Benefit Breakfast

On March 20, the John Abbott College Foundation held its annual Benefit Breakfast at Marco Bar & Grill in Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue for the second consecutive year. The event raised $9,957 in support of the Student Assistance Fund which helps students in financial difficulties buy food, textbooks, and other basic essentials that help ensure their success.

Golf Tournament

On May 28, the Foundation held the 11th edition of its annual fundraising golf tournament. One hundred and twenty golfers took to the links of the renowned Summerlea Golf & Country Club to enjoy the warm sun and camaraderie, while learning about the College and the community of people that make it a landmark venue in so many ways. Interim Chair of the JAC Foundation Board of Directors, Yannick Laviolette, was proud to present a cheque to the College for $65,000.

SUPPORTERS OF THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Foundation would like to acknowledge the generous support of the Trottier Family Foundation, SUIAC (John Abbott College students), Desjardins Group, Pfizer Canada Inc., the Molson Foundation, CIBC, Rx&D, the RBC Foundation, SNC-Lavalin, Ginette Sheehy, Gerald Stachowski, C. Stephen Chesley, Lucie Fournier, Keith W. Henderson, Gary Whittaker, Donna Yates, and David McAusland, Campaign President.

Together we continue working on Building Futures...
MISSION

Established in October 1999, the John Abbott College Foundation exists to support the College’s mission and statement of purpose. Through fundraising activities, the Foundation allows the College to respond to the steadily increasing demands for its services, while ensuring that the education students receive and the environment in which they learn are second-to-none.

With these collective contributions, we aim to protect and nurture our most valuable resources, students and teachers, so that they may continue to raise the bar of academic excellence.

Foundation Board of Directors at June 30, 2013:

Officers of the Corporation:
- Ginette Sheehy, Foundation President, and Director General, John Abbott College
- Yannick Laviolette, interim Foundation Chairman, General Manager, Caisse Desjardins des Sources-Lac-Saint-Louis

Board of Directors:
- Diane Bates, President, Alan Davis & Associates Inc.
- Caroline Charbonneau, Director of Finance and Legal Affairs, John Abbott College
- John DiGenova, Vice-President Strategy, Valeo Pharma
- Roger Morin, Chartered Accountant
- Dr Bernard Prigent, Vice President & Medical Director, Pfizer Canada
- Lorne Trotter, President, Matrox Graphics Inc.
- Ryan Young, John Abbott College Faculty Member

During the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the Board of Directors held three regular meetings and one special meeting.
- The approval of the 2011-2012 Audited Financial Statements
- The approval of the Foundation 2011-2012 Annual Report
- The approval of the Election of the Directors of the Corporation
- The approval of the appointment of the Executive Committee of the John Abbott College Foundation Board of Directors
- The approval of an agreement between Desjardins Group, John Abbott College and the John Abbott College Foundation
- The approval of the resignation of Stephen Cheasley, Gary Whittaker and Glenn Thornborough from the Board of Directors
- The election of Yannick Laviolette as interim Chair of the Board of Directors
- The approval of Caroline Charbonneau as new Treasurer of the Foundation

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Foundation staff currently consists of:
- Lison Desclous, Manager, Communications and Foundation Offices
- Nathalie Haworth, contractual Special Events Coordinator (part-time)
- Patricia Price, Agente de bureau (part-time)

BOURSARIES & SCHOLARSHIPS

John Abbott College and the John Abbott College Foundation are pleased to offer its students a long list of scholarships, bursaries and awards. The College and the Foundation gratefully acknowledge the various associations and individuals who have made generous contributions. Bursaries are offered every fall and winter semester to Canadian citizens and permanent residents who study full-time at John Abbott College. Scholarships are offered in the spring to graduating students who will be attending university the following fall.

The Foundation presently manages over $540,000 in bursary and scholarship funds including endowed funds. For the 2012-2013 fiscal year, a total of $21,600 was disbursed to deserving students.

EVENTS

The Foundation holds several events during the year to raise funds for scholarships, bursaries and other means of financial assistance for JAC students. The ultimate goal of these events is not only to raise money, but to increase awareness regarding the needs of those in our immediate community and also, to bring together the members of all ages of the John Abbott College community, ensuring lasting bonds with the College. Many of our staff members are involved with our events, and we deeply appreciate their commitment to the College and to the Foundation.

Art by the Lake

To kick off our 2012-2013 year, the “Art by the Lake” exhibit in association with the Lakeshore Artists Association (LAA) took place September 8 and 9 at the College. All visitors and art enthusiasts were welcomed to the impressive exhibit by numerous volunteers, who also assisted the Foundation in offering sandwiches, cake, coffee and tea in the Tea Room throughout the weekend. Net proceeds from the Tea Room in addition to a percentage of every sale made at the art exhibit, donated by members of the LAA, were set aside to benefit Fine Arts students in need of financial assistance and projects to enhance that program. A total of $7,500 was raised.

Inaugural Gala

Following the opening of the Anne-Marie Edward Science building held on October 16, 2012, the inaugural celebration took place on Wednesday, October 24 which became known as Suzuki Day at John Abbott College. The renowned scientist and environmentalist was on campus for two separate events; the first being a college-wide assembly for students and staff, and the second was the Foundation’s Inaugural Gala that began with cocktails in the atrium of the Science building. Guests were encouraged to visit the new facility with students stationed on every floor to answer any questions. A fabulous gala dinner was served to the 225 guests who were also treated to an address by Dr David Suzuki.