

# Alere Flammam

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## Lisgar Reunion Celebrates 175th Anniversary

Lisgarites came out in record numbers the weekend of May 4-6, 2018, to mark the 175th anniversary of one of Ottawa's oldest institutions. Close to 1,500 alumni and their families packed Lisgar and other nearby venues for a sold-out variety night, a pub night, school tours, decade rooms, an opportunity to meet former teachers, musical performances, a dinner and dance, and an induction of new members into the school's Athletic Wall of Fame.

The reunion got underway around lunch time on the Friday with a flag raising on the mall between the two buildings, a proclamation of Lisgar Collegiate Institute Day by the Mayor of Ottawa, and an Indigenous ceremony—recognizing that the school is located on the traditional unceded territories of the Algonquin nation. And at a student assembly during the afternoon, students opened the time capsule from the 150th anniversary and sealed away a new one before being entertained by Lisgar's own Rich Little (1957).

By late afternoon, alumni had begun to arrive—from as far away as Turkey, Brazil, Australia, and the Netherlands. After picking up their registration packages, they visited the decade rooms that would be open through the weekend, and made their way up the stairs to the Alumni Auditorium for the



VERY BIG NUMBER: Students and staff as seen from the roof of the school. (Photo: Glenn Ellis)

reunion opening and variety night, hosted by MCs Joe Kirby (2000) and Luiza Savage (Chwialkowska, 1992). Featured performers included the Lisgar Symphonic Winds, Valdy (1962), Vlad Shvartsman (1992), Peter Perez (2018), Jeannie Smith (Ferguson, 1968), Abbey Sugars-Keen (2020), Neil Rau (1984), Steve Groves (1967), and, of course, Rich Little (1957). Thanks to Rogers TV and executive producer Gavin Lumsden (1984), the show was televised and can now be viewed on our website.

After the show, many alumni reconvened to the already packed gym for a "Blue and Grey" pub night and had a chance to enjoy the beer of Adam Newlands's (2004) Stalwart Brewing. Taking place at the same time in the cafeteria was a trivia night at which

alumni could play against current students in a contest featuring questions about the school.

On the Saturday morning, current and former teachers and staff had a breakfast next door at the Officers' Mess, before welcoming alumni to join them to "meet the teachers." Close to a hundred teachers were in attendance, from as far back as the early 1960s. At the same time, sold out school tours with David Jeanes (1965), president of Heritage Ottawa, were getting underway—these ran through the entire weekend, and were a highlight for many alumni. We are working on a video version of the tour, which also includes the infamous attic and roof—it should be available on our website by the time you read this newsletter.

The early May weather couldn't

have been better for a barbecue on the mall, and Lisgar's Symphonic Winds, String Ensemble, and Symphony Orchestra performed in the auditorium through the early afternoon while tours and visits to the decade rooms continued. In the evening, alumni headed across the Canal for a reception, dinner, and dance at Ottawa's beautiful new Shaw Centre, MC'd by Rosemary Thompson (1983).

On Sunday, while alumni continued visiting the school, the main event was the induction of eleven new Lisgarites into the school's Athletic Wall of Fame, which honours those who have made notable achievements in the world of sports and athletics. Particularly popular as an inductee was Bill Fraser (1961, teacher 1965-99). Photos and short bios of all 31 members of the Athletic Wall of Fame are available on our website.

Such a successful reunion would not have been possible without the hard work of a large planning committee of alumni and former teachers, led by Chair Bill Hines (1965) and Vice-Chair Elizabeth Hale (MacIntosh, 1990), as well as a veritable army of current teachers, staff, and students. Thanks to all who contributed, and to the many alumni who attended!

*[Editor's note: Please see pp. 4-5 for some of our favourite photos from the reunion. Find more on our Facebook page and at lisgar.net.]* ■

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## Members' Forum

*Liam Morland (1996) wrote regarding the passing of Mr. Mackenzie (teacher 1968-70, 1992-96):* I was saddened to see the name of Dean Mackenzie in the *In Memoriam* list in the Spring 2017 issue. Mr. Mackenzie was a truly gifted chemistry teacher. He was deeply knowledgeable. On the wall above the blackboard was a huge periodic table. He would point at different elements with a meter stick and name them while facing class. He knew where they all were and was so excited about chemistry that his students wanted to know too. He was also willing to acknowledge the limitations of what he knew. I asked him once why mercury is a liquid at room temperature, while surrounded on the periodic table by solids. He said it had once been explained to him, but he didn't fully understand the explanation. Good on him for acknowledging this instead of making something up or blowing off the question. This shows true respect for students, something he also showed by addressing students in class by last name. Mr. Mackenzie's contribution to education extended outside of Lisgar. I was a member of his Science Outreach program for elementary schools. We visited schools to teach about scientific principles using chemistry demonstrations. He trusted us with chemicals. I once brought the needed ingredients to a Scouting camp and lit the ceremony

campfire by pouring water on it. I will always remember when he played in class a recording of a folk/rock song about the ideal gas law, which contained the lyrics, "we're talkin' hard-core chemistry / we're talkin' PV equals nRT." I'll never forget! Thank you, Mr. Mackenzie.

*Barbara O'Brien (Brennagh, 1959) and Brian O'Brien (1959) wrote:* A very big thank you to the organizing committee for the Lisgar 175th. It was a fun-filled and very emotional weekend. The school looked wonderful. We were most impressed with the decade rooms and the fact that so many students were involved. Having been involved in the 140th, the 150th, and similar things in other parts of the country, we know how much time and energy all of you put into this reunion, so thank you, thank you, thank you!

*Elizabeth Thomson (1974) wrote with her donation:* I am very happy to make a donation towards the refurbishment of the Lisgar auditorium. I would like to request that you put my mother's name (Mary Ingram, 1937) on the plaque... she and all of her siblings attended (and possibly my grandparents as well). I remember Mum going to the 125th anniversary. She was so happy and excited and proud to have gone to Lisgar.

*Chris Meiklejohn (1960) e-mailed:* It is a pleasure to hear news of people I knew when I was at Lisgar. Almost all are now retired and I have been "out" now for just over ten years, though I am still writing in my field of Biological Anthropology. I would like to attend the 175 event but the scheduling doesn't work.

*Francie Cochran wrote:* I would be interested in catching up on the news of classmates from Lisgar. I was a student during the early 1970s and did not graduate. I went on to studies at St. Lawrence College in Kingston and then the Banff School of Fine Arts, and have remained in Alberta and BC pretty



OLYMPIC CEO: David Shoemaker (1988).

much ever since. Sorry to have missed your grand anniversary!

*David Shoemaker (1988) has been named new CEO of the Canadian Olympic Committee. He previously spent seven years as the CEO of the National Basketball Association (NBA) in China. Before joining the NBA, he was president of the Women's Tennis Association (WTA). He began his career as law clerk to the Right Honourable Antonio Lamer, Chief Justice of Canada.*

*Laura Ramsden Gideon wrote:* I am writing to inform you of the passing of my father, Charles Horace Ramsden, M.D. (1946). My father was a very proud Lisgar alumnus who spoke of his years there with fondness and passion. After Lisgar, my father got his medical degree from Queen's University and became a plastic surgeon. He moved to Southern California to open his private practice and travelled the world with the Flying Doctors of Africa, operating in the bush with dirt floors in a surgical tent. Even though he lived the majority of his life in California, he was a very proud Canadian, going back to Ottawa to visit family every year. Thank you for being such a memorable part of his life.

*Stephen Saslove (1966) wrote:* I have memories of the great math teacher Lorne Rentner. He taught me to think. Often in my career I would say to myself, "let's approach this like Mr. Rentner would have done." I also have great memories of Dorothy Bishop as a fantastic literature teacher. I was

thrilled to read that Mr. Fraser's name was being added to the Athletic Wall of Fame. I played on the junior football team in my final two years at Lisgar. In my first year, Bill Hollingsworth, Bob Greene, and Bill Fraser were our coaches and taught us to play clean and smart, and to avoid head injuries, even back then. I consider myself incredibly privileged and fortunate to have been coached by Bill Fraser. He has made me a better person and helped me to achieve success both in my career and my personal life.

*Stone Fence Theatre put on a Celtic musical, "I Come From the Valley," about Joan Finnigan (1945). Joan was responsible for the history book produced to mark Lisgar's 150th.*

*Margaret Poetschke (teacher 1988-2006) wrote about the reunion:* I thought the weekend went very well: events were well organized, and those who attended appeared to enjoy returning to our wonderful school. I was blessed to teach such talented students, and I was delighted to see that they have done so well in their lives. I was thrilled that they remembered me fondly because I loved them all.

*The two student members of the reunion committee surprised alum-*

## In Memoriam

**BABBITT**, Caroline (2008)  
**BULL**, Geoffrey (1984)  
**COLOMBO**, Penny (Soame, 1957)  
**EDEY**, Lilian (1946)  
**FLOWERS**, Jean (1964)  
**HALLIDAY**, Ian (1945)  
**HAMILTON**, John (1956)  
**HEENEY**, Barbara (Horton, 1957)  
**HENDERSON**, Gordon (1949)  
**HUDSON**, Paul (1950)  
**MORTON**, Alan (1956)  
**PINHEY**, Catherine (Knight, 1950)  
**PLET**, George (1953)  
**RAMSDEN**, Charles (1946)  
**ROSE**, Rachel (Cook, 1945)  
**SIPOLINS ZOBS**, Inta (1975)  
**WHITTAKER**, Edith (1948)  
**WILSON**, John (1956)  
**VOLK**, Sinclair (1955) ■

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ni at the committee's final meeting with a set of personal thank you messages from their classmates. We share here a few selections:

**Sally Gai (2018) wrote:** Thank you very much for helping us organize such an extraordinary reunion. I am so grateful that I was fortunate enough to have contributed, and to have been a part of celebrating Lisgar's rich history. Lisgar has been a home to me as well as to many others, and through this experience of organizing and executing such a large-scale event, I have grown to further appreciate the school's outstanding community.

**Chloe O'Malley (2019) wrote:** Thank you for all of your efforts and support throughout this journey! I had such an amazing time working in collaboration with alumni to create an historic event. I truly believe that Lisgar is one of the best schools thanks to past students and staff like you all—you have paved the way for the future of the Lisgar community. It was an unforgettable opportunity to connect Lisgar's past to the future, and I am so grateful that I got to be part of it!

**Sam Yee (2018) wrote:** Thank you so much for all the hard work that you put into Lisgar's 175th—it was truly inspiring to see people so dedicated to the school even years after graduating. I am thankful to have been a part of this one, as it truly cemented my love for Lisgar and reminded me of why our school is so wonderfully unique.

I'm already looking forward to the 200th. The entire weekend of 175th celebrations will remain one of the most memorable moments of high school for me. Thank you all again for your time and dedication to Lisgar, its alumni, and current students alike.

**Olive Nugent (2018) wrote:** I hope you all know how much the entire student community appreciates the work you've put into making Lisgar's 175th so fantastic. The class of 2018 couldn't have asked for a more interesting or inspiring experience than this year's reunion and the lead-up to it. None of this could have been done without your dedication, and I was so thrilled to be a part of it. I hope you're all proud of what you've accomplished and the impact you've had on our community.

**Sobaila Ibrahim (2018) wrote:** From the bottom of my heart, I thank the Alumni Association for its hard work to make the reunion a successful event. Not only did I have the opportunity to meet alumni and hear stories about their experiences at Lisgar, but I also had the opportunity to help run shows throughout the weekend and be a part of a greater community. It was an amazing time for me, and I am sure it was the same for you. Without your contributions to the school, Lisgar would not be the same. Thank you all for helping to keep Lisgar the way it is, and thank you for making me more appreciative of this amazing school. ■



LISGAR PRIDE: Student members of the 175th Anniversary Reunion Committee Miasya Bulger (2018) and Stuart Matthews (2018) prepare to raise the reunion flag on the Friday afternoon.

## From the Lisgar Archives: Notes from "Down Below"

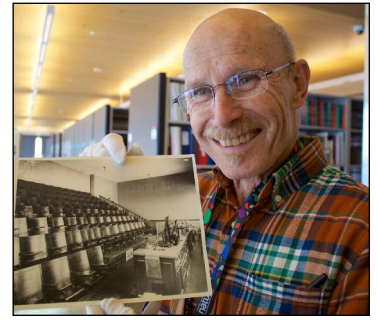
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The last year was an extraordinarily busy one "down below" when it came to researching and providing material for the reunion. Among the endeavours was a trip to the Ottawa Archives with a number of volunteers, including a few students. Interesting items viewed there included architectural drawings, pictures, newspaper clippings, and the diary of a former principal whose reuse of a printed book would put our notion of recycling to shame—the pages in it were pasted over by new paper to receive the handwritten words of the diarist. Well worn, it was tied together with a shoelace!

The challenge on occasions such as the reunion is to decide which materials to prepare for display. Among the chosen were pictures of the school from various eras, as well as of previous reunions. There were also samples of Lisgar clothing from years gone by, one particularly interesting garment being a hand-made jacket delivered by Fran Meredith (1955), festooned with badges chronicling various athletic feats from her high school career. Fran explained that she had made the jacket because she was annoyed that there were no sports jackets for girls in those days—a feminist in the bud, I would say! Another noteworthy display was that of pictures of sports teams from the 1970s, chronicling numerous boys' volleyball championships under the able coaching of Barry Laughton (1961, teacher 1968-2000).

In addition to the items available for display, there were slide shows in each decades room made possible by the joint efforts of Sara Kunstmann (teacher 1999-2016), Bruce Summers (vice-principal 2010-15), and Glen Ellis (teacher 2016-present), who supervised the photographing of the archival holdings prior to the reunion by the Communications class of Ashley Horricks (teacher 2011-present) and provided the technical expertise required to mount them.

Speaking of displays, the fall displays in the alumni showcase included one of



CITY ARCHIVES: David Lamperd (teacher 1970-99) examines a photo of a science classroom.

Lisgar authors, including works in many genres. The younger among them were Wendy Tarry (Hagglund, 1996) and Saleema Nawaz (1998), whose works were displayed alongside those of others including Eugene Forsey (1921) and Adrienne Clarkson (Poy, 1956). The Remembrance Day display featured alumni such as Dr. Norman Guiou (1909), who was responsible for the introduction of transfusion at the front during World War I, and Alexis Helmer (1909), whose death inspired the writing of "In Flanders Fields." With regard to Alexis Helmer, author Linda Granfield has written an article about the romance between Alexis—or Lex, as he was called—and Muriel Robertson, who also attended Lisgar. They were, in fact, engaged prior to his leaving for the war. The article appeared in a publication named Historic Guelph.

Finally, thank you to all who stopped by during the reunion to request or give information or simply to say thank you, and for those who donated items to the archives. One item that recently came to us is the pocket watch presented to Dr. John Thorburn (principal 1862-1881), on the occasion of his retirement. The school is now exploring a suitable way to display it. Also of interest is a copy of the diary of David Wardrope, brother of Lisgar's first principal, Rev. Dr. Thomas Wardrope (1843-1845), delivered during the reunion by Moragh Kusy, whose great-great-uncle he was, and whose husband Martin graduated from Lisgar in 1961. She shared that Martin claimed his time at the school was wonderful and changed him forever. I am sure that sentiment is shared by many grateful alumni. ■





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## Lisgar Honours Alumnus Killed in Dambusters Raid

In the week before Remembrance Day, schools across Canada hold services honouring the memory and the sacrifices of those who served in time of war and peace, defending Canada. The ceremony held at Lisgar this year focused on a man who lost his life 75 years ago—an alumnus of the school and a pilot on the daring Dambusters Raid: Pilot Officer Lewis Johnstone Burpee (1937).

After graduating from Lisgar, Pilot Officer Burpee went on to Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. He enrolled in the Royal Canadian Air Force and eventually found himself in 617 Squadron, one of the aircrew handpicked by Wing Commander Guy Gibson, squadron commanding officer, for the unprecedented and dangerous mission to destroy dams on the Ruhr River and thereby cripple Germany's industrial complex.

Pilot Officer Burpee and his crew never returned from the mission on the night of May 16-17, 1943. They were shot down over Holland enroute to the dams, and all crew members aboard their Lancaster bomber perished.

"Pilot Officer Burpee, who fought and sacrificed his life for all of us, is just one example of the many brave soldiers who have fought for our peace and freedom," said Emily He, editor of the *Vox Lycei*, during the ceremony. "We must remember that it was their sacrifices that have led our country to where it is today, and most of all, we must remember that the freedom that all of us enjoy came at an extremely high cost."

For several years, Robert Tang, a math teacher at Lisgar with a strong interest in history, has been using the mathematics underpinning the innovative "bouncing bomb"—code named "Upkeep"—that was developed by scientist Barnes Wallis to destroy the dams. He says that seeing the application of mathematics, especially trigonometry and algebra, to a real situation brings mathematics to life for his Grade 11 students. The students

even take a field trip to the nearby Canada Aviation and Space Museum, where they carry out experiments, fly a simulator, and see a Lancaster bomber.

He explained that the Dambusters crews had to work together to come up with solutions to the challenges they were facing. "I wanted to do the same with my math class: for them to know the idea of working things together, coming up with a good solution, improvising where necessary. And learning a bit about history."

Then, last May, Ottawa author Dave O'Malley published a story entitled "The Hero Around the Corner," about Lewis Burpee. Mr. Tang read the article on the Vintage Wings of Canada website and noticed that a newspaper clipping included with the article mentioned that Lewis Burpee was a graduate of Lisgar.

"When I read that I thought 'No way.' I did some more research and discovered that Mr. Burpee's son lives 15 minutes away from the school!"

In another moment of serendipity Drew Fraser-Leach, this year's co-president of the Lisgar Student Council, was in Mr. Tang's class last year. He knew his grandfather had been a Lisgar student at the time, so he went home and found his grandfather's 1937 yearbook. "He flipped through it and found Pilot Officer Burpee's signature," explained Mr.

Tang. "That was a sign that we really had to make this our focus for the Remembrance Day ceremony."

Mr. Tang put the wheels in motion that led to this year's Remembrance Day focussing on Pilot Officer Burpee and having Pilot Officer Burpee's son, Lewis Burpee, Jr., attend the service.

"We are grateful for the sacrifices of people like Lewis Burpee, and we share the sorrow of their families and loved ones," said special guest Lieutenant-General Al Meinzing, commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force, during the ceremony. "I am also grateful to you, the students and staff of Lisgar Collegiate Institute, for showing our fallen—and in particular Pilot Officer Burpee—the same respect."

"I would like to thank everyone who was involved in this today — not only Mr. Tang but the whole Lisgar team," said Mr. Burpee. "I never knew my Dad; I was born after he died. For decades he was kind of a shadowy figure in my past. The series of commemorations in 2018, Ted Barris's book *Dam Busters: Canadian Airmen and the Secret Raid Against Nazi Germany*, and now today have allowed me to reconnect with my Dad, to know him better. I'm profoundly grateful to be here."

Lieutenant-General Meinzing and Mr. Burpee then unveiled a memorial



NEW PLAQUE: Pilot Officer Lewis Burpee (1937) will be recognized in Memorial Hall.

plaque commemorating Pilot Officer Burpee, which was created by Ottawa graphic designer and author Dave O'Malley.

The service also showcased the musical talents of Lisgar students, including music from the Lisgar band, a rendition of "Pie Jesu" sung by Juliana Hentosz and Katriona Lane, and the Last Post and Reveille played by Margaret Abbott. Following the service, invited guests gathered in the Memorial Hall, outside Lisgar's library, where Drew Fraser-Leach and Mr. Burpee placed the memorial plaque.

The morning's events concluded with a special presentation to Mr. Burpee by Dave O'Malley, who unveiled a large framed print of the image that also appears on the memorial plaque, which is a creation of digital artist Piotr Forkasiewicz, from Poland. Mr. Burpee seemed nearly speechless. "Wow!" he said. "I was admiring this on the plaque—I had no idea. It's magnificent. Thank you so much, all of you."

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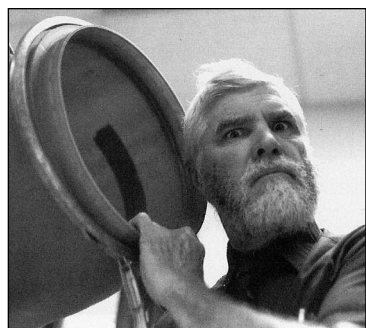


REAL MATH: Lieutenant-General Al Meinzing, commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force, presents Robert Tang (teacher, 2000-present) with his personal coin. (Photo: Rachael Allen)

## Remembering Former Teachers

It was with great sadness that we learned of the deaths of a number of former staff this past year. While it is impossible to encapsulate the individual contribution of each in a short article, we recognize their collective importance to the lives of students and staff and their roles in the history of the institution.

**Paul Ashworth** (1990-98), who taught social sciences, was heavily involved with the Outers' Club, which afforded students many happy hours building relationships among themselves as they developed skills in the outdoors. He was involved as well with the cross country ski team, track and field, and the Star Trek Club.



Paul Ashworth (teacher 1990-98)

**Hugh Boyce** (1976-84) was a vice-principal. Even in retirement he made regular visits to Ottawa to have breakfast with some of the former staff. He was a strong supporter of the sports programs at Lisgar and was easy to find in the hallways, usually a calming figure—with a booming voice.

**Daphne Dain** (1990-96) taught art. She was a talented artist herself, as well as a colourful character.

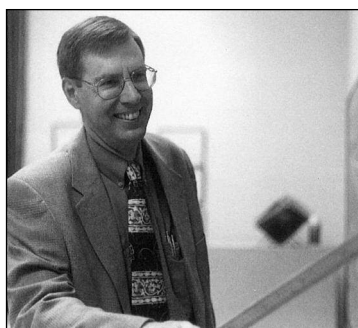
**Bill Hamilton** (1962, teacher 1966-67) was Head Boy while at Lisgar. During his year teaching at the school, he was involved in sports, including as coach of boys' junior basketball and one of the boys' gymnastics teams.

**Dorothy (Lashely) Krueger** (1950-58) taught art and English. Former student Margo Trewin (1960) had asked to be put in touch with her at the time of the reunion as she had wanted her to know the tremendous influence she had on her life. Happily, the two managed to connect.

**Jack Livesly** (1965-67) was vice-principal. Described as helpful, amusing, and colourful, he was promoted to become the first director of the Board's new visual aids department.

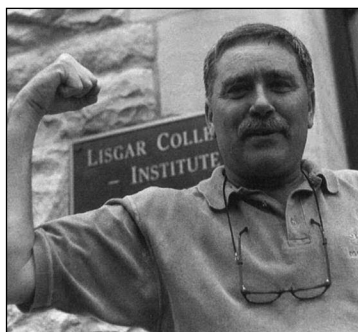
**Francesca L'Orfano** (1995-98) taught art and English. She took leave to practice art full time at Enriched Bread Artists, an artists' cooperative in Ottawa.

**David Love** (1965, teacher 1997-2003) was a band member while a student at Lisgar and also played bantam basketball. He returned to teach mathematics and served as department head. His serious demeanour camouflaged a dry sense of humour that surprised and endeared him to all, as did the kindness for which he will be remembered. One alumna posted on Facebook that she remembered his ability to draw perfect circles freehand.



David Love (1965, teacher 1997-2003)

**Bill Melanson** (1967-99) spent his entire career at Lisgar, teaching French. Maxwell Kates (1997) posted on Facebook: "Easily the most memorable teacher I had at Lisgar. Not only did you learn about French grammar and literature in his class, but you learned the value of hard work, perseverance, and self-respect."



Bill Melanson (teacher 1967-99)

**Bill McCarthy** (1967-70) became vice-principal at Lisgar during its 125th anniversary and was thanked by the student chairman, Ed Bercovitz, for his support of Students' Council in helping them realize their schemes over the course of the year.

**Enid McNeil** (1961-62) was staff supervisor of the Girls' Athletic Association and was involved with the volleyball and gymnastics teams.

**Robert Murphy** (1965, teacher 1970-76) was president of the Boys' Athletic Association while a student. Curly-haired and mustachioed, he returned to teach English and coach football.

**Fidel Palumbo** (1990-96) taught history, and was known for the generous hosting of colleagues at his restaurant during the festive season and for his flair for style. Liam Morland (1996) posted on Facebook: "He gave me the keys to his car once and asked me to get something for him from the passenger seat. It turned out to be a Ferrari. I was tempted to take a test drive." Another former student, Matt Easterbrook (1996) wrote: "He made history fun, made it come alive."



Fidel Palumbo (teacher 1990-96)

**Patricia "Trish" Stevens** (2000-15) was a long-time member of the support staff in the Guidance Department. Her welcoming smile was appreciated by students and staff alike.

**Craig Stratton** (1969-72) taught shops (woodworking). Robert Hursti, who was violin accompanist at his funeral, noted that he was mild-mannered and respected by his students. ■

## Why I Will Always Cherish Lisgar

*Miasya Bulger (2018)*

Before I left for university, I told my family: "Mom, dad, I know this is really hard for all of us. We've spent the past 18 years living under one roof and suddenly I'm 200 km away living on my own." I told them not to worry, and that I would have an amazing time meeting new people and learning about things I never even knew existed. I felt ready. I felt ready because my time at Lisgar had shaped me into a self-confident young adult who was eager to further explore what the world had to offer.

Four months later, I've completed my first semester of Engineering at McGill and I still believe that my experiences at Lisgar facilitated my transition into the new environment. I truly value the school's impact on shaping me into the individual I am today. Lisgar set me up for not only academic success but personal success, by providing me with the knowledge and skills I need to reach my goals. Most importantly, Lisgar gave me the gift of confidence. The community did not simply tell me that I could be strong, smart, and creative—but instead proved to me that I had been those things all along...

*Find the rest of Miasya's reflections on our Facebook page. She is attending McGill on Canada's largest science, technology, engineering and math scholarship, which has a value of \$100,000. ■*

## Life Members

We are delighted to report that 13 alumni have become Life Members since the last issue of *Alere Flammam*:

Oliver Agard (1978)  
Alexander Atkinson (2018)  
Anika Bousquet (2018)  
Francie Cochran (1971)  
Hugh Fraser (1970)  
Jennifer Jolly (1982)  
Maxwell Kates (1997)  
Emma Kirke (2018)  
Patrick Mahoney (1979)  
Maureen Major-Lloyd (1969)  
Doug Sally (1974)  
Sarah Waisvisz (2000)  
Samantha Yee (2018)

## Friends of Lisgar Campaign Raises \$146,000 for Alumni Auditorium

As readers will likely be aware, the Alumni Association undertook a significant fundraising campaign to upgrade Lisgar's Alumni Auditorium, coinciding with the 175th. We managed to raise an extremely impressive \$146,000—more than we have ever raised in such an effort. Thank you to all those who contributed—the names of benefactors, patrons, sponsors, and supporters are listed below. Thanks as well to Paul Bennett (1973) and Tracy

Finnigan (1973) for their leadership of the campaign, and to Honorary Fundraising Chairs Doug Arrand (1961, teacher 1967-2000) and Neil Rau (1984).

The funds raised are being used to upgrade the sound and lighting systems in the auditorium, which were much in need of being brought up to 21st-century standards. And since our campaign was first launched, the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board

has very generously agreed to pay for improvements to the electrical system and replacement of the stage and window curtains. Most of this work was undertaken in December and January.

We are planning to celebrate the generous contributions of alumni with a concert or other performance later in 2019, at which you will be able to enjoy some of the fruits of the effort—please watch your e-mail and our Facebook page for more information.

Repairs to a heritage building never seem to be done, however, and those who attended the reunion may have noted that many of the seats in the Alumni Auditorium are in increasingly poor condition. With the cost of seat replacement on just the main level coming in over \$200,000, the Alumni Association and the School Board are considering the options. We hope to have more news on this front in the coming months. ■

### Benefactors (\$1,500+)

Paul Bennett (1973)  
Jane Boon (1985)  
Avi Caplan (2000)  
Kira (Nadja) Dales (Rau, 1990)  
Robert Fedosejevs (1969)  
John Franklin (1960)  
Marie Fraser (1983)  
Jack Gibbons (1972)  
Robert Hill (1953)  
William Hines (1965)  
Douglas Jones (1965)  
Sylvia Kershman (Bodovsky, 1942)  
Martin Kusy (1961)  
Lois Leadlay (1952)  
Selina Li (1984)  
Stephen Lister (1982)  
Marina Polonsky (1993)  
Neville Poy (1954)  
Neil Rau (1984)  
Joyce Richens (Deruchie, 1951)  
Steve Sansom (1989)  
Anda Sipolins (1968)  
Inta Sipolins Zobs (1975)  
Eric Weese (2000)

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Maria Alloggia (1973)  
Peter Blaiklock (1974)  
Douglas Casey (1971)  
Michael Casey (1968)  
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