

ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I am very pleased to present the John Abbott College Foundation 2011-2012 Annual Report.

This year has been marked by the advancement of the capital campaign "*Building Futures*". The John Abbott College Foundation has worked hand in hand with John Abbott College to secure financial resources in order to build the award-winning Science and Health Technologies building.

As in past years, the John Abbott College Foundation has helped students through scholarships and bursaries, or by giving grants to various student groups and/or departments that initiated exciting projects. This year, \$5 000 was awarded to students in the Intensive Nursing department to help defray the cost of a humanitarian trip to Ghana; \$10 000 to the Sports and Recreation department for the organization of the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association's 2013 Men's Basketball National Championship to be held at John Abbott College; and \$20 000 to the Student Assistance Fund to help the students in need of basic essentials.

Without the hard work and devotion of our staff, the involvement of our donors and of the members of the Board of Directors of the John Abbott College Foundation, this success would not have been possible. I wish to thank all of them for their support.

C. Stephen Cheasley



MISSION

Established in 1999, the John Abbott College Foundation was created to support the College's mission to provide an excellent education for its students within a stimulating learning environment that will enhance their development and potential for success in society.

Through its fundraising activities, the Foundation provides opportunities for students through the funding of scholarships, bursaries and financial assistance. The Foundation is responsible for all fundraising programs that provide longer-term endowment funds, and supports the construction and renovation of facilities as well as access to technology, with the intent of promoting an optimal learning environment.



Foundation Board of Directors at June 30, 2012:

Officers of the Corporation and Executive Committee:

- Ginette Sheehy, President, Director General, John Abbott College
- C. Stephen Cheasley, Chairman
- Gary Whittaker, Vice-President, President, ECI Composites
- Gerald Stachrowski, Treasurer, Secretary General Corporate Affairs
- Suzanne Beaudin, Executive Director and ex-officio



Foundation Board of Directors at June 30, 2012 (cont'd):

Members of the Board:

- Diane Bates, Vice President Finance/Administration, Alan Davis & Associates Inc.
- John DiGenova, Vice-President Strategy, Valeo Pharma
- Yannick Laviolette, General Manager, Caisse Desjardins des Sources-Lac-Saint-Louis
- Courtney Lister, President, Student Union
- Roger Morin, Chartered Accountant
- Dr. Bernard Prigent, Vice President & Medical Director, Pfizer Canada
- Glen Thornborough, Vice-President, Global Sports Marketing, Reebok-CCM Hockey
- Lorne Trottier, President, Matrox Graphics Inc.
- Ryan Young, John Abbott College Faculty Member

During the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the Board of Directors held five regular meetings. The following motions were presented and approved:

- The approval of the 2010-2011 Audited Financial Statements
- The approval of the Foundation 2010-2011 Annual Report
- The approval of the Election of the Directors of the Corporation
- The approval of the Resignation of Dave Farrant and David D'Arienzo from the Board of Directors
- The approval of the Nomination of Courtney Lister, Glen Thornborough and Ryan Young as new Board members
- The approval of the Election of the Executive Committee of the John Abbott College Foundation Board of Directors

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Foundation staff currently consists of:

- Suzanne Beaudin, Executive Director
- Nathalie Haworth, contractual Special Events Coordinator
- Patricia Price, *Agente de bureau*

BURSARIES & SCHOLARSHIPS

John Abbott College and the John Abbott College Foundation are pleased to offer its students a long list of scholarships, bursaries and awards. The College and the Foundation gratefully acknowledge the various associations and individuals who have made generous contributions. Bursaries are offered every fall and winter semester to Canadian citizens and permanent residents who study full-time at John Abbott College. Scholarships are offered in the spring to graduating students who will be attending university the following fall.

The Foundation presently manages over \$475 000 in bursaries and scholarships. For the 2011-2012 fiscal year, a total of \$21 850 was disbursed, awarding bursaries and scholarships to our deserving students.

On June 7, 2012, our very first Annual Scholarships, Bursaries & Awards ceremony was held to recognize our benefactors and give them the opportunity to meet the students who benefited from their generosity throughout the 2011-2012 academic year. Approximately 150 donors and recipients were invited to join us for a cocktail reception followed by the ceremony which took place in the Casgrain Theatre. Our guest student speaker, Ellen Shaw, reminded us of the tremendous difference one can make in the life of a College student faced with financial difficulties. Held on the same day as Convocation, this was an enjoyable event and will be held again in June of 2013.



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

The Foundation holds several events during the year to raise funds for scholarships, bursaries and financial assistance for students. The ultimate goal of these events is not only to raise money, but to bring together the members of the John Abbott College community, building lasting bonds with the College. Many of our staff members are involved with our events, and we deeply appreciate their commitment to the College and to the Foundation.



To kick off our 2011-2012 year, a new event for the Foundation, 'Art by the Lake' exhibit, took place September 9 and 10, 2011 at Stewart Hall in Pointe-Claire. With the help of numerous volunteers, the Foundation offered a variety of cakes, coffee and teas in the Tea Room throughout of the weekend. Net proceeds from the Tea Room in addition to a portion of the art exhibit sales donated by members of the Lakeshore Association of Artists (LAA), will assist Fine Arts students in need of financial assistance. A total of \$11 000 was raised.



An off-spring of the Loonie Line, the first Loonie-Toonie Challenge was held on Thursday, October 21, 2011. Thanks to the College community's members' generosity, the event raised over \$8 300 to benefit many of our students in need.

A popular event at the College, the annual Christmas Craft Fair was held November 23 and 24, 2011 in the Agora. The John Abbott College community and friends of the College raised a total of \$1 800 for the Student Assistance Fund.

Our annual Benefit Breakfast was held off campus for the first time on March 21, 2011 at Marco Bar & Grill restaurant in downtown Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue. Sponsored by Caisse

Desjardins des Sources-Lac-Saint-Louis, more than 150 people attended, namely, members from our from local businesses, the community as well as many JAC alumni and College employees. The new spring edition of the Benefit Breakfast raised well over \$7 000 for the Student Assistance Fund making it a record year!

March 21, 2011 was a busy day as the Foundation and the Theatre department welcomed patrons to the first Jason Panich Scholarship Memorial fundraising evening. Jason was an acting student in the College Theatre Program who tragically passed away on March 6, 2001. Showcasing the true John Abbott community spirit, the Theatre department administrators dedicated a special presentation of *Oklahoma* in hopes of raising funds for the Jason Panich Scholarship Fund. We are proud to say that through the collaborative efforts and support of our students and faculty, Jason's family and friends and the Foundation, the evening raised well over \$5 300.



Expectations were met and exceeded at the 10th Annual John Abbott College Foundation Golf Tournament, held May 30, 2012. A cheque in the amount of \$104 650 was presented to the Director General of the College. The profits of this tournament surpasses all records of events organized by the Foundation to date. It is through the various fundraising efforts and the generous support of friends of the Foundation that we can continue to ensure long term support for our students in need of financial assistance. Without partners there is no charity!



THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: *BUILDING FUTURES!*



With its award winning design in architecture, John Abbott College's \$45 million Science and Health Technologies building moves a step closer to attaining the LEED® Gold Certification.

The Science and Health Technologies building is for the most part self-funded by both the corporate and private communities. The corporate community, constantly in need of science and technology graduates, continues to recognize the importance of this project with their support. As John Abbott College has touched the lives of

many throughout the West Island and beyond, it is important to the local economy that we continue to work closely with our community and its leaders to achieve our campaign objective of \$5 million.

On September 28, 2011, the John Abbott College Foundation welcomed its donors, partners, press and distinguished guests to commemorate the "Topping Off" of the Science and Health Technologies building. It was a perfect evening filled with excitement, enthusiasm and promise. Stephen Cheasley, Chairman of the John Abbott College Foundation and David McAusland, Chair of the *Building Futures* Capital Campaign, welcomed our guests emphasizing the significance of the new building and the importance of getting involved. The evening was an opportunity to kick off the public phase of the Foundation's *Building Futures* Capital Campaign and was one of several in its public awareness campaign.

Together we continue working on *Building Futures*...

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