



*Dr. Richard Germain*

Dr. Richard Germain's connection to John Abbott College began as a student. A graduate of the Health Sciences program, he earned High Honours in 1987 while serving as a SUJAC Congress member, Vice-President Academic, and student representative on the Board of Governors. He went on to earn his medical degree from McGill University in 1992.

A family physician with more than 30 years of clinical experience, Dr. Germain has devoted his career to patient care, community health, and medical leadership. His practice has included family medicine, geriatrics, home care, diabetes management, mental health, and adolescent medicine, and he has played a leading role in smoking cessation initiatives in the West Island.

Since joining John Abbott College's Student Services team in 1996, Dr. Germain has become one of the College's most trusted and valued resources. As the longest-serving member of the Health and Wellness Centre, he has provided guidance and support to students, nurses, counsellors, athletic therapists, coaches, faculty, and administrators alike.

His impact has extended far beyond the clinic. He helped strengthen partnerships with local healthcare providers, recruit physicians to expand campus services, and served as a trusted advisor to College leadership, including during the COVID-19 pandemic. He also generously shared his expertise through workshops, wellness initiatives, and countless consultations, often on his own time.

Perhaps his greatest contribution has been his unwavering commitment to student well-being. Generations of students have described him as approachable, compassionate, and non-judgmental. He was especially dedicated to supporting vulnerable students, those living away from home, and anyone facing personal or health-related challenges. Whether extending clinic hours, assisting an injured athlete, or fitting in one more appointment, Dr. Germain was known for always finding a way to help.

Beyond the College, he has contributed extensively to his community, including more than 20 years with the Lakeside Swim Club, many years supporting youth baseball and basketball organizations, and over a decade of service to the foundation of the local CLSC du Lac-Saint-Louis.

For nearly 30 years, Dr. Germain has embodied the values of care, service, and community that define John Abbott College. Through his expertise, generosity, and unwavering dedication to students, he has left a lasting impact on the College and the thousands of lives he has touched. Through nearly three decades of service, he has become a familiar and trusted presence whose influence continues to be felt across the John Abbott community.

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