



# John Abbott College Foundation

## 2024-2025 Annual Report

## Message from the Chair of the John Abbott College Foundation

I am extremely pleased to report that our Foundation has met or exceeded the goals we set out to achieve during the 12-month period ending June 30, 2025. This has required significant effort from many people involved with the Foundation as well as many members of the College staff. A most sincere Thank You to everyone who has contributed to making our events hugely successful.

The 2025 version of the famous John Abbott Loonie Line held in March was a record setting event. Thanks to a very robust level of participation from many JAC departments, generous contributions made by students as well as through our new online donation portal a record total of \$63,672 was raised to support the student assistance fund. A special thank you goes out to the JAC IT department and to Beacon Holdings for their matching donation of \$15,000.

Likewise, our 2025 Foundation Golf Tournament was a record setting event held at the beautiful Beaconsfield Golf Club. Thanks to the outstanding work of the members of the Golf Committee led by Debbie Cribb with support from Mary Samios we surpassed revenues of \$100K!! Thank you to everyone who contributed and please plan to join us in 2026 on June 1st for a wonderful and enjoyable event at our new venue - Windmill Heights!

We are keenly aware that many more students are facing increased financial pressure. The Foundation continues to mobilize every resource to increase the level of support to students in need through two mechanisms we manage: direct financial assistance and scholarships/bursaries. We are extremely pleased to report that the totality of financial disbursements to students increased reaching a record total of \$225,000. This financial assistance is enabling a significant number of students to stay focused on their studies contributing to John Abbott's top tier "on time graduation rate".

Let me close by expressing my thanks to our generous donors, our highly motivated staff and the strong support of the Foundation Board of Directors. Your work and devotion to the success of our students is unmatched. Thank you so very much! Let's build off the successes of 2025 to reach even higher to support more students in need.



Guy Lallemand  
Chair of the Board of Directors

## Mission

Since its establishment in 1999, the John Abbott College Foundation has remained steadfast in its commitment to supporting the College's mission and enhancing student success. Through strategic fundraising and donor partnerships, the Foundation helps remove financial barriers that can hinder access to higher education.

By investing in student award and assistance programs, we empower students to stay focused on their academic goals and complete their studies. These efforts directly strengthen the College's ability to provide a high-quality learning environment—one where both students and educators can thrive.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the dedication of our community, the Foundation continues to make a lasting impact—ensuring that John Abbott College remains a place of opportunity, innovation, and achievement.

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### **FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT JUNE 30, 2025:**

- Guy Lallemand, Chair of the John Abbott College Foundation
- Cynthia Aboud, SVP of Business Development, Accord Financial
- Aisha Ayinde, Human Resources Director, World Anti-Doping Agency
- Josef Azam, President, Design Shopp
- Barbara Baudinet, Certified Real Estate Broker, Sotheby's International Realty Québec
- Teresa Berghello, Director General, John Abbott College
- Lorraine Cooper, Treasurer, Financial Officer, John Abbott College Foundation
- Debbie Cribb, Coordinator of Communications and Secretary of the Foundation
- John Halpin, Director General, John Abbott College, retired
- Roy Halpin, CEO/Executive Director, Boxing Canada, retired
- Carol Heffernan, Assistant Director General, Lester B. Pearson School Board, retired
- Phillip Mariani, Associate Relationship Manager, Sagard Wealth
- Rod Matheson, Commercial Finance Executive, retired
- Arianna Fedele, Representative of the Student Union of John Abbott College
- Christian Roy, Consultant, Vincamax Inc.
- Gary Sims, Technician in Media Arts at John Abbott College, retired
- Dennis Waide, Director of Student Services, John Abbott College

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During the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the members held one General Assembly and four Board of Directors regular meetings. The following motions were presented and approved:

- The election of president and secretary for the annual general meeting.
- The election of the directors of the corporation.
- The approval of the 2023-2024 audited financial statements.
- The appointment of the external auditors for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
- Election of the directors of the corporation for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
- The general ratification of prior actions taken by directors and officers.
- The election of officers of the corporation
- The election of the executive committee

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## Human Resources

At June 30, 2025, Foundation staff consisted of:

- one part-time financial officer (Lorraine Cooper); and
- one fundraising officer (Mary Samios).

Debbie Cribb, Coordinator of Communications Services, oversees the operations, seconded by the College Communications team.

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## EVENTS

The Foundation organizes annual events to raise funds and awareness for student financial support. These initiatives foster meaningful engagement across the College community. We are grateful for the continued dedication of College staff—and we invite you to get involved, support our mission, and help make a lasting impact on students' lives.

### Green Innovation Challenge

On January 17, 2025, the 4th Green Innovation Challenge energized John Abbott College with a full day of creativity and collaboration. Sponsored by Pfizer Canada Inc., the event united CEGEP students and expert mentors to design sustainable solutions. Teams from 3 different CEGEPs built prototypes and pitched their ideas to a live panel of judges—culminating in an exciting on-site announcement of the winners.

## Loonie Line Fundraiser



Now in its 22nd year, the Loonie Line remains the Foundation's largest, on-campus fundraising initiative. The 2025 edition achieved a record-breaking total of **\$63,672**, bolstered by a generous matching contribution of **\$15,000** from Beacon Holdings.

This success reflects the strong engagement of students, staff, and departments across the College, and underscores the community's commitment to supporting students in need. The event not only raised significant funds for the Student Assistance Fund but also heightened awareness of the challenges faced by many students.

## Online Auction

Our 5th Online Auction in November 2024 raised **\$28,936**, with bidding activity reaching new heights—**1,051 bids** from **348 unique participants**, up from **757 bids** and **332 bidders** in 2023. The strong interest in Student Assistance and bursaries helped drive this record-breaking engagement!

## Golf Tournament – A Swinging Success!

Back by popular demand, the Foundation's annual Golf Tournament returned to the Beaconsfield Golf Club for a third consecutive year—and it did not disappoint!

Energized by an exceptionally committed golf committee and enthusiastic participants, the event raised an impressive **\$57,181.64** in support of student success. With 23 more golfers joining the fun compared to last year, the tournament saw a vibrant increase in community engagement.

While net profits dipped slightly, the growing turnout and spirited atmosphere reaffirm this event's status as a cornerstone of our fundraising calendar.

## Homecoming

**October 11-13, 2024**, was a heartwarming celebration of community and connection. The campus came alive with energy and enthusiasm as dozens of former staff and students returned to reconnect and strengthen the ties that make John Abbott College so special.

The Theatre Department captivated audiences with a bold and engaging staged reading of *Stupid f@#cking bird*. The performance, brought to life by a talented mix of staff, students, and alumni, was met with enthusiastic applause and showcased the vibrant creativity of our community.

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On the fields, school spirit was in full force. The men's and women's Soccer and Rugby teams proudly continued their Homecoming tradition, while the Football team anchored the weekend with a thrilling game that drew overflowing stands and roaring support from the Islanders faithful.

### **Holiday Appeal**

In a heartwarming show of generosity, College staff rallied behind the Foundation's Holiday Appeal, raising **\$7,064** through one-time and payroll donations to support the **John Abbott College Foundation**.

### **Bursary, Scholarship & Award Ceremony**

John Abbott College and its Foundation proudly offer a wide array of scholarships, bursaries, and awards that empower students to thrive. Convocation day is filled with heartfelt moments, as recipients had the opportunity to thank the generous donors who make their academic journeys possible, in person.

We deeply appreciate the individuals and organizations whose support continues to change lives and strengthen our community.

### **Awards Currently Available with the Foundation**

123Dentiste Lapointe Award for Enthusiasm and Dedication	George Springate Memorial Scholarship
Academic Excellence	International Student Admission Bursary
Academic Excellence in Nursing	J. Colin Robertson Academic Excellence Award
Aditya Youth Trust Fund Award	Jason Panich Bursary
Admissions Bursary Program	Jason Panich Scholarship
Adrian Burhop Memorial Bursary	John Abbott College Administrative Support Personnel Association (JACASPA) Awards
Alumnae Association of the Royal Victoria School for Nurses Scholarship	John Abbott College Faculty Association (JACFA) Bursaries
Amy Williams Scholarship	John Abbott College Faculty Association (JACFA) Scholarships
Andrew Stachrowski Memorial Scholarship	John Abbott College Management Association (JACMA) Mentorship Bursary
Angela Wilson Memorial Bursary	John Abbott College Professional Association (JACPA) Bursaries
Anne-Marie Edward Scholarship	John Abbott College Scholarships
Barbara Baudinet Paramedic Bursary	John Abbott College Theatre Alumni Second Year Perseverance Awards
Behzad Razavynia Memorial Scholarship	Kirk MacGeachy Memorial Bursary
Ben McKinnon Memorial Scholarship	Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore Montréal Bursary
BiblioFiche Information Science Bursary	Lakeshore Association of Artists Bursary (LAA)

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CAE Inc. Scholarship	Liberal Arts Scholarship
CAE Tech: Program Your Career! Scholarship	Luann Bisaillon Scholarship
Carla Napier	McGown Christoff Scholarship
CETAM Scholarship	Molina Scholar-Leader Scholarship
Charles W. Reid Honours Social Science Overall Academic Excellence Award	Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club (MLUWC) Bursary
Cody Bouchard Memorial Scholarship	New Student Bursary in Memory of George Springate
Craig Lagendyk Scholarship	Nicholas Samios Memorial Bursary
David Burt Memorial Scholarship	Nicholas Sidorenko Memorial Scholarship
Desjardins Scholarships	Nick Arganski Scholarship
Doug Anakin Scholarship for Outdoor Pursuits	Oka and Grégoire Foundation Bursaries
Dr Natalie Shaffer Academic Excellence Award	Pamela Montgomery Award
Elizabeth and Quentin Parker Bursaries by Thrift Shops for NOVA	Peter Bender Award
Emeka Ngadi Memorial Physics Scholarship	Quinn and Lallemand Scholarship
Excellence in Nursing Leadership	Rubin and So Foundation Bursary Program
Excellence in Professionalism and Caring in Nursing	Ruth and Cy Harris Memorial Award
Fakhri Monazami Razavynia Memorial Scholarship	Selma & John Greenblatt Memorial Scholarship
Freida and Irwin Browns Award	Student Union of John Abbott College (SUJAC) Involvement Awards
Gail Pflaster Scholarship	Students Excellence in Learning Award
Gary W. Sims Québec Association of Applied Educational Technology Scholarship	Sylvain Duguay Memorial Scholarship

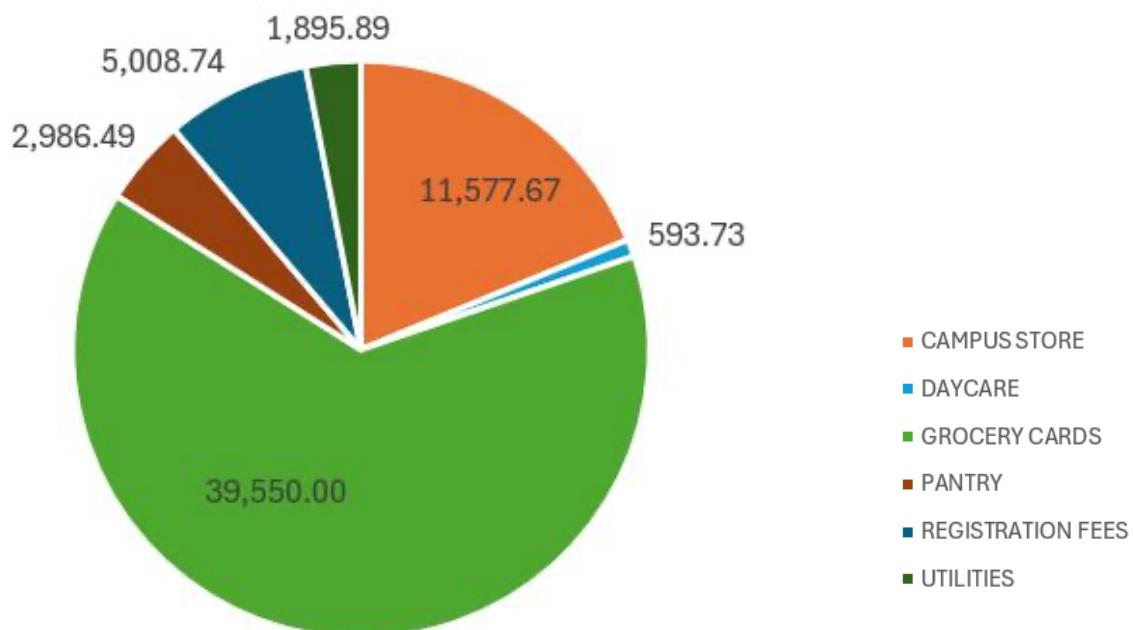
## By the Numbers

### Summary of Disbursements: 2023-2024 vs 2024-2025

This table summarizes the financial support provided to students through Student Assistance and the total disbursed in bursaries, scholarships and awards.

Category	2023-2024	2024-2025	Change	Growth (%)
<b>Student Assistance</b>	\$51,062.42	\$61,612.52	\$10,550.10	20.66%
<b>Bursaries, Scholarships, Awards Disbursed</b>	\$99,350.00	\$102,350.00	\$2,000.00	3.02%

### Student Assistance Fund Spending 2024-2025



The Foundation presently manages **\$885,899** in bursary and scholarship funds including **\$376,031** of endowed funds, \$82,700 more than in 2023-2024.

**Raised in donations** - \$451,082

**Number of individual donors** – 361(not including the hundreds who pitched in at Loonie Line, etc.)

**Number of scholarships and bursaries awarded** - 134

**Major fundraising events** – 7

**The 2 new endowments established in 2024-2025 brings the total to 11**

### **Impact Highlights - Looking Ahead**

- *The Pantry* renovation for the increasingly important source of food for those in need
- Launch of two new fundraising events
- Five years later, the latest Hall of Distinction inductees
- Further expanding alumni & donor engagement
- Increase funding to College projects

#### ***Shared at the June 2025 Golf Tournament:***

*You may not know my story, but your generosity has touched my life in ways I cannot fully put into words.*

*Your assistance not only supports my education but also reminds me that I am one step closer to my dream that has shaped me since childhood.*

*Thank you for believing in my journey and for helping me get closer to my purpose of helping patients as a paramedic.*

Jessie Gauthier

Third year Paramedic student, John Abbott College, Recipient of Rubin and So Bursaries



Football alumni at Homecoming 2024

Photo courtesy of Paul Tzimopoulos.

<b>John Abbott College Foundation Operations Year ended June 30, 2025</b>		<b>John Abbott College Foundation Operations Year ended June 30, 2025</b>	
	2025 Total \$		2025 Total \$
<b>Revenues</b>		<b>ASSETS</b>	
Donations	302 364	Current	
Grants	238 424	Cash	213 227
Events	193 057	Donations receivable	55 581
Net investment income	206 047	Other receivables	50 618
	<u>939 892</u>	Inventory	2 557
			<u>321 983</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
General administration	214 704	Long-term	
Support to College activities and students	255 849	Investments	2 305 241
Events	67 498	Website under development	20 638
	<u>538 051</u>	Tangible capital assets	<u>2 913</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	<u>401 841</u>		<u>2 650 775</u>
		<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
		Current	
		Trade payables and other operating liabilities	51 685
		Deferred revenues	30 068
			<u>81 753</u>
		<b>FUND BALANCES</b>	
		General fund - Unrestricted	769 649
		Endowment funds	376 034
		Restricted funds	1 423 339
			<u>2 569 022</u>
			<u>2 650 775</u>