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U Sports Top Honour Goes to JAC Alumnus

For the first time in the history of John Abbott College, an alumnus has taken home the highest honour in Canadian university football. In his third year with the University of Calgary Dinos, quarterback Adam Sinagra (JAC '15) was honoured with the Hec Crighton Trophy as the most outstanding player in U SPORTS football Thursday, at the Vanier Cup gala.

After learning from CFL greats Dave Dickenson and Bo Levi Mitchell during his time in Calgary Stampeders camp this spring, Adam Sinagra, an arts student from Pointe Claire, Québec, proceeded to have one of the best seasons in Canada West football history.

His 3,233 passing yards set a new U SPORTS record, as he led the Dinos to a perfect 8-0 season, and the most potent offence in the nation, averaging 570.9 yards per game. Sinagra ranked second in the nation in passing touchdowns this season with 23, and led the conference with a passer rating of 126.

After learning from the likes of former Hec Crighton-winning quarterbacks Erik Glavic (2007) and Andrew Buckley (2014 and 2015) – who are now coaching with the Dinos – Sinagra has now joined his mentors as a Hec Crighton winner, marking the fifth consecutive season a CW player has taken home Canadian university's biggest individual prize.

John Abbott College Islanders Head Coach Patrick Gregory says of Sinagra: "We are all very proud of Adam's accomplishments. He was a game changer for us, a tremendous competitor who made everyone around him better."

Stan Gendron, Sinagra's QB coach while at Abbott mirrors that same sentiment saying that he is "an exceptional competitor."

It is no surprise, that Adam was also named all-Canadian.



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Update on JAC Library Construction

Exciting new information is released with regards to ongoing Library renovation

It's January 2018 and Library renovations continue, as we move from the demolition to the construction phase. Many people (faculty, staff and students alike) are curious to know what changes and improvements will occur. According to the **GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT**, several factors had to be addressed. These included:

To provide an inspirational space for study and learning: this means that the library should incorporate more spaces that allow for both quiet individual study and rooms for group work.

To increase seating capacity and access to electrical outlets: the goal is to create 60% more places to sit, than what the library had previously accommodated and increase electrical outlets by 40% --- allowing students to bring their own devices.

To design teaching and flexible collaborative spaces to improve the student experience: an Information Literacy Lab will be added to help Librarians teach students how to navigate the library resources when doing research for a paper.

To upgrade Library infrastructure and ventilation systems: better air flow and lighting is a must: conditions in the summer were hot and humid, which were not only uncomfortable for users but for the book collection as well. Areas which did not have natural light will need proper installations of lighting to ensure that the environment for studying/reading is optimal.

To enhance technological infrastructure:
giving access to relevant, current technology.

To consolidate operational units within the Library: to organize a "tutoring hub", with the following services working together: the Peer Tutoring Centre, the English Writing Centre and the Centre D'aide en Français. To have all three in close proximity would allow students direct access to either language or subject specific tutoring.

The main vision for the library is to promote critical thinking and lifelong learning. We hope to succeed with this vision, as the renovations will breathe an exciting new life into the building, modernizing it for present and future generations of students.



John Abbott College Mission

The mission of John Abbott College is to provide an excellent education for our students within a stimulating learning environment that will enhance their development and potential for success in society.

We are committed to:

Learning

- Foster in our students the ability to make and articulate informed intellectual, aesthetic and ethical decisions, while demonstrating skills needed for success in modern society.
- Cultivate a love of learning, autonomy and responsible citizenship in our students, both in the classroom and through socio-cultural, leadership, recreational and sports activities.
- Respect and learn from diverse worldviews and international perspectives, as reflected in our programs, our approach and our community.

Quality

- Provide well-rounded and balanced pre-university and career programs that meet high standards of quality and ethical consciousness, and respond to the requirements of universities, employers and society.
- Value excellence in teaching and learning as dynamic and interactive processes.
- Promote lifelong learning and continuous improvement in the College community, with a commitment to innovative pedagogy, effective administration and quality support services.
- Deliver leading-edge training, tailored to the needs of business, industry and other sectors, through our continuing education services and specialized programs.

Students

- Cultivate a safe, caring and challenging learning environment that bolsters self-esteem and promotes a sense of belonging and purpose, mutual respect, and healthy lifestyles, leading students to attain academic, professional and personal success.
- Ensure governance that reflects the active engagement of students, staff and faculty, and places students learning at the centre of our decisions and actions.
- Establish effective partnerships with academic, professional and social communities, to maximize our students' success and continued growth.



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Police Technology Fundraiser

On Saturday, February 23rd, John Abbott Police Technology students will be volunteering and participating in the 2019 Polar Bear Plunge. This event, organized by the police officers of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, consists of jumping in freezing water!

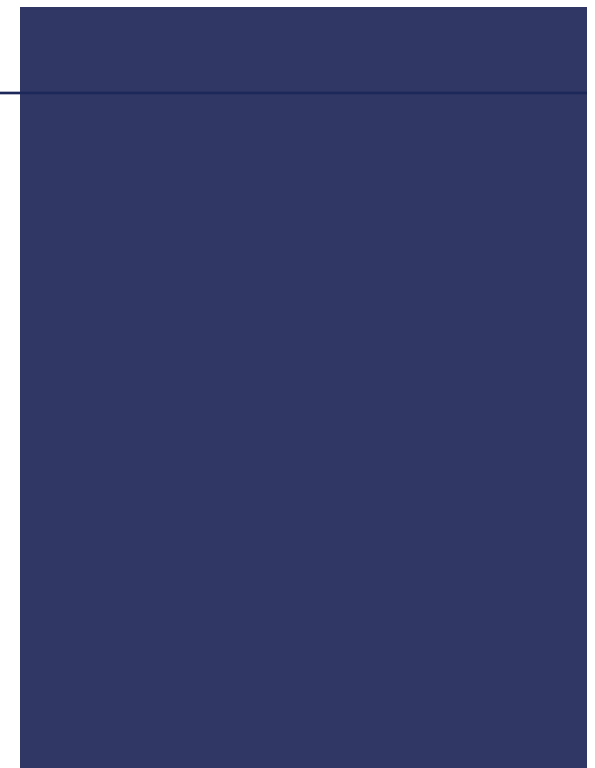
They want to raise as much money as possible for the Special Olympics whose mission is to “optimize the benefits of a healthy and active lifestyle through sport to improve the well-being of individuals with an intellectual disability.”

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of Special Olympics Québec athletes. The funds raised will go towards maintaining sports programs aimed at more than 7 200 athletes, children and adults, living with an intellectual disability throughout Québec and ensure their development as athletes.

Share their enthusiasm by sponsoring the JAC team or one of its members. Any donation of \$20 or more will automatically receive a tax receipt. If you can only spare a buck, that works too!

The event takes place on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at the Club de Canoë in Lachine (2105 Boulevard Saint-Joseph, Lachine, QC H8S 2N7). On-site, police mascots, face painting, and food kiosks as well as a choice location to look at us jump in the cold water!

Source: John Abbott College Facebook Page



Research at JAC

John Abbott College encourages collaborative research: we welcome efforts from external researchers to foster relationships with our research community.

The Research Support Fund is an initiative from the Tri-agency Institutional Programs Secretariat: Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, Canada Foundation for Innovation, Health Canada, and Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada.

The Research Support Fund aims to help off-set the financial burden of the indirect costs of research supported by the Tri-Agencies (CIHR, SSHRC, and NSERC) that is placed on Canadian postsecondary institutions.

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Indirect costs of research are the less obvious costs that an institution must incur when active in research. Examples of these costs would include the upgrade and maintenance of research equipment, salaries of personnel required to financially administer a research grant, support of a research ethics board, and the professional development of research-dedicated personnel.

For a complete list of eligible expenses allowed with the Research Support Fund, please follow this link:

www.rsffjr.gc.ca/administer-administrer/depenses-depenses-eng.aspx

John Abbott College will use its portion of the Research Support Fund (\$27,532) solely for the support of Management and Administration; which includes the salaries and benefits of employees who support research at John Abbott College.

Sustainability

Thanks to a collaborative effort of students, faculty, staff and donors, the Anne-Marie Edward Science building has earned the LEED® Gold Certification.

Located on the western tip of the island and surrounded by a vast natural habitat, the College's grounds and campus instills in our students and staff a deeper appreciation of nature and the environment. Students and staff alike are fortunate to experience one of the most beautiful campuses in Quebec. Our surroundings and our buildings, especially the Anne-Marie Edward Science Building, provide opportunities to learn about environmental responsibility outside the classroom.

In celebrating and promoting sustainability at John Abbott College, we are promoting an education that balances autonomy and responsible citizenship as well as a respect for the natural environment and the diversity of our communities. Through academic programs, the environmental studies certificate, student clubs and activities and employee projects, we are informing, educating, introducing and integrating sustainable practices throughout our College's landscape.

Sustainability Committee

The Sustainability Committee is composed of students and employees and meets to discuss all things green at the College. Meetings are monthly and open to all.



Cha Cha Real Smooth: Latin & Ballroom Dance Classes

Ballroom and latin dancing classes are coming to John Abbott College for the first time this winter. Starting February 1st, you can take the steps necessary to becoming the Casanova you've always dreamed of.

All levels are welcome! For beginners, a gentle introduction to the most popular ballroom and Latin dances, including merengue, waltz, tango, rumba, salsa, swing, and cha-cha. We will learn some basic steps and have fun moving around. No previous dance experience or partner is necessary. For those who have some previous experience in ballroom and/or latin dances, or even other dances. We will work on more advanced figures, as well as some technique, footwork, positioning, and posture corrections. Over the course of ten weeks, this class will teach you the moves that will set the dance floor on fire. And the best part is, it's only \$30! Make sure to wear your dancing shoes! When? Beginners: Thursdays from 5:30pm to 6:30pm Intermediate: Thursdays from 4:30pm to 5:30pm Head on over to the Student Activities office located in room H-159 to sign up or for more information on the class.



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