can repay. And I want student-athletes today, kids like I was, to know someone believes in them."

Not only does Tim have the chance to support current and future students, but now he also has the immense privilege of watching his daughter Faith, who started at B.U. this fall, create her own experiences and memories at Bishop's.

Tim's journey is living proof that the lessons and skills learned at B.U. will last forever. Bishop's University is incredibly fortunate to have his support in creating impactful opportunities for hardworking students.

## 2025 Gaiter Classic Golf Tournament



Photo: Nour El Farrah

Andrew Blanchard '90, Matt McBride '96 – Director of Athletics and Recreation, and Dan Bohinc '94

The 2025 Gaiter Classic Golf Tournament, led by Co-Chairs **Andrew Blanchard '90** and **Dan Bohinc '94**, raised \$60,425 for athletic scholarships at Bishop's. We extend our gratitude to the participants and all the community members, alumni, and partners who helped make this event a success.

### Thank you to the event sponsors:

American Biltrite, Coke Canada, Constructions Yves Lessard, Enterprise Mobility, Évelyne Beaudin (former Mayor of Sherbrooke), Golden Lion Pub & Brewery, Installations électriques R. Thérberge, Laiterie de Coaticook, Maçonnerie Desrosiers, MNP, Molson Coors, Pavage Dujour, Sherbrooke Street Capital, Standish Communications, Subaru Sherbrooke, and Total Logistics Control.

## Gaiters of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Reunion

### Reconnect, Reminisce And Celebrate

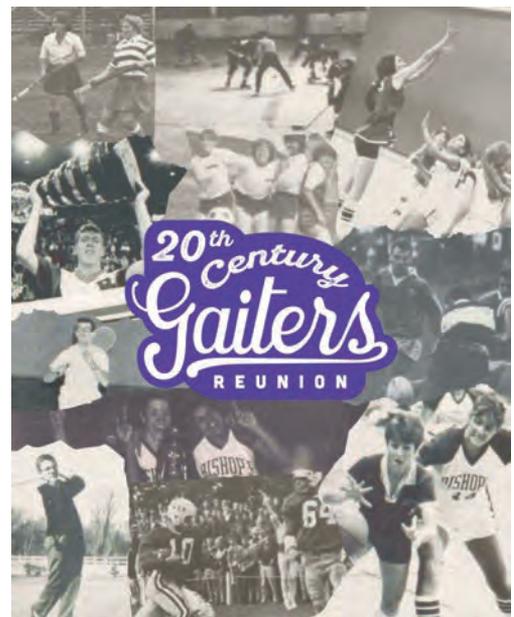
We are getting the **B.U. Gaiters** back together! Bishop's University is hosting a special reunion on **September 25–27, 2026**, for all Gaiters of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The goal is simple: reconnect, reminisce and celebrate what we shared at B.U. This reunion is a once-in-a-generation event! We want all teams to be well represented! Register now!

Registration at \$175 includes:

- 📍 **Welcome Reception:**  
Friday, September 25, 2026, 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.
- 📍 **Alumni & Friends Pancake Breakfast:**  
Saturday, September 26, 2026
- 📍 **Alumni & Friends Family BBQ** (Sponsored by TD Insurance):  
Saturday, September 26, 2026
- 📍 **"PROUD IN PURPLE" Celebration:**  
Saturday, September 26, 2026
  - 6:00 p.m. – Cocktails
  - 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. – Banquet
- 📍 Entry to all Gaiters games over the weekend.

Consult the full reunion schedule and details by scanning the QR code or visit [www.ubishops.ca/gaiters-reunion](http://www.ubishops.ca/gaiters-reunion).

There will be an Athletic Wall of Distinction Induction Ceremony paying tribute to **Bob Goldberger '79** during the reunion weekend.



## HOMECOMING MEMORIES

There is nothing more special than welcoming back Bishop's alumni and friends and witnessing the special interactions between our graduates and students. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this weekend and made our events, old and new, such a success.



We extend our deepest gratitude to TD Insurance for sponsoring our Alumni & Friends Family BBQ on the TD Terrasse. And we thank *Les Gars de Saucisses*, Coke Canada, Molson Coors, Virgin Hill Coffee, Subaru Sherbrooke, and **Jane Brydges '95** for supporting the Jeff Cannon Memorial Golf Tournament.

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## ALUMNI BOOKS

## River Running

by Loch Baillie



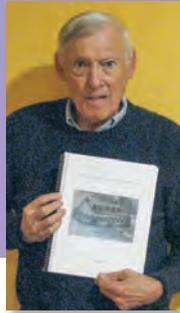
In his highly anticipated, breathtakingly intimate debut, **Loch Baillie '21** pens an unfiltered queer bildungsroman that traces both a geographical and emotional journey from his birthplace in New England to where he comes to settle in Quebec.

Raw and confessional, *River Running* dives gracefully into the intangible concept of home, be it person or place. “No more metaphors tonight,” writes Baillie, “I come to tell you nothing / but the truth.” This collection probes at memory and love, identity and grief, with achingly gentle hands, sifting through the fragments one both leaves behind and becomes.

*River Running* is available now for pre-order through Goose Lane Editions.

## La scolarisation dans la paroisse de Saint-Eustache, 1801–1839

par Alain Hébert



**L**a scolarisation dans la paroisse de Saint-Eustache, 1801–1839 par **Alain Hébert '72** retrace la douzaine de tentatives effectuées par différents acteurs afin d'établir toutes sortes d'écoles de divers niveaux dans la paroisse de Saint-Eustache au nord de Montréal pendant une période de presque quatre décennies. Ces écoles étaient destinées aussi bien à la majorité catholique et francophone qu'à la minorité presbytérienne et anglophone.

En 1831, plus de 500 élèves étaient inscrits dans 12 écoles. Cependant, la fin des subventions gouvernementales en 1836 et les conséquences de la bataille de Saint-Eustache l'année suivante ont fait que le nombre d'écoles chuta de 30 % et le nombre d'étudiants de 42 %.

## My Grandfather's Picasso

by Andy Richardson



**M**y Grandfather's Picasso written by **Andy Richardson '96**

follows the life of four friends: Émile Lalonde, Praveen Basoondial, Joe Mastrioni, and Jonny Yurinov. From black eyes to broken hearts, and a small corner store crime spree, the boys struggle from grade school to university while hilariously overcoming the piles of lemons life keeps lobbing their way. Though Émile has always walked a straighter path than his friends, once he discovers the truth of his grandparents' harrowing escape from France in 1942, he sets off for Saint-Paul-de-Vence to right a wrong, hunt monsters, and take back his grandfather's Picasso.

Learn more at [mygrandfatherspicasso.com](http://mygrandfatherspicasso.com).

## Thoughtful Adventures: Sustainable Outdoor Recreation in the Eastern Townships and Beyond

by Emily Crunican



**E**mily Crunican '25 has self-published a guidebook to highlight the best hiking and outdoor adventure spots in the Eastern Townships and Northern New England.

*Thoughtful Adventures* serves as a resource for students, visitors, and alumni of Bishop's University, offering student recommendations on trails and scenic locations. Rooted in the theme of sustainability, this book explores local geology and geography, ethics and best practices for sustainable outdoor recreation, the evolution of conservation efforts in Canada, and how the landscape is shaped by Indigenous Knowledge Systems.

Available for purchase on Instagram @emilycrunicanphotography or for loan at the Bishop's Library Learning Commons.

**John Gallop '57** is now living in a senior's residence in Ottawa. To keep busy, he is giving two slide presentations to community groups: "Illustrated Tales of an Antique Postcard Dealer" and "Writing a Memorable Obituary." Fees generated are donated to local charities. John continues to support Bishop's in several ways.

**Barrie Wilson '61**, Professor Emeritus of York University, was elected President of the Academy for Lifelong Learning Toronto, a volunteer organization offering over 30 workshop courses for more than 300 retirees at University of Toronto.

**Gerald Peterson '62** and his spouse, Sheryl-Lynne, visited campus in September.



Rod McKell '67 with the Champlain Cougars Hockey team



Sheryl-Lynne and Gerald Peterson '62

**David Stockwell '63** was awarded a golfing Guinness World Record for being the only one to play all 66 golf courses associated with the golf clubs and societies approved by British monarchs to use the prefix "Royal" in their names.

For over 50 years, a group of former Bishop's graduates have occasionally been meeting in Europe for festive reunions.

This year, they chose to convene in Kingston, Ontario, in early October for three

days and nights of merriment and chatter. All ten of them are looking forward to the next reunion.

Two former Gaiters were recently celebrated at a Champlain Cougar Hockey reunion at the John H. Price Sports Centre. Longtime Cougar coach, **Rod McKell '67**, saw the hockey locker room named in his honour while the late **Cliff Goodwin '68**, also a Cougar hockey coach, was recognized with a wall plaque. A well-deserved recognition for two inspirational leaders.



*Front: Margaret (Dunphy) Hook '64, Suzanne (Andrews) Bouchard '64, Bonnie (Ewart/Garven) Higgenbotham '64, Ginnie (Galloway) Henderson '64, and Claudia (Carver) Young '64  
Back: Patricia (Marshall) Fraser '64, Jeanne (Burnham) Frew '64, Neil Carver '66, Cathy (Pawley) Jamieson '64, and Virginia (Arnold) Wayne '64*

## THROUGH THE YEARS

Members of the 1967 Men's Basketball Team, spouses, and friends enjoyed a fall reunion in the Townships for a few days of camaraderie and fine dining. During an afternoon of golf at Old Lennox Golf & Ski (OLGS), team members had the pleasure of meeting Ryan Smith, Manager of OLGS, Coach of the Bishop's Golf team, and grandson of their late Coach, Garth Smith.



Joe Scott, Will Mitchell '68, Tom Allen '69, and Landen Harison '26

Congratulations to **Will Mitchell '68, Tom Allen '69, Joe Scott, and Landen Harison '26** for winning the annual Jeff Cannon Memorial Golf Tournament during Homecoming weekend!

**Ian Petrie '71** was inducted into the Order of Prince Edward Island. The award recognizes and celebrates individuals who make the province a better place to live.

**Elaine Roper '78** came to campus and visited the team at Griffin House in August.

**Debbie Huband '79 and Denise Dignard '82** were inducted into the Canada Basketball Hall of Fame as part of the 1979 FIBA Women's World Championship Team.

**Chris Spencer '88** left his 35-year career in financial services at the end of 2023. During that time, he held roles in capital markets, wealth management, and non-financial risk management with three banks. Today, he has been thoroughly enjoying post-corporate life with Carolina, his wife of 32 years, who stepped away from her own corporate career at the same time. They love travel with a focus on back country and long-distance hiking and camping. They live in Oakville, Ontario, have two children, Mika (Toronto) and Cole (Victoria) and welcomed granddaughter Rosalia (Mika) to the family this past February. Recently, Chris fulfilled a long-time bucket list trip with a 4,000 km solo motorcycle camping tour around Northern Ontario.



Sandy McDonough, Lynn Staples, Butch Staples '67, Pat Hall, Peter Munzar '67, Cathy Aitken '69, Nick Busing '68, Janet Hall, Barrie Hall '70, Terri MacKenzie, John MacKenzie '69, Sylvia Patrick, Ken Flewwelling '68, Laura Rezlescu, and Bruce Stevenson '76.

**George Hendy '68, Mark Saykaly '72, and Jane Brydges '95** enjoyed a round of golf in Montreal this summer.



Jane Brydges '95, George Hendy '68, and Mark Saykaly '72



Jacqueline Scott '90, Sterling Mawhinney '88, and Elaine Roper '78



Chris Spencer '88



**Front:** Ann Gallery '92  
**Middle:** Andrea Cleghorn '90,  
 Lara Neal, Daphne Armstrong '90,  
 and Reagan Little '90  
**Back:** Linton Carter '89,  
 Rita Benson '89, Lynne Bridgman '89,  
 and Maggie Hogarth

In May 2025, lifelong B.U. pals **Linton Carter '89**, **Lynne Bridgman '89**, **Rita Benson '89**, **Andrea Cleghorn '90**, **Daphne Armstrong '90**, **Reagan Little '90**, **Ann Gallery '92**, Maggie Hogarth (wife of the late **Peter Hogarth '88**), and Lara Neal (wife of **Peter Neal '89**) met in Canmore, Alberta for their annual girls trip, which was chronicled in *The Globe and Mail*. They have been going on these trips for over 30 years and have been to New Orleans, Mallorca, Mexico, Florida, Las Vegas, and Austin, to name a few.

**Betty Anne Bryanton '92** was awarded the *King Charles III Coronation Medal*.

**Jamie Bradford  
 and Nikki Hawke '96**



**Bruce Stevenson '76 and Dr. Hugh Scott DCL '99**

**Nikki Hawke '96** and Jamie Bradford (who attended Bishop's in 1993–94) visited campus in September.

**Dr. Hugh Scott DCL '99** returned to campus for National Tree Day on September 24, 2025. Students, members of the Sustainable Development Office, the Buildings and Grounds Office, and the Tree Care and Biodiversity Working Group joined him and planted several trees across campus.

**Carly Clarke '06** was named Head Coach of Canada's U23 Women's National team for *GLOBL JAM 2025*.

While on a ten-day whirlwind tour of the U.S. Pacific Northwest and Western Canada, **Xavier R. Dubé '10** and his wife **Émilie Ouellette '10** (originally from Québec and now residing in Kyle, Texas) both had the immense pleasure of being waited on by **Alex Pitson '16** while dining at Nico's Pizzeria in downtown Revelstoke, British Columbia. What gave away





Alex Pitson '16, Émilie Ouellette '10, and Xavier R. Dubé '10

their mutual connection to B.U.? Upon seating Xavier and Émilie on the patio, Alex commented on the purple Bishop's shirt Émilie was wearing and asked if she had attended, after which Xavier replied he had, too. This encounter absolutely made their day (and the pizza was quite tasty)! Both would like to thank Alex for the great memory and visitor tips.

Canadian Foreign Service Officer **Judith Olivares '15** returned to campus in November to speak to students in the Politics and International Studies Department about a career in Global Affairs Canada and the foreign service. The event was organized by Dr. Gilbert Gagné, Full Professor at B.U.



Dr. Gilbert Gagné and Judith Olivares '15

**Léanie Gourdeau '20** was appointed CEO of UrbanÉco, a company specializing in green architecture and construction, at only 29 years old.

**Kyra Simons '22** has been awarded the *Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship*, which offers the highest

level of funding for graduate studies across Canada. This \$150,000 scholarship will support her research for the next three years as she dives into identity, aging, and community program engagement in Ontario. Her goal is to reframe older age as a positive experience, specifically increasing racialized older adults' engagement in community programs, while also creating inclusive program implementation guidelines for senior active living centers and community healthcare centers across Ontario.



Kyra Simons '22

Dr. Jessica Riddell, Full Professor in the Department of English, has been named a member of the Royal Society of Canada (RSC), College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists, "one of the highest academic honours" in the Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities, and Sciences in Canada. She is first ever faculty member at Bishop's to receive this distinction.

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On August 29, 2025, we had the pleasure of welcoming alumni back to campus as they helped their children—members of our newest incoming class—settle into residence on Move-In Day. It was a joy to meet you all and have you visit us at Griffin House.



Jamie Doyle '78, Emmet Wiseman, and Kim Breuer



Jake Shephard, Mike Shephard '98, and Matt Shephard



Robert Vosinek '01 and Tahlia Vosinek



Tim Saunders '83, Faith Saunders, and Janice Saunders



Catherine Scott '92, Léa Scalabrini, and Frederic Scalabrini '92

## DR. ALEX PATERSON



Joan and Alex Paterson '52, DCL '74

**D**r. Alex Paterson '52, DCL '74 passed away on August 6, 2025. He was a distinguished alumnus and Chancellor of Bishop's University from 1995 to 2005; he was named *Chancellor Emeritus* in 2012.

Alex was a brilliant mind and a tireless advocate for education, health, and community. His leadership and generosity helped shape institutions across Quebec, and his deep affection for Bishop's was evident in everything he did—from officiating Convocation ceremonies to cheering on the Gaiters with his beloved wife, Joany (1933–2023). Paterson Hall was named in honour of Alex and Joany's contributions to the University.

Alex started his law career at what is now known as Borden Ladner Gervais and made Partner in 1969. He specialized in maritime and medical law and continued to work at the same firm until he was almost 80. His commitment to community and justice was recognized on more than one occasion; he was awarded the *Order of Canada* (1982), *Ordre national du Québec* (1993), the *Medal of Honour of the Montreal Bar* (1996), *Order of Montréal* (1998), and given the distinction of *Advocatus Emeritus* by *Le Barreau du Québec* (2010). He was also awarded honorary degrees from Bishop's and McGill.

His career was filled with memorable accomplishments, including being the lead negotiator on behalf of the

Quebec government during the Oka Crisis, serving on the Poirier Commission to resolve labour disputes in Quebec school systems, and being the Quebec counsel for Sergei Nemstanov, who defected from Russia to Canada during the Montreal Olympic Games.

Alex firmly believed in giving back to his community. He demonstrated his lifelong commitment to education by serving on the Bishop's University Board of Governors for ten years and by teaching medical law at McGill University, where he also held the role of Chairman of the Board of Governors. He was also Chair of the Advisory Council of the Québec English School Board Association.

He was a devoted fundraiser for the many charities he supported, including Pedal for Kids for the Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation, the Mackay Centre (particularly the adaptive skiing program), and the Butters Foundation. His generosity has made a lasting impact on the lives of many.

Alex is survived by his children, Robb, Tim, **Angie '80**, and **Alex '83**, and his many grandchildren, including **Alex '09**.

Janyne Hodder, Former Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Bishop's University, recalled:

"With his flair for the theatrical and his quick and kind wit, Alex added joy to every occasion. His mastery of pomp made Convocation the highlight of each academic year. At a special Convocation in 1998, Alex and Bishop Desmond Tutu danced down the aisle together to the tune of "When the Saints Go Marching In" as the crowd swayed to the music. No one wore more purple or cheered louder than Alex and his generous wife Joany at Gaiter games.

Years as a lawyer and as a mediator taught Alex to take time to listen to all parties, to weigh evidence and arguments, to suspend judgement until a path to progress could be found. This wisdom was a source of strength for the University, not only in creating a healthy campus life but also when facing difficult decisions with government.

Alex made people feel welcome, regardless of their age or vocation, gave them the benefit of the doubt, and carried no grudges. He saw the failures of others but did not dwell on these and certainly did not expose them. He remembered people's names, paid attention to their stories, and accorded everyone value.

Alex K. Paterson was a good man, of a breed rarer than it should be."

We remember the following alumni and friends with fondness and sorrow. (Compiled from information sent to the Alumni Relations & Philanthropy Office before November 10, 2025.)

## ALUMNI

**Dr. T. Crossley Lougheed '49** on October 18, 2025. He is survived by his children and grandchildren, including **Stephen '06**.

**Peter Cresswell '55** on June 20, 2025.

**Dr. N. Blair Whittemore '56** on July 7, 2025. He is survived by his spouse, **Mary '57**.

**Jack Garneau '57** on October 28, 2025. Well respected and greatly liked, Jack lived an engaged life as an Eastern Townships educator, administrator, municipal counsellor, and Honorary Colonel with the Sherbrooke Hussars. As a fitting tribute to his three decades of community service across Sawyerville and Cookshire-Eaton, he was recently awarded the *King Charles III Coronation Medal*. A dedicated family man, a friend and mentor to many, and an active community leader, Jack will be remembered for his love of life, as an interesting raconteur, and for his infectious sense of humour. Predeceased by his brother **Grant '61**, he is survived by his wife of 64 years, **Lois '79**, his children, **Michael '87** and **Suzanne '90**, and three grandchildren.

**Urve Abbott '59** on September 19, 2025. She was predeceased by her brother, **Peter Korre '75**, her father-in-law and former Chancellor of Bishop's University, **The Hon. Justice D.C. Abbott '18**, and her brother-in-law, **The Hon. Justice Tony Abbott '52**. She is survived by her spouse, **Lewis '56**, her children, **William '88** and

Mary, her sister-in-law **Naomi Abbott '52**, her nephew, **Hilary '80**, and her cousin, **Betsey Mowbray '53**.

**John Piper '65** on July 24, 2025. He was a proud co-writer of the B.U. school song, along with **Ace Henderson '65**, **John Martland '64**, and the late **Doug Tees '65**. Visit <http://bit.ly/4p3wGHK> to read Bob Rae's tribute to John.

**Donald Craig '63** on October 24, 2025.

**Michael Eagan '63** on April 8, 2025.

**Barbara Haas '66** on September 30, 2025.

**Dr. Michael Booth '68** on December 26, 2024. He is survived by his wife, **Gay Booth '68**.

**Stephen Lu '68** on June 26, 2025.

**Paul Hebert '72** on May 18, 2025.

**Gary "the Ace" Hanna '73** on September 11, 2025.

Gary came to Bishop's from Grand-Mère, QC and continued his high school love of basketball as a stalwart performer on the junior varsity basketball team. One of a kind with a hallmark sense of style and flair, he was an ardent supporter of all things Bishop's.

After graduation Gary worked at Holt Renfrew in Montreal, rising rapidly to oversee all its stores in Quebec. But in his early 30s he returned to his roots to Trois-Rivières, where he started a business that grew to many retail stores throughout Quebec. He ended his career at Sun Life as a top sales performer in Canada.

His most noteworthy virtue was his friendly, outgoing, and optimistic character. His presence made any

gathering livelier and happier with his infectious enthusiasm and sense of humour. A true people person, Gary loved the friendships and camaraderie of a large circle of friends, drawn from diverse communities at Bishop's.

Gary will be missed dearly by his many Bishop's friends, his daughter Kelly, his three grandchildren, and his siblings **Brian '73**, **Karen '76**, **Andrew '81**, and John.

—Michael Cahill '72



Gary Hanna '73

**Pat Morrison '74**, née Lothrop, on October 17, 2025.

**Cyrus Journeau '75** on June 4, 2023.

**Mark James '85** on September 15, 2025.

**Paul Vallières '91** on October 16, 2023.

**James "Jim" Rosenthal '93** on September 22, 2025.

## FARE THEE WELL

**Gary Chown '74** on July 17, 2025. The late Gaiters football coach, **Bruce Coulter DCL '98**, was often asked, "Who is the best athlete you ever coached?" Though hesitant to respond, his list always included one name: Gary Chown.

Gary's athletic vocation began in his youth, playing minor hockey and football, and continued through his days at Stanstead College, at Bishop's, and finally with the Montreal Alouettes where he won two Grey Cup Championships. His gift as an athlete was complemented by a determination to win and his remarkable sportsmanship. All who ever played with him, or against him, would agree he was truly a class act. More important to him than accolades, however, was Gary's family, his greatest pride. His wife of 42 years, Linda, and his children, **Matthew '07** and Hayley, were everything to him.



**Gary Chown '74**

Gary always found time to give back, especially to Bishop's athletics. In return, Gary was honoured as *Alumnus of the Year* in 1996 and inducted into the *Bishop's Athletic Wall of Distinction* in 1997.

Gary's love of life, his gregarious nature, his generous spirit, and his rare gift for building relationships found him with a multitude of lifelong friends. His time as a Big Brother, coach, mentor, and guest speaker were founded on his commitment to inspire others, which he did with enthusiasm and determination.

R.I.P. "Chunky." You will be missed but not forgotten, especially by your Gaiter family.

### FRIENDS

**Arnold Bell** on August 9, 2025. He began his career at Bishop's in 1960 as a member of the Buildings and Grounds Department. He remained in that role for 33 years until his retirement in 1993.

## WEDDING BELLS



**Carolina Sanchez '14** married **Étienne Couture '22** on July 26, 2025.



**Rachel Abbott '18** married **Maxx Toutant '20** in May 2024.

**Jessica Johnston-Beaudoin '16** and Poya Movlai welcomed **Hazel Movlai**, aspiring future Gaiter, on June 18, 2025.



**Michelle Slawich '18** and Zachary LeBlanc Desrochers welcomed **Ginny June Slawich-Desrochers** on June 21, 2025.

**Lee Hudson '17** and Kiana Hudson welcomed **Kenza Hudson** to their family on September 25, 2025.



**Kelly Dean-Feldman '20** and **Nathan Alves '20** welcomed **Lara Alves** on October 31, 2025.

**Nick Doyon '17** and **Nicole Doyon '18**, née Baker, welcomed **Teddy Doyon** in August 2025.



## WHAT IF WE TREATED OUT-OF-PROVINCE STUDENTS AS BRAND AMBASSADORS FOR QUEBEC?

By Mark Lawson '09

University campuses across Quebec have come alive with students arriving for a new academic year. Some of them have chosen to move from cities like Calgary, Toronto or Vancouver to study—a decision made more difficult by Quebec’s current tuition policy. In 2023, the Quebec government imposed a steep tuition hike on out-of-province students. Though the Superior Court invalidated that decision in April, the province now has nine months to revise its policy. This moment offers a chance to rethink the province’s approach to the thousands who travel across the country to study in Quebec each year. Instead of discouraging out-of-province enrolment, Quebec should treat students from elsewhere in Canada as potential ambassadors for the province. A thoughtful policy could transform their years here into lifelong ties that serve Quebec well beyond graduation.

I speak from experience. I’m a proud graduate of Bishop’s University in Sherbrooke. My years in Quebec exposed me to a region many Canadians never truly get to know. My roommate was from British Columbia. Classmates down the hall were from across Canada and every region of Quebec. Each of us graduated with a better understanding of Quebec—one we’ve carried into our personal and professional lives. Friends from those years now live across Canada, Europe and the U.S.

Quebec has long understood the value of building influence and connection abroad. Its network of



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30-plus international offices promotes the province’s interests, culture and economic opportunities worldwide. These offices are effective and admired—an example of smart, strategic, consistent outreach.

What if Quebec took a similar approach within Canada?

Imagine a program designed specifically for out-of-province students. Participants could meet business leaders, attend exclusive civic events and be immersed in Quebec’s culture alongside their studies. They would graduate not only with a degree, but with a nuanced understanding of Quebec’s identity and values.

While some graduates may stay in Quebec, many will return to their home provinces. That should be seen not as a loss, but as an opportunity. These students can serve as informal envoys—voices who understand Quebec, respect its uniqueness and speak knowledgeably about it to others.

To keep those connections strong, Quebec could create an alumni network for former out-of-province students—offering professional events, regular contact and a continued sense of belonging. Institutions would have new incentives to recruit nationally. A minimum number of out-of-province spots could be guaranteed, with tuition revenues helping fund the program.

This approach could even help Quebec respond to the court ruling. By linking tuition to the cost of maintaining a national student ambassador network—similar to its global network—Quebec would be grounding its fees in a clear and mission-driven strategy, rather than seemingly arbitrary increases.

For students and families considering a Quebec university, such a program would enhance the value of their education. “Educated in Quebec” could become more than a credential—it could become a badge of meaningful connection to a vibrant and distinctive province.

As Quebec rethinks its tuition policy, policy-makers should consider the long-term return on investing in young Canadians from outside the province. Just as I left Sherbrooke with a deep appreciation for Quebec, so too can today’s students—if given the chance.

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## Help Us Welcome the Next Generation of Gaiters

### **We need more students at Bishop's—and you can help!**

If you know a student who would thrive in our close-knit, supportive community, refer them for a campus tour. As a thank-you, we'll offer them a special gift to make their visit even more memorable.

Thank you for being our greatest ambassadors.  
Your pride in Bishop's helps shape its future.



## Refer a Student Today

# 2026

## ALUMNI & FRIENDS RECEPTIONS

### Central

Collingwood, ON - Feb. 4  
Oakville, ON - May 4  
Kingston, ON - May 5  
Pointe-Claire, QC - May 6  
Quebec City, QC - May 7

### Maritimes

Saint John, NB - May 19  
Charlottetown, PE - May 20  
Halifax, NS - May 21