

The Sacred Heart School of Montreal Alumnae Association Newsletter



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Summer 2020



A Message from the Head of School

Shawn O'Donnell



A big thank you to our Alumnae Executive for their continued support of our School and their fellow alumnae. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the ongoing commitment of two members of the Executive, the President Tara Durley and Coordinator of Alumnae Relations, Maureen Brown.

This year brought many extraordinary challenges, but together with their dedicated Board they did a magnificent job of meeting them head on. The inspirational video that the Alumnae Executive created for our graduates will be appreciated and remembered for many years to come!

This year we bid a tearful farewell to Mme Christiane de Sainte Marie with a virtual ceremony on June 11. After a stellar 33-year teaching career, the last 23 years at our school, and an alumna herself of Le Sault, it was a lovely and fitting tribute. Many alumnae were able to log on and celebrate Mme de Sainte Marie with moving tributes. As was obvious that evening, she is much loved and will be dearly missed.

Although I pray that we may never experience anything like COVID-19 again, one thing it did was bring our community even closer together, and showed us what a strong bond we have! I could not be more proud of our students and staff as they all rallied to meet these challenges head on and make our community stronger than ever!!

I wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy summer!
God Bless.

A Message from the Alumnae Association President

Tara Durley '85

"Life brings its challenge, let us go to meet it..." These lyrics from our school song are ingrained in the memories of many Sacred Heart alumnae. These past few challenging months and our continued time of isolation bear witness to their validity. These words have come to fruition for our beloved school and for our graduates of 2020. Like true Sacred Hearters, everything was taken in stride and the school community did meet the challenges it had to face. From classrooms to Board meetings, from retirement celebrations to Feast masses, everything went online where "virtually" everything virtual became the new norm.

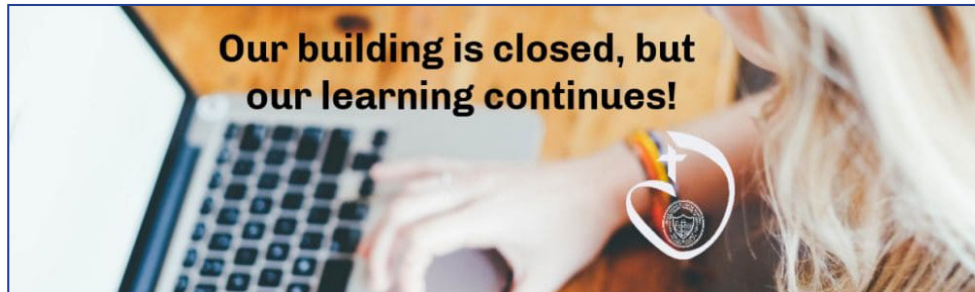
Each Spring, the graduating class is welcomed into the

Alumnae Association at the annual Pin Ceremony and Graduate Luncheon. With these ceremonies unable to happen, the Alumnae Association Board rose to the challenge and created a very heartwarming video to welcome the grads. It is filled with good wishes, a few memories and some words of advice. Unfortunately, as with most social gatherings, we will have to wait until it is safe to greet our newest members in person, but in the meantime, we wish them well as they begin the next chapter in their lives.



A very happy summer to all.

Sacred Heart During Times of Crisis



The Covid 19 Pandemic

After the Quebec government declared, on March 13, schools would be closed due to the coronavirus, the Sacred Heart School of Montreal was one of the first private schools in Quebec to launch online learning. Sacred Heart students have their own Chromebooks and already use Google for Education, so online learning began immediately and thrived.

During the spring term, students attended a full schedule of “live” morning classes and class work was done in the afternoons, allowing for students to balance schoolwork with time to relax with their families and exercise. Attendance was taken daily, and teachers followed up with each student to ensure she stayed motivated despite the challenges of the pandemic.

Student services and so much more continued to be offered virtually, as well. This included sessions with the personal and academic counselors, the librarian, House meetings, Student Council elections and General Assembly, as well as office hours with teachers and the Head of School. Community service continued online as students reached out to older alumnae, drew pictures for local organizations, offered virtual babysitting services to faculty and staff, and recorded themselves reading stories to share with local elementary school students. Sacred Heart students also made videos to show their gratitude for essential workers, and shared tips for a healthy mindset during this time of isolation. Lastly, current families, staff, and alumnae joined together for virtual masses, a retirement celebration and our annual Prizes and Convocation ceremonies to close out the year.

The 1918 Influenza Pandemic

“The year 1918 was also the year of the Spanish flu epidemic. On October 8, the day students were sent home. The boarders were allowed to remain at the Convent on the condition that they did not leave the premises. On October 16, however, the illness of two boarders obliged the religious to send the other children home. From October 8 to November 12, all schools, churches and theatres in the city were closed. On Sunday, October 20, the parish priests received permission to carry the Blessed Sacrament through the streets in supplication for the cessation of the epidemic.



The chronicler describes the event:

We were all gathered in the Study Hall at the front of the house. The procession soon arrived. First, an automobile bore two soldiers who were blowing trumpets; then, two mounted guards preceded a second automobile in which Father McShane carried the ciborium. With what emotion we bowed our heads and with what confidence we asked the Lord to cure the sick and to bring an end to the ravages of the epidemic! “

(exerpt from *City House Calling Optimum*, 1986)

A Convocation to Remember

On June 18, our 41 graduates received their high school diplomas, not from the Head of School after crossing the school stage, but from their parents in their homes during a virtual convocation. Dressed in the traditional white graduation cap and gown, academic and special prize winners were acknowledged. The impactful Graduation Address by **Sr. Maureen Glavin, RSCJ** encouraged the Class of 2020 to continue nurturing the Sacred Heart values instilled in them, such as courage, confidence and compassion, as well as to continue to grow and become instruments of God's love to help mend this broken world. The Valedictorian, **Liana Cianci**, recounted how blessed she felt to have experienced all she and her classmates have at Sacred Heart, regardless of how their final year played out.



Alicia '16, Apollonia '20 & Angelina Griffin '14



Alissa Fiorito '12 with Christina Stappas '20



Andrea Gurd '94 with daughter Isabel Blin '20



Emilie '19 and Sarah Shalhoub '20



Mackenzie '23 and Cassandra Baldry '20 with cousin Lauren MacDonald '16



Nathalie Garcin '89 with daughter Clara Hlibchuk '20



Sofia '20 and Alexa Scalia '16



Petrina Lee Poy '78 with daughter Hannah Lee Poy-Paxman '20



Rosemarie '16 and Liana Cianci '20



Sofia Muzzo '90 with daughters Mia '17, Lola '20 and Raffaella Vincenti '23



Tania Tretiak '86 with daughter Anna Garon '20



Zoë '20 and Alexis Boosamra '16



Jennifer Hopkins '88 with daughters Emily '17 and Ashley '20



Where is the Class of 2020 going?

Dawson College

Zoe Boosamra
Jenna Coverini
Niosha Mostafavi
Catherine Mourelatos
Isabelle Schoch
Christina Stappas
Gulianna Valente
Lola Vincenti
Jiamin Yuan

John Abbott College

Isabel Blin
Lauren Gale
Jennifer McDonald

Gabriela Nicolau
Emma Provencal
Sarah Shalhoub
Alice Voizard

Marianopolis College

Elena Apostolatos
Julia Cacioppo
Liana Cianci
Tianxin Fu
Anna Garon
Apollonia Griffin
Clara Hlibchuk
Ruitong Liu

Julia Picciola
Simona Ruscio
Ashley Sakaitis
Sofia Scalia
Qinyun Song
Yuqi Wang
Lai Wei
Yimin Wu
Yufei Zheng

Vanier College

Olivia Migliorelli

Grade 12: Bishop's College School

Hannah Lee Poy-Paxman

Bishop Strachan School

Bridgett Williams

Columbia International College

Zhilin Hu

Lower Canada College

Cassandra Baldry
Sehee Kang

Queen's Elite Academy of Canada

Xuyi Zhou

The Sacred Heart School of Montreal

Hao Yue

Alumnae News



Erika Wain '64 Decker, who resides in California, is a Canadian writer and beekeeper. View her many titles at ewaindecker.com and learn more about her beekeeping at klausesbees.com or [klausesbees](https://www.facebook.com/klausesbees) on Facebook

Congratulations to **Christine Lennon '81** on her



appointment as the General Manager for Incyte Biosciences Canada. Christine will be responsible for the development of Incyte's medical, regulatory and commercial strategy in Canada. A pharmaceutical executive with over 25 years of experience, Christine was President and CEO of Epigene Therapeutics and spent eight years

with Novartis in a variety of roles including Commercial Head, Solid Tumors/Rare Disorders, Novartis Oncology Canada; GM of Oncology, Novartis Ireland; and Head of Policy, Market Access, Stakeholder Relations, Novartis Oncology Canada. Christine is thrilled to join Incyte—a company recognized for discovering and developing innovative medicines and bringing them to patients around the world.

Congratulations to **Charlotte Le Fèvre '13** who is



featured on the University of Toronto Forensics website for her recently published article in *Identification Canada*. Charlotte graduated in 2019 with an Honours B.Sc. specializing in Forensic Anthropology and is currently completing her Master's degree in Edinburgh. The article, co-authored with fingerprint expert Alexandre

Beaudoin, Forensic scientist & Criminal Identification

Division manager at Sûreté du Québec, is titled *Comparing Leucocrystal Violet, Amido Black, and Acid Yellow to Enhance Bloody Fingerprints*, and expands Charlotte's internship research.

Congratulations to **Sara Anelli '18** as she was awarded a sports and academic scholarship to attend Colgate University in the fall.

Congratulations to the 2020 Alumnae Class Reps.



Elena Apostolatos



Catherine Mourelatos



Lauren Gale

Faculty News



Maria Cusma-Dovico '06 (Faculty) and Justin Boudreau (Loyola, 2005) were married on July 13th, 2019. **Melanie Tutino '06** was the Maid of Honour and **Alexandra Lantosh '06** (Faculty) was a bridesmaid. Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Alyssa Trifonopoulos** (Faculty) on her marriage to George Pantazopoulos (Loyola 2008) on May 31, 2020.



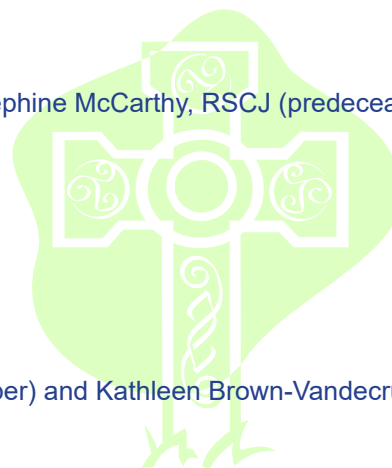
In Memory of

Alumnae

- **Mary McCarthy '45 Moore**, sister to Helen McCarthy '42 Hooper and Sr. Josephine McCarthy, RSCJ (predeceased)
- **Jacqueline Quinn '48 Long**, sister of Marth Quinn '53 Bélanger
- **Nicole Poisson '67** (Le Sault)

Family & Friends

- **Mr. Allan Battah**, father of Tania '99 and Pamela '01
- **Mr. Michael Macchiagodena**, father of Laura Macchiagodena '87 Malin
- **Mr. Stephen Skoda**, father of Theresa '85 and Cynthia '83 (predeceased)
- **Mrs. Antoinette Vandecruys**, grandmother of Erin '09 (Alumnae Board member) and Kathleen Brown-Vandecruys '11 and mother-in-law of Maureen Brown '80 (Faculty/Alumnae Coordinator)



News from the Society of the Sacred Heart

Congratulations to Juliet Mousseau, RSCJ, and eight other RSCJ from six countries, who professed their final vows as members of the Society of the Sacred Heart on January 26, 2020. The private ceremony took place at the Villa Lante community in Rome, Italy



Photo courtesy of RSCJ. org.

- Juliet Mousseau, RSCJ, United States - Canada Province
- Maria Jimena O'Neill, RSCJ, Argentina/Uruguay Province
- Amélie Jarrousse, RSCJ, Belgium/France/Netherlands Province
- Dolly (Kiran) Kumrawat, RSCJ, India Province
- Natália Do Rêgo, RSCJ, Indonesia Province
- Bang Junghye, RSCJ, Korea/Chinese Province
- Kim Jihye, RSCJ, Korea/Chinese Province
- Rachel Lema Moya, RSCJ, Democratic Republic of Congo Province
- Judith Malunga Mayasi, RSCJ, Democratic Republic of Congo Province

Félicitations et Bonne Retraite!

“Madame de Sainte Marie est une enseignante des plus aimée des élèves. Combien de nouveaux enseignants a-t-elle encouragés et accompagnés ? Mme de Sainte Marie a su transmettre l’amour de sa langue et de sa culture de mille et une façons à travers le théâtre, la poésie, la chanson, le cinéma, la couture, la mode, l’histoire et bien plus. Merci d’avoir passé autant d’années avec nous. Il y aura un peu de Madame de Sainte Marie dans tout ce que nous ferons !” (extrait du discours de Mme Laquerre à l’occasion du départ de Mme de Sainte Marie)

Congratulations to **Christiane de Sainte Marie '67** on her retirement after teaching at Sacred Heart for 23 years. Christiane followed in the footsteps of her mother and attended the City House, later switching to Collège Sophie Barat (Le Sault) to graduate. A dedicated alumna and beloved teacher, Christiane was celebrated by the Sacred Heart community at her Zoom retirement party which was held on June 11. Speeches, a commemorative video and numerous testimonies from current and former students attested to the impact she has had on so many.



Thank you to all alumnae essential workers

Alumnae Donations to *The future at heart*

The following donations were made by alumnae to the Capital Campaign, between July 1, 2019 and June 22, 2020. Any omissions are inadvertent.

1945 Kathleen Murphy Guchardi	1966 Kathleen Hurley Beatrice Keleher Raffoul	1981 Ann Carson
1946 Pauline Ramsey Joyal	1967 Maureen Elliott, CSH PG Vancouver	1982 Julie-Ann Barna Kimberley Donaldson Christine Hyde Anne-Marie Marilley Johns Susan Maruya Karin Steifenhofer Antoinette Von Hahn Christine Xavier
1948 Ann Dohan Reynolds Elizabeth Jean O'Brien Ferrier	1968 Lindsay Foss Watson Patricia Howson Christine Lengvari	1983 Anna Romano
1951 Nan Carlin Mary Jane Lukacs Edwards	1969 Catherine Cirko Margot Dionne Suzanne Du Puy Susan Emond Segal Lesley Henshaw Doris Ho Lorraine McGrath Sheelah O'Neill	1984 Dina Della Porta Clare Dillon Susan Emblem Bridget Fetterly Simone Holder Carissima Mathen Patricia McDougall Cynthia Morrison Marchand Lucille Raikes Patricia Tramley
1952 Jean Kennedy Mackinnon	1970 Joan Shlora Whipple	1985 Sarah Davey Patricia Dubé Tara Durley Stephanie Lipscombe Angela Onesi
1955 Lorette Diab Noble Suzanne Wilkins	1971 Lana Conway	1986 Carol Hoyeck Stacey Nesmith Elisabeth Sura Tania Tretiak
1956 Diana Wilkins Bell	1975 Lucille Davis	1987 Heather Harrison Hynes Natalina Romano Lovegrove
1958 Louise Burke Brzustowski Gail Capon Hill Katherine Corbett Burbank Renée David Phyllis MacNeil Nicholson Andrea Weltzl	1976 Linda Ryan	1988 Monique Thirlwell
1959 Eleanor Hynes	1977 Margot Almond Joanne Beaudoin Sandra Cooney Cristiane Tinmouth	1989 Gail Arlegui Carlene Bacchiochi Rotherham Caroline Côté Newall Evelyn De Mello
1960 Susan O'Reilly Deborah Peacock Beatty	1978 Marie Genest Martha Robinson Adele Turgeon	
1961 Denyse Bergeron	1979 Lynn Bradley Jo-Ann Lefko Johnston Juliet Waters	
1962 Beatrix Wanke Ingram	1980 Maureen Brown Stephanie (Deleo) De Leonardis Catherine Westbury	
1963 Elizabeth Behrens Jane Howson Wilson		
1965 Jeanne Gould Catherine Malott Lackenbauer		

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Tanya Fiori
Sheryl Guloy
Jennifer Javornik
Lucianne Poole
Denise Quildon
Jane Sanders Weston
Laura Sciascia
Marie-France Nguyen Greer

1990
Maria Arvanitakis-Lappas

1991
Sandra de Montigny
Ayanna Ferdinand Catlyn
Caterina Gasparini

1992
Isabel Brinck

1996
Andrea Duchesne
Jennifer Finnegan

1997
Claudia Brena-Ianiro
Heather Broderick
Valérie Guévremont
Arianna Holowka
Christine Kosiuk
Heather Laflamme
Ingrid Park
Miriam Schurman
Madeleine Sinclair

1998
Careen Hannouche
Tania Tassone

2000
Christine Saykaly
Angela To

2003
Andria Arcari

2008
Frédérique La Forge

2009
Alessia Di Giorgio

Grab a Seat Before They're Gone!

Thank you to our generous alumnae supporters who, through their "purchases" of seats in the new auditorium, are contributing toward the completion of that learning and performance space. More information on buying a seat, as a class or as an individual, is available on the Giving page of the school website at <https://www.sacredheart.qc.ca/fah/this-seat-could-be-yours/> or by contacting Lili Le Fèvre, Director of Advancement & Communications at llefevre@sacredheart.qc.ca / or at: (514) 862-9713.

The following classes have donated at least \$1,000 toward a seat in the auditorium. Congratulations!

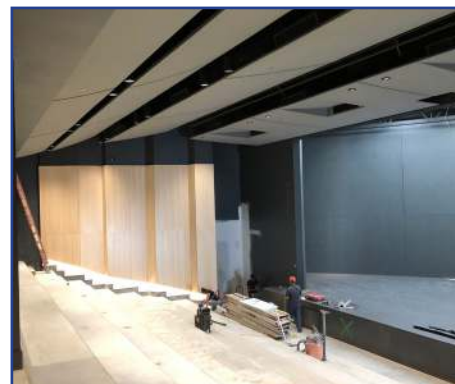
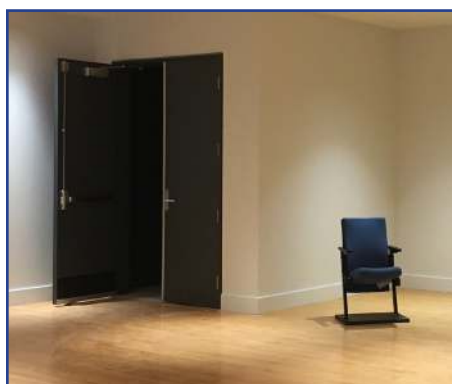
1958
1968
1979
1982
1985: In Memory of Carla-Ann Hall
1987: In Memory of Genny Marilley
1991

The following classes are working towards reaching their \$1,000 goal. Help them reach it by making a donation.

1969
1972
1978
1984
1986
1989
1997: In Memory of Mélanie Meunier
2013

Auditorium Update: Opening Fall 2020

After a brief interruption due to the pandemic, construction on the auditorium resumed mid-May. This stylish concert hall adorned with beautiful wood paneling will be ready to greet its first audiences (health guidelines allowing) in the Fall of 2020. Below are some photos of the Reception Room Lobby and the interior of the new auditorium.





The Sacred Heart School of Montreal

Dining & Reminiscing



Alumnae Reunion
October 2, 2020

Postponed until Fall 2021 when we will celebrate the anniversary years ending in 0 & 5 as well as 1 & 6. More details to come...

celebrate with our
Jubilarians, class of 1970



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