

Léonce completed his formal education at Ohio State and Oregon State Universities and his exposure to the American model of student services contributed to the philosophy which he brought to John Abbott. Originally founded on the concept of student development, Léonce's approach evolved and focused on student learning and success through student engagement. Through this process the Student Services department of John Abbott College became one of the most respected within the CEGEP system.

EDUCATION

- B.A. Université de Moncton 1966
- B.Ed. Université de Moncton 1968
- M.A. in Higher Education/Student Affairs, Ohio State University, 1971
- Doctoral Studies in Student Affairs Administration, Oregon State University, 1971-74

JOHN ABBOTT STUDENT SERVICES

When he arrived at John Abbott, the Student Services department consisted of the standard programs: Counselling, College and Career Information, Student Activities, Sports and Recreation, Health Services, Student Employment, Financial Aid, and Academic Advising. Understanding the role of the CEGEP, Léonce introduced concepts and services which contributed to learning opportunities and development of students in the ever-changing educational environment. These included:

- Learning Centre
- Student Success Office
- Student Transition and Orientation
- English Second Language
- Special Needs Services
- Cultural Diversity Office
- Legal Advisory Service

The success of these initiatives contributed to the growth of the department and other operations were added:

- Aboriginal Student Resource Centre
- Casgrain Sports Centre
- Stewart Apartments – Student Housing and Summer Conferences
- Food Services

Léonce was a strong advocate of the principle that student success was most effectively achieved through learning both inside and outside of the classroom. Through the development of the Student Services department, he was successful in demonstrating that the entire college community had a role to play in the learning process.

His support of the role of student government became evident shortly after his arrival at John Abbott in 1976. At his suggestion, and with the required approval from the Ministry of Education, the Student Union of John Abbott College (SUJAC) became the only such body to play a direct role in the distribution of the totality of student fees collected by the College.

Léonce retired from John Abbott in 2011.



Léonce Boudreau

EMPLOYEE