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## ‘Together Concordians make their biggest impact’

A MESSAGE FROM GRAHAM CARR

Although the COVID-19 pandemic continues to disrupt our lives, I hope that you and those close to you are healthy and coping with its evolving impact.

Despite the undeniable tension that we’re all experiencing, and the uncertainty about what the future may hold, it’s heartening to see so many members of our community determined to make a positive difference in this crisis.

I’m extremely grateful to everyone who has contributed to the COVID-19 Emergency Student Relief Fund. Thanks to the contributions of more than 500 donors, including \$50,000 from the Concordia University Alumni Association, nearly 1,400 students have been supported by the fund, which has raised more than \$1 million to date.

Our Concordia Farmers’ Market is providing free emergency food baskets for those in need. Our Ageing + Communication + Technologies (ACT) research group has mobilized teams of volunteers to shop for and deliver food to seniors, while our Concordia LIVE Centre is partnering with community organizations to make regular phone calls to those who are homebound.

Such generosity makes me especially proud to share this year’s edition of *Momentum*, our annual newsletter to promote the benefit of philanthropy. The profiles of our students and donors in its pages demonstrate the profound difference that your gifts make.

Philanthropy plays a vital role in advancing Concordia’s ambition to be Canada’s next-generation university. Now, more than ever, we must reflect on what a next-generation university should be. And now, more than ever, I thank you for your ongoing support.

Please take care of yourselves and continue to follow the advice of public health officials wherever you are.

**Graham Carr**  
Concordia President

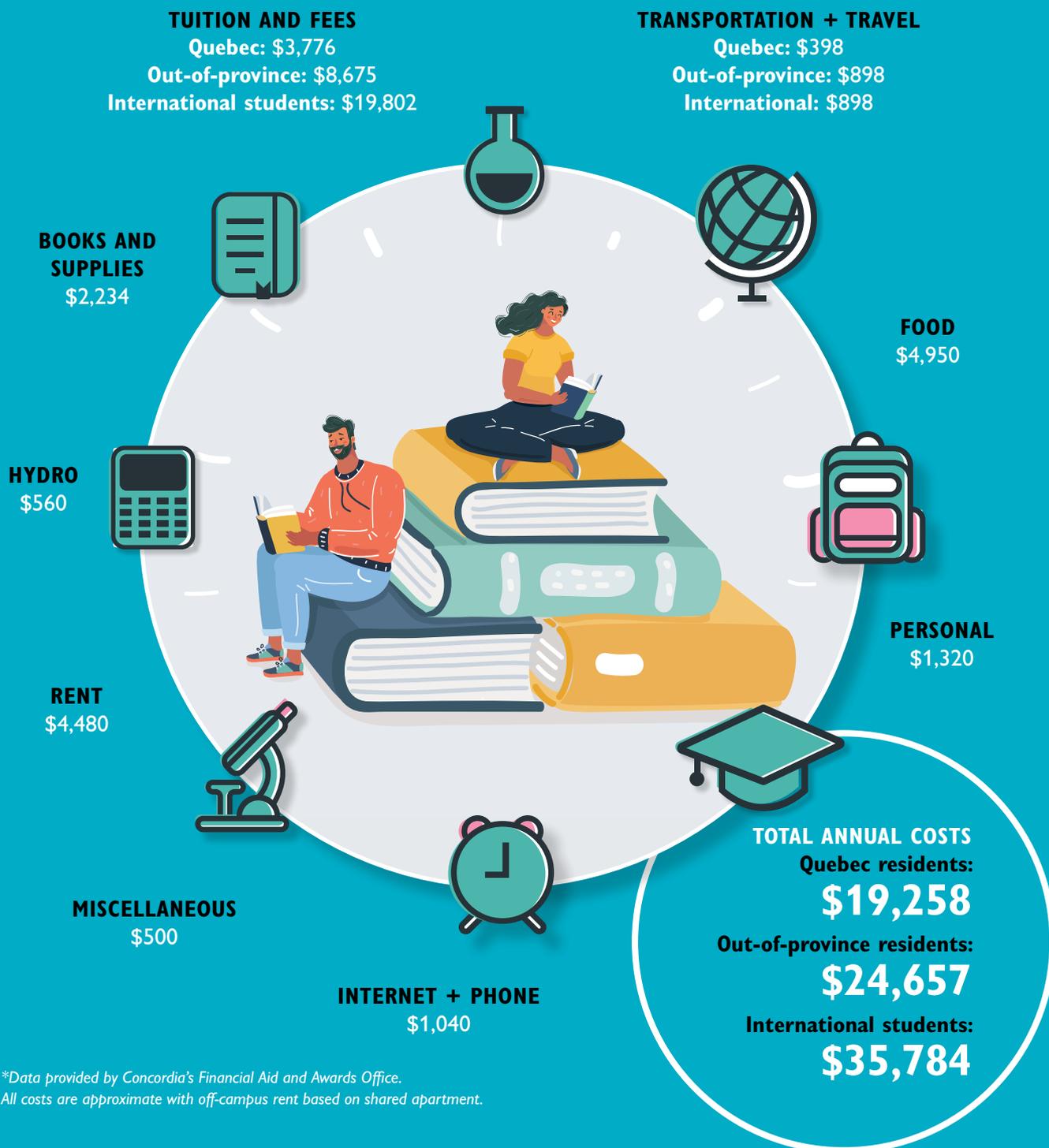
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# By the numbers: the annual student budget

As the cost of being a student continues to increase, so does the number of individuals who rely on financial aid each year. Beyond tuition, students need to consider their cost of living by balancing funds for books, transportation, rent and food, among other spending.

**What are the yearly expenses? Find out below.**

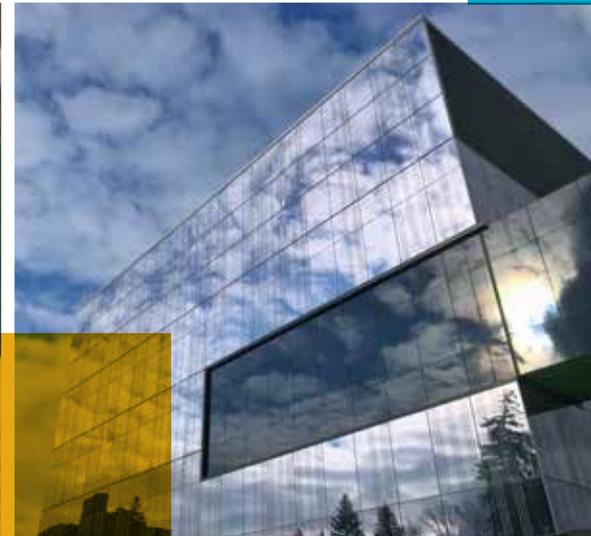


*\*Data provided by Concordia's Financial Aid and Awards Office.  
All costs are approximate with off-campus rent based on shared apartment.*



# We did it first

From new research chairs to reaching gender parity in the workplace and delivering online learning during a pandemic, Concordia is showing the world that great things happen here. **Find out what Concordians achieved first over the past year.**





**In a university first, Concordia responded to a global challenge — the COVID-19**

**outbreak — in real time, by offering most of its classes online.** The university trained more than 1,000 full- and part-time faculty to deliver their courses via Moodle.



**Concordia partnered with Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton, Catallaxy**

**and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) to create the first Industrial Research Chair in Blockchain Technologies.** The principal chairholder, Jeremy Clark, is an associate professor at the Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science.



**Concordia became the first university in Canada to issue a sustainable**

**bond.** The \$25-million investment will help finance the new LEED-certified Science Hub on the university's Loyola Campus. On-site research will include aquatic biology, microscopy, cellular imaging, nanoscience, bioprocessing, and chemical and materials engineering.



**Jodi Calahoo-Stonehouse became Concordia's first innovator-in-residence.** She

hosted a series of conversations and workshops at the SHIFT Centre for Social Transformation, and discussed how Indigenous worldviews can create systemic change.



**The John Molson School of Business became the first business school certified**

**by Women in Governance** with a commitment to gender parity in the workplace.



**Kitty Scott, BFA 90, became the first woman to hold the position of chief curator of**

**the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa.** She also takes on the role of new deputy director.

*Photo: National Gallery of Canada*



**Concordia announced its first partnership with the Court of Quebec.**

In collaboration with Morton Minc, BA 67, Concordia's jurist-in-residence, the court will host up to eight students from the Law and Society minor in the Department of History, who will gain behind-the-scenes access to the province's judicial system.



**Concordia University Press published its first book, *Everything is Relevant:***

*Writings on Art and Life, 1991-2018*, a collection of texts by Vancouver-born Ken Lum. The work is part of a series of writings by Canadian artists launched by the press in the past year.



**Concordia launched the Black Perspectives Initiative (BPI), the first hub**

**of its kind at the university,** which connects and supports activities related to Black perspectives, initiatives and scholarships on campus and within the broader Montreal community. Annick Maugile Flavien, BSc 13, GrDip 15, MA 18, is the BPI's founding coordinator.

Discover more of what Concordia achieved first in Montreal, Quebec, Canada and the world: [concordia.ca/concordiafirsts](https://concordia.ca/concordiafirsts).

# Reader's Digest Foundation of Canada

HELPING ADVANCE  
TOMORROW'S JOURNALISTS



Photo by Daniel Ehrenworth

Concordia's renowned Department of Journalism has produced many of Canada's finest journalists since its founding in 1975. Today, students in the department are increasingly gaining hands-on experience and learning from professionals in the field thanks to the Reader's Digest Foundation of Canada.

The foundation has contributed to the department's success by funding the Reader's Digest Foundation of Canada Scholarship, the Reader's Digest Annual Lecture Series in Journalism, the Reader's Digest Professional Skills Development Workshops and the Reader's Digest Digital Internship at Concordia.

"Journalism is as important as ever, as complicated as it has ever been," says Mark Pupo, editor-in-chief of Reader's Digest Canada. "It tells the important stories that people need to read to understand the communities, the country and the world they live in."

## 'ONE OF THE BEST JOURNALISM PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRY'

The Reader's Digest Foundation of Canada has funded journalism initiatives across Canada since 1976. At Concordia, that includes the prestigious Reader's Digest Scholarship in Journalism, established in 2000.

"This is a merit-based scholarship," says Pupo. "It recognizes excellence in students and gives everyone in the journalism program something to aspire to, and a reason to double down on their studies and pursue that level of excellence in journalism."

**"Concordia has without question one of the best journalism programs in the country."**

The Reader's Digest Foundation of Canada also funds the hugely popular Reader's Digest Annual Lecture Series in Journalism. Past speakers include Chantal Hébert, LLD 14, Stevie Cameron and Mark Kelley, BA 85.

"Sometimes journalism is a tough industry to get into, and often today there are a lot of funding challenges," Pupo notes. "So hearing from people who have had varied careers can be really inspiring."

Meanwhile, the Reader's Digest Digital Internship supports Concordia's strategic directions, including to "Get Your Hands Dirty", by offering students hands-on experience outside the classroom to deepen knowledge and effect change.

Pupo proudly points out that "Concordia is part of the Reader's Digest family of journalism. I have met a lot of great graduates who have come out of that program and contributed great journalism and journalistic leadership in Canada. Concordia has without question one of the best journalism programs in the country."



## Ornella Zatar

HOW DONOR SUPPORT EMPOWERED  
A CONCORDIA STUDENT-ATHLETE  
TO PURSUE HER PASSION

From a young age, Ornella Zatar always knew she wanted to work in the world of sports.

"I have played basketball since I was seven years old," says Zatar, who was an exceptional athlete throughout her youth.

The Canadian-born Zatar played professionally for the Riyadi Club in Lebanon, where she grew up, before returning to Montreal to embark on her studies at Concordia. At the university, she became a member of the Stingers women's basketball team in 2017-18.

As she pursued her Bachelor of Commerce at the John Molson School of Business, Zatar realized she would require financial assistance. In 2019 she applied for it and was awarded \$1,000 as a recipient of the Campaign for a New Millennium Bursary.

"The bursary is important because it helps pay for basic student needs such as university supplies and textbooks, which are quite expensive for a student," Zatar says. "It has helped give me some peace of mind."

### **A MULTICULTURAL PLACE TO CALL HOME**

Zatar is currently an exchange student at the Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences in the Netherlands.

"In Amsterdam, I recognize the diversity we have at Concordia," says Zatar, who will return to Montreal in summer 2020. "Canada is a very multicultural country and I enjoy how Concordia is home to students from all cultural backgrounds."

Zatar says Concordia continues to shape her as a person. In addition to her studies, she has volunteered for Career Management Services and was a sports delegate on the John Molson Competition Committee, which runs the largest case competition program in the world.

"I feel extracurricular activities and getting involved are important in a student's university career."

**"I believe sports can help you grow as a person. Sports helped me become the disciplined person that I am now."**

In addition to her contributions to Concordia, Zatar has been a basketball coach at the Pensionnat du Saint-Nom-de-Marie private girls' high school in Montreal since 2017 and completed a certificate in Fundamentals of Global Sports Management at New York University.

She is now looking ahead to the next step in her career: "I would like to do a master's in sports marketing and management."

Zatar is grateful that a Concordia bursary helped her to pursue her passion.

"I believe sports can help you grow as a person. Sports helped me become the disciplined person that I am now."

## Carolina Gallo

INSPIRING YOUNG WOMEN  
TO CHANGE THE WORLD



In the early 1980s when Carolina Gallo, BA 84, studied political science at Concordia, she was an advocate for social justice.

More than 35 years later, not much has changed.

As vice-president of Government and Institutional Relations Canada for global engineering firm ABB Power Grids, Gallo combines her energy and passion with her commitment to the environment to help navigate her industry towards sustainable solutions.

Following graduation from Concordia, Gallo set her sights on a law degree at the Université de Montréal, knowing it would put her in a better position to champion the causes close to her heart, particularly the promotion of women.

In serving on the advisory board of the Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science, Gallo found inspiration in the School's chief supporter and namesake. She credits Gina Cody, MEng 81, PhD 89, for galvanizing the university through her \$15-million gift in support of students and research, while encouraging inclusiveness and diversity.

"She has flipped perceptions about women," Gallo said. "Her commitment, her passion, her leadership, her message of positivity, is a beacon of light."

### MOTIVATED TO PAY IT FORWARD

Gallo recently acted on a long-held desire to not only pay tribute to the university that shaped her social conscience, but to honour Gina Cody as well.

She established the Carolina Gallo Scholarship for Women in Engineering and Computer Science to encourage young women to study in fields still dominated by men. The scholarship honours the grandmother after whom she is named.

"My grandmother was a strong and beautiful woman," Gallo said. "She lived and suffered through the war and came to Canada to make sure we had all the opportunities available to us. It is in gratitude that I created this scholarship in her name."

**"I am very proud of what Concordia has become. It made me who I am, and it continues to demonstrate what it means to be progressive, open and inclusive."**

Gallo hopes the scholarship inspires and supports young women in engineering and computer science to become agents of change — and she believes Concordia is the best place to start.

"I am very proud of what Concordia has become," she said. "It made me who I am, and it continues to demonstrate what it means to be progressive, open and inclusive. These are the three values that you need to survive in this world. In 2020, Concordia is the coolest place to be."

## Khoa Trinh

ENGINEERING A BRIGHTER FUTURE



**K**hoa Trinh lives in a basement apartment in Côte-des-Neiges, “the quintessential immigrant neighbourhood,” he says with a laugh.

An undergraduate software engineering student in his second semester at Concordia, Trinh grew up in Vietnam. He came to Canada when he was 16 with the help of his parents, who saved up enough for him to attend Westmount High School in Montreal.

He decided to stay for CEGEP, even though the financial support from his parents ended when he graduated from high school. To afford his three years studying finance at LaSalle College, Trinh borrowed money from his extended family — money he paid back when school finished and he took a job at a bank. It took him just over two years to pay off the debt before Trinh decided he was ready to enrol at Concordia.

“In Vietnam, I was the only student taking notes at school with a pencil and paper; everyone else had a laptop,” he says. “It’s what developed my interest in engineering. I’d visit computer stores and spend two-to-three hours a week playing around on computers, trying to figure them out.”

### LIFE-CHANGING SUPPORT

Trinh is only five courses into his four-year program at Concordia, yet he’s making the most of his experience through the hands-on projects he works

on academically, as well as the clubs and activities he participates in socially.

Trinh is a grateful recipient of the Broccolini Construction Undergraduate Bursary in Building Engineering. When he returned to university, he had decided to stop working to focus on his studies. The award helped him pay for two semesters of study.

“When I received the news about the bursary, I was on cloud nine,” Trinh says.

“It’s easy for immigrants to feel alone in a new country, without any support, but having this kind of support can be life-changing for someone like me. It really encouraged me to work harder — and for that I want to say thank you to donors of bursaries.”

After graduating from Concordia, Trinh first sees himself working as a software developer, before merging his experience in finance and engineering to take on a bigger project management role.

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## Zhuo Ling

FROM STUDENT TO DONOR:  
DETERMINATION SHAPES FUTURE  
SUCCESS AT CONCORDIA

When Zhuo Ling, BComm 11, was a student in finance at Concordia's John Molson School of Business (JMSB), he had a bold idea. Convinced that he would benefit more from a double major — the other being in economics at the Faculty of Arts and Science — he advocated that any double combination of majors should be available for students.

Ling recognized it would be a long shot, but he persevered. He approached George Kanaan, then associate dean of Academic and Student Affairs at JMSB. Though he graduated before the formal change was approved, Ling credits Kanaan for seeing his request through. In gratitude to Kanaan, who is now a professor in the Department of Accountancy, Ling created the Dr. George Kanaan Scholarship at Concordia.

**“As a recipient of multiple scholarships, I personally benefited from the generosity of alumni and supporters. It is therefore an honour for me to pay it forward to those who are engaged at the university.”**

“I wanted to establish the scholarship to honour Kanaan because he listened and believed in me,” Ling says. “Ultimately, he changed the life of future generations of JMSB students who want to pursue multidisciplinary studies.”

### GRATITUDE GOES A LONG WAY

Ling's appreciation extends to his parents, in whose names he established two additional awards — the Jinyue Ling Bursary and the Manjiang Zhuo Scholarship — at the Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science.

After immigrating to Canada from China in 1997, Ling's father took on what he calls a traditionally new-immigrant job — working at a *dépanneur* — to provide for his family. His mother pursued undergraduate and master's degrees in computer science at Concordia — today, she is a senior software engineer at an American technology firm in Boston.

“Concordia and the computer science program have played an integral role for my family. As a recipient of multiple scholarships, I personally benefited from the generosity of alumni and supporters. It is therefore an honour for me to pay it forward to those who are engaged at the university.”

Reflecting on his time at Concordia, Ling says he met brilliant people from various cultures and backgrounds, all working together towards a common goal, whether it was group work or organizing orientation week.

“Our views were so different we might as well have been coming from different planets. In the end, we learned from each other and opened our minds to different perspectives,” he says.

“Concordia is a perfect reflection of Montreal and its diverse communities.”

## Sabrina Arsenault

HOW AN ART-THERAPIST-IN-TRAINING GOT THE BOOST SHE NEEDED FROM THE PETER N. THOMSON FAMILY GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

The road to becoming an art therapist isn't always easy, according to Concordia master's student Sabrina Arsenault.

"It takes a lot of determination," she says. "People who study art therapy are generally very passionate about it," she says.

Arsenault, who specializes in intergenerational mental health issues and their social impacts, currently works with people with mental health issues, as well as caregivers, as part of her master's program in Concordia's Department of Creative Arts Therapies. She also has a daughter who is three years old.

"Being a parent really showed me, on a personal level, what kind of influence family relationships have on the well-being of future generations," says Arsenault, who was awarded the \$20,000 Peter N. Thomson Family Graduate Scholarship in 2019. The funding enables master's-level students to dedicate more time to their creative, academic and professional development.

"My partner has supported me while I've been attending pre-university courses and university studies for eight years now and I am so grateful. The scholarship really helped propel us," she says. "It allowed me to help my family, too."

Arsenault travels four days a week to Montreal from Val-David, where she lives with her partner and daughter.

"Val-David is about 100 kilometres away from the university and I commute with public transportation, which takes a fair amount of perseverance and time. But my partner works [in Val-David] and my daughter



**"I love school and I love learning — and I wonder if I'll ever stop."**

has a wonderful daycare there, so it would be too difficult to relocate the entire family for my schooling."

### COMBINING PASSIONS

Arsenault originally took Quebec college diplomas in human sciences and art — and then realized she could combine her two key interests with art therapy.

As a lifelong learner, Arsenault hopes to follow her graduate studies with a PhD in art therapy, with a focus on families and couples — as well as work for a not-for-profit organization to help people who might not otherwise have access to support.

Being awarded the Peter N. Thomson Family Graduate Scholarship has given Arsenault the boost she needed to persevere and she's grateful for it.

"I love school and I love learning — and I wonder if I'll ever stop."



## Philippe Boucher

STRIVING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

As a non-Indigenous student pursuing an undergraduate degree in First Peoples Studies at Concordia, Philippe Boucher is aware he is an outsider.

“I’m at Concordia to learn, through friendship and partnership, which is something that matters to me a lot,” Boucher says. “Social justice became very important when I began to learn about the history of Indigenous peoples in Canada and residential schools. I realized there were a lot of things I didn’t know and felt I had the responsibility to know, so I really wanted to learn more and share this knowledge.”

Though Boucher grew up in Île-Bizard in a mostly francophone environment, he applied to Concordia for his studies. In addition to perfecting his English with the support of his professors, Boucher — who recently returned from an exchange in Finland — also studied Inuktitut while at Concordia to help prepare to work in Northern Labrador.

As a recipient of the Francis P. Higgins Memorial Bursary, Boucher is grateful for the support that gave him a bit more stability.

“Having this bursary allows me to make decisions that aren’t just based on finances, but on what I actually want to do. It helps to remove some of the financial constraints, which gives me more freedom, in a way.”

“I’m at Concordia to learn, through friendship and partnership, which is something that matters to me a lot.”

### AN ACTIVE COMMUNITY MEMBER

Boucher has been involved with the Indigenous community in Montreal for a couple of years and has also worked in a community in Nunavik, in Northern Quebec, as well as in Northern Labrador over the past two summers.

He’s also been greatly involved at the university — as former co-president of the First Peoples Studies Member Association, and also with First Voices Week, and StartUP Nations. He was additionally chosen to be a Spark! ambassador for student engagement by the Concordia Council of Student Life.

For his efforts, Boucher was awarded a 2020 Quebec Lieutenant Governor’s Youth Medal. The prestigious prize recognizes the involvement and determination of Quebecers who positively influence their community.

Boucher, who eventually sees himself becoming a researcher, would also like to take on a role in the prison system, “to help make it a more supportive system,” he says.

“I don’t know exactly what I want to do, but I want to work towards social justice.”

## Natalie Voland

MAKING SPACE FOR  
CREATIVE PRACTICE



As one of the founding board members of Quartier de l'innovation, a non-profit organization that links businesses with government and universities, Natalie Voland began her first of many collaborations with Concordia.

Since then, the relationship has continued to deepen and Voland, who is the founder and president of the commercial real-estate developer Quo Vadis, is now supporting the next generation of artists at Concordia with a gift of studio space.

"I didn't want to just give the space and call it a day," says Voland. "We've created an agreement so that Concordia students, whatever they're working on, know that there's a whole community of artists in the building that they can go to if they need support or want to talk about research."

Housed in Complexe Canal Lachine, the space spans more than 1,400 square feet — a large studio available to PhD students in Concordia's Individualized Program and Humanities program from now until 2024. Among the building's tenants are painters, photographers, publishers, game designers and architects. Concordia students will have full-time access to the building's services, which include a restaurant, wireless lounges and an art gallery.

**"Concordia's education is very real and there's an organic way to collaborate. What we do is create communities. And communities are incomplete without universities."**

"If we don't support our students and what they're doing, then for me, we're losing an investment," Voland says. "We wanted to pair up the older artists in the building with newer ones because it's daunting to start a career in art. And now Concordia has a home directly in our buildings."

Future plans for the partnership include an open house for the PhD students at Complexe Canal Lachine so they can showcase their work to the community. Voland would also like to see programming open to all tenants in the building to "create a synergy between students and a real working community in the art world."

### **'CONCORDIA'S EDUCATION IS VERY REAL'**

Voland is currently pursuing her PhD at Concordia, conducting research with Ursula Eicker, Canada Excellence Research Chair in Smart, Sustainable and Resilient Communities and Cities. Though she only embarked on her studies at the beginning of 2020, Voland is already working with Eicker on programming to prototype in Quo Vadis's projects.

At the helm of a Certified B Corporation, Voland says that part of Quo Vadis's mission is to build community while being conscious of her industry's environmental impact. Building on Concordia's expertise to help her company progress the way it does business, Voland takes pride in her affiliation with the university.

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## Richard and Edith Strauss Foundation

NEXT-GEN RESEARCH SUPPORTS  
LIVING BETTER, LONGER



Two Concordia researchers and their teams are finding new ways to promote better living thanks to major support from the Richard and Edith Strauss Foundation.

“People are living longer, but they want to live better. Many people remain active well into their 70s, even into their 80s,” says Serge Labelle, a retired biomedical engineer and member of the foundation’s board of directors. “The work being done at Concordia is extremely important to the aging population and is well aligned with the foundation’s vision.”

Since 2015, the Richard and Edith Strauss Foundation has provided seed funding to two research projects at Concordia’s PERFORM Centre, a state-of-the-art facility on Loyola Campus that provides an integrated and comprehensive environment to promote healthy living.

The support includes the renewal of a project led by Hassan Rivaz, Concordia University Research Chair in Medical Imaging Analysis and associate professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

First funded with a \$75,000 grant and then renewed for three more years, Rivaz’s research project aims to improve medical image processing algorithms that help clinicians with detection and treatment. He also develops new health-care-related image analysis techniques that integrate ultrasound and machine learning, among other technologies.

The second project funded by the foundation, is led by Pat Forgione, associate professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Forgione’s research focuses on green and medicinal

chemistry, particularly in the development of novel anti-viral and anti-cancer therapeutic agents, as well as novel inhibitors of the Hepatitis C virus.

“The grants the foundation awards are intended as seed money,” Labelle says. “This encourages new and young researchers to pursue their work. It’s also an incentive for them to seek funding from the major funding bodies. Having been awarded seed money from the Richard and Edith Strauss Foundation adds weight and credibility to the researcher’s request.”

**“The motivation behind the foundation’s mission is simple: to give back to the community to make a real difference.”**

### FOUNDERS’ VISION BROUGHT TO LIFE

Both Rivaz’s and Forgione’s projects are in line with objectives envisioned by the late Richard and Edith Strauss, a couple who had emigrated from Austria and later became successful in agribusiness. They established their foundation in 1967 to support medical and health-based research.

Labelle believes the foundation’s mission is vitally important because medical research and funding for it is so competitive. The motivation behind the foundation’s mission is simple, he says: to give back to the community to make a real difference.

“The research the foundation supports is a gift to society.”



## Doreen Haddad

A MOTHER'S TRIBUTE SUPPORTS  
THE NEXT GENERATION

**“I think her years at Concordia were the biggest highlight in Kelly-Anne’s life. And that is my plan for this scholarship, to support the sport and the school that she loved.”**

**D**oreen Haddad felt exhilaration each time she watched her daughter Kelly-Anne Drummond, BA 02, play for the Concordia Stingers women’s rugby team from 1999 through 2001.

“Kelly-Anne was a hooker, I remember they would heave her up into the air and she would just throw that ball!” Haddad recalls. “Kelly-Anne was a compact player, 5 foot 2, 130 pounds and all muscle. She loved the challenge of throwing that ball or running with it.”

After graduating from Concordia with a major in communication studies, Drummond became a tragic casualty of domestic violence in 2004. She was killed by her partner, who was later convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison.

To honour Drummond’s life, the inaugural Kelly-Anne Drummond Cup between the Stingers and McGill Martlets women’s rugby teams was held in 2005. Proceeds from the annual game benefit Women Aware, a non-profit, community-based centre founded by former victims of domestic violence. The 15th annual Kelly-Anne Drummond Cup was played in September 2019, where Haddad presented the trophy to the winning team.

### **‘MY PLAN FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP IS TO SUPPORT THE SPORT AND THE SCHOOL THAT SHE LOVED’**

In 2019, Haddad created the Kelly-Anne Drummond Scholarship in partnership with the Concordia Women’s Rugby team. The \$1,000 scholarship supports a member of the women’s team, with the inaugural scholarship awarded to third-year student Tess Armstrong.

Eligible undergraduate students must be enrolled “at least in their second year at Concordia,” Haddad says. “She must be a woman who is committed to Concordia, to playing women’s rugby, and who has the same ideals and aspirations as Kelly-Anne.

“These girls have a lot on their shoulders. So a \$1,000 scholarship goes a long way. If a student doesn’t have to go out and work, then I am happy. Their priority is studying and sport.”

Haddad is proud the scholarship also continues her daughter’s legacy.

“I think her years at Concordia were the biggest highlight in Kelly-Anne’s life,” Haddad says. “And that is my plan for this scholarship, to support the sport and the school that she loved.”

# Fast Facts 2018-19

 **24**  
RESEARCH  
CHAIRS

REVENUES  
OPERATING FUND  
**\$485,833,000**

SPONSORED RESEARCH INCOME\*  
**\$55,999,000**

**17**  
**ALUMNI  
CHAPTERS**  
IN CITIES ACROSS  
NORTH AMERICA,  
EUROPE, AFRICA,  
THE MIDDLE  
EAST AND ASIA

CONCORDIA  
CONFERRED  
**2,381**  
GRADUATE DEGREES  
+  
**5,454**  
UNDERGRADUATE  
DEGREES

**22000**  


**21%** INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENTS

**51,903**  
STUDENTS  


**2,177**  
FACULTY MEMBERS\*\*  
**6,387**  
TOTAL EMPLOYEES

5,074

CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION STUDENTS

9,675

GRADUATE STUDENTS

37,154

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS



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ALUMNI AROUND THE WORLD

UNIVERSITY-RECOGNIZED RESEARCH UNITS/INFRASTRUCTURE PLATFORMS



21

\*2017-18 data

\*\* Includes full-time and part-time faculty (including continuing education) and librarians



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“This opportunity inspired me to find pleasure in music again.”

— **OLIVIA KHOURY**

Recipient of the Dr. Oscar Peterson Jazz Scholarship

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“This award encourages me to always try to achieve the best I can give — as a student, as a mother and as a citizen of the world.”

— **CAROLINE YOEUNG**

Recipient of the TD Bank Financial Group Bursary

“I hope research I participate in will change society and you will know your donation had a positive and significant impact.”

— **ALEXANDRE TETREAU**

Recipient of the Campaign for a New Millennium Student Contributions Graduate Scholarship — John Molson School of Business

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“Your support is beyond benevolent; it is life-changing.”

— **LIZA MAKAROVA**

Recipient of the Carolyn and Richard Renaud Entrance Bursary

“This bursary will open doors for me that would have otherwise remained closed.”

— **BRAHM ELSTER**

Recipient of the Pomponio Family Undergraduate Award

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“I hope that one day I have the chance to help others, as you have helped me.”

— **ASEFEH SALARINEZHAD**

Recipient of the Professor Jaleel Ahmad Scholarship

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— **GRAHAM CARR, PRESIDENT  
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY**

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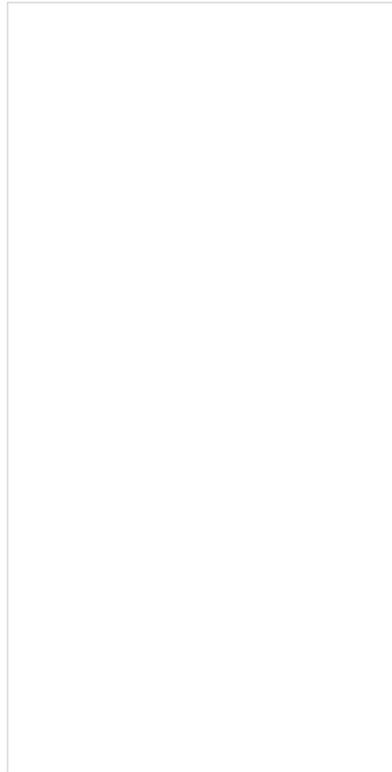
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