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SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6: ALUMNI REUNION
*STAY TUNED FOR OTHER EVENTS
PLANNED FOR OVER THE WEEKEND*

ANNIVERSARY YEARS
ENDING IN "3" AND "8"
CLASS REPS WILL REACH OUT WITH MORE INFORMATION





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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In all of the prayers gifted to us by St. Ignatius, he stresses that giving is not a self-serving enterprise. Often, in human society, this is not the case. And the act of giving in order to receive recognition and acclaim is not new. Jesus addresses this frequently in the gospels.

Luke's gospel records the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. The Pharisee, confident in his status and privilege as a religious leader in society, proudly stands in the Temple to pray, thanking God that he is not like other people – like those thieves, rogues, adulterers, tax collectors, and announcing for all to hear that, among other good works, he gives a tenth of his income to the Temple. It is clear that his prayer is not directed to God at all, but for those around him in the Temple to see what a generous man he is. Whereas the Tax Collector, hated as a collaborator with the Roman occupiers, humbles himself in the corner, asking God for mercy on him a sinner. The twist in the parable, of course, is that God hears the prayer of the humble Tax Collector, the outcast in society, while ignoring the self-aggrandizing Pharisee.

St. Ignatius reminds us, as givers, that what we receive in return for our generosity is “the knowledge that we have done God’s will”; that, he asserts, is the best reward of all.

This year, Loyola held its inaugural Giving Day, fully aligned with the ethos of our learning community and which has the potential to be personally transformative. This one day is enhanced and accompanied by every other “day of giving” at Loyola, which are even more important, as they are often humble and selfless. These days can be characterized by other, small “g”, words: goodness, gladness, gratitude, good-humour, graciousness, generosity and gusto.



Marcelle DeFreitas

President DeFreitas provides an update on the three (3) strategic priorities mandated by the Loyola Board of Governors ►



CO-EDUCATION

After a successful 2022 Open House, Loyola is proud to announce that we will have seven (7) sections of Secondary 1 for the 2023-24 school year, its first with a co-educational cohort. While we expected an increase in admissions numbers due to girls applying, we also noted a significant year-to-year increase in the number of boys applying to Loyola. The first co-educational classes begin in August 2023 as we work towards our second admissions season for co-education in preparation for our next Open House on September 16, 2023.



▲ The Class of 2028 students took part in an activity day in March 2023



GYM RENOVATIONS

With construction completed in 1978, Loyola's gymnasium is the oldest standing structure linked to the current high school, which itself was built in 1992. For over a decade before, Loyola students would cross Sherbrooke St. W. from the old building. While the current gymnasium has served Loyola well, it is due for an upgrade.

Thanks to Broccolini Construction, which donated to the school the time to develop the plans, an architectural firm named EVOQ has been contracted with the intent to start the renovations over the summer of 2023 with a targeted completion date of late fall 2023. Improvements to the current gymnasium include new lighting, hardwood floors, retractable stands, new team rooms and changing rooms, and a refreshed entranceway and reception.

The completion of these gym renovations will address the aging gymnasium and ensure it is up to the standards of today.

FRENCH SECTION

In Fall 2022, the Ministry of Education approved a request by Loyola High School for a permit to run a French section of the school. Subsequently, the school applied for a grant in order to receive subsidies for educating any future Loyola student that attends the school. As a private, as opposed to independent, school, Loyola receives a subsidy from the government for every student that attends. This subsidy has allowed the school to keep its annual tuition at a competitive rate. A decision on the last request is expected in early Summer 2023.





Don Taddeo '63 Order of Canada

On March 28, 2023, the entire school community gathered in the Eric Maclean SJ Center for the Performing Arts for a once-in-a-lifetime occasion: the appointment of an alumnus and current staff member as a Member of the Order of Canada. Dr. Don Taddeo '63, currently serving as Assistant to the President of Loyola High School, received the news in December 2022 "for his significant contributions to his community and to educational institutions as a teacher, development leader, administrator and volunteer."

Fellow 1963 classmates, along with his family and former colleagues, joined Loyola students, faculty and staff in honouring Don for this special achievement. President Marcelle DeFreitas and Sami Antaki '76, president of Knockout Communications and former Executive Director of University Communications Services at Concordia University, gave introductory speeches that covered Don's professional and personal life, and revealing his generous and convivial nature.

Exactly 60 years ago, the class of 1963 was preparing to graduate from the original Loyola High School, located behind the Loyola College Building and the chapel. Apart from his classwork, Don led a very busy life joining many extra-curricular activities. One of these was being Editor of the Yearbook. These were the years when Toe Blake, coach of the Montreal Canadiens', won eight Stanley Cups. Thrilling every Habs' fan in the city and frustrating rival Maple Leaf fans everywhere.

Since then, Mr. Taddeo has had a long and illustrious career in community-minded projects spanning education, health and politics in Quebec. An "eight-year man" alumnus of 1963 (he graduated from both Loyola High School and Loyola College), Don joined LHS in Spring 2012 as Assistant to the President, a post he occupies to this day. Prior to returning to his alma mater, he was vice-rector of Development and



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L'ONORIFICENZA

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Il Prof. Donato Taddeo insignito dell'Ordine del Canada

MONTREAL - Il Cittadino Canadese è lieto di portare all'attenzione dei lettori che tra gli ultimi nominati dall'Ordine del Canada, 99 in tutto, c'è un membro della Comunità italiana di Montreal. **Donato Taddeo**, di origini abruzzesi e molisane, ha svolto un importante ruolo decisionale nel settore dell'Istruzione, avendo ricoperto posizioni dirigenziali presso la Conoscenza University e l'Université de Montréal. Ha avuto una brillante carriera di 26 anni alla Concordia come Decano della Divisione Umanistica della

propaganda, comunicazione politica e broadcast policy. È anche stato Vice-rettore per Développement et relations avec les diplômés all'UdeM. È stato, inoltre, presidente e amministratore delegato della McGill University Health Center Foundation. "I miei nomi sono arrivati qui negli anni '10-'15 del '900 da Pietrantonio (Pescara) e Conca Casale & Torre de' Passeri (Ischia). Sono stati proprio la prima ondata migratoria... Mia mamma è nata qui e mio padre è arrivato bebé. Io sono cresciuto nel Sud-Ovest, a Vil-

l'applicazione della Loi sur la langue officielle (Legge 22) nel '74, ha fondato un consiglio educativo italo-canadese. "Nel selezionare quelli che potevano andare in una scuola anglofona, il governo dava la responsabilità alle commissioni scolastiche di fare gli esami ai bambini. Noi organizzavamo 'le classi clandestine' nelle Parrocchie, i bambini venivano per imparare l'inglese. Il risultato di questa iniziativa di circa 6 mesi nel '75 fu che l'85% riuscì ad essere ammesso alle scuole anglofone. L'anno seguente il governo



modo di divertirsi, di risolvere i problemi, di trovare soluzioni. Qui è tutto o bianco o nero, in Italia è tutto grigio... ma è una bella sfida! Mia moglie ha studiato archivistica al Vaticano. È stata una bella esperienza". A Westmount, Taddeo ha presieduto il Comitato della "Capital Campaign for the Ascension of Our Lord Parish" su rue Sherbrooke e, sotto la sua guida, la campagna ha superato 1,3 milioni di dollari. I fondi sono stati utilizzati per ripulire un campo di calcio, sostituire la pavimentazione sotto i ban-

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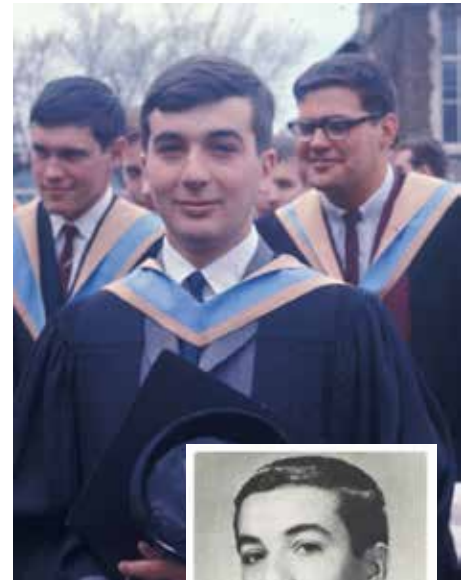
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Alumni Relations at the Université de Montréal, President and Chief Executive Officer of the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) Foundation, and Executive vice-president of the Campaign for a New Millenium for Concordia University.

His extensive resume includes working at Concordia University as the Dean of Humanities, Faculty of Arts and Science, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, and associate professor in the Department of Communications Studies. In the 1970s, he served as a commissioner for the Commission des écoles catholiques de Montréal and was actively involved in helping the Italian community through the introductions of Bills 22 and 101, including being a founding member of the Consiglio educativo italo-canadese and the Positive Action Committee (later Alliance Québec). In 1987, he co-authored with Raymond C. Taras the book *Le débat linguistique au Québec: La communauté italienne et la langue d'enseignement* and served as the Québec Ministry of International Affairs' delegate to Italy.

Over the last four decades, he has served as a member on many associations and boards, including the Palais des Congrès de Montréal, le Gesù, la Fondation de l'oratoire St-Joseph du Mont Royal, the MAB-Mackay Centre Foundation, and the Orchestre metropolitain, amongst others. He was a founding member and later chair of the Board of Directors at Loyola High School from 1997 to 2002.

Don Taddeo is an educator, diplomat, networker extraordinaire, fundraiser, politician, writer, singer (you might catch him in the choir on a Sunday at the Ascension of Our Lord Parish in Westmount), speaker, communications expert, and family man. His humility is deceptive, as his fingerprints can be found on so many public and community-based projects around the city of Montreal. A true man for and with others.



Don graduated from Loyola High ▲ School in 1963, and subsequently Loyola College, thus garnering him the term "eight-year man".

Taddeo named to Order of Canada

Westmounter Donat Taddeo has been named to the Order of Canada as a member. "For his significant contributions to his community and to educational institutions as a teacher, development leader, administrator and volunteer," according to the December citation.

Mike Piperni elaborated in an email to the *Independent*, listing his roles, including dean of the humanities division in Concordia's faculty of arts and science, dean of its faculty of engineering, executive vice-chair of its capital campaign and associate professor in the department of communication studies.

"He has also achieved significant accomplishments on the humanitarian level. In

educational opportunities."

Taddeo also served as Quebec's delegate in Italy, was CEO of the McGill University Health Centre Foundation, chair of Ascension of Our Lord parish's capital campaign committee and currently serves as assistant to the president, planning and development, at Loyola High School in NDG.

He was profiled in the *Independent* of November 6, 2012 (p. 27).

Piperni summarized: "His tireless efforts, dedication and passion make him a true community leader and a worthy recipient of this prestigious honour."

We welcome your letters

We welcome your letters but reserve the right to

◀ The news of Don Taddeo's appointment was published in Italian-Canadian publications like *Panorama* and *Il Cittadino* (far left), as well as local English publications like the *Westmount Independent* (left).

Don followed the trends of the time, which in the 60s included a Beatles haircut and moustache (left). At right, he is pictured as the Dean of Humanities with his wife, Brigitte and a friend. ►



Don and Brigitte pose with their twins, Francesca and Julia (left). While living in Rome, they had the opportunity to meet with Pope John Paul II (right). ►



How many people can say they have met two popes in their lifetime? Pictured on the left, Don shakes hands with Pope Francis, while fellow '63 graduate, Cardinal Czerny, SJ, smiles in the background. Further right, Don poses in front of the old Loyola College buildings. ►



Order of Canada x Loyola Spotlight

Other notable Loyola alumni who have been appointed to the Order of Canada. Here are some pre-1964 highlights:



Dr. John Earl
Wynands '46



Warren
Allmand '48



Richard
Monette '61



Richard J.
Renaud '63



Pierre L.
Morrissette '64



Norman
Hebert '73

In his remarks addressing current Loyola students at the Order of Canada assembly on March 28, Don Taddeo offered these points of advice:



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1 **“Breathe deeply of the Loyola spirit and let it inspire your life.** That spirit comes with special ingredients – values we now identify as *Grad at Grad* characteristics, that is, open to growth, intellectually competent, religious, loving, and committed to doing justice. When I was here [at Loyola], these values were not defined or explained as they are now. But they were no less transmitted to us and influenced our personal development. How? Well, those who taught us, Jesuit priests, Jesuit scholastics, lay teachers and staff lived those values. Experiencing this environment and breathing in the spirit of a Loyola High School education shaped my life. I finally understood fully how this happened when I came back to Loyola in 2012 and began to read – and see in the hallways and classrooms, the gym and playing fields and this auditorium – what makes a Jesuit education special. So let the benefits of this education run through your veins – they will time release as you go through life.”

2 **“Cherish and appreciate your classmates.** I’m pretty sure each of you has a close circle of friends at Loyola – it will thrive through the years, with varying degrees of intensity, depending on where you are at personally and professionally. But also be open to the others you have gotten to know here – whether on the sports teams, choir or band or other activities. Why? Because networking is important – personal networking. In technology, networking makes it easier to have access to information, to resources and to opportunities. It’s the same for personal networking. And like information technology networks, personal networks need maintenance. Make sure the connectivity of your network does not go down!”

3 **“Focus on the journey and not the destination.** I majored in Classics – Greek and Latin – at Loyola College, aspiring to teach at University, I went on to do a Ph.D. in Classics. As my loving Loyola friends would ask: “what are you going to do with those useless dead languages”! I have been fortunate to have had a very diverse and challenging career in academic administration, fundraising, politics and in-between, serving as Délégué du Quebec in Italy. What did those positions have to do with a Ph.D. in Classics? Everything, in my estimation. I studied Classics because I was passionate about the history and politics of ancient Greece and Rome. And because I was passionate about the discipline, I invested myself in it. I learned how to research, analyze, solve and communicate the results to others – all transferable skills that I relied on when I took on those different responsibilities. So, the message is simple, when wondering what to study in CEGEP and then University, follow your passion. Ignatius realized the journey is the thing – he travelled a long way and at every step he was alert to the still, small voice pointing him to what’s next. That’s the thing to think about – what’s next!”



Maestro

Justin Bischof '85 reflects on the joy of music and the power of agency.

On a Mission

"You need to figure out where and what you stand for - basically who you are." Justin Bischof's post-Loyola journey was one of self-discovery. Disenchanted with the quality of education at Marianapolis, he dropped out and moved to New York City in 1986 - a time when the city was infamous for crime and grime.

From student to maestro

He was accepted into the prestigious Manhattan School of Music to become an organist, and worked at the historic Church of the Heavenly Rest on 5th Avenue, becoming Associate Director of Music. After completing his Master's and Doctorate at MSM (he had thoughts of becoming a teacher), he was immediately appointed Professor of Keyboard Skills as well as Professor of Music Theory, while simultaneously building up a concert career as organist and choral conductor. In 2003, he decided he wanted to become an orchestral & opera conductor and sought out the opportunity to work with Kenneth Kiesler, renowned Professor and Director of Orchestra at the University of Michigan. This experience brought him around the world, including ten days where he worked with the National Arts Center Orchestra in their training program, as well as with orchestras in Germany, Bulgaria, Russia and France. At home, he served as Assistant Conductor on 8 opera productions in the south of Brooklyn learning the opera craft from the ground up. Conducting/Concerts have taken him all over the globe.

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MODUS OPERANDI ORCHESTRA

Justin Bischof
Music Director

Excerpts from the New York Classical
Review on MOO's performance at
Merkin Hall in November 2022 ▼

"The Strings of the Modus Operandi Orchestra made their Merkin Hall debut Wednesday evening with a program that was profound, absorbing, and an immensely satisfying musical experience...

The intimacy of the venue intensified the blood-chilling impact of the music... which was made all the more heartrending due to Bischof's lyrical approach to the score.

Bischof led a deeply moving account of the work in which the melodies which course through it were carefully delineated and exquisitely shaped. Bischof permitted the music to bloom sweetly, before the work's somber ending."

"They don't need someone to count to four in Beethoven's Fifth." Being a conductor requires "a fully formed vision of the pieces" and the role of each individual within it, and it comes from a history of school, apprenticeships and experience. It is important to learn the individual skill sets of an orchestra - to be able to fluently read the full score, read music and understand each instrument, and the other analytical skills that can be taught, but practical experience is indispensable. For a conductor, this means practicing and making mistakes/learning in front of both musicians and (occasionally) a live audience, which can be a humbling experience. For Dr. Bischof, the best remedy to endure the scrutiny and pressure is to put aside one's ego and focus on the music. "Musicians don't care about your pedigree. We care about your musical vision and execution."

In 2004, Maestro Bischof founded his own orchestra/opera company that continues to this day under the name Modus Operandi Orchestra (MOO). Based in New York City, MOO's mission is to provide the opportunity for the finest freelance musicians in New York City to perform great symphonic and operatic repertoire as well as contemporary works and world premieres with their colleagues. MOO is the resident orchestra in New York City at St. Mary Catholic Church.





Music for and with Others

In 2007, Justin began organizing benefit concerts in order to use his passion for music to give back to the community. Westchester Reform Temple in Scarsdale organized a summer camp for at-risk youth outside the Jewish community in order to take teenagers away from gangs during the summer months when there were few safe spaces. Inspired by this synagogue's interfaith approach to giving back (where Justin was the Conductor & Pianist for 14 years), Maestro Bischof helped organize an annual benefit concert for 10 years, which raised over \$1 million US enabling over 800 at-risk youth to attend a life altering summer camp. The camp helped these children overcome their fear of gangs from their neighborhood and to develop the skills and courage to endure the present and imagine a better future. Many of them later proudly became junior counselors - a testament to their camp experience - and attended college.

Dr. Bischof looks back to his formative years at Loyola as inspiration, particularly the impact of the Christian Service Program (CSP), that he likened to the action of the Jewish temple. For his CSP, he remembers serving at a senior residence where he befriended a woman who wanted to start a choir but sadly was unable to. He realized then how music can bring people together and create a strong sense of community.

At Loyola, while the mission of giving back was being instilled at a young age, Justin also discovered a faculty and staff who nurtured his passion for music - teachers like Mr. Terry Brennan, Dr. Enright and Dr. Khoury. During a class visit to the National Film Board of Canada (NFB), young Justin created a rapport with a sound engineer who worked with Glenn Gould (Justin's musical idol at the time), one of the most famous pianists in Canada during the 20th century. It was at the insistence of Mr. Brennan, who recognized his passion and pinpointed it, that Justin accepted an invitation to return to the NFB to learn more, during class time no less (an administrative feat deftly handled by Mr. Brennan). He recognizes now the importance of small but important acts like this, in order to encourage youth to "think big" and take chances.

Mentoring youth with a passion for music is paramount to Justin. He seeks out young professionals who then become an integral part of his orchestra. For those looking to pursue careers in music, Justin points to focus, discipline and a joy for music as pivotal, but advises young people not to discount the power of self-promotion. It is important not to do the latter without a good base in the former, what he calls "ephemeral hype". There needs to be drive and passion. While Loyola laid the groundwork for this, it is one's agency to do more and better (what the Jesuits call the magis), that leads to success.

"Music is a gift to share with others. Music is a transforming force in the world. It can affect great change."



Justin Bischof '85

After graduating from Loyola in 1985, Justin studied at the Manhattan School of Music where he ultimately received his Doctorate. He has performed at many of the world's greatest venues including Carnegie Hall, St. Paul's Cathedral in London, Lincoln Center, Cologne Cathedral and Notre-Dame Paris. A resident of New York City, he is the Founder and Artistic Director of Modus Operandi Orchestra (MOO), which comprises 65 of New York's finest orchestral musicians. He serves on numerous boards including as Chair of the Alumni Council of the Manhattan School of Music. Notable concerts include working several times with His Majesty's Royal Oman Symphony Orchestra at the Royal Opera House, the Australian National Premiere of Ward's The Crucible at WAAPA in Perth, several concerts with the National Orchestra of Haiti, 50th Anniversary Season Cologne Cathedral and Benefit for the Homeless with Billy Bragg at the Eli Broad Theatre Los Angeles.



Transforming Lives of Children Through Music

From 2007 to 2017, Justin co-founded The Annual Children's Benefit Concert to help at-risk children in Mount Vernon, New York. The concerts raised over \$1 000 000 US and sent over 800 children to Wagon Road Summer Camp, which is located on 52 acres of beautiful wooded grounds with programs that feature great activities with a focus on fun, safety and friendship.

Music at Loyola

The Music program at Loyola has expanded since the 1980s. It is offered as part of the curriculum at almost every level. Yearly, events such as the Christmas Concert and Spring Concert are held at the Eric Maclean SJ Center for the Performing Arts. Several clubs, include bands, choir and guitar club, are available to students at all levels.



Battle of the Bands

After a long hiatus, the Battle of the Bands was resurrected this year. Seven bands competed, playing classic rock and alternative hits to a full Eric Maclean Center SJ for the Performing Arts! A new prize, the Golden Guitar, was won by a band named Aces.

The audience had the chance to vote for their favourite band, and a panel of judges from the music industry were present to provide some feedback. Pictured at center below (from left to right), the judges were event organizer Mr. Owen Saar, musician Sasha Cay, recording and mixing engineer Shae Brossard and Loyola's own Shane Murphy '91.



Christmas Concert

On December 15, 2022, Loyola held its annual Christmas Concert. This concert serves both as a celebration of the Advent season and a display of the varied musical talent at Loyola High School.

Congratulations to all student performers and a big thanks to families, friends, faculty and staff who came out in big numbers to support this event! A special nod to Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Saar, Mme Lacasse and Mme Pelchat for their organization of these impressive performances.





Loyola in her DNA

A Loyola parent exemplifies the Grad at Grad

As Loyola High School prepares to welcome its first co-educational cohort in 2023-24, living out our motto of being men and women for others, we look to highlight the women in our community – parents, sisters, daughters, faculty and staff – who have exemplified our Jesuit, Catholic mission through their lives.

Désirée McGraw is one such woman. She is herself a graduate of a former Jesuit school, Collège Jean-de-Brébeuf. No stranger to the Loyola community, Désirée's husband, Christopher Marilley, is an alumnus of '81, and her two older sons, Jack and Michael respectively, are set to be '23 and '27 graduates. She counts among her influences Warren Allmand '48, whose son Patrick graduated in '84, Dr. Don Taddeo '63 and Fr. Marc Gervais SJ, former head of the Communications department at Loyola College as well as her late father Dr. John McGraw who moved from Michigan to Montreal in order to take up a position as professor of philosophy at Loyola College.

In an interview with Loyola Today, Désirée recounted the life experiences that shaped her, and we couldn't help but see this through the lens of the *Grad at Grad*, which serves as a guide for the profile of the student we want to graduate. In this way, Désirée McGraw meets the requirements of what it means to be an alumna at Loyola.

Désirée McGraw (P '23, '27) was elected to the National Assembly of Québec in the 2022 provincial general election. She represents the riding of Notre-Dame-de-Grâce as a member of the Quebec Liberal Party, which forms the Official Opposition and, as such, she acts as the critic for Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks as well as Canadian Relations and the Canadian Francophonie.

Désirée previously served as president and CEO of Pearson College UWC from 2015 to 2019, president of the Jeanne Sauvé Foundation from 2008 to 2015, and was a national co-founder of Climate Reality Canada with the objective of educating Canadians about the science and impacts of climate change as well as solutions to address it. Prior to her return to politics as MNA, she served as Senior Policy Advisor in the Paul Martin Government from 2003 to 2006.

“Loyola was always part of my identity growing up, even though I was not a student here.”



“Any time you start a new career, you have to be open to growth. You have to be willing to make mistakes, learn from them and move forward. It’s called failing forward and failing fast.” At Pearson, Désirée arrived at a time of major change. The board had decided to wind-down a 40-year tradition of full scholarship for every student, which she described as “well-intentioned but financially unsustainable” as it was drawing down the college endowment at a rate that would see it close within a decade. Her job as president – the first woman to hold the position – was to implement a new policy that means-tested the families of students. Not knowing the culture or environment she was entering, her first step was being open to actively listening and learning, spending six months doing so in order to both better understand the context and better explain the new position.

OPEN TO GROWTH

COMMITTED TO DOING JUSTICE

“Climate change is a multifaceted issue that really speaks to the Jesuit values, socially and environmentally.” With a professional background in advocacy and policy, Désirée demonstrates her commitment to environmental justice by working as the Official Opposition Critic for the Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change. She believes that we need to understand the far-reaching nature of the crisis, such as impacts on migration and underprivileged communities. She also believes that the key to alleviating the eco-anxiety experienced by youth is not by passing the buck or paying lip service to the next generation, but by working in partnership with them. Désirée concludes, we have a crucial responsibility, because we have the ability to respond.

“Being educated in a Catholic family has had an important influence on me.” One of Désirée’s fondest memories of working for the government under Prime Minister Paul Martin was his strong faith. She remembered that no matter where he was in the country or the world, he would make sure to find time on the weekend to attend Mass. Her own education and family instilled her with strong values rooted in Catholic tradition.

RELIGIOUS

“I grew up with parents who are educators, so that’s in my DNA.” From the election campaign to serving in the National Assembly, Désirée compares her new life in politics to going back to school, and she draws parallels with the experience of her second son as he was starting Secondary 1 at Loyola. There were new rules, new ways of proceeding, new people, and, after seven years outside a francophone environment, a new language to re-master. In this way, she sees herself as a lifelong learner who must constantly absorb and apply new information to best serve the role she is in.

INTELLECTUALLY COMPETENT



LOVING

“Love is really what unites us – coming together around communities and causes that touch all of us.” For Désirée, her community of Montreal West and NDG – the riding in which Loyola is deeply rooted – gives her the energy and confidence to tackle difficult matters. While the National Assembly in Quebec City can often be contentious, she notes that there are unifying moments, when politicians of all stripes stand together to support motions or statements in the face of emergency situations or humanitarian crises. “There can be love in politics.”

GRAD AT GRAD

The notion of the “5 Characteristics of the Loyola Grad at Grad” serves as a guide for the profile of the student we want to graduate. This helps Loyola evaluate everything that is done in the formation of our students.

Loyola Board of Governors

The Board of Governors is responsible for directing and managing all business and affairs of Loyola, and has governing authority over all other matters involving the School, including the budget, and strategic planning.

Fr. Len Altilla, SJ
Superior of the Community

Fr. Robert Brennan, SJ

Ms. Nadia Canini

André Courchesne

Marcelle DeFreitas
President of Loyola High School

Dr. Mark Diachyshyn '96
Principal of Loyola High School

Debbie Di Gregorio

Sergio Famularo '87
Chairman

Giuseppe Ferraro

Charles Grenier '78
Alumni Representative

Massimo lamello '96

Marthe Lacasse
Faculty Representative

Ed Piro '99

Melodie Sullivan

Michael Mueller '91

Fr. Jacques Nzumbu, SJ

On December 22, 2022, the Board of Governors called for applications from parents to the newly created position of **parent representative** on the board. We are pleased to announce that Ms. Treena Cooper, parent of two Loyola students, has been appointed as parent representative.

Meet Sergio Famularo Chair, Loyola Board of Governors

What is one of your fondest memories of your time at Loyola High School?

My fondest general memories relate to camaraderie shared with teammates on fields of play, in classrooms and the hallways of the "old" building. It goes without saying that everything was not rigour and discipline.

If the walls of the old building could speak, they would recount one episode of interference with the orderly progress of a former classmate Michael Leclerc - now Father Mike - trying to make it to Mr. Enright's Secondary 5 class on time but for the maneuvers of myself and classmate, MJ Fernandes. As the bell rang, Mr. Enright just shook his head as he closed his classroom door - seeing comrades at play, rather than anyone meriting any penalty or "JUG".

What stuck with you over the years?

The care and compassion of the teachers. Growing up in an Italian household, where we often had to keep our feelings to ourselves, I appreciated the ability of the teachers who mastered walking a fine line of respecting our privacy while caring for us.

Why did you decide to return to Loyola in your current role?

I am indebted to the school for helping me grow as a person and never giving up on me. Giving back to Loyola is just a small way to show my appreciation for the strong formation that provided me such professional success; and a blessed family life.

What are your hopes for the future of Loyola?

As we have been seeing these last few years, my hope is that the school will continue to evolve and adapt to societal changes, continue to be relevant to the goings on in the world, while ensuring the core mission stays intact.

Sergio Famularo '87 became Chair of the Loyola Board of Governors for the 2022-23 school year. After graduating from Loyola, he studied at Concordia University and the University of Ottawa, attaining a law degree and being called to the Bar in 1996. He has practiced as an attorney since that time, and founded the lawfirm of Famularo Fernandes Levinson in 2004 with fellow classmate Milton James Fernandes.



Meet Edmund Piro

Chair, LHS Foundation Board

What is one of your fondest memories of your time at Loyola High School?

It's hard to choose just one - there are so many, ranging from walk-a-thon to the sports teams I participated on. Ultimately, the Christian Service Program, and my time serving disadvantaged youth at the West Haven Community Centre's after school program, is what I cherish the most.

What stuck with you over the years?

That experience with CSP was foundational for me, and is part of the reason I dedicated my life to working in philanthropy, supporting the financing of projects benefitting community resilience, reconciliation, and climate change.

Why did you decide to return to Loyola in your current role?

I was more than happy to support the work of the LHS Foundation when I was asked to join its Investment Committee given my investment background. At that point, I had already been a member of the LHSAA (Loyola High School Alumni Association) for several years, and had seen the extent to which the faculty of the school and its alumni care for the students and its mission.

What are your hopes for the future of Loyola?

That it retains its core values of developing graduates who will lead and serve in their communities. "Men for others" and now "men and women for others" is such a simple, but powerful motto.



Ed Piro '99 is a Chartered Financial Analyst who studied at Concordia University's Finance program, he also completed a graduate certificate at the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment (University of Oxford). He brings to the role years of experience having worked for the McConnell Foundation, where he currently serves as Chief Investment Officer.

LHS Foundation

The Foundation receives, disburses and invests funds destined to further the objectives of Loyola High School. The Foundation's Directors volunteer their time and expertise to oversee the investment and management of funds.

Edmund Piro '99
Chairman

Pino Di Iorio '86
Vice-Chairman

Martin Valasek '86
Secretary

David Valela '91
Treasurer

Josephine Battista

Jennifer Bent

Anthony Broccolini '99

Scott Corbett
Executive Director of Advancement

Melissa Coussa-Charley

Marcelle DeFreitas
President of Loyola High School

Steve Di Gregorio '91

Mark Lapalme '96

Peter Malynowsky '04

Dario Mazzarello

Thomas Park '95

Mark-Anthony Serri '90



STUDENT LIFE @ LOYOLA

The next six pages are a glimpse at some of the activities and events that characterize life at Loyola High School in the Winter and early Spring months. By the time this issue is mailed, students will be entering in the summer months and looking back at events like these as highlights of the school year. In years to come, these highlights will become nostalgic memories to cherish with classmates for decades to come.

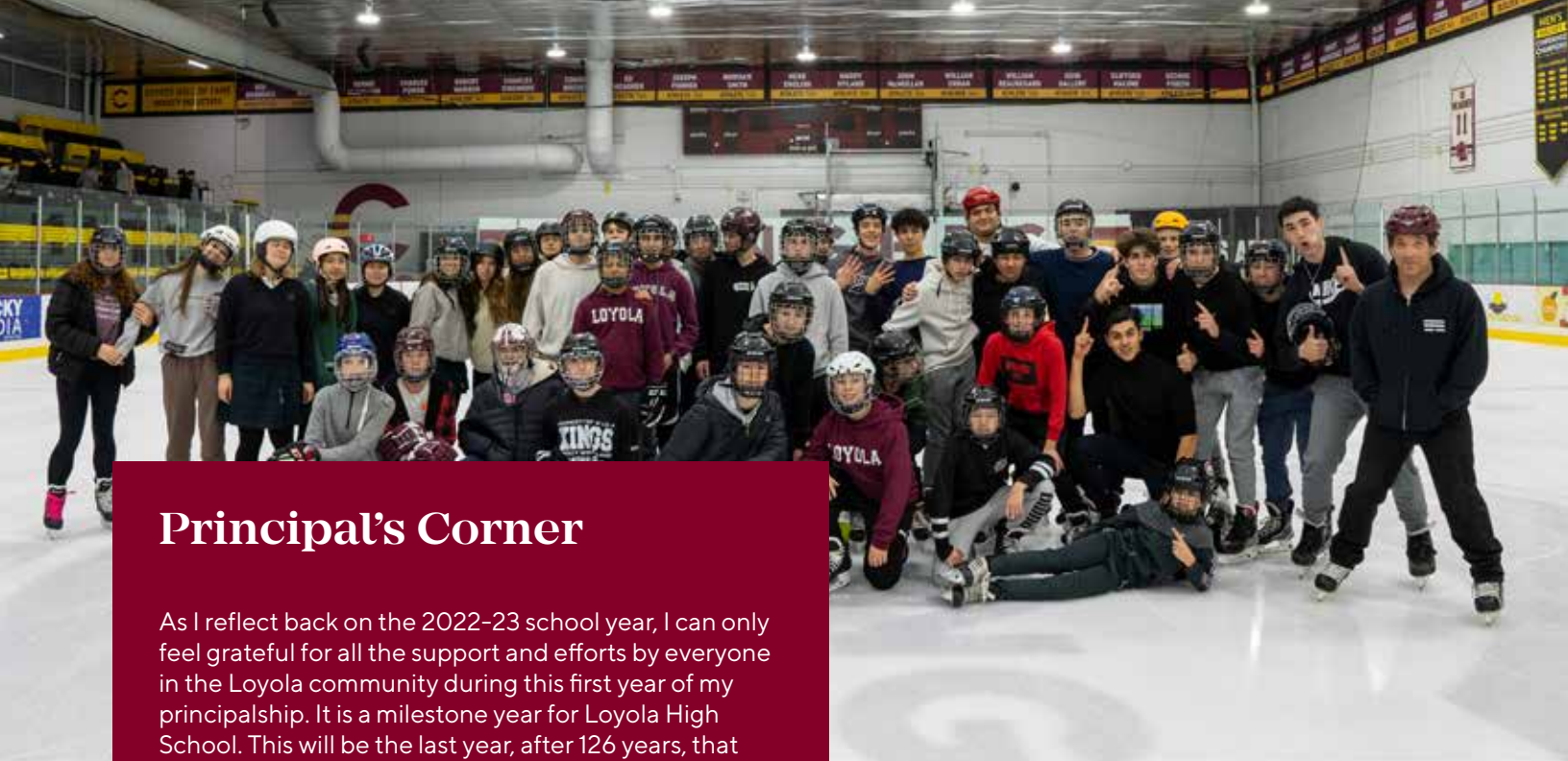


Loyola Theatre Presents: Foxeaters

Derek has a boring clerical job on a space station as a glorified toll booth operator. But when ravenous man-eating aliens invade the Earth, it might be up to him to save humanity from oblivion!

Written and directed by Joshua Parr '95, produced by Tara Shaughnessy, and featuring a dedicated cast and crew of students and staff, *Foxeaters* is an original Loyola Theatre production that played on March 31 and April 1, 2023 at the Eric Maclean SJ Center for the Performing Arts.





Principal's Corner

As I reflect back on the 2022-23 school year, I can only feel grateful for all the support and efforts by everyone in the Loyola community during this first year of my principalship. It is a milestone year for Loyola High School. This will be the last year, after 126 years, that Loyola will remain exclusively an all-boys school.

In some respects, it is a bittersweet moment, if one stops to think about this change as a loss. Like my colleagues here at Loyola, who teach daily in order to form youth of intellectual competence, conscience, compassion and commitment, the fact that our youth have been “boys” has never been the focus. Our focus has always been on the whole person - treating every student as a unique expression of God’s creation.

As we prepare, rigorously and carefully, for the arrival of our first co-educational cohort, we will continue to focus on the individual needs, interests and passions of our students. Ultimately, our belief is that the increased diversity of our student body will reinforce our Jesuit, Catholic mission. This new model will strengthen our graduates as they become intellectually competent, open to growth, loving, religious and committed to doing justice.

Poet John Thelwall beautifully summarized what a mixed gender environment can deliver:

*In free communion, round the
social hearth,
Enjoy'd such gentle interchange
of soul
As intellectual beings best
beseems,
Improving and improv'd.*



In March 2023, as part of Winter Carnival, Loyola ▲ hosted a free skate for students, family and friends.

Winter Carnival Returns

After a few years of reduced carnival activities due to the health regulations, Winter Carnival was back at Loyola. Students took the slopes - skiing, snowboarding and tubing, alongside Sacred Heart students at Sommet Saint-Sauveur and the Glissades des Pays d'en Haut. Closer to home, there was a free skate hosted for families and friends at the Ed Meagher Arena. In the Bishops' Atrium, students had the chance to play wiffle ball, ride a mechanical bull or play a few games of bingo for prizes. A new activity this year was “Finish the Lyrics” that allowed students the chance to show off their knowledge of decades of hits.





Trip to New York City

During March break, students in Mr. Ketterling's Classics classes had the opportunity to visit New York City. They toured several of Manhattan's top spots including Central Park and Times Square, Rockefeller Center, Radio City, St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, while also taking the time to pay their respects at the National 9/11 Museum.

A special treat was a dance and choreography lesson by the Musical Theatre Song and Dance Broadway Workshop ahead of a showing of *The Lion King* musical. Students kept their energy up by eating at some great spots like Angelo's Pizzeria, Puglia Restaurant in Little Italy, Stamatis Restaurant in Queens and Bubba Gump Times Square.



FIRST Robotics Regionals

The FIRST Robotics Competition is a huge gathering of robotics teams from across Quebec and the world. This year's competition took place in Trois-Rivières. The Loyola robotics team spent the first months of the calendar year designing and building a robot. Students used skills they learned throughout the year to compete in alliances with and against other teams. Games were fast paced and sometimes required fixing the robot quickly in between matches. The students demonstrated teamwork and good communication. Pictured with the students are team moderator, Hannah Jack Halcrow, as well as volunteers Brandon Vergara '06, Patrick Diez '05, Michael Bilinsky '11, Terri Little, Erik Huang '13 and Kevin Caro '08.





Loyola



Experience Week 2023

From February 19 to 24, Loyola Secondary 4 students participated Experience Week in various activities, including service projects, outdoor recreation, and cultural tours in Montreal, Wheeling, West Virginia, and Camp Kinkora. The program's mission is to create and sustain reciprocal, long-lasting relationships that are in line with the Universal Apostolic Preferences of the Society of Jesus.

One of the options included in the program is the Montreal Experience, which aims to create awareness of marginalized communities within the city. In Montreal, students provided service at several organizations, including Welcome Hall Mission, St. Michael's Mission, Manoir Beaconsfield, Sunrise Senior Living, and MAB-Mackay Rehabilitation Center, Philip E. Layton School, and Giant Steps.

In Wheeling, West Virginia, Loyola students participated in various activities, including service at the Greater Wheeling Soup Kitchen and Grow Ohio Valley. At the Greater Wheeling Soup Kitchen, students prepared and served meals for community members affected by the coal mining industry. They also engaged with residents to listen

to their stories and share thoughts and ideas. At Grow Ohio Valley, students helped develop community gardens to support local and healthy food sources and contribute to the local economy. Additionally, they toured Tunnel Ridge Coal Mine, Wheeling University, and Ohio State Park.

At Camp Kinkora, students enjoyed a winter camping experience in St-Adolphe-d'Howard in the Laurentians. They engaged in painting work projects, animation of activities for adults with disabilities and seniors, and outdoor recreation, including snowshoeing, broomball, ball hockey, and tobogganing.

This was an immersive opportunity to explore spiritual leadership, and contribute to the community locally and internationally. Loyola students gained invaluable experiences in human diversity, empathy, and social responsibility, which will undoubtedly help shape them into future leaders.



Athletics Update

2023 started with a bang as the 52nd annual Loyola-Ed Meagher Sports Tournament hosted schools from across the island and even outside the province! This year's honorary chairpersons were Michael Elie '97 and Natasha Lam, and the Ed Meagher Scholarship recipient was Daniele Mastroianni '22. The Loyola community came out in droves to support this event, including many parent and alumni volunteers and tournament sponsors.

It was a banner year for all winter sports at Loyola, but particularly for the Division 1 Juvenile basketball team. Thanks to excellent team play, they took home banners from the Provincial English Visser-McLeod Finals, the GMAA Greater Montreal city finals and a decisive 62-44 win in the RSEQ Provincials in April!

This year marked the first time Loyola formed a futsal team, an indoor soccer variant. They took home the GMAA Championship title and placed amongst the top teams in the RSEQ Provincial Championships.

In hockey, the M15 D2 and M18 D1 teams took home the metropolitan championships. They both advanced, along with the M13 D1 team to the RSEQ Provincial Championships in Quebec City and Vaudreuil-Dorion, playing against the best teams in the province.

Our wrestlers were busy this year, winning medals and standing up on podiums proudly at the GMAA Championships, at a Wrestling Canada tournament out in Vancouver and as recently as April competing at the Festival des Patriotes in St-Cesaire, Quebec.



First Friday Club

While students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend a daily Mass in the Chapel, there is a special club at the school. The members of First Friday Club commit themselves to the best of their ability to attend Mass on the first Friday of the month for nine (9) months consecutively. It takes the whole school year to accomplish this! Some of the members are pictured below.



Génial!

Génial is a science show on Télé-Québec hosted by Stéphane Bellavance and Martin Carli that is insightful, inspirational and entertaining, mixing informative segments with game show-like challenges for guests and contestants. Génial airs from Monday to Thursday at 7 p.m. on Télé-Québec.

In Fall 2022, Justin Khairy '24 was invited to the show to talk about his Secondary 3 Science Fair project. The project was a proof-of-concept on the conversion of sound into energy that won top honours at the 2022 Loyola Science Fair.

Ignatian Awards

During this year's Festival of the Arts, Loyola hosted a vernissage of student art from the school. On display were paintings, sketches, sculptures, knitted works, and more created by students of all levels.

Giuliano '23 was bestowed with the Sean Ryan Golden Conch Award, which is presented to a student who demonstrates ongoing commitment to all forms of artistry. Many students were presented with awards, commending their exceptional abilities in their respective areas of interest, ranging from visual arts to music to mathematics. A special thanks to Ms. Forese for organizing this incredible display.





April 18, 2023. 900 participants. \$250,000 raised.

Usually held in November as part of a nation-wide Giving Tuesday, several non-profit organizations and schools host giving days on an annual basis. 2023 was a first time for Loyola High School, and it was held a week out from Easter on Tuesday, April 18. Our goal was participation and not money. We set ourselves a lofty one: 750 unique donors in one day. We were humbled by the support of the Loyola community. Over 900 people participated, surpassing our goal. Furthermore, over \$250,000 was raised for various programs at the school.

Moreso than a unique fundraising initiative, Loyola's Giving Day is about celebrating the culture of giving at the school. For this reason, the annual President's Reception was also held on Tuesday, April 18. Loyola associations and volunteers were thanked for their contributions to school life. Alumni get-togethers occurred in Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto, fostering school spirit outside the school walls, as our own students and faculty fostered it within.

Giving Day was an important reminder to everyone of the mission of our school as an apostolate of the Society of Jesus: to be *men and women for and with others*, that supporting Loyola's programs helps us better support the marginalized. And that we are stronger #TogetherForOthers.



Giving Day is a 24-hour fundraiser that is largely ▲ based online, allowing participants to track goals and challenges. (givingday.loyola.ca)

Thanks to early gifts, by the start of Giving Day, we had already reached 152 unique donors (20% of our goal) and raised \$29,000.

Timeline of Events

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The Competitive Spirit of Giving



ALUMNI CHALLENGE

250th alumni donor unlocks \$10,000 for Greatest Needs.

FIRST-TIME DONORS

100th first-time donor unlocks \$10,000 for Bursary Fund.

IGNATIAN FORMATION

The 100th gift to this fund unlocks \$10,000 for Experience Week.

STUDENT CHALLENGE

80% participation in Free Dress Day unlocks \$10,000 for Clubs & Activities

TEACHERS' EXCELLENCE

Matches 1-for-1 donations to this fund to a maximum \$10,000

Alumni Leaderboard Challenge

The top ranking Young Alumni and Old Warriors classes win **2 extra refreshment tickets per participant** for the 2023 Reunion Weekend in October!

The success of a Giving Day often relies on challenges or leaderboards. The goal is to amplify each person's gift. We owe a huge thanks to:

The **Loyola Parents' Association** hosted the Teachers' Excellence and Ignatian Formation challenges at \$10,000 each.

The Loyola **Mothers' Guild** hosted the First-Time Donors Challenge at \$10,000.

The **Loyola High School Alumni Association** hosted the Alumni Leaderboard Challenge

Two **anonymous donors** hosted the Student Challenge at \$10,000 and extended the First-Time Donors Challenge from 100 to 200 by offering up \$5,000 as incentive.

An anonymous donor gives \$20,000 to the Bursary Fund.

Rank	Graduation Year	Number of Donors
1	2008	20
2	2013	15
3	2022	15
4	2018	11
5	2011	10

When giving online, alumni identified their graduating year and instantly boosted their class' results. Ultimately, the **Class of 2008** won the Young Alumni challenge, while the Class of 1990 topped a highly contested **Old Warriors** leaderboard.

88% of our students participate in a free dress day wearing Loyola spirit gear, unlocking the Student Challenge and \$10,000 for Clubs & Activities.

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A Giving Community

The President’s Reception, hosted by Marcelle DeFreitas, was an opportunity to gather together and celebrate all those who are part of Loyola’s culture of giving. Present at the gathering were members of the Loyola Parents’ Association, the Mothers’ Guild, the Loyola High School Alumni Association and the various Boards and Committees that govern the school and its activities. This was an occasion to thank everyone for their volunteer work in support of the school.

This year, the LPA organized the annual dance entitled “Bust It” with a 90s theme, as well as Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week activities, in the style of Mardi Gras, that included breakfast, lunch and raffle prizes for everyone at the school.

The Mothers’ Guild organized a Christmas sale, a Wine & Cheese event, a Meet and Greet and continued to support the school store with sales throughout the year.

On top of organizing the Alumni Reunion Weekend and helping jumpstart the Class Reps Program, the Loyola High School Alumni Association (LHSAA) executives also organized a CSP outing to Sun Youth.

Many thanks to class representatives Tim O’Farrell ’72, Colin Wright, Pino Di Ionia ’86, and Jeremie Legault ’09 for organizing alumni get-togethers on Giving Day, a chance to reconnect outside the traditional reunion weekend.



Members of the Loyola Parents’ Association ▲



Members of the Mothers’ Guild ▲



Pino Di Ionia ’86 receives the Alumni of the Year award ▲ from the LHSAA executive at the Montreal get-together.



The First-Time Donors Challenge is unlocked, with \$10,000 going towards the Bursary Fund.

A 2nd anonymous donor gives \$20,000 to the Bursary Fund.

*** CHALLENGE EXTENSION ***
FIRST-TIME DONORS
 200th first-time donor unlocks \$5,000 for Greatest Needs Fund.
 \$10,000 unlocked for Bursary Fund (100th donor).
 The challenge is extended by an anonymous donor.



President’s Reception begins.

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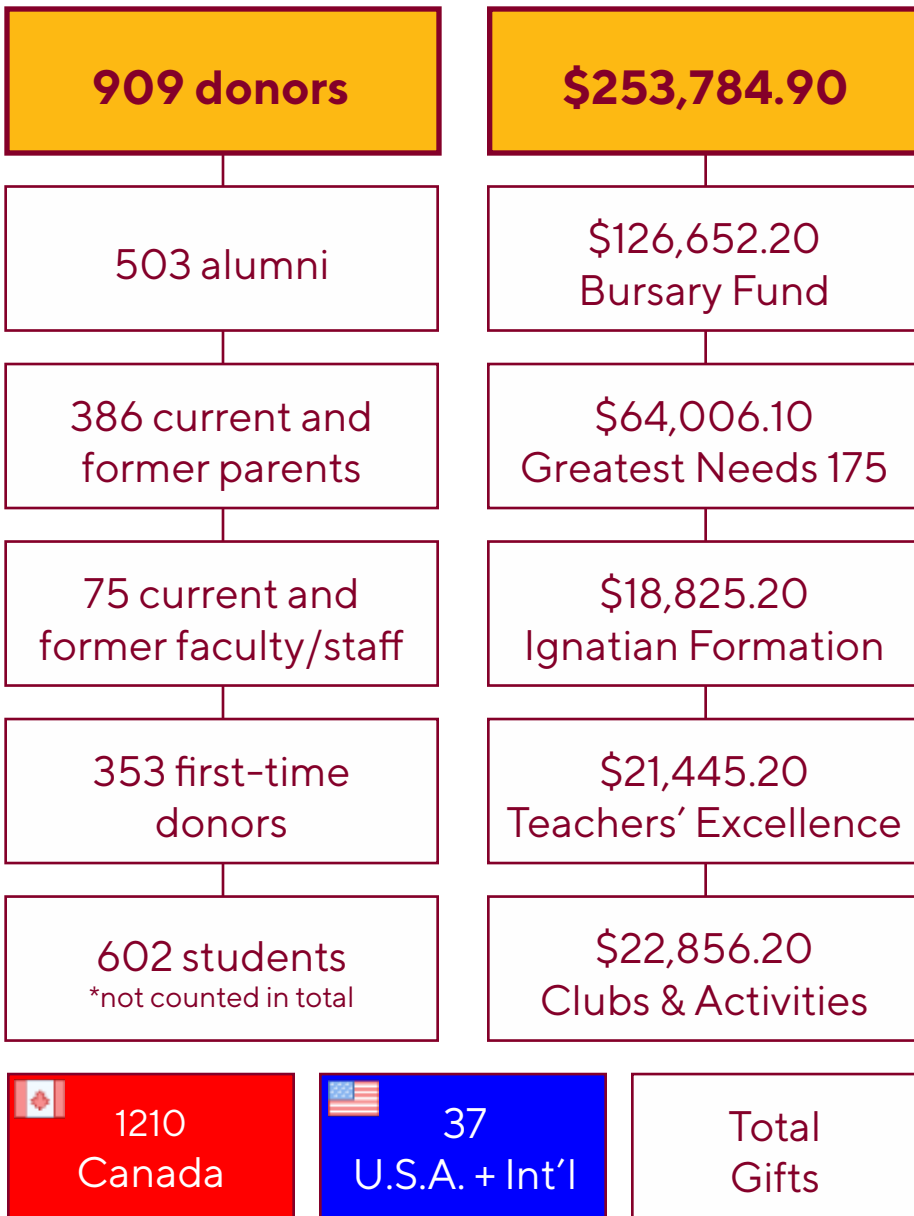
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Giving Day By the Numbers



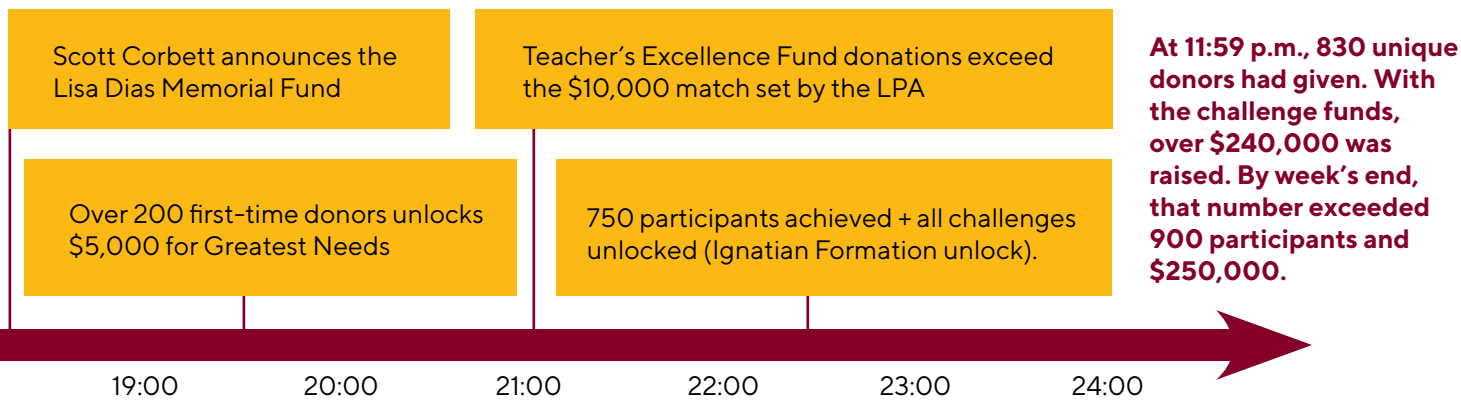
Alumni Leaderboard

Young Alumni

(1) 2008	20 participants
(2) 2013	15 participants
(2) 2022	15 participants
(4) 2018	11 participants
(5) 2011	10 participants
(5) 2016	10 participants
(7) 2020	8 participants
(8) 2015	6 participants
(8) 2016	6 participants
(8) 2021	6 participants

Old Warriors

(1) 1990	60 participants
(2) 1997	48 participants
(3) 1963	30 participants
(4) 1987	19 participants
(5) 1986	18 participants
(6) 1989	14 participants
(7) 1998	10 participants
(8) 1975	9 participants
(9) 1992	8 participants
(10) 2002	8 participants



ALUMNI NEWS OF INTEREST

In 2023, Loyola High School and the Loyola High School Alumni Association (LHSAA) launched an extensive class representatives program that aims to find at least one (1) representative per class year who can act as a liaison between the school and classmates for special events, news, etc. For more information about the program, please reach out to Maria Carneiro (Events and Community Relations, LHS) or Pino Di Iola '86 (Class Representatives Coordinator, LHSAA) at alumni@loyola.ca.

'43 **William (Bill) Kennedy** currently resides at the Rockliffe Retirement Residence in Ottawa. His daughter, Marianne Kennedy Beaulne, co-wrote the article on the right and submitted it to the Loyola Today for publication.

'46 A friend of **Dr. J. Earl Wynands**, Dr. Michael Ircha was the other co-author of this article. Dr. Wynands also currently resides at the Rockliffe Retirement Residence.



▲ Dr. Wynands still retains some of the patches he received while at LHS and Loyola College.

Reunited After 70 Years

Eighty years ago, Bill Kennedy and Dr. Earl Wynands were students at Loyola High School. When they met up nearly 70 years later in Ottawa, that connection fostered a friendship that is a testament to both the enduring strength of the Loyola community and - though they would likely demur - the character of two exceptional men.

Their "Loyola" roots go back to St. Ignatius Loyola elementary school on Terrebonne Avenue in 1930s Montreal. From there each moved on to four years at Loyola High School, followed by Loyola College (now Concordia University).

Bill studied at Loyola High from 1939-1943 and then entered Loyola College's first pre-engineering class. After graduating from Loyola College in 1947 he completed electrical engineering studies at McGill and, as a newly minted "P. Eng.," joined Northern Electric (later Northern Telecom/Nortel). Bill's 35-year career there coincided with the evolution of Northern Electric's business and technology from electromechanical crossbar switching to digital switching equipment that set new standards for the telecommunications industry. After retirement he dabbled in astronomy and physics courses at the University of Toronto and was active in his community in Mississauga. His lunches with another Class of '43 transplant to the Greater Toronto Area grew into a regular and longstanding gathering of retired Loyola alums (and later a few non-Loyola ex-Montrealers) affectionately dubbed the "OFL".

CLASS REPS

1954 Anthony Patterson
 1955- Contact alumni@loyola.ca
 1959 to become a class rep
 1960 Donald Bedard
 1961- Contact alumni@loyola.ca
 1962 to become a class rep

1963 Donat Taddeo
 (taddeod@loyola.ca)
 1965 Paul Marchand
 1966 David Humes
 1967 Donald Del Vecchio
 1968- Contact alumni@loyola.ca
 1970 to become a class rep



Earl attended Loyola High School from 1942 to 1946, and joined Loyola College’s Arts program, earning an all-activity letter at both institutions. He graduated from Loyola College in 1950 and gave serious consideration to a career as a professional golfer but, fortunately for generations of cardiac patients, settled instead on medicine - specifically cardiac anesthesiology. He completed his medical degree at McGill University in 1954 and certified in anesthesia in 1959. Earl went on to pioneer anesthesia in cardiac surgery at the Royal Victoria Hospital, McGill University, and the University of Ottawa Heart Institute, and authored the seminal publication in the field, “Coronary artery disease and anaesthesia.”

Earl is a professor emeritus in the Department of Anaesthesia at the University of Ottawa, former Chair of Anaesthesia at the University of Ottawa, and former Chief of Anaesthesia at the Civic Hospital and at the University of Ottawa Heart Institute. He founded the country’s first professional assistance program for physicians with disabilities and established the University of Ottawa Skills and Simulation Centre in 1996, one of the first in Canada. Although he retired from the operating room, Earl continued to serve as the Centre’s Medical Director until 2008.

In addition to his clinical and research responsibilities, Earl found time to serve a year as President of the Canadian Anesthesiologists’ Society (CAS), two years as president of the US Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists (SCA), and 10 years as associate editor of the Journal of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Anesthesia.

Earl’s pioneering medical contributions were recognized with his 1998 induction to the Order of Canada. He has also received a CAS Gold Medal, the first SCA Distinguished Service Award, and an honorary doctorate from the University of Montreal. Most recently, he was honoured with the establishment of the University of Ottawa Heart Institute’s Dr. J. Earl Wynands Associate Chair in Cardiac Anesthesiology Research. All these accomplishments were achieved as Earl experienced decreasing visual acuity from macular degeneration.

Serendipity (and family) brought Bill from Mississauga to the Rockcliffe Retirement Residence in 2013, and Earl arrived the following year. Their reconnection has been a boon to both. True to their natures, both men remain engaged and engaging. On warm summer days you may find them in the Rockcliffe’s garden listening to Bill’s favourite jazz music on Earl’s iPhone; they will be seated on a bench installed by Earl and his six children in memory of Earl’s beloved wife Mary. Earl’s four sons attended Loyola High. He also has 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Earl remains actively involved with colleagues at the Heart Institute and beyond, and in writing his memoirs. Bill is one of the Rockcliffe trivia champs. Looking back on his 97 years, he credits his 49-year marriage to wife Dorothy as central to his many good fortunes. Looking forward, he is watching with delight as his 18- and 21-year old grandsons follow in his engineering footsteps. He is planning to attend their iron ring ceremonies in 2024 and 2026.



Quotes from Loyola Review for Kennedy (left) and Wynands (right).

WILLIAM W. KENNEDY—Although he was christened William W. not more than ten people know that that is his actual name, as he is almost universally known as Deuce. This Engineering Physicist is an eight year man having first seen the lights of First High B in September of '39. A friendly, mild mannered, easy-going type of fellow, Deuce is a favourite of his classmates and returns their good natured ribbing in kind. He has played Intra-mural hockey and basketball with varied success and his bowling style is a thing of beauty. He will defend theoretical science at the drop of a test tube. When he leaves Loyola he will leave a big gap behind him, for who else will get his haircut at Bob the Barber's?

Activities: Sodality, Intra-mural Hockey and Basketball, Bowling.

EARL WYNANDS (Arts)—Secretary of C.S.R., Prefect of Sodality, News, Review, Hockey, Football, Intra-mural Hockey, Intra-mural Golf (Eight-year Man), All-Activity Letter.



ALUMNI NEWS OF INTEREST

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| 1971 | David Boyd
Jack Domaradzki
Thomas Filgiano | 1975 | James Di Giacomo
Michael Murray |
| 1972 | Timothy O'Farrell | 1976 | Contact alumni@loyola.ca
to become a class rep |
| 1973 | Paul LaFleche
Suman Mukerji | 1977 | Colin Wright
Richard Pawulski |
| 1974 | Contact alumni@loyola.ca
to become a class rep | 1978 | Charles Grenier
Raymond Spruzenieks |

'60 Peter Coleman and his spouse of 54 years, Catherine Blackburn, have finally retired from long careers of business ownership and are enjoying their life on a 40-acre horse farm in the state of Minnesota, USA.

'64 Mark Bednarczyk has just released *Allegories and Love Songs*, a CD featuring his original, musical settings of poetry by Ukrainian poets. The cost of the CD is \$25, plus shipping. All profits from the sale of the CD will be donated to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal of the Canada Ukraine Foundation. Contact bednarczykm@loyola.ca to order.



'61 Robert (Bob) Shaughnessy volunteered with some Secondary 1 students at Loyola to help the Royal Canadian Legion hand out poppies at the Proviso in Kirkland. Evangelo '26, Liam '27, Justin '27 and Sebastien '26.



'63 The Class of '63 met on Zoom to start organizing for their 60th anniversary celebration at the 2023 Alumni Reunion Weekend this coming October.

From left to right: Don Taddeo, Fred Laflamme, Richard J. Renaud, Garrett Herman, John Hamblin, Dave Ferguson. ▼



'66 Paul Mackey filed a challenge last July against the government's restrictions on the number of people allowed in places of worship during the pandemic. While the court declared this case inadmissible since the decrees had since been rescinded, he is closely following another pending case presented by Me Hans Mercier. Paul was also recently recognized as a Fellow of the *Ordre des urbanistes du Québec*, for his more than 45 years of experience working in two Provincial ministries, namely the Transport and Environment ministries, and in private practice. In 1994, he founded *Ruesécure*, and has spent countless years in street design in regards to the organization and realization of projects linked to road safety, bicycle paths and sidewalks.



▲ From left to right: Sylvain Gariépy, president of the *Ordre des urbanistes du Québec*, Paul Mackey '66 and Jean Paré, president of the selection committee.

'67 Denis Brault, former faculty member, has published his second novel, *Journey Into Antiquity*, published by Flower Publication (flowerpublication@gmail.com).

CLASS REPS

1979 Eamon Egan
 1980 Contact alumni@loyola.ca
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 1981 Christopher Marilley
 1982 James Cochrane
 Richard Renaud
 1984 Elias Scarvelis

1985 Keith Ewenson
 1986 Pino Di Ioia
 1987 Victor Lukoshius
 1988 Andrew Hannan
 Leonard Phipps
 Phillip Lafave



'69 After retiring in 2019 as a partner with Mercer Consulting, where he had a rewarding dual career as a pension actuary and institutional investment consultant, **Frank Belvedere** has been working with the United Nations International Labor Organization (ILO) advising on governance and investment strategy for social security funds in Pakistan, Thailand and Myanmar. He has also been involved on advisory committees for Manulife Investment Management and Kruger Inc. as well as serving the City of Beaconsfield as a member of their finance and pension committees. Recently he resigned from the Client Committee of the Ken Woods Portfolio Management program at Concordia University's John Molson School of Business after servicing for 20 years. Frank is the proud father of Kathryn, Lauren and Greg and husband of Lesley Chartier.

Honored to have played two years senior hockey under coach Ed Meagher. Many fond memories of LHS and still in contact with class of '69 classmates.



'73 **Thomas Barbeau** was recently honoured by the Town of Waterville Valley where he has served as Athletic Director for the Waterville Valley Ski Academy in New Hampshire, one of the oldest ski clubs in the United States, for over 30 years. Tom's career started at Loyola High School when he was a faculty member in the Physical Education department from 1984 to 1986. He went on to coach teams professionally for the Nagano and Utah Winter Olympics and, in 2009, was inducted into the McGill Hall of Fame for his athletic career. His son Tom Jr. is currently the strength and conditioning assistant for the Carolina Panthers.



▲ From left to right: Tom '73, Tom Jr. and Tom's wife, Anne.

'79 Last year, **James (Jim) Madigan** was inducted to the Beanpot Hall of Fame at the 69th tournament. He hoisted the trophy in 1984 and 1985 as a player, and during his time behind the bench lead the Northeastern Huskies to their first championship in 30 years in 2018. Northeastern also captured the 2019 and 2020 Beanpot for a threepeat. His daughter, Kate, famously keeps a bobblehead of her father as Assistant General Manager to the New Jersey Devils since 2022.



'81 **Paul Cugno** retired from investment banking in NYC at the end of May and embarked on his next venture that has a unique social mission that touches home. His wife and children are status Native Americans from the Huron Wendat Nation located near Quebec City. Partnering with brother-in-law, **Fred Di Blasio '86**, CEO and a member of the Huron Wendat Nation, two members of the Membertou and Squamish Nations along with a couple of former business colleagues to start Longhouse Capital Partners ("Longhouse") which is the first Indigenous owned and backed asset manager in North America. On the home front, he is excited that his twins were both accepted into Boston College, thus continuing the Jesuit tradition in the family.

ALUMNI NEWS OF INTEREST

CLASS REPS

1989 Contact alumni@loyola.ca to become a class rep
 1990 Michael Presseau
 Patrick Shea
 1991 Contact alumni@loyola.ca to become a class rep
 1992 Christopher Marit

1993 Matthew Humes
 1994 Contact alumni@loyola.ca to become a class rep
 1995 David Noce
 Thomas Park
 1996 Jason Bowes
 Mark Lapalme
 William Azeff

'82 **Gavin Fernandes**, 2016 Hall of Merit inductee, was invited as the sound re-recording mixer to join the rest of the creative team at the 95th Oscars for their documentary, *Fire of Love* available on NatGeo and Disney+. Pictured second from the left.



'83 **Sabaa Quao** began a new position as Chief Creative Officer at Cossette. He is now the national creative director at the award-winning marketing-communications company, with roughly 1,000 employees across Canada and a client roster that includes McDonald's Canada, SickKids and, TD Bank.



'87 Recent Hall of Merit inductee **Marco Ottoni** won the Quebec Community Leader award at Canada's Volunteer Awards. He is pictured at right with former Loyola faculty member Michèle Nadeau, president of the *Thérèse Casgrain Foundation*.



'89 **Denis Giangi** was proud to receive the prestigious title of Fellow by the Order of CPAs. This was awarded for achievements in career and community, which has earned distinction and brought honour to the profession.



'91 **John Ostopkevich** has been in contact with the editors of Loyola Today over the last few years, as well as the Archives department, as he has been working on a retrospective of the school's volleyball program. Part diary of his own experiences and part history of the program, you can read a snippet of his article on the next page, or the entirety of his piece by scanning the QR code below.



'95 **Roberto Caluori** married Charlene Britto in Montreal on August 27th 2021. Alumni from various years, were in attendance.

(From left to right) BACK: Anthony Ciarallo '97, Thomas Park '95), Massimo Casale '97, Adam Tzemopoulos '95, Alex Mariano '95 | MIDDLE: Jonathan Valicenti '97, Carlo Pansera '97 | FRONT: Adrien Belanger, Gino Caluori '97, Charlene Britto, Roberto Caluori '95, Anthony Pellegrino '95 ▼

1997	Michael Elie	2000	Cameron Fortin
1998	Camille Khoury Giuseppe Alfonsi Matthew Eramian	2002	Andrij Ferguson Martin Brain Michael Stefanison
1999	Aidan De Jean Edmund Piro Robert Fiori	2003	Jason Beaton Michael Apa
		2004	Giordano Egiziano



Loyola's Volleyball Program, 1979–2016

The fall of '86 was a time of mourning for the school, as Loyola volleyball's premier advocate, the 'earnestly enthusiastic, Mr. Volleyball', who coached 'with a sharing & gentle manner and in a wonderfully warm and caring way', James McGrath, had passed on to the afterlife. In response, the midget team dedicated their season to him. The bantams, coached by Mr. Ruscito, completed the season 22-04, placing 1st in their division, and were successful in capturing GMAA gold. The midgets, led very capably by Coach Burke, was made up of many returning players, won 40 games, and secured 3rd place at the provincials. The juvies, for their part, were in a rebuilding year, with no veteran players returning from that level, and only two midgets moving up. They narrowly missed the playoffs, but that year's yearbook includes the statement 'juvenile volleyball is alive and well'. Coach Burke somehow found the time to take charge of the juvies as well, in the absence of Mr. McGrath.

This is an extract from a longer reflective journal by John Ostopkevich '91. Read the full version online by scanning the QR code on the preceding page.

The pictures at right show the Juvenile volleyball team and their families celebrating winning the 1992-93 GMAA Championship (top), and the 1997-98 Bantam volleyball team hoisting their own GMAA Championship banner. ▶



'95 **Andrew Jones'** mother Pamela Jones published a novel entitled, *The Windmill Mystery*, in which three of the main characters are graduates of Loyola High School. They are the chief investigating officer, an attorney who argues refugee cases before the Supreme Court, and an investigative journalist who has destroyed his stellar career by descending into addiction. ▲



'99 **Anthony Broccolini** and **Michael Broccolini '06** were named CEO and Chief Investment Officer, respectively, of Broccolini Construction. Anthony currently serves as a Member of the Loyola High School Foundation Board of Directors.

Lucas Madill works as a mental performance consultant with the Canadian men's national junior ice hockey team who just won the 2023 International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship gold medal game. ◀



ALUMNI NEWS OF INTEREST

2005 Anthony Da Ponte
 2006 Brandon Vergara
 2007 Matthew Lawton
 2008 George Pantazopoulos
 Sean Coleman
 2009 Jeremie Legault
 Mark Weissfelner
 Matthew Mancini

2010 Mark-Yves Zwanenburg
 2011 Matthew Shanahan
 Phillip Palisaitis
 2012 [Contact alumni@loyola.ca](mailto:Contact_alumni@loyola.ca)
 to become a class rep
 2013 Christian Solari

'03 Matthew Stavro is an art specialist at Bonhams auction house in New York. On the occasion of Picasso's death 50 years ago, Matthew sourced a beautiful collection of Picasso ceramics that was included in the Bonhams May 9 Prints & Multiples auction. These works are highly sought after for their ornateness, bright colors and popular motifs such as Picasso's second wife Jacqueline Roque and the owl.



'06 Benjamin Humphrey and Jessica D'Amico (Sacred Heart '06) recently welcomed their beautiful baby boy Leo Humphrey-D'Amico on July 27, 2022. Ben and Jessica met at a Loyola dance in 2004 and have been together ever since. They were married August 2015 and are now happily living with their new bundle of joy!



'07 Congratulations to **Hayden Thomassin** and his wife, Caroline Binette, on their wedding (pictured above).

For the 2022-23 season, **Daniel Chammas** joined the Laval Rocket as Assistant Athletic Therapist, having previously served in the same position for CF Montréal and the Montreal Alouettes.

▲ (from left to right) John Ruscito '07, Matt Lawton '07, Bryce Thomassin '03, Caroline Binette, Hayden Thomassin '07, Mike Thomassin '02, Daniel Thomassin '05, Michael O'Rourke Thomassin '17.

(From left to right) Alex MacKenzie '12, Tristan MacKenzie '10, James Lattuca '09, Nick MacKenzie '09, Daphnée Dubé, Mark Schenke '09, John Farrington '09, and Julien Pagé '09. ▼



'05 Rick Rosato recently released his latest album, *Homage*. He is a well respected bassist in the international jazz community.

'09 Congratulations to **Nick MacKenzie** and Daphnée Dubé who got married on September 17, 2022.

2014 Brian Powell
Evan Arzenshek
Giovanni Gentile
2015
2016- Contact alumni@loyola.ca
2017 to become a class rep
2018 Peter Petrakos

2019 David Mancini
Matthew Montoni
Nicholas Franco
Paolo Petroni
2020 Thomas Khairy
2021 Alessandro Vani
Daniel Magee
2022 Sebastian Valasek



'15 Angelo Rosato was nominated by Hockey Laval as one of the top AAA and AAA Elite hockey coaches for the 2023-24 season. He is proud to have coached Le Rousseau Royal M17 AAA Laval-Montreal to a Provincial win during the Chevrolet Cup for 2023.



'16 Alexandre Apostolatos is graduating medicine at the Université de Montréal in June. He is taking a sabbatical next year before starting residency to work in a refugee camp abroad as a junior doctor. He is also leading a project on infectious diseases and climate change and planning on doing a course in tropical diseases at the University of Minnesota.

'18 On November 12, 2022, **Anthony Soles** and the Queen's Gaels faced off against **Keanu Yazbeck '19** and the Western Mustangs for the Yates Cup. Yazbeck ran for 76 yards and two touchdowns, while Anthony Soles had two rushing touchdowns for the Gaels.

▲ (from left to right) Kyle Hogue '19, Ewan Sullivan '19, Kevin Thompson '19, Paolo Petroni '19, Dmytro Pacholuk '19, Matthew Montoni '19 and Theodore Aretakis '19.

'17 Mathew Apostolatos is graduating in Honours Psychology at McGill University this spring and will be applying to graduate school next fall. He spent a year working as a crisis responder at Suicide Action Montréal, and is now working at the Levinschi House, a transitional center for people living with psychiatric disorders.

'19 Matthew Montoni is part of Enactus uOttawa, a group of University students running projects to bridge the gap between business and social causes. One project entitled Poly Plastics enables local, community-led plastic recycling by manufacturing small-scale systems to recycle plastic without the need for expensive municipal infrastructure.

'19 Kevin Thompson and his wife Charlotte tied the knot with several of his graduating classmates in attendance.

'18 On October 25th 2022, Guardsman **Anthony Perna** was promoted to the rank of Corporal at the Canadian Grenadier Guards Home Station.

Massimo Schiavoni signed with Glenavon FC and stayed there until the end of last season. In February, he joined a club in Sweden. His brother Matteo also chose the football career path and signed with Bologna's Primavera (u19 team) last summer. **Luca Schiavoni '16** is currently in his second year of studying law at Université de Sherbrooke.

'20 Philip Hacala was chosen to be part of Rugby Quebec's team playing in France.

Roberto Lato was chosen to be part of the Kenneth Woods Portfolio Management Program's (KWMPMP) Class of 2024.

After graduating from Vanier College, **Shermar Lowe** was selected to be on the Concordia Stingers Football team.

Congratulations to **Alexandre Siou**, **Thomas Khairy** and **Charles Hughes** who were all accepted to McGill's pre-med program.

IN LOVING MEMORY

John Bennett '53

Tony Cinquino, father of Anthony '12 and Alexander '17

Michael Dellar '68, brother of Howard '73, brother-in-law of Gavin Fernandes '82, uncle of Jonathan '11 and Nicholas '14 Dellar-Fernandes and Liam Dellar McAleer '21.

Lias Dias, faculty member and sister of Kevin '82, the late Mark '88 and Paul '97

Patrick G. Duffy, father of Evan '10, Ryan '14 and uncle to Chris Zimmermann '99, Sean Zimmermann '04.

Stuart Garinther '63, brother of the late Arthur '53

David Longchamps '89

Mike Loken, father of Martin Loken '77

Gerald "Sam" McGee '47, brother of John '43 and the late James '44

Michael Murphy '66, brother of Carl '60 and cousin of Peter Shea '61, Patrick Shea '90, Liam Shea '23, the late John Shea '59 and the late Bernie McCallum '39

Duane Murray '82

Pamela Normandin, wife of Paul '64 and mother of Alexander '00 and Phillip '03

Greg Ruthman '88

Michael Savoy '74

Lois Scarpaleggia, mother of Francis Scarpaleggia '74

Gerald W. Stanimir '65, father of Mark '91 and brother of Philip '67

Johanna Talko, mother of Stephen '73 and Peter '74

Karen Taylor, partner of Tim Phelan 1978

Ken Sinclair '72

Paul Sioufi '86

Bruce Yates '71, brother of Ross '76 and Kevin '82, uncle of Patrick '08 and Trevor '12



Words of Remembrance for Lisa Dias

By Principal Dr. Mark Diachyshyn '96

A few years back Ms. Dias latched onto the idea that her English classes should incorporate, concretely, elements of the *Grad at Grad*. I thought it fitting to say a few words on how the *Grad at Grad* characteristics applied to her.

Religious. Prayer, rarely as petition but rather in thanksgiving/gratitude and supplication for others, permeated her existence. Mass was a fundamental, foundational part of her life. She loved the closing line of that beautiful "Prayer for Generosity" by St. Ignatius: "Save that of knowing I do your Holy Will" is what she lived.

Open to Growth. Lisa had an insatiable curiosity for making/trying things new. I often hear students speak of undertaking a new extracurricular activity at school - joining a club or attempting a new sport - as examples of being "Open to Growth." To that end, fitness and pushing her "temple of the Holy Spirit" to its utmost limit was something on which Ms. Dias prided herself. It is something she did to motivate herself (and inspire others), overcome grief and heartache, center and balance herself.

Intellectually Competent. She had a knack, with her double Masters background (she really could have collected a half dozen of those and a few PhDs if she wanted), in wielding words, raising the roof rhetoric and talking for victory that could deconstruct and decimate. However the end goal, for those wise enough to figure it out, was to enlighten and inspire.

Committed to doing justice. During the beginning of the Eucharistic prayer, when the priest says "Let us give thanks to the Lord," people are supposed to respond "It is right and just." Lisa would always respond with "Dignum et justum est." The phrase strikes me as apropos only because it was the way Ms. Dias lived her life - always trying to do the 'right and just' action.

Loving. For Ms. Dias, being loving was a state of being a loving being. While Ms. Dias's love could be categorized as tough, it was also tireless, expireless, complete. It was, to use an Ignatian phrase, a "love shown more in deeds than in words" or, perhaps, a love shown as much in deeds as in words.

We will miss you dearly, Ms. Dias.

A person is seen from behind, running on a sandy beach. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The person is wearing a white cap, a dark t-shirt, and dark shorts. The background shows a fence and some trees.

Lisa Dias Memorial Fund

On April 18, during our first Giving Day, two large anonymous donations were made to the bursary fund in honour of Lisa Dias. The donors expressed a wish to create a memorial fund that would honour her legacy in perpetuity at Loyola High School.

Since that announcement of a fund in her honour, over 100 people have contributed, bringing the total raised to \$72,500. For a fund to be endowed at Loyola High School, and exist in perpetuity, it must exceed \$100,000. Please consider contributing and helping ensuring the Lisa Dias Memorial Fund becomes endowed. This means that your money is invested and generates revenue that will support students in perpetuity and keep Lisa's memory alive for generations to come.

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tribute to Lisa**





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