GAITERS ABROAD

IN THIS ISSUE: RESEARCH MATTERS + OLNEY FAMILY INTERNSHIP + BISHOP’S CAREER CAFÉ + WHY I GIVE + LOTS MORE…
Kathryn Noel met Bob Macmillan at Bishop’s in 1977 when, in preparation for their careers in teaching, they enrolled in the Diploma in Education program, under the direction of the late Alan Jones. Coincidentally, they were offered jobs in the same school and so began their teaching careers at Queen Elizabeth High School in Sept-Îles, Quebec.

Kathryn and Bob married in 1981 and both went on to achieve the highest level of scholarly, their PhDs. As their careers progressed they were recognized for their contributions in teaching and in administration at several Canadian universities including St. Francis Xavier University, Western University, and the University of Manitoba.

Sadly, Bob passed away in 2012. In his memory, Kathryn created the Dr. Robert Macmillan ‘78 Memorial Award to recognize a full-time Education student who through leadership, demonstrated compassion, and service to others, has contributed to the larger community.

In parallel, she created a second award at Bishop’s, the Dr. Kathryn Noel ’78 Award to recognize a full-time Education student who has overcome adversity and who has contributed to the betterment of the lives of others through demonstrated service in the local and/or global community. These two awards are symbolic of Bob and Kathryn’s partnership in education and in life, which began on the third floor of the Hamilton building.

Kathryn is generously providing annual funding for these awards and will ensure they are available to students in perpetuity through a bequest to Bishop’s in her Will. Truly a wonderful Bishop’s story, a story of love and generosity, and the ultimate definition of “paying it forward”!

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WHEREVER YOU ARE, STAY SAFE, STAY WELL AND STAY IN TOUCH

I t has been a long year – full of twists, turns, and sacrifices. Yet our students persevered, continued their educational journey and now, most have gone home to summer jobs while others go home as new Bishop’s graduates, ready to begin the next step in their journey.

Did you know that Bishop’s counts alumni in at least 90 countries around the world, from Andorra to the United Arab Emirates? As such, we have periodically considereddevoting an issue to graduates living and working outside Canada. With so many doing so, often in exotic locations and with fascinating careers, the dilemma has been about who to profile. In this issue we have chosen a cross section of six Bishop’s alumni you will undoubtedly enjoy reading about but knowing there are countless other graduates, with captivating stories, available to feature in future issues.

While the pandemic and related restrictions have stymied cross-border travel we hope these international stories bring you some inspiration.

In this issue you will also read about an exciting student internship opportunity created by the Olney family, the distinguished accomplishments of some of our students, the launch of the Bishop’s Career Cafe online networking and mentoring platform, and the results of our recent alumni survey. We are also pleased to feature a longer-than-usual message from Principal Michael Goldbloom in which he addresses both recent developments on campus and current challenges faced by the University.

Several of you have asked: “What about Homecoming?” and/or “Can my Class have a reunion?” The truth is, for Fall 2021, we simply don’t know. As you will see on the back cover of this issue, we are hoping to be able to welcome all alumni and friends back to campus for “Hoco” on September 24–26 but if life in the era of COVID-19 has taught us anything, it’s that the future is far from clear. Based on directives from local and provincial health authorities, that decision will be announced no later than August 15.

Should it be impossible to proceed with a Fall Homecoming 2021, we may break tradition and plan for a long overdue spring celebration.

And to the Class of 2021, welcome to the Bishop’s Alumni Association. My message to you is the same as it was to the Class of 2020. While you missed out on several “last times” in your Bishop’s journey, please know we join you in celebrating your many and varied accomplishments. Nothing can take them away from you.

Now is the time to take what you have learned at Bishop’s and move forward, with excitement and pride, into the next chapters of your lives.

To all of you, I urge you to be cautious until the last wave of this pandemic has subsided. Stay safe, be well, and don’t be a stranger to Bishop’s. Please keep in touch with us and your classmates by submitting a note, or several notes, to the Alumni Office, or have any other ideas for keeping our community connected. Contact me anytime at jscott@ubishops.ca or by calling 1-819-822-9600, extension 2266.

Go Gaiters!

—Jacqueline Scott ’90
Associate Vice-Principal, Advancement
Running a university is a daunting task in the best of times. Many things are routine and are guided by rules, orders, and regulations that have been established over time. But in any given year there are always unusual events or unfamiliar problems that arise requiring community wide engagement and “outside-the-box” thinking in their solutions. For the current Bishop’s administration, faculty, and staff, and perhaps above all our students, the year of the pandemic is one without comparison and not to be forgotten. Principal Michael Goldbloom, through a question and answer format, summarizes the past year, and how the Bishop’s community has grown stronger, together.

Q. The COVID-19 pandemic started a year ago. What has this year been like for the University?

It’s been a challenging and stressful year for everyone at Bishop’s as it has been for all Canadians.

We have been faced with difficult and complex decisions throughout the year and I’m pleased to say that the whole community has risen to these unique challenges.

Our professors pivoted to teaching online or a combination of in-person and online. Our students adapted to taking many of their courses remotely and our staff and administrators took on the challenges of working from home.

Because of good planning, self-discipline, and some luck we did not have any COVID-19 cases on campus from March through to November 2020. We did have an outbreak which affected approximately 20 students in November. Fortunately, we were well prepared for it and the outbreak was quickly brought under control.

The good news is that our students have been able to complete their courses. All our full-time employees have remained employed and we have maintained a balanced budget. Although the University has responded well to this unique situation, the experience of this past year has served to reinforce the value of Bishop’s model of education. One of the significant lessons of COVID-19 is the value of direct personal interaction. And I know that our whole community is looking forward to being back on campus next fall and re-establishing the relationship-rich experiences that Bishop’s provides.

Q. Beyond dealing with COVID, what have been the biggest challenges?

Two of the biggest challenges of our time are sustaining our planet and creating a truly equitable world.

With respect to environmental sustainability, I am very pleased that our new Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems program, which will include the creation of an educational farm on the southeast portion of the campus, is moving forward well.

We have created a new Sustainable Development Committee which will oversee the implementation of our sustainable development policy and recommend actions governing sustainable development and environmental management. Our goal is for the campus to be carbon neutral by 2030.

The Board of Governors has also struck a committee on responsible investment which is being led by the Chair of the Board, Robert Hall ’79.

The committee will be guided by the University’s ambition to be a leader in sustainability, while ensuring that the funds invested by the Bishop’s University Foundation and the Bishop’s Pension Plan Committee achieve optimal long-term results.

The committee will present its initial report at the Board’s retreat in June.

Q. What is the University doing to advance equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) on the campus?

Last spring, the Board of Governors and Senate established a joint Task Force on EDI which tabled an interim report in November.

The Task Force has identified a wide variety of issues which need to be addressed. Its priority recommendation is that we should hire an EDI specialist. That recruitment process is now underway.

A second key recommendation is that we should undertake a comprehensive review of all our hiring practices to determine how best to recruit and support a much more diverse faculty, staff, and student body.
A third recommendation that we hope to implement soon is that we should provide mandatory EDI training for all employees.

The effort to achieve true equity is an ongoing one. At a recent Senate meeting one of the Senators noted that our five academic deans are all women, our VP Academic and Research is a member of the LGBTQ2+ community and the Principal is Jewish.

With respect to gender equality the University has come a long way. For the first time in our history 51% of our employees are women. We were recently advised that Bishop’s has received a Silver certification in the Women in Governance Parity Certification process. Bishop’s is one of the first two universities in Canada to receive this recognition.

So, we have evolved from the almost exclusively white, male, and Anglican institution that we once were, but we have a long way yet to go. In particular, we need to intensify our efforts to be a truly inclusive institution for Indigenous people, persons of colour, persons with disabilities and other equity-seeking groups.

We will look to the EDI Task Force and the new EDI specialist to identify the most effective ways to redress this situation. We will not be able to effectively address the challenges of systemic racism in our own institution if we do not have a much more diverse community.

Q. How is the Kwigw8mna project going?

Last fall several of our Indigenous students raised concerns about the project to renovate Divinity House into an Indigenous Gathering Space and Research Centre. So, under the leadership of our Secretary General, Trygve Ugland, who is the Project Director, we decided to slow the process down and take the time for members of the project’s stakeholder group to articulate their concerns and aspirations. They have worked hard with Trygve and the architects to develop a design that responds to their vision and priorities. The process has been forthright and constructive, and I am confident that together they will propose a great plan for the building and the site.

Q. How are the other infrastructure projects going?

The Student Centre project is well advanced and will be completed by the time our students return to the campus next fall. The project consists of renovating the Student Services area in Marjorie Donald House, the campus bookstore and convenience store (Doolittle’s Co-op), the Porter’s Office, the food kiosks, as well as offices for the Students’ Representative Council and student clubs.

The renovation will not only improve all the spaces in the building, it will allow us to move the Recruitment, Admissions and Registrar offices as well as the Print Shop into this central location on the campus. The Student Centre will include an attractive space for prospective students and their families when they come to visit and a centralized service for student accounts and records.

The most exciting change will be the new food court, which will include a terrace on the south side of the building so that students can gather outside on nice days.

We also recently started building a new residence adjacent to Mackinnon Hall, opposite the Dewhurst Dining facility. The building will have 93 bedrooms in an updated layout of the New Side residences. The bog-style, which is preferred by students, is composed of single rooms in pairs that share a common vestibule and washroom facilities.
The new residence will also include several common areas such as study rooms, lounges, a kitchen, a large multipurpose room, and a multimedia room. We are planning for the new residence to be open for the Fall 2022 semester.

With respect to accessibility, we frequently face constraints when renovating existing buildings. However, this will be the first completely new building on the campus since Paterson Hall was inaugurated in 2004 and it will be the most accessible residence on the campus.

Q. What are the plans for Convocation this year?
The current state of the COVID-19 pandemic means that we will not be able to hold an in-person Convocation in June.

We have decided to reschedule the in-person Convocation ceremonies for the Class of 2021 from the beginning of June to the last week of August.

Our hope is to hold a Chancellor’s Graduation Dinner for the Class of 2021 on Saturday evening, August 28 and two Convocation ceremonies on Sunday, August 29.

We also intend to hold a Chancellor’s Dinner for the Class of 2020 on Friday, August 27, and their Convocation ceremonies the following day.

We know that even if most Canadians are vaccinated by the end of the summer, it may still not be possible to hold a large gathering which would require people to travel to Lennoxville from across Canada and around the world.

We will make a definitive decision about the August dates by July 1, 2021.

Should we not be able to hold an in-person Convocation this August, we will hold a two-part Convocation for the Class of 2021 beginning with a virtual Convocation on Sunday, August 29th and concluding with an in-person ceremony in June 2022.

In that case, we would also hold the in-person Convocations for the classes of 2020, 2021 and 2022 during a great Convocation week in June 2022.

Q. Is there other news on campus?
Despite the pandemic, it has been a very active year. There are many things I could highlight, but I will focus on some recent student and faculty achievements.

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Students in the Williams School of Business competed in several virtual case competitions this year, reaching the podium on an impressive 15 out of 16 occasions. Student teams took part in the JDC Central Business Case Competition, the largest undergraduate business school competition in Central Canada, the University of Vermont Grossman School of Business Family Case Competition, ‘Battle on Bay’, hosted by Ryerson University’s Finance Society and the Ted Rogers School of Management, and most recently the Van Berkom and Atlantic Consulting Competitions.

It is a great tribute to the mentorship of their coaches and the hard work of the students that they excelled at these events.

Bishop’s has also developed a reputation as a strong participant in the National Model United Nations simulation. This year, the Bishop’s delegation, representing Ireland, joined teams from over 200 universities from around the world. The Bishop’s team won the honour of Outstanding Delegation and took home six Outstanding Delegates and Position Paper awards.

Dr. Sarah-Myriam Martin-Brûlé, of the Department of Politics and International Studies, has been selected as one of this year’s ten 3M National Teaching Fellows. The 3M National Teaching Fellowship was created in 1986 by the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education to recognize exceptional teachers in post-secondary education.

In addition to leading the Model UN Practicum course, Dr. Martin-Brûlé works closely with students on research and experiential learning opportunities, notably through the annual Quebec Undergraduate Security Conference which she initiated. She has an exceptional ability to share her work experience in international conflict resolution and peace processes with her students. Her students and colleagues are fortunate to have her as a member of our University.

And just before press time, we learned that Georges-Philippe Gadoury-Sansfaçon, one of Bishop’s first Chancellor’s Scholars and a graduating student in Mathematics and Applied Psychology from Bedford, Quebec, has been awarded a 3M National Student Fellowship.

The 3M National Student Fellowship recognizes up to ten full-time students at Canadian post-secondary institutions who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in their lives, at their post-secondary institution and in their communities. Five Bishop’s students have been awarded the 3M prize in the last six years. Georges-Philippe has contributed significantly to student leadership and advocacy on campus and beyond through his role as Vice-President Academic Affairs of the Students’ Representative Council. Georges-Philippe was also instrumental in helping to establish the Online Learning and Technology Consultants, an innovative response to COVID-19. Alongside Dr. Jessica Riddell (Jarislowsky Chair of Undergraduate Teaching Excellence) and Scott Stoddard (Director of Information Technology), Georges-Philippe hired and trained 23 undergraduate students in pedagogy and technology to work with faculty on building COVID-19 classrooms for this academic year.

On May 1, 2021, Dr. Corinne Haigh, Dean of the School Education, took on a new role as Dean of Professional Studies at Acadia University. We wish Corinne well as she begins this new challenge at one of our Maple League partner universities. Dr. Anthony Di Mascio has been appointed Interim Dean of the School of Education.

Q: What are you most looking forward to?
Like everyone around the world, I look forward to having this pandemic behind us. I’m particularly looking forward to having our students, faculty, librarians, and staff back on campus in September.

—Michael Goldbloom, C.M.
Principal and Vice-Chancellor
Bishop’s prides itself in creating research opportunities for its undergraduate students. Gemma Camara is one of them. A third-year Neuroscience student minoring in Environmental studies, Gemma participated in the Neurodegenerative Diseases: Biology and Therapeutics meeting organized by the Cold Spring Harbour Laboratory (CSHL) in December 2020. During the meeting, Gemma presented her research findings on “The relationship between cognitive scores and detection of specific odours in the elderly”. CSHL is a leading international centre for research and education and presenting at their meetings is a considerable achievement for anyone in the field! This event also gave her the opportunity to connect with other researchers.

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Gemma recalled: “During the first night’s social event, one of the professors from Stanford asked me if I had applied to Stanford. I never thought to push myself to be a part of any of the “Ivy Leagues” before, but his question made me think about the limitations I’ve set for myself. The sky’s the limit, and there are tons of great universities looking to take on smart ambitious students who are hardworking and who put themselves out there.”

Gemma is a promising student researcher interested in olfactory function and post-concussion effects on the brain. For her current research project, she is working under the supervision of Dr. Rona Graham at Université de Sherbrooke, and Dr. Jonathan Carriere from the B.U. Department of Psychology. Gemma is also involved in B.U. school life as the current environmental sustainability representative, former leader of the Environmental Club, and former co-lead of the Running Club.

“Bishop’s University has helped me become the person I am today. The community helps foster growth, for those seeking it. I have always set ambitious goals for myself; I was never told “no, that’s unfeasible” but rather redirected. Both Bishop’s and Université de Sherbrooke have enabled me to enter the field as a student researcher. My research project has allowed me to put into practice what I have learned at Bishop’s.”

“The Psychology Department at Bishop’s has great faculty that have gone the extra mile to adapt their teaching methods. Notably, Dr. Jasmeen Sidhu and Dr. Courtney Plante are two of the many professors who have continuously taken a modern approach to their teaching methods.” Gemma concluded, “I could not possibly mention all the mentors at Bishop’s, it is a community, and everyone contributes differently. Whichever university I next attend, Bishop’s will always be home in my heart.”
WHAT LINKS B.U. AND THE ROCKIES?
THE OLNEY FAMILY INTERNSHIP

Among Bishop’s core priorities is the creation of experiential learning possibilities through internships and co-op placements. The University was therefore thrilled earlier this year when the Olney family siblings, formerly of the Eastern Townships, launched an innovative internship program pairing Bishop’s with Rocky Mountain Adaptive (RMA) in Canmore, Alberta. The first internship will be awarded in 2021.

Each summer, The Olney Family Internship at Rocky Mountain Adaptive will see a current Bishop’s student participate in an experiential learning opportunity in the Canadian Rockies. The internship will focus on a project reflecting the student’s degree program while meeting the needs of RMA. Once back at Bishop’s, the student will complete their RMA project as an independent study while earning six credits toward their degree.

The Olney siblings, Andy ’72, Monica ’74, Chris ’79 and Marie ’83 are all proud Bishop’s alumni. Their mother Allene, who also took courses at Bishop’s, and their dad Andrew were regular chauffeurs shuttling their children between their home in Sherbrooke and the campus.

ABOUT ROCKY MOUNTAIN ADAPTIVE

RMA, an adaptive sport organization, is a registered charity that enables individuals of all ages with physical or neurodivergent disABILITIES to participate in all the unique sporting and adventure activities the Bow Valley/Canadian Rockies has to offer. RMA’s programming, ranging from multi-week programs to single-day lessons and experiences, offers opportunities in 22 different winter and summer sports to both locals and residents from around the world.

The dream at RMA is to promote adaptive sport, create independence, and develop opportunities, making the outdoors accessible to everyone. Their motto, “No Limits!” is more than just a phrase, it is a mentality. It motivates RMA to reduce barriers and provide successful sport and recreational experiences. For adaptive guests, “No Limits!” comes from a determination to overcome any obstacle when achieving goals.

The benefits of participation in sport and recreation extend beyond the social aspects of equality and inclusion, and involve personal benefits that include increased independence, self-esteem, strength, coordination, mobility, more successful motor planning and movement execution, and overall physical health and mental well-being.

“There are no can’ts, only cans we haven’t tried yet,” is the axiom co-founder and Executive Director of RMA, Jamie McCulloch. A small and very passionate staff along with numerous dedicated volunteers live by Jamie’s beliefs.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

This internship was Marie Olney’s brainchild, so she approached Bishop’s with the offer of a family donation to fund a student and, at the same time, provide support to another of her family’s preferred charitable organizations. The family hopes that other donors will follow their lead in supporting not only Bishop’s but also other charitable organizations by creating similar internships.

The enthusiasm among deans and faculty at Bishop’s was robust and details of the five-year commitment were quickly established. Applicants must apply by late February each year and a five-member selection committee will choose the successful candidate by the end of March. A three-way agreement (the student intern, Bishop’s University, and RMA) will outline the various expectations of the student. The funding, totalling $12,000 annually, will be disbursed at an agreed upon schedule and is contingent upon the successful completion and

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OLNEY INTERNSHIP

The Olney family is proud of this initiative. "Each of Marie's siblings, along with other family members, have witnessed the excellent instruction, inclusive nature, and raison d'etre of RMA," Andy reflects. Chris adds, "We're also very pleased this internship will allow the student a chance to spend time in a different region of our amazing Canada!"

"All of our family love sports, both as participants and as spectators, and both Andy and I played for the basketball Gaiters," laughs Monica. "It's great that student interns from Bishop's, through their involvement with RMA, will learn the importance of extending the opportunity to participate in sports to individuals of all ABILITIES."

We look forward to reporting on the first intern and project on our website and social media channels.
BISHOP’S LAUNCHES ONLINE RESOURCE FOR NETWORKING AND MENTORSHIP

There is no question that networking is key to finding a job today. But how does one proceed to network in the face of pandemic, stay-at-home guidelines? And even in “normal” times, networking can be daunting – especially when one is just starting out.

In September, thanks to the generous support of RBC Future Launch, the University initiated the Bishop’s Career Café – an online platform powered by Ten Thousand Coffees – designed to encourage students and alumni to network and exchange knowledge and advice.

It is very simple and all you have to do is sign up! Matches are created automatically, every month, based on the common interests, skills and goals of the mentors and mentees. Participants then agree on a time to chat by phone or online – and hopefully one day soon, in person.

Whether you’re a student, a new graduate, or a more seasoned graduate interested in career growth or giving back, the Bishop’s Career Café is a great opportunity to gather advice on career planning and decision making. Mentors share valuable lessons from their personal career journey and inspire mentees to find their own solutions and path forward. In addition, monthly webinars deliver information on topics such as mastering networking skills, the challenges related to specific careers, and how to best benefit from a mentoring relationship.

The online platform allows flexibility for mentors and mentees alike with a simple “opt-out” or “opt-back-in” option, at any time. Interestingly, 72% of members said they felt more confident after connecting with their match.

If you are looking for a more in-depth and recurring mentorship and networking arrangement, be sure to check out our complementary JUMP Mentorship and Networking Program. Founded in 2009, to help recent graduates take their first leap into life beyond Bishop’s, alumni mentors are paired with recent graduates for one-on-one mentoring and are introduced to a broader alumni network through an in-person networking Speaker Series. Some of these mentoring relationships have endured and flourished for more than ten years.

“As a young alumna, I simultaneously wanted to help students, and talk to other alumni who can help me on my own path. Now I have a platform to do that. I hope I am able to provide the kind of helpful information I have received from some fantastic, mentors at the Bishop’s Career Café.”
—Rachel Newcombe ’17
Associate Project Manager and Content Coordinator, Brain Injury Canada

“Bishop’s graduates span the globe and are employed in almost every industry and profession. The B.U. alumni network provides an invaluable resource on which they can rely.” says Jacquie Scott ’90, Associate Vice-Principal, Advancement.

To register for the Bishop’s Career Café as either a mentor or mentee, and/or to find out more about the JUMP Mentorship Program please contact us at: alumni@ubishops.ca.

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S.R.C. WINS BIG VICTORY

In the midst of a pandemic, where nothing seemed to progress, a new traffic light was installed on College Street at the intersection of Little Forks in Lennoxville. Featuring a pedestrian crossing button, this installation was the culmination of four years of lobbying by the Student Representative Council (S.R.C.) with Quebec’s Ministry of Transport (M.T.Q.) to provide a safe crossing for students at this intersection. Previous attempts to create a safe crossing on College Street had been the topic of conversation for decades where dozens, if not hundreds, of automobile accidents had taken place, sometimes including injury to pedestrians.

Kudos are extended to the S.R.C. for their relentless efforts to provide a safe environment for the thousands of Bishop’s students and community members who use the College Street crossing daily. Through hundreds of letters to the M.T.Q. and a student protest, the realization of the campaign spearheaded by 2019-20 S.R.C. President Marilyn Hardy ’21 came to fruition in September 2020.

AUTOROUTE 410 EXTENDED TO BISHOP’S CAMPUS

Phase II of Autoroute 410, which started in the summer of 2018 and opened to traffic in December 2020, now bypasses Lennoxville with a new bridge over the Massawippi river and culminates on Glenday Road at the Sherbrooke Research and Development Centre (known to most as the Experimental Farm) below Alexander Galt Regional High School. The completion of the southern bypass road for Sherbrooke was made possible through an agreement between Bishop’s University and the Quebec Ministry of Transport which sees the new divided highway, with two lanes in each direction, cut through Bishop’s 500-acre campus.

This $75 million road improvement will free downtown Lennoxville of most large transport trucks making pedestrian movement safer while alleviating traffic congestion at rush hours. In addition, the highway extension will provide easy access to Bishop’s main entrance from Route 108.
KEEPING MENTAL HEALTH TOP OF MIND

The pandemic has been hard on everyone’s mental health, but it has been especially difficult for students. Research has shown that the stress and isolation of the pandemic have students experiencing levels of trauma seen in survivors of natural disasters, and students without previous mental health issues are suffering more than their peers with pre-existing conditions. Despite their own hardships, Bishop’s donors have been unwavering in their support and thanks to them, our students haven’t had to suffer in silence.

**BUnited PEER SUPPORT CENTRE UPDATE**

Located in the recently renovated Student Union Building, BUnited was made possible by donors to the 1980s Reunion Special Class Gift and Giving Tuesday 2019. And as the pandemic wreaks havoc on students’ mental health, it could not have come at a better time.

**BUnited functions with four Peer Supporters (trained students), six student volunteers and Jordi Hepburn of the Student Services team. They offer one-on-one sessions, mental health workshops and community activities, for students requiring additional support and referrals to resources on campus and in the community. Throughout the pandemic, BUnited has adapted its services to meet students where they are: predominantly at home. Peer Supporters meet with students on Microsoft Teams for one-on-one sessions, and organize online events on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Activities have included a mental health awareness interview with Dr. Daniel Miller, a stress management seminar, and pumpkin painting. The goal is to bring people together, even if this can only be done online.**

**BISHOP’S UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY CUPBOARD**

The latest addition to BUnited’s offerings is the B.U. Community Cupboard, which provides free groceries and essential supplies to students in need. This is another initiative made possible by Bishop’s donors whose outpouring of support, especially given the context of the second wave of the pandemic, was impressive and heartwarming. On Giving Tuesday 2020, donations over $138,000 were received allowing $95,000 to be directed to the B.U. Community Cupboard.

A 2016 study estimated that the number of university students living with food insecurity (meaning irregular access to nutritious food) in Canada is as high as 39%. Students can be forced to choose between meals and paying for books, tuition fees and rent. Food insecurity also brings about social isolation and stigma. This can prevent people from accessing the support they need, and puts students at greater risk for physical illness, and mental health problems.

The B.U. Community Cupboard was created to meet all these needs. It ensures all Bishop’s students have access to healthy foods and basic household items regardless of their financial situation. Because social stigma can discourage students from accessing support, the Cupboard operates in a discreet and confidential manner. By ensuring students are eating properly, lessening the stress of their financial burden, and offering one-on-one support when necessary, the Cupboard and the team behind it are working toward better student mental health, and providing the necessities for academic success. Hopes for the future include providing school supplies and financial support for expensive textbooks, as well as warm winter clothing.

As of March 2021, almost 1,000 items had been distributed with 51 students receiving support. Demand is expected to increase significantly as awareness grows, as students become more comfortable asking for help, and when all students finally return to campus. In the
meantime, the Community Cupboard team is doing
everything they can do to build a robust program
that meets students’ needs now, and down the line.
A HUGE thank you is extended to all our wonderful
donors who have made all this possible and shown the
students that despite these hard times, the Bishop’s com-
munity is behind them every step of the way! There truly
would be no B.U. without YOU!

THANKSGIVING BASKET APPEAL

The extended Bishop’s family is always there and generous
when supporting special campaigns. In October 2020, in
response to the latest wave of COVID-19, Student Services
and the S.R.C. launched an effort to “keep the B.U.
in town” by encouraging students to stay in Lennoxville
and avoid travelling Thanksgiving weekend.

Sodexo (Bishop’s resident food supplier) prepared 107
“baskets” for groups of 4 to 6 students, which included
ingredients and recipes for a chicken (or a vegetarian
alternative) Thanksgiving meal with all the fixings and
dessert. Baskets were free for students and were funded
mostly by alumni with support from faculty and staff. In
just one week, donors gave more than $6,000 and fed 524
students. This campaign was a huge success and surpassed
the fundraising goal, allowing the surplus to be directed
to the Community Cupboard.

Many donors added extra warmth by choosing to
leave encouraging messages and sharing their own B.U.
memories. Along with many messages of “Raise a toast!”
and “Stay safe Gaiters!”, a 2001 graduate reminisced,
"I so clearly remember my first Thanksgiving
away from home at B.U.
It took me 20 minutes to
find cranberries at Provigo
because I didn’t know the
word for cranberries in
French. I never forgot ‘les
canneberges’!!”

Another message read, “In my first
semester on campus, my
biology professor invited
the Maritimers to his
house for Thanksgiving.
I still remember how that
positively impacted me
and made me feel wel-
come. In the spirit of
community, I’m happy to sponsor a Thanksgiving meal for fel-
low Gaiters.”

A 2016 alumna wrote, “Happy Thanksgiving
Gaiters. Some of my best B.U. memories are holidays where
a bunch of us stayed in Lennoxville together. Our chosen
family! Enjoy this meal on me.” An alumnus from 1972
remembered fondly the beautiful autumn countryside
of the Eastern Townships while a former exchange stu-
dent remembered sharing a wonderful Thanksgiving with
friends. Students, in turn, responded by sharing pictures
of their home-cooked meals and by sending their own
messages of thanks.
With a second school year coming to a close under COVID restrictions, the S.R.C. worked hard to make one last special event for the Class of 2021. Traditionally, Grad Formal is held in a large hall, with catered food and dancing. Under most unusual circumstances this year, the graduating class worked hard to emulate just that.

Thanks to the generous support of Bishop’s alumni, the Principal’s Office, and Student Services, the Grad Formal committee was able to organize a roast beef or Tofurkey roast dinner. With additional support from Sodexo and a celebratory beverage compliments of Doolittle’s Coop, graduates dressed up, set up home photo booths, and posed for photos with their housemates in front of McGreer and in the Quad.

The evening wrapped up with a virtual slideshow and awards ceremony while highlighting some of the key graduating personalities. The event helped to unite a “physically distant” graduating class through virtual smiles and shared memories and led to these kind observations:

I am grateful to all the alumni who donated to help us realize our plans for Grad Formal. The dinners were a means for us to connect students by sharing a meal, despite being apart. Through the generosity of former Bishop's students, we got to celebrate our time at B.U. properly and give each other more than just a virtual send off.

—Casey Hebert '21

I was so excited to get to celebrate Grad Formal and transforming the tradition was elevating, fun, and truly authentic to the Bishop's Experience. Made possible in part by the generosity of alumni, the event helped grads to feel the community spirit at Bishop's, as a whole!

—Sally Cunningham '21

Dear Alumni, thank you so incredibly much for your donations to this cause! A challenging year for our final lap at Bishop's was relieved through an extremely impactful evening with our roommates and our “small bubbles.” We were so inspired and grateful for your gifts that we decided to go all out on decorations and made it truly a night to remember – with yummy food and lots of love. From one Gaiter to another, thank you for everything and we all look forward to joining you in the alumni pool very soon!

—Anika Malone '21

The kindness and support from alumni helped us celebrate the class of 2021 in a fun and safe way, allowing us to commemorate our time here with joy and a sense of unity. Thank you so much for everything you have done for the B.U. community!

—Maria Clavelli '21
STUDENT-ATHLETES THRIVE IN MANY WAYS DESPITE THE PANDEMIC

The 2020-21 season was like none we have seen before. The fall opened with uncertainty and a mix of hope and unease. Training camps were pushed back but optimism that “some sort of season” would be possible remained. As time progressed though, it became clear that competition was not going to be possible so the student-athletes made the most of it, practicing when permitted, in September, October and part of November.

As the second wave of the virus gained momentum in mid-November, teams were forced to stop training. It was tough, but again the Gaiters persevered.

Student-athletes were united – off the court, course, field, floor, ice, and pitch. The Student-Athlete Leadership Council (SALC) took form and began regular meetings. At the same time, a group of student-athletes, coaches and alumni formed the Anti-Racism and Discrimination Committee (ARDC) with the mission of “uniting as student-athletes to be advocates for anti-racism and discrimination.”
The pandemic altered the way many community events took place but did not stop the Gaiters from giving back. Our athletes lent a hand at youth soccer and golf camps, and continued the annual “Pumpkin Patrol” tradition, helping Lennoxville children have a safe and fun Halloween night. They collected bags upon bags of groceries for the Moisson Estrie food bank and helped bring in a record number of donations for the Alexander Galt Christmas Basket Fundraiser – no small feat seeing it was held virtually. They also helped bag and distribute Christmas baskets for the Fondation Roch Guertin that distributes food to families in need in the Greater Sherbrooke area during the holiday season. In addition, student-athletes raised funds for the Royal Ottawa Foundation for Mental Health to support education, awareness, and research initiatives that encourage Canadian youth to
talk openly about mental illness and to ask for help when they need it.

In the new year, the giving back continued as the SALC, led by women’s soccer and women’s basketball players, tweaked the traditional Kick and Shoot for the Cure events, electing instead for an online lip-sync battle all the while raising funds for the Quebec Breast Cancer Foundation.

ACADEMICS

Student-athletes thrived in the classroom thanks to the guidance of Academic Support Coach Mike Andrews ’16. And we were very proud when the list of 2019-20 Academic All-Canadians or Academic All-Stars was released and included 84 student-athletes from B.U.

MENTAL HEALTH

Mental health continues to be a front-burner topic. Special attention is needed in the best of times and in a global pandemic the need is further underscored. Once again this year, Bishop’s participated in #BellLetsTalk initiatives. An added feature this year was TSN’s host, Michael Landsberg, delivering a virtual presentation to student-athletes in what was an open and honest conversation about his personal experience with mental illness.

The SALC also ran a virtual trivia night for student-athletes that garnered many laughs.

Throughout the year, student-athletes have access to a variety of support services on campus, offered through Student Services. Individual psychological counselling is available at any time while the Health Clinic features a number of medical professionals who are ready to help out.

Looking forward, Bishop’s will ensure that mental health remains a year-round topic. Thanks to the generosity of Bob Goldberger ’79, a position in the Athletic Department has been created to support student-athletes with their mental health. The incumbent will work closely with Student Services to provide numerous resources for Gaiters, allowing them the opportunity to thrive – another Gaiters’ victory!

SALC Virtual Trivia Night

GRADUATING GAITER DRAFTED TO CANADIAN ELITE BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Nervens Demosthene ’21, a Sociology major from Terrebonne, Quebec, is the first Gaiter to be drafted in the CEBL (Canadian Elite Basketball League).

He was selected first overall by the Saskatchewan Rattlers and was the only player selected from the Réseau du sport étudiant du Québec. This is a coveted opportunity for top U SPORTS student-athletes to get a taste of professional basketball by practicing and playing alongside veteran professional players from the NBA, NBA G League, Canadian national team, and top international leagues.
Jacqueline “Jackie” Entwistle ’93 had a plan. She had done her research and knew her future career would require a university degree, so she elected to major in Geography, but with another purpose in mind. She would pursue a career in teaching if things didn’t work out with her first career choice – law enforcement.

Her focus in high school had been to join the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (R.C.M.P.). Jackie learned that although the minimum requirement for acceptance into the R.C.M.P. training academy was a Grade 12 diploma, the unwritten rule was that a university degree was required. So, Jackie enrolled at Bishop’s.

At Bishop’s, Jackie joined the Alpha Delta Pi sorority and that involvement would play a critical role in how her career played out. She faced major disappointment after graduating because of an R.C.M.P. hiring freeze but a conversation with one of her sorority sisters led her in an alternate, yet related, direction.

“The O.P.P. is recruiting”, she told her, “and I’ve joined. You should look into it.”

The die was cast, and in 1995 Jackie began her career with the Ontario Provincial Police in Homepayne in Northern Ontario. Three years later, Jackie was transferred to the Lanark (Perth) Detachment as a Constable, and seven years later she was on the move again, this time to Armstrong, another northern posting, but now as Sergeant, Detachment Commander.

Her two northern postings put her in direct contact with the local Indigenous communities. Jackie credits her minor in anthropology with providing her the foundation to better understand the history, dynamics, and challenges of the Aboriginal communities. These experiences led to her next posting in Orillia to work with the Indigenous Policing Bureau and then to Dryden, in 2009, where she was promoted to Staff Sergeant. Her career path, working with Aboriginal communities, culminated with a promotion to Provincial Manager, First Nations Policing, a position she would hold for seven years.

The last three years have seen her posted to Orillia, to work in Staff Training and Development and Traffic and Marine Operations, and now as Staff Sergeant in the Bracebridge Detachment. Her detachment has faced many challenges during the pandemic, from busloads of shoppers arriving from outside the community to shop at the local Walmart to non-locals returning to their cottages during pandemic travel restrictions. As front-line workers, the O.P.P. are under great pressure to enforce both provincial laws and provincial pandemic regulations.

Jackie’s career path will include one final transfer, to the Ottawa region, to be closer to family as she prepares for her retirement after 30 years with the O.P.P.

Jackie says, “Like any job, I have experienced ups and downs, but the positive days and moments far outweigh the bad.” She credits the small class sizes and personal attention at B.U. as two of the greatest contributing factors to her success in law enforcement. “The ability to communicate, listen and analyze are all crucial attributes needed in my job.” Jackie feels truly fortunate to be part of the Bishop’s community and to have many lifelong Bishop’s friends who have been there to support her throughout her career and life post B.U.

Jackie lives in Muskoka, Ontario and can be reached at jacqueline.entwistle@gmail.com.
AN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LIFE AFTER FOOTBALL – A KIWI ADVENTURE

Doug Calhoun ‘65
– Wellington, New Zealand

Doug Calhoun ‘65, played football on the first teams coached by Bruce Coulter. The highlight of his Gaiter career at Bishop’s was winning the Ottawa-St. Lawrence Conference Championship in 1964. Coulter was an innovator who had his offensive line play in an unbalanced formation. Doug credits the teamwork and not wanting to let Bruce down for their success in 1964.

Doug’s degree was in Chemistry, but he credits his liberal arts education for paving the way in his career. Classes in English Literature, Divinity and Political Science were among his favourites. Doug went on to obtain his master’s degree in Inorganic Chemistry at Queen’s after his graduation from Bishop’s.

A family friend suggested he apply for work with the intellectual property (IP) law firm, Smart & Biggar in Ottawa. And so began his long career in the field of IP. It was also in Ottawa where Doug would meet his future wife, Ann. Ann was the daughter of a New Zealand diplomat who, as a child, had lived in Canada and the U.S. They married in 1970 and in 1973 made the decision to move to New Zealand. But instead of going straight there, they decided to quite literally “see the world”. Their adventure would take them across Europe, the Middle East and Asia over a four-month period. Doug says they passed through countries that today would be less receptive to their cross-continent trek.

Doug and Ann arrived in Wellington in December of 1973 and Doug has lived there since. Doug secured employment with AJ Park, an IP law firm. At their suggestion, he enrolled in the law program at Victoria University on a part time basis. By 1976 he was also qualified as a New Zealand patent attorney. He became a licensed lawyer in 1980.

Doug has travelled the world for work many times over the years to attend conferences and meetings representing his clients. His first time back to Canada was for the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games. Doug had many government, academic, private, and corporate clients over the years. The largest one was the dairy co-operative company, Fonterra, that accounts for about 20% of New Zealand’s export income.

After he retired in 2006, he had a cottage built on Lac-des-Îles in the Lanaudière region of Quebec and has returned to Canada each summer joining many relatives and friends. Unfortunately, because of travel restrictions, he was not able to visit this past summer, but is looking forward to returning when they are lifted.

In his retirement Doug continues to edit an industry newsletter and an IP journal and is a member of the Law Society’s IP committee. He proudly acts as a mentor now to recent graduates just starting out in the field of IP. When not working as an editor, committee member or mentor, he can be found on the golf course enjoying another of his sporting passions.

Doug has kept in touch with other Bishop’s alumni from his years, both football teammates and classmates. He has connected and visited with Richard Devereaux ‘65, Steve Prest ‘65 and Roy Cullen ‘65, to name but a few. (Steve Prest is also a part-time resident of New Zealand, enjoying endless summers.)

Doug currently lives in Wellington with his daughter, son-in-law, granddaughter, and a Golden Retriever puppy. He can be reached at doug.calhoun0@gmail.com and would enjoy hearing from fellow Gaiters and former classmates.
NOT YOUR TYPICAL FAMILY BUSINESS

Peter Campion ’87 – Dublin, Ireland

The motorcycle and its rider crested the hill en route to the house where the wake was in progress. Suddenly, the bike hit a patch of black ice, and the motorcycle slid out from underneath the rider, carrying both down the street, past the house and the collection of men standing outside having a cigarette. Once the motorcycle came to a stop, the rider picked up the bike and walked back up the hill to the house. After kicking out the stand of the damaged bike, the rider removed his helmet, unzipped his leather jacket, shook out his cassock and strode towards the door. Reverend Peter Campion ’87 had arrived at his first official duty in his new parish in Belfast.

“The great thing about Bishop’s is the ability you have to change course without losing the credits you’ve accumulated. The other great thing about a liberal education is the chance to study subjects outside of your major.”

Peter Campion graduated from Bishop’s with a degree in Psychology in 1987. He had originally enrolled in math and science, but once he had decided to enter the clergy, he changed his major. Peter says, “The great thing about Bishop’s is the ability you have to change course without losing the credits you’ve accumulated. The other great thing about a liberal education is the chance to study subjects outside of your major.”

Dublin in 1994 to fulfill Peter’s five-year obligation to the Church of Ireland. He worked as a Curate and led the choir at Taney Parish from 1994–1996 and as Dean’s Vicar at St. Patrick’s Cathedral from 1996–2000.

In 2000 they were on the move once again, this time returning to Canada and Peter’s former school, Rothesay-Netherwood School, in New Brunswick. Peter and Rebecca both taught there, while Peter served as Chaplain and coach to various teams, including rugby.

They would return to Dublin in 2005 along with their young daughter, to work at King’s Hospital School. Further to his duties as Chaplain and teacher, outside of school Peter worked as the Precentor at Christ Church Cathedral from 2009–2015 and St. Patrick’s Cathedral from 2015–2020.

Peter and Rebecca currently live in Dublin with their two children. Peter can be reached via email at: chaplain@thekingshospital.ie
AN ACCIDENTAL TEACHER

Nina Lauder ‘90 – Seville, Spain

The summer after graduating from Bishop’s with a B.A. in Humanities, Nina Lauder ’90 took on a job as a receptionist at a small firm in Vancouver. One day, while flipping through the newspaper on her coffee break, she saw an ad that read: “Greece Needs English Teachers”, and she applied for the job. That was the beginning of the end for this accidental teacher. Thanks to that ad, two months after graduating, Nina packed her bags to move across the ocean to teach English in a small village on the island of Rhodes.

Following her teaching job in Greece, she travelled around Europe by train before settling in Seville, Spain to teach English as a private tutor. She was lucky enough to be hired as an English guide at the 1992 World’s Fair in Seville and, later that year, as a guide at the Barcelona Olympic Games. She continued to travel extensively in Europe during her time off.

Nina was ready to return to Canada after working in Greece and Spain. However, that was not to be because she returned to her apartment in Seville one day to find she had been robbed of all the savings she had accumulated. She would not be returning to Canada anytime soon, and so began the European and global adventure of Nina Lauder.

She worked odd jobs at restaurants and bars, while still tutoring. In 1994, she was hired by a language school and became the Head of Children’s Studies. Through that job she became involved in teacher training as pedagogical advisor. During a conference in 1998, she was approached by a publishing company to work as a consultant. This led to her writing books centred on English Language Teaching and Content and Language Integrated Learning. Her top selling books are sold around the world.

Nina’s books have led to her travelling to over 30 countries in South America, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. She has led discussions about teaching in a second language and the different methodologies employed by teachers in each region. Those presentations and discussions have informed her writing of other textbooks.

In 2008, Nina began as a guest lecturer at the Universidad de Pablo Olavide in Seville, teaching classes in the Master of Bilingual Education program. This year she will begin presenting lectures for the online university, Universidad Internacional de Andalucía.

She continues to write for educational publications about pedagogical methodologies, along with her consulting and lecturing.

Nina credits growing up in the multicultural milieu of Canada, along with her educational experience at Bishop’s for allowing her to have such a rich and rewarding professional life overseas.

“Bishop’s allowed me to flourish. Taking a general degree in Humanities let me touch on a variety of subjects that I’ve used in my professional life.”

My theatre classes gave me the confidence to make my presentations around the globe. My involvement in various clubs developed my organizational abilities. And certainly, my English courses led me down the path toward my present career. Studying at a small university like Bishop’s allowed me to develop the skills to succeed after graduation.”

Nina still lives in Seville where she is active with charity work in the city including as a mentor for the NGO Action Against Hunger, where she collaborates on job insertion programs and dealing with at-risk youth.

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Philippe Longchamps ‘99
– Lund, Sweden

Philippe Longchamps ‘99 had a choice to make. The native of Rock Forest, QC was weighing his options. He could follow many of his friends to Université de Sherbrooke and continue his studies in his mother tongue or he could make a bold choice and study history in his second language, English. He wanted to learn about Canadian history from a different perspective and so, he decided to enrol at Bishop’s University.

His first semester, by his own admission, was an eye opener. He admits, “I think I received a 25% on my first mid-term exam. I knew the material, but it became obvious I needed to improve my English writing skills so I could express more clearly the material that I knew.” This realization turned to resolve as he began taking English writing courses as his electives.

He credits Professor Robert Whitney for opening his eyes to the history of Latin America, and it would be his influence that led Philippe to pursue a master’s degree in Latin American history at UQAM following his graduation from Bishop’s. Knowing he wanted to go on to a post-graduate degree Philippe began studying Spanish. He was now on the road to becoming a polyglot.

Philippe says, “My one regret about my time at Bishop’s is that I was not as involved with extracurricular activities as I would have liked. I was going to class, doing my homework, and working upwards of 32 hours per week at Costco. I didn’t have much free time, but what Bishop’s provided me was a global perspective. It opened my eyes to the possibilities available on the world stage. I am forever grateful for that aspect of my time at Bishop’s.”

While working on his master’s degree at UQAM he met his future wife Lina, a native of Sweden. Upon the completion of his degree, Lina was to return to Sweden to continue her engineering studies and Philippe made the decision to follow her. Thus, would begin his unplanned journey into the world of education.

He began teaching English and French and subsequently history, geography, and technology at Bilingual Montessori School of Lund. The style of education suited Philippe, where learning was much more experiential than textbook. At the same time, Philippe began his own studies to learn Swedish. Today, he says he is as comfortable in Swedish as he is in French or English.

In 2011, the Swedish government decided that immigrant teachers like Philippe would require a nationally approved teaching degree to continue their teaching career. Again, demonstrating his strong work ethic, he completed the degree while employed at the school.

Philippe says that his classes are taught mostly in English, but all the textbooks are written in Swedish. From time to time, he mixes French into the lessons. He says the multilingual nature of his school makes it a pleasurable environment in which to teach. His students have received recognition internationally in various competitions. It was their success, he says, that shone the light on him and his school. This recognition of his teaching methods translated into him receiving the National Teacher of the Year Award, 2020. He reflects, “What makes it so special to receive this honour in 2020 is that Sweden is one of the few countries that kept schools open throughout the pandemic and that I am the first immigrant to ever receive this award.”

Philippe is in the final stages of completing a book on teaching methods titled Sustainable & Integrative Active Learning. He currently lives in Lund, Sweden with his family, and can be reached at philippe.longchamps@bmsl.se.
Liz Stanway ’07
– Geneva, Switzerland

Liz Stanway ’07 was like many graduates. She had a diploma in hand, but now she had to figure out what she wanted to do in life, and whether her degree in Environmental Studies and Geography would lead her down a particular path.

Her first job was as a purchasing coordinator at Europe’s Best in Montreal. After the company was bought and the Montreal operation closed, she met up with a friend who convinced her to teach ESL (English as a second language) in Korea. She decided to pursue this opportunity, and from 2010 to 2012, found herself teaching in Busan, the second largest city in the country.

Upon her return to Canada, she worked at the Royal Victoria Hospital (Montreal) in administrative roles. It was there that her interest in the medical field, and the myriad possibilities beyond being a doctor or nurse became clear to her. She saw a notice for an information session about the international medical humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders (Médecins Sans Frontières – MSF as it best known internationally). She attended the session and thus began her five-year whirlwind association with MSF.

Her first assignment was in the Democratic Republic of the Congo where she worked as a Logistics Administrator. Her duties included supply logistics, finance, and human resources. This posting lasted from July 2013 to May 2014, and during the final weeks of the mission, she took over for the Project Coordinator, who had to leave the mission suddenly. The Central African Republic was her next stop from October 2014 to April 2015. She was placed in the capital city of Bangui where she acted as the Supply Manager, supporting four projects in the country. Liz says this placement was one of the most stressful, but also one of the most rewarding, as she could see the impact MSF’s work was having on its beneficiaries.

From May 2015 to August 2015, Liz was based in Djibouti and responsible for ferrying medical supplies and personnel into war torn Yemen. The team had to deal with terrible heat which made the job of receiving, storing, and shipping supplies a logistical challenge.

Liz credits her education at Bishop’s, and the friends she made, for instilling in her a curiosity about the world and how opportunities are not limited to the country that you call home.

After several years in the field, Liz returned to Montreal to fill a maternity replacement opening in the Human Resources department at MSF. Her field experience was invaluable in allowing her to assess and place members of the MSF team in the appropriate projects abroad.

But soon the field beckoned again, and after brief stops in Turkey and Iraq, Liz found herself in the Kurdish controlled area of northern Syria. The mission entailed helping to rebuild a local hospital, supply smaller health centres, and support local healthcare needs including those of internally displaced people.

She then moved on to projects in Ethiopia, Kenya and Myanmar acting as a trainer and trouble-shooter on behalf of the MSF head office in Amsterdam.

In August 2018 Liz left MSF and returned to Montreal. She was soon contacted by a former MSF colleague who was now working for the World Health Organization (WHO). WHO needed support in dealing with an Ebola outbreak in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo and this is where she would spend most of 2019.

She had planned on travelling in 2020, but again the WHO called her to join the COVID-19 emergency program. Since February 2020, she has managed orders from countries requiring PPE. Her expected three months stay in Geneva has been extended indefinitely.

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Liz currently lives in Geneva, Switzerland and can be reached at liz.stanway@gmail.com.
W e have all seen the images of divers swimming amongst a sea of plastic, where bags, bottles, straws, and various miscellany dominate the seascape below the surface. Sea horses cling to man-made objects and whales are washed ashore, their stomachs bloated with the indigestible items.

Our disposable lifestyle means that 5 billion pounds of plastic waste make their way into our environment each year. At the same time, there are over 2 billion people who lack access to formal waste management services and nearly half the world’s population lives on less than $5.50/day.

Enter , who has developed an ethical sourcing platform that connects the informal waste economy to fair trade supply chains for global brands. No small feat, but one whose seed was planted during his honours project in entrepreneurship at Bishop’s.

Before graduating from B.U. with a degree in Business – Marketing and Entrepreneurship, Andrew had written his honours thesis on the concept of creating an ecolabel to represent plastic collected from the environment. Degree in hand, Andrew moved to Canada’s west coast and set up Plastics for Change to recycle the ocean plastic waste washing up onto the shorelines from the 2011 tsunami in Japan.

Andrew then left Vancouver and moved to Lima, Peru to establish a Plastic Bank operation. It was while there that the company ran out of funding and Andrew was removed as co-founder. He was once again back at square one.

Undaunted, Andrew launched a crowdfunding campaign for “The World’s First Fair Trade System for Urban Waste Pickers”. This had the goal of addressing two of society’s biggest problems – plastic pollution and poverty – and to solve both at the same time.

He used the funds to move to India full-time and develop the ethical sourcing platform. The mobile technology later won the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Inclusive Innovation Challenge for Income Growth and Job Creation in Asia. Today, Andrew’s organization Plastics For Change is the first and only recycling company to be certified by the World Fair Trade Organization.

The informal waste workers of India are some of the poorest people in society with multiple barriers to formal employment. Plastics For Change is on a mission to use plastic waste as an enabler of sustainable livelihoods for the ultra-poor. The organization ensures a predictable livelihood for the informal waste workers, while also providing access to healthcare, education, and financial literacy.

In 2020, Plastics For Change on-boarded 561 waste collectors on its platform and helped to provide disaster relief to over 6,000 individuals during the COVID lockdown. Andrew says, “Most informal waste workers are concerned with two things: education for their children so they can have a better life, and the health of their family. We help the waste collectors create a financial footprint by helping them set up bank accounts so they can finally save some money for unseen events. When you are a waste collector, your life is lived in the present. We are trying, in our way, to change that reality and help them plan for a different future.”

For his efforts, Andrew was recognized by Forbes Magazine as one of the Top 30 Under 30 – 2018 for Asia (Industry, Manufacturing and Energy). Andrew is hoping to expand to other Asian countries using the same template for socially responsible recycling.

Andrew offers some advice to new graduates, “If you have an idea and you believe in it, go for it. Do it while you are young, and you can take chances.”

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GRATEFUL GAITER IN GATOR COUNTRY GIVES BACK

By William McMahon ’19

William McMahon attended Bishop’s as an international student and after graduating in 2019 he completed the graduate-level Micro-Program in Climate Change. He credits the Énergir Scholarship in Environmental Studies for allowing him to do so, and has decided to pay it forward by making an annual donation to the very scholarship fund that assisted him in his studies at B.U. William is currently living in Fleming Island, Florida where he works at the State of Florida’s Department of Environmental Protection.

Growing up on Cape Cod, you are instilled with a real reverence for the natural environment. Nature consumes you, and you are often reminded of its power and beauty, and yet still, its fragility. My first introduction to the latter came when I was a young boy visiting the beach with my father. “You see where our car is parked now? Well, back when I used to come to this beach when I was a boy, it was all the way out there”, his outstretched finger pointing to a spot far off the coast from where we stood in the parking lot. I wondered what he meant until he explained to me that the ocean was slowly reclaiming the land that had dared to confine her for millions of years. I looked back from where we had come and gently wondered to myself, “What if the ocean decides to swallow all of it?”

Fifteen years later, I would be fortunate enough to have the opportunity to study a topic I was passionate about and answer this question and others that had dogged me since my youth. After the completion of my undergraduate degree in Environmental Studies and Geography at Bishop’s, I had the privilege to study in the graduate Micro-Program in Climate Change. I learned under some of the brightest minds in the field, studying topics ranging from energy to human health, and how society was responding to climate change through mitigation, adaptation, and resiliency. Little did those around me know at the time, the only reason I was able to complete the program was that I had received a full scholarship to do so. Had I not been granted the Énergir Scholarship in Environmental Studies, I wouldn’t have been financially able to have participated in the program I credit with my early success.

Today, I give back to the program that has given me so much. After graduation I worked as an Environmental Specialist in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s Office of Sustainable Initiatives, working to make Florida’s tourism and education sectors more sustainable. Now, I work as a Planner along with two others who are tasked with running the Florida Communities Trust. This Trust is endowed millions of dollars a year through the Florida Legislature to assist communities in environmental conservation and recreational opportunities. This critically important work has broad implications across the environmental field. We work to conserve land to improve human health, protect important natural resources such as air and water, and safeguard biodiversity through the conservation and rehabilitation of habitats that critically endangered species call home. I give full credit to Bishop’s environmental programs, and specifically the Micro-Program in Climate Change, for giving me the fundamental base to tackle these complex environmental problems.

The most important concept you learn in the environmental and climate change fields at Bishop’s is that despite all the problems we face as a society, each one of those problems represents an opportunity. Whether it be an increase in extreme weather events, biodiversity loss, or sea-level rise, you are taught that every problem is an opportunity to do better than those that came before us and set precedent future generations can be proud of. That is why I choose to give back now and into the future, so we can give the next generation not only the hope to combat these problems but the tools to do so as well.
APPOINTMENTS

DANIEL FOURNIER, CHANCELLOR

The selection of a university Chancellor is not an easy task. However, the decision to name Mr. Daniel Fournier as Bishop’s 20th Chancellor was made with unanimous support and delight.

Robert Hall ’79, Chair of the Board of Governors, beamed with pride as he made the announcement. “We are honoured to have, as our new Chancellor, such a highly accomplished and respected member of the Quebec and Canadian business community.”

Mr. Daniel Fournier was installed as Chancellor at the virtual ceremony of the 192nd Convocation on Saturday, August 29, 2020. In accepting this appointment Mr. Fournier commented: “I am a firm believer in Bishop’s liberal education model which ensures that students develop key skills and competencies that will stand the test of time. I am looking forward to this new challenge and am pleased to be of service to Bishop’s University and the Bishop’s community.”

Daniel Fournier grew up in Montreal. He studied History at Princeton University (1977) and Jurisprudence at Oxford University (1980), as a Rhodes Scholar. Interestingly, he took a term off to play for the Canadian Football League’s Ottawa Rough Riders.

Forty years of business experience, primarily in the real estate industry, has seen him hold the role of Chairman and CEO for various companies and serve on the board of directors for several other ones. A born leader and a committed philanthropist, Daniel acted as Co-Chair of Bishop’s recent Leading the Way capital campaign – the most successful fundraising effort in the University’s history, raising over $44 million.

His community involvement includes chairing fundraising campaigns for La Maison du Père, The Lighthouse Children and Families, and the Institute for Research in Immunology and Cancer. Until February 2020, he was the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the McCord Museum Foundation in Montreal.

Three of his four children, Alexandre ’14, Catherine ’18, and Nicolas ’20 are Bishop’s alumni.

Mr. Fournier replaced Brian Levitt, O.C., who has served in the role as Chancellor since 2013 and who continues to serve as a member of the Board of Governors at Bishop’s.

DR. CLAIRE GROGAN, ASSOCIATE VICE-PRINCIPAL ACADEMIC

Dr. Claire Grogan was appointed to the newly created position of Associate Vice-Principal Academic in September 2020.

Dr. Grogan, an award-winning Full Professor of English, is an internationally renowned scholar in the field of feminist politics in British women’s writing. Since her arrival at Bishop’s in 1994, Claire has contributed to the University in significant and varied ways. As Chair of the Department of English, on two occasions, she was instrumental in the program’s renewal. She has served on the Faculty Evaluation Committee, the Senate Planning Committee, the Senate Research and Scholarship Committee, the Finance Committee, on Senate, and on the Board of Governors. More recently, she acted as interim Dean of Arts and Science in the 2019–20 academic year.

Her service to the Association of Professors of Bishop’s University has included a role as Treasurer, Faculty negotiator, member of the Pension Committee, and as First Vice President and Grievance Officer.

Claire’s leadership, commitment to, and passion for Bishop’s, will undoubtedly play a major role in advancing faculty relations and providing transformational leadership at many levels of the University.

Dr. Grogan is particularly excited at the opportunity to oversee and support the many experiential learning opportunities offered at Bishop’s as we move towards realizing our goal of providing every student with an experiential learning experience.
The retirement of several Bishop’s faculty and staff took effect in 2020. Unfortunately, most of them were denied the opportunity of a proper send-off due to the pandemic, but we thank them all for their service to the University.

DR. JACK EBY
By Dr. Andrew MacDonald, Full Professor (Theory and Composition)
Director of the Bishop’s Chamber Orchestra

The year 2020 marked many a milestone, but for Dr. Jack Eby it signified the end of a wonderful career as a much-loved music professor at Bishop’s. Following his doctoral studies in Musicology at King’s College, London, Jack arrived as a fresh young face at the Music Department in 1984. Joining forces with Dr. Tom Gordon, and later Dr. Andrew MacDonald in 1987, the trio was unstoppable in promoting music at Bishop’s and indeed the Townships. Noteworthy, especially during the ’90s, the Musique Chez Nous / Société-Radio Canada concert series presented many internationally renowned and local artists in Bandeen Hall.

In the classroom Jack brought the history of music to life. He shared with his students his love of music from Medieval times up to the 20th century – especially Canadian music and opera – and was twice honoured with teaching awards. An effective leader and valued colleague, Jack was often chair of the Music Department and frequently head of the Arts Management programme. An advocate of liberal education, he believed all students should be given a chance to pursue studies in music, regardless of their experience or training. Many of those students became excellent musicians and built professional careers.

Although Jack did not pursue a career on the concert stage, he did become a world-class musicologist. His lifework, François Giroust (1737–1799): Composer for Church, King and Commune – Life and Thematic Catalogue, was published in 2018 by Georg Olms Verlag. A monumental work at 778 pages, this book represents the result of research carried on during Jack’s 36 years at Bishop’s. In 1993 he was awarded the position of chercheur associé with France’s Centre national de la recherche scientifique, a position he also holds at the Centre de musique baroque de Versailles.

Best wishes are extended to Jack to enjoy a relaxing and musical retirement in North Hatley with his wife Pam, who taught organ in the Music Department, and to spend more time with their children, Michael and Merran.
DR. LIONEL STANDING

By Dr. Stuart McKelvie, Professor of Psychology (Retired)

In 1969, Lionel “Leo” Standing was recruited by Dr. David D. Smith to strengthen the experimental side of the Psychology Department. With a B.Sc. (Manchester), M.A. and Ph.D. (Queen’s), and post-doctoral research experience (Queen’s, Centre for Visual Science, Rochester), Leo was the ideal candidate.

And so, it has proved. For 50 years, Leo served Bishop’s well through his teaching, research, and university contributions. In 1974, he became the first person to chair the Department after D. D. Smith’s leadership since 1960, taking his turn on subsequent occasions. On committees, he provided thoughtful and informed judgments. He taught various courses, always meticulously prepared, including Perception, Cognition, Social Psychology, Health Psychology, Computers in Psychology, Ethology and Advanced Research Methods. He expected only the best from his students, encouraging them personally to excel. He provided instructive handouts and crisp but detailed written feedback on their essays and research reports.

Leo also continued his scholarship, with over 100 refereed publications. His research ranges widely (e.g., perception, memory, cognition, the replication crisis) and, in the liberal arts tradition, overlaps with economics, history, politics, mathematics and computer science. Most of his papers are co-authored with students. He received wide recognition, exemplified by papers becoming citation classics, election as a Fellow of the American Psychological Society and keynote speaker at the 2015 European Scientific Institute Interdisciplinary Conference, all culminating in the 2018 University Research and Creativity Award. Professionally, he has refereed manuscripts for many journals.

Leo changed with the times, incorporating technology and experiential learning into his teaching, but he never wavered from his academic commitment. At the University’s virtual Holiday Event in December 2020, the psychology faculty individually expressed their fondness and esteem for “our colleague”.

Quoting Dale Stout: “What I’ve always admired about you is your sincerity of purpose. You trusted your training and you believed in your academic mission. And it’s this alignment of belief and practice that was always your reward.”

On behalf of all – thank you, Leo.

DR. ANDREW STRITCH

By Dr. Andrew Johnson, Professor of Politics (Retired)

One of the important duties of a professor is to keep a roomful of live wires grounded. Alex Besant ’06 confirms that Stritch is most adept at doing just that: “There are singular moments you can remember that mark monumental transitions in your life. Entering Professor Stritch’s introductory class on American politics was one of those moments for me. It was that class and Professor Stritch’s detailed and dispassionate teaching that fed my hunger to learn more, develop a political consciousness and even begin to decipher what was happening before our eyes (those were the days of the lead-up to the war in Iraq and its aftermath).”

Dr. Stritch is equally adroit at performing the other important professorial responsibilities, research, and administration. Andy arrived at Bishop’s, having co-authored the definitive book on business and government in Canada. He subsequently published numerous articles in prestigious academic journals and books. I sat on numerous significant committees with Andy; his decisions were meticulously informed and just.

And, the serious scholar, has another side; he is a bon vivant. Andy knows how and when to enjoy life, especially with others. A small group of us used to jokingly pretend that the bon vivant was Andy’s only side. With droll faux-sarcasm, Andy was referred to as “the hardest working man on campus” and when not on campus, he was lightheartedly said to be “working from home” – but that was long before it became a pandemic requirement. In fact, he was one of the hardest working professors at Bishop’s and he did, indeed, work from home when solitude and focus...
were required to complete a scholarly article.

I informed Professors Crooks and McKelvie that I was asked to write a tribute to Andy. That sparked a lengthy email exchange of serious and entertaining anecdotes and stories about Andy. However, I was asked to pay tribute to Andy in a mere three hundred words which I have already exceeded. It would take many more to pay full tribute. Suffice it to say that for years the entire Bishop’s community has profited from Professor Stritch’s professional diligence and good nature.

DR. HARVEY WHITE

By Dr. Michele Murray, Dean of Arts and Professor of Religion, and Dr. Daniel Miller, Professor of Religion

Dr. Harvey White retired in the summer of 2020 after over 40 years of service as Professor in the Department of Religion at Bishop’s University. At that time the pandemic was in full force, but Sherbrooke was still in the “Orange” zone, so gatherings of up to 10 people outside were still possible. A retirement party of a most unusual kind, therefore, was held. Ten of Harvey’s closest friends and colleagues – wearing masks and keeping their distance – gathered to celebrate him. Buying a group gift for Harvey was rejected: the man had everything he needed, after all, and mere days after the party he was packing up his earthly possessions and moving to Vancouver Island. Adding weight to his suitcase seemed a bad idea.

Instead, Harvey’s students (former and current) and colleagues (former and current) were invited to write about how he had impacted their lives. The reminiscences were collected and printed, and that was our gift to him.

Over and over, former students from 20, 30 and more years prior recounted how profoundly his teaching affected their lives, how they still recalled not only his probing lectures, but the conversations held in his office on everything from Bultmann and Gadamer to basketball. How Harvey’s classes in Religion were doorways to challenging discussion, to self-discovery, to how to live life meaningfully. Colleagues wrote of Harvey’s generosity, his wisdom, his humour, his love of Bach, his steadfast support of the Bishop’s choir, his hosting of the Plato Group, his participation in the circuit (a venerable exercise regimen at the sports plex), his shouting at refs during basketball games (he was the Gaiters’ number one fan), his ambling smoke-breaks across the Quad (when that was allowed).

Harvey White made Bishop’s University a better place. He’ll be missed.

Other faculty and staff who have retired from Bishop’s include Professor Jean Levasseur (Modern Languages), Beverly Oakley (Library Assistant) and Karen Thorneloe (Librarian). We wish them all well.

ALUMNI SURVEY

In November 2020, Bishop’s alumni were invited to complete an online survey. The main goal was to measure alumni engagement – a combination of attitudes about Bishop’s, involvement in alumni events and programming, and financial support. The survey was sent to all Bishop’s graduates with an active email address (8,881) of which 8,762 individuals received it and 1,260 participated, representing a response rate of 14.4%. This response rate was within the norms (10%–15%) for surveys of this size and type.

All cohorts were well represented in the responses with graduates from the last 20 years representing the highest total percentage of all respondents at 48%.

The dedication and strength of our alumni continue to be exceptional assets to Bishop’s and the source of much pride when speaking to prospective students, their parents, or to the government. The survey results give empirical and comparative data to reinforce our claims while helping to inform our planning.

Several findings are noteworthy:
1. Our graduates are very positive about their Bishop’s experience:
   a. 90% have a very positive or positive attitude toward Bishop’s
   b. 79% believe that Bishop’s has an excellent/good academic reputation
   c. 86% would choose to attend Bishop’s again.
2. 63% of respondents consider themselves to be well informed or reasonably informed about the University. 80% of those who feel

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WILLIAM AND NANCY TURNER TEACHING AWARDS

The William and Nancy Turner Teaching Award recognizes a faculty member who has demonstrated exceptional educational leadership and commitment to students.

Students voted Dr. Avril Aitken, Professor in the School of Education, the 2019-20 winner. One of Dr. Aitken’s letters of nomination stated: “I have witnessed Dr. Aitken’s leadership in her many roles at Bishop’s University. In speaking with a wide range of students, faculty, school partners, and administration, it is evident that Dr. Aitken goes above and beyond in supporting her students to be critical thinkers and transformative leaders in their practice. She demonstrates true educational leadership in using her many platforms to advocate for social justice through education and has inspired many educators in various communities to follow her lead.”

Just before we went to press, Dr. Heather Lawford, Professor of Psychology and Canada Research Chair in Youth Development, was named the 2020-21 recipient. Letters of nomination from students for Dr. Lawford describe her as follows: “Dr. Lawford is an incredible mentor and role model to her students and research assistants. She leads with passion, kindness, and respect, and goes to incredible lengths to foster a love of learning in her lab… Dr. Lawford is an inspiration to her students, both as an incredibly effective educator and as an extraordinary person… Her positivity and compassion are evident in her exceptional teaching style while providing students with a preeminent undergraduate experience…Every student interacting with Heather is greeted with a smile, with kindness and with understanding.”

Extraordinary testimonials about truly exceptional professionals. Congratulations Dr. Aitken and Dr. Lawford!

ALUMNI SURVEY (continued)

less informed are graduates of the classes of 1990–2019. This underscores the need to share more stories about the exciting things happening at Bishop’s today – along with its challenges – to both the alumni and to the wider community through the Bishop’s Alumni Magazine, social media, and other channels.

3. Email messages (86%) and the Bishop’s Alumni Magazine (78%) are not only the most preferred sources of information for alumni, they are also perceived to be the most effective information sources (very effective or somewhat effective).

4. 60% of respondents would like to hear more about the challenges faced by the University.

5. Alumni told us they believe Bishop’s future success hinges on student-faculty relationships (78%) and the recruitment and retention of quality faculty (73%). Diversity of the administration, faculty, and student body were frequently highlighted as something that will drive future success. As always, the importance of maintaining small class sizes was underscored.

6. Scholarships and financial aid (70%), mental health (63%), and internships and experiential learning (62%) are perceived to be the most important priorities for philanthropic investment.

7. 73% of respondents believe that Bishop’s effectively communicates the need for donations; 66% think the University effectively communicates the impact of donations. While 61% feel Bishop’s needs their gifts, only half believe the University uses donations wisely. Donations are crucial to our students – they fund scholarships and bursaries, internships, mental health support, and improvements to facilities such as the Library Learning Commons. Philanthropy makes it possible to preserve and improve the Bishop’s experience and going forward greater effort will be made to ensure the Bishop’s community of donors understands the importance and human impact of their financial contributions.

8. For those who had participated in events or programs in the past three years, satisfaction was high for alumni reunions (79%), educational events/webinars (69%), student-alumni programs/events (70%) and social/networking events (69%).

9. Younger alumni are hungry for engagement opportunities – especially career networking.

10. A heartening response indicates 40% of alumni want a somewhat stronger or much stronger relationship with Bishop’s. This, indeed, is most encouraging!

A big THANK YOU is extended to all alumni who participated in the survey. Please know your feedback is welcome at any time.
ALUMNI

Alex ’52 DCL ’74 and Joan Paterson celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last summer.

Dr. Ronald E. Santoni ’52 was awarded the Who’s Who Lifetime Achievement Award.

NORMAN WEBSTER ’62, DCL ’85

Norman Webster’s Newspapering: 50 Years of Reporting from Canada and Around the World has been gaining much publicity of late. It began with a virtual book launch at Massey College on November 26, 2020, produced by Bishop’s own Matt Glandfield ’99. A subsequent article about the book and Norman Webster’s life ran in the Montreal Gazette on January 15, 2021. Norman’s inspired career in print journalism spans a vast portfolio of assignments including Canadian provincial politics, the Cultural Revolution in China, a 1971 ping pong tournament in China, Pope John Paul II’s 1979 tour of Poland, and the controversial 1980 Olympics in Moscow, to name a few of his favorites.

The pandemic has given rise to alternate ways of doing things. The virtual book launch was a creative idea that gathered a cast of Canadian media celebrities to honour Norman (and sometimes roast him) on his accomplishment. Roy MacGregor, Jeffrey Simpson, Douglas Gibson, Michael Goldbloom, Geoffrey Stevens, and the Hon. Joan Fraser, among others, each contributed to the launch with interesting anecdotes of their affiliation with the editor. To watch the book launch: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ElKNtOSeb9Y

In the Gazette article Ian McGillis writes, “In 1959 and 1960, while a student at Bishop’s University, Webster did summer internships at the Globe and Mail – a paper where much later, from 1983 to 1989, he would be editor-in-chief, as he would at the Montreal Gazette from 1989 to 1993. Two subsequent years as the Bishop’s correspondent for the Sherbrooke Daily Record were a further springboard, via a spell as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, to a career whose highlights – including running with the bulls in Pamplona – have now been gathered into a remarkable book.” For the full story: https://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/former-montreal-gazette-editor-in-chief-norman-webster-looks-back-at-50-years-of-reporting

Anyone wishing to purchase a copy of Newspapering: 50 Years of Reporting From Canada and Around the World may do so at: www.chapters.indigo.ca/en-ca/books/newspapering-50-years-of-reporting/9781988025551-item.html

Dr. Robert “Squee” Gordon ’60, DCL ’04, O.C. has been selected as one of the 2021 Leadership Award recipients of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). An annual tradition since 1982, the AACC’s Leadership Award is presented to individuals whose accomplishments and professional contributions to the community college field have been outstanding. In addition to his honorary doctorate, Dr. Gordon’s service to Bishop’s has been recognized through the conferral of the Award of Merit in 2000 and the Alumnus of the Year award in 1971. He was chosen the best all-around athlete at the University upon his graduation.
The Honourable Roy Cullen ’65 was thrilled and honoured to have been a prize winner in the seventh annual Amartya Sen Essay Contest for his essay entitled *Pulling the Plug on Money Laundering in British Columbia, Canada: Lessons Learned and Actions Required*.

Author/Photographer Winston Fraser ’65 has added three titles to his growing collection of self-published books: *Cookshire’s Pine Hill Farm – The Land, The People, Scapes to Behold – a Photographic Anthology*, and *Coronaquake Chronicle – How COVID-19 Changed Everything*. As was reported in the Summer 2020 edition of the Bishop’s Alumni Magazine, Winston also had the joy of celebrating his granddaughter Kennedy Fraser’s ’20 graduation from Bishop’s. She became the most recent Fraser to graduate from Bishop’s University when she earned a Bachelor of Arts. Some 55 years earlier, in May 1965, Winston was the first of the family to graduate from Bishop’s when he received a Bachelor of Science.

Owen graduated virtually from grade six in Ottawa. To make the grad a little more special, he is sporting the Bishop’s gown his grandfather, Cameron Rodger ’67 and his grandmother, Elke Rodger ’71 wore.

Philip Anido ’70, D.Ed ’72 wrote: “I extend great thanks from the Anido family to all our friends who have donated to the Rev. Prof. Dr. John and Barbara Anido fund. Grâce à vous, we have reached the magic figure of $25,000 which allows the University to award $1,000 a year to a deserving student. The Bishop’s University community holds a treasured place in our hearts from the time my parents, brother David and I arrived in 1957. To know, through your generosity, we can help a student, in a small way, to fulfill his or her dreams is inspiring. Dans les années à venir, our quest is to raise an additional $25,000 to complete our target of $50,000. Best wishes to all.”

Hugh Cowans ’70 had the opportunity to meet Alexandre Marceau ’20 prior to his departure for Scotland to pursue his master’s degree in English Literature and Modernity at the University of Edinburgh. Alexandre
is the 2020-21 recipient of the Beaverbrook Canadian Foundation – Hugh Cowans Scholarship.

The Hon. Jamie W. S. Saunders ’70 retired on September 1, 2020, marking thirty years of service on Canada’s judiciary: the first ten years as a trial judge on the Nova Scotia Supreme Court, followed by twenty years as an appellate judge on the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal. During that time Justice Saunders also served on the Court Martial Appeal Court of Canada from 2010–2020. For more than half a century, Jamie and Gayle ’71 (née Tope) and their three children, (Matt ’00, Alyson ’03, and Beth ’03 and ’04) have proudly championed the “magic” of Bishop’s as an extraordinary place of learning, engagement, innovation, contribution, and achievement.

Dr. Richard W. Vaudry ’77 retired as Professor of History at The King’s University, in Edmonton, Alberta in June 2019. He also received the Career Achievement in Teaching Excellence award from King’s. His most recent book is Andrew Fernando Holmes: Protestantism, Medicine, and Science in Nineteenth-Century Montreal, published in March 2020 by the University of Toronto Press.

After 11 years with the Fraser Hickson Institute, Helen Fortin ’79, CEO, Executive Director and Founder of minibibliPLUS, has decided it is time to retire.

Lynn Harding ’82’s children Jenn and Ryan wrote: “After a lustrous 36-year career teaching mathematics at Bishop’s College School (BCS), Mom has officially retired. She can now be found enjoying herself on the shores of Lake Massawippi when she is not travelling the globe.

With the start of the pandemic, her travels have been put on hold. We overheard her say, she was happy that she had seen and done many things on her bucket list. She has enjoyed dogsledding, sailing around the Caribbean islands, climbing into inactive volcanoes, horseback riding in the ocean, parasailing in the Cayman Islands, zip lining in Costa Rica, hiking the Atlas Mountains in Morocco, kayaking in Thailand, touring China, then Russia and has backpacked through many European countries.

Despite retiring, Mom continues to coach. She started the swim program at BCS, 35 years ago, and simultaneously volunteered to coach the Champlain Cougars for five years. For the past two years, she has been the Head Coach for the twin islands of St. Kitts and Nevis (SKN) in the Caribbean. With the World Aquatic Championships in Gwangju, South Korea in July 2019 under her belt, and the successful Olympic qualifying meet in Jamaica in February 2020, she was excited to have punched her ticket as the coach for SKN to the Summer Olympics in Tokyo, which is still to be determined. As Mom always says not to forget: ‘DECIDE, COMMIT, SUCCEED. Remember who you are, that it is the journey that is ultimately the most important factor in life and to enjoy it to its fullest.’”

Cynthia Hooper ’87 is now Director of Global Scientific Communications at Eli Lilly and Company, leading the team in Bangalore, India, where she’s been enjoying travel and lots of Indian food.

Sylvain Fabi ’88 became Consul General of Canada in Denver, Colorado in October 2020. Previous to this, he was Executive Director, U.S. Transboundary Affairs Division (2017 to 2020) and served as High Commissioner for Canada in Jamaica and the Bahamas (2015 to 2017).

Yolaine Dupont ’91 was appointed Marketing and Communications Manager at Anxiety Canada in November 2020.

David Kilburn ’92 was promoted to Chair at Portfolio Management Association of Canada.

Don Simpson ’94 helped move his daughter Regan into residence last fall.

Matt Glandfield ’99 is Director of Technology at Massey College in Toronto. In November 2020, Matt produced a virtual launch for Norman Webster’s new book Newspapering: 50 Years of Reporting from Canada and Around the World. The event
was a partnership between Bishop’s University and Massey College where Norman Webster ’62 is a senior fellow and former chancellor Scott Griffin ’60 is a Massey Quadrangler. The interdisciplinary environment and community at Massey College is very reminiscent of the Bishop’s liberal arts experience. When Matt was at Bishop’s he was involved with both The Campus newspaper and CJMQ radio, both of which helped in experience to produce live broadcast events for Massey College in times of a pandemic.

Lesley Kelly ’99, Alumni Association President, has begun her Master of Industrial Relations at Queen’s University.

Laura Byl ’00 was appointed Stewardship and Planned Giving Officer at St. Andrew’s College in Aurora, Ontario, in January 2021.

Mary Jane Court ’06, Mathew Court ’09, and Grace Buchanan ’08

Mary Jane Court ’06 submitted the following: “After graduating from B.U. in 2006, my husband, daughter and I made our way back to the area to enjoy the beauty of the region and be closer to our families, which include fellow alumni Mathew Court ’09 and Grace Buchanan ’08 and their five daughters! I left the Townships after graduation, completed a Master’s in Montreal, started working for the government and moved around, living in Ottawa, Calgary, and Newfoundland. We’re happy to be near Bishop’s again and look forward to attending some rugby and football games! My daughter also looks forward to swim classes at B.U.!”

Jason Kacprzak ’08, chef and mixologist at Bistro Kapzak, has been named one of Canada’s top 50 mixologists and two of his recipes appear in the book Tous ensemble.

Mark Lawson ’09 was appointed Chief of Staff to Ontario’s Minister of Finance in January 2021.

Val Manouk ’09 has joined the Board of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society Quebec, a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection of nature.

Chris Randall ’09 started a new position as Associate Lawyer at MacDonald & Associates.

Marc-Alexandre Fonda ’10 has been appointed Director of Hon. Marie-Claude Bibeau’s constituency office (Compton-Stanstead).

While in Barbados, David Piperno ’11 visited with Kumar Hathiramani ’72. Despite graduating almost 40 years apart, they found common themes to their Bishop’s experience especially when talking about how B.U. is a community. That’s just the Bishop’s way!

Josh Quirion ’15 had his debut book, Towners & Other Stories, published by Shoreline Press.

Noah Jepson ’20 was elected as VP Competitions of the Canadian Association of Business Students in April 2020. His mandate was to transform the in-person competition and conference into an online event of equal appeal.

Alexandre Marceau ’20 and a group of six other writers, including Josh Quirion ’15 and Sean Smallwood ’17, launched the first print edition of yolk, an independent Montreal-based literary journal, in September 2020. To find out more about yolk, visit yolkliterary.ca.

FRIENDS

Dr. Adele Ernstrom, Professor Emerita of Fine Arts, is continuing in active research and has been invited to give the inaugural lecture at the National Gallery in London in a series named for Anna Jameson (1794–1860). The title of her lecture is “Anna Jameson’s Memoirs of the Early Italian Painters, German art history and the National Gallery”. Under present conditions, the lecture will have to be presented online, at a date to be determined this Spring.
WELCOME ABOARD

We have been pleased to welcome the following to the Board of Directors of the Bishop’s University Foundation in the past few months:

Lynne Bridgman ’89 • Eric Desbiens ’99 • Roger Hardy ’93
Ron Loucks ’74 • Sean O’Brien ’90 • Marie Olney ’83

Special thanks to Linton Carter ’89 and Laura McElwain ’98 who have stepped down for their devoted years of service to the Board. In other news, Alex Cook ’13 has been named President of the Bishop’s Alumni Association, effective July 1, 2021. He will succeed Lesley Kelly ’99.

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1 ~ Danielle Conn ’05 and Scott Fish ’07 welcomed Strummer Gordon Fish on February 15, 2020.

2 ~ Sara Limpert ’06 and Ken Woods welcomed Eli in July 2020.

3 ~ Erin Pollon ’11 and Max Wolfond welcomed Abigail Wolfond on July 12, 2020. Thanks to Anna Clark ’11, Elizabeth Morin ’11, and Carmen Murphy ’11 for the outfit and the stuffed animal.


5 ~ Michael Mykolyshyn ’12 and Audrey Daoust welcomed Isabelle Nadija Mykolyshyn on January 9, 2021.

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

**ALUMNI**

Doreen Mulcahy ’43 on September 20, 2020.
Edward (Ted) Steeves ’53 on March 5, 2021.
Loran Raymond “Ray” Ball ’57 on August 12, 2020.
Nancy Estelle Gallop ’58 (née Willis) on February 20, 2021. Wife of John Gallop ’57 and mother of Keith ’91. Over the past years, Nancy and John have been regular visitors to campus to oversee their many philanthropic projects in support of Bishop’s students.

Nancy’s quiet nature belied her industriousness and the impact she had on her family, friends, and the wider community. An active volunteer, she provided dedicated support to many organizations and charities.

After graduating motherhood, Nancy began her vocations in education working 20+ years for Westmount High School while also serving 21 special needs schools as an Administrative Technician.

Nancy was a long-time needlework enthusiast and was once co-owner of the Brickpoint Studios needlework store in Westmount. Despite her many Montreal interests and connections, she was always happiest with her loved ones at the Lacolle family country place on Lake Champlain. Nancy will be greatly missed by many.

David Cruickshank ’59 on February 5, 2021.

Sally Courtney ’68 (née Blais) on October 26, 2020. After graduating from McGill in 1964 and a stint teaching at Hull High, Sally decided to go back to school in 1966 this time at Bishop’s. So, she hopped into her black MGB to Lennoxville, and became the Captain and MVP of the Bishop’s Women’s Basketball team.

Sally Courtney ’68

Murray Scott ’71 on March 20, 2020. He was predeceased by his brother Ian Henry Scott ’86, and his father Dr. Alan Scott ’36.

John Challies ’72 on December 9, 2019. His wife Barbara Belford Challies ’72 wrote: “John went to be with the Lord and Saviour he had come to love so very much. We – wife Barbara, nine children and children-in-law, and sixteen grandchildren – are thankful to Him who is Life for John’s life.”

Carol Wiens ’72 on September 30, 2020.
Patricia Pleszczynska ’74 on November 26, 2020. Sister of Wanda Rola-Pleszczynska ’75 and mother of Jasmine St-Laurent ’00. Patricia was a steadfast supporter of Bishop’s including sharing her expertise with young people at the Bishop’s Forum. She joined the University’s Board of Governors in May 2020.

Shirley Morrison ’82 in February, 2021.
Dennis Thomson ’88 on September 29, 2020.

**FRIENDS**

Charles Alexander Kobelt on January 29, 2021. Father of Keith Kobelt ’74 and Charles Kobelt ’87, father-in-law of Kelley Patrick ’86, and grandfather to Lillian ’18 and Frankie Kobelt ’19. On Saturday afternoons Charles could be found cheering for his Bishop’s Gaiters both at home and away. He had a special talent for taunting opposing coaches and referees. In 1995, he was the proud recipient of the prestigious Ray Almond Award, given to a dedicated member of the Bishop’s athletic community who rises above expectations.

Irene Matheson on November 28, 2020. Mother of Marlene Matheson ’78 and Jeff Matheson ’83. Irene was the switchboard operator and receptionist, amicably known as “the voice of B.U.”. She retired in 1998.

Edith MacLeod on Saturday March 6, 2021 in her 95th year. Edith worked in the cleaning services at Bishop’s until she retired after 35 years in 1995.

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THE MORE THINGS CHANGE...HONG KONG IN 2021

By Peter Nixon ’83

I have visited the Eastern Townships several times a year for as long as I can remember. As a boy my father would pile my brothers and me into his station wagon and we’d all head out of town to visit my father’s family. One of these early trips included a tour of Bishop’s so it seemed only natural that I would attend Champlain College and continue on to Bishop’s to complete a B.B.A., living all four years on campus.

I graduated into the recession of 1983 and chose to become a chartered accountant, a stable career choice given the unstable situation in Quebec at the time. Despite threats of separatism and a recession at home, the rest of the world was globalising and there was no way I was going to miss the excitement and opportunity of life abroad.

Once I completed my articles with Coopers & Lybrand in Montreal, I became a Chartered Accountant (McGill), and I got engaged to Marie Marchand, a teacher I met in my final year at Bishop’s. We soon embarked on our international careers, back packs and all, seeking to see the world. Our first stop was Geneva, Switzerland during an historic year that ended with the fall of the Iron Curtain but not before visiting Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and East Berlin. Our shortwave radio in tow, we listened to the BBC news which was blocked to local people who were largely unaware of how their world was changing around them.

We transferred to Hong Kong after the June 4, 1989 massacre in Tiananmen Square and we arrived at a city in shock. China would never surrender its communist party, the way the Soviet Union had done, causing hundreds of thousands of Hong Kong Chinese to flee to the West. Fortunately, the next thirty years were relatively stable, as Hong Kong, China, and the rest of Asia experienced an unparalleled period of economic growth. On a personal front these were wonderful years for me and my family. We started businesses, got published, travelled the world, and enjoyed an education of travel and new life experiences.

Fast forward to 2019. When the Hong Kong Government, against the will of its people, caved into demands from China, the pro-democracy protests that ensued ceased only because of the pandemic. Currently, problems are compounded by the National Security Law which largely echoes Beijing’s response in 1989. Once the pandemic is over the people will undoubtedly return to the streets in protest but meanwhile, everyone is talking about emigration again – exactly like when we arrived in 1989.

My years based in Hong Kong have been amazing and despite living abroad all these years I have maintained a place in Quebec as I still consider myself an English Quebecker. We have spent our summers in the Laurentians, our kids have all graduated from either Bishop’s or McGill, and I have proudly flown the Bishop’s flag in Asia ever since Tom Godber ’85 delivered it to me soon after my arrival in Hong Kong. My volunteer roles for Bishop’s have included recruiting, alumni reunions, and speaking at the “Bishop’s Asia Dialogues.”

Hong Kong has one of the safest pandemic records and one of the best healthcare systems in the world. When COVID-19 forced a lockdown, I decided the best place to wait this out was right here. My wife and daughter agreed. They are both working in Hong Kong while both my sons are living and working in Montreal.

Unfortunately, the pandemic has allowed Beijing a protest free

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environment to break its agreement with Britain to leave Hong Kong untouched until 2047. The last year has seen increased removal of basic civil liberties. It now feels like we are living inside the same Iron Curtain I visited thirty years ago in Eastern Europe. As Canadian citizens in Hong Kong, we are safe at present and I don’t fear for our situation. That said, as an author and promoter of dialogue and free speech, my books are censored in China and, despite disagreeing with their policies, I am doing nothing else to raise the ire of the CCP.

I am currently busy building an online course, a three-step approach to the dialogue, negotiation, and leadership of change. This captures my experience since walking out the Arches in 1983. I am ever grateful for how I have been able to return to Bishop’s over the years, especially as the parent of a Bishop’s graduate, a spectator of the Gaiters rugby games, and as a speaker at the “Bishop’s Asia Dialogues.” I look forward to the end of the pandemic to return “home” again to help sustain the future of the University and to provide insight to Bishop’s students about the Asian economy of the 21st century.

Perhaps we should update the inspiring quote by Louis Ialenti ’06 at the Arches to say, “remember how you entered, be proud of how you leave, and be grateful for how you return.”
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All events have been canceled since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, but we are hopeful the coming months will bring renewed hope, confirmation that we can gather, and lots of Gaiter Pride.

We hope to see you again on campus soon!

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