

*Citation for Janyne Hodder*  
*Doctor of Civil Law (Honoris Causa)*  
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Mr. Chancellor it is my honour to present to you an outstanding and inspiring teacher, effective and innovative civil servant, respected and admired principal and administrator. For these reasons alone, Bishops would be proud to honour Janyne Hodder today. Add to this a much-loved wife and mother, gardener, golfer and gourmet cook and you have a combination of characteristics that cry out for an honorary degree.

Educated at McGill, trained as a teacher in the Bahamas, where she is now the Principal of the College, Quebec gained an exceptional civil servant when Janyne returned to join the Department of Education and rose to the position of Assistant Deputy Minister. She turned an ordinary bureaucratic job into a leadership role and put English education on the map both in her daily work and as a pivotal member of the Chambers Task Force and Chairman of her own commission on community schools.

Arriving at Bishop's in 1995, she sensed, due to serious government budget cuts, the need for some restructuring and she chaired a committee that recommended the necessary cuts in as painless a way as possible, allowing the University to go forward in a positive manner.

Realizing that more students were needed and more scholarships, bursaries and loans would attract them, she persuaded the Corporation and Foundation to proceed with a financial capital campaign for \$15 million, the highest goal in Bishop's history. With the help of Pam McPhail, David Williams, John Cleghorn, Louis Lagacé and others the goal was surpassed by \$3 million. No small part of that was due to the enthusiasm the Principal engendered within the Townships community as Chair of the hospital campaign, Centraide campaign and finally as a member of the merger committee.

Many have thought of new ways to involve the corporate community in helping Bishops. Only Janyne and Pam could have persuaded the president of the Royal Bank to canvass the president of the Bank of Montreal and obtain a spectacular pledge when the two were merging and competing at the same time.

Her friendly personality caused people to tell our Principal the most extraordinary things. As Archbishop Tutu was leaving the campus on that memorable day when he obtained an honorary degree, he stopped the car, ran back, got on his tiptoes and whispered something to Janyne. He then turned and left. A few days later I asked her what he had said. "May I give you some advice Madame Principal. Never leave your daughter in the front row of Convocation again. It is too distracting for the speaker".

I present to you Mr. Chancellor one who has given us an image from coast to coast of openness, tolerance, biculturalism and friendliness. With her husband, Gary Mullins, she provided a welcome home to her faculty, students, alumni and corporation throughout her stay on Harold Drive.

I cannot conclude without noting that Gary, a principal of distinction in his own right showed the ultimate in hospitality and, I am told, kept a little malt whiskey under the sink for visiting authors, academics, clergy and even chancellors.

Mr. Chancellor for her contribution to English education in Quebec, teaching and learning in the Bahamas, and to this community and our University where we took great pride in her leadership, I ask you to bestow upon Janyne Hodder the degree of Doctor of Civil Law *Honoris Causa*.

Read by Mr. Alex K. Paterson, Q.C., former Chancellor  
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