



West Island College Foundation

ANNUAL REPORT

2017







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MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION PRESIDENT AND WIC HEADMASTER



Dear Parents, Graduates and Friends,

This past year has been very exciting for the WIC Foundation. In addition to the funds raised for the Courtyard and Study Pods project, the Foundation also raised \$25,000 to support seven families with tuition assistance. The students that benefitted from this support are phenomenal kids who would not otherwise be able to attend WIC.

Thank you for being a part of this amazing accomplishment!

The school theme for 2017-2018 was Mental Health and the Foundation strongly supported this initiative. Knowing that 1 in 5 Canadians will experience a mental illness in their lifetime, our goal has been to educate, sensitize and help fight against the stigma associated with mental illness and its treatments.

Stress, including financial stress, can be a major cause of depression and anxiety.

WIC has always provided financial aid for families who have fallen on hard times but the need for support continues to grow.

With this in mind, this year the WIC Foundation's focus is to continue to raise money for tuition assistance, bursaries and scholarships. We hope you will join us in our pursuit. As a community, let's continue to come together to help WIC families in need.

Thank you!

David Holzmüller
Board Chair

Michel Lafrance
Headmaster

A VIBRANT ALUMNI COMMUNITY

Our alumni membership (over 2700 graduates worldwide) is composed of men and women in an impressive variety of careers. Our graduates carry core values and lasting beliefs that were instilled in them during their time at the College. They are caring, responsible and compassionate global citizens.



Above: The Class of 1992 celebrated their 25th anniversary on Friday, May 26th, 2017 at WIC with other special anniversary years.

Below: Toronto alumni met up with Headmaster, Michel Lafrance and Director of Advancement and Alumni Engagement, Melanie Richter, at the Drake 150 on Thursday, January 26th, 2017



Above: The Class of 2017 Yearbook Editors, Mrs. Krespil and Mrs. Myers at the Yearbook Signing Party on Tuesday, September 5th, 2017.

Below: On March 31st, 2017, grads from 4 decades played against the senior students at the annual charity hockey game in front of the entire student body.



SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

Providing scholarships and tuition assistance to those in need ensures that West Island College will continue to attract and retain students who are well-rounded, community-driven and hard-working but who might not otherwise afford to attend our school.



CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS



Thanks to generous donations from members of the WIC community, the new Courtyard and Study Pods projects were completed during the summer of 2017 and ready for when students returned to class.

The Courtyard now offers an outdoor classroom, a peaceful retreat, and an outdoor eating area. The three study pods provide a space for students to collaborate on group projects, to rehearse and record presentations and to study quietly whilst offering natural light and a view into the courtyard.

All of the school's facilities upgrades and new construction plans have been designed with the intent to increase student engagement, focused thought and creativity, as well as mental and physical well-being.



Contractors Serge Letarte and Jonathan Drouin, Construction Vergo; Michel Lafrance, Headmaster; Lise Lafontaine, Director of Finance and Operations; Maxime-Karl Gilbert and Marc-André Laplante, Bellemare & Gilbert Architectes.

ANNUAL GALA

On Friday, June 2nd, parents, alumni, staff and friends of WIC came out in support of the WIC Foundation's second annual gala fundraiser Friday Night LIVE! at the College. What an incredible night! The WIC Foundation is extremely pleased with the success of the event and is thrilled to report that \$14,000 was raised for the Inspire Campaign (for financial aid, scholarships and campus improvements).



The Foundation wishes to extend a very special thank you to all involved: volunteers, staff and sponsors: Carolyn Aubert, Felicia Iannetta, Debra Israel, Christina Manioudakis, Theresa McEwan, Karina Patricio, Connie Scuccimarri, Lise Lafontaine, Elana Richter, Tatiana Deveau, Karen Read, Teresa Muro and Elizabeth Stafiej as well as Alex Morselli, Chef Mike, Serge & the Phoenix Food Services team, and Sophie Desjardins (Katso Translation and Writing Services).

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MICHEL LAFRANCE, HEADMASTER

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