



# Gerald Stachrowski

After graduating from Sir George Williams University, Gerry stepped directly into the field of education. Prior to being hired as a history teacher by John Abbott in 1971, Gerry taught at the elementary school level for one year and high school for five. However, he was destined for a career in administration and while he did not actually teach at John Abbott, his contribution to the Québec education system prior to 1971 was a precursor for the path his career would take.

## **PROFESSIONAL CAREER**

- First Vice-President of the Québec Association of Teachers of History, 1966-1968
- Vice-President of the Dorval Association of English Speaking Catholic Teachers, 1967-1969
- Board member of the Provincial Association of Catholic Teachers, 1968-1969
- President of the Dorval Association of English Speaking Catholic Teachers, 1969-1971
- First Vice-President of the Provincial Association of Catholic Teachers, 1969-1971

Gerry took on the role of scheduler during his first year at Abbott. A year later, in 1972, he was appointed Director of Personnel and subsequently became Director of Administrative Services. It was from this position that he retired in 2013, having been responsible for the Finance, Human Resources, Print Room, Graphics and Bookstore departments.

He also served as Secretary General for the College as well as John Abbott's liaison with McGill University.

Near the end of his career, Gerry played a significant role in the planning of the construction of the new science building, dedicated as the Anne-Marie Edward Science building. Gerry had monitored the project from its inception. He was a member of the team responsible for the development of the financial program and selecting the professionals who would carry the project through to fruition.

Gerry is remembered by his colleagues as the 'go-to' person at John Abbott. Favouring an open door policy, he was always available to listen and offer solutions which would benefit the interests of the College. Gerry had a passion for the College and was always prepared to contribute the hard work required to achieve the stated objectives.

Beyond his College achievements, Gerry was an accomplished soccer player in his youth. He was recognized by Concordia University with the highest sports award offered by the institution and was named to the university's Sports Hall of Fame in 2009.

Gerry made a remarkable contribution to John Abbott College through forty-two years of service. He is now enjoying retirement and lives in the Montreal area with his wife Beverley.