CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THIS YEAR’S NOMINEES!
“Pete represents what is the very best about the McGill University for an undergraduate experience. He has served for years on the front lines and has excelled.”

“His calm manner and easy sense of humour tend to make students comfortable with him immediately.”

“Pete has always stressed the importance of a welcoming, friendly advising office, where students feel respected and safe, and where face-to-face service is central.”
“She was completely devoted to Music students and their needs.”

“For the first time since I arrived at McGill, I felt like someone understood and cared.”

“Egidia will always take care with such dedication and a smile. I can always count on her.”

“She makes me feel like she is really listening and giving me all the best options.”

“Every time I go see Egidia, I feel she is truly focused on me and how she can best help me reach my goals.”
“Dr. Cherestes truly cares for the students she is advising. She does not ask for recognition, but really deserves it for all the time and energy she puts in to improve the programs on campus and help students succeed.”

“[S]he fully encompasses what an advisor should be.”

“Her keen observations and her calm demeanor makes her an advisor like no other because she knows me as a person and a student, more than just a 9-digit number and grades on a page.”
“Even years after graduating, students routinely drop in to thank her for all of her help.”

“Once, when Joanne was on a medical leave, she responded to students’ emails from her hospital bed to ensure that they met their graduation requirements.”

“Besides advising [students] on undergraduate related matters, she also guides many students on a personal level. Oftentimes, Joanne acts as a second mother especially for those students out of town.”
“Kate is a wise counsellor, a standard bearer of integrity and civility and is highly respected.”

“Kate brings innovation, caring, energy and dedication to all of her work with students, providing a direct benefit to the students themselves as well as to her colleagues who advise and otherwise support students in their programs across the Faculty.”

“Excellence embodies Kate Hooton.”
“He is easy to talk to and you can tell that he really does care about his students.”

“The genuine caring of Benoit as a teacher and advisor, his clear teaching techniques, his effective communication and his ability to transmit excitement and inspiration.

“What makes Dr. Cousineau truly stand out however, are his involvements beyond the classroom.”
Through all these years, Mary has consistently been the absolute foundation, the bedrock of our School, as well as our permanent piece of sunshine.”

Mary’s office, room 202, is the heart and soul of the school. “

Mary has always been able to hold to that rigorousness while demonstrating the most inventive skills to ensure that students who fall between the cracks can meet the requirements.”

“I honestly don’t know how she does it, except by virtue of being the exceptional human being that she is.”
“Chris is someone who cares deeply about students, has an acute sense of how important it is to treat them fairly and courteously, and, largely because of his unrivalled curiosity, is wonderfully knowledgeable about our rules and procedures.”

“Chris Green’s dedication to his students is legendary, rivaled only by his dedication to this institution.”
“She is the most accessible, patient, attentive, and fastidious academic advisor I know.”

“Prof. Hickman very much deserves recognition for the wonderful work that she does with and for her students.”

“She responds to all with generous allocations of her time--and impeccable judgment.”

“[She] manages to remember--and inquire after--your plans for the future and your family pet every time she passes you in the hallway.”
“I believe she has been an ideal undergraduate advisor who has allowed students to find their own path instead of telling them what to do and has allowed us to become more independent and self-assured in our decisions.”

“All throughout my degree, she guided and advised me on how to make all my dreams come true.”

She always has time for students, and always has their best interest in mind; however, she also works fairly, and ensures academic rigour is maintained. Dr. Major also has a sharp eye for detail, and is quick to point out our errors in an e-calendar, or on a website.”
LIA SANZONE

• “Prof. Sanzone is an amazing advisor. She is enthusiastic, a great listener, dedicated and most importantly: treats students as individuals.”

• Ever eager, willing, able, and enthusiastic to take on new challenges, Lia Sanzone has demonstrated consistent skills and abilities as an advisor! She is truly dedicated to this role and leaves no stone unturned when it comes to problem solving around any advisee issue that is brought before her.”
• Professor Schlimm's contribution deserves recognition, because his low-key, non-splashy, stick-with-it-ness, together with his obviously warm and constructive relationship with our undergraduate students gives everybody in the department a sense that our undergraduate programs matter, that they are under excellent stewardship and that any student who develops an interest in philosophy will be well-served at McGill.”

• “I have seen many a student walk into his office with an air of anxiety and leaving it with relief, confidence and even a smile.”
“I am amazed at how he seems to know every undergraduate student in the department by name and can get even the quietest and shyest students to chat and smile.”

“While in the chemistry undergraduate student lounge, one of the most common phrases one hears is “I need to see Sam.””

“Dr. Sewall’s encouragement, and his openness to listening to students, and his acting as a resource to students who need an adult to talk to is beyond helpful at McGill.”
Dean of Students Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Academic Advising

THANK YOU TO ALL THE SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THEIR CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE NOMINATIONS!
“She makes everything run seamlessly!”

I believe that Chantal is the “heart” of our program. Chantal truly cares about each of our now almost 400 undergrad students. Her first commitment is to the students and they know it.”

“As an advisor to students, she is enthusiastic, demonstrates a strong willingness to help and is always willing to go the extra mile.”

“[H]er calming presence during my formative undergraduate years is something I will always cherish and be grateful for.”
“The compassion and care she demonstrates to every student who walks in the door, or sends her an email (and she gets a lot of emails every day!)... ensures that our students have someone to guide them through a sometimes complicated program with confidence and support.”

“Every time I visit her, I feel reassured and well supported. She is so kind and thoughtful, always takes feedback about the offerings of the department really well, and shows genuine curiosity about me and my experiences at McGill.”

“She has the best advice, and she can always direct you to the resources you need.”
“This award is almost designed for Della! She contributes so much thought to how she advises students, by providing them not only with information they need, but often, information they didn’t know they needed.”

“Della is a gem.”

“Della is remarkably accessible to students. She is caring and empathetic, and always available for consultation.”

“She cares deeply about students, is deeply committed to the university, and makes an extraordinary contribution to the functioning of our department.”
“Without Nancy, I don’t think I would have graduated. I always turned to her when I needed academic advice.”

“We are lucky as Biology students to have Nancy as our advisor. Nancy helped me reach my goals. She goes above and beyond to help her students succeed and shows genuine interest in our academic projects and future goals.”

“Nancy Nelson is like the academic fairy godmother to all Biology students.”
VITTORIA CATANIA

- “I owe much of my personal and academic success during my undergraduate studies to Vittoria’s guidance and support.”
- “Ms. Catania serves as a powerful student advocate, whose unwavering support has led me to value her as more than an advisor, but as a friend.”
- “Ms. Catania’s kind, caring and unfailingly generous nature is unrivaled.”
“When I was feeling discouraged or stressed, without hesitation Nada would invite me into her office to provide guidance, support, and words of encouragement.”

“She is a caring person, with a great attitude, whose positive energy genuinely radiates throughout the halls.”

“Nada has the ability to know what you need and gently guides you towards it.”

Nada is selfless in sharing her knowledge and time and she never questions or hesitates on what she must do next for the benefit and well being of the student in front of her.”
“What distinguishes Ms. Viselli is the constant caring, dedication and professionalism by which she executes her responsibilities, often above and beyond the call of duty.”

“I find Sonia’s support and personal involvement with all of our Physiology goals and initiatives highly motivating to myself and to all of her co-workers.”

“There is no question in my mind, that if I was asked to use only one word to evaluate her overall performance, that word would be OUTSTANDING!”
RUTH KUZAITIS

• “This sounds like a fairy tale even to me, but I cannot help but have tears in my eyes as I write this because Ms. Kuzaitis was the first and the only person who reached out to me to give help when I most desperately needed it, but didn’t know how to ask.”

• “I cannot think of a more deserving candidate for the Dean of Students Award.”

• “It is because of Ruth that I now have a career at a company that I love.”
Ron serves his students with zeal and enthusiasm, with humour and vast years of wisdom and insight.”

“He is easy to talk to and always wants to help students come to a resolution, however, your time with Ron would not be remiss without a short related story, and there is always time to make you feel at ease once you enter his office.”

“I believe that Ron is an excellent adviser and has a big heart and constantly has student’s well-being in mind.”
“The School of Continuing Studies is fortunate to have a capable and dedicate employee such as Robert Guirguis in an adviser role.”

“Robert is a calm, patient, dedicated and attentive individual, who is always ready to go the extra mile.”

“Robert works very hard and takes his role to heart.”

“Robert has built strong relationships with the University community, academic faculty and staff and consistently communicates with these partners to assure student success.”
“I believe Ms. Menon is capable of helping all students succeed regardless of the issues they encounter during their academic career at McGill.”

“We all turn to her when a problem defeats us. The more difficult cases are sent directly to Prema. She has an unsurpassed knowledge of our programs, a wealth of good contacts throughout the University, tremendous patience and, above all, wisdom.”

Prema’s expertise and commitment to undergraduate advising have been outstanding.”
PAUL OLIOFF

- “I have found him to be one of my guiding lights at McGill and can accredit much of my success to his help.”
- “Every time I leave his office I feel calm and reassured, as he helps guide me in everything from choosing classes to looking forward to my future.”
- “I can truly say that my experience at McGill University would not have been the same without him.”
- “One of the rare people who was invested in my wellbeing and interests outside of my academics.”
KANELLA (NELLIE) VOUDOURIS

- “Nellie understands comprehensively the unique perspectives and circumstances of each student.”
- “Nellie consistently transcends expectations in her advising.”
- “Nellie’s affable and humble demeanor presents a refreshing face to students in distress.”
- “The commitment and personal energy which she invests in her role is visible and creates a genuine relationship with her students.”