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Hall of Distinction

In recognition of the upcoming anniversary of John Abbott College in 2020, the College has established a Hall of Distinction. The Hall of Distinction recognizes alumni, former employees, and friends of the College who have contributed to life on campus or to the greater community in a significant way. Nominees should have sufficient stature and recognition to ensure that their induction into the Hall of Distinction recognizes their contribution and brings credit to John Abbott.

Alumni must have:

- attended John Abbott for a minimum of one academic year;
- maintained good academic standing according to the College's policy on academic standing; been away from the College for at least five years;
- excelled in a field in some unique or sustained manner, or contributed to John Abbott in a significant manner. Former employees must have:

- Been away from JAC for at least five years;
- Been employed at JAC for a minimum of ten years of service;
- Made a significant impact on JAC, JAC students and student success over an extended period of time.

Friends of John Abbott College (eg. volunteer, parent, donor) may have:

- Volunteered for the College;
- Held leadership roles for College projects;
- Provided significant support to the College, thereby having an impact on JAC students and student success.



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.

His 3,293 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."

Posted on November 23, 2018 by Joanie Godin

Sports and Recreation

The purpose of John Abbott College is to provide students with educational opportunities which will permit them to achieve, as individuals, their highest potential. This includes not only the acquisition of academic and professional skills but also the pursuit of personal growth and development.

Since its beginning, the College has actively supported participation in sports endeavors as one of the important avenues in the growth of the individual and his/her well being. The specific aim of the Sports and Recreation Department is to implement programs which will meet student needs and interests in the areas of recreation, intramural, and inter-collegiate activities. The department also provides for student involvement in the development and organization of these activities.



Keeping up with the Campus

We provide comprehensive student development programs, activities and services which directly support the College's educational mission and respond to student needs. Focusing on the enhancement of student learning and personal development, we are also concerned with the general quality of student life on campus and student engagement.

At John Abbott College, students will experience an active social life in a stimulating environment with support and leadership that foster success.

Farmer's Breakfast Wrap & Biscuit



Available at participating restaurants ©TWR Honors, 2018



Tyrone David

Our New Library



The library opened in 1907 as part of McGill University, Macdonald campus. Two-hundred and fifteen students studied on-site at the time, paying \$3.25 per week if they chose to live in residence.

In 1911, the Macdonald library boasted "one of the finest college libraries in Canada" with an aesthetically pleasing reading room and space for all interested in studying and reading. Although the collection focused primarily on textbooks and reference books, there was a collection of the 'greatest novelists' and academic materials. Due to a lack of funding for novels that year, the resourceful group decided to start an annual tradition – every graduate would donate a book of fiction upon leaving.

By 1962, an expansion was in order having outgrown the space for the increasing number of books and services available to students. Among the most notable changes – the north side of the ground floor saw large windows added letting in much more daylight.

John Abbott College opened its doors in 1971 in Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, sharing the library space. JAC Media Services officially started that year as well but were not located in the current library right away. Then known as the A.V. Centre, the department was located on the second floor of Herzberg building, then in Stewart Hall, where Human Resources is located today, and back to Herzberg, where Shipping/Receiving is today. The Macdonald library moved to McGill's

Barton building in 1979 allowing Media Services to claim their permanent home in the library building where once was an assembly hall and Casavant Frères organ on the second floor.

The fully integrated library and media services became the heart of the college campus. J.C. Spence & Sons Glass Artworks est. Montreal 1856 manufactured the painted glass windows on the ground and second floors of the library. It is not known what year the windows were installed, but correspondence between the manufacturer.

It is unknown why this particular theme was chosen for the panes. The preservation of these windows is an important phase of the current library project as they are a vital part of the building heritage.

The columns present throughout the main floor today are original from 1907. The decorative capitals at the top of the columns and crests were originally gold, with coloured details. During the renovation that took place in the 1980s, the columns and crests were whitewashed to look more neutral. The second floor crests and relief along the walls and windows were retouched in their original colours. These artistic details are also being carefully preserved.

The Renovation Plan during the fall of 2017, the most significant library renovations began in earnest. Priorities of this major project include the following: Providing inspirational study and learning spaces for both quiet individual study and rooms for group work. Increasing seating capacity and access to electrical outlets, (the goal is to create 60% more places to sit, and increase electrical outlets by 40%-allowing students to charge their devices). Designing teaching and flexible collaborative spaces thereby improving the student experience. An Information Literacy Lab will be added to help librarians teach students how to navigate library resources when doing research. Upgrading library infrastructure and ventilation systems: better airflow and lighting is a must as conditions.



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Despite all these changes and improvements, the beautiful ceilings, the woodwork and the stained glass windows will shine brightly. Macdonald architects, Hutchison, Wood and Miller, took place from 1907 to 1908. The main floor windows feature the coats of arms of Canadian provinces as well as the emblems of several universities including McGill and Laval.

Source: <http://www.johnabbott.qc.ca/foundation/campaign-library/about-the-library/>

Student Involvement

Get Recognition.

Are you volunteering your time for a good cause? Are you a member of a social club or a sport team? Then you are the right candidate for the Student Involvement Recognition Program.

Since January 2006, John Abbott College in collaboration with the Ministry of Education has been offering an opportunity for you to add to your transcript and personal portfolio. The Student Involvement Recognition (SIR) is noted on your college transcript and can be used to show your accomplishments to university admissions and on scholarship applications. You will also be awarded a certificate that can be added to your personal portfolio when applying to future employers.

This recognition acknowledges the volunteer work you do during your time as a college student and can be for involvement in the school, in the community or even in another country. By being involved, you are enriching your life as well as the lives of others. You're developing values, skills and competencies to complement your academic achievements. Why not get recognized for the difference you make!

Activities that improve the quality of life of a community and help develop citizenship. For example, be a member of an environmental club, run a peace week, organize a fund-raising campaign, help with alcohol awareness, be a hospital or youth center volunteer etc.

Creation, performance, organization or exhibition activities that enrich cultural life. For example, be part of a theatre, dance, comedy or musical group. Organize an art or photography exhibition, work with LOCUS etc.



How to Apply.

The main goal of the Student Activities Department is to provide opportunities for students to develop valuable life skills. This is done by creating a safe environment for them to strengthen their communication and leadership skills and problem-solving abilities. Student Committees organize a Student Debate, a Model United Nations Conference, Winter Carnival, Multicultural Week and Homophobia Awareness Day with advice from members of the Student Activities Department.

The student government, student newspaper, student radio station and over 30 student clubs thrive on campus with the participation of approximately 1,500 students who learn practical skills and develop lifelong friendships. Many fun activities are also organized to help reduce stress for students. Entrepreneurial Activities

Business projects such as participating in an Entrepreneurial Club, implementing a business project or plan that enhances the quality of student life etc. Sport Activities, activities that involve



students who are athletes, coaches or members of sports committees. For example, be a member of an Intercollegiate team, Intramural team, Outdoor Adventure Club or participate in an individual sport outside the college. Organize sporting events such as a tournament or league etc.

Science Related Activities, scientific or technical activities involving research, experimentation or popularization. For example, collaborate on a science journal, be a member of a math, physics or chemistry tutorial group, participate in science competitions or in a science symposium etc.

Academic Related Activities, activities that relate to a student's program of study and career plan. For example, provide tutoring through the Academic Success Centre or any Academic Department within the college, organize seminars or workshops for program related subjects etc.

Political Activities, defend the rights and interests of students or other social groups and by participating in discussions of internal, national and international issues. For example, be an active member of Amnesty International, the Student Union (SUJAC) or volunteer as a political campaign manager.

You must meet 4 compulsory criteria to obtain your SIR mention:
Be involved with your activity for a minimum of 60 hours per semester. In some cases, it may be extended to two semesters. Be a full-time student during the period of involvement. Be academically successful during the semester when the activity takes place. You must not obtain any form of compensation for your involvement and the activity.

Source: <http://www.johnabbott.qc.ca/student-life/sir-student-involvement-recognition/>