

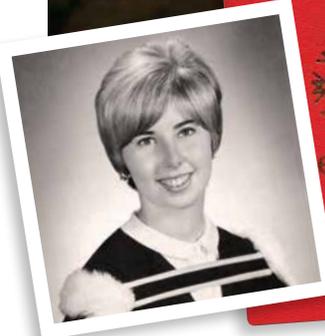
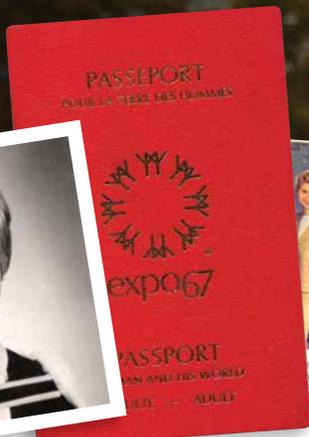
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THE GIFT OF A LIFETIME

REMEMBERING THE PAST **CHANGING** THE FUTURE



Ann Longhurst Vroom, BA'67



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A WORD FROM THE CHANCELLOR



When I arrived at McGill, I was much like any other student discovering university life in the fifties or sixties, seeking out the classes, students and extra-curricular activities that piqued my interest. En route to obtaining my degree, I played squash at the Sir Arthur Currie gym, joined the Debating Union, somehow got the job of crowd control at the Winter Carnival, and wore my Scarlet Key sweater coat with pride (in later years it was unceremoniously discarded by a close family member who shall remain nameless).

Most of all, McGill was where my studies and my interest in politics intersected and flourished. I majored in political science and history. At the same time, I became involved in student government, the nascent National Federation of University Students and the McGill Conference on World Affairs that featured then Prime Minister Lester Pearson as a speaker. Everywhere on campus it seemed that change was not just possible but inevitable and that, by working together, we could make a difference.

There's no doubt that the education and experience we received at McGill helped set the course for our generation, shaping our perspective on the key issues facing our country, and inspiring us to dedicate our efforts in support of positive change. I'm proud to say that today's students manifest that same commitment. The challenge for us now is to lead change once again by supporting this next generation and fostering their ability and desire to make a difference. There's no doubt that they are up to the challenge – and we can help them make it happen through our planned gifts.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Meighen". The signature is fluid and cursive.

The Hon. Michael A. Meighen, CM, QC, BA'60, LLD'12
Chancellor, McGill University



McGILL ALUMNA Looks Back – and Ahead



Change was in the air during Ann Longhurst Vroom's years as an undergraduate.

"When we entered McGill we were still wearing twinsets and pearls. When we graduated kids were starting to wear jeans. It happened almost overnight. The change was unbelievably radical and fast," recalls Vroom. "We were the front edge of the baby boomers – on the cusp of protesting everything from the University administration to the war in Vietnam," she says.

Vroom graduated with her Bachelor of Arts in 1967, continuing a family legacy that started with her grandfather, who graduated from the Faculty of Medicine in 1915.

A cheerleader and all-round keener, Vroom made many friends as a member and later president of Kappa Kappa Gamma. The sorority demanded high marks, as well as community service. As part of that requirement, Vroom volunteered as a "Droplet," which made her a member of a McGill team that played a broomball game against the Montreal Alouettes football team to promote a blood drive on the downtown campus (pictured above).

The summer she graduated from McGill she was chief hostess for the Canadian pavilion at Expo 67 – the cover shows her in a *Montreal Star* photo of the famed uniforms.

"It's hard to describe the sense of exhilaration and hope and excitement that all of Canada felt, but in particular here in Montreal and Quebec. We hosted the world." She spent every day she wasn't working visiting the other pavilions at Expo.

"Countries showed off the best of what they had, from the educational, technological and social point of view, but also their humanity. You really got a sense of who they were as people."

Today, Vroom appreciates the diversity that McGill's international students bring to the University. It's just one reason she continues to be so involved with the University as an alumna. She is a past Governor of the University, a past president of the McGill Alumni Association, and has sat on Faculty Advisory Boards. Currently, as Chair of McGill Friends of the Library, she's very involved with the McGill Library Reimagined: Fiat Lux campaign. In her career, she held various roles in higher education administration, including with the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Vroom sees the McGill library as the heart of the University; by including it in her will, she is building a legacy that will support collaborative learning for generations to come.

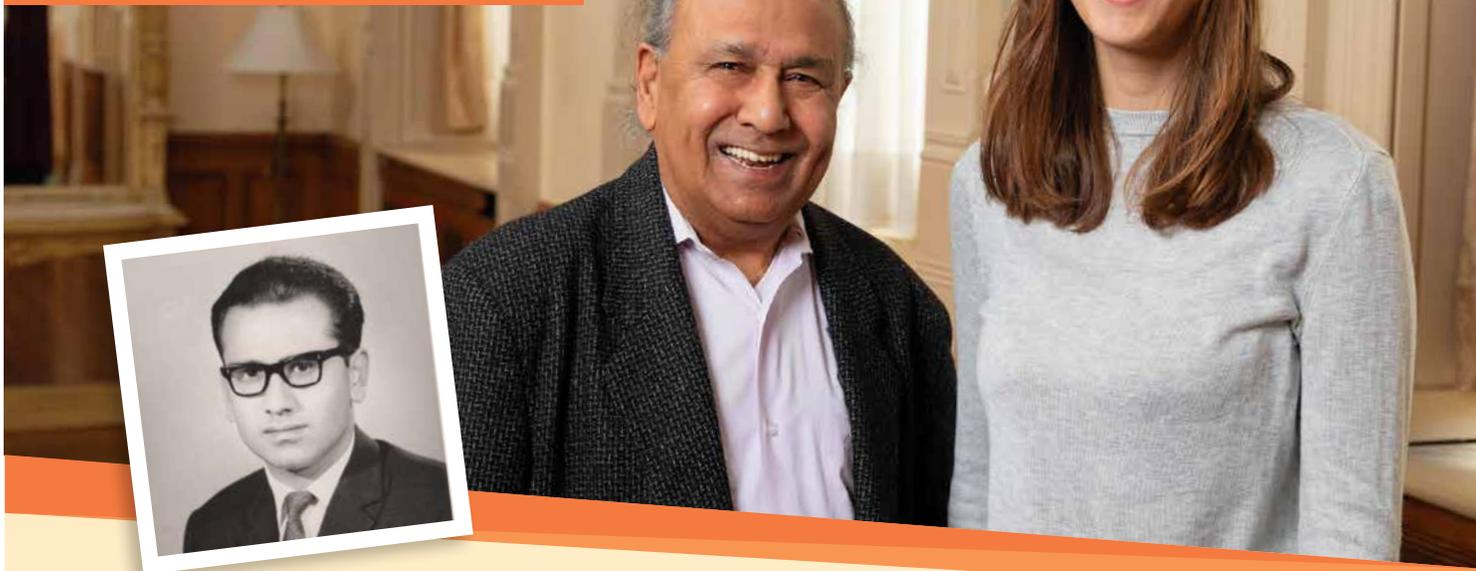
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MATH PROFESSOR HELPS STUDENTS: It Just Adds Up



When Professor Emeritus Kohur GowriSankaran (affectionately known as “Gowri”) first arrived at McGill in 1968 as an Associate Professor of Mathematics, he was looking for a meaningful career. In his new department, he found a family. “I felt very comfortable, right from my first day here,” he says.

Arriving from Mumbai, he was among the first wave of researchers to join. “There was hardly anybody doing mathematical analysis,” he recalls. “I found great satisfaction in being part of building that area.”

The campus was heating up as social change spread across North America. “Those were the days. There was a lot of action by youth,” he says. He even took part in a few marches, but the University was still relatively conservative, he says. “In those days, we used to wear a jacket and tie to go to lecture.”

At McGill, Gowri discovered a new passion: teaching. “One thing that’s really rewarding about being a professor is being in contact with young people all the time, their fresh minds,” he says. “And I don’t think that’s changed at all.”

“McGill was not a place where I worked. McGill was my life.”

Kohur GowriSankaran, Professor Emeritus

In fact, he’s still in touch with a student from the class of 1976. Gowri helped him transfer from Economics into Mathematics – no easy feat at the time. The student went on to excel in the field, even completing a PhD.

“It was very rewarding to be involved with students and to help shape their careers,” Gowri says. When he retired in 2010, the McGill Association of University Teachers wanted to give him a gift. Instead, he asked that they establish a prize to support the next generation.

The latest winner, Megan Roda, BSc’18 (pictured above), was thrilled to learn she had received the GowriSankaran Prize in Mathematics and Statistics.

Like the young man many years ago, Megan, a biology student, changed majors when she discovered her love of math: “I took one class, Analysis I, that wasn’t part of my major – and I loved it, so I took Analysis II. And I just never stopped!”

Megan found out that she had won the prize on the same day she picked up her cap and gown for convocation. Now, she’s back in the department doing her MSc, and applying for PhD programs.

For Gowri and his wife, Chandra, the McGill community has become a second family, and planning a bequest for the Mathematics and Statistics department seemed like second nature. “We believe we are a part of McGill,” he says. “And McGill is part of us.”

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\$25,000	\$1,000
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GENEROUS BENEFACTORS REMEMBERED

McGill University is profoundly grateful for the bequests, both large and small, that it has received from alumni and friends. Following is a list of bequests that the University received over the course of the last fiscal year, which ended on April 30, 2018.

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FOUR DECADES LATER: Bequest Still Helps Top Students Soar

Harold Greville Smith, a prominent industrialist, left 30 percent of his estate to The Martlet Foundation. The prestigious scholarships created in his name have helped over 240 exceptional students since 1977.



“Becoming a Greville Smith Scholar in 1978 opened a new world for me. It was very valuable to socialize with my fellow scholars: being with people operating at that standard drove me to be the best I could be. I continue to have an internal drive that propels me to excel.”

Neil Murdoch, BCom'81, Former CEO of Connor Clark & Lunn Capital Markets



“Being awarded a Greville Smith Scholarship meant McGill wouldn't just be my dream school. It would be my school. I could attend without having to worry about my financial situation, and focus on working towards my degree and my career goals – towards being in a position where I can give back.”

Danielle Davies, Greville Smith Scholar, Chemistry major and Quidditch team member

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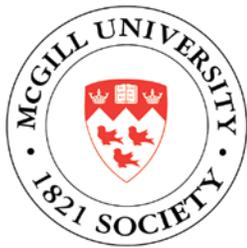
You can provide us with the details of your **legacy wishes** by completing and returning the *Confidential Statement of Future Intent* available online under “Confirming your intentions” at mcgill.ca/eptn

You can contact us at the coordinates below – we are here to help!



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McGILL 1821 & MACDONALD LEGACY SOCIETIES



McGill University owes its very existence to the foresight of a generous planned gift. The University was founded in 1821 with a bequest from the estate of Scottish-born Montreal merchant James McGill.

Today, the McGill 1821 Society and the Macdonald Legacy Society recognize and honour all alumni and friends who have chosen to remember the University in their estate plans, or through another type of planned gift.



The Bequests and Planned Gifts team (left to right): Anna Galati, Cynthia Gordon, Donna Henchey, Trish Duff, Christina Vroom, Susan Reid, Nella Malacria



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