



## Honorary Doctorates to be awarded at Macdonald Convocations, June 5th



Dr. **Agnes Kalibata**, B.Sc., M.Sc. (Makerere University), Ph.D. (University of Massachusetts Amherst) agricultural scientist, policy maker, innovative thinker, and public and thought leader is currently the President of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa. Dr. Kalibata will receive a Doctor of Science, honoris causa during the Agricultural and Environmental Sciences A ceremony, June 5th at 10 am.

Mr. **Charles Mulli** has distinguished himself as a symbol of hope for marginalized communities and impoverished and orphaned children in Kenya. In 1989 Mr. Mulli and his wife Esther founded Mully Children's Family (MCF), a charity organization that oversees various interventions, ranging from child protection to education and healthcare, and from food security and agriculture to social and economic empowerment. Mr. Mulli will receive a Doctor of Science, honoris causa during the Agricultural and Environmental Sciences B ceremony, June 5th at 3 pm.

Read more about the candidates in the [McGill Reporter](#).

## Améliorer les cultures fourragères au Québec

## Du brocoli servi à la volaille ? Pourquoi pas!



Au premier abord, l'initiative surprend : remplacer la moulée traditionnelle destinée à la volaille par une alimentation à base de brocoli ou de chou. Cette idée innovatrice a germé en 2011 dans l'esprit des chercheurs du Département des sciences animales de l'Université McGill, **Shyam Bushansingh Baurhoo**, professeur adjoint, et **Arif Mustafa**, professeur associé. [La Terre de Chez Nous](#).

## Spring Edition of Alumni Newsletter Online



La luzerne et la féclé des prés trônent au sommet du palmarès des plantes fourragères les plus cultivées au Québec. **Philippe Séguin**, chercheur au Département des sciences végétales de l'Université McGill, étudie non seulement ces « espèces vedettes », mais plusieurs autres plantes fourragères de remplacement comme le trèfle d'Alexandrie et l'herbe du Soudan. [La Terre de Chez Nous](#).

## Urban beekeeping is not saving our precious pollinators



**Gail MacInnis**, a Ph.D. entomology candidate [NRS] and research assistant at McGill University, says that while the biggest threats in both urban and rural areas is habitat loss, urban beekeeping is an increasing threat to urban bee diversity.

“You have to remember that honey bees live in colonies of up to 80,000 individual bees,” she says. “All these bees are competing for the same resources. If the floral resources in cities are limited to resident gardens and parks, and there is an influx of thousands and thousands of honey bees, the food sources for other bees are going to be depleted pretty quickly.” [The Independent](#) (note to read the full article, registration is required).

## Future of cannabis coming to Vaudreuil-Dorion



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**THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE**

**And this is how it all begins...**

Each year, students in the Faculty are presented with a myriad of opportunities to learn, explore, and thrive. From research to entrepreneurship, the students in the FACD make us proud of their achievements. [View More \(Link from The Student\)](#)

**ALUMNI NEWS**

**5 minutes with Zoey Li, BSc (NutrSc'17), and YUMi Organics**

YUMi Organics (formerly YUMiBites) was founded by former School of Human Nutrition student Zoey Li and PhD candidate Mengxin Peng, as a student support program for the Montreal Community. With encouragement and financial support from the FACD and McGill, and a lot of perseverance and hard work on their parts, the idea took root and grew into the company it is today. We sat down with Li to share her experience. [View More \(Link from The Student\)](#)

**Food for Life**

Over 80 alumni from McGill and Macdonald attended the Food for Life event on Saturday March 30 to celebrate the innovative research and programming undertaken in the Faculty. [View More \(Link from The Student\)](#)

**FROM THE DEAN**

**Message from the Dean**

From awards to presentations to entrepreneurship achievements, faculty, students and alumni continue to strive and make Macdonald proud. Read more about what has been going on in the Faculty. [View More \(Link from The Student\)](#)

**BIOECONOMY**

**Growing Canada's Bioeconomy**

On Monday, February 11, Laurence Mackenzie, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada was at Macdonald to announce a federal investment of up to \$7 million to the Strategic Cluster under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership. The cluster, led by Shellfish Canada and the Scientific Director and CEO of Sea-South (Department of Food Science), will include an additional \$3.1 million in contributions from industry, for a total investment of \$10.1 million over 5 years. It has been estimated that Canada has 160 million hectares of marginal lands suitable for industrial crops such as an acreage of cropland proper, which could generate up to \$400 per hectare in additional revenues. This cluster will investigate the economic aspects of marginal land and determine what kinds of different sensor units and resources through their demonstration. [View More \(Link from The Student\)](#)

To learn more about activities at Macdonald and what our community has been up to, check out [Focus on Macdonald](#).

## Squirrel Camp: Meet the scientists who live off the grid to study the frisky critters



In the wilds of the Canadian Yukon, these scientists live in search of squirrels. Squirrel Camp is not for the faint of heart. The official name is the [Kluane Red Squirrel Project](#) (pronounced “cloo-AWE-nee”). The KRSP is a collaboration among the University of Alberta, McGill University [PI **Murray Humphries**, and Ph.D. candidates **Allyson Menzies** and **Emily Studd** (NRS)], the University of Saskatchewan, the University of Guelph and the University of Michigan. [Washington Post](#).

A long-vacant 12-storey office tower in Vaudreuil-Dorion ... known to many locals as the Future Building will soon be home to cannabis growers and producers of oils, sprays, pills, dried bud and edibles, as well as research labs, warehouses, and specialists in cannabis marketing, law and more.

CEO Jon Morrison said the ambitious project, dubbed **C3**, will be a world-leading cannabis business accelerator, which he likened to a "Silicon Valley" for startups in the legal weed business. C3 has also partnered with **McGill University**, making lab and office space available to McGill researchers, who are expected to begin using the space in the fall.

Read the article including commentary from **Dean Geitmann** in the [Montreal Gazette](#).

## What's a student anyway?



The latest episode of the Buddle Huddle podcast explores what it means to be a student and a terrific discussion about challenging some assumptions of a traditional University journey. The 'phone a McGillian' segment (minute 38:00) features **Graduate Program Coordinator Erin Minnett (AgEc, AnSci, FdSci, PltSci)**. Well done Erin! [Listen to the Podcast](#).

*Note to our readers*

*This is the last issue of Connections for the 2018-2019 academic year. Please continue to [share](#) your stories with us over the summer. Connections will return in the Fall of 2019.*

## Upcoming Events

May 8, 2019

[McGill Alumni Association Honours and Awards](#)

Gretta Chambers Student Leadership Awardees

**Christine Ha**, BSc(NutrSc)'18, MSc'21 (in progress)

**Olivia Monton**, BSc'12, BSc(AgEnvSc)'16, MDCM'20 in progress

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