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AT THE STUDY, WE BELIEVE THE WORLD NEEDS GREAT WOMEN WHO LEND THEIR TALENTS AND PERSPECTIVES TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND BEYOND.

esearch shows that an all-girls learning environment provides each student with an empowering experience that can play a role in the development of their unique character. When young girls see women achieving success and making a difference in the world, it can inspire them to pursue their own dreams, and we can create a more inclusive and prosperous world for everyone.

The success of The Study is due in large part to the mosaic of its characters over the course of its history. By providing opportunities for students to cultivate their own individuality, we prepare them to navigate life's challenges.

Our community has a long history of supporters who have stepped up to provide incredible character-building opportunities to our students. Investing in The Study levels the playing field for students from diverse backgrounds by providing resources and opportunities that might not otherwise be available.

I would like to thank our Head of School, Mrs. McInnes, for her exceptional and enthusiastic leadership, and our teachers, who serve as mentors to our students as they become women of character.

Nous contribuons à créer un avenir meilleur pour toutes les élèves, y compris les filles de nos filles."

À The Study, nous croyons que le monde a besoin de femmes formidables, et que leurs talents et leurs points de vue auront un impact positif sur leur communauté et au-delà.

La recherche montre qu'un environnement d'apprentissage réservé aux filles offre à chaque élève une expérience enrichissante suscitant le développement de son caractère unique. Lorsque des jeunes filles voient des femmes réussir et changer le monde, cela les motive à poursuivre leurs propres rêves, et nous pouvons alors créer un monde plus inclusif et plus prospère pour tous.

Le succès de The Study est dû en grande partie à la mosaïque formée par sa communauté tout au long de sa riche histoire. En offrant aux élèves la possibilité de cultiver leur propre individualité, nous les préparons à relever les défis

Notre communauté compte depuis toujours des individus qui se mobilisent pour offrir à nos élèves d'incroyables occasions de forger leur caractère. Investir dans The Study, c'est permettre à des élèves d'origines diverses d'avoir accès à des ressources et à des possibilités qui ne leur seraient pas offertes autrement.

J'aimerais remercier notre directrice générale, Mme McInnes, pour son leadership exceptionnel et enthousiaste, ainsi que nos enseignant·e·s, qui servent de mentor·e·s à nos élèves et les aident à devenir des femmes de caractère.

Erika Flores Lodwick

ERIKA FLORES LUDWICK'88

CHAIR, BOARD OF GOVERNORS | PRÉSIDENTE, CONSEIL DES GOUVERNEURS



MEETING WITH PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES IS A PART OF MY ROLE, AS HEAD OF SCHOOL, I TRULY ENJOY, AND FROM WHICH I STILL LEARN MUCH ABOUT THE STUDY. OLD GIRLS PROVIDE CHERISHED MEMORIES AND SEEK TO HAVE THEIR DAUGHTERS SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES OF A POSITIVE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS AND LIFELONG BONDS ARE FORMED.

arents new to The Study speak of their dream of having their daughters be 'Study Girls' or, as promised in *Strategic Direction*: 2021-2026, students who "model and celebrate exemplary character and behaviour". Recently, a prospective parent commented to me that he would be pleased if his daughter "turned out to be half as amazing" as the students he met while visiting.

Whether working with Kindergarten students or those about to graduate, our thoughtful faculty and staff serve as outstanding role models who instill in each student the importance of traits such as kindness and generosity. These traits may be demonstrated by a gesture as small as opening a door for a friend, or by organizing a drive to donate socks to a local shelter during the winter.

I am grateful for the dedication of our Board of Governors, Foundation trustees, current and past parents, faculty, staff and alumnae for their support of our Strategic Plan, now in its second year of implementation. This dedication reflects our commitment to a diverse, bilingual school which values developing women of character. I am also appreciative of the opportunity to work in close collaboration with our Board Chair, Mrs. Erika Flores Ludwick '88, whose leadership has helped ensure the continued success of The Study.

En tant que directrice générale, j'aime particulièrement rencontrer les familles de nos éventuelles futures élèves, et ces rencontres continuent de m'en apprendre plus sur The Study. Souvent, les anciennes élèves qui nous rendent visite évoquent leurs plus beaux souvenirs, tout en cherchant à partager avec leurs filles leur expérience d'un environnement scolaire positif dans lequel se tissent des liens pour la vie. Les nouveaux parents parlent de leur rêve de voir leurs propres filles devenir des « filles de The Study » ou, comme le promet notre Orientation stratégique : 2021-2026, des élèves qui « adoptent et célèbrent un comportement et un tempérament exemplaire ». Récemment, un futur parent m'a dit qu'il serait heureux si sa fille « s'avérait à moitié aussi extraordinaire » que les élèves actuelles qu'il avait rencontrées lors de sa visite.

Qu'ils et elles travaillent avec des élèves de maternelle ou avec celles qui sont sur le point d'obtenir leur diplôme, nos enseignant·e·s et notre personnel attentionnés sont des modèles exceptionnels qui inculquent à chaque élève l'importance de traits de caractère tels que la gentillesse et la générosité. Ces qualités peuvent se manifester par un geste aussi anodin que celui de tenir la porte à une amie, ou par l'organisation d'une campagne de dons de chaussettes à un refuge local pendant l'hiver.

Je tiens à remercier les membres de notre conseil des gouverneurs, les administrateurs de la Fondation, les parents d'élèves qui fréquentent et ont fréquenté l'école, nos enseignant·e·s, les membres de notre personnel ainsi que les anciennes élèves pour le soutien qu'ils et elles ont apporté à notre plan stratégique, actuellement dans sa deuxième année de mise en œuvre. Ce soutien reflète notre engagement en faveur d'une école diversifiée et bilingue qui accorde une grande importance à la formation de femmes de caractère. Je suis également reconnaissante d'avoir eu l'occasion de travailler en étroite collaboration avec la présidente du conseil, Erika Flores Ludwick (promotion de 1988), dont le leadership permet la réussite à long terme de The Study.

Kin Milanes

KIM MCINNES

HEAD OF SCHOOL | DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE

## THE GATEWAY TO EMBRACING QUEBEC'S HISTORY & CULTURE

AMANDA LISTE, Elementary School Director BRIGITTE WEIL, Senior School Director

uebec has a beautifully rich linguistic and cultural background. At The Study, we marry its inclusive culture with our promise of the highest quality education a young woman can receive, thus creating a bilingual school environment where all of our students can grow and explore their passions. We offer students a range of cultural experiences that have a positive impact on their learning and this allows them to develop open-mindedness, curiosity, and cultural and aesthetic appreciation.

Experiential learning is a process in which students engage by doing and are prompted to reflect and analyze their experiences, leading to a deeper understanding. This process enhances a student's ability to apply their acquired knowledge to new experiences. At The Study, experiential learning includes cultural learning opportunities, expanding our students' worlds through skill development, adventure and service, and enriching each Study student's educational experience. Students who play an active role in these activities are more likely to participate in the cultural life of their communities as adults.

Notre programme d'études intègre délibérément des expériences uniques au Québec, telles que des sorties traditionnelles, des voyages liés au programme d'études, ou simplement l'exploration des communautés qui nous entourent. Ces expériences sont adaptées aux besoins de développement de nos élèves et se renforcent mutuellement au cours de leurs années à The Study. Une élève du primaire peut faire une promenade sur le mont Royal et explorer la biodiversité locale. L'étude d'un roman à l'école secondaire peut mettre en vedette un auteur d'ici, dont l'aventure montréalaise prend vie grâce à une analyse et à une exploration approfondies de nos communautés locales. Notre programme d'études enrichi est également animé par des intervenants spéciaux, tels que des auteurs québécois, des personnalités politiques et des gens d'affaires, ou même notre propre personnel, qui viennent animer des ateliers et des conférences éducatives. Ces expériences ne se limitent pas à l'horaire de jour des élèves : des activités extrascolaires sont proposées en soirée, notamment pour voir des films d'ici et assister à des pièces de théâtre.

Que ce soit en classe ou à l'extérieur, nos élèves sont immergées dans la culture québécoise et inspirées par leurs expériences d'apprentissage ainsi que leurs réflexions profondes et significatives, qui les accompagnent longtemps après l'obtention de leur diplôme.



#### BELOW (L TO R)

Charlotte Feltham '25 et Yasmine Boukadoum '25 attendent le lever du rideau au Théâtre Jean-Duceppe.



#### **LE SAVIEZ-VOUS?**

Nos camps de leadership de la 4<sup>e</sup> à la 6<sup>e</sup> année, ainsi que toutes nos sorties au secondaire, permettent à nos élèves de développer leur responsabilité personnelle et d'améliorer leurs compétences en communication. **Elles deviennent** alors plus confiantes et elles valorisent la langue française! Nous préparons et encourageons nos plus jeunes élèves à devenir des leaders au sein de la société québécoise.



sets of sounds promotes a larger vocabulary. Moreover, other cognitive processes such as auditory attention and sensory processing are highlighted in studies where bilingual speakers demonstrated a higher response, better encoding the information they receive and interpret.

APPRENDRE DANS LES DEUX LANGUES

L'apprentissage d'une deuxième langue à un jeune âge renforce les fonctions exécutives et l'apprentissage. Un facteur clé de l'impact positif du bilinguisme dès le plus jeune âge est l'équivalence de l'exposition linguistique à chaque langue, à l'instar de ce que vivent nos élèves du primaire en passant une journée dans une langue, l'anglais, et une deuxième journée dans une autre, le français, toutes deux enseignées comme langues maternelles. À l'école secondaire, une grande variété de cours sont offerts avec différentes langues d'instruction. à chaque. Certains sont enseignés en français, d'autres en anglais.

Les élèves bilingues de The Study sont non seulement capables de communiquer et de mener leur communauté dans les deux langues, mais elles sont également bien placées pour planifier efficacement, passer sans difficulté d'une langue à l'autre, et retenir les informations importantes. S



IRIS YU '33 READ THEIR BOOKS DURING A BREAK ON PHOTO DAY

(ABOVE) ADDISON GILLESPIE '26

IN THE PERFORMANCE HALL

AMALIA LIOGAS, IT Director & AI Consortium Founder

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has made many headlines over the last few months. ChatGPT (chat.openai. com/chat) launched on November 30, 2022, and within 5 days the website had over 1 million users. To put this in perspective, it took Netflix 3.5 years, Facebook 10 months and Instagram 2.5 months to achieve the same user base.

#### WHAT EXACTLY IS CHATGPT?

ChatGPT is a computer program that has been taught to respond to users in a conversational manner. It is powered by a neural network and has been trained on vast amounts of data.

When asked, ChatGPT states: "The growth of Al is expected to continue at a rapid pace in the coming years, as more and more companies and organizations invest in research and development in this field. This is likely to result in the development of more advanced and sophisticated Al systems that can perform a wide range of tasks and have a major impact on many different industries and aspects of our daily lives."

According to the World Economic Forum, by 2025, 85 million jobs will be displaced due to Al automation yet 97 million new roles will emerge

as humans and AI learn to coexist. They further state that 65% of students entering elementary school will end up working in jobs that don't exist today. The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development has stated that white-collar occupations that require high levels of formal education are more exposed to AI.

It is so important for us to teach our students how to navigate through this new reality with a critical eye while maintaining their academic integrity. To prepare them to be our future change-makers, students need to learn what is available and how to use it. We teach students not just to embrace change but how to achieve success in an ever-developing landscape. It is for these reasons that students at The Study have already started to learn how to build and train their own neural networks. Women in particular need to play an active role in shaping the use of artificial intelligence in order to reduce gender bias. In 2020, the World Economic Forum reported that only 26% of data and Al positions in the workplace are held by women.

The Study teaches its students to love learning, embrace technology, and face any new challenge headon, and will continue to do so in the years to come.



FACING PAGE (L to R) Zihan (Grace) Xu'28 & Junran (Charlotte) Hu'28 represent The Study

LEFT

Helya Shamsi '27 focuses on a project in class

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**A WINNING COMBINATION** 

À The Study, nos jeunes athlètes développent des aptitudes telles que la camaraderie, l'esprit sportif, la communication, la discipline personnelle et la résilience."

FALL Cross-country Running | Golf | Rowing | Soccer | Volleyball
WINTER Badminton | Basketball | Hockey | Swimming
SPRING Archery | Cross-country Running | Flag Football | Rowing
Rugby | Tennis | Track & Field



he Study is a place where students have the opportunity to dip their toes into a variety of different sports, in both a competitive and recreational environment, led by phenomenal coaches and faculty supervisors. The athletics program at The Study is designed to encourage students to try their best at a sport and experience the joy of playing on a team. We motivate students to go beyond their comfort zones, challenge themselves, engage in physical activity and, of course, have fun with their peers!

This year happened to be my first in the position of Athletics Coordinator, and I feel so lucky to have amazing colleagues who have helped me navigate my way through this post-pandemic year of sports and athletics. I am grateful to work alongside such experienced coaches and teachers in the Physical Education department who continue to support me in facilitating and organizing the numerous athletic events offered at The Study. Despite having their own classes and responsibilities, Chantale Lewis, Brandon Romano, Susie Levesque, and Mona Bosnakyan '02 are always willing to do anything they can to offer a helping hand. Whether it is advising me on which division to enter for a sports team, or helping me to navigate the facilitation and organization of the many sports we offer, or even suggesting which hotel has the best breakfast buffet for an out-oftown tournament, I know I can always count on my colleagues. I believe that this is a true testament to the teachers and coaches at The Study. It is in our nature to not only support our students, but to support each other, as we recognize that we are a team, one Study family!

This strong sense of family and community is passed on to our students. At The Study, our young, developing athletes learn life skills such as team camaraderie, sportsmanship, communication, self-discipline, and resilience. Their involvement in athletics improves their physical and mental health and increases their confidence and self esteem. I feel extremely grateful for our community and for the opportunities we offer our students in this wonderful world of athletics at The Study. I look forward to growing in my new role and and continuing to work alongside a physical education team as we embed critical life skills in our students.

(L to R) Teachers Deena Patel, Charlène Leblanc, Beatrice Bousser, and France Gauthie attending the Global Forum on Education conference hosted by the International Coalition

KIM TURCOT DIFRUSCIA, directrice générale adjointe

e jour ne s'est pas encore levé sur la colline, mais le 3233 The Boulevard grouille déjà d'activités. Pourtant, ce matin-là, le joyeux tintamarre habituel a fait place à un bourdonnement feutré: celui des conversations d'adultes. Dans le gymnase, cafés et claviers en mains, les enseignants sont rassemblés pour la première rencontre de la journée pédagogique. Comme chacune de ces précieuses journées, celle-ci s'annonce riche et bien remplie. Au programme : formations, réunions, comités de travail et partages d'expertises sur des thèmes allant des plus récents développements en intelligence artificielle aux innovations en matière d'évaluation en passant par le rôle du jeu en classe, la collaboration entre matières et les meilleures pratiques de soutien aux élèves. Quoi?! Vous allez à l'école sans nous! s'exclament souvent les élèves à l'approche d'une journée pédagogique. Levons le voile sur ce qui se passe vraiment lorsque les enseignants sont eux aussi occupés à apprendre.

#### LE DÉVELOPPEMENT CONTINU DES ENSEIGNANTS: **AU COEUR DE NOTRE CULTURE D'EXCELLENCE**

En 2021, le gouvernement du Québec rendait la formation continue des enseignants obligatoire pour la première fois de son histoire. Entrait alors en vigueur l'obligation pour tous les enseignants de la province d'effectuer au minimum 30 heures de développement professionnel tous les deux ans. Cette nouvelle exigence, qui fit beaucoup de vagues dans le milieu scolaire, fut accueillie comme allant de soi par le corps enseignant de notre école. À The Study, c'est en moyenne le double sinon davantage que les enseignants consacrent à leur propre apprentissage. Conférences d'experts, congrès, comités de travail, cours de perfectionnement à l'université, causeries pédagogiques, séances de travail collaboratif en départements, mentorat : nos portfolios professionnels foisonnent.

Le développement continu relève d'une culture de reconnaissance du professionnalisme des enseignants profondément ancrée dans les valeurs de notre école.

Nous savons que l'acquisition continue de nouvelles connaissances fondées sur les meilleures pratiques et le partage d'expertises entre collègues améliorent l'apprentissage des élèves. De plus, en apprenant tout au long de leur vie, les enseignants offrent aux filles des modèles inspirants d'engagement, de passion et de dépassement de soi.

#### THE STUDY EXPERTS

Each year, the expertise of The Study's teachers is recognized beyond the walls of the school and inspires educators across the province. In the past few months alone, our outstanding teachers have shared their innovative approach and projects at the Association québécoise des professeurs de français, at the Mathematics Institute of the Leadership Committee for English Education in Quebec, and at Quebec Association of Independent Schools professional development sessions. Our teachers also acted as guest lecturers at the Faculties of Education at McGill University, Sherbrooke University and the University of Montreal. Through their involvement, they modelled the traits that we develop in students: curiosity, a commitment to excellence, generosity and collaboration.

#### **TEACHERS GO TO SCHOOL TOO!**

The schools of today are in constant change, with curriculum and pedagogical approach evolving rapidly. Continuous and relevant professional development provides teachers with the tools needed to guide students exceptionally well through the world around them. Outstanding learning experiences, both inside and outside of the classroom, such as coding apps, publishing novels, isolating DNA, mushroom foraging, and arguing convincingly at public debates, all reflect the professional development which takes place. Although students are not in the building, teachers go to school and learning continues! 🙈



PEDAGOGIQUES...

que se passe-t-il *vraiment?* 

LE DÉVELOPPEMENT PROFESSIONNEL DES ENSEIGNANTS : MODELER LA PASSION D'APPRENDRE TOUT AU LONG DE LA VIE

Anna-Maria Palumbo, Rand Allabade et Sarah Howard, trois enseignantes de science au secondaire, en discussion dans la serre de l'école



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At The Study, our faculty and staff are united in shaping girls into great women of character, ready to create a better world."

- KIM MCINNES, Head of School

## LA FAMILLE FOREST

« Cette année, Olivia-Françoise a participé à un concert de piano dans une 'vraie grande salle sur un grand piano à queue'. Elle était nerveuse à l'idée de jouer au concert. Elle en a parlé avec ses enseignantes, qui ont tout de suite su comment l'encourager et la valoriser. Elles lui ont demandé d'enregistrer sa performance au concert et de la leur envoyer le soir même.

Nous avons évidemment envoyé la vidéo le soir même tel que promis et attendu! Le lendemain du concert, de retour à l'école, les enseignantes ont félicité Olivia-Françoise, mais surtout, elles lui ont proposé de présenter la vidéo à toute sa classe. Quelle fierté!

L'opportunité de partager ses réalisations l'a encouragée à continuer de fournir les efforts nécessaires et d'investir le temps qu'il faut pour atteindre ses prochains défis. »

- VÉRONIQUE-ISABELLE FOREST



character-building experiences for Willa '25 to date has been her acquisition of the French language. Willa started at The Study in Grade 3 with no previous exposure and Lela '26, accompanied

to French.

FACING PAGE

(L to R) George

Papagiannis with his daughters Pamela '30

by their mother, Alexandra Tsotsis.

(L to R) Romy '31 and Willa '25 Garschagen

with their mother, Anne.

BELOW

Suddenly, she felt lost. We were assured that this feeling was normal, and that within a couple of months she would first understand, then speak, and then write French — and that's exactly what happened. The Francisation

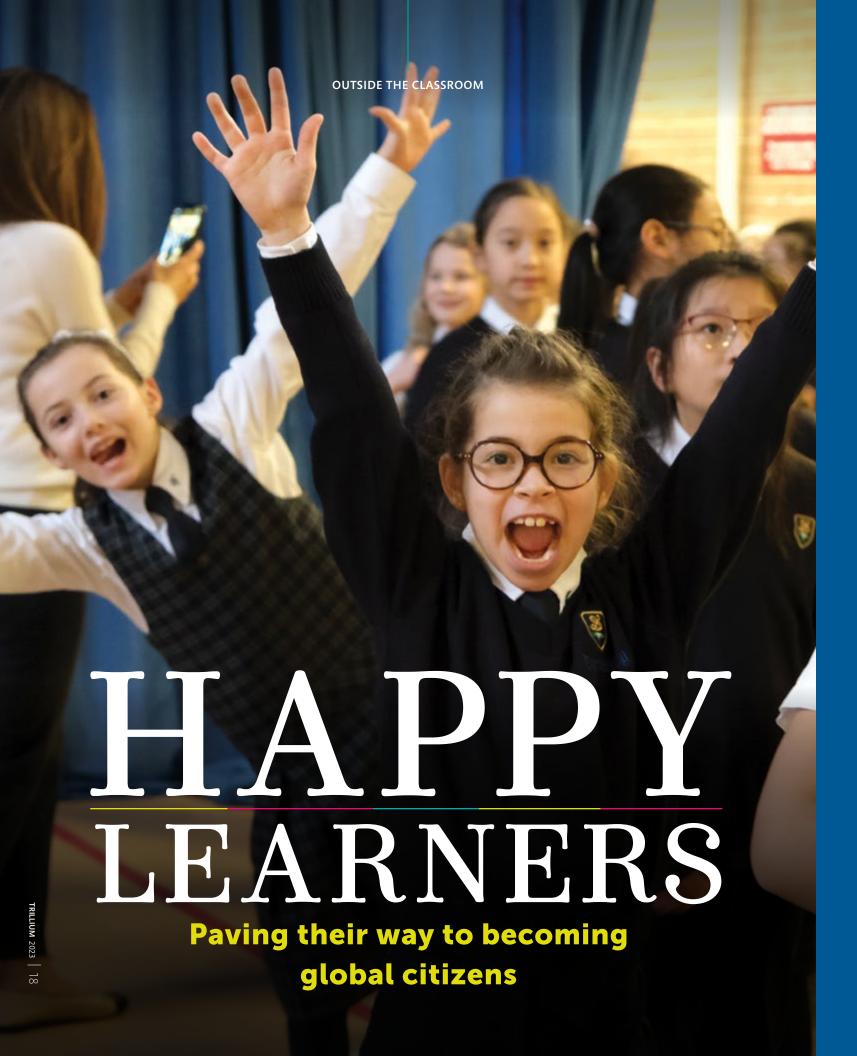
ne of the most profound

program, which places girls in small groups for intensive instruction, and then ultimately integrates them back into the classroom for additional support from teachers and fellow students, helped Willa come up the learning curve.

Thanks to the support of the entire team at The Study, Willa has navigated years of dictées and verb tenses, and is proud to call the French language her own. She also, at a very young age, learned the invaluable lesson that all good things require hard work, and that she is ready for it.

- ANNE GARSCHAGEN





At the Study, students are encouraged to develop into self and socially-aware individuals, ready to build a better world. Experiences outside the classroom help the students push their boundaries while participating in a wide variety of grade-appropriate activities and events.

Une multitude d'occasions s'offrent aux élèves de The Study de donner l'exemple et de célébrer un caractère et un comportement exemplaires, qu'il s'agisse de récolter des fonds pour une bonne cause, de rencontrer un premier répondant ou de participer à un sport d'équipe.



FACING PAGE (L to R) Clara Poulin, Sophie Lacasse, Jessica Pearce, Aliya Wallerstein, and Rui Liu, all from the Class of 2030, show their excitement during an outing.

PHOTO 1 Julie Nolet, a security officer from the City of Westmount, shares details about her profession with Grade 6 students following a Speaker Series conference in January.

PHOTO 2 Members of the Class of 2024 experienced the procedures of Quebec's legal system firsthand during a trip to the Palais de Justice de Montréal. (L to R) Kaiyuan (Grace) Li, Wenjia (Camila) Zhao, Jida Jalbout, Ella Ajmo, Lausanne Ko, Ariana Gualtieri, Chelsea Noonoo, Taralhie Bonnet, Mila Martin,

Nicola Mèche, Ella Rose Coderre, Audrey Turcotte-Miao, Mr. Daniel Fitzpatrick, Alexandra Gyopar, Mylie Ludwick, Allison Schwartz, Elle Sotiriou, and Eva Fei.

PHOTO 3 (L to R) Kiran Kennedy '28 and Lausanne Ko '24 take a breather on the bench during a hockey game. PHOTO 4 (L to R) Alena Atfeh '27 and Yangyuhe (Carina) Yang '27 play badminton in gym class

PHOTO 5 (L to R) Sienna Malky and Helya Shamsi, both '27, make cards for Community Service Day. PHOTO 6 (L to R) Chloe Nahum '28, Valeria Jimenez Maza '29, and Sofia Khemissa '29, at Pointe-à-Callière Museum for their Speaker Series half-day field trip.

## CLASS OF 2022



Congratulations to the Class of 2022 on their acceptance into the post-secondary institutions of their choice! More great women following their passion for commerce, creative arts, social sciences, cinema, health sciences, and other fields across Canada and the world.

Félicitations à la promotion 2022! Les diplômées ont été acceptées dans de prestigieuses institutions post-secondaires. Plus de femmes formidables poursuivent leur passion pour le commerce, les arts, les sciences humaines, le cinéma, les sciences de la santé, et d'autres domaines du savoir partout au Canada et ailleurs dans le monde.

Fiona Aitken
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# A Lifetime at The Study

Decades of service to The Study deserve to be celebrated. Pattie Edwards, celebrating 35 years and Barbara Kurtzman, celebrating 34 years, have each dedicated a significant portion of their lives and careers to The Study. Their retirements are therefore met with sadness. While Pattie and Barbara will be missed by so many, their legacies will live on through the countless Study students, Old Girls, current and former faculty and staff whose lives they have impacted over the years.

#### **PATTIE EDWARDS**

Pattie Edwards' time at The Study will be remembered for her warmth, her smile and her laugh — Pattie's resounding passion for the school and the students was contagious.

Joining The Study as Receptionist, Pattie soon became Registrar and then Director of Admissions. Pattie eventually took on the role of Director of Alumnae Relations where she connected with many Study Old Girls, former faculty and staff and past parents. Over the years, Pattie's institutional knowledge of The Study became invaluable to her colleagues.

Pattie saw many changes at The Study during her 35 years at the school, but her sense of purpose, dedication and warmth to everything she did never wavered. It is this legacy we wish to acknowledge and celebrate.

Thank you, Ms. Edwards!

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Miss Edwards, as I knew her, was one of the most beautiful ladies I saw as a young kid. I remember looking up to her and saying, wow, she's so young and beautiful and so kind! Walking in the front entrance and always saying hello and reminding me of my manners to always say please and thank you when I needed a Kleenex. Her smile was so heartwarming."

- SARAH TSCHUDIN '02



#### **BARBARA KURTZMAN**

Affectionately known as Ms. B, Barbara Kurtzman has been a beloved teacher at The Study for 34 years, teaching Grades 1, 2, and 5

It is a bittersweet moment for Ms. B, who has been a shining example of passion for learning, creativity and innovation in the classroom for so many students (and their parents!), faculty, staff and Old Girls. She is known for saying: "We have to know that as teachers, if we're passionate, the students become passionate, and not by telling them to be, but by showing them!"

This year, her final year at The Study, Barbara has launched Learning About Reading, a literacy program aimed at Study students from Kindergarten to Grade 2. Barbara's legacy will include, amongst other things, her mindfulness movement, a holistic approach to supporting learning with a quiet mind and relaxed body. Namaste Barbara, and congratulations on your retirement.

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To know Barbara is to love her, for so many reasons! She is the most dedicated, creative, and hardworking teacher I have ever had the pleasure to know and work with. When you enter her class, each student is engaged in their learning and so happy to be there. As a colleague, she was always there to help, advise and encourage me in everything I did. I consider myself so lucky to call her my friend, my BFF."

- DORIS FRIEDMAN

23 years

#### A LIFETIME AT THE STUDY...

EDNA REINGEWIRTZ 33 years

ANNA KASIRER 27 years SUZANNE RODIER 27 years LINE BENOÎT 25 years FRANCE GAUTHIER
25 years
AMALIA LIOGAS

MÉLANIE BEAUDETTE 23 years JULIE CARON

ANNE HEENAN '88 23 years MARIYANA DIMITROVA

22 years

SUSAN LEVESQUE
22 years

JEAN-KARL HÉBERT 21 years



## Arabella Decker '87

EMBRACING LIFE-CHANGING OPPORTUNITIES



PSSt! FINAL FUN FACT ABOUT ARABELLA

She is a competitive ballroom dancer and is deeply involved with the Just for Kids Foundation, for which she co-chairs "Dancing with Stars" in support of the Montreal Children's Hospital. t can be said that strong involvement by Study alumnae has a direct impact on helping to propel the school from being a good school to being a great school. An excellent example of this kind of commitment

is Arabella Decker '87. As the mother of Isabella '22 and Mathilda '26 and sister of Ariadne '91, Arabella has taken an active role in supporting the school's path to the future as a member of the Board of Governors. She brings her marketing expertise to bear as Chair of the Marketing Committee.

Years after graduating from The Study, Arabella completed her post-secondary studies at the University of Notre Dame in the United States to obtain her MBA. It was at this time that she met a guest lecturer at Ogilvy, an advertising agency, who introduced her to the notion of brand equity. She immediately connected with this idea and was hired by Ogilvy's Toronto office that same year.

After the birth of her first daughter, Arabella moved back to Montreal. She continued her work with Ogilvy until a lifechanging opportunity came along.

WAFU, a Montreal-based Japanese-style sesame dressing, was in need of branding and had the potential to support a product portfolio. Arabella knew that she had the right set of packaged goods experience and skills to expand on the original product and develop a brand family. Since 2008, Arabella and her two partners have been operating the company.

Being an entrepreneur, says Arabella, is like having another child: you are never "off", you must be present 24/7. On the flip side, there is the flexibility you gain from being your own boss and the satisfaction you get from knowing that any success is a direct result of your efforts.

Arabella is convinced that she acquired many of her core attributes from her years at The Study. Resilience, a love of learning, integrity and humility are values that were emphasized at the school. The leadership skills students were taught and the all-girls environment that allowed all students to be themselves gave her confidence. Arabella feels this prepared her well for success throughout her career.



WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL to Study Builder and Foundation Trustee Jill de Villafranca for her extensive contributions to this magazine. Jill is also mother to Katie '96 and Christine '00 and grandmother to Sophie Lacasse '30.



# Sofia Essayan-Perez '11

LASTING IMPACT: AN OLD GIRL'S LEGACY ON THE NICARAGUA SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT

o Sofia Essayan-Perez '11, "The World Needs Great Women" is far more than just a slogan. It is an inspiration and a mandate. It drives much of what she does in her life, and she constantly refers back to the notion of empowering women to make the world a better place for everyone.

In Grade 9, Sofia approached one of her teachers, Ms. Liogas, with an idea to work with a school in Nicaragua to improve the education of the girls in rural areas Why Nicaragua? With much of her family living there, Sofia was influenced by her observations of the conditions for women in several Latin American countries where

she lived before her family settled permanently in Canada.

Sofia made her case for a partnership with the Diriá High School and Ms. Liogas became an enthusiastic supporter of the idea. Before long, The Study embarked on a community service and international development project that, to this day, continues to create wonderful opportunities for both the people of Diriá, a rural community of about 6,000 people, and Study girls.

Through biennial visits by groups of Study students, fundraising for scholarships for Nicaraguan women and the collection of books and equipment, The Study continues to make a significant contribution to the economic and social well-

from M.I.T. with Phi Beta Kappa Honors in Brain and Cognitive Sciences with

being of the Diriá community. Now finishing her last year of her M.D. degree at Stanford University, Sofia continues to play an active role in the project. When Study girls visit Diriá, they see the true impact of their efforts to support educational improvements there.

Sofia believes her dedication and passion come from the time management and multilingual communication skills she learned at The Study. She became intellectually curious because she was always encouraged to ask questions. Looking back, she feels that her Study experience helped develop her character, the quality required to complete a Ph.D. and an M.D. while maintaining her dedicated support for the Nicaragua project. \$\simega\$



# Founder's Day & Homecoming 2022

OCTOBER 21 & 22

On Founder's Day, The Study celebrated its 107th Birthday, as well as the **Judy Elder Alumna** Award recipient, Victoria Stikeman '78. Victoria, or Vicky as her friends call her, was celebrated for her successes as an executive coach, athlete and mother, and by embracing the same qualities and values as Judy did: leading with her heart, willing to take a risk,

it forward to the next generation.

being outstanding in her profession and paying



A Study birthday cake was cut by the youngest Kindergarten student, **Anna Small '34**, and by Study Old Girl in presence Susan (Rose) McLaren '66. Students enjoyed The Study's traditional cupcakes after the celebration!

**TOP LEFT** SUSAN (ROSE) MCLAREN '66 AND ANNA SMALL '34 CUT THE BIRTHDAY CAKE. ABOVE RIGHT VICKY STIKEMAN '78, JUDY ELDER ALUMNA AWARD RECIPIENT, WITH

ASTRID WASCHKE '33. LEFT (BACK TO FRONT) ELLA ROSE CODERRE ROBINSON (ALL '24) ENJOY THEIR CUPCAKES.



#### SMILING FACES AT THE REUNION

The Study was thrilled to welcome Old Girls back for the first in-person Homecoming in three years. On Saturday, October 22, students guided alumnae on tours, and the SOGA Annual General Meeting was led by SOGA Co-Chairs, Amanda Eaman '97 and Rachel Cytrynbaum '98. Former and current faculty and staff dropped by to share memories and laughs. The graduates of the Class of 2012 opened the time capsules they filled exactly one decade ago. The afternoon concluded with a friendly game of dodgeball and basketball.

ABOVE (L TO R) AUDREY LEDUC '12. CAMILLE GAGNON '12 AND SARAH BEECH '82 AT HOMECOMING.

RIGHT EMILIE PALISAITIS '12 SHARES A LAUGH WITH HER CLASSMATES



#### FRIDAY, **OCTOBER 20**

Student-guided tours, & Judy Elder Alumna Award presentation, SOGA Tea

#### SATURDAY, **OCTOBER 21**

SOGA Annual General Meeting, Reunion Brunch for all classes, particularly those with milestone celebrations (years ending in 8 and 3), Student-guided tours, Class of 2013 Time Capsule





LEFT (L TO R) RACHEL CYTRYNBAUM '98, AND AMANDA EAMAN '97 POSE AFTER CAROLINE PRICE '82, KIM MCINNES, HEAD OF SCHOOL, KATIE KOSTIUK '96, MONA BOSNAKYAN '02, OLIVIA DESIATNYK '13, YESEUL JUN '13, SARAH BEECH '82, JILL TETRAULT '82, JULIA TAKACSY '14, ROBYN YANOFSKY '97, JESSICA LAPOINTE '97, NADIA NIRO '97,

ABOVE RIGHT (L TO R) CLASS OF '82 PRICE, PAULINA ABARCA-CANTIN. AYSE ATAMAN, AND SARAH BEECH AT THE HOMECOMING BASKETBALL GAME





PHOTO 1 NEW YORK CITY REUNION (LTO R) KATHERINE YAPHE '89, TALYA BOISJOLI '10, LIVIA DAYAN '04, ADELA FLORES '09, CARMIT TZOUBARI '03, BRITTA CARROLL '10, DAHLIA ABRAMOVICZ '04, KIM MCINNES, HEAD OF SCHOOL, ARIADNE DECKER '91, JESSICA DAVIDMAN GREEN '93, SAMANTHA SAMBROOK '15

PHOTO 3 TORONTO REUNION (LTO R) KIM MCINNES, HEAD OF SCHOOL, CAROLYN EVERSON IRWIN '77, CELIA RHEA '76, VICKY STIKEMAN '78, JORDANA SANFT '90

# REUNITING & RECONNECTING

### STUDY REUNIONS

Head of School Kim McInnes and Director of Advancement Katie Kostiuk '96 hosted a group of Old Girls in Toronto in November 2022 and in New York City in January 2023. Everyone had a wonderful time connecting and sharing memories of days gone by.



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Every year, The Study Old Girls' Association hosts Cupcakes & Connections, an evening for Grades 10 and 11. This event gives students the chance to hear from recent Study graduates about their post-secondary school life. It was so much fun to have recent Study graduates talk about their academic (and non-academic) lives after The Study. Paulina (Flores) Rutenberg '90, member of SOGA's Executive, helped to organize this event.







# STUDY OLD GIRLS COME HOME

We love having Old Girls come back to The Study – and the best part is that you do not need to wait for Homecoming weekend in October. If you are back in Montreal, we'd love to see you. We invite you to pop into the school and say 'hi'!





PHOTO 4 AMANDA (FURFARO)
DESMARAIS '03 & JACQUELINE
(DESMARAIS) DE CRO' '06, NOW
SISTERS-IN-LAW, PAID US A VISIT
IN DECEMBER AND ENJOYED
SEEING FORMER TEACHERS AND
TOURING THE SCHOOL. JACQUELINE
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REINGEWIRTZ, AMALIA LIOGAS,
JACQUELINE DESMARAIS '06,
JULIE CARON, JEAN-KARL HÉBERT,
AMANDA (FURFARO) DESMARAIS '03.
PHOTO 5 (L TO R) MERISSA
SIMONIAN '96 AND HER DAUGHTER
PENELOPE JOINED US FOR A VISIT
IN JULY 2022. PHOTO 6 STUDY OLD

GIRLS AND STUDENTS ENJOYING
TIME TOGETHER DURING
CUPCAKES AND CONNECTIONS.
PHOTO 7 PATRICIA BRIGHT '07
VISITED THE SCHOOL IN EARLY
JANUARY, AFTER SPENDING THE
LAST 10 YEARS IN GREECE WITH
HER HUSBAND, NICK. PATRICIA
BROUGHT NICK WITH HER BACK
TO THE STUDY AND INTRODUCED
HIM TO SOME OF HER FAVOURITE
TEACHERS. (L TO R) PATRICIA
BRIGHT '07 WITH MS. ANNE (ANNE
HEENAN '88) PHOTO 8 WE WERE
THRILLED TO HAVE SO MANY OLD
GIRLS IN ATTENDANCE AT THIS
FALL'S BAZAAR. IT'S A PERFECT

## WELCOME BACK HILARY!

Hilary McGown '95 has joined the Advancement Department as our Community Engagement Officer. Hilary comes to us from Hatley Little Blue House where she held the position of Social Media Marketing and Public Relations Specialist. Before that, she spent 11 years as the co-founder of Grumman'78, Montreal's celebrated restaurant and food truck.

As an Old Girl,
Hilary is very well
positioned to cultivate
and grow the school's
relationship with
our alumnae, as
well as with our
former faculty and
staff and past parents.
Hilary will also
play an integral role
in fundraising
campaigns and
organizing community
events and activities.

News or questions can be directed to Hilary at:

hmcgown@thestudy.qc.ca

OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE SCHOOL, CONNECT WITH FACULTY AND STAFF WHILE SUPPORTING A STUDY TRADITION SINCE 1941. (L TO R) ACQUELINE HAYES-BABCZAK '22, ISOBEL HAMILTON '23 AND CHARLOTTE LEBON '22 PHOTO 9 IT WAS SO NICE TO KICK OFF THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH SOME OF OUR RECENT GRADUATES. (L TO R) CHARLOTTE LEBON '22, MEGAN HIGGINS' '22, DELILA FARIAS' 19, SOPHIE BOULOS' 19

RIGHT

**PATH** 

TASHA KHEIRIDDIN

# In a Class of Their Own

**KEEPING IN TOUCH** 

<sup>2</sup>40 MIRIAM TEES celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with a birthday party organized by her nephew and attended by many of her friends and family. Happy Birthday, Miriam!

'66 In November 2022, ANNE SMITH was honoured for co-founding "The Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center" forty years ago. This Massachusetts-based crisis center's mission is to empower individuals and engage communities to end domestic violence.

An experienced financial planner, SUZANNE BARWICK decided to change career paths during the pandemic. She and her team at the Jewish General Hospital began to organize trainings for all the new vaccinators working in the COVID-19 vaccination sites. She also organized Indigenous Awareness Workshops mandated by the Quebec government for all healthcare workers. "There are so many truly terrific projects coming down the pike to help improve our ailing healthcare system and I'm just doing my minuscule part to make the change happen."

<sup>2</sup>86 In July 2022, TASHA KHEIRIDDIN published her second book, The Right Path: How Conservatives Can Unite, Inspire and Take Canada Forward (Optimum Publishing International). Launched in August in Montreal, the book came out during the Conservative leadership race and garnered considerable media attention.

291 Los Angeles-based speech language pathologist STEFANIE TRENHOLME has written a book. Her latest venture, *Little Lola Frenchie*, combines her love of helping others with her love of animals. The goal is to teach parents, caregivers and teachers to help children not only to learn language, but to enjoy books as well.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please email your news to Hilary McGown '95 at hmcgown@thestudy.qc.ca

whose mission is to help her clients improve their presentation skills, tone and overall confidence. Melina joined us for Career Day in December 2022, providing inspiration to our Senior School students. She guided them with tips and advice on how to inspire confidence, clarity and consideration in all their interactions.

'93 JOANNE (SOURIAL) DWYER After graduating from The Study in 1993, Joanne received her BA from Stetson University and a Master's in communications from Syracuse University. Joanne spent 15 years working at CVS Health and recently joined PetSmart as the company's first Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility & Sustainability. Joanne and her husband have seven-year-old boygirl twins and a beloved family dog who all relocated from Rhode Island to Scottsdale, AZ last summer. She remains in close contact with many of her fellow Study alumnae including her best friend, Alis Sevakian '93, with whom she recently traveled to London, Jess Davidman '93 who also lives in the NYC area, and Regina Flores '93 with whom she collaborates professionally.



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<sup>2</sup>97 Producer CAROLINE MARSDEN won an Emmy for her work on "9/11: One Day in America." The mini-series follows the September 11 attacks through archival footage, eyewitnesses and survivors. The series consists of six episodes and premiered on National Geographic. Congratulations, Caroline!

'14 & '15 Study girls VICTORIA HAYMAN & KATE HAICHIN were spotted doing a rotation in the Cardiology Consult Services at the MUHC under the supervision of Dr. David Kostiuk, past parent to Katie '96 and Christine '00 and current grandparent to Sophie Lacasse '30.

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#### BIRTHS

Old ALEXA BARWICK and her husband, Eric Snavely, welcomed their daughter, Quinn Freeda Snavely, in July 2022. Welcome to the world, Quinn!

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NATALIE MONGEAU welcomed baby
Sadie on November 23, 2022. Weighing 5
pounds and 10 ounces, she comes from a long
line of Study girls including aunts Heidi
Doctor '92 and Jill Doctor '95 along with
grandmother, Susan Orr-Mongeau, recently
retired Director of Communications and
Marketing at The Study.







the Four Seasons in Montreal. Many Study Old Girls were in attendance, as were some former and current staff. Diana writes: "It was very lovely to reconnect with some of the teachers who have shaped the foundation of my growth."

PHOTO 5 RETIRED DEPUTY HEAD, ANTONIA ZANNIS, KIM SILKAUSKAS, AMAND, DEBRUYN '09, BONNIE LUK YE '17, DIANA LUK YE '09, KELLY DONIVAN '09, MICHAELA SIMON-NOVY '17, AND DIRECTOR OF IT, AMALIA LIOGAS

'11 EMILY CAMPBELL married Jeff Oke on May 28, 2022, at Notre-Dame Basilica in Montreal. Study Old Girls were, of course, in attendance including Mia Silva '11, Olivia Régimbal '11 and Felicia Belli '11, all members of the bridal party.

PHOT

SOFIA ESSAYAN-PEREZ married Francisco Xavier Galdos on January 8, 2022. Their religious wedding ceremony took place in the historic town of Granada, Nicaragua surrounded by family and friends from around the world.

'12 JESSICA THEVENOZ married Aditya Sastry on December 28, 2022 in Seattle, WA. Sisters and fellow Study Old Girls Chloe '04 and Valérie '14 were in attendance at the intimate, family-only celebration.

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#### PASSAGES

<sup>2</sup>46 AUDREY "LOUISE" (MARLER) KIRKLAND passed away peacefully on April 23, 2022, in Montreal. Louise was a devoted wife, mother and doting grandmother.

FRANCES JESSIE HODGE passed away in Montreal on May 11, 2022, one month shy of her 92nd birthday. Though she was born and eventually settled in Montreal, Frances lived in London and worked as an editor for Vogue magazine. She had a passion for exploring the world, loved to ski and was an excellent illustrator. Fran will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

348 SYLVIA (PONDER) CAMP passed away on June 28, 2022, at the age of 91. She trained in physiotherapy at McGill University and worked at the veteran's hospital in Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue. She then studied at Concordia University and obtained her B.A. and M.A. degrees. Sylvia later retired to Oak Bay, BC.

253 CYNTHIA (BAIRD) CREIGHTON passed away in Toronto on October 29, 2022. Cynthia will be deeply missed by beloved family members and friends.

<sup>2</sup>53 JANE (TOWNSEND) HAGGETT passed away peacefully on January 4, 2021 at the University of Vermont Medical Center with family and friends as she set out on her journey to be with Stanley Haggett – her loving husband, best friend and life partner of 47 years. Jane obtained a Master's in Bioscience from McGill and later went on to teach Biology at both McGill and John Abbott College. Jane will be dearly missed by friends and family.

<sup>253</sup> MARY (MCEACHRAN) WILLIAMS passed away on January 20, 2023. Mary loved travelling, playing bridge, walking, playing golf and entertaining friends. She is predeceased by her husband, Jeffrey Williams, and will be dearly missed by her children, grandchildren and friends.

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passed away on November 2, 2022, in Oakville, ON. She and her late husband Ian Bovey travelled extensively taking cruises, road trips and visiting friends. Diana was an active community member involved in her children's schools. Her children, grandchildren, greatgrandchildren and friends will miss her generosity and kindness.

<sup>265</sup> JORIE ADAMS passed away at the age of 75 on February 7, 2023. Jorie was a natural, kind, thoughtful, gracious mentor who served others and urged them to be the best they could be. She put others first always. She will be sorely missed.

<sup>2</sup>75 **DEBORAH JOAN OATES** passed away peacefully on March 18, 2022, in London, ON Her sisters Suzanne Oates '70 and Louisa Oates '76 were Study alumnae.

76 MARY SUZANNAH COUGHLAN passed away peacefully on April 25, 2022, in Lincoln, MA. After graduating from McGill University, Suzie relocated to Toronto and began pursuing her dream of being a Montessori School teacher. She taught three to six-year-olds for 28 years. Her legacy will always be one of fierce love for her family, extended family and vast network of friends.



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<sup>279</sup> CLAIRE (MILLAR) STANIFORTH passed away on August 12, 2022. Completing her Master's in Education (Psychology) at OISE, Claire devoted herself to helping people with developmental disabilities at Surrey Place Centre. An avid skier and hiker, she was curious and open to new adventures and lived in Germany, Italy and France before returning to Toronto in 2015. Claire leaves behind her many friends and family around the world. РНОТО 9

<sup>2</sup>05 AUDREY LAPALME passed away on November 5, 2022, surrounded by her loved ones. She enjoyed sharing laughs with her friends, trying new foods, discovering new cities and being a mother to her son Leo. Audrey was a beloved daughter, sister, granddaughter, proud mother, dedicated wife and incredible friend and will be missed by family and friends.

11 LEYLA SHATILLA-CARVALHO passed away on August 1, 2022. She expressed boundless affection for animals and had a great love of music. Levla had considered seeking spiritual

РНОТО 10

harmony in a rural setting where every day she would be in communion with nature. She will be missed by her family and friends. рното 11





### STAFF & FRIENDS

#### MARY ELEANOR FORSYTH BUCKBERROUGH,

former Study staff member, passed away on September 18, 2022, at the age of 88. Mary was part of the Study family for an astounding 39 years. She took pride in creating and providing warm meals to students and teachers. рното 12

WAYNE KERR RIDDELL passed away on November 6, 2022. He was a beloved Study Music teacher and his influence in the Canadian choral community was immense through his work as adjudicator, choral workshop clinician, guest conductor, mentor, and philanthropist. Wayne was predeceased by his life-partner, Norman Beckow. Wayne graduated fromMcGill University and taught children the joys of choral singing.

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He was one of the best and brightest of The Study faculty of those years. Thanks to his mentorship in musical appreciation and choral singing, he enhanced my life tremendously. I see the tendrils of his appreciation for music planted in my own children, who weave it into their recreational and creative lives. It continues with my granddaughter, age 2, who hasn't yet learned to talk in full sentences but has learned to sing countless songs from beginning to end. She loves listening and moving to many kinds of music and is happiest sitting at the piano." - SANDY MCDOUGALL '72



#### SOGA EXECUTIVE 2022-2023

manda Eaman '97 (mother of Clementine '28)

CO-CHAIR (mother of Emily '28

mother of Emma '20)

and Jessica '30)

PAST PRESIDENT rika (Flores) Ludwick '8 mother of Mikaela '16 and Mylie '24)

PAST VICE PRESIDENT Paulina (Flores) Rutenberg '90 nother of Isabella '20)

ALUMNAE PREFECT Ava Iasenza '23

Emily (Beckerleg) Ritchie '90 mother of Abigail '20, Sarah '22 and Catherine '25)

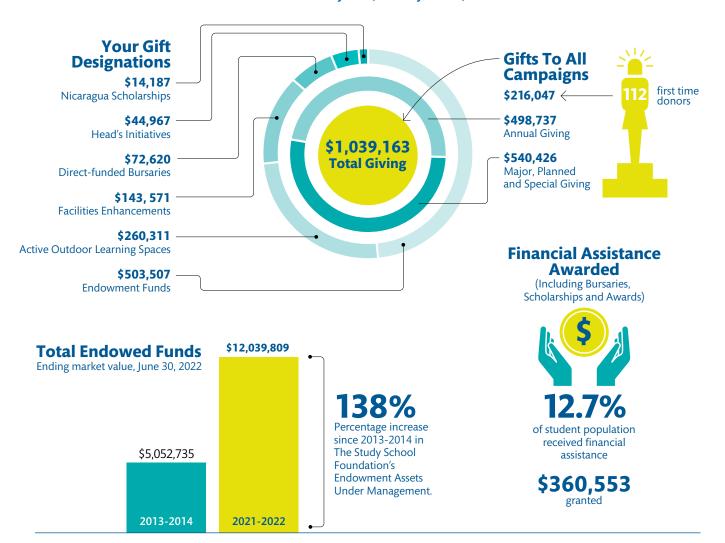
Nadine Chalati '10 Sabrina Daoud '20

Isabella Gualtieri '22

(mother of Sophie '30)

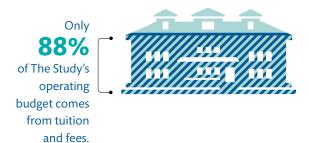
Hilary McGown '95 Officer

**FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022** 



#### THE REAL COST OF A STUDY EDUCATION

Depuis la fondation de The Study, nous bénéficions du soutien financier indéfectible des parents, des anciennes élèves, des anciens parents, du corps professoral, du personnel et des amis de notre communauté, sur lesquels nous avons toujours pu compter. Le don est un élément important de notre culture, et vos contributions appuient la mission de The Study aujourd'hui et à l'avenir.



### DOESN'T MY TUITION WHY NOT RAISE **COVER EVERYTHING?**

No, only 88% of The Study's operations are covered by tuition and fees, leaving an annual gap that is covered through the generosity of our donors.

### **TUITION TO COVER** THE 'GAP'?

Bridging this gap through charitable giving enables The Study to keep tuition at competitive levels and encourages a greater student diversity.

responsibility amongst everyone in our school community therefore everyone

is invited to give.

**WHO GIVES?** 

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**REPORT ON GIVING 2021–2022** 



THE SCHOOL AND ITS STUDENTS"

In a world of change, The Study School Foundation's objectives remain the same: 1) to continue to grow our endowment and 2) to continue to provide financial support to the school. While our endowment currently has over \$12M in assets under management and has grown significantly over the last number of years, the demands on The Foundation have also grown. The Foundation, however, remains committed to providing a level of support that will ensure our school remains the finest girl's school in Montreal.

Our donors play a critical role. When giving to The Foundation, our donors can decide how to designate their gifts. Some chose to have their gifts used for specific purposes. These purposes include financial aid, professional development for teachers, and leadership programming for students. Others chose to leave their gifts unrestricted, allowing the school to apply them towards closing the gap between the cost of education at The Study and what is charged in tuition.

Regardless, as The Foundation's endowed funds grow, so does its overall support to the school.

We continue to work hard to ensure our funds are being properly managed, and that the size of our endowment grows. In years when financial markets perform well and returns are positive, some of those returns are left in our portfolio to grow. In more difficult years as we experienced in 2022, we face a different set of challenges. It is during times like these when we work to increase fundraising efforts in order to continue to support the school's important work.

Together, our mission is to ensure a bright future for the school and its students. On behalf of The Study School Foundation Board of Trustees, thank you for supporting our students of today, while 'paying it forward' to the Great Women of Tomorrow.

#### **GET. GUARD. GROW.**

The Study School's Foundation exists to support the school's mission to guide each Study student to reach her fullest potential. The Foundation's Board of Trustees comprises current parents, Old Girls and past parents, each of whom are dedicated and committed to the long-term sustainability of the school. The Board of Trustees' role is to continue to raise funds, be good stewards and grow the financial gifts through careful planning and investing.

#### **CUMULER. CONSERVER. CROÎTRE.**

La Fondation de l'école The Study existe pour soutenir la mission de l'école qui consiste à guider chaque élève de l'école The Study afin qu'elle atteigne son plein potentiel. Le conseil d'administration de la Fondation est composé de parents actuels, d'anciennes élèves et d'anciens parents, tous dévoués et engagés dans la viabilité à long terme de l'école. Le rôle du conseil d'administration est de continuer à collecter des fonds, d'être un bon gestionnaire et d'accroître les dons financiers par une planification et un investissement prudents.

#### THE STUDY SCHOOL FOUNDATION **BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2021–2022**

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F. WILLIAM MOLSON CHAIR, THE STUDY SCHOOL FOUNDATION

# NEW OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS

## THE SKY IS THE LIMIT

### OPTIMIZING OUR POTENTIAL

The Study's unique heritage property is situated on Braeside in the heart of Westmount. We are proud of the property's history, and how, since 1958, the school's facilities have grown and expanded to address emerging needs and opportunities. Now in 2023, our school has once again arrived at a moment in time when our learning environment is in need of adaptation and modification in order to best embrace new approaches to teaching and learning.

#### BUT WHAT TO DO WITH A PROPERTY THAT HAS NO MORE SPACE?

Building down, building up, or building out are simply not options, as they once used to be.

It is this reality that has challenged the school to consider how to maximize our open-air spaces. Outdoor classrooms are no longer considered a luxury and are now understood to be an emerging imperative in education. Thus, the opportunity to create and build outdoor classrooms has taken shape.

And so, our Active Outdoor Learning Spaces project has become real — an innovative solution to facilities adaptation. Once complete, the spaces will include 3 new outdoor classrooms, including a 16-foot stone seminar table, a built-in amphitheatre, as well as precast concrete bleachers, each addressing different learning styles.



#### **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

With the completion of the Front Entrance and the East Path, we turned our sights to the lower outdoor spaces, located on the corner of Braeside and The Boulevard.

Last Summer and Fall were dedicated to excavating the lower spaces to install the foundations for the walls, a 16-foot seminar stone table, and the footings for the three sets of stairs and bleachers. We also regraded most of the landscape, opening the upper terrace and flattening out the lower terrace. The Summer of 2023 will include the completion of the upper terrace, balustrades, bleachers, permanent slide, climbing wall, and stone table.

#### **AFTER THAT, YOU ASK?**

The completion of the track, installation of the other play structures, and the integration of the lower landscaping are all elements that are pending as our community comes together to raise an additional \$1.5M in funding to complete this final stage.

#### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

Make a gift towards our goal of \$1.5 M and help us move closer to the finish line. Thank you in advance for supporting this flagship project that will give our girls an inspiring outdoor space!



### THE STUDY'S BUILDING EXPANSION PROJECTS — A BRIEF HISTORY



## 1958

#### Purchase of 1 Braeside.

Now used for Senior School classrooms, locker rooms, the Eve Marshall Library, Mary Liistro Hébert Performance Hall, the Makerspace and interdisciplinary learning spaces and offices.



## 1964

#### Purchase of 5 Braeside.

Now used for Elementary School classrooms. locker rooms. interdisciplinary learning spaces and offices.



## 1982

#### **Construction begins** to connect 1 Braeside and 5 Braeside buildings.

Now used for Grades 4. 5 and 6 classrooms and le Centre pédagogique.



## 1993

#### **Construction begins for The Soutar Science and Performing Arts Pavilion.**

Now used as the Main Entrance into the school, administrative offices, the technology space, science laboratories staff room and Ruth Pease de Villafrança Music Room



## 1998

#### **Construction begins** on the new gymnasium.

Photo: The bones of the gymnasium take shape atop the Grades 4,5 and



## 2020

#### **The Front Entrance** is renovated.

Ground Breaking ceremony in the summer of 2020, Photo: (L to R) Kim McInnes, Head of School, and Nancy Lewis Sweer, retired Head of School.



## 2022

**Lower Outdoor** Spaces begin to be renovated to include new outdoor classrooms.



# NEW OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS



## BUILDING A FUTURE FOR OUR DAUGHTERS

## WITH AN EYE TO THE FUTURE

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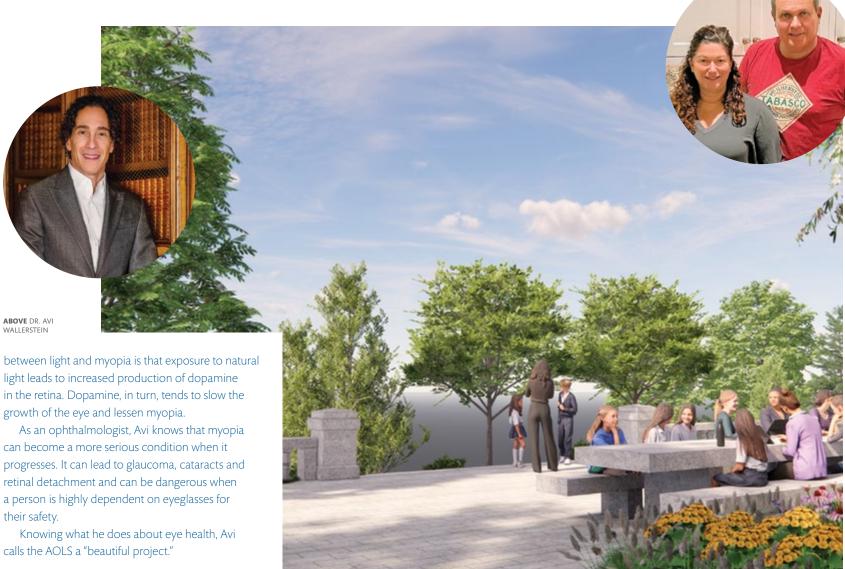
Dr. Avi Wallerstein is father to Ava '28 and Aliya '30 and a highly trained physician in the field of ophthalmology with a subspecialty in corneal surgery. It is therefore no surprise that he cares deeply about eye health. And he has compelling, research-based reasons for being a passionate supporter of the Active Outdoor Learning Spaces (AOLS) project at The Study.

After studying physiology at McGill, Avi attended Queen's Medical School in Kingston, Ontario. He then specialized in ophthalmology, doing a residency at McGill, followed by a corneal fellowship at Cornell in New York. He returned to Montreal, joining the faculty at McGill, ready to spend his career caring for patients' eye surgery needs and training future ophthalmologists. Although he loved academic medicine, his inner entrepreneur made an appearance. With his business partner, Dr. Mark Cohen, they found a national network of laser vision correction clinics. Today they operate over 45 clinics across Canada and the United States.

Avi heads the Refractive Surgery Research unit at McGill. He has become aware that in East Asia between 80% – 90% of people suffer from myopia (near-sightedness) which constitutes an epidemic. These numbers cannot be explained solely by genetics.

To figure out why this is happening, researchers began to ask the question: "What is it about modern life that has changed and led to this increase in myopia?"

A study in China was done comparing students in traditional classrooms to those with glass, exposing the students to outdoor light. It showed a much lower incidence of myopia among the students in the glass classroom. The conclusion is that being outdoors in natural light has a positive effect on eye health. This effect also seems to be more pronounced in girls. One of the medical explanations for the connection



INSIDE A TRADITIONAL CLASSROOM IS TIME WELL-SPENT WHEN CONSIDERING LIFE-LONG EYE HEALTH."

"TIME SPENT OUTDOORS RATHER THAN

He recognizes the improved sense of wellbeing that comes from contact with nature as being significant, but for him the long-term benefit for the eyes is of utmost importance. Having the Active Outdoor Learning Spaces will lead to greater opportunities for Study girls to be outdoors during their days at school. Avi considers this a "win" on many fronts. 🔉

RIGHT (L TO R) KIM TURCOT SCHOOL MONICA MCCALLEY AND JENNIFER BARTZ HAVE

## ALL IN THE FAMILY

JILL DE VILLAFRANCA, Foundation Trustee and Builder

Caroline Savoie n'a jamais eu besoin d'être convaincue de la valeur du projet Aires d'apprentissage actif en plein air (AOLS). Elle a été l'une des premières à soutenir le projet grâce à sa formation en psychoéducation. Caroline croit fermement à l'importance du plein air et du contact avec la nature. Nous avons tous des styles d'apprentissage différents et beaucoup d'entre nous réussissent mieux en plein air. Le concept de AOLS correspond parfaitement à sa pensée sur l'éducation, et à ce qu'elle souhaite pour les élèves de The Study et pour sa propre fille, Charlotte '30.

"THE AOLS CONCEPT FITS PERFECTLY WITH CAROLINE'S THINKING ABOUT EDUCATION — AND WHAT SHE WANTS FOR STUDY GIRLS AND FOR HER OWN DAUGHTER, CHARLOTTE '30."

In fact, Caroline has been a parent leader since Charlotte started in Kindergarten. She feels strongly that it is important to get to know all the parents of her daughter's class. This is partly due to her belief in the school as a community and partly because, from a practical perspective, it makes it easier to communicate with parents of her daughter's friends.

Believing as she does, she began to raise money for AOLS within her daughter's class with the goal of naming the Enchanted Forest section of the space after the Class of 2030. This gradually took on a school-wide focus and resulted in a variety of community-building and fundraising projects — even during COVID — including wine tastings and a Trivia Night. But Caroline is quick to say that, while she puts in a lot of time and energy, it has become something to which her whole family is committed. Her husband, Patrick Egger, is a strong and generous supporter of all her activities, supporting her long hours which often accompany events. And of course, her daughter Charlotte loves having her mom involved in her school. What a great model for family involvement in our school. Merci les Savoie-Egger! &

## SOIRÉE QUIZ : UN SUCCÈS SUR TOUTE LA LIGNE!

Au début du mois de décembre, la communauté de The Study s'est réunie pour une soirée amusante. Les participants ont répondu à des questions casse-tête, et une vente aux enchères silencieuse a permis de recueillir plus de 35 000 \$ pour notre projet Aires d'apprentissage actif en plein air. Merci à notre comité organisateur, aux donateurs de la vente aux enchères et aux participants pour cette soirée mémorable!





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**FRÉDÉRIC LATREILLE** takes an analytical approach to everything he does. It is important in his business of developing and financing start-up companies in which he looks at every decision carefully with a calm, cool eye. It was this structured and logical approach that led him and his wife to choose The Study for their daughter, Catherine '27. It is the same approach that he brings to his philanthropic work. Fred serves on two non-profit boards, one in the intersection of technology and the arts and the other which promotes peace-making. He also sits on The Study's Advancement Committee.

Fred feels strongly that one way to change the world is by supporting the highest quality education for women. He willingly lends his analytical skills to the school to fundraise for the school's endowment, the fund that helps to fill the gap between what a family pays the school and what a Study education really costs.

To visualize the fundraising, he conceptualizes The Study Community as a set of concentric circles with students at the centre. Each group revolving around the centre will respond to a different imperative or "value proposition". The first group is the staff and faculty. Fred appreciates that they all give annually, no matter the amount, to the school. He sees how this shows solidarity in their support of what they do as a group.

The second group in the set of circles is the Study parents. As a Study parent, Fred understands that the tuition does not cover the full cost of education that he and other parents expect for their daughters. "I don't want to take this extraordinary education for granted, so I feel it is important for me to give over and above the tuition I pay."

The school is a

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Our giving is part

– FRÉDÉRIC LATREILLE,

parent & donor

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The third group is Study Alumnae and their parents. This group has spent significant amounts of time and energy acquiring their Study education. They will give in recognition of, and perhaps gratitude for, the importance of the school in their lives and in the lives of their daughters.

Then there are related institutions, foundations and individuals who care about the empowerment of women. For these groups, the value proposition is less personal but equally powerful. These groups believe in supporting the development of women and the positive contributions they will make to society. They also believe in supporting cutting-edge, creative education that produces articulate, well-rounded and competent young women who are ready for the challenges they will face as they move through the rest of their education and lives.

To quote Fred, "The school is a community, and we are all part of it. We need to contribute for this reason and set an example for our daughters. Our giving is part of their education."

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– LINDA FROSST ADAMS '61

## **A LIFETIME** OF GRATITUDE

**LINDA FROSST ADAMS '61** didn't come back to visit The Study very often since she graduated in 1961. She spent a year in Europe at Neuchâtel and then went straight to the University of Western Ontario to study music. She has lived in London, Ontario since that time and raised her family there. Thus it might be surprising to know that she has been one of the most faithful donors in the history of The Study! Clearly it isn't the physical proximity that is important to Linda. She sees the arc of her life as having been inspired by her music teacher, Miss Blanchard, and her inspirational teaching. The year at Neuchâtel allowed her to realize that music had to be a central theme because, after taking it for granted at The Study, she missed it when she went abroad, even though she was broadening her horizons in other wavs.

Interestingly, one of the musical initiatives that was happening around The Study in the 1950's and 60's was the involvement of several teachers and even the Headmistress Miss Lamont in the founding of CAMMAC (Canadian Amateur Musicians/Musiciens Amateurs du Canada), which held summer music camps for adults and their children up in the Laurentians and continues to this day. CAMMAC's founders

were George Little, his wife Madeleine, and his brother and sister-in-law. Madeleine Little was a French teacher at The Study and Ruth Blanchard frequently participated as a teacher at CAMMAC. Miss Lamont served on the Board. It was there in the summers that young Linda Frosst found opportunities to deepen her musical knowledge by attending CAMMAC. She continued to go even after her university days were over. Eventually she began taking her own daughters and ultimately became a teacher of Renaissance Dance there herself.

Music has had a central place in Linda's life and she has been part of many musical groups which have made her life a very rich and gratifying one. She gives to The Study in gratitude for this part of her past. But she says it is also important to support the future and so she keeps abreast of how her old school is changing and adapting to the times and circumstances. She is very proud of what she sees and what the school is today. And finally, Linda feels it is important to have hope for the future, so her support is given in that spirit.

Gratitude for the past, support for the present and hope for the future. What a remarkable and lovely sentiment. Thank you, Linda!

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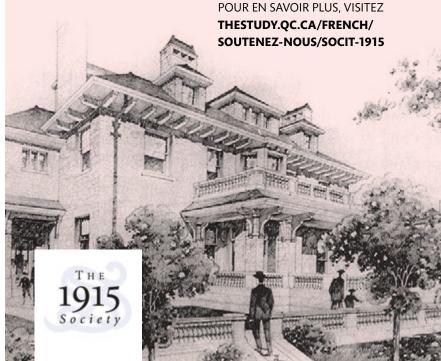
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