

NEXT- GENERATION UNIVERSITY

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2018

**BOLDLY ADVANCING HIGH-IMPACT
TEACHING AND RESEARCH**



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NEXT-GEN EDUCATION

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The atmosphere is great at Concordia. The community is keen and engaged. There's a sense of purpose and possibility.

Our progress as a leading 21st-century university informs the theme of my report. Guided by Concordia's nine strategic directions, we are **Boldly Advancing Next-Gen Education**.

We've implemented our plan's first moves. The university's forward-looking initiatives serve our students, professors and researchers. The character of the university is one that is ever connected and collaborative.

Rankings capture what those of us on campus already appreciate. We're one of the best universities under 50 years old, and we're among the top 1.6 per cent globally. Student enrolment is the highest ever — now at 48,000. Concordia benefits from an active international alumni base of 211,000.

Major funding announcements signal big developments ahead — from social innovation, to genomics, to health care. Our next moves will continue our university's smart growth.

It's a pleasure to hear thoughts on the work we're doing at Concordia. To share your ideas, or learn more, feel free to write me at alan.shepard@concordia.ca.

Bonne lecture!

Alan Shepard
President
Concordia University



INNOVATION IS IN OUR DNA

Concordia has launched a university-wide digital strategy — asserting its leadership position in Canada and taking the opportunity to experiment boldly.

“Innovation is in our DNA,” explains Guylaine Beaudry, Concordia’s vice-provost of Digital Strategy.

The development of a digital strategy is one of five transformation projects being undertaken in 2017-18 as part of the Strategic Directions initiative to position Concordia as a next-generation university.

The project’s goals are two-fold:

- An institution-wide reflection on the digital environment needed to support the experiences, needs and aspirations of students, faculty and staff, alumni, collaborators and partners, with a report prepared by spring 2018.
- The delivery of a shared vision and implementation road map, based on this reflection and consultation, in May 2018.

Beaudry assumed her new role in August 2017, alongside her ongoing position as university librarian. She’s excited by the possibilities the role presents.

“Almost all jobs in the future are going to be embedded in the digital. It’s a reality we — as a teaching, learning and research institution — must address if we are going to equip our students with the skills and knowledge to thrive in this new environment,” she says.

“We have an opportunity to contribute to the transformation of our institution. We can create a digital culture that will allow our students to thrive in a rapidly changing world, where virtual reality and artificial intelligence are evolving and emerging.”



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ENGAGING FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS

An important part of the process will be to involve the university community. “We want to hear what our community thinks Concordia should be doing to prepare our students for the digital world and to support our faculty and staff,” Beaudry says.

Beaudry and her team prepared to launch a series of consultation activities in the winter 2018 term. Concordians will share information about their everyday work, goals, problems and practices.

Additionally, the consultation process is undertaking an environmental scan. This includes an inventory of the information systems, digital technologies, platforms, software and services used on campus for teaching, learning, research and communications.

However, Beaudry is quick to point out that developing a digital strategy goes beyond infrastructure. “It’s about developing a next-generation digital culture at Concordia,” she says.

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) has granted \$2.5 million in funding to an ongoing project based at Concordia. Combined with additional support from the Canada Foundation for Innovation, the award will go toward an initiative designed to improve teaching and learning outcomes through educational technology in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The project, Using Educational Technology to Develop Essential Educational Competencies in Sub-Saharan Africa, was also recently awarded a UNESCO global literacy prize.

This multidisciplinary project involves an international collection of scholars, students and educational practitioners and policy-makers. These include government agencies, NGOs and social enterprise groups with a particular focus on the uses of technology linked to the development of educational competencies.

Philip Abrami, professor in the Department of Education in the Faculty of Arts and Science, stresses that — along with food and water, shelter, health and well-being, personal safety and peace — education is an international imperative. “Around the globe, in the least developed countries, one quarter of young men and one third of young women aged 15 to 24 are illiterate” Abrami says. “Reading, writing, numeracy and inquiry skills are essential building blocks for personal achievement and the success of a society.”

‘OUR GOAL IS TO TRANSFORM TEACHING’

Abrami is founder of Concordia’s Centre for the Study of Learning and Performance (CSLP), a university-recognized research centre also funded by the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture.

He notes that although technology has substantially enhanced teaching and learning, it’s not a magic elixir that can cure all learning-related ills. “To date, the scale of educational improvements using technology has been modest, particularly in the developing world,” he explains. “There have been mixed results when new technologies meet the realities of the diverse and changing classroom contexts of schools, especially when there is an inadequate focus on pedagogical transformation. This desperately needs to change, especially in places like Africa, where help is most needed.”

The project will include two research streams. The first is an examination of the impact of existing educational tools — such as the CSLP’s full suite of programs that cover basics like math and literacy but also develop soft skills such as communication, goal setting and critical thinking.

The second will be an experimental study to better understand the scalability and sustainability of educational technology for use in developing countries. “Our goal is to transform and improve teaching and dramatically raise the levels of student learning,” Abrami says.

PEDAGOGICAL TRANSFORMATION IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD



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WE HAVE A DRIVE TO CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE



When Anne-Marie Croteau, BSc 86, was appointed as the first female dean of the John Molson School of Business (JMSB) on June 1, 2017, she had already been thinking about her vision for the faculty for a long time. “The single most important thing is the quality of the education we provide our students,” she says.

One priority is to ensure that JMSB adequately prepares them for success in the Fourth Industrial Revolution, a concept related to advancements in technology, artificial intelligence and the world’s hyper-connectivity.

“If we’re going to offer the skills that are most needed in the market, then we have to make sure our curriculum is forward-looking and that we hire well-rounded academics — top researchers in their fields who are also excellent teachers.”

To that end, the new dean is taking measures to increase JMSB’s visibility and enhance its reputation internationally. One way in which she intends to do that is through additional accreditations.

Concordia’s business school, the third largest in Canada, is currently accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International. The goal of accreditation is to guarantee that programs have the curriculum, staff, resources and mechanisms for the continuous improvement necessary to provide an excellent business education. In March 2017, AACSB announced that JMSB’s status will be maintained for another five years.

Croteau reports that JMSB will soon begin the process of applying for accreditation by the Association of MBAs and the European Quality Improvement System. Schools who hold all three accreditations are said to be “triple crown-accredited.” Only 76 institutions in the world hold the distinction, and Croteau says there’s no reason why JMSB shouldn’t be among them. “We have excellent programs, a wealth of talent and the drive to continuously improve.”

WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE OUR CURRICULUM IS FORWARD-LOOKING AND THAT WE HIRE TOP RESEARCHERS IN THEIR FIELDS WHO ARE ALSO EXCELLENT TEACHERS



A RICH CASE COMPETITION HISTORY

Another way the dean sees her faculty extending its international reach is through the publication of business case studies that have been written for the many JMSB-organized case competitions.

“We host some of the most prestigious events on the circuit. The John Molson MBA International Case Competition is the oldest and biggest of its kind and the John Molson Undergraduate Case Competition is generally regarded as one of the best in its category,” Croteau says. “We’ve created a vast library of cases over the years and we have an opportunity to share it with the rest of the business school community.”

Muthukumaran Packirisamy, a professor in Concordia's Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, has devoted much of his career to working with microsystems and microelectromechanical system (MEMS) technologies. "I still apply all the fundamentals of mechanical engineering; I'm just looking at it through a microscope," he says.

One of the first people to receive a PhD in this now rapidly developing field, Packirisamy researches miniaturized devices to reduce a laboratory's worth of equipment onto an instrument that's about the size of a USB key.

The applications for such microsystems research are endless. His groundbreaking work on the "lab-on-a-chip," a bio-microsystem made up of many tiny elements, allows people to do at-home blood testing, for example.

Packirisamy's current aim is to improve data traffic in telecommunications. He will use MEMS technologies to reduce the size and improve the performance of network components, making them smaller, lighter and cheaper. Ultimately, the research has the potential to increase data traffic and security, while reducing the space and cost that networks usually require.

Packirisamy says "shrinking the world — miniaturizing physics, chemistry and biology" is at the centre of all his research. "A tenth of a hair is big for me."

In addition to telecommunications, his current research portfolio has the potential to advance health care, cancer screening, green energy, agriculture, food safety and smart-city technologies. "My collaborators are in every department," he says. "That's what makes it fun for me."

'BRINGING HOSPITALS TO WHERE PEOPLE LIVE'

In 2017, Packirisamy's miniaturization of diagnostic tools used in health care to detect illnesses lurking in a person's bloodstream earned him a top Canadian honour — membership in the Royal Society of Canada's College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists. "My technology will eventually be useful in bringing hospitals to homes," he says.

The small size and the relatively low cost of this technology mean that it can be used in rural areas or field hospitals to do quick on-site testing and disposed of afterwards to avoid contamination.

The engineering professor is also looking beyond diagnostic tools to motion sensors that could be used in seniors' residences to detect falls or to other devices that capture biological data or fluids and can then be sent to a doctor for analysis.

The goal of Packirisamy's research is twofold: empowering people to take responsibility for their own health and reducing the load on the medical system.

MUTHU PACKIRISAMY'S SHRINKING WORLD

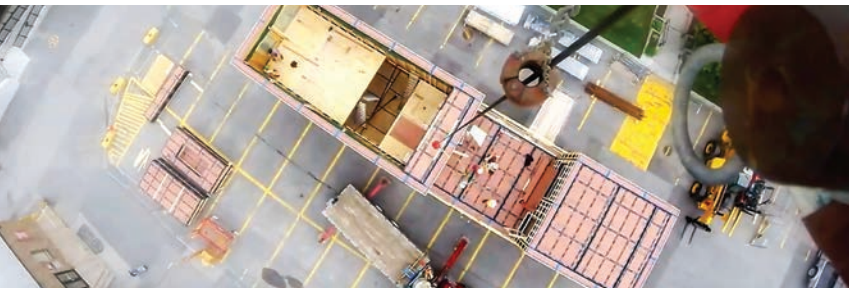


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THROUGH A MICROSCOPE

TeamMTL made great advances in 2017 on the assembly of the net-zero energy Deep-Performance Dwelling (DPD). The structure is Canada's sole entry in the 2018 Solar Decathlon China, to be held in July in Dezhou, Shandong Province. It's a collaborative effort between students and faculty from McGill University and Concordia.

"We are extremely grateful to the dozens of dedicated people who have come together to make this possible," says Michael Jemtrud, faculty lead and associate professor at the McGill School of Architecture.

TeamMTL is composed of 40 students and faculty members from Concordia's Faculty of Fine Arts, Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science and the John Molson School of Business, and from McGill's School of Architecture, Faculty of Engineering and Desautels Faculty of Management.



PROJECTS LIKE THIS — THAT
IMAGINE A SMART, SUSTAINABLE
FUTURE FOR OUR CITIES —
SPEAK DIRECTLY TO VALUES
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MISSION AT CONCORDIA

Inspired by the archetypal Montreal row house, the dwelling is designed to be adaptable and flexible for the contemporary urban family. Its ambitious design addresses the pressing global need for affordable, low-impact and dense urban housing. The team prioritized energy efficiency, comfort, well-being, affordability, environmental sustainability and ecological awareness.

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SUPPORT

"It's a complex, extraordinary project for the students and faculty involved," says Jemtrud. "We're continuing to bring together numerous public and private sector partners with deep shared concerns for building a sustainable world. At the same time, we're educating the best and brightest young thinkers and doers from our community."

In August 2017, Hydro-Québec announced a \$250,000 gift to help propel TeamMTL. That followed a grant of \$50,000 from Natural Resources Canada's Program of Energy Research and Development in April.

To compete, teams of university students must spend almost two years designing and building energy-efficient houses powered by the sun. During the finals, the teams and their houses compete in 10 different contests to determine the overall winner.

"Projects like this — that imagine a smart, sustainable future for our cities — speak directly to values that are integral to our mission at Concordia," says Graham Carr, provost and vice-president of Academic Affairs. "Integrating clean energy practices into building design, engaging with our citizens and communities, advancing social equity, and nurturing entrepreneurship and innovation are objectives we pursue. Many Concordia students have worked on this project, applying their technical skills, innovative thinking and marketing savvy to every step in the project."

TeamMTL'S DEEP-PERFORMANCE DWELLING



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257,442
STUDENTS

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CONFERRED:

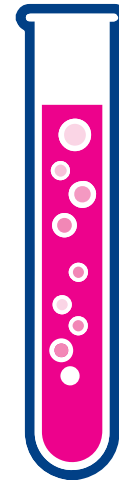
1,864

GRADUATE DEGREES

5,221

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

110



RESEARCH CHAIRS

211,000

ALUMNI
AROUND
THE WORLD



2,696

CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION STUDENTS

8,571

GRADUATE STUDENTS

36,485

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS



18.5%

INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS

6,051

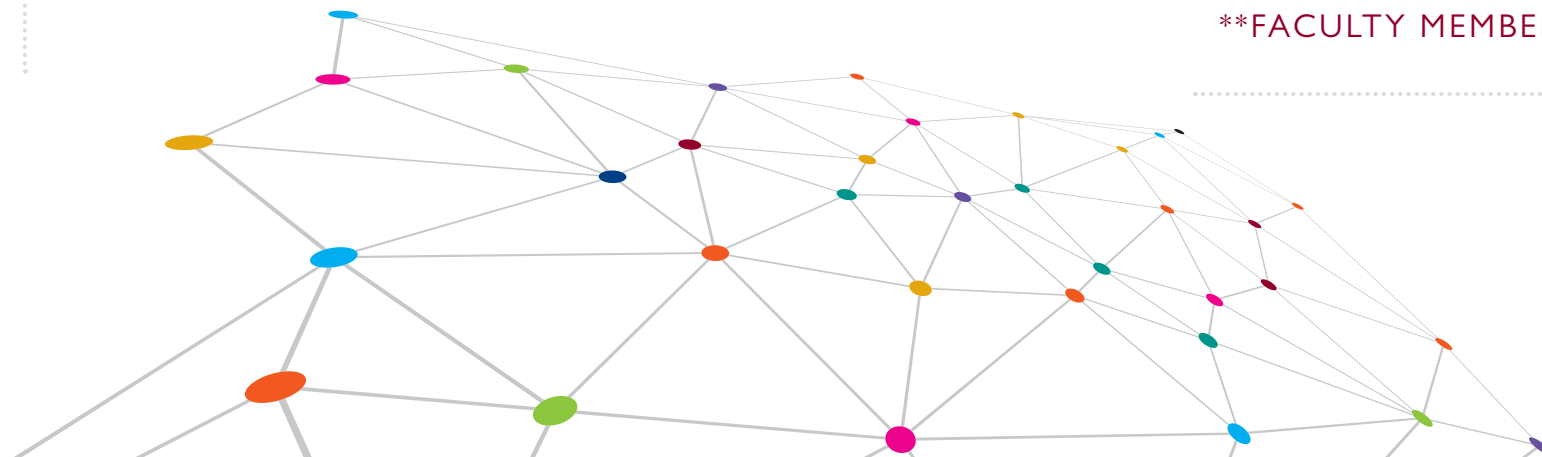
*TOTAL EMPLOYEES

2,033

**FACULTY MEMBERS



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ALUMNI
CHAPTERS IN
CITIES ACROSS
NORTH AMERICA,
EUROPE AND ASIA



YEAR IN REVIEW

LEADING-EDGE RESEARCH

A team of researchers from the Quebec-based Research Unit on Children's Psychosocial Maladjustment, including **Linda Booij**, associate professor of psychology and a researcher at Sainte-Justine Hospital Research Centre, showed how the in utero environment can play a role in the development of brain processes.

In a study by Concordia and University of Toronto researchers, **Andrée Castonguay**, the study's lead author and postdoctoral researcher in the Department of Psychology, showed that feelings of anger or guilt can inspire people to set new goals and engage in more moderate-to-vigorous exercise.

Krista Byers-Heinlein, associate professor of psychology, and PhD candidate **Elizabeth Morin-Lessard** co-authored a study that showed that bilingual babies can tell the difference between languages, as infants have similar learning and switching patterns as adults.

Louise Davidson, associate professor of education, and PhD student **Nadia Naffi** co-authored a study that found that personal construct psychology techniques are useful tools for getting groups of educators to work together and avoid workplace conflict.

Research by **Adam Radomsky**, professor of psychology, shed light on how the fear of losing control over thoughts and actions impacts OCD-related behaviour, including checking. That means reducing beliefs about losing control can reduce individuals' OCD symptoms.

▼ A Concordia-Université du Québec à Montréal study co-authored by **Marina Doucerain**, PhD 15, a graduate of the university's Individualized program, showed that the first few days after coming to a new home country may be the most important for an immigrant's successful integration.

Biology professor **Vladimir Titorenko** and a team of fellow researchers published findings that identified biological mechanisms in yeast genes that can be targeted to extend human lifespan.

Jin Suk Lee, Concordia Research Chair in Plant Science and Biotechnology, conducts research into the molecular mechanisms that control plant growth, which is helping scientists create more durable and productive crops.

Watching television for more than two hours a day has been linked to lower school readiness skills in kindergarteners — and in particular children from low-income families — according to a study co-authored by PERFORM Centre researcher **Caroline Fitzpatrick**.

A study co-authored by biology researcher **Chiara Gamberi** developed an innovative fruit fly-based model of the types of harmful cysts that can form on kidneys. The model has enormous potential for assisting the study of how cells proliferate in polycystic kidney disease — which annually affects 12.5 million people worldwide — and cancer.

Research co-authored by PhD student **Andrew McRae**, MSc 13, and **Alexandre Champagne**, associate professor of physics, along with **James M. Porter**, BSc 11, MSc 15, and **Vahid Tayari**, PhD 14, revealed problems engineers face when building molecular nanoelectronics, and how they might be able to overcome them by harnessing the quantum nature of electrons — which could make electronic devices even smarter.



A team of 98 scientists from 22 countries — including **Jeannine-Marie St-Jacques**, assistant professor in the Department of Geography, Planning and Environment — compiled the most comprehensive database of past global temperature records to date, spanning 1 CE to the present.

▼ **Thanh Dang-Vu**, associate professor of exercise science, and **Jean-Philippe Gouin**, associate professor of psychology, designed a study to help identify candidates who will respond well to cognitive behavioural therapy for chronic insomnia.

Dajana Vuckovic, assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry, is improving the amount of biochemical information that can be measured from a few drops of blood by using mass spectrometry to speed up medical diagnosis and treatment.

Jochen Jaeger, associate professor of geography, analyzed dozens of studies already conducted in countries around the world to discover what prevention methods are most consistently useful to reduce roadkill, a serious international problem.

Sandra Chang-Kredl, assistant professor of education, and **Daniela Colannino**, MA 16, are turning to Reddit for a more accurate picture of public perceptions of teachers and teaching. They found that our understanding of the “best” and “worst” is predicated on personal educational values — and, possibly, our understanding of gender.

A study by **James McIntosh**, professor of economics, showed that young **marijuana** users report the most negative impact to their physical and mental health.

As part of her ongoing study of how social media shapes young people’s attitudes toward refugees, researcher **Nadia Naffi** turned young Facebook users into advocates for tolerance when she adapted cutting-edge interview techniques traditionally used in constructivist psychology.

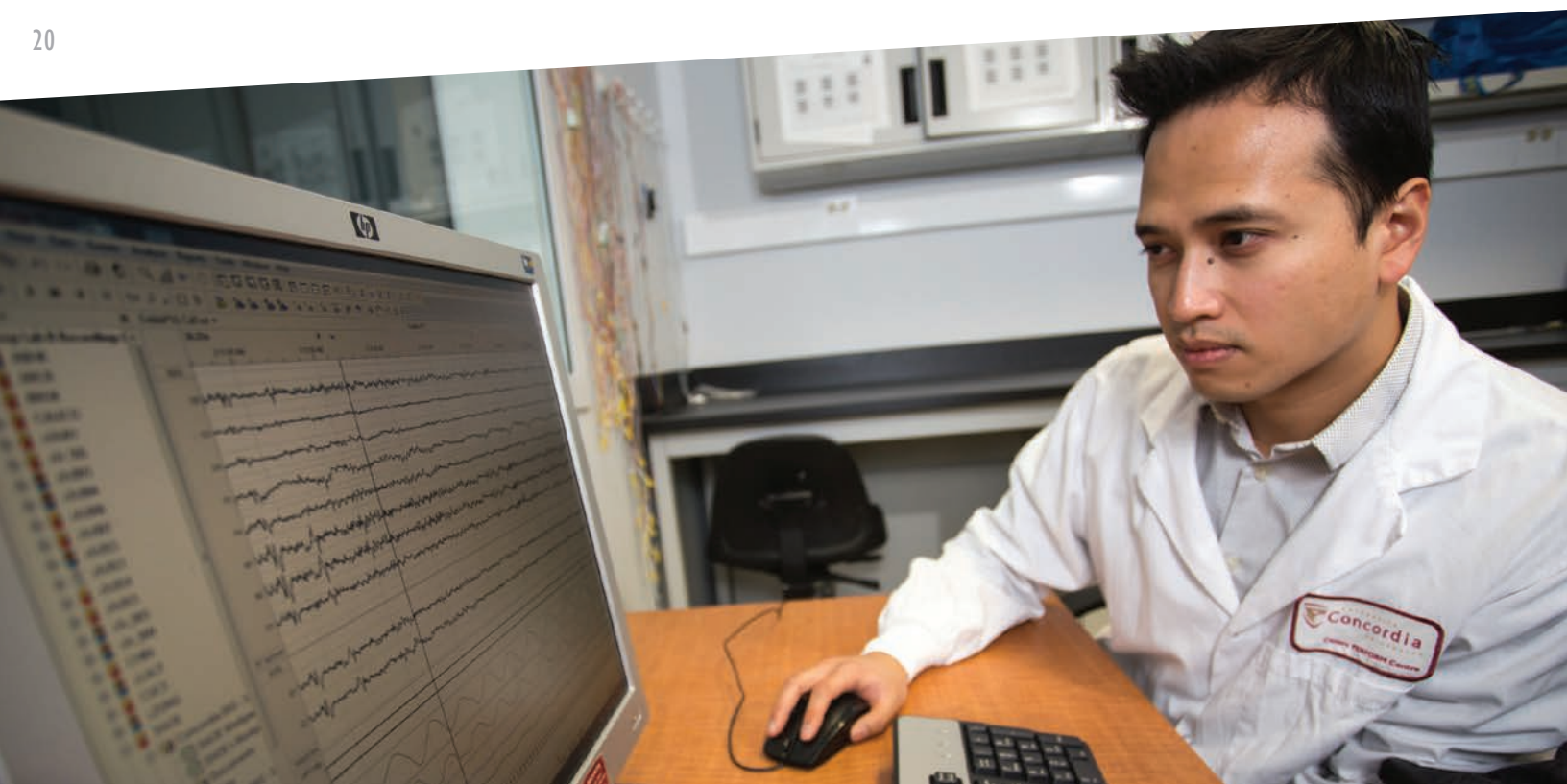


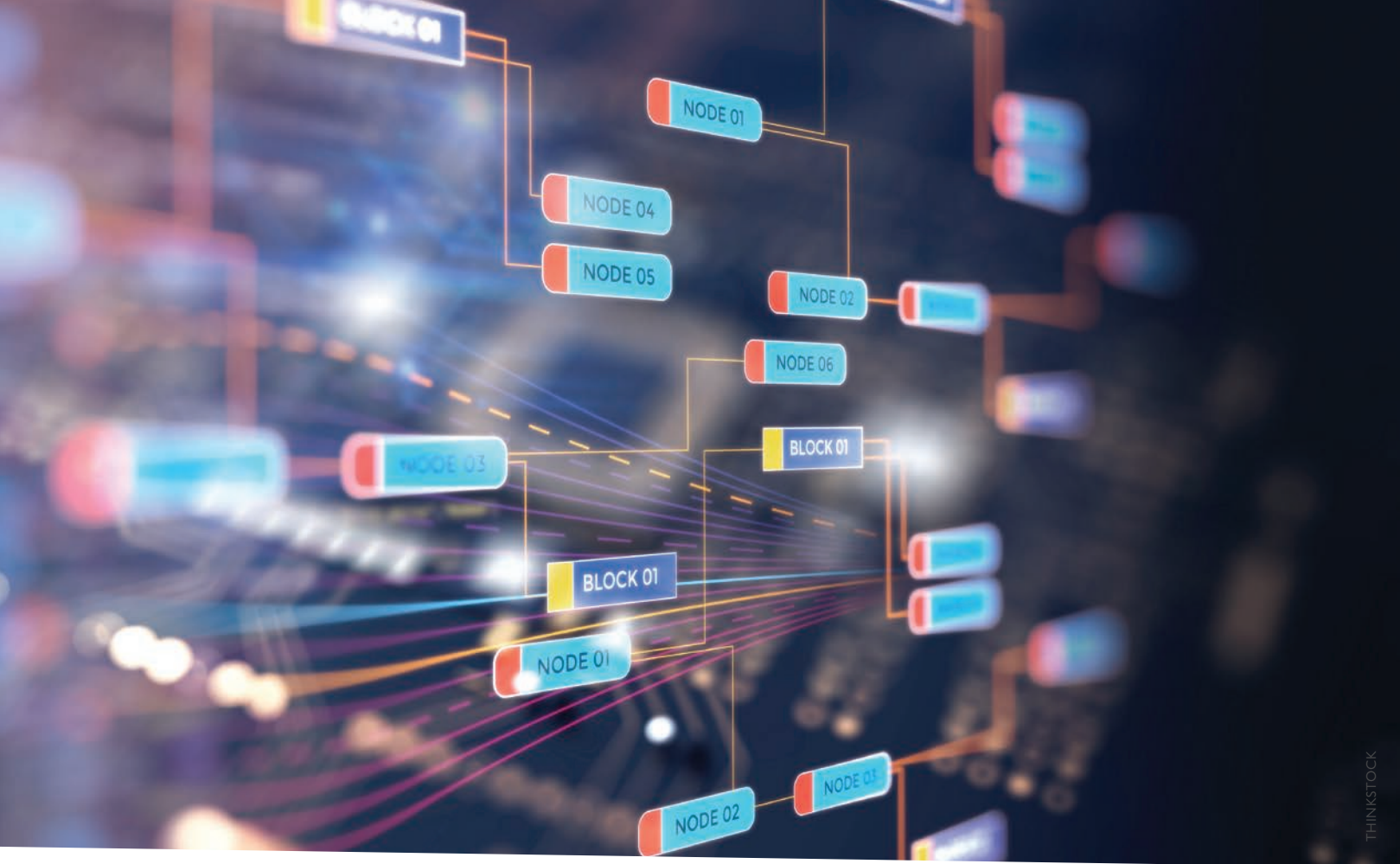
Natasha Blanchet-Cohen, associate professor of applied human sciences, spent three months among the Kelabit community in Borneo and observed issues of cultural safety in light of internal Indigenous conflict caused by the external pressures of modernization.

An engineering team at Concordia led by **Hashem Akbari**, professor in the Department of Building, Civil and Environmental Engineering, collaborated with researchers in California to simulate the weathering of cool roofs in the lab. They can now reproduce three years of aging on roofing products in just a few days, which will result in a new cost-saving industry standard for cool-roof testing.

A study by professor of building, civil and environmental engineering **Hashem Akbari** and by **Farhad Mofidi**, PhD 17, proposed a method that simultaneously optimizes individual office workers’ productivity and energy consumption costs by automating the control of indoor environmental conditions, including air quality, temperature and lighting.

▲ Research co-authored by **Mohammad Saifur Rahaman**, associate professor in the Department of Building, Civil and Environmental Engineering, found that old conversion of food waste into renewable energy and fertilizer has enormous potential to reduce Canada’s carbon footprint.





THINKSTOCK

▲ **Emad Shihab**, Concordia University Research Chair in Analytics for Quality Mobile Software and associate professor in the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering, and his students revealed that the use of “trivial packages” on open-source coding blocks can have negative consequences.

An article by **Zeynep Arsel**, associate professor of marketing, showed that crowdsourcing benefits not just companies but individual contributors, who gain connections, status and skills. The article was based on the thesis of **Eric Martineau**, BComm 10, MSc 12, who was supervised by Arsel.

A study by **Tingyu Zhou**, assistant professor of finance, made the case for the continued value in the future of brick-and-mortar retail spaces — but ones that will offer shopping, entertainment and socializing.

Research by **Stéphane Brutus**, professor of management and RBC Professor of Motivation and Employee Performance, by **Roshan Javadian**, MSc 14, and by **Alexandra Panaccio**, associate professor of management, revealed that cycling to work can help reduce job stress.

JMSB researcher **Brad Aeon**, MSc 14, found that managing time better can make people happier — and help them work more effectively. Therefore companies should teach time management one-on-one rather than in a group.

MOVING UP

With \$50 million in sponsored income, the university had the **country's second highest revenue increase** among comprehensive universities, according to the 2017 Research Infosource list of **Canada's Top 50 Research Universities**.

Concordia earned top marks for campus sustainability, receiving a **STARS gold rating** from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education.

Concordia celebrated 19 consecutive years as **Quebec's lowest power consumer**, according to the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur.

Ten Concordians — Elizabeth Fast, Emilee Gilpin, Jason Edward Lewis, Cherry Smiley, Heather Igliorte, Shiann Whitebean, Tiffany Ashoona, Louellyn White, Charmaine Lyn and Marie-Ève Drouin-Gagné — will work with the community in the newly formed **Indigenous Directions Leadership Group**.

Concordia's new **engAGE** research centre challenges long-held assumptions about older people and aging.

The university introduced the **Critical Feminist Activism and Research project**, which offers a road map for equity work on and off campus.

Rankings rise:

Concordia's rise in the quality of its offerings and research was reflected in a number of national and international rankings:

- For the fourth consecutive year, Concordia's **software engineering research** was **number one** in Canada — csrankings.org
- Concordia ranked among the **top universities under 50** — *Times Higher Education* Young University Rankings
- Concordia **climbed 30 places** to the top 1.6 per cent globally — Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings
- Concordia was named the **top Canadian university** and tied for **first place** in North America in its **Top 50 Under 50 Ranking** — QS World University Rankings
- Concordia made the **world's top 500** — 2017 Academic Ranking of World Universities (Shanghai Rankings)
- Concordia made gains in **research, innovation, student satisfaction and retention** — *Maclean's* 2018 rankings
- **Engineering and technology** was in the **global top 300** — *Times Higher Education* 2018 World University Rankings by Subject
- Concordia **moved up** five spots — *U.S. News* Best Global Universities rankings

FACULTY AND RESEARCH RECOGNITION

▼ Film professor **Daniel Cross**'s music documentary *I Am the Blues* won two 2017 **Canadian Screen Awards**: the Ted Rogers Best Feature Length Documentary and Best Cinematography in a Feature Length Documentary.

UNESCO honoured Concordia's **Centre for the Study of Learning and Performance** with a **\$20,000 global literacy prize**.

The **Royal Society of Canada** inducted two faculty: **Robert Tittler**, distinguished professor emeritus of history, was inducted into the Academy of the Arts and Humanities; **Louis Patrick Leroux**, professor of both English and études françaises, joined the College of New Scholars, Arts and Scientists.

Lucie Lequin, distinguished professor emerita of études françaises, was named a **Chevalier de l'Ordre des Palmes académiques** for her work on women's writing and feminism in Quebec.

Ann English, professor emerita of chemistry and Honorary Concordia University Research Chair in Bioinorganic Chemistry, Chemistry and Biochemistry, won the 2017 **Clara Benson Award** as Canada's leading female chemist.

Nora Jaffary, associate professor of history, won the 2017 **Wallace K. Ferguson Prize** for her book *Reproduction and Its Discontents in Mexico: Childbirth and Contraception from 1750 to 1905*.

Three faculty were named **Canada Research Chairs (CRC)**: **Habib Benali**, professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, CRC in Biomedical Imaging and Healthy Aging; **Benjamin Eppinger**, associate professor of psychology, CRC in Cognitive Neuroscience of Decision-Making in Healthy Human Aging; and **Pedro Peres-Neto**, professor of biology, CRC in Spatial Ecology and Biodiversity.

The **Canadian Academy of Engineering** inducted **Muthukumaran Packirisamy**, professor in the Department of Mechanical, Industrial and Aerospace Engineering, and **Radu Zmeureanu**, professor in the Department of Building, Civil and Environmental Engineering.



UNIVERSITY ACCOLADES

Anne Wade, long-time manager of Concordia's Centre for the Study of Learning and Performance, was named the **top research professional excellence award** by the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture.

Christophe Guy, vice-president of Research and Graduate Studies, won the **Prix du Québec**, the province's highest distinction.

Marc Denoncourt, chief information officer, and **Anne-Marie Croteau**, dean of the John Molson School of Business (JMSB), won **Méritic awards** for their distinguished careers in the IT industry.

The **Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International**, considered the hallmark of excellence in business education, renewed its accreditation of the **JMSB** for the next five years.

NEW RESIDENCIES

Governor General's Award-winning author **Peter Behrens** started at Concordia as the **Richler writer-in-residence**.

▲ Judge **Morton Minc**, BA 67, became Concordia's first **jurist-in-residence**.

Italian sculptor **Edoardo Malagigi** took up a **week-long residency** at Concordia's Centre for Creative Reuse.

President and founder of Bierbrier Brewing **Charles Bierbrier**, MBA 03, stepped in as **entrepreneur-in-residence** at JMSB.



STUDENT STARS

► The university welcomed its first cohort of 10 **Public Scholars** doctoral students, and the second cohort started in 2018. The School of Graduate Studies launched the Public Scholars Program to bridge the gap between academic research and the community.

Artist **Velibor Božovi**, BFA 11, MFA 15, held his final exhibition, *Nothing will Surprise You Here*, as recipient of the **Claudine and Stephen Bronfman Fellowship in Contemporary Art** at the Dazibao in Montreal.

Students **Anna Timm-Bottos**, **Buruç Asrin**, **Anastasia Llewellyn** and **Keroles Riad** received the **Lieutenant Governor of Quebec Bronze Youth Medals** in recognition of their volunteer work and significant contributions to society.

Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science students took top honours at the **2017 Canadian Society for Mechanical Engineering International Congress National Design Competition**. The nine-person team won **Best Overall Design** for their milk crate 3D printer, dubbed the MilkCreator.

Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships were awarded to **Anne-Marie Turcotte**, PhD student in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology; **Darian Stahl**, student in the Humanities Interdisciplinary PhD Program; and **Amir Hooshidar**, PhD candidate in the Department of Mechanical, Industrial and Aerospace Engineering.

Max Bergholz, associate professor of history, won the **2017 Joseph Rothschild Prize in Nationalism and Ethnic Studies** for his book, *Violence as a Generative Force: Identity, Nationalism, and Memory in a Balkan Community*.

Nadia Naffi, PhD candidate in the Educational Technology Program, was one of the final five winners of the **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Storytellers Contest**. She investigates young refugees on social media.

Alicia McTaggart took home the Jury Prize and **Arthi Ramachandran** landed the People's Choice Award at the **Science Exposed photo competition**, held by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada.

PhD students **Emanuelle Dufour**, in art education, and **Andrew McRae**, MSc 13, in physics, each earned the **Concordia Stand-Out Graduate Research Award**.

Concordia's Model United Nations team brought home a record total of 25 awards in the 2016-17 academic year for their diplomacy and problem-solving, including three at the **Harvard World Model United Nations**.

JMSB case competition students continued to score impressively in 2016-17: the JMSB team won Ryerson University's **Organizational Behaviour Case Competition**, while the Concordia delegation took home overall gold at the weekend-long 2017 **Omnium Financier**. In November 2016, the MBA team won the **DeGroot MBA Case Competition** and finished third at the KPG Contest hosted by UQÀM. They also brought home second at the 2016 University of Vermont Family Enterprise Case Competition.



ALUMNI HONOURS

Dana Michel, BFA 06, captured a Silver Lion for innovation in dance at the **2017 Venice Dance Biennale**, for her solo performances *STAHVIN MAHVIN* and *Yellow Towel*.

Order of Canada: Mary Anne Eberts, LLD 93, and **Michèle Stanton-Jean**, LLD 95, were appointed Officers; and **Norman E. Hebert, Jr.**, BComm 77, **Peter McAuslan**, BA 72, **Marguerite Mendell**, BA 72, **Nancy Neamtan**, LLD 15, and **Sylvia Sweeney**, attendee 77, were named Members.

The City of Montreal and the Contemporary Art Galleries Association awarded the **Prix Pierre-Ayot**, which supports and promotes new visual arts creators, to **Celia Perrin Sidarous**, MFA 15; and the **Prix Louis-Comtois**, which recognizes the excellence of artists who have distinguished themselves in Montreal's contemporary art scene, to **Sophie Jodoin**, BFA 88.

Governor General's Literary Awards honours went to **Oana Avasilichioaei**, MA 02, GrDip 16, for Translation; to **Julie Flett**, BFA 99, for Young People's Literature – Illustrated Books; and to **Richard Harrison**, MA 94, for Poetry.

Renowned Canadian painter and former Concordia professor **Landon Mackenzie**, MFA 79, won a prestigious **2017 Governor General's Award** in Visual and Media Arts for her outstanding career.



RECREATION & ATHLETICS

After 18 years at the university in various leadership roles, **D’Arcy Ryan**, BA 98, MA 03, MBA 09, became director of Recreation and Athletics.

Women’s rugby player **Frédérique Rajotte**, a fifth-year outside centre with the Stingers, was named the 2017 U SPORTS **women’s rugby player of the year**.

The **women’s hockey team** reached the Canadian **finals** — the team’s first appearance at the U SPORTS national championship in more than a decade — and finished fourth.

- ▲ Women’s hockey coach **Julie Chu** was named Réseau du sport étudiant du Québec (RSEQ) **Coach of the Year**, while men’s skipper **Marc-André Élement**, BA 11, was named **Coach of the Year** for the Ontario University Athletics, the Stingers’ league.

The **men’s rugby team** enjoyed a perfect 9-0 win-loss record in the RSEQ and won the **provincial championship**.

The **men’s hockey team** had their best season in 2016-17 in more than 15 years, finishing in second place in the OUA East Division with a 19-7-2 record.

THINKING OUT LOUD

Concordia’s ideas festival returned with live events and podcasts.
To listen to the podcasts or learn more about *Thinking Out Loud*, visit concordia.ca/TOL.

Concordia’s Thinking Out Loud (TOL) ideas festival once again brought some of Canada’s top research, media and academic minds to the university, in collaboration with The Globe and Mail. In addition to five public events held at Concordia in 2017, TOL included new podcast productions.

THINKING OUT LOUD — LIVE EVENTS

Future Urban — The City Designed: What Is Important About City Design?

Future Small Screen — Talking Television: What Makes Television Important Now?

Business Ownership Now: Entrepreneurial Spirit Is Alive And Well — Again

Indigenous Cultures — Expression, Resistance, Resilience: Indigenous Cultural Expression In Focus

Talking Comics and Graphic Novels: With Matthew Forsythe, 2017 Mordecai Richler Writer-In-Residence

THINKING OUT LOUD — THE PODCAST

TOL added three podcast mini-series in 2017. Each connected big ideas, university research and public interest. All the podcasts are available to listen to at concordia.ca/TOL.

CITIES: The Cities podcast mini-series features Concordia experts looking at emerging issues for cities.

2067: The 2067 “futurecast” audio series, hosted by journalist and documentary producer Francine Pelletier, invited academics to project themselves 50 years into the future.

EXPO 67: The series presented a new take on Montreal’s iconic Expo 67 world’s fair, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2017.



THE WALRUS TALKS 2017

TOL hit the road again in fall 2017 with The Walrus Talks Disruption in Toronto, Ottawa and Calgary. These events featured Concordia researchers, alongside leading thought leaders and speakers, all telling seven-minute stories about what disruption means for cities, health and more.



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#TOL



MAJOR RESEARCH FUNDING BOOSTS

Concordia received impressive external funding toward its next-generation research from both public and private sources.

\$52.75 MILLION INVESTMENT TO ACCELERATE NEXT-GENERATION RESEARCH

The Government of Canada and the Government of Quebec have joined forces with Concordia to invest \$52.75 million into a research and innovation hub at the university.

“This is a high-water mark moment for Concordia’s next-generation approach to education,” says Alan Shepard, Concordia’s president. “The ultimate commodity in the 21st century is knowledge. The new funding is transformational and will help us meet emerging needs and partner with industry.”

Many of the research activities that will be housed within Concordia’s new applied science space are transdisciplinary and will be directed towards incubating new approaches to sustainable products and processes.

“Our researchers are producing outstanding, internationally renowned work,” says Graham Carr, Concordia’s provost. “This new funding ensures they will have the most appropriate environment to support their research, develop partnerships and train students for the jobs of tomorrow.”

The research and innovation hub will house activities with commercial potential for Concordia’s current and future industrial partners and entrepreneurs, and include infrastructure to support the scaling up of projects created on the lab bench.

Chemists, engineers, health scientists and biologists will work in an environment that encourages transdisciplinary thinking and will lead to new and efficient prototypes, materials and processes with applications in biomedicine, sustainable manufacturing and beyond.

The new hub’s team of researchers will include incoming faculty and graduate students from Concordia’s new Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering. The hub will also house the Centre for NanoScience Research and the Centre for Microscopy and Cellular Imaging. An integrated space devoted to Concordia’s District 3 Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship will provide dry and wet co-working laboratories to support entrepreneurs developing products based on scientific discoveries and ideas.

“This project reflects Concordia’s drive to provide top researchers with innovative and collaborative laboratory environments, and to provide access to the infrastructure they need to take their projects to the next level,” says Justin Powlowski, who was interim vice president of Research and Graduate Studies. “Through this project, it will be much easier for our researchers and their partners to use expertise from the lab to develop creative and sustainable applications and take them out into the world.”

\$10 MILLION FOR NEXT-GEN CITIES

Concordia has received the green light to nominate a Canada Excellence Research Chair (CERC) in Smart, Sustainable and Resilient Cities and Communities.

The position would come with \$10 million in research funding, spread out over seven years.

Launched in 2008, the Canada Excellence Research Chairs (CERC) program supports Canadian universities in their efforts to build on Canada's growing reputation as a global leader in research and innovation. The CERC awards are among the most prestigious and generous available globally. Concordia is one of only nine Canadian institutions to advance in the CERC competition in the current funding year.

"Over the past several years, our research profile in the area of urban life has grown significantly," says Christophe Guy, vice-president of Research and Graduate Studies. "Concordia's researchers are reimagining and reinventing ways in which we dwell in and develop metropolitan areas."

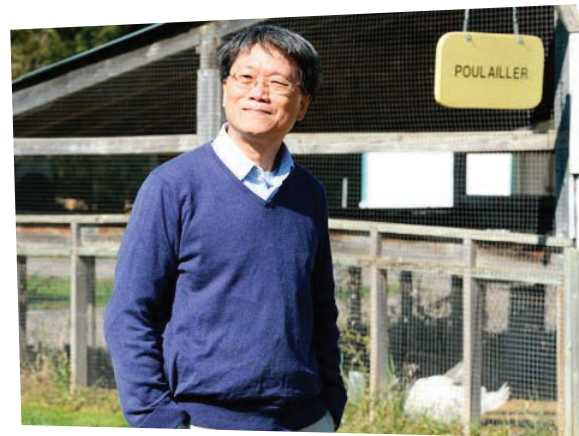
He adds, "The CERC funding would allow us to continue to advance skills and practices for building and nurturing communities and cities, while establishing an ambitious research program that will have the potential to positively impact and inform government policy and society as a whole."

\$6 MILLION FOR GENOMICS RESEARCH

Adrian Tsang, biology professor in Concordia's Faculty of Arts and Science, received some good news in December 2017. The Genomic Applications Partnership Program (GAPP) awarded Tsang \$6 million over three years to support his work to develop an alternative to antibiotics in animal feed. The funding for his research comes from Genome Canada, Génome Québec and Elanco Animal Health.

With it, the director of Concordia's Centre for Structural and Functional Genomics hopes to identify and characterize how lysozymes — which are naturally occurring antimicrobial enzymes found in animals' immune systems — can be inexpensively recreated and used in livestock production to replace sub-therapeutic use of antibiotics.

The high population density of modern livestock operations promotes the exchange of both commensal bacteria and pathogens, which can lead to rapid spread of infectious diseases. "The resulting improvements in health and productivity would reduce production costs, leading to lower food costs for consumers, while reducing risks to public health," Tsang says.



OTHER 2017 FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

\$9.9 million for 63 Concordia projects: The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada boosted support by 30 per cent for the university's researchers, in disciplines ranging from biology to geography to computer science.

\$9.3 million for social sciences and humanities research: 97 Concordia faculty members and graduate students have been awarded new federal funding through the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council's Insight and Insight Development grants.

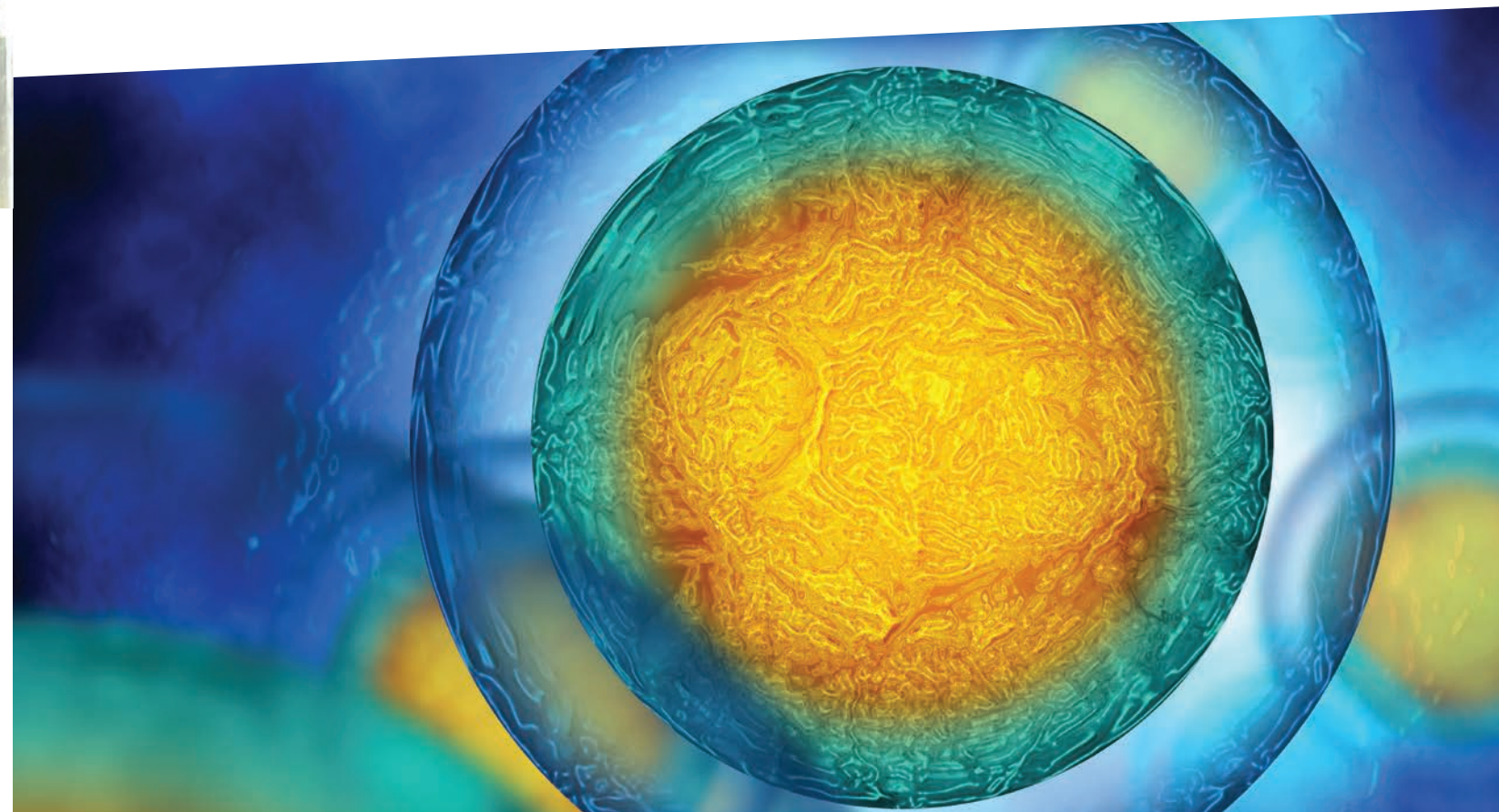
\$2 million for high-impact health research: The university landed new federal funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research for diabetes prevention, addiction treatments and more.

\$1.24 million for research infrastructure: The Canada Foundation for Innovation and the Government of Quebec supported five projects at the university.

\$851,000 for the Grey Nuns Building: The Government of Canada provided funding for the conservation of the National Historic Site.

\$250,000 boost for synthetic biology research: The Canada Foundation for Innovation awarded professors David Kwan and Steve Shih project funding to improve biofuel and vaccine production workflows.

\$367,000 to combat hate: Project SOMEONE received funding from the Government of Canada's Community Resilience Fund. Co-founded by Vivek Venkatesh, associate professor in the Department of Education, the project sensitizes youth, educators and the public to patterns of online hostility.



REPORT ON GIVING

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, Concordia continues to grow as a vibrant and engaged institution of higher education.

Now more than ever, Concordia relies on private support to bolster our position as Canada's next-generation university. Donors drive next-generation ideas, talent and impact. Gifts propel top-notch research and academic programs. Private support helps us provide state-of-the-art library resources, attract first-rate students and so much more.

Thanks to 10,299 generous donors, we raised a record \$51,851,152 to help advance Concordia's nine strategic directions and our next-generation university. One of those directions — to take pride — is demonstrated with every gift, large or small.

We thank our community of donors — alumni, faculty, staff, parents, students and friends — for helping our community reach its goals and go beyond. Your gifts create positive impact in our world.



THE CAMPAIGN FOR CONCORDIA OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED ON NOVEMBER 1, 2017, AT THE CHANCELLOR'S BUILDERS CIRCLE AND FRIENDS DINNER. CTV MONTREAL CHIEF NEWS ANCHOR AND CAMPAIGN HONORARY CHAIR MUTSUMI TAKAHASHI, **1** BA 79, MBA 95, LLD 13, EMCEED THE EVENT.HOSTED BY CONCORDIA CHANCELLOR JONATHAN WENER, **2** BCOMM 71, NORMAN HÉBERT JR., **3** BCOMM 77, CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, AND CONCORDIA PRESIDENT ALAN SHEPARD, **4** THE EVENT BROUGHT TOGETHER MORE THAN 150 DONORS AND FRIENDS AT MONTREAL'S CIRQUE ÉLOIZE. CONCORDIA RESEARCHERS MARTA KERSTEN-OERTEL, **5** ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN CONCORDIA'S DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND SOFTWARE ENGINEERING AND HEAD OF THE APPLIED PERCEPTION LAB, AND ANA MARIA MEDINA RAMIREZ, **6** MASC (MECH. ENG.) 17, PRESENTED THEIR WORK.



ANDREW MOLSON AND LINO SAPUTO JR. LAUNCHED THE CAMPAIGN FOR CONCORDIA AT THE CHANCELLOR'S BUILDERS CIRCLE AND FRIENDS DINNER ON NOVEMBER 1, 2017.

NEXT-GEN CAMPAIGN

2017 marked the launch of the university's most ambitious fundraising campaign ever:

The Campaign for Concordia: Next-Gen. Now. The campaign was officially launched November 1, 2017, at our Chancellor's Builders Circle and Friends Dinner — a celebration of our university's greatest supporters and their dedication to the advancement of higher learning.

Our \$250-million campaign will support Concordia's nine strategic directions (concordia.ca/directions) that cement our position as Canada's next-generation university. To address tomorrow's greatest challenges, we're developing new research centres, think tanks and academic programs. We're 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.

CHARITY INITIATIVES

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:

 <p>CENTRAIDE</p> <p>Concordia community members raised \$175,000 for the 2017 Greater Montreal campaign.</p>	 <p>CONCORDIA SHUFFLE</p> <p>650 Concordians joined Shuffle 28 — and set a new record! They collectively raised \$110,000 for scholarships and bursaries in Concordia's annual 6.5-kilometre inter-campus walkathon.</p>	 <p>CONCORDIA USED BOOK FAIR</p> <p>Generous book lovers raised a record \$24,269 for student scholarships, the Student Emergency and Food Fund and athletic financial awards. In its 21 years, the event has raised more than \$200,000.</p>	 <p>MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT</p> <p>The 2017 Concordia Memorial Golf Tournament in August raised \$7,000 to support student bursaries, bringing the total since 1992 to \$177,000.</p>	 <p>LIBRARY CHRISTMAS AUCTION</p> <p>The 28th annual auction in December raised \$5,370 for over a dozen causes, including Dans la Rue, which support homeless youth, Oxfam and Concordia's Multi-Faith and Spirituality Centre.</p>
 <p>MOVEMBER</p> <p>Concordia's John Molson School of Business team raised about \$5,000 for men's health charities.</p>	 <p>DÉFI CANDEREL</p> <p>Concordians participated in the 2017 cancer research fundraiser, with \$3,500 going to the cause.</p>	 <p>TASTE OF A GOOD CAUSE</p> <p>Organized by Hospitality Concordia, the event raised \$2,094 for the Student Emergency and Food Fund. Sugar Shack and holiday luncheons raised an additional \$1,231 for the fund and the Student Parent Centre.</p>	 <p>5 DAYS FOR THE HOMELESS</p> <p>Part of a national campaign, Concordians collected \$6,000 as they slept outside over five days in March to raise funds for charities serving homeless Montrealers. Since 2008, the group has raised over \$300,000 for Dans la Rue and Chez Doris.</p>	 <p>STINGERS SHOOT FOR THE CURE</p> <p>Stingers Shoot for the Cure raised \$2,200 for the Quebec Breast Cancer Foundation.</p>

OTHER GIFTS INCLUDE

These are highlights of the many gifts Concordia received in 2017:

\$3.9 million from the **Canadian Irish Studies Foundation** to support the School of Irish Studies

\$1 million from an anonymous donor to create the **Leonard F. Ruggins Engineering Endowment**

\$300,000 from **Shoppers Drug Mart Inc.** to the Pharmaprix Endowment and the Pharmaprix Research Projects at the PERFORM Centre

\$226,913 from Concordia's **Engineering and Computer Science Association (ECA)** to the ECA Engineering and Computer Science Equipment Fund

\$200,000 from **Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton** for JMSB Scholarships and Business Person of the Year Awards

\$200,000 from **J. Ross Quigley** to the Tom Hopkins Memorial Graduate Award for students in the Faculty of Fine Arts

\$162,338 from **Tabor Trust** to the Carol Lee Price MA Scholarship to support female international students pursuing a Master's in Philosophy

\$130,000 from **Flash Fund Foundation** towards the Kenneth Woods Fund

\$100,000 from the **Naim S. Mahlab Foundation:** \$50,000 for an existing fellowship endowment and \$50,000 for the Naim Mahlab Student Exchange Award at Tel Aviv University

\$81,000 from **Michael Williams**, BComm 76, to create the Michael R. Williams Business Studies Bursary at the John Molson School of Business (JMSB)

\$75,000 from **Fondation J.A. DeSève** to the Mel Hoppenheim School of Cinema

\$60,000 from the **Reader's Digest Foundation of Canada** to create professional skills workshops in critical digital media and journalism

\$60,000 from Concordia Chancellor **Jonathan Wener**, BComm 71, to the Chancellor's First Generation Fund

\$52,000 from **Aaron Fish** for bursaries in mechanical engineering

\$51,988 from **Ann and Kevin Reynolds**, BA 49, to the Reverend Jack O'Brien, S.J. Bursary Endowment, which supports students in the Department of Communication Studies

PICTURED ARE RECIPIENTS OF HYDRO-QUÉBEC SCHOLARSHIPS AT THE GIFT ANNOUNCEMENT ON OCTOBER 12, 2017.





CONCORDIA CHANCELLOR JONATHAN WENER AND SUSAN WENER DONATED THE EIGHT-METRE HIGH KINETIC SCULPTURE CALLED *DI-OCTO*, WHICH RESTS OUTSIDE THE HENRY F. HALL BUILDING AT DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD. AND MACKAY ST. INSET: BRAM FREEDMAN, CONCORDIA VICE-PRESIDENT, ADVANCEMENT AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS; FRANCE CHRÉTIEN DESMARAIS, PRESIDENT, SOCIETY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MONTREAL'S 375TH ANNIVERSARY; KATHERINE WENER; SUSAN WENER; JONATHAN WENER, BCOMM 71, CONCORDIA CHANCELLOR, AND CHAIRMAN AND CEO OF MONTREAL-BASED PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT FIRM CANDEREL; MANON GAUTHIER, BA 97, FORMER MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF VILLE DE MONTRÉAL, RESPONSIBLE FOR CULTURE, HERITAGE, DESIGN, THE SPACE FOR LIFE AND THE STATUS OF WOMEN, AND CITY COUNCILLOR, VILLE DE MONTREAL, DISTRICT OF CHAMPLAIN-L'ÎLE-DES-SOEURS-VERDUN; ALAN SHEPARD, CONCORDIA PRESIDENT.

\$50,000 from **Gordon Graham**, BComm 84, for the Gordon Graham Entrance Bursary

\$50,000 from **Joey Reda** to the Joe Reda and Family Endowment

\$50,000 from the **Colubriale family** to the Giuseppe Colubriale and Raffaella Galati endowment at JMSB

\$50,000 from the **Bina and Leonard Ellen Family Foundation** to Concordia's Centre for the Arts in Human Development

\$50,000 from **Michael Minkoff**, BComm 68, to Concordia's Greatest Needs

Additional major gifts from **Fondation J.-Louis Lévesque**, **Jarislowsky Foundation**, **Lloyd Carr-Harris Foundation**, for a total of **\$1.35 million**

PLANNED GIFTS INCLUDE:

Donations totalling **\$784,491** from the:

- Estate of **Nawaf Al-Rufaie**, BA 04
- Estate of **Hélène Linder**, BA 67
- Estate of **Madeleine Harris**, BA 46
- Estate of **Kurt Ekler**
- Estate of **William Ross Phalen**, BSc 58
- Estate of **Betty Cowper**
- Estate of **Joan Elizabeth Dunlop**, BA 64
- Estate of **Florence Yaffe**, BA 61

Future commitments totaling **\$9,825,000** from:

- The Late **Ronald E. Lawless**, LLD 03
- **Mark Lazar**
- **Ann Shatilla**
- **Joel Lukaseder**, BEng 92, and **Dara Lukaseder**
- **Elizabeth Mitchell**, Cert 92
- **Antonio Costanzo**
- **Michael Minkoff**, BComm 68
- **Norman E. Hébert, Jr.**, BComm 77
- Anonymous donors

GIFTS-IN-KIND INCLUDE:

- From Concordia Chancellor **Jonathan Wener**, BComm 71, and **Susan Wener**, an eight-metre-high kinetic sculpture called *Di-Octo*, outside the Henry F. Hall Building at De Maisonneuve Blvd. and Mackay St.
- From the **Eva, Leora, Diana and Seegla Brecher Collection**
- From **Kari Polanyi Levitt**
- From **Eve Rotstein** and **Daniel Rotstein**

COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN

More than 8,700 Concordians — alumni, faculty, staff, parents, friends and students — contributed nearly \$2.2 million to the **2016-17 Community Campaign**. The annual Community Campaign, which includes gifts ranging in size and purpose, bolsters teaching, research and student life across the university, and is part of our **Campaign for Concordia: Next-Gen. Now**.

Throughout the year, we call upon the Concordia community for support — by phone, mail, online and in person. The Community Campaign also includes gifts to our **FundOne** crowdfunding platform and student-driven **Graduating Class Gift Fund**, as well as the **Concordia Shuffle** walkathon, which raised a record \$110,000 for scholarships and bursaries in 2017.

KEY EVENTS

Our **Donor and Student Awards Celebration** took place on March 30, 2017. With a record 340 guests in attendance, the evening featured student speeches and inspirational opening words by keynote speaker **Randall Kelly**, BComm 78, CEO and chief investment officer at Formula Growth in Montreal. The annual event gives students the opportunity to meet the donors who provide financial support to Concordia.

Our annual **Concordia Golf Classic** raised yet another new record — **\$351,000** for bursaries and scholarships for Concordia students. Since its inception, our tournament has raised \$4.5 million.





AT THE 2017 DONOR AND STUDENT AWARDS CELEBRATION: BRAM FREEDMAN, VICE-PRESIDENT OF ADVANCEMENT AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS; NATHALIE FLETCHER, J.W. MCCONNELL MEMORIAL DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP; OLIVER HINSE, BA 16, GEORGIAN HOCKEY AWARD IN MEMORY OF PAUL LEMIRE; KEYNOTE SPEAKER RANDALL KELLY; AND CONCORDIA PRESIDENT ALAN SHEPARD.

CONNECTING ALUMNI

With panel discussions in Montreal, Toronto and New York, as well as online events, our **Women and Leadership** program continues to gain momentum. It encourages Concordia's 91,700 women graduates around the world to exchange ideas, information and experiences. The past year's events included speakers such as **Caterina Rizzi**, BFA 04, co-founder of Breather, and **Anna Martini**, BComm 85, GrDip 86, executive vice-president and chief financial officer at Club de Hockey Canadien Inc. and Evenko.

Concordia took the good news of our growing research presence on the road with our regional series of events: **This is Concordia. Now.** Along with key researchers from our university, Concordia President **Alan Shepard** travelled to select cities to share Concordia's vision as Canada's next-generation university. **Alumni chapter events** were held across North America — Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver and New York City. Abroad, we gathered with Concordia alumni in Shanghai, Beijing, Hong Kong and Beirut.

Each year, we offer a variety of career programs geared towards helping our alumni succeed beyond graduation. We hosted **Talk Shop with Top Alumni**, a breakfast roundtable at Homecoming where six alumni experts hosted and shared their knowledge with 75 alumni from different industries. We increased our virtual engagement through **Career Conversations** speed networking events and hosted our fourth **Alumni Matters** graduation conference.

AT THE WOMEN AND LEADERSHIP EVENT ON NOVEMBER 15, 2017: CHRISTINE LENGVARI, BSC 72, WOMEN AND LEADERSHIP ADVISORY BOARD CHAIR; KIMBERLEY MANNING, PRINCIPAL, CONCORDIA'S SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR INSTITUTE; MACKIE VADACCHINO, BCOMM 82, MBA 84, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, BIOFORCE CANADA INC.; MODERATOR SUDHA KRISHNAN, BA 99, CBC PRODUCER/ANCHOR/REPORTER; MADELEINE FÉQUIÈRE, BA 85, DIRECTOR, CORPORATE CREDIT RISK MANAGEMENT, DOMTAR INC.; AND ANNA MARTINI, BCOMM 85, GRDIP 86, EXECUTIVE VICEPRESIDENT AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, CLUB DE HOCKEY CANADIEN INC. AND EVENKO.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay connected: join our growing social media community! We've doubled our Facebook followers over the last year — and just launched our Concordia Alumni Instagram account.



Stay up to date and learn about events in your area. Share your **#CUpride** and **#CUalumni** stories. Follow us **@ConcordiaAlumni** on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram and Flickr.

IN MEMORIAM

The Concordia community mourns the loss of several members in 2017. Among them, we recognize the following university supporters:

Concordia governor emeritus and Concordia University Foundation board member
Ronald Lawless, LLD 03

Concordia governor emeritus and former member of alumni association boards
John Lemieux, BA 66

Stuart McLean, BA 71, LLD 14, best known to legions of fans for his warm and humorous CBC Radio show *The Vinyl Café*

Former Board of Governors and faculty member **Sherman Friedland**

Former faculty member **Elizabeth Gatbonton**

Running legend **Edward Whitlock**

Former Board of Governors member and staff
Irvin Dudeck

Distinguished Professor Emeritus **Ragai Ibrahim**

Former faculty member **William Raso**

Law-firm founder **Roy Heenan**

Former member of Concordia's Fine Arts advisory board **Sean Murphy**

Former Concordia Capital Campaign volunteer
George Drummond Birks, BComm 49, LLD 89

Filmmaker and animator **Grant Munro**, LLD 07

EXTERNAL AWARDS

A SELECTION OF
FACULTY, STAFF,
STUDENT AND ALUMNI
AWARD WINNERS IN 2017

FACULTY

Daniel Cross, BFA 91, MFA 98
Cinema

Ted Rogers Best Feature Length Documentary; Best Cinematography in a Feature Length Documentary, Canadian Screen Awards

Anne-Marie Croteau
Supply Chain and Business Technology Management
MÉritic IT Career Award, Réseau Action IT

Marc Denoncourt
Chief Information Officer
Senior IT Leadership Award, Réseau Action IT

Ann English
Chemistry and Biochemistry
Clara Benson Award, Canadian Council of University Chemistry Chairs

Christophe Guy
Research and Graduate Studies
Prix du Québec

Nora Jaffary
History
Wallace K. Ferguson Prize, Canadian Historical Association

Lucie Lequin, PhD 90
Études françaises
Chevalier de l'Ordre des Palmes académiques

Louis Patrick Leroux
English, Études françaises
Robert Tittler
History
Royal Society of Canada

Marguerite Mendell, BA 72
Economics
Member, Order of Canada

Muthukumar
Packirisamy, PhD 00
Mechanical, Industrial and Aerospace Engineering
Radu Zmeureanu, BA 01, PhD 87
Building, Civil and Environmental Engineering
Fellows, Canadian Academy of Engineering

Anne Wade
Centre for the Study of Learning and Performance
Top research professional excellence award, Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture

STUDENTS

Lieutenant Governor Youth Medal
Buruç Asrin, BEng 17
Software Engineering
Anastasia Llewellyn
Magisteriate of Arts, Translation Studies
Keroles Riad, BEng 13, PhD 16
Individualized PhD program
Anna Timm-Bottos, MA 17
Magisteriate of Arts, Art Education
Alexis Lahorra
Communications and Cultural Studies
Finalist, Forces Avenir

ALUMNI

Andréanne Abbondanza Bergeron, BFA 07, MA 10, MFA 17
Claudine and Stephen Bronfman Fellowship in Contemporary Art Award

Mathieu Baril, BFA 09
Prix ARDI, Brigade Arts Affaires de Montréal

Sonia Bonspille Boileau, BFA 06
Women in the Director's Chair Feature Film Award

Antoinette Bozac, BA 78
2017 R.V.A. Jones Award, Canadian Bar Association's Canadian Corporate Counsel Association

Régine Chassagne, BA 98, LLD 16
Companion des arts et des lettres du Québec

Baruch Cohen, BA 80, MA 85
D'Arcy McGee National Assembly Citizenship Medal

Hagop Der Khatchadurian, BCS 81
Mkhitar Gosh Medal, Armenia

Claudia Di Iorio, BA 16
Young Quebecers Leading the Way Award, Quebec Community Groups Network

Matthew Ferguson, BA 03
Courage and Perseverance Award, Federal-Provincial-Territorial Heads of Prosecutions Committee

Harley Finkelstein, BA 05
Christophe Truong, BComm 10
Top 40 Under 40, Chief Investment Officer magazine

Maryse Goudreau, BFA 11, MFA 17
Prix Lynne-Cohen, Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec

Nicolas Grenier, BFA 04
Celia Perrin-Sidarous, BFA 08, MFA 15
Prix Pierre-Ayot, City of Montreal

Lia Grimanis, attendee 97
Women of Worth, L'Oréal

Christine Harries, BEng 13
Hommage Émergence award, Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec

Emilio Imbriglio, BComm 81, GrDip 82
Grand Ambassador Prize, Italian Chamber of Commerce in Canada

Sophie Jodoin, BFA 88
Prix Louis-Comtois, City of Montreal

Mark Kosturik, BA 86
North Bay Sports Hall of Fame

Marc Lachapelle, BA 77
Canadian Automotive Journalist of the Year Award, Automobile Journalists Association of Canada

Christine Lengvari, BSc 72
Prix Distinction, Chambre de la sécurité financière

Silvie Letendre, BA 90
College of Fellows, Canadian Public Relations Society

Landon Mackenzie, MFA 79
Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts

L. Jacques Ménard, BComm 67, LLD 06
Grand Officer, Order of Quebec

Dana Michel, BFA 06
Silver Lion for Innovation in Dance, Venice Biennale

David Mollet, BFA 04
Award of distinction, Chambre de l'assurance de dommages

Nadia Naffi, MA 12
Storytellers Contest, Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences

Jean-Michel Paquette, BAdmin 04
Sports Hall of Fame, Académie les Estacades, Trois-Rivières, Que.

Hugo Pilon-Larose, BA 12
National Newspaper Award, Short Feature

Jeffrey Scholten, BA 04
New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame

John Sicard, BCS 88
EY Entrepreneur of the Year, Ontario; Enterprise Technology category

Anne Sirois, BFA 83
Don Haldane Distinguished Service Award, Directors Guild of Canada

Jana Sterbak, BFA 77
Prix Paul-Émile Borduas, Prix du Québec

Meaghan Strimas, MA 03
Trillium Book Award for English Poetry, Government of Ontario

Dawn Tyler Watson, BFA 94
Best Blues Band, 33rd International Blues Challenge, Memphis, Tenn.

Dominique Vincent, EMBA 95
Women of Distinction, Raymond James Financial

Jonathan Wener, BComm 71
Samuel Bronfman Medal, Federation CJA

Governor General's Literary Awards
Oana Avasilichioaei, MA 02, GrDip 16
Translation
Julie Flett, BFA 99
Young People's Literature – Illustrated Books
Richard Harrison, MA 94
Poetry

Montreal English Theatre Awards

Ellen David, BFA 82
Outstanding Supporting Performance – Actress
Sophie El-Assaad, BFA 15
Outstanding Costume Design, Outstanding Emerging Artist-Production
Charlotte Rogers, BFA 10
Outstanding Ensemble
Radio Television Digital News Association
Stuart McLean, BA 71, LLD 14
President's Award (*posthumously*)

Mutsumi Takahashi, BA 79, MBA 95, LLD 13
Lifetime Achievement Award
Kamila Hinkson, BA 12
Sarah Leavitt, GrDip 10
Jonathan Montpetit, GrDip 05
Ben Shingler, GrDip 08
Marika Wheeler, BA 08
Journalism Awards

Quebec Writers' Federation
Philip Lanthier, BA 59
Judy Mappin Community Award
Jocelyn Parr, MA 06, MA 11
Concordia University First Book Prize

Order of Canada
Mary Anne Eberts, LLD 93
Michèle Stanton-Jean, LLD 95
Officers

Norman E. Hebert, Jr., BComm 77
Peter McAuslan, BA 72
Nancy Neamtan, LLD 15
Sylvia Sweeney, Attendee 77
Members

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AS OF DECEMBER 2017

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2019
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LEYLA SUTHERLAND 2018
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YOUTH FUSION

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GINA CODY FOUNDATION

2020

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