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BOLDLY ADVANCING
This 2019 President’s Report tries to capture some of the incredible progress our community has made over the past year.

You will read about successes that signal our place as one of Quebec and Canada’s major universities.

As I near the end of my mandate as Concordia’s president, I am proud of our achievements and excited about the university’s future. We have really come into our own.

Enjoy the read!

Alan Shepard
President
CONCORDIA AT A GLANCE*

11th largest university in Canada, fourth largest in Quebec

8,400+ international students from more than 150 countries

About 400 undergraduate and 200 graduate programs

80% of final-year undergraduate students rated their “entire educational experience” as excellent or good
– National Survey of Student Engagement

Second highest proportion, 54.9%, of graduate students from outside Canada among Canadian medical doctoral and comprehensive universities
– Maclean’s 2019 University Rankings

83% of final-year undergraduate students satisfied or very satisfied with the overall quality of their Concordia education

88% of final-year undergraduates satisfied or very satisfied with their decision to attend Concordia
– Canadian University Survey Consortium

89% of graduate students rated the quality of their Concordia academic experience as good, very good or excellent

85% of graduate students rated the quality of their overall Concordia experience as good, very good or excellent
– Canadian Graduate and Professional Student Survey

Concordia University, located in the vibrant and multicultural city of Montreal, is among the top-ranked universities worldwide founded within the last 50 years and among the largest urban universities in Canada. Concordia prepares more than 50,000 students for a world of challenges and opportunities.

As a next-generation university, Concordia strives to be forward-looking, agile and responsive, while remaining deeply rooted in the community and globally networked. Our nine strategic directions exemplify a bold, daring, innovative and transformative approach to university education and research.

Our more than 2,300 faculty and researchers collaborate with other thinkers, Montreal-based companies and international organizations. concordia.ca/about
OUR STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS
Concordia’s nine strategic directions set out our vision for the future:

DOUBLE OUR RESEARCH | TEACH FOR TOMORROW | GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY | MIX IT UP | EXPERIMENT BOLDLY | GROW SMARTLY | EMBRACE THE CITY, EMBRACE THE WORLD | GO BEYOND | TAKE PRIDE

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A NEXT-GENERATION UNIVERSITY
Concordia prides itself as Canada’s next-generation university. We set our sights further and more broadly than other Canadian universities. We align the quality of learning opportunities to larger trends and grand challenges facing society.

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CONCORDIA RANKINGS*
Concordia and its programs place among the top universities in Canada and the world in international rankings.

#1 in Canada University under 50 years
– QS Top 50 Under 50 Rankings

One of Montreal’s top employers
– Canada’s Top 100 employers

#1 in Canada, Comprehensive Social Sciences and Humanities
Research Council of Canada grants, average size and number

#6 in Canada, Comprehensive Reputation

#8 in Canada, Comprehensive Student Satisfaction
– Maclean’s University Rankings

#4 in Canada MBA
– Bloomberg Businessweek’s Best B-Schools, in Canada

#5 in Canada Online course registrations
– Canadian Digital Learning Research Association

#3 in Canada/Top 150 in world Art & Design

#6 in Canada/Top 150 in world Architecture/Built Environment

#6 in Canada/Top 150 in world Communication & Media Studies
– QS World University Rankings by Subject
* as of March 2019
16 ALUMNI CHAPTERS IN CITIES ACROSS NORTH AMERICA, EUROPE, AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST AND ASIA

4,222 CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION STUDENTS

9,040 GRADUATE STUDENTS

37,053 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

215,000 UNIVERSE-RECOGNIZED RESEARCH UNITS/INFRASTRUCTURE PLATFORMS

2,349 ***FACULTY MEMBERS

6,450 **TOTAL EMPLOYEES

ALUMNI AROUND THE WORLD

IN CITIES ACROSS NORTH AMERICA, EUROPE, AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST AND ASIA

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

ALUMNI AROUND THE WORLD
CONCORDIA MADE HISTORY ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2018. IT BECAME THE FIRST CANADIAN UNIVERSITY WITH AN ENGINEERING FACULTY NAMED AFTER A WOMAN: THE GINA CODY SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE.

“I believe society will be a better place for everyone when higher education is a fundamental right,” says Gina Parvaneh Cody, MEng 81, PhD 89. “In many countries, education is the only way for women or the underprivileged to succeed. It is a natural evolution to a better and more inclusive world.”

Cody speaks from experience. After arriving from Iran in 1979, she became the first woman to graduate with a PhD in building engineering from Concordia. She then worked for three decades to become a highly successful engineering executive.

Cody’s conviction about the power of education and the gratitude she has toward her alma mater led her to make a historic, $15-million donation to Concordia and the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science. Cody’s gift is the largest to date in support of the Campaign for Concordia: Next-Gen. Now, which kicked off in 2017.

“This is a watershed moment for engineering and computer science in Canada,” says Concordia President Alan Shepard. “Gina Cody’s gift will have a profound impact on our institution. It allows us to fund three research chairs, new scholarships for students and major inclusivity and equity initiatives. Gina is a role model for all of us. Her generosity will greatly benefit the next generation — and ultimately our society.”

LEADING BY EXAMPLE
Cody hopes her example will encourage fellow alumni. “I want this donation to inspire other proud Concordia graduates to come forward,” she says. “The goal is that in 10 to 15 years there will be so many examples like me that I am forgotten. I hope there will be so many women in science, engineering and technology that it’s no longer an issue — that it becomes the norm.”

Cody’s donation will provide for graduate and undergraduate scholarships — to attract top students and researchers, and encourage inclusiveness — and bolster next-gen research on smart cities. It will also support three new chairs: in data analytics and artificial intelligence; in the internet of things; and in Industry 4.0 and advanced manufacturing.

“The impact of Gina Cody’s gift is huge,” says Amir Asif, dean of the Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science. “We aspire to be the next-generation university — developing technological advances for the benefit of society. A significant portion of the gift will be used to provide greater opportunities for visible minorities and women.”

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HISTORIC $15-MILLION GIFT FOR THE GINA CODY SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE
ON THE WAY TO A
NEW
SCIENCE HUB
The university’s new state-of-the-art Science Hub on the Loyola Campus is scheduled to open its doors in fall 2019. “This project reflects Concordia’s drive to provide top researchers with the most innovative and appropriate environments to support their research, take their projects to the next level and train students for the jobs of tomorrow,” says Christophe Guy, vice president of Research and Graduate Studies.

The facility’s design accommodates many of the transdisciplinary activities set to take place in the new space. The team of researchers in “the Hub” will include those studying aquatic biology, microscopy, cellular imaging, nanoscience, bioprocessing and chemical and materials engineering. The expansion will also host science and engineering teams working with Concordia’s District 3 Innovation Center that require wet lab space.

**Canada’s First Genome Foundry**

One of the jewels in the Hub’s crown is the newly opened Genome Foundry, the first Canadian laboratory of its kind and among only a handful at leading institutions around the world. The foundry not only is home to research in a next-generation scientific field — it houses robots that will bring massive increases in the speed and scale of synthetic biology research.

By automating notoriously labour-intensive lab work, the foundry will eliminate bottlenecks in a rapidly evolving field, where the design principles of engineering fuse with the tools of biology to create meaningful synthetic biological systems.

“The Genome Foundry solidifies Concordia’s position as the Canadian leader in synthetic biology research, and will enable our scientists to work at the cutting edge while facilitating partnerships with other institutions,” says Guy.

Currently, much of the lab work done by synthetic biologists involves moving and combining small amounts of liquids and cells. The Genome Foundry’s robotics allow for speed and absolute precision, greatly increasing the variety and number of experiments that can be completed, and the accuracy with which they can be reproduced.

“This is a monumental addition to Canada’s synthetic biology ecosystem. It empowers us to navigate uncharted waters alongside our international colleagues, and to incubate the future leaders of our field,” says Vincent Martin, co-director of Concordia’s synthetic biology hub along with the Centre for Applied Synthetic Biology.

The centre aims to develop high-value applications in human health, agriculture, chemicals and environmental technologies. It also provides a broad range of unique opportunities — such as the recently announced Synthetic Biology Applications program, Canada’s first Collaborative Research and Training Experience — for training leading experts in the field.

“IT EMPOWERS US TO NAVIGATE UNCHARTED WATERS ALONGSIDE OUR INTERNATIONAL COLLEAGUES, AND TO INCUBATE THE FUTURE LEADERS OF OUR FIELD.”
Vivek Venkatesh, director of Concordia’s Centre for the Study of Learning and Performance, has accepted a prestigious appointment as co-chair on the Prevention of Radicalization and Violent Extremism, established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

This chair is the first of its kind in the world and underscores the role of education as a tool to counter the spread of terrorism. Venkatesh’s co-chairs are David Morin from Université de Sherbrooke and Ghayda Hassan from Université du Québec à Montréal.

Sébastien Goupil, secretary general of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, says UNESCO chairs have become vitally important components in the UN system. “Their contribution to the implementation of sustainable development goals and to the discussion of UNESCO’s priority issues is invaluable,” he says.

The UNESCO work by Venkatesh, Morin, a political scientist, and Hassan, a clinical psychologist, will include developing, sharing and promoting research and action in the field of preventing terrorism, with a special focus on the development and evaluation of programs geared toward youth.

“This chair underlines the need for more intersectoral approaches, such as the one that David, Ghayda and I are undertaking in our work together,” says Venkatesh, who is also associate professor in the Department of Art Education. “We will also create tools to engage the public in developing narratives to counter hate speech and radicalization.”

Venkatesh is already at the helm of other such efforts, including Project SOMEONE (Social Media EducatiON Every day), an international initiative that aims to build awareness about hate speech and create spaces for pluralistic dialogues in social media. Its innovative web portal serves those involved in promoting resilience and the prevention of hate, discrimination and extremism.

$1 MILLION FUNDING BOOST
The Canadian government recently awarded just over $1 million in research funding to Venkatesh for the development, implementation and evaluation of capacity-building to counter terrorism in Lebanon, based on the SOMEONE initiative.

“Canada’s contribution to Project SOMEONE is part of our steadfast commitment to advancing stability and security in the Middle East,” says Chrystia Freeland, Canada’s Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Using tools from the project, Venkatesh and his team will work with Lebanese stakeholders in education, public policy and social service. He explains that 11 distinct multimedia, curricular and public engagement projects created under Project SOMEONE have been reimagined in concert with partner organizations for Middle Eastern audiences.
AN ACADEMIC APPROACH TO COUNTER VIOLENCE
MINIATURIZED CANCER KILLER
Steve Shih is not afraid to think big — even if it means operating at the tiniest possible level of gene editing. His goal is nothing less ambitious than eradicating cancer. And he thinks he and his students have discovered an important way to get one step closer to achieving it.

Shih, assistant professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering with a cross-appointment in the Department of Biology, is also the founder of the Shih Microfluidics Laboratory.

His team created a system that integrates the automation of complex biology experiments to find genes that are related to cancer and kill them before they develop into the disease.

“Finding genes related to cancer is already very difficult,” Shih says. “It’s like finding a needle in a haystack, especially with current methods. But hopefully, with this new method, we can expedite the whole process and rapidly find the culprit genes.”

Finding the genes is one thing. Preventing them from causing cancer is another. To do that, Shih’s team uses CRISPR — Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats. CRISPR is a genetic engineering technique that uses a Cas9 protein, which is basically a pair of “programmed genetic scissors.” This helps find a cancer-causing gene and essentially snip it out of the DNA and replace it with a healthier one.

“Once both ends of the gene are snipped, it degrades to the point where we won’t have it any more,” says Shih. “Now, that gene won’t be able to go through pathways that cause cancer. To be able to do that on a typical platform is very difficult because we’re dealing with very static, very manual techniques. By doing this in an automated way, and by miniaturizing the scale which we’re working on instead of looking at this process as a matter of weeks, we can look at it in a matter of days.”

The team members, all affiliated with Concordia’s Centre for Applied Synthetic Biology, created the first digital microfluidic method that automated arrayed gene editing in mammalian cells.

The whole automation and miniaturization process has not only saved them lots of time but also slightly increased the efficiency of the knockout procedure itself.

“There still isn’t a killer application for microfluidics, but I think we’ve found it,” Shih says.

“I think we found that we can use these miniaturized platforms for something that can really save people’s lives down the line. That’s why I say it can be a killer app: because hopefully we’ll be able to eventually kill all cancer cells.”
Thanks to provincial funding, Natasha Blanchet-Cohen, associate professor in the Department of Applied Human Sciences, is now one of four Quebec co-chairs in a new research chair network, Chaire-réseau Jeunesse : Les parcours vers l’autonomie et l’épanouissement des jeunes dans une société en transformation (Youth Network Chair: Pathways toward youth autonomy and fulfillment in a transforming society).

The co-chairs will split $4.5 million over six years from the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et Culture and the Secrétariat à la Jeunesse de Québec. The money will support a focus on health and well-being; education, citizenship and culture; employment and entrepreneurship; and First Nations and Inuit youth.

With her expertise in the development of collaborative research with Indigenous community organizations around youth issues and rights-based and culturally responsive services and programs, Blanchet-Cohen will lead the Indigenous stream. The First Nations and Inuit programming will support Indigenous youth organizations that promote action research-based strategies as a means of informing public policy.

“The Indigenous stream is a much-needed opportunity to bring together an incredible team of researchers, Indigenous community organizations and youth to decolonize research and co-create in ways that recognize the unique realities of Indigenous youth,” says Blanchet-Cohen, who’s also graduate program director for the university’s youth work diploma.

“Concordia has a long and rich history of participatory research and experience-based learning, and the fact that professor Blanchet-Cohen, in her capacity as an advocate for Indigenous representation, has been named as a Youth Network Chair indicates that this remains true,” says Christophe Guy, vice-president of Research and Graduate Studies. “With expertise such as Blanchet-Cohen’s, our university is making strides in recognizing the long history of Indigenous peoples within the traditional territory in which Concordia is situated.”

Two new senior appointments continue the university’s efforts to enhance its cultural climate for Indigenous learners, staff, faculty and the community at large.

Heather Igloliorte, an Inuk scholar and independent curator who holds the Concordia University Research Chair in Indigenous Art History and Community Engagement, is now special advisor to the provost on Advancing Indigenous Knowledges.

William Lindsay, who has more than 20 years of experience as an Indigenous educator and senior administrator, is the new senior director of Indigenous Directions.
COLLABORATION ON INDIGENOUS-LED YOUTH PROGRAMS
THE JOHN MOLSON MBA: LOOKING GOOD AT 50
The late 1960s in Montreal was a time for dreaming big. The city was still flush with the excitement of hosting the world at Expo 67; Trudeaumania, v. 1, was in full swing; and Major League Baseball awarded the Montreal Expos a franchise in 1968.

In the fall of that year, Sir George Williams University, one of Concordia’s two founding institutions, gave birth to a new graduate degree program, the Master of Business Administration.

Five decades later, the John Molson School of Business (JMSB) program, now called the John Molson MBA, has gone on to international recognition. In 2018 it placed number one in Quebec in The Economist’s Full-time MBA Ranking and eighth in Canada in the QS Global MBA Rankings. It has helped propel the careers of thousands of alumni.

Thirty-nine students were enrolled in the newly launched MBA on day one. The program’s first director, Bruce Mallen, BComm 58, BA 64, LLD 04, described that initial student cohort as la crème de la crème. They were experienced executives, mostly bankrolled by their companies, there to learn what an early news release described as “the new techniques of decision-making and management.”

As the years progressed, the popularity of and demand for an MBA swelled. By the mid-1970s the program had more than 400 students enrolled, which is where it still stands.

The early ethos of flexibility and accessibility remains a hallmark of the MBA to this day.

“WE HAVE CLOSE TO 100 ALUMNI COMING BACK EVERY YEAR SPEAKING TO OUR VARIOUS CLASSES.”

NEW DIRECTIONS

As the world of commerce has evolved at breakneck speed, the program has adapted to keep pace and meet the needs of the modern business student. In 2016, the John Molson MBA went through a major restructuring in an effort to make one of Canada’s top business programs even better. The streamlined program allows greater accessibility to working and part-time students to get their diplomas faster.

Top-of-mind issues relevant to today’s workplace, such as ethics, governance and sustainability, were also moved to the front of the curriculum.

As the call for more diversity in the workplace becomes louder, the John Molson MBA has kept pace. More than 60 per cent of its students are from outside Canada, and close to 40 per cent of the student body is female.

A familiar sight in MBA classrooms are alumni who return as guest speakers to share their own career experiences with students. “We have close to 100 alumni coming back every year speaking to our various classes, and we try to have more and more of them,” says Anne-Marie Croteau, BSc 86, dean of JMSB.
Many actors play a role in the evolution of cities — yet each brings a distinct view. An artist can look at a public square through a different lens than an urban planner. A community activist might not view a neighbourhood from the same perspective as a property developer.

Given this reality, there are few platforms for interdisciplinary collaboration where individuals can bring a unique interpretation of space, purpose and vision to a shared future.

Concordia’s Institute for Urban Futures (IUF) was created to do just that — explore the connections between often separated fields such as urban planning, theatre and health. The institute unites professors, students and researchers from the university’s four academic faculties and also brings into the conversation property developers, policymakers, activists and community members. It’s also part of Concordia’s Smart Cities hub.

If this appears to be a complex endeavour, it is intentional. “That complexity is necessary to effectively engage the city,” says Paul Holmquist, the institute’s project manager.

Many of the institute’s activities position cities not as isolated entities but as part of a global ecosystem. “What is exciting about the IUF is the capacity it has as a research- and project-driven hub to host and connect a diverse range of urban actors and interests,” says new IUF director Shauna Janssen, BFA 94, MA 09, PhD 14. She is also assistant professor in the departments of Theatre and Geography, Planning and Environment.

The IUF, which launched in 2015, grew out of a consultative process. The Faculty of Fine Arts, in developing its direction for the coming years, looked for opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration. The faculty put forth a number of “strategic speculations” and consulted with more than 50 people across departments at Concordia, as well as with students and alumni.

“One very strong thread that connected many ideas was the urban,” says Rebecca Duclos, dean of the Faculty of Fine Arts and professor in the Department of Art History.

What emerged from these findings was an institute that could link research platforms and innovation at the university to communities and individuals who will be using these new systems. “The IUF is a seedbed for people to come together and grow research projects, courses, activist practices and embedded initiatives,” says Duclos.

André Roy, dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science and professor in the Department of Geography, Planning and Environment, adds, “The strength of the IUF rests in its capacity to enable interdisciplinary, multifaceted approaches to researching the city, blending art, politics, planning and the science behind renewable energy sources.”
THE FUTURE IS URBAN
MAKING NEWS

The Faculty of Fine Arts teamed up with The Alternative, a Danish political party and social movement, to work with Concordia students from all disciplines on a year-long project focused on learning how the arts can influence political decision-making.

Concordia launched the Institute for Investigative Journalism, led by Patti Sonntag, BA 00, a former managing editor in The New York Times’ News Services division. The institute, the first of its kind in Canada and headquartered in the Department of Journalism, is the host institution for the National Student Investigative Reporting Network.

Concordia developed a university-wide digital strategy, one of the transformation projects included in the larger Strategic Directions Initiative.

Over three weeks, 60 Concordia and McGill University students raced against the clock and the sweltering heat in Dezhou, China, to assemble and furnish their innovative row house at the 2018 Solar Decathlon China competition. TeamMTL picked up prizes in five out of 10 categories.

After three years of renovation and expansion, the R. Howard Webster Library on the Sir George Williams Campus completed its cutting-edge digital transformation. The technology-rich project facilitates active and collaborative learning.
Through the Bob and Raye Briscoe Centre in Business Ownership Studies at the John Molson School of Business, in partnership with the Institute for Co-operative Education, the new CEO shadowing program offered MBA students experiential learning with top Montreal companies.

The Public Scholars program, which bridges the gap between academic research and the community, returned with a new cohort of 10 PhD researchers. Their areas of inquiry range from edible insects to the gig economy.

Concordia’s data science and information systems security expertise will play a key role in a new nationwide effort to bolster Canada’s leadership in artificial intelligence (AI). SCALE.AI, the AI-Powered Supply Chain Supercluster, is one of only five projects that received funding from the Government of Canada as part of its new $950 million Innovation Superclusters Initiative.

**RESEARCH MOMENTUM**

**Muthukumaran Packirisamy**, director of the Optical-Bio Microsystems Laboratory & Concordia Silicon Microfabrication Facility, showed that an ancient Indian medical practice using gold ash, known as swarma bhasma, has potential as a drug-delivery vehicle to help fight cancer.

**Nadia Bhuiyan**, professor in the Department of Mechanical, Industrial and Aerospace Engineering, led a research team that created a scheduling algorithm and software that could reduce hospital patient wait times by up to 44 per cent. Bhuiyan was also part of a team, along with lead author **Meysam Salari, PhD 17**, that developed a methodological approach that enables engineers to build sustainability requirements into the earliest stages of design processes.
Research from **Tarek Zayed** and **Amin Hammad**, professors in the Department of Building, Civil and Environmental Engineering, and PhD candidates **Soliman A. Abu-Samra** and **Mahmoud Ahmed** developed an asset-management framework that can potentially minimize construction costs and time.

Findings in a study led by professor **Matthew Harsh** of the Centre for Engineering in Society will help bridge the “engagement gap” for young engineers in disadvantaged communities and developing countries and encourage them to come up with innovative solutions for societal problems.

The research findings of **Suong Van Hoa**, professor of mechanical, industrial and aerospace engineering, showed how to make curved composite pieces — long continuous fibres that have high mechanical properties — more quickly and economically through 4D printing.

**Krzysztof (Chris) Skonieczny**, assistant professor with the Concordia Institute of Aerospace Design and Innovation, was able to briefly replicate Martian gravity to measure its effects on the mobility of the new Mars rovers for the 2020 ExoMars mission.

Research by **Ted Stathopoulos**, professor of building, civil and environmental engineering, showed that we’ll soon be able to generate a substantial amount of electricity using wind turbines built directly into city buildings.

A study led by **Subhash Rakheja**, professor of mechanical, industrial and aerospace engineering, revealed that men and women of comparable proportions absorb vibration differently.

Research from **Anjali Awasthi**, associate professor at the Concordia Institute for Information Systems Engineering, revealed that municipalities considering new sustainability projects can benefit from ranking projects according to certain criteria.
A study by Erin O’Loughlin, a PhD candidate in the Individualized Program, emphasized the need to target both heavy and light smokers in anti-smoking messaging and cessation campaigns. The study found that light smokers don’t place as much importance on quitting despite the dangers.

In her research, Hilary Bergen, a student in the Humanities Interdisciplinary PhD Program, found that users of Siri, the disembodied female presence in technology, are quickly tempted to test its boundaries, such as to see if she can take abuse. This is alarming considering Siri is typically a feminized interface.

Psychology professors Nadia Chaudhri and Andrew Chapman demonstrated how stimulation of the brain’s infralimbic cortex can inhibit responses to environmental cues that make people crave sugar.

A study led by Natalie Phillips, professor of psychology, revealed that knowing two languages may offset brain changes for those with Alzheimer’s disease and mild cognitive impairment.

Research by Mari Sild, a Horizon Postdoctoral Fellow, found indications that “glia” — a term encompassing various types of non-neuronal cells found in the central and peripheral nervous system — are involved in psychiatric diseases, which has opened up new research avenues for mental illnesses.

When toddlers learn new words, they use selective social learning, assessing the reliability of adults. Psychology professor Diane Poulin-Dubois and PhD candidate Cristina Crivello co-authored a study that identified advanced cognitive functions that allow young children to detect an unreliable speaker.

Research by Erin Barker, associate professor of psychology, found that depressive symptoms among university students peak in December, at the end of term, which can help counsellors identify students most in danger of falling into depressive episodes.
Virginia Penhune, professor and chair of the Department of Psychology, and Lucia Vaquero, a postdoctoral researcher, found that certain features of the brain predict musical performance for non-musicians performing short musical tasks.

A study led by Kimberly Burnside, a PhD student in clinical psychology, showed that children who pay less attention to their social world do not pass the Theory of mind (ToM) task as well as children with more social interest. ToM is the ability to understand that others have beliefs and thoughts that may be different from our own.

A study by PhD candidate Heather Herriot and her Department of Psychology colleagues professor Carsten Wrosch and associate professor Jean-Philippe Gouin suggests that practicing self-compassion is an effective tool that seniors can use to mitigate the effects of chronic uncontrollable stressors.

Joanna Berzowska, associate professor in the Department of Design and Computational Arts, developed soft, interactive dolls that respond to a child’s touch and respond accordingly. The dolls, called Baby Tangos, offer small children a more rewarding experience than traditional hard plastic dolls.

PhD candidate Darlene St. Georges weaves documents, such as the list of events that occurred after first contact between the British and Indigenous nations within Canada, into her research and her art. Both were displayed at the Tate Exchange Liverpool in the United Kingdom.

A study co-authored by Caroline Roux, assistant professor in the Department of Marketing, found that individuals striving for perfection are more willing to cheat, lie and commit small immoral behaviours.
Juliane Proelss, assistant professor, and Denis Schweizer, associate professor, both in the Department of Finance, found compelling evidence in their study that the mere launch of a World Trade Organization (WTO) trial dispute between WTO members has the power to influence pricing.

Marketing professor Bianca Grohmann’s research revealed that Canadian wine experts’ geographic location affects how they rate the quality and sensory attributes of wine.

UNIVERSITY RECOGNITION

A Concordia video campaign that featured short clips of animated fruit navigating sexual consent, geared toward preventing sexual violence and promoting consent, received a Platinum for Best Practices in Communications and Marketing from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) International. The campaign also snagged the Gold Award for Best Practices in Communications and Marketing from CASE District I.

The National Trust for Canada recognized the exemplary work of the restoration of the Grey Nuns Reading Room with an Ecclesiastical Insurance Cornerstone Award.

Two Montreal artificial intelligence (AI) startups sponsored by Concordia’s District 3 Innovation Center scored at the 2018 IBM Watson AI XPRIZE milestone competition. Alfred Health, which wants to use machine learning to improve the efficacy of treating depression, was named top competitor. Nectar, which seeks to use technology to help beekeepers improve honey bee health and the security of our food supply, won the people’s choice award.
FACULTY EXCELLENCE

Muthukumaran Packirisamy, professor in the Department of Mechanical, Industrial and Aerospace Engineering, was elected a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors for his innovative life’s work. Packirisamy, who works primarily in micro- and nanotechnologies, is the first Quebec researcher to join the United States-based academy.

A team of nine students and journalist-in-residence Patti Sonntag received an honourable mention from judges of the 8th Canadian Hillman Prize, which honours excellence in journalism “in service of the common good.” The investigation, “The Price of Oil,” raised serious questions about government oversight of the oil and gas industry in Saskatchewan and Ontario.

The Public Policy Forum awarded the Hyman Solomon Award for Excellence in Public Policy Journalism to Francine Pelletier, adjunct professor in the Department of Journalism.

The Province of Quebec named André Roy, dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science, and Michel Magnan, professor in the Department of Accountancy, as Distinguished Members of the Ordre de l’excellence en éducation.

Shimon Amir, professor of psychology and director of the Center for Studies in Behavioral Neurobiology, and Catherine Russell, professor of film studies in the Mel Hoppenheim School of Cinema, were named Concordia’s first Distinguished University Research Professors.

Martha Langford, professor in the Department of Art History and director of Concordia’s Gail and Stephen A. Jarislowsky Institute for Studies in Canadian Art, and Jean-Philippe Warren, professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and Concordia University Research Chair for the Study of Quebec, were inducted into the ranks of the prestigious Royal Society of Canada.

Geneviève Cadieux, associate professor of photography in the Department of Student Arts, was awarded the prestigious Prix du Québec’s 2018 Paul-Émile-Borduas Award for visual arts.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Brooke Wahsontiostha Deer, Hamaad Nami and Yanina Chukhovich received Lieutenant Governor’s Youth Medals for their dedication as volunteers and their sustained efforts and positive influence within a group or community.

Annabelle Daoust (design) and Fany Rodrigue (studio arts) won the inaugural Legado Public Art Competition for their artwork Misty Valley.

Giuseppe Fidotta, a third-year doctoral student at the Mel Hoppenheim School of Cinema, and Giuseppe Di Labbio, a PhD candidate in mechanical engineering and holder of a Vanier Scholarship from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, won the Stand-Out Graduate Research Award.
Amir Hooshiar, PhD candidate in mechanical, industrial and aerospace engineering, took home the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada Gilles Brassard Doctoral Prize for Interdisciplinary Research, given to an outstanding Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship recipient who best exemplifies interdisciplinary research.

Younes Medkour, a PhD candidate in biology and Concordia Public Scholar, was chosen as a runner-up in the Science, Action! video competition for his short film on research into aging.

EXPERTS-IN-RESIDENCE
Concordia welcomed several new experts-in-residence in 2018:


David Heurtel, Public Administration Scholar-in-Residence. Heurtel was Quebec Minister for Immigration, Diversity and Inclusiveness from 2017 to 2018, and Quebec Minister for Sustainable Development, the Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change from 2014 to 2017.

Steve Bonspiel, Journalist-in-Residence. Bonspiel is editor/publisher of the weekly Eastern Door newspaper, which serves the Mohawk community of Kahnawake.
RECREATION AND ATHLETICS

Francis Carter was the outstanding male wrestler at the U SPORTS national championships. He was also the Quebec nominee for the BLG Doug Mitchell Trophy as the top male university athlete in Canada.

The women’s hockey team won a bronze medal at the U SPORTS national championship. It was the first medal for the team since 2000.

The men’s hockey team earned a berth at the U SPORTS national championship tournament for the first time since 1984. Centre Anthony Beauregard won the Senator Joseph A. Sullivan Trophy as the U SPORTS player of the year in men’s hockey, the first time a Concordia player had earned this honour since 1976.

Brad Collinson, BA 05, was named the Concordia football program’s head coach, the sixth in its history.

The women’s rugby team brought in a new coach, Jocelyn Barrieau.

The men’s rugby team had another undefeated season and won its second consecutive Quebec championship. The Stingers went to the nationals and finished fourth.
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CONCORDIA’S NEXT-GENERATION RESEARCH EFFORTS WERE BOLSTERED BY IMPRESSIVE AND SIGNIFICANT EXTERNAL FUNDING.

MILLIONS FOR GROUNDBREAKING NATURAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING RESEARCH

The federal government announced major new funding for a wide variety of forward-looking research projects at Concordia in the areas of natural sciences and engineering.

The support comes from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), largely through its Discovery, Research Tools and Instruments, and Ship Time grant programs. Fifty-three of the university’s researchers from the Faculty of Arts and Science and the Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science will receive a total of over $8.9 million over the next five years. Additionally, 19 graduate students will be awarded a total of $594,000.

“These NSERC awards and scholarships provide important core funding that researchers can use to pursue their most promising ideas and breakthrough discoveries,” says Christophe Guy, vice-president of Research and Graduate Studies.

“This significant support enhances Concordia’s research expertise and helps provide a stimulating environment for research training in a range of disciplines.”
Of note, three Concordians will receive $50,000 or more per year, for a five-year period, in Discovery Grant funding, which supports creativity and innovation in research initiatives.

Ann English, distinguished professor emerita from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry and Honorary Concordia University Research Chair in Bioinorganic Chemistry, will look at ways to improve the biochemical understanding of aging and aging-related diseases.

Michael Hallett, professor in the Department of Biology and Canada Research Chair in Bioinformatics Algorithms, will develop new ways to create synthetic organisms. This will ultimately support the production of biofuels and pharmaceuticals.

Yves Gélinas, professor of chemistry and biochemistry and Concordia University Research Chair in Environmental Chemistry, Chemistry and Biochemistry, will examine organic carbon cycling and preservation in aquatic environments using bulk, molecular and isotopic methods.

Also included in the $8.9 million are three Concordia researchers who were awarded about $409,000, over one year, from NSERC’s Research Tools and Instruments Grants Program.

The funds will support Pragasen Pillay, professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, for the development of a dynamometer for electric vehicles, micro-grids and renewable energy applications; Wei-Ping Zhu, professor of electrical and computer engineering, for the purchase of intelligent signal processing equipment for use on 5G networks; and Muthukumaran Packirisamy, professor in the Department of Mechanical, Industrial and Aerospace Engineering, for an intra-cellular plasmonic system for neurons, exosomes and cellular studies.
MILLIONS FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES RESEARCHERS

Concordia will continue to advance its strength in the humanities and social sciences thanks to $9.1 million in funding for 32 university researchers from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

The recipients include Jason Camlot, BA 90, professor in the Department of English, and Heather Igloliorte, associate professor in the Department of Art History. Each will receive grants of nearly $2.5 million, dispersed over seven years, from the Partnership and Partnership Talent programs.

The remainder of the funding was awarded through SSHRC Partnership Development grants and Insight grants.

Camlot will work on the SpokenWeb initiative, a project to identify and preserve an extensive body of valuable cultural heritage material. It consists largely of magnetic tape recordings of poetry readings and related conversations from across the country, starting in the mid-1960s.

The SSHRC Talent Partnership program focuses on research training activities achieved through connections. With her funding from the program, Igloliorte will develop the Pilimmaksarniq/Pijariuqsarniq Project: Inuit Futures in Arts Leadership to support emerging Inuit academic and arts professionals.

NSERC INVESTS MILLIONS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

Three Concordia science and technology initiatives are set to receive a combined $6.5 million in funding from NSERC through its Strategic Partnership Grants program.

The majority of the funding — $5.5 million — supports the Strategic Network in Green Surface Engineering for Advanced Manufacturing (Green-SEAM) over five years.

Green-SEAM is a new network to be housed in the Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science and led by Christian Moreau, Canada Research Chair (Tier 1) in Thermal Spray and Surface Engineering. The project will undertake research to unite Canada’s internationally recognized leaders in surface engineering.

Vincent Martin, Concordia University Research Chair in Microbial Engineering and Synthetic Biology (Tier 1), co-director of the Centre for Applied Synthetic Biology and professor of biology, will receive $504,450 over three years to investigate an innovative synthetic biology initiative.

Emad Shihab, Concordia University Research Chair in Analytics for Quality Mobile Software (New Scholar) and associate professor in the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering, will receive $494,300 over three years to conduct a major data analysis.
$7.6 million for Canada Research Chairs: The Government of Canada awarded funding for five new Canada Research Chairs (CRC):

- Alex Bitektine, associate professor, Management
- Tristan Glatard, assistant professor, Computer Science and Software Engineering
- Yann-Gaël Guéhéneuc, professor, Computer Science and Software Engineering
- Aashiq Kachroo, assistant professor, Biology
- Michael Hallett, professor, Biology
- Nadia Myre, professor, Studio Arts

Renewed CRC funding was provided for:

- Maria Consalvo, professor, Communications Studies
- Jean-Philippe Gouin, professor, Psychology
- Ahmed Kishk, professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

$4.5 million to advance research infrastructure: The Canada Foundation for Innovation provided new infrastructure funding for an investigation into net-zero energy building practices, electron microscopy and quantum technology.

$1.85 million for next-gen research: Three professors received a combined $1.85 million through the Canadian Institutes of Health Research's Project Grant Program:

- Thanh Dang-Vu, associate professor, Exercise Science; Concordia University Research Chair in Sleep, Neuroimaging and Cognitive Health
- Mihaela Iordanova, assistant professor, Psychology; Canada Research Chair in Behavioural Neuroscience,
- Roisin O'Connor, associate professor, Psychology

$1.8 million in federal health research funding: The Canadian Institutes of Health Research announced new funding for health sector investigations at Concordia:

- Christophe Grova, associate professor, Physics
- Lisa Kakinami, assistant professor, Mathematics and Statistics
- Michael Sacher, professor, Biology

$1.65 million for synthetic biology research and training: NSERC committed $1.65 million over six years to establish a research and training program at the Centre for Applied Synthetic Biology.

$950,000 for research on Quebec's English-speaking communities: Concordia researchers can now connect more deeply with the community on research related to English-speaking Quebeckers thanks to a new grant from the Secrétariat aux relations avec les Québécois d’expression anglaise to the Quebec English-speaking Communities Research Network.
THE CAMPAIGN FOR CONCORDIA: NEXT-GEN. NOW.

Concordia has momentum. We are rethinking the role of universities. We launched our university’s most ambitious fundraising campaign to date: the Campaign for Concordia: Next-Gen. Now (concordia.ca/campaign) in 2017.

We are now gaining momentum toward our $250-million goal thanks to the generosity of our community. Chaired by business leaders and philanthropists Andrew Molson and Lino Saputo Jr., BA 89, our campaign supports Concordia’s nine strategic directions (concordia.ca/directions) that help us lead as Canada’s next-generation university.

To address tomorrow’s greatest challenges, we’re developing new research centres, think tanks and academic programs. We are multiplying hands-on and work-integrated learning.

We are also increasing our impact-oriented activities through entrepreneurship centres, living labs and innovation hubs to build on our long history of community and industry engagement.

With the help of our faculty, staff, friends, donors and graduates, we’ll support next-generation ideas, talent and impact — for the benefit of our more than 50,000 students and 215,000 alumni around the world.
Concordians take pride in their university. They are investing in its future and that of the next generation. Thanks to nearly 11,000 donors, in fiscal year 2017-18 we raised more than $39 million — funds that drive important research and rigorous academic programs, support our 50,000 students and build a stronger future for our city and for Canada.

We are grateful to our community of donors — alumni, faculty, staff, parents, students and friends. Your generous support propels Concordia as Canada’s next-generation university.
MAJOR GIFTS ANNOUNCED IN 2018

Engineer and business leader Gina Cody, MEng 81, PhD 89, made a $15-million gift to Concordia’s Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science — now known as the Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science. Concordia became the first Canadian university with an engineering faculty named after a woman. Cody is pictured below at the announcement with Concordia President Alan Shepard and Amir Asif, dean of the Gina Cody School, before an excited crowd. (Read more about Gina Cody on pages 8-9.)
The Rossy Foundation made generous donations to create an Embedded Wellness Advisor program at Concordia and to support the Institute for Investigative Journalism, based in the Faculty of Arts and Science, and the Faculty of Fine Arts’ Art Hives network. Concordia celebrated the launch of its first-ever campus art hive on June 11, 2018. Pictured above at the event are Janis Timm-Bottos, Art Hives founder and associate professor of creative arts therapies, and Stephanie Rossy, vice-chair of the Rossy Foundation.

A donation of $200,000 from the Doggone Foundation (top right) creates the Elspeth McConnell Fine Arts Internship Awards, supporting experiential learning opportunities for students in the Faculty of Fine Arts.

A gift of $50,000 from the John Gray Moving Company will help establish an award to support top varsity athletes across the university who are enrolled in a bachelor’s program. John Gray is pictured at right dropping the puck at the 32nd annual Corey Cup at Concordia’s Ed Meagher Arena on February 9, 2019. The Stingers beat the McGill Redmen 4-3.
JONATHAN AND SUSAN WENER DONATE $10 MILLION TOWARD A CENTRE FOR REAL ESTATE IN THE JOHN MOLSON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND FOR BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

“Concordia was foundational for me in three ways,” says Jonathan Wener, BComm ‘71, chairman and chief executive of Montreal-based property development firm Canderel, and university chancellor since 2015. “It gave me my education, it’s where I met my wife Susan and it’s where I made my first start-up capital and gain in 1975. No institution has had a greater pivotal role in my life.”

Jonathan and Susan Wener’s shared bond with the university, combined with their strong belief in philanthropy and higher education, led to their exceptional $10-million gift, a portion of which will be used to establish a Centre for Real Estate in the John Molson School of Business (JMSB). Part of the funds will be earmarked for student bursaries and scholarships.

“JMSB is a top-ranking school, not only in Canada but in the world,” says Jonathan Wener. “My feeling has always been to invest in excellence, and there are a great many areas where Concordia is a leader in the country.”

Concordia President Alan Shepard says the donation responds to a growing need, and he praises the Weners for their longstanding support and guidance. “Over the past three decades, few people have had a greater impact on Concordia than Jon and Susan Wener,” Shepard says. “The Centre for Real Estate will produce cutting-edge education and research that responds to an increasingly complex and fast-paced world.”

THE CENTRE FOR REAL ESTATE

The Centre for Real Estate will provide interdisciplinary and comprehensive real estate education that emphasizes innovation and sustainability. The centre will leverage existing programs in departments across faculties, including urban planning and geography, engineering and design.

The centre will expand on the current JMSB curriculum and introduce a Specialization in Real Estate, and will also organize live-speaker events, conferences and case competitions. Select students may have the opportunity to manage a Real Estate Investment Trust, similar to students in the existing Kenneth Woods Portfolio Management Program and Van Berkom Investment Management Program.

“A lot of students have shown tremendous interest in real estate,” Jonathan Wener says. “We’ve met with the professors who are working to move this program forward.”

“We both have a fundamental belief that we have not just a responsibility but an obligation to give back to others,” Susan Wener says. “We don’t live life just for ourselves — we live this life for one another and that’s what gives life true meaning.”
OTHER MAJOR GIFTS INCLUDE

Frank Murphy, GrDip 83, donated more than $1 million to create the Frank Murphy Endowment, in support of entrance scholarships for mature students in Concordia’s John Molson School of Business.

James Stanford, BSc 58, LLD 00, made a $500,000 gift toward the James M. Stanford Graduate Scholarships Endowment at Concordia.

A recent gift of $500,000 from the Jarislowsky Foundation will go toward the Jarislowsky Chair in Canadian Art in the Department of Art History.

Dominic D’Alessandro, BSc 67, LLD 98, gave an additional $417,180 to the Dominic D’Alessandro Fellowship Fund, bringing his total contribution to $1,016,840.

Gregory Rokos, BComm 82, made a new gift of $250,000 to support the JMSB.

An anonymous donor made a $200,000 gift to support social justice initiatives at our Faculty of Arts and Science.

The Naim S. Mahlab Foundation made a gift of $100,000 toward the Our Generation Speaks Concordia Accelerator Program and $50,000 toward the Naim Mahlab Fellowships Endowment in the Faculty of Arts and Science.

A new gift of $130,000 from the Flash Fund Foundation will support the Kenneth Woods Undesignated Fund.

Fondation J.A. DeSève gave $75,000 to support Department of Creative Arts Therapies students doing internships in community art hives, and $50,000 toward the Fondation J.A. DeSève Graduate Fellowships for students in Concordia’s Mel Hoppenheim School of Cinema.

Donald Clarke, BComm 74, made a gift of $120,000 toward the Donald and Molly Clarke Endowment.

A $120,000 gift from Jacques Goulet, BSc 88, will help establish the Jacques Goulet Graduate Scholarship.

Through a new donation of $100,000 toward the Faculty of Fine Arts, the Clematis Foundation will support the Expanding Exhibitions Residency at Concordia’s Leonard and Bina Ellen Art Gallery, in partnership with the departments of Art History and Design and Computation Arts. The foundation is represented by Reesa Greenberg, former associate professor of art history.

Ghislain Arsenault, BComm 85, made a $100,000 gift to support JMSB students.

Fondation Luc Maurice will support Concordia’s engAGE Centre for research on aging with a new donation of $100,000.

Rudy Kerklaan, BSc 75, MBA 77, gave $100,000 toward Concordia’s Greatest Needs. Kerklaan is West Coast vice-chair of the Campaign for Concordia: Next-Gen. Now.

Tommy Petrogiannis, BEng 88, donated $100,000 toward the Petrogiannis Family Award for Women in Engineering to encourage and reward female students entering a bachelor’s program at the Gina Cody School — and who have demonstrated a passion in an area of STEM through community, social or student club involvement that has been acknowledged by and has inspired others.

An anonymous donor gave $100,000 to establish a scholarship in support of graduate students in chemistry or biochemistry.
A $75,000 gift from Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec will support the Étude des méthodes de mise en œuvre des principes pour l’investissement responsable des Nations Unies incluant les risques en émergence selon la définition du World Economic Forum at District 3 Innovation Center.

The Richard and Edith Strauss Foundation made a gift of $75,000 to support research at Concordia’s PERFORM Centre, a state-of-the-art clinical research facility on the Loyola Campus.

Donald E. Meehan, BA 72, made a gift of $50,000 toward the Donald E. Meehan Athletics Scholarship and Bursary.

Richard Paterson, BComm 64, made a donation of $50,000 in support of the Richard Paterson Scholarship for Aboriginal Students and the Richard Paterson Scholarship for Students with Disabilities.

Robert Courteau, BComm 81, LLD 11, gave $50,000 toward JMSB.

An outright gift of $50,000 from the JF Partners Foundation will support JMSB.

A $50,000 gift was provided by the Knowledge First Foundation toward the Entrance Excellence Scholarship in the Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science.

PLANNED GIFTS INCLUDE

$338,188 received from the Estate of William Ross Phalen toward Concordia’s Greatest Needs. It was the second installment of a total of just short of $600,000. William R. Phalen, BSc 58, a resident of Edmonton, gave to Concordia annually for 17 years.

Concordia recently received more than $300,000 from the estate of an anonymous graduate.

Anne Pallen, BSc 53, donated $100,000 to create graduate scholarships for students in chemistry and biochemistry.

An anonymous donor made a gift of $100,000 to Concordia’s Greatest Needs.

Future commitments totaling $1,731,000 from:

■ Ava Goodman, BA 72
■ David Brand, BComm 66
■ Catherine Juster
■ Anonymous donors

COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN

Concordia’s annual Community Campaign bolsters teaching, research and student life across the university.

In 2018, 9,000 Concordians — alumni, faculty, staff, parents, friends and students — contributed more than $2.1 million to the 2017-18 Community Campaign. These annual gifts, large and small, provide Concordia with the flexibility to respond positively and quickly to unexpected opportunities or emerging priorities throughout the academic year, while also contributing to the goal for the Campaign for Concordia: Next-Gen. Now.

More than 600 Community Campaign donors led by example through their Leadership giving as members of the Deans’ Circle, with annual gifts of $500 to $1,999, and the President’s Circle, with annual gifts of $2,000 to $24,999.
2018 GRASSROOTS GIVING

Giving back is a common value across the Concordia community. Throughout the year, our students, faculty, staff and alumni engage in grassroots fundraising initiatives for various charities and causes. Their activities include:

CENTRAIDE
Concordia’s 2018 Centraide Campaign raised over $162,000, surpassing the goal of $155,000. The university has supported the campaign for more than 40 years.

SHUFFLE
More than 600 Concordians joined together for Shuffle 29, part of Concordia’s Community Campaign. The 2018 edition of the annual inter-campus walkathon raised a whopping $113,000 for student scholarships and bursaries, bringing the total since 1990 to nearly $1.6 million.

CONCORDIA USED BOOK FAIR
The 2018 event raised a record $31,831 to support the Concordia Used Book Fair Endowment, Student Emergency and Food Fund, Concordia Used Book Fair Stinger Rugby Scholarships and CEED Concordia. Run by volunteer staff and faculty, the fair involved more than 70 student volunteers, including 12 members of the Stingers men’s rugby team. The event has raised $232,500 over 21 years.

SHOOT FOR THE CURE
The Stingers’ Shoot for the Cure basketball game raised $2,120 for the Quebec Breast Cancer Foundation, bringing the total since 2013 to $7,000.

MEMORIAL GOLF
More than 150 Concordia faculty, staff, alumni and friends raised $6,000 for student bursaries. Over 25 years, the staff-led volunteer initiative has raised more than $180,000.

LIBRARY CHRISTMAS AUCTION
The 2018 edition raised $5,057 for local charities serving disadvantaged Montrealers and for international organizations supporting children, health and education, as well as Concordia’s Centre for the Arts in Human Development, Multi-Faith Chaplaincy and financial awards. Over 29 years, the auction has raised $107,437.

LOONIES FOR LEARNING
Members of Concordia’s Garnet Key, the university’s honour society, raised $5,000 through their Loonies for Learning campaign to help fund a new technology lab and school supplies for Riverview Elementary School in Verdun, Que.

FEATS OF GINGERBREAD
A contingent of Concordia alumni and others at SBSA Structural Consultants built an impressive gingerbread replica of Montreal’s Place Victoria — over a metre tall and made from 22 kilograms of sugary treats — for Engineers Canada’s Feats of Gingerbread. They raised $4,900 for the Sacré Coeur Hospital Foundation. Teams from across Canada rose to the challenge, and together have raised more than $20,000 for charity.

TERRY FOX RUN
The Concordia New York Alumni team raised $5,635 at New York City’s Terry Fox Run for cancer research. Since the run started in New York, Concordia graduates have contributed approximately $50,000.

MOVEMEMBER
Concordia’s John Molson School of Business team raised $11,250 for men’s health charities.
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ENGAGING WITH OUR ALUMNI

KEY EVENTS
Concordia President Alan Shepard and guest speakers took university research to Toronto, Vancouver, New York, Los Angeles and other North American cities during our This is Concordia. Now tour, presented in partnership with Thinking Out Loud. Audiences heard from innovative researchers and learned about our vision as Canada's next-generation university. Listen to our podcasts: concordia.ca/tol

CBC journalist and moderator Sudha Krishnan, BA 99, is pictured above with Jeremy Clark, assistant professor with the Concordia Institute for Information Systems Engineering, who discussed Bitcoin and cryptocurrency in Montreal.

In Vancouver, guests took in a presentation by Claudine Gauthier, assistant professor in the Department of Physics and a PERFORM researcher.

Award-winning film producer Don Carmody — the man behind hits like Chicago and Good Will Hunting — shared his experience with a communication studies class at Concordia, in conversation with Brendan Kelly, MA 92, journalist for the Montreal Gazette and CBC Radio.

Every spring, the Donor and Student Awards Celebration (above) provides an opportunity for donors to meet the student winners of the scholarships and bursaries they fund, and to hear from award-winning students about their university experience.

Concordia Chancellor Jonathan Wener, BComm 71, presented student Dunia Almelhm with the Chancellor's First-Generation Bursary.

Concordia’s 15th annual Golf Classic tournament set a new record! Thanks to sponsors and participants, the university raised $390,000 for scholarships and bursaries for deserving students. More than 150 business leaders and friends of Concordia attended the September 4 tournament.

Concordia Alumni Women and Leadership (above) remains a frontrunner in our alumni programming, with several panel discussions and networking events through the year, including the Female Founders talks on entrepreneurship, which took place in Toronto and Montreal.

Our Alumni Matters conference, part of the Alumni Career Services offering, helps to prepare our next-generation graduates as they enter the workforce.
The Concordia University Alumni Association celebrated outstanding Concordians at the annual Alumni Recognition Awards banquet. Pictured above are former vice-president of Advancement and External Relations Bram Freedman; Yasmin Jiwani (Alumni Award for Innovative Teaching); Donal P. Ryan, BComm 67 (Benoît Pelland Distinguished Service Award); Rosa Cerone, BComm 91, Cert 94 (Outstanding Staff Award); Thomas Dowd, BComm 92 (John F. Lemieux Medal); Gerard J. Walsh, BA 71 (International Excellence Award); Niloofar Moradi, BEng 10 (Young Alumna of the Year); Concordia President Alan Shepard; Fay Arjomandi, BEng 98 (Alumna of the Year); Susan E. Raymer, BA 71, and Benjamin Wygodny, BA 69 (Humberto Santos Award of Merit); Rachel Rammal and Maxime Desharnais (Outstanding Student Leader Award); and event emcee Samuel Rancourt, GrDip 15, journalist and anchor at CBC/Radio-Canada. Missing are: Oscar A. Pekau (Honorary Life Membership) and Rita Kwai Ching Ng, BSc 87 (International Excellence Award).

The John Molson School of Business has teamed up with Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton to fête Quebec business leaders. The newly created Person of the Year Awards will offer prizes in four categories and will be granted based on innovation and vision, financial performance, scope of accomplishments and community involvement. Winners will be announced at a gala on May 9, 2019, at Montreal’s Gare Windsor. (rcgt.com/awards)

IN MEMORIAM
The Concordia community mourns the loss of several members in 2018. Among them, we recognize the following university supporters:

Josephine McQueen, friend of Concordia and former CEGEP teacher

Maria Roach, friend of Concordia who created scholarships in journalism

Kevin Tierney, BA 71, GrDip 78, film producer
CELEBRATING AWARD-WINNING ALUMNI

The 2018 Order of Canada cohorts include (Companions) the Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin, LLD 11, the first woman Chief Justice of Canada; astronaut Roberta Lynn Bondar, 2009 Loyola Medal Recipient; (Officers) former editor-in-chief of Le Devoir Lise Bissonnette, LLD 86; Telus CEO Darren Entwistle, BA 86, LLD 12; businessman Henri-Paul Rousseau, LLD 04; (Members) Canadian Space Agency veteran Virendra K. Jha, PhD 82; writer Ann-Marie MacDonald, Concordia’s first Mordecai Richler Writer in Residence; Concordia’s first jurist-in-residence, Justice Morton Minch, BA 67; Air Canada CEO Calin Rovinescu, LLD 16; health-care advocate Sharon Sholzberg-Gray, BA 64; and CTV Montreal’s chief news anchor, Mutsumi Takahashi, BA 79, MBA 95, LLD 13.

Named to the Order of Montreal in 2018 were (Commander) Richard Pound, BA 63, LLD 10; (Officer) Morton Minch, BA 67; (Chevalier) Jonathan Wener, BComm 71.

Régine Chassagne, BA 98, and Richard Reed Parry, BFA 03, were recognized with the JUNO International Achievement Award as members of the band Arcade Fire.

Phyllis Aronoff, MA 92, and Howard Scott, BA 79, MA 84, received the Governor General’s Literary Award for Translation, French to English, for Explication de la nuit/Descent into Night.

Stéphanie Jasmin, BFA 99, was awarded the $100,000 Siminovitch Prize for innovation in Canadian theatre.

Moyra Davey, BFA 82, received the $50,000 Scotiabank Photography Award.

Clara Couzino, BFA 18, was awarded the $15,000 top prize at the Canada-wide BMO 1st Art! Contest.

Niloofar Moradi Khaniabadi, BEng 10, was named among Wings magazine’s Top 20 Under 40 in Aviation and Aerospace by the Northern Lights Aero Foundation.

Pierre Lassonde, LLD 16, was named Most Socially Committed Top Executive by Les Affaires.

Lino Saputo Jr., BA 89, received an honorary degree from St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, N.S.

Madeleine Chenette, BA 85, and Julie Quenneville, BA 00, were named among Canada’s Most Powerful Women by the Women’s Executive Network.

Captain Christopher Robinson, BComm 91, received the Order of Military Merit, Officer level, from the Governor General of Canada.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Connect with our growing social media community! Stay up to date and learn about events in your area. Share your #CUpride and #CUalumni stories @ConcordiaAlumni on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram and Flickr.
EXTERNAL AWARDS

A SELECTION OF FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENT AND ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS IN 2018

FACULTY

Geneviève Cadieux
Photography, Student Arts
Prix du Québec’s Paul-Émile-Borduas Award

Muthukumaran Packirisamy
Mechanical, Industrial & Aerospace Engineering Fellow
National Academy of Inventors

Francine Pelletier
Journalism
Hyman Solomon Award
Public Policy Forum

Royal Society of Canada
Martha Langford
Art History

Jean-Philippe Warren
Sociology and Anthropology

Ordre de l’excellence en éducation
Michel Magnan
Accountancy

André Roy
Dean, Faculty of Arts and Science
Distinguished Members

ALUMNI

Chloé Beaulac, BFA 10
Prix relève Culture Montérégie
La Fabrique culturelle

Janick Burn, BFA 14
Lauréate
La Bourse Plein sud

Audrey Burt, BA 88
Community Leader for Quebec Region
Canada’s Volunteer Award

Nathalie Chapman, BA 71, MA 98
Solidaires Leadership Award
Centraide of Greater Montreal

Régine Chassagne, BA 98
Richard Reed Parry, BFA 03
International Achievement Award,
Arcade Fire
JUNO Awards

Robert Coallier, MBA 89
Agri-food Person of the Year
Conseil de la transformation alimentaire du Québec

Clara Couzino, BFA 18
BMO 1st Art! Competition
BMO Financial Group

Moyra Davey, BFA 82
Scotiabank Photography Award
Scotiabank

Howard Davidson, BComm 80
Honorary Life Membership
McGill Alumni Association

Erin Doiron-Hartle, BA 18
Prix Levier
Regroupement des organismes communautaires autonomes jeunesse du Québec

Adrienne Huard, BFA 18
Editorial Residency
Canadian Art

Hua Jin, MFA 16
Cultural Diversity in the Visual Arts Award
Conseil des arts de Montréal
and the City of Montreal

J. Clark Johnson, attendee 79
Earle Grey Award
Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television

Niloo Far Moradi Khaniabadi, BEng 10
Top 20 Under 40
Wings magazine;
Aviation and Aerospace Award,
Engineering Award category
Northern Lights Aero Foundation

Stéphanie Jasmin, BFA 99
Siminovich Prize

Lara Kramer, BFA 08
Ashley Fellow Artist in Residence
Trent University

Domenico (Domenic) Mancini,
GrDip 84
Transaction of the Year,
$10-$500 million category
M&A Club

Henry Mintzberg, BA 62, LLD 01
David Johnston Faculty & Staff Award
McGill Alumni Association

Mila Mulroney, attendee 73
Honorary Degree
St. Thomas University, Fredericton, N.B.

Hillel Neuer, BA 93
Doctor of Laws, honoris causa
McGill University

Pierre Lassonde, LLD 16
Most Socially Committed Top Executive
Les Affaires

Michael V. Richardson, BComm 16
Gold Medal, Quebec region
Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada

Andreas Rutkaukas, MFA 07
Research Fellowship Program
Canadian Photography Institute

Amir Sanati-Nezhad, PhD 13
Canada Research Chair in Bio-electromechanical Systems
Schulich School of Engineering, University of Calgary
Lino Saputo, Jr., BA 89
Honorary Degree
St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, N.S.

Alan Simoneau, BA 94
One of Canada’s Outstanding Principals
The Learning Partnership

Jana Sterbak, BFA 77
Ordre des arts et des lettres du Québec

Catherine Vallejo, BA 68
Honorary Professorship
Universidad Autonoma de Santo Domingo

Women’s Executive Network: Canada’s Most Powerful Women
Madeleine Chenette, BA 85, HSBC Corporate Executives category

Julie Quenneville, BA (journ.) 00, Mercedes-Benz Emerging Leaders category

Ariane Lorrain, BFA 15
Shahab Mihandoust, MCSc 08, BFA 14
Best Canadian Short or Medium-Length Film, Zagros Montreal International Documentary Festival

Jennie Moushos, BComm 84
Insurance Person of the Year
Salute Insurance

John Player, BFA 08, MFA 14
Pope Artist-in-Residence
Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Halifax

Captain Christopher Robinson, BComm 91
Order of Military Merit
Officer level

Justine Skahan, BFA 10
Artist-in-Residence
Klondike Institute of Art & Culture, Dawson City, Yukon

Patricia “Patsy” Van Roost, BFA 94
Charles Biddle Award Quebec

Nancy Neamtan, LLD 15
Marcel Côté Award
Public Policy Forum

Governor General’s Literary Awards
Phyllis Aronoff, MA 92
Howard Scott, BA 79, MA 84
Translation, French to English, Explication de la nuit/Descent into Night

Prix Femmes d’affaires du Québec
François Bertrand, LLD 13
Prix réalisations
Svetlana Sidenko, BComm 00
Entreprise à propriété féminine certifiée

Royal Society of Canada
Margaret Atwood, LLD 79
Lorne Pierce Medal
Deanna Reder, BA 90
Member, College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists
Jin-Me Yoon, MFA 93
Fellow, Academy of Arts & Humanities, Division of Arts

Order of Montreal
Richard Pound, BA 63, LLD 10
Commander
Morton Minc, BA 67
Officer
Jonathan Wener, BComm 71
Chevalier

Order of Canada
Darren Entwistle, BA 86, LLD 12
Henri-Paul Rousseau, LLD 04
Justice Morton Minc, BA 67
Mutsumi Takahashi, BA 79, MBA 95, LLD 13
Sharon Sholzberg-Gray, BA 64
Virendra K. Jha, PhD 82
Members

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Phoebe Greenberg, attendee
Officer

Quebec Writer’s Federation
Alisha Dukelow, creative writing & English literature
3Macs Carte Blanche Prize, loss of, her, self
Sina Queyras, MA 95
A.M. Klein Prize for Poetry, My Ariel

Annie Renaud, BA 83
Prize for children’s and young adult literature, Mr. Crum’s Potato Predicament

Montreal English Theatre Awards
Tyrone Benskin, attendee 81
Outstanding Supporting Performance – Actor, Marjorie Prime
Letitia Brookes, BFA 12
Outstanding Lead Performance – Actress, The Mountaintop
Anisa Cameron, BFA 02
Outstanding Community Production, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Michaela Di Cesare, BA 09
Outstanding New Text, Original or Adaptation, Successions
Michael Hughes, BFA 13
Chimwemwe Miller, BFA 15
Outstanding Ensemble, Around the World in 80 Days

Michael Payette, BFA 07
Outstanding Direction, Around the World in 80 Days
Zoe Roux-McKean, BFA 16
Outstanding Emerging Artist – Production, Invasive Species and Smackhead
Evan Stephanian, BFA 15
Outstanding Contribution to Theatre, Sapientia

STUDENTS

Lieutenant Governor’s Youth Medal
Brooke Wahsontiiosta Deer, BComm 18
Management

Hamaad Nami, BA 12
Civil Engineering

Yanina Chukhovich, BA 18
English and Women’s Studies

Legado Public Art Competition
Annabelle Daoust
Design

Fany Rodrigue
Studio arts
Misty Valley

Hannah Halcro
Aerospace Engineering
Forces Avenir Finalist
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MARCIE FRANK 2019
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VIRGINIA PENHUNE 2021
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FRANCESCA SCALA 2019
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RADU ZMEUREANU 2021

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RICARDO DAL FARRA 2020
JOHN POTVIN 2020
MARC STEINBERG 2020
4 Faculty Members: John Molson School of Business

Reena Atanasiadis 2020
Frank Crooks 2021
Mehdi Farashahi 2021
Robert Soroka (PT) 2019

1 Professional Librarian

Vince Graziano 2021

12 Undergraduate Students

Sarah Abou-Bakr 2019
Sami Al-Hanbali 2019
Rory Blaisdell 2019
Mathilde Braems 2019
Mikaela Clark-Gardner 2019
Rim Hamila 2019
Sophie Hough-Martin 2019
Jean-Gabriel Lacombe 2019
Sarah Mazhero 2019
Eunbyul Park 2019
Safa Sheikh 2019
Ali Sherra 2019

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Shaina Ali 2019
Zenobia Pais 2019
RashmiKaa Sethu Madhavan 2019
Nafisa Tabassum Jamal 2019

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