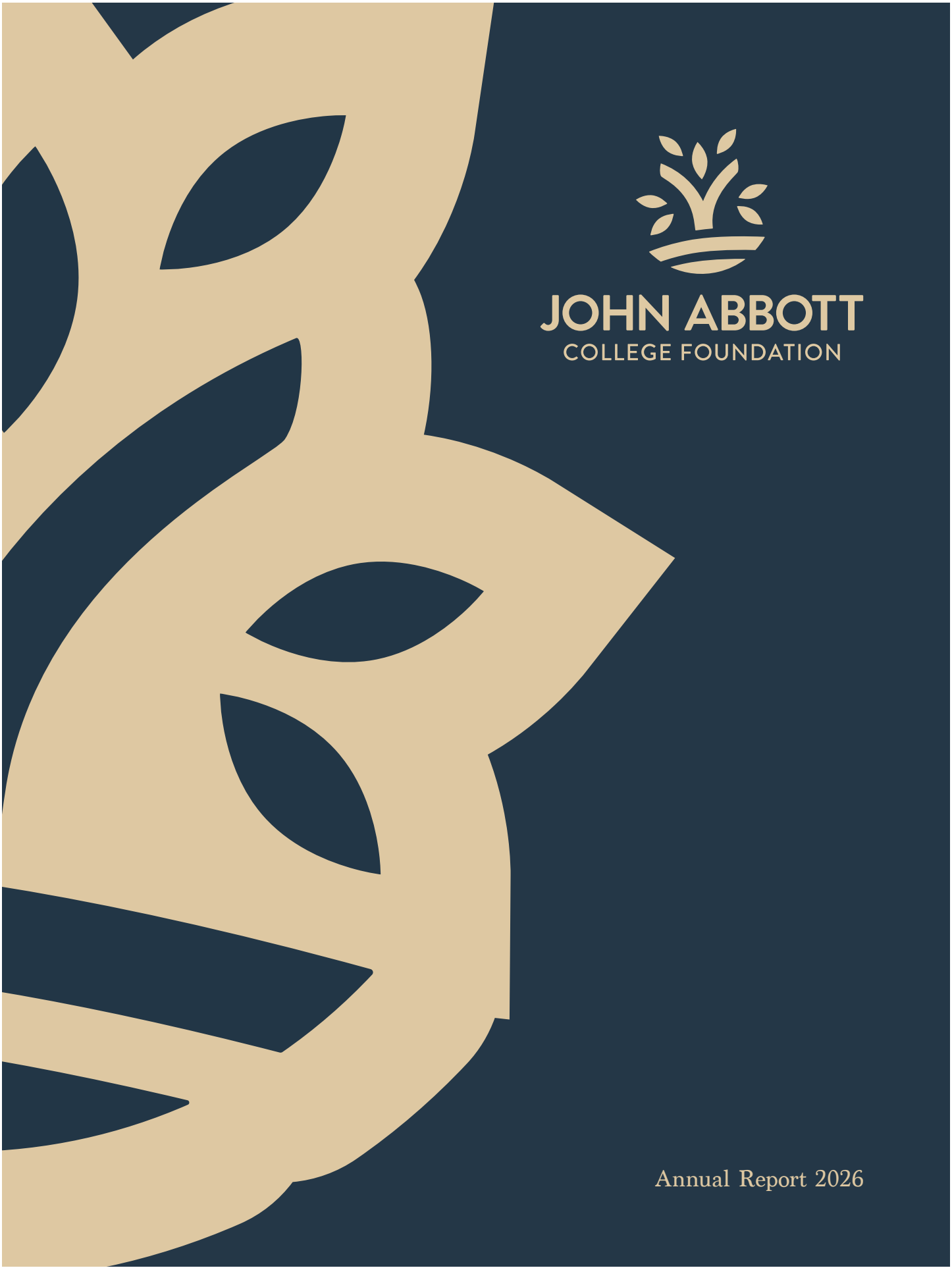


JOHN ABBOTT COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Annual Report 2026



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

of the John Abbott College Foundation

I am extremely pleased to report that our Foundation has exceeded the majority of the goals we set out to achieve during the 12-month period ending June 30, 2026. 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 2026 version of the famous John Abbott Loonie Line was held in March but ran into a spat of nasty weather (freezing rain)! Thanks to a solid level of participation from many JAC departments, generous contributions made by students as well as through our new online donation portal a total of $ 48,566 was raised to support the Student Assistance Fund. A special thank you goes out to the Pfizer Canada and to Beacon Holdings for their matching donation of $15,000 and $3,348 respectively.

Our 2026 Foundation Golf Tournament was a wonderful event held at the Windmill Heights 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 our total profits significantly over 2025. Thank you to everyone who contributed and please plan to join us in June 2027, exact date to be announced shortly.

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 reached an amazing total of $172,595.34. 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 keep building off these successes 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.

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
• Philip Mariani	Associate Relationship Manager, Sagard Wealth
• Rod Matheson	Commercial Finance Executive, retired
• Gary Sims	Technician in Audio Visual Services at John Abbott College, retired
• Dennis Waide	Director of Student Services, John Abbott College
• Arianna Fedele	Representative of the Student Union of John Abbott College
• Mary Samios	Alumni Relations & Fundraising Officer, John Abbott College Foundation

During the 2025-2026 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 2024-2025 audited financial statements.
- The appointment of the external auditors for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.
- Election of the directors of the corporation for the 2025-2026 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.

Human Resources

At June 30, 2026, 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.

EVENTS

The Foundation's events do far more than raise funds. They bring together alumni, employees, students, retirees, and friends who share a commitment to student success. Through these gatherings, we strengthen connections, celebrate the John Abbott community, and generate essential support that helps students overcome financial barriers and pursue their goals with confidence.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the College employees, volunteers, sponsors, and participants whose generosity, enthusiasm, and dedication make these initiatives possible. Together, they are helping create opportunities and lasting impact for Abbott students.



Matteo Tatta and Julian Cardinal

$48,566

Loonie Line Fundraiser

The Loonie Line remains the Foundation's largest on-campus fundraising initiative and a proud College tradition since 2003. The 2026 edition raised an impressive **$48,566**, enhanced by matching contributions of **$15,000 from Pfizer** and **$3,348 from Beacon Holdings**.

This success reflects the generosity and commitment of the John Abbott College community. We extend our sincere appreciation to the many volunteers who contributed their time and energy, including two dedicated Police Technology students whose support helped make the event a success.

Beyond raising critical funds for the Student Assistance Fund, the Loonie Line continues to strengthen awareness of student financial need and inspire our community to come together in support of student success.

Online Auction

Our 6th Annual Online Auction raised **$41,947** in support of student bursaries and financial assistance. With **828 bids** placed by **375 unique bidders**, the event generated record-breaking engagement and showcased the generosity of the Abbott community.

Together, participants helped create opportunities for students to pursue their educational goals with confidence.

$41,947



Old Orchard Pub Group foursomes

$98,775.02



Shared at the Golf Tournament:

"The support you provide goes far beyond money. It gives hope. It gives dignity. It reminds students that they are seen and that their lives matter."

"From the bottom of my heart, thank you for believing in students like me. Thank you for your compassion, your generosity, and your love."

Nursing student, and recipient of the Aditya Youth Trust Fund Award

—Oluwafunsho Juliana Oyadoyin

Golf Tournament

Held for the first time at **Windmill Heights Golf Club**, the Foundation's annual golf tournament raised an impressive **$98,775.02 gross** in support of student success.

We were pleased to welcome Procova as a new Silver Sponsor alongside longstanding supporter Old Orchard Pub Group, while STGM Architecture also joined this important fundraising effort. The new venue contributed to increased proceeds for the Foundation, making this one of our most successful tournaments to date.

Homecoming

From **September 12 to 14, 2025**, alumni, retirees, former employees, students, and friends returned to campus to celebrate the connections that make John Abbott College unique.

The Theatre department's staged reading of *Stupid f@#cking bird* showcased the talents of students, employees, and alumni, while Homecoming athletics brought Islanders spirit to life. The weekend concluded with an exciting football game that drew packed stands and enthusiastic support.



Halftime festivities celebrated John Abbott College's rich athletic history.

Holiday Appeal

College employees demonstrated their commitment to students by contributing **$5,412** through one-time and payroll donations to the Foundation's Holiday Appeal.

Their generosity helps ensure students have access to the support they need to succeed.

$5,412

BURSARY, SCHOLARSHIP & AWARD CEREMONY

Every scholarship, bursary, and award represents an investment in a student's future. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, students received support to overcome challenges, pursue opportunities, and achieve their goals.

On Convocation Day, students and donors came together to celebrate these achievements, highlighting the transformative impact of philanthropy on the lives of Abbott students.

Awards currently available with the Foundation

- 123Dentiste Lapointe Award for Enthusiasm and Dedication
- Aboud-Ganze Bursary
- Aditya Youth Trust Fund Award
- Admissions Bursary Program
- Adrian Burhop Memorial Bursary
- Alumnae Association of the Royal Victoria School for Nurses Scholarship
- Amy Williams Scholarship
- Andrew Stachrowski Memorial Scholarship
- Angela Wilson Memorial Bursary
- Anne-Marie Edward Scholarship
- Barbara Baudinet Paramedic Bursary
- Behzad Razavynia Memorial Scholarship
- Ben McKinnon Memorial Scholarship
- Bert Young Memorial Scholarship
- Bibliofiche Information Science Bursary
- Braeuel Bursary for International Students
- CAE Inc. Scholarship
- CAE Tech: Program Your Career! Scholarship
- Carla Napier Award
- CETAM Scholarship
- Charles W. Reid Honours Social Science Overall Academic Excellence Award
- Cody Bouchard Memorial Scholarship
- Craig Lagendyk Scholarship
- David Burt Memorial Scholarship
- Desjardins Scholarships
- Doug Anakin Scholarship for Outdoor Pursuits
- Dr Marcia Kovitz Sociology Award
- Dr Natalie Shaffer Academic Excellence Award
- Ed Janiszewski Award
- Elizabeth and Quentin Parker Bursaries by Thrift Shops for NOVA
- Emeka Ngadi Memorial Physics Scholarship
- Excellence in Nursing Leadership
- Excellence in Professionalism and Caring in Nursing
- Fakhri Monazami Razavynia Memorial Scholarship
- Freda and Irwin Browns Award
- Gail Pflaster Scholarship
- Gary W. Sims Québec Association of Applied Educational Technology Scholarship
- George Springate Memorial Scholarship
- Indigenous Student Theatre Scholarship
- International Student Admission Bursary
- Islanders Athletics Awards
- J. Colin Robertson Academic Excellence Award
- Jason Panich Bursary
- Jason Panich Scholarship
- John Abbott College Administrative Support Personnel Association (JACASPA) Awards
- John Abbott College Faculty Association (JACFA) Bursaries
- John Abbott College Faculty Association (JACFA) Scholarships
- John Abbott College Management Association (JACMA) Mentorship Bursary
- John Abbott College Professional Association (JACPA) Bursaries
- John Abbott College Scholarships
- Kirk MacGeachy Memorial Bursary
- Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore Montréal Bursary
- Lakeshore Association of Artists Bursary (LAA)
- Liberal Arts Scholarship
- Luann Bisaillon Scholarship
- McGown Christoff Scholarship
- Molina Scholar-Leader Scholarship
- Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club (MLUWC) Bursary
- New Student Bursary in Memory of George Springate
- Nicholas Samios Memorial Bursary
- Nicholas Sidorenko Memorial Scholarship
- Nick Arganski Scholarship
- O'Farrell Wondrous Adventure Scholarship
- Oka and Grégoire Foundation Bursaries
- Pamela Montgomery Award
- Peter Bender Award

- Pierre and Louise Blanchette Bursary for Community Involvement
- Pierre and Louise Blanchette Scholarship for Perseverance and Effort
- Pointe aux Renards Bursary
- Quinn and Lallemand Scholarship
- Robert Meldrum Stewart Astronomy Scholarship
- Rubin and So Foundation Bursary Program
- Ruth and Cy Harris Memorial Award
- Selma & John Greenblatt Memorial Scholarship
- Student Union of John Abbott College (SUJAC) Involvement Awards
- SUJAC Awards
- Students Excellence in Learning Award
- Sylvain Duguay Memorial Scholarship
- Tammy Chen Scholarship for Future Teachers
- Theatre Arts & Entertainment Technologies Second Year Perseverance Awards

In addition to this list, there will be **4 new bursaries** available to the students in the **2026-2027** academic year purchased through our Online Auction:

- Gordon Information Technology Bursary
- Homsy Family Bursary
- Sauvé Family Paramedic Bursary
- Stef Dobranski Bursary

By the Numbers

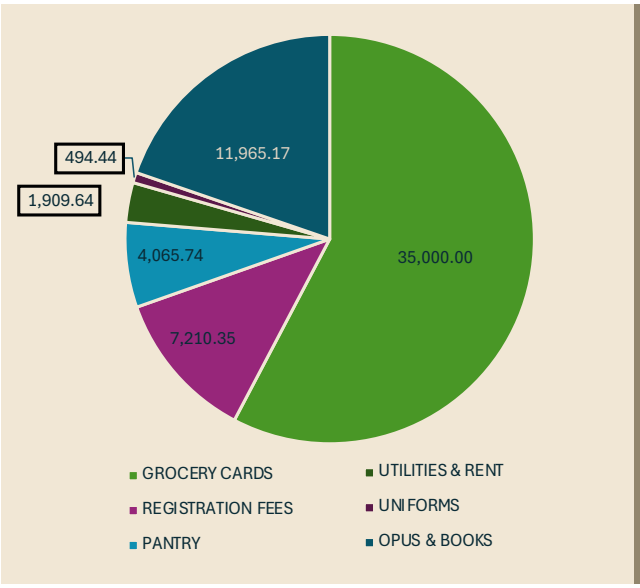
Summary of Disbursements TO STUDENTS: 2024-2025 vs 2025-2026

This table summarizes the total financial support provided to students through student assistance, bursaries, scholarships and awards.

	2024-2025	2025-2026	Change	Growth (%)
Student Assistance, Bursaries, Scholarships, Awards	$169,026.81	$172,595.34	$3,568.53	2.11%

Student Assistance Fund Spending 2025-2026

The Foundation presently manages $915,009 in bursary and scholarship funds including $378,031 of endowed funds, $34,112 more than in 2024-2025.



Raised in donation $494,054

Number of individual donors 377
(not including the hundreds who pitched in at Loonie Line, etc.)

Number of scholarships and bursaries awarded 163

Major fundraising events 6

Impact Highlights—Looking Ahead

- Launched new Foundation website in February 2026
- Launched Fuel for Finals–a free grab-and-go breakfast on final exam days helping fill the gap between hunger & education. Open to all students.

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Financial Position
Year ended June 30, 2026

	2026 Total $
REVENUES	
Donations	342 901
Grants	108 775
Events	171 381
Net investment income	147 505
	770 562
EXPENSES	
General administration	236 345
Support to College activities and students	284 530
Contribution to the College	185 599
Events	46 006
	752 480
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over	18 082

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Balance Sheet
At June 30, 2026

	2026 Total $
ASSETS	
Current	
Cash	84 788
Donation receivable	6 753
Other receivable	72 623
Inventory	2 375
	166 539
Long-term	
Investments	2 529 159
Intangible capital assets	24 117
Tangible capital assets	1 054
	2 720 869
LIABILITIES	
Current	
Trade payables and other operating liabilities	118 285
Deferred revenues	15 480
	133 765
FUND BALANCES	
General fund–Unrestricted	810 675
Endowment funds	378 034
Restricted funds	1 398 395
	2 587 104
	2 720 869

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