

Gary began his career as an audio-visual technician at Dunton High School with the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal. When he moved to John Abbott in 1971, he took on a much bigger task of designing facilities and instructing the John Abbott students and staff in the use of the audiovisual equipment.

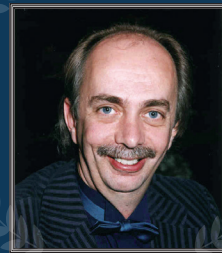
### **JOHN ABBOTT**

- His contribution was appropriately recognized by the Québec Association of Applied Education Technology. In 2008, the Association inaugurated a John Abbott College scholarship in his name in recognition of his efforts to promote audiovisual technology in the classroom;
- He played a significant role in the development of the John Abbott College Administrative Support Personnel Association (JACASPA). Through years of leadership, many of those during the early formative years of the College, Gary guided the association as a partner in the development of the College.

### **IN THE COMMUNITY**

- Volunteer counsellor, West Island YMCA Learning Places program, helping troubled youth;
- Member, Lachine Historical Society and the Monarchist League of Canada;
- Awarded the 2012 Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his work with the Lachine Museum, Centennial and Expo '67 collections and as a community service volunteer with youth;
- Active defender of English-language rights, he is involved in municipal politics;
- Involved in the restoration project of the Lachine war memorials, cenotaphs and historical plaques;
- Contributed to the development and on-going activities of the Retirees of John Abbott.

Gary retired from John Abbott College in 2004.



*Gary Sims*

**EMPLOYEE**