

Kevin is a natural born educator. Arguably among the most respected teachers at John Abbott College throughout the history of the institution, he had a remarkable ability to inspire within the students a passion for learning and an understanding of its value. His students have often expressed their appreciation for the contributions that he has made to their lives, both in the classroom and in life in general.

## EDUCATION

- Bachelor's Degree in Science, University of Windsor, 1964
- Teaching Certificate, Ontario College of Education, 1965
- Master's Degree in Education (M.Ed.), St. Michael's College, Vermont, 1970
- Master's Degree in the Teaching of Mathematics (MTM), Concordia University, 1975

## CAREER

- 1964 – 1972 High School Teacher in Ontario and Québec
- 1972 – 2001 Member of the John Abbott College Physics department
- 2001 – 2004 Member of the John Abbott College Sports and Recreation department

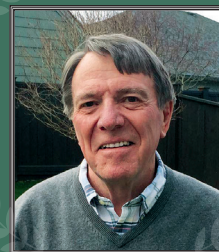
He joined the Physics department in the second year of the John Abbott's operation in 1972. His teaching skills and contribution to student learning were recognized by the Student Union of John Abbott College, through the Outstanding Teacher Award presented annually. His impact was noteworthy in that he received the award on four occasions: 1993, 1997, 2000 and 2001, the only teacher at John Abbott to be so recognized.

A dedicated teacher, his commitment to excellence in teaching and his dedication to providing the best opportunities for student learning led to a nomination for the Association of Canadian Community College's annual award for teaching excellence.

Beyond the classroom, Kevin's contribution to student life and development has also been acknowledged. He was the first among the College community to volunteer as an academic coach with the Sports and Recreation department and set the standard for the development of a highly successful program. His support and guidance offered to the women's basketball team recognized the needs of students beyond the classroom. The role of an academic and life mentor has never been so well defined.

Kevin also initiated the Academic Monitoring Program, which requires all intercollegiate athletes to ask their teachers for feedback on their progress twice a semester. Through his role in helping to establish this program, Kevin paved the way for the mid-semester assessments now given to all first-semester students at John Abbott College. To that is added his role as a member of the organizing committee for national college basketball championships hosted by John Abbott.

In his day, Kevin was active as a runner and participated in nine marathons. He has quietly retired from that as well and he and his wife Ann live in Campbell River on Vancouver Island which he lovingly refers to as "our island in the Pacific".



*Kevin Gearey*

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