MAKING HISTORY

McGILL'S REPORT ON PRIVATE GIVING

{SPRING 2012}

A WINNING FORMULA
Biology student Kiyoko Gotanda, a Lorne Trottier Accelerator Fellow, is mapping the evolution of marine life.

PASSPORT TO THE FUTURE ISSUE

INSIDE Learn how philanthropy is shaping McGill scholarship, research and outreach for the 21st century.

4 PASSPORT TO TOMORROW'S LEADERS

12 PASSPORT TO A HEALTHY FUTURE

14 PASSPORT TO A JUST SOCIETY

16 PASSPORT TO A BETTER COMMUNITY

18 PASSPORT TO A SUSTAINABLE WORLD

CHRISTINNE MUSCHI

Into the future...

What will the university of the future look like?

A few things are clear: In the rapidly changing landscape of the 21st century, universities will succeed by finding new and innovative ways to deliver learning; by integrating diversity deeply within the university's culture; and by developing new strategies to collaborate with private and public sector partners to realize our mission. Successful universities will serve both local and global communities.

Having just celebrated McGill's 190th anniversary, I am reminded of how even the most far-reaching vision of the future is built on the foundations of the past. Established through the singular act of vision that was James McGill's founding bequest, McGill has continued to take bold steps to positively shape our collective tomorrow. We have cultivated research and scholarly collaborations with outstanding people and institutions here at home and around the world. We are contributing to the resolution of major local and global problems, and we have secured McGill's position as a sought-after destination for the world's finest international students and professors.

Just this year, I received recommendations from my Principal's Task Force on Diversity, Excellence and Community Engagement. These addressed McGill's best practices to embrace and encourage people with diverse backgrounds, viewpoints and ideas to come together to advance knowledge and service in the best interests of healthy society and proposed new approaches that are under consideration.

It is also clear that at the heart of McGill's progress lies the talent and commitment of our people, and the generosity of our community. As it has been for nearly 200 years, McGill's bold embrace of the future is dependent on the support of alumni, friends and community members who understand the needs of our students and faculty and who support them in building stronger, more educated and more prosperous societies.

In this issue of *Making History*, we shine a spotlight on the power of philanthropy to shape our future. From improving global health, to enriching debate on human rights and international justice, from encouraging young entrepreneurs to supporting science outreach, from improving cancer care delivery to finding a cure for cancer, our generous donors are making sure that McGill's next two centuries will be as extraordinary as its first two.

On behalf of the entire McGill community, I thank you for contributing so importantly to McGill's future, and the future of civil society.

—Professor Heather Munroe-Blum, OC, OQ
Principal and Vice-Chancellor

Campaign McGill at a glance

Thanks to the generosity of more than 88,000 donors, Campaign McGill has supported people, places and programs across the University, including ■ **471** new scholarships, fellowships, bursaries and awards ■ **almost $200 million** to establish and strengthen key programs ■ **over 40** new faculty chairs ■ **almost $100 million** for new or upgraded infrastructure.

Our success is your success: thanks to your support, McGill's future is brighter than ever.

Recapturing McGill's football glory

Robert and Susan Winsor.

Robert B. Winsor, BEng'62, knows what it takes to be a winner. As a McGill student, he played varsity football for the Redmen, both as a defensive halfback and offensive end, helping the team win the national Yates Cup league championship in 1960 and leading them to the finals again the following year.

The confidence and character he developed on the gridiron served him well throughout his business career as the owner, chairman and CEO of Holden America Inc. and its related firms, which operate in the railway-equipment industry.

Now, with the Redmen having missed the playoffs for five straight years and 25 years removed from their last national championship, Winsor and his wife Susan are hoping to help McGill regain its football glory with a $1.5-million gift to establish the Bob and Sue Winsor Redmen Football Program Endowment.

The largest donation ever made to any McGill varsity sports team, the new endowment will provide much-needed annual funding to support coaching, player recruitment and program development, helping the University level the playing field with its Quebec league competitors.

"It is my belief that McGill, as part of its recognized leadership role, needs to offer the opportunity for student-athletes to compete on top-tier competitive teams," Winsor says. "We see our gift as an opportunity to make a solid investment to this end for the varsity football program at McGill."

Clint Uttley, who took over as Redmen head coach last October, is confident that this infusion of support will help the team regain its standing in Quebec university football. "We view this as an investment in the future of the program and are thankful for the opportunities this donation will provide," he says.

This gift is hardly Winsor's first philanthropic foray at McGill. The Montreal native has loyally supported his alma mater for over 45 years.

"I am very fortunate to have had the privilege to play for the McGill Redmen, and very lucky to have been there for a championship year and a near win the following year," he says. "These outstanding teams were peopled with the finest group of men I have ever met, and I hope that through our donation, we can provide new players with those same memories."

The donors: Robert and Susan Winsor
The gift: Endowment for football program
The impact: Attracting and retaining top student-athletes

—Gary Francoeur

ANDREW DOBROWOLSKYJ c/o McGILL ATHLETICS

CLAUDIO CALLIGARIS

ON THE COVER

PhD biology student Kiyoko Gotanda, BSc'09, is researching the evolution of Trinidadian guppies to better understand how natural populations respond to environmental change. Her work has earned her two Lorne Trottier Accelerator Fellowships as well as a 2011 Vanier Scholarship.

Investing in a sure thing

OWEN EGAN

Dr. Ronald Chwang, BEng'72.

Guitar Hero and *Rock Band* fans now have another reason to admire Silicon Valley entrepreneur Dr. Ronald Chwang, BEng'72.

Dr. Chwang and his wife, May Seto, BEd'75, have personally invested $1 million to support emerging scholars in McGill's Faculty of Engineering. The couple's generous gift has endowed two Chwang-Seto Faculty Scholar Awards to foster research and development by outstanding new junior professors in the Faculty.

As Chairman and President of iD Ventures America, Dr. Chwang knows how to pick a winner. He has managed over $350 million of venture capital investments in a wide range of technology start-up companies. Notable successes include the maker of the Roomba robot vacuum cleaner, games creator Harmonix Music and Artx, Nintendo's silicon chip supplier.

Continuing this investment in high-tech development, the Chwang-Seto awards will help pay for such items as lab expenses, graduate student support, technicians' salaries, publications costs and undergraduate research projects.

"The presence of larger numbers of bright, young, enthusiastic scientists like those recruited through Ronald and May's Faculty Scholars endowment is helping McGill Engineering develop in all its areas of strength," says Lawrence Chen, Associate Dean Academic Affairs.

"Tremendous headway has been made in materials engineering and nanotechnology, for example, and we continue to enjoy much success in broadband communications, but the reality is that new faculty members are bringing expertise to virtually all priority fields, including bioengineering, aerospace engineering, and engineering and design for sustainability."

"May and I are very pleased to support the Faculty of Engineering's efforts to attract bright, talented people to do great research and teach future generations," says Dr. Chwang. "McGill has a long and impressive history which we both appreciate."

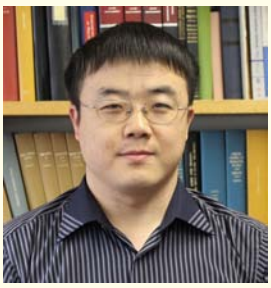
Dr. Chwang says he also appreciates McGill's impact on his personal life: "This University introduced me to my spouse, ice hockey and Montreal smoked meat!"

The donors: Ronald Chwang and May Seto
The gift: New scholarly awards
The impact: Driving new research and development

—Richard Andrews

PASSPORT TO TOMORROW'S LEADERS

The Chwang-Seto Faculty Scholars



Professor Xinyu Liu, from Harvard University, is a specialist in micro- and nano-robotics, and micro-electro-mechanical systems.

Professor Brett Meyer, from Carnegie Mellon University, specializes in the study of embedded systems, which has applications in the medical, automotive, aeronautics and sensing industries.

Rewarding ideas with winning potential

William Seath, BEng'52.

"Without my McGill engineering degree, I don't know what I would have done with my life," says William Seath, BEng'52.

There's no question that McGill helped his career take off. An aviation engineer by trade, Seath joined Pratt & Whitney Canada shortly after graduation and spent the next 39 years with the company, retiring as vice-president in 1991.

Grateful for the opportunities that McGill gave him, Seath has made a $2-million endowed gift to help the Faculty of Engineering place greater emphasis on the "development" aspect of research and development, and take new discoveries from the lab to the commercial market, encourage entrepreneurial start-ups and increase industry partnerships. The donation is also meant in part as a tribute to his wife, Rhea, who passed away in 2006.

The new William and Rhea Seath Awards in Engineering Innovation recognize annually two outstanding individuals in the Faculty of Engineering – either undergraduate students, graduate students or professors – who are conducting groundbreaking research with the potential for entrepreneurship.

Another portion of the gift supports a full-time Industrial Research Development and Engagement Officer, who is responsible for promoting the commercialization of cutting-edge research, generating industrial research contracts for McGill, and helping researchers develop new spin-off companies based on their intellectual work.

"I wanted my gift to benefit not only McGill, but also industry and the economy," says Seath. "It is my hope that this support will provide the University with the resources to spark new discoveries and then apply this knowledge in concrete ways, rather than simply doing science for the sake of science."

OWEN EGAN

Innovation at work: Electrical and Computer Engineering Professor Zetian Mi (right) with doctoral students Yi-Lu Chang (left) and Feng Li use a sophisticated Nitride Molecular Beam Epitaxial Growth System to grow nano-structures – research that could lead to major reductions in global energy consumption.

Professor Andrew Kirk, Interim Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, says the gift will "enable us to be proactive in establishing industry-university partnerships, assist in generating revenue and encourage and nurture innovation among students and professors alike. It will also serve students as a path for employment and, most importantly, spark a culture change that is critically important to McGill Engineering's future."

The donor: William Seath
The gift: New awards and staff position
The impact: Fostering innovation and entrepreneurship

— Gary Francoeur

Remembering a human rights warrior

The late Alexandra Dodger, seen here in Beirut, Lebanon.

To make a contribution in memory of Alexandra Dodger, please visit www.alumni.mcgill.ca/give/alexandradodger.

LEFT: COURTESY DINA AWAD RIGHT: ALLEN McINNIS

No one ever said that life was fair, but few spent as much time fighting inequality as Alexandra Dodger, BCL/LLB'11, be it demonstrating for the welfare of students here at home or defending the plight of refugees and genocide victims around the world through her contributions as manager of the *McGill Law Journal* and on student blogs.

So it was with terrible irony that the unfairness of life hit home last October, when Alexandra, 27, was struck and killed by an allegedly drunk driver in Ottawa, just weeks after starting her dream job articling for Amnesty International – a position that would have allowed her to continue her pursuit of justice for so many. She had graduated from McGill just months earlier.

"Alex was very passionate about her ideals, exceptionally bright and hard working – all of the qualities you find in a committed law student," says Max Reed, BA'07, BCL/LLB'11, a close friend and former classmate. "She took her work seriously without taking herself too seriously, which was one of the things that made her so special."

To honour Alexandra and celebrate her work, a group of former classmates, including Reed, have come together to try to raise $60,000, which would establish in perpetuity the Alexandra Dodger Memorial Award. The goal is to present the prize annually to a first-year McGill law student who is in financial need and has a passion for social justice. To date, more than 100 donors have stepped forward, pledging a total of $20,000.

"Alex believed that education should be available and affordable to all and she fought very hard for human rights and social justice," says Dina Awad, BA'06, BCL/LLB'11, an organizer and former classmate, "so we hope that this scholarship will serve as a compelling tribute to her life."

—Gary Francoeur

The legacy of a practical priest

"It's a gift for the body, the mind and the soul," jokes John Corey, BEng'51, the sharp-witted former church warden of Montreal's Slovak Catholic Church of Ascension Eastern Rite (Byzantine).

John Corey, BEng'51.

Established in 1930, the Slovak Catholic parish originally held services in a local school before building its own church in north Montreal during the early 1960s. But by 2007 the number of parishioners had dwindled to about a dozen, so the building was sold to the Bethel Pentecostal Church.

The parish contributed $310,000 of the sale proceeds to fund a variety of McGill initiatives, including University-wide and Religious Studies scholarships and a new physician apprenticeship support fund, which will sponsor student mentorship activities in the Faculty of Medicine. The gift was made in memory of Reverend Monsignor Andrew Sinal who passed away in 2007, aged 80, after 41 years as pastor for the Slovak Catholic community.

Corey says the gift is meant to support areas of the University that touched Monsignor Sinal's life, such as his love of scholarship, his experience teaching theology and the care he received later in life from doctors and other health care practitioners.

Born in the former Czechoslovakia, Corey himself moved to Canada with his family at the age of five and worked as a civil engineer before retiring. He has maintained his links to McGill since graduating in 1951, around the time he became the volunteer church warden.

"The reason we had the money for the gift to McGill was because of Monsignor Sinal's abilities to save and raise money," says Corey. "He was a very humble, practical priest, who lived frugally. He would cut the grass, fix the roof and even make noodles for the church bazaar.

"We miss the church, but I'm sure Monsignor Sinal is looking down and approves."

The donor: Slovak Catholic Church of Ascension Eastern Rite (Byzantine)
The gift: Entrance scholarships
The impact: Attracting the brightest students to McGill

—Richard Andrews

Lasting tributes

Memorial gifts are a special and thoughtful way to commemorate loved ones and celebrate their connections to McGill, while furthering the University's mission and supporting future generations of students. Below are several memorial awards that have recently been established at McGill.

Lilianne Aberman, **BA'65**, her son **Jordan Aberman** and her daughter **Arianne Aberman** established the new Samuel Aberman Leadership Development Seminar in honour of Lilianne's husband, **Samuel Aberman**, **BEng'64**. The seminar will be offered annually by the McGill Engineering Student Centre to prepare students for a successful transition into the engineering industry.

Top undergraduate students studying in the Department of Chemical Engineering will now benefit from the new Dr. P.K. Ganguli Memorial Scholarships, created by **Dr. S. Nimu Ganguli**, **BEng'85**, **MEng'88**, in memory of his father, **Dr. P.K. Ganguli.**

Mortimer Hendler, **BEng'49**, established the Celia and Sue Hendler Prize in memory of his daughters. The prize will be awarded yearly to graduate students in the Faculty of Engineering who are pursuing research in the area of sustainability, with a preference given to research in water management. This is the second award created through Susan Hendler's estate, following the Celia Hendler Scholarship in Psychology.

A new award will now be presented annually to one or more undergraduate students in the Faculty of Science. The W. Manson and Dorothy A. Catterson Science Undergraduate Research Award was endowed by **Margaret Stephens** and **Joan Catterson** in memory of their late parents, **W. Manson Catterson**, **BSc'45**, and **Dorothy Catterson**, **BSc'45**.

OWEN EGAN

Making entrepreneurial dreams come true

National Bank President and CEO Louis Vachon (right) and student Matt Brightman, winner of McGill's 2011 Dobson Cup business-plan competition.

PASSPORT TO TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Remember the good old days, when a young person could stroll out of their university convocation and directly into a lucrative job? If you don't, that's no surprise: a depressed global economy and competitive job markets have made quality employment a rare commodity for today's graduates.

Fortunately, the National Bank is helping McGill do something about it. The Bank pledged $1 million to the Desautels Faculty of Management, half of which will support student entrepreneurs as they try to break into business.

The new National Bank–McGill Accelerator Fund will enable the University to distribute awards of $10,000 to $25,000 to promising entrepreneurs, including winners of the Dobson Cup, an annual entrepreneurship competition run by the Faculty's Dobson Centre for Entrepreneurial Studies. These awards will provide start-up cash to new enterprises at the conceptual stage, enabling them to launch and helping to nurture them until they are ready to attract more conventional venture funding.

The gift will also create the National Bank PhD Fellowship Fund, which will provide merit-based fellowships to students in the Faculty's PhD program; the National Bank Finance Seminar Series Fund, which will support research and teaching in finance; and the Risk Management / Global Asset Management Conference Support Fund, which will help finance an annual conference.

"To foster a culture and a strong entrepreneurial succession plan is an essential condition to maintaining a dynamic and prosperous society," says Louis Vachon, President and Chief Executive Officer of National Bank. "Therefore we are proud to provide financial expertise and long-term support to the next generation of business leaders."

The donor: National Bank
The gift: Funding for entrepreneurs, PhD fellowships, research and teaching
The impact: Fostering student entrepreneurship

—Gary Francoeur

A guaranteed return on investment

Fuelling tomorrow's business: the new CIBC Entrance Bursaries will support deserving management students.

OWEN EGAN

Banking on the next generation of women leaders

You would think that in 2012, after decades of social transformation in the workplace, women would have caught up to their male counterparts in the upper echelons of corporations.

Yet research conducted by Catalyst, a non-profit organization that tracks women in the workplace, shows that while women make up 47.3% of the workforce at Financial Post 500 companies, they account for less than 20% of senior officers and fewer than 6% of CEOs. The HSBC Women in Business Leadership Awards are intended to help change that.

The new scholarship program, established with a donation from HSBC Bank Canada in the Desautels Faculty of Management and at seven other Canadian universities, will not only offer exceptional female undergraduate students a $20,000 financial boost over two years, but also an opportunity to apply to be considered for internships and management training programs with HSBC.

HSBC Bank Canada president and CEO Lindsay Gordon explains the motivation behind the new awards: "Our success is built on our ability to attract and develop a diverse range of talent, and we are delighted that the HSBC Women in Business Leadership Awards will recognize future business leaders, encouraging them to achieve their full potential and forge a path towards becoming some of Canada's top executives," he says.

The awards will be given annually to students in the final two years of their Bachelor of Commerce degrees, and will support a total of four McGill students over a five-year period.

Mia Morisset, recipient of the HSBC Women in Business Leadership Award, while spending a semester in Hong Kong.

PHOTO COURTESY MIA MORISSET

Third-year student Mia Morisset is excited to be the first recipient of the award at McGill. "It's given me a great sense of accomplishment, and has fuelled my ambition to one day be one of corporate Canada's top leaders."

The donor: HSBC Bank Canada
The gift: New scholarships
The impact: Supporting women in business

—Andrew Mullins

The folks at Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) know a great investment when they see one. So when they pledged $500,000 to fund new bursaries and fellowships to support dozens of McGill students over the next decade, they knew their money was in good hands.

The new CIBC Entrance Bursaries will ensure that the best undergraduates are able to attend the Desautels Faculty of Management, regardless of financial means, while the new CIBC Fellowships will benefit graduate students across the University who are conducting cutting-edge research.

A gift with strings attached

COURTESY MISQA

From Russia with love: Rusquartet string quartet members (left to right) Anna Snezhina, Maria Teplyakova, Anna Yanchishina and Alexander Dulov.

For Constance V. Pathy, LMus'71, LMus'86, music has been a lifelong passion. And, like a single melody that grows into a complete concerto, that passion found its realization in her own philanthropic opus: the creation of the McGill International String Quartet Academy (MISQA).

"I played the cello and I loved playing in string quartets – and quintets and sextets. It's a wonderful discipline," she says. "McGill has developed a very great faculty of Music over the last years. Because the string quartet shows musicianship at its best, I wanted to establish something that would develop young string quartets."

Such ensembles are, to her, the ultimate musical achievement, and an opportunity to hone skills that extend far beyond the practice room. "It takes a harmony of spirit. It's also essential, of course, that their instruments blend. But the ability to listen, deeply, to each other, that's the hard part. If you just put four musicians together, even if they are fantastic players, you probably don't get a great performance," Pathy explains.

Young, established quartets from anywhere in the world compete for admission to the annual Academy, where they receive intensive coaching from top international string musicians. Between six and eight quartets – many international prizewinners and some junior quartets – are chosen in late April for the August event. In 2012 – the third year of MISQA's life – Britain's Endellion String Quartet will be in residence, as will four guest coaches from three other acclaimed quartets.

"The opportunity for students to be mentored by top international string players and to perform and interact closely with them offers the potential for an unforgettable experience," says Professor Sean Ferguson, Dean of the Schulich School of Music.

Pathy, a long-time volunteer and patron of classical music in Montreal and in the Eastern Townships, takes particularly pleasure in meeting the students and hearing them describe the value of the MISQA experience.

"The coaching they receive at the Academy increases their level of interpretation and prepares them for competition," she says. "The training is intense, and stands them in good stead later in their career. The members of the quartets have been exuberant. They feel it serves a tremendous purpose and are very grateful something like this exists!"

For Pathy, such gratitude is truly music to her ears.

The donor: Constance Pathy
The gift: String quartet academy
The impact: Promoting promising young musicians

—Vivian Lewin

Staying true to their school

It's hard to accuse the McGill Engineering Class of 1983 of lacking school spirit. The former classmates enjoyed their experience at the University so much that they are marking their milestone 30th anniversary next year by trying to raise the largest reunion class gift – $500,000 – in the history of the Faculty of Engineering.

Since launching their campaign in 2008, the committed class has dug deep and already pledged more than $440,000 to support scholarships, academic advising and the Summer Undergraduate Research in Engineering program, which provides students with an opportunity to conduct research and learn more about the graduate school experience.

The group has already shattered the faculty's reunion fundraising record, previously held by the Engineering Class of 1962 for the $308,000 it donated in 2002, which was used to build a high-tech, intelligent classroom in the Lorne M. Trottier Building.

The Engineering Class of 1983's fundraising efforts have not gone unnoticed. The group has recently been named the recipient of the 2012 D. Lorne Gales Award, presented by the McGill Alumni Association to a class that has maintained close ties to the University through newsletters, class correspondence and reunions.

Bringing a historical perspective to bear on contemporary health issues

MERIKA RAMUNDO, MCGILL LIBRARY

For Granville Nickerson, MDCM'45, DipPediatrics'50, the decision to give to McGill was simple. "I think one should reward the source of comfort and joy in their life, so it was just a natural thing for me to do," he states.

The retired physician donated $250,000 to establish the Mary Louise Nickerson Fellowship in Neuro History, which will allow a graduate student or visiting scholar to carry out critical research using the archival and artifact collections found at the Osler Library.

Among the Osler's resources is McGill's famed Penfield Archive, a unique record of the work of renowned neurosurgeon Wilder Penfield. In addition to establishing the Montreal Neurological Institute, Penfield was responsible for a range of important medical breakthroughs, including developing maps of the sensory and motor sections of the brain that showed their connections to the various limbs and organs of the body – research that is still used today.

"To me, medical history is of fundamental importance in medicine because it's enduring," Dr. Nickerson says. "So many other aspects of medicine and surgery change from decade to decade."

In addition to celebrating the legacy of Dr. Penfield, Dr. Nickerson's gift honours his late wife, Mary Louise, who died in 2008. "She was a gifted person in many ways – intellectually and artistically," Nickerson says. "She was a friend of our class at McGill, and they all knew her."

Dr. Nickerson still keeps in touch with those classmates, and he is happy that his contribution to the University will ensure that an important part of its history is maintained. "It's the least I can do," he says. "I'm grateful to McGill, and I enjoyed the Osler Library, and I enjoy being associated with it."

The donor:
Granville Nickerson
The gift: Fellowship in neuro history
The impact: New progress in neurological research

—Lucas Wisenthal

Une source d'espoir dans la lutte contre le cancer de la prostate

PASSPORT TO A HEALTHY FUTURE

De sombres statistiques de la Société canadienne du cancer révèlent qu'un homme sur sept souffrira d'un cancer de la prostate au cours de sa vie et que le quart des hommes touchés en mourront. Heureusement, la lutte contre ce cancer et d'autres cancers urologiques s'intensifie grâce, notamment, à un don d'un million de dollars de Lucien Rémillard et de sa famille.

Le don de la famille Rémillard permettra de créer la Chaire Yosh Taguchi en urologie à McGill, à l'Hôpital Royal Victoria. Établie pour cinq ans, cette chaire permettra à l'Université de recruter et de fidéliser un chercheur de renommée internationale chargé de piloter une équipe qui sera au cœur des prochaines percées en urologie et en oncologie.

Au moyen de cette nouvelle chaire établie par financement direct, la famille Rémillard rend hommage à la remarquable carrière du Dr Taguchi, B. Sc. 1955, M.D., C.M. 1959, Ph.D. 1970, professeur agrégé de longue date en chirurgie au sein de la Division d'urologie de McGill et urologue en chef à l'Hôpital Royal Victoria. Le Dr Taguchi a consacré sa carrière à l'avancement de la recherche sur le cancer de la prostate, au traitement de cette maladie et à la formation de la prochaine génération d'urologues.

« J'ai fait la connaissance du Dr Taguchi il y a plusieurs années, et je voue une immense admiration et un profond respect au travail qu'il accomplit en urologie depuis près de 40 ans », affirme Lucien Rémillard. « Je suis profondément convaincu que nous devons soutenir la recherche et le développement dans ce domaine de la médecine ainsi que dans bien d'autres secteurs. »

Pour sa part, le Dr Taguchi a exprimé sa profonde reconnaissance à la famille Rémillard pour le don qui immortalisera les impressionnants travaux qu'il a amorcés il y a près de 40 ans.

« Lorsqu'un patient nous remet un chèque de cent dollars, nous sommes heureux – très heureux même », dit-il.

« Lorsqu'un patient fait un don de cinq cents dollars, c'est fantastique. Mais aujourd'hui, il ne s'agit pas d'un don de mille, ou de dix mille ou de cent mille dollars, c'est une somme astronomique. »

Lucien Rémillard (à droite), en compagnie de son fils Maxime et du Dr Taguchi.

NICOLAS MORIN

Donateurs : famille Rémillard
Réalisation : création d'une nouvelle chaire en urologie
Retombées : avancées dans la recherche sur le cancer de la prostate

— Gary Francoeur, d'après des données de Laurence Miall

A research prize that will move you

NICOLAS MORIN

Focus on fitness, not weight, Dr. Steven Blair advises.

It's a controversial message for some, but Dr. Steven Blair says we need to stop worrying so much about obesity and start thinking more about physical inactivity. "My overriding concern is that the crucial importance of physical activity is undervalued and underappreciated by many individuals in public health and clinical medicine" he says, and with four decades of research behind him, it's hard to argue with his conclusions on the "fit versus fat" question.

Dr. Blair, a world-renowned exercise scientist at the University of South Carolina, is the inaugural winner of the new Bloomberg Manulife Prize for the Promotion of Active Health, an initiative launched last year by McGill's Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education, thanks to a $2-million gift from financier Lawrence Bloomberg, MBA'65, and corporate partner Manulife Financial.

The prize, a $50,000 annual grant, is awarded to a researcher whose work has contributed to understanding how factors such as physical activity, nutrition and psychosocial context influence personal health and well-being, and whose work has had a positive impact on the behavioural and lifestyle choices of North Americans.

The initiative comes at a time when physical inactivity is estimated to cause two million deaths around the world every year, and the direct and indirect costs of inactivity and obesity on the health care system are estimated to be in excess of $4.3 billion annually in Canada alone.

The goal of the prize is not only to encourage important new research in the field, but also to raise awareness of the value of active living, helping to reduce the human and economic costs of obesity and inactivity, and contributing towards creating healthier and more active societies in Canada and around the world.

"I want the Bloomberg Manulife Prize to help create a shift in people's attitudes toward healthy living and I am confident that McGill – with its skills and talents and its international reputation for excellence and innovative research – can help achieve that," Bloomberg says.

The donors: Lawrence Bloomberg and Manulife Financial
The gift: New academic prize
The impact: Promoting a healthier, more active society

—Jessica McGovern

Saluting an outstanding volunteer

Rosalind Goodman, BA'63, LLD'11, the heart, soul – and some might even say visionary – behind the Rosalind and Morris Goodman Cancer Research Centre, has been named one of the 2011 Outstanding Volunteers of the Year by the Quebec chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

The prize recognizes her many tireless efforts to support cancer research, which include the creation of an annual series of free public lectures and a hugely successful gala in 2010 that raised over $2.5 million for research into this devastating disease. The second Goodman Cancer Research Gala will take place at McGill on June 10, 2012.

Goodman and her fellow volunteers also recently came up with a creative way to support the Centre: a new dance video featuring some of the Centre's researchers that has gone viral and brought in more than $20,000 in donations from medical-supply companies Medicom and Pendopharm. To see the video, go to www.youtube.com and search for the words "McGill Dances for Cancer Research."

For more information on the upcoming Gala, please contact Annette Novak at 514-398-7338 or annette.novak@mcgill.ca, or visit www.cancercentre.mcgill.ca.

Asking the right questions about federalism

What is federalism and how exactly does it work?

The late Peter MacKell, BA'48, BCL'51, was fascinated with all aspects of this area of scholarship, which is dedicated to understanding the relationships between central authorities and decentralized units in nations and communities around the world. Before he died in May 2011, MacKell provided for a generous $3-million bequest to establish the Peter MacKell Chair in Federalism.

The new endowed chair will attract to McGill a world-class legal scholar to explore fundamental questions related to federalism and contribute to the theory and practice of this governing philosophy, not just in a Canadian context but also universally and as a mode of governance within non-profit organizations, unions and corporations.

"Can federalism as an idea enable us to better define the role of cities and metropolitan areas in a pluralistic and changing world? Can we consider the challenge of global governance through the prism of federalism? These are key questions for the political life of all communities today, and we expect the holder of this new chair to lead the way in finding meaningful answers to these questions," says Daniel Jutras, Dean of the Faculty of Law.

Born in Ottawa, MacKell was a gifted lawyer who specialized in commercial law, and mergers and acquisitions. He worked at several prominent law firms over his career, including over 30 years at Martineau Walker (now called Fasken Martineau), where he served as chairperson.

But despite the hard work and time pressures that came with his legal career, MacKell never forgot about his alma mater, volunteering his time as a member of the Faculty of Law's Advisory Board and with the Friends of McGill Rugby and the Friends of McGill Jazz.

"Peter believed in giving back and helping others," says Maurice Forget, BCL'69, a long-time friend and colleague at Fasken Martineau. "McGill provided him with an education that enabled him to succeed; he was always grateful for that."

The donor: Peter MacKell
The gift: New research chair
The impact: Greater understanding of federalism

—Gary Francoeur

Courting success: McGill's 2012 Supreme Court clerks. Back row: Adela Gotz, Anja Kortenaar and Annamaria Enenajor. Front row: Corey Omer and Michael Bookman. Not shown: Mary Race.

Law firms step up to the plate

Many of Canada's leading law firms are doing their part to help McGill contribute to building a just society. Thanks to generous support from several legal firms, the University's Faculty of Law is moving forward with several key initiatives:

Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP is encouraging law students to put their knowledge and skills to work through its new Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg Fund for Community Engagement, which will support internships in community organizations throughout the Montreal area.

To celebrate the life and career of lawyer Alex Konigsberg, BCom'59, BCL'63, **Lapointe Rosenstein Marchand Melançon LLP** have founded the Alex Konigsberg Management and Law Scholarship Award, which will be presented annually to an undergraduate student enrolled in the joint MBA/Law program.

The new McCarthy Tétrault Fund for Innovative Legal Education established by **McCarthy Tétrault LLP** will support events and activities that help law students enhance their professional and business skills.

Robinson Sheppard Shapiro LLP created the Robinson Sheppard Shapiro Endowment Fund to support law students participating in mooting and other academic competitions.

These organizations join Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt, Norton Rose Group Canada (formerly Ogilvy Renault), Fasken Martineau, and De Grandpré Chait among the law firms who have contributed to Campaign McGill.

MATIAS DUQUE

David O'Brien (middle, with blue tie) and Dean of Law Daniel Jutras (far right) with O'Brien Fellowship recipients and faculty members.

Paving a path for peace

Since law professor John Humphrey first penned the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948, McGill has been at the forefront of legal issues related to human protection and security, both locally and around the world.

As maps are redrawn and political landscapes around the world shift, humanitarian law is taking on ever greater importance. Recognizing this, renowned business and community leader David O'Brien, BCL'65, is building on McGill's rich history of ideas and advocacy by ushering in a new era in human rights scholarship.

Building on a visionary $3-million donation he made in 2006 to create and endow five major human rights fellowships in the Faculty of Law, O'Brien is now investing an additional $550,000 to support human rights studies at the University. The new endowment will allow McGill's Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism (CHRLP) to bring diverse human rights scholars, activists, advocates, journalists, jurists and civil society representatives from around the world to the University for residencies of at least three to six months.

A native Montrealer, O'Brien is the chairman of both the Royal Bank of Canada and Encana, the country's largest natural gas company. He is a staunch supporter of post-secondary education and research, and last year completed a term as Chancellor of Concordia University.

His reasons for contributing to McGill are simple: "I had a great student experience at McGill," he says, "so I think it is important to give back and support future students."

LYSANNE LAROSE

The donor: David O'Brien
The gift: Human Rights Fellows in Residence program
The impact: Greater human rights discourse

—GF

PASSPORT TO A JUST SOCIETY

Advancing human rights where genocide once ruled

Thanks to generous support from Gordon Echenberg, BA'61, BCL'64, and his wife Penny, six Echenberg Fellows working or living in Africa convened last October for a meeting on human rights and governance issues in Rwanda, where Hutus massacred close to 800,000 Tutsis less than 20 years ago. The two-day visit included meetings with the First Lady of Rwanda and the Inspector General of the Supreme Court of Rwanda.

Staunch supporters of programs that foster tolerance and equality, the Echenbergs committed $1 million to the Faculty of Law in 2007 to establish the Echenberg Family Conferences on Human Rights, which have since brought together young leaders working in human rights around the world, creating amongst them a network of Echenberg Fellows, who meet periodically and exchange ideas via a collaborative blog, which can be read at blogs.mcgill.ca/humanrightsfellows.

Gordon Echenberg, BA'61, BCL'64, and his wife Penny (back row, right) with Echenberg Fellows.

Preparing Aboriginal doctors for Canada's North

First-year medicine student Elaine Kilabuk knows better than most the difficult conditions faced by physicians in Canada's remote north. As a teenager, she watched helplessly as her grandmother coped with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in Nunavut.

"I went with her to the local nursing centre, and it was striking how different it was from the facilities elsewhere. She had to be flown out for treatment," she says.

That experience strengthened Kilabuk's desire to practice medicine in the North, and the new Dr. John H. Burgess Distinguished Scholarship is helping her turn that ambition into a reality. Established by John H. Burgess, BSc'54, MDCM'58, the scholarship supports students from Canada's indigenous communities who are enrolled in McGill's Faculty of Medicine, including individuals who wouldn't have the ability to pursue their studies were it not for financial assistance.

Dr. Burgess has a first-hand appreciation for the health care challenges facing Aboriginal Canadians. He spent more than 30 years as a consulting cardiologist for the McGill Baffin Project, providing health care to Inuit communities in the Baffin region. Now retired from practice, Dr. Burgess is again giving back to the region that has come to have a special place in his heart.

"When I first started working with the Inuit in Nunavut and Nunavik, there was virtually no coronary disease, but now that people have adopted a more 'southern' diet, the situation has changed drastically," says Burgess. "There is a genuine need for Inuit physicians. I always had to deal with my patients through an interpreter and this sometimes made it difficult to establish a rapport."

OWEN EGAN (2)

Dr. John Burgess and Elaine Kilabuk, the inaugural recipient of the Dr. John H. Burgess Distinguished Scholarship.

The Dr. John H. Burgess Distinguished Scholarship is one of many initiatives that McGill has developed in recent years to attract Aboriginal students and provide them with the tools to thrive both academically and socially.

These include the First Peoples' House, which offers a sense of community, as well as a voice, to Aboriginal students who have left their homes to pursue their education; an annual powwow to celebrate and increase awareness of Aboriginal culture; and the ambitious new Aboriginal Pathways summer course, which is designed specifically for members of the Aboriginal community who wish to improve their writing skills and gain insight into life at McGill.

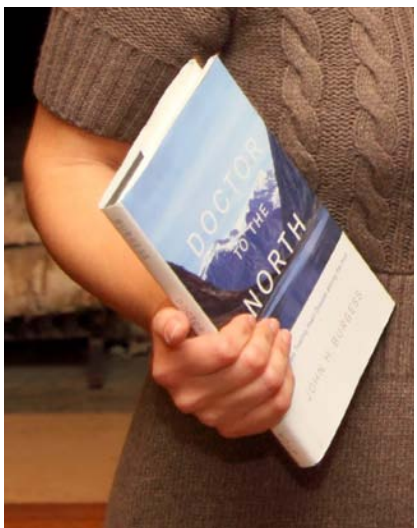
Now, thanks to Dr. Burgess's generous gift, Kilabuk and other medicine students will build on this legacy.

The donor: Dr. John Burgess
The gift: New scholarship
The impact: Helping Aboriginal students succeed

—Linda Sutherland, with files from Maria Turner

ALLEN McINNIS

Kilabuk holds Dr. Burgess's memoir, Doctor to the North, *published in 2008 by McGill–Queen's University Press.*



A birthday gift for Islamic Studies

His Excellency Salem Al-Shafi.

When it comes to religion, the need for dialogue and tolerance is paramount. Hoping to build stronger bridges between the Muslim and non-Muslim worlds, the State of Qatar has made a $1.25-million gift to McGill's Institute for Islamic Studies.

The donation, announced during a recent visit to McGill by His Excellency Salem Al-Shafi, the first Ambassador from Qatar to Canada, celebrates the Institute's 60th anniversary and will be used to fund a series of conferences over the coming year. It also signals a promising relationship with the progressive Gulf nation, which is proving itself to be a regional leader in education, research and the advancement of knowledge through partnerships with leading universities, including Cornell, Texas A&M and University College London.

"We believe this contribution will further assist the Institute in carrying on the distinguished role it has played, since its establishment in 1952, in advancing research related to Islam and the history and civilization of the Islamic world," says His Excellency Al-Shafi.

The Institute is one of the world's leading research and teaching centres devoted to the religion and civilization of Islam. In addition to promoting an open and respectful dialogue among scholars, it maintains a tradition of cosmopolitanism, drawing students and faculty from Asia, Africa, the Middle East, North America and Europe.

"The gift shows that the Qataris are very interested in promoting a vigorous scholarly discussion of Islam and promoting the study of Islam," says the Institute's Director, Jamil Ragep. "Many immigrants from the Islamic world have settled in Canada, and the Institute has played a vital role in the current relationship between Canada and Islamic world, so we have much to celebrate."

—Carly Grossman

Thinking big: Community Leadership Fellows Christian Scott Martone-Dondé and Lauren Pochereva.

Helping great ideas blossom

What would you do to make the world a better place? Lauren Pochereva, BA'09, DipSci'12, and Christian Scott Martone-Dondé, BA'11, MA'12, have a few creative ideas, and now, thanks to the Pathy Family Foundation, they will have the opportunity to put them into practice.

The pair are the inaugural fellows of the new PFF Community Leadership Program, which offers McGill graduating students extraordinary opportunities to bring sustainable and positive social change to communities around the world by funding projects of their own design.

Pochereva will create a new vegetable garden program at Montreal's St. Monica Elementary School, which will educate students about healthy eating habits and the importance of environmental stewardship.

Martone-Dondé, meanwhile, has developed a community project that aims to empower citizens and regenerate trust networks in a working-class neighbourhood in Guadalajara, Mexico. Collaborating with local NGOs, he will help to identify challenges, opportunities and strategies in the areas of economic, social and environmental development, and assist local citizens as they put these into practice.

Nourishing hope for safer food

The late Dr. Ian Munro.

There is mounting concern over whether our food is safe to eat – and for good reason. Over the past 50 years, the number of harmful organisms in our food supply has more than quadrupled, and about 35,000 Canadians now get sick daily from eating products that have been contaminated by food-borne diseases, pathogens or viruses.

McGill's Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences has taken a bold step to address this troubling issue by establishing a Food Safety and Quality Program that will undertake collaborative research, offer teaching programs, identify and test new food compounds and serve as a training ground for a network of food scientists.

Kicking off this ambitious endeavour will be the new Ian and Jane Munro Chair in Food Safety – the first of its kind in Canada – which has been funded in part through a generous $1.5-million gift from the late Dr. Ian C. Munro, BSc(Agr)'62, MSc'67, and his wife Jayne.

"I have long wanted to establish a Chair in Food Safety and there is so much expertise here at McGill," said Dr. Munro, an internationally-recognized authority of food toxicology, at the official inauguration of the new academic chair. "Nowhere else in Canada is there a program of this quality and magnitude, delving into food safety issues."

Sadly, Dr. Munro passed away several days after the announcement following a three-year battle with prostate cancer.

"Dr. Munro was a driving force behind the creation of the Food Safety and Quality program and was deeply committed to its success," says the Faculty's Dean, Chandra Madramootoo, BSc(AgrEng)'77, MSc'81, PhD'85. "As a final contribution to his life's work, this endowed gift will be a lasting legacy to his vision."

The donors: Dr. Ian and Jayne Munro
The gift: New research chair
The impact: Expertise in the production and regulation of safe food

—Linda Sutherland

PASSPORT TO A SUSTAINABLE WORLD

LEFT: OWENE EGAN RIGHT: ISTOCKPHOTO

Feeding a hungry planet

Growing up on a sheep farm in British Columbia, Margaret A. Gilliam, BSc'59, actively participated in all the farming activities. Although she has lived most of her adult life in New York City, she has retained a healthy respect for good agricultural practices and what they can accomplish.

With rising food prices and growing demand for shrinking resources now pushing millions of people into hunger and poverty worldwide, Gilliam is investing $1.5 million to help the McGill Institute for Global Food Security seek long-term answers for sustainable agricultural production. Based at the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, the Institute is widely recognized as Canada's leading multidisciplinary teaching and research centre on global food security.

Confronting the world's water woes

The combination of growing populations and urban development are pushing our planet towards a global water crisis. But as demand rises and water supplies drop, what can we do to protect and conserve this precious liquid?

Thanks to a $1.5-million donation from the Macdonald Stewart Foundation, researchers at McGill's Department of Bioresource Engineering are now well positioned to seek answers to this question.

The Foundation's groundbreaking gift will create the Liliane and David M. Stewart Water Management Program, which will strengthen McGill's position as a leader in water resources management and water-related food security issues in Canada and the world.

Named in honour of Dr. Liliane Stewart, LLD'99, and her late husband Dr. David M. Stewart, LLD'78, the new program will provide important funding to attract and retain post-doctoral fellows and visiting scholars, create financial awards to recognize the academic achievements of top undergraduate and graduate students, and establish seminars, symposia and conferences that will bring together academics, stakeholders and policy makers from around the world.

"This gift will allow our researchers and graduate students to explore innovative and sustainable ways of addressing the increasing severity of problems with water resources around the world," says Dr. Shiv O. Prasher, James McGill Professor and Chair of the Department of Bioresource Engineering.

The Macdonald Stewart Foundation, and before that Sir William Macdonald and his heirs in the Stewart family, have played a pivotal role in McGill's growth for over 100 years, with their generosity spilling over into nearly every part of its two campuses.

"By partnering with McGill, we are building on Sir William Macdonald's extraordinary vision of staying at the avant-garde of groundbreaking new academic areas," says Bruce Bolton, BSc'72, Executive Director of the Macdonald Stewart Foundation.

The donor: Macdonald Stewart Foundation
The gift: Support for water resources management studies
The impact: Ensuring safe, clean drinking water

"Food security is a worldwide problem that requires our immediate attention," she says. "I am delighted that McGill is working towards addressing this issue and that I can play some part in this worthwhile mission."

Her gift will create the Margaret A. Gilliam Faculty Scholar in Food Security, which will attract or retain a scholar who pursues research in the area of global food security; the Margaret A. Gilliam Fellowships in Food Security, which will support outstanding graduate students studying global food security issues; and the Margaret A. Gilliam Endowment in Food Security, which will fund, in perpetuity, teaching, research and outreach initiatives related to food security.

A former Wall Street securities analyst with over 30 years of experience, Gilliam is the founder of Gilliam & Co., a research and consulting firm that assists companies in developing and executing viable business strategies, and helps investors optimize returns in both the private and public sectors. She also publishes *Gilliam Viewpoint*, a monthly synopsis of current topics in the retail and related industries.

—Gary Francoeur

—GF

The power of philanthropy

OWEN EGAN

Since we launched Campaign McGill nearly five years ago, I've been sharing stories about how McGill is making history in these pages and in my many encounters with alumni and friends. From generating new discoveries to having a profound impact on communities around the world, McGill is building upon its proud 190-year legacy to secure its place as a world-class centre for innovation, discovery and outreach.

And of course, none of this would be possible without you: our generous and forward-thinking supporters.

But as the theme of this issue suggests, philanthropy does more than help McGill live up to its storied reputation. With the help of our donors, McGill is looking to the future, breaking new ground in emerging research domains like global food security and nanotechnology, developing new international partnerships with universities, governments and industry, and providing our students with an expanding range of opportunities to travel, to engage with the world around them and to become the kind of global citizens who will shape society over the decades to come.

And, as it was when McGill was created through James McGill's founding gift nearly two centuries ago, so it is today: philanthropy is what will make it all possible.

Just as McGill is the passport to our students' bright futures, private giving is the passport to a creative and dynamic future for our University. We hope you enjoyed reading about how our donors are collaborating with us to make McGill – and the world – a better place.

May these stories inspire you to think about what kind of future we can create together.

Marc L. Weinstein, BA'85, BCL'91, LLB'91
Vice-Principal (Development and Alumni Relations)

The Passport to the Future Tour is an opportunity for some of McGill's senior leaders, including Principal Heather Munroe-Blum, to visit key alumni communities to celebrate the achievements of Campaign McGill, to discuss some of the important challenges and opportunities facing universities in the 21st century, and to explore the role that alumni and supporters can play in keeping McGill at the leading edge of knowledge and progress.

The Tour began with events in Hong Kong *(pictured above)* and London, and will continue across North America until November.

For a list of tour dates and speakers, please visit aoc.mcgill.ca/passport.

MAKING HISTORY
McGILL'S REPORT ON PRIVATE GIVING

EDITOR Gary Francoeur
DESIGNER Gerry L'Orange
EDITORIAL COMMITTEE
Derek Cassoff
Dianne Fagan, MA'97
Royal Govain
Ashleigh Manktelow, BCom'05
Nathalie Sroka-Fillion
Marc L. Weinstein, BA'85, BCL'91, LLB'91

SPECIAL THANKS
Christina Armeni, BSc'97, MA'04
Christina Barile
Louise Blondeau, BCom'84
Diana Grier Ayton
Victoria Leenders-Cheng
Laurence Miall
Michael Woloschuk

This magazine is available online at www.mcgill.ca/campaign/news/

© McGill University

Development and Alumni Relations
1555 Peel Street, 9th Floor
Montreal QC H3A 3L8
514-398-5000 | 800-567-5175

CAMPAIGN McGill | HISTORY IN THE MAKING