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THE WOMEN OF PICKERING COLLEGE

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Boarding Student
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September 1992 was an auspicious date for our school.

Despite the many festivities associated with the Sesquicentennial (150th Anniversary) celebration the year before, Pickering College had been struggling. Enrolment in 1991/92 was lower than anticipated for and the school was even still recovering financially from the fire in 1981. At the culmination of that year, then Headmaster Sheldon Clark presaged what was to come,

If the vision of a stimulating educational experience is to be encouraged, if we are serious about honouring the intangible spirit of Pickering ... then we must be prepared to set the stage for the 21st century so that today's and tomorrow's actors and actresses can be coached in the roles of leadership they will inherit.

So, in the midst of a busy and celebratory year, a momentous decision was made to re-introduce co-education to Pickering College. There were many factors that led to this decision, including that being co-education paid tribute to our history and Quaker traditions prior to 1917. At the time numerous alumni felt strongly that such a decision would change the all-boys school they knew and loved, a sentiment with which the school empathized and respected. However, without that decision, the school might not have continued to exist.

Thus, in September 1992 the reintroduction of co-education was coupled with the opening of the Junior School, Grades 4 to 6. On September 14, 1992, 21 Junior School students joined the 119 students in Grades 7 to 13 and among them were five courageous, trailblazing girls. The following year saw the introduction of girls in the rest of the school. There were now 13 girls in Grades 4 to 6, two in Grades 7 and 8 and 14 in the Senior School, four of them boarding students. The faculty now had five women, where two years before there were only two. And three young women joined the school as Junior Faculty.

These young pioneers led the way to other important milestones: by the end of 1994 Jessica Trim became our first female graduate since 1917; in 1996 Barbara Horvath was the first woman elected to the Board of Directors; in 1997 Jane Zavitz-Bond was elected as the first female Class of 1842 recipient and Melissa (Winstanley) Skinner '98 became the first female Student Committee Chair; 2001 unveiled our first female valedictorian, Charity (Smith) Brookes '01, while the Girls' U15 Soccer team won the first women's championship for Pickering College. In 2004, Beth Egan became the first female Chair of the Board of Directors.

As you will see in the pages that follow, the experiences these women had were not always easy. However, the learning, the relationships, the environment and the growth that came about as a result of their challenges and opportunities left an indelibly positive impression on them.

Today, the school has over 440 students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12, 51% of them female. The barriers the first women broke through opened the way for creating a school in which co-education is taken for granted, because the benefits are fundamental to who we are and our goals as a school. Co-education promotes equality, respect and a sense of community; co-education reflects the diversity of our society; co-education creates the real-world environment in which our graduates will compete and lead and therefore encourages understanding, perspective and acceptance. As we teach our students to become courageous agents of ethical change, co-education is the foundation.

So, in acknowledgement of those first young women who prepared the way for the school becoming who we are today, we dedicate this issue of *The Pillars* to you.



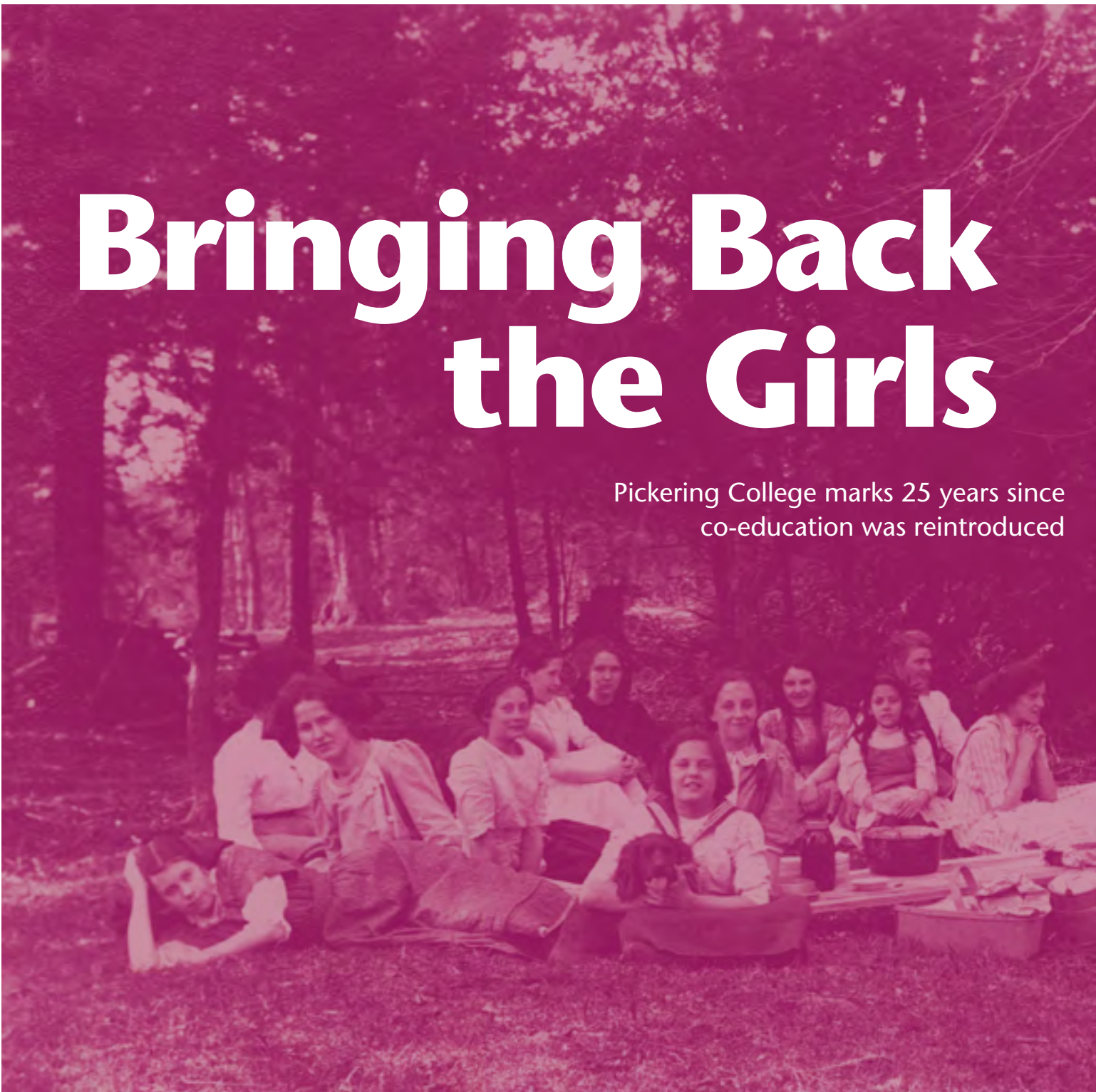
HEAD SHOTS

Reflecting on our co-educational history with Peter Sturup, Headmaster



Bringing Back the Girls

Pickering College marks 25 years since co-education was reintroduced



For a quarter century, girls have been an important part of school life at Pickering College after the school spent 65 years as a boys-only boarding school. But what you may not realize is that when Pickering College opened in 1842 it was a co-educational school, until 1917 when it was turned over to the Canadian government for use as a military hospital following the First World War.

The Quaker belief in the equality of men and women translated to their Friends schools, whose origins stretch back to the mid-1600s. In fact, women played a key role in operating Pickering College prior to the war, with Ella Rogers Firth at the helm as Lady Principal, starting in 1891.



According to Jane Zavitz-Bond, Ella Rogers Firth had spent her life's career in support of Friends' education at Pickering College. She was an early woman graduate of University of Toronto in modern languages, more significantly, one of the first woman principals in Canada, leading the school notably for 25 years, adding "she was more the head of the school than her husband."

In 1917, when Pickering College served as a hospital for the First World War's chronically wounded, the Firths took the girls to their summer home on Go Home Bay to complete the year. "Firm expectations and caring for each of the girls was the key to her success and is still essential to Quaker education," Zavitz-Bond says.

WOMEN PLAYED KEY ROLE DURING BOYS' SCHOOL YEARS

During the years as a boys' school, women continued to play an important role. Zavitz-Bond explains that the women on campus, including school's nurses, housekeepers, Doreen Labrash in the Business Office and the faculty wives, including Betty Beer and Marni Jackson, and their families were a key part of campus life.

In 1976, Zavitz-Bond was hired as Pickering College's librarian, the first female faculty member to be hired since before the war. The library became an escape for the students, with one teacher remarking to Zavitz-Bond that it was the homiest place in the school.

"And the fact that I was a woman, and they were boys away from home, I think I was in the role of an aunt," she says. "They would talk to me about things ... I do know that my being there, and caring, and not having a role that gave me an authoritarian edge did make a difference."

Following the fire in the early 1980s, Zavitz-Bond became responsible for planning the new library, having taken a library planning course. The resulting library became a model for other independent schools and included the Dorland Room which houses Canada's Quaker Archives.

In 1987, the school hired a second female faculty member, Janet Downer, as librarian, who succeeded Mary Ellen Taylor who left on maternity leave.

After requesting to take on some teaching duties, and subsequently developing a taste for it, Downer went back to school to pursue her bachelor of education and eventually her principal's qualifications. Through the years she has been a Divisional Lead, Faculty Mentor, Department Head, Dean of Residence and is now the Director of Middle and Senior School.

RETURN OF GIRLS MARKS A NEW ERA

During her years at PC, Downer has witnessed—and been a part of—a tremendous evolution in the school's history. "The school moved from a position of obscurity among independent schools, to becoming well known and our students are strong competitors in



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“The first girls to enrol in the school were pioneers and took a big risk,” Downer says. “It wasn’t easy for them to find their place at PC.”

When Courtney Gillan ‘96 (*see page 25*) began at PC, she was one of only a handful of girls at the school. “It was challenging, but we were resilient,” Gillan says. “There were many supportive teachers who wanted us there. They encouraged us to get involved, to join the student council, to start clubs, to join the boys’ sports teams. And through it all, we had fun, we bonded. We formed friendships that wouldn’t have happened otherwise—friendships that remain today and span the globe.”

The reintroduction of girls meant the school was moving in a positive direction.

As the years passed, and more girls enrolled, students and teachers enjoyed more balanced classroom dynamics. Downer says becoming co-educational forced the school to look at itself in a different light and evolve, so that it was capable of attracting students who would fulfill the school’s mission.

Zavitz-Bond concurs, “It really improved the atmosphere in the classroom and the academics. If you look at the walls downstairs with the names of the people who were Ontario Scholars, you’ll see that there are more of them after the girls came.”

The addition of more female faculty also had a major influence on shaping what the school is today. John Trueman ‘96 recalls when practicing Newmarket lawyer, the late Kathryn Boyd, spoke at an Honour Society dinner, she was, to his knowledge “the first speaker specifically

geared towards encouraging female students, as the school had only been co-educational for three years at that point. As a practicing lawyer in Newmarket, she represented the many possibilities open to graduates of Pickering College.”

Trueman and some classmates successfully lobbied to bring Ms. Boyd into the school to teach OAC Law, a rare evening course that began during the 1995-1996 school year.

“The law is complicated, and Ms. Boyd had a remarkable skill in making it both interesting and digestible for high school students,” he explains. “She required us to bring in news articles on current legal issues to help develop an awareness of how the law is all around us.” Her class and passion for the law had a profound impact on Trueman’s life and career, now a law clerk for Justice Martin at the Supreme Court of Canada. “I regret that



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we lost touch and I never got to tell her that I finally went to law school," he says.

TRUE TO QUAKER VALUES

As the number of girls grew, so did their involvement in leadership positions, becoming student committee chairs, community service chairs, captains of teams, scholarship recipients and in 2001 Charity (Smith) Brookes '01 (*see page 11*) became valedictorian.

"The presence of girls changed the culture of the school to be true to the Quaker tenets of equality, community and integrity," Downer says. "We have a strong academic program supported by the Global Leadership Program and other educators are looking to us as role models."

The women have shaped the school and in turn, the school has shaped the girls who have been graduating from PC since

1994, when the first female graduate in over 75 years (Jessica Trim) crossed the stage to receive her diploma.

"What I have learned from my students is just the richness of their character. How ambitious they are and how they persevere and work through things to achieve their goals in life," Downer says. Her greatest joy is being part of an Advisor Group, which affords her and the rest of the school's faculty to truly connect with students. Because of that bond, when they return as alumni, it's like coming home.

"They remember the smell of the school. There's usually a very emotional moment too, stopping at the pictures to find themselves," says Downer. "Those to me are really strong memories and bring out strong feelings, when you see that you have made a difference with that particular student."



Janet Downer is the Director of Middle and Senior School at Pickering College. She has been a faculty member at Pickering College since 1987. In this time she has served as Teacher Librarian, Geography teacher, Middle School teacher and Department Head. She holds a BA and a MA from Wilfrid Laurier University, MLIS from the University of Western Ontario, BEd from the University of Toronto and her principal qualifications.



Jane Zavitz-Bond, retired faculty member, librarian, Quaker archivist and member of the Class of 1842, has a BA from Earlham College and MLIS from the University of Western Ontario. In 1976 she joined Pickering College to teach English and serve as the school's librarian. As a Quaker, Jane was instrumental in establishing the Canadian Yearly Meeting Archives, including the A.G. Dorland Friends Historical Research Collection at PC.



1992



1994



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The Benefits of Reggio

In our JK to Grade 2 classrooms, we have begun to enrich our Pickering College roots, programs and teaching with a Reggio Inquiry approach. Reggio Inquiry is an innovative and inspiring way of learning, which values each child as strong, capable, and resilient. The approach leverages the innate curiosity of children and works to assist them with understanding their world, and who they are in it.

BENEFITS OF REGGIO INQUIRY LEARNING

Respect: The approach benefits children because it respects them. It takes them seriously and sees them as capable, knowledgeable and rich with potential.

Collaboration: Children work on highly-engaging projects with peers that provide opportunities for creative thinking and exploration. Working together with the teacher, children are provided with thought-provoking questions and materials to co-construct the learning.

Creativity: Reggio Inquiry learning is entrenched in the idea that children have many different ways of expressing their knowledge and understanding. Children are encouraged to creatively express their ideas through such mediums as art, music, dance, and writing.

Problem solving: Children are inspired through the Reggio approach. They learn through experience and are given projects that provide active opportunities to conduct research and think scientifically, including real-life problem solving with their peers.

Confidence: Through the Reggio Inquiry learning process children build confidence as learners. In their role as researchers they become active constructors of knowledge. Reggio Inquiry learning provides opportunity for children to actively participate, explore, and question through the process.

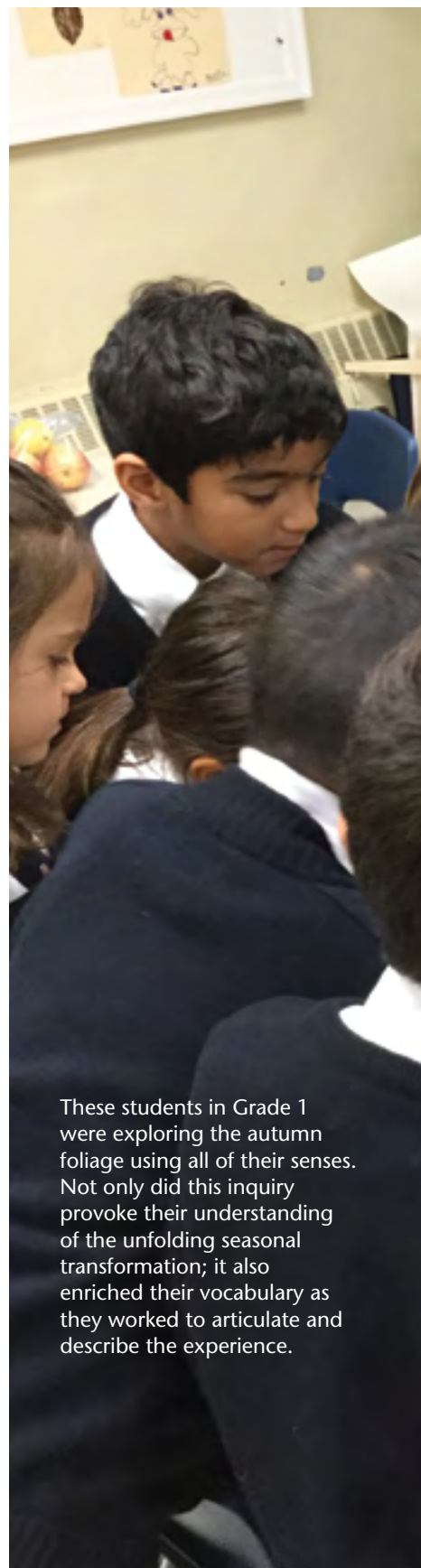
Ultimately, a Reggio-inspired approach ignites a love of learning, setting our students on a trajectory for success. When we respect students by valuing their thoughts and ideas, we are giving them ownership over their learning and nurturing students who are curious, confident and capable.

"It is exciting to witness the students' curiosity and wonder as they discover concepts and develop a deeper understanding of the world around them," says Lisa Sturup, Grade 1 teacher.

Our image of the child is rich in potential, strong, powerful, competent and, most of all, connected to adults and other children.

—Loris Malaguzzi, Founder, Reggio Emilia Approach

These students in Grade 1 were exploring the autumn foliage using all of their senses. Not only did this inquiry provoke their understanding of the unfolding seasonal transformation; it also enriched their vocabulary as they worked to articulate and describe the experience.



Inquiry Learning



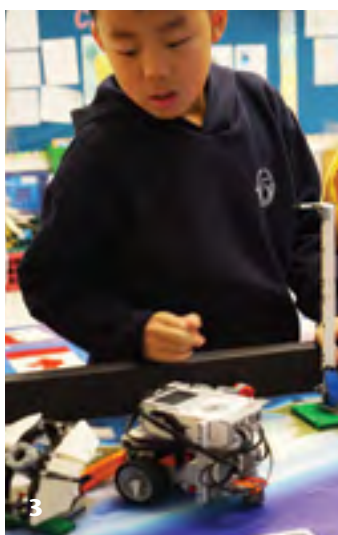
Dr. Charity Brookes '01 (nee Smith) is among the first five girls to have attended PC after more than six decades as a boys' school. The now mother of two is a mixed animal veterinarian with a clinic in Sutton, ON, who primarily helps household pets along with occasional large animals and wildlife.

She says one of the key lessons she took from her time at PC into later studies and life was the importance of laying a good foundation. "It was certainly talked about a lot in Morning Meetings, and as I went through my DVM degree it was something always at the forefront of my mind. I studied hard through school, but it wasn't to gain good grades, it was to gain a solid foundation of knowledge that I could later use in treating my patients."

She says another thing she really appreciated about PC, other than the people (it is really true that the people are Pickering, she adds), was the school's multicultural environment. "It was such a blessing to have friends of all different nationalities. In our current era where many injustices are highlighted in the media, I realize how blessed I was to be taught in a non-biased environment where neither your skin colour, religion, nor gender changed your treatment. I always felt equally treated and encouraged."



JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENT LIFE



1 Grade 4 and 5 students put their best 'Musketeer' foot forward as they enjoyed their first lesson in their chosen elective of fencing. Guided by an experienced fencer, students were given the opportunity to use proper Olympic-style fencing equipment to try this amazing sport. The participants will continue to learn how the equipment functions, proper technique and footwork. This presentation ties into many areas of the curriculum, most notably the physical education element.

2 The Grade 4 class was fortunate to receive a Discovery Box on loan from the Canadian War Museum filled with artifacts from the First World War. The Discovery Boxes were created to provide a unique, informative and engaging experience for students learning about the First World War.

Students had the opportunity to look at and touch all of the items. They were then asked to write down what they thought each item was and what the items were used for.

3 With respect to Design and Build, one of the most exciting and engaging projects in which students participate is the FIRST LEGO League robotics program. This year students in Grades 1-3 are participating in the Mission Moon challenge where they work as a team to design and build a Moon Base that includes simple machines and motors that they code to solve real challenges, as if living on the moon. Students in Grades 4-5 are participating in Into Orbit. These students are building a robot using LEGO

Mindstorms technology to solve a set of missions in space.

4 Grade 5 students experienced a day in the life of the mission at Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons in Midland. With their teachers, Mr. Au Yong and Mrs. Doyle, the boys and girls explored an authentic recreation of Ontario's first European settlement. They learned about the hardships, challenges and joys of first contact between French Jesuit missionaries and the Wendat First Nations people.



AMBER WANG

Wise beyond her years

The moment you meet Grade 3 student Amber Wang, you recognize she's an old soul with a kind heart and has a bright future ahead of her. Amber, whose favourite subjects include math, art and language arts, aspires for a career that involves connecting with others.

"I really love socializing with people and would love a career where I can act, or be a YouTuber," explains Amber. "Being able to talk with others and make friends is one of my favourite things to do, so if I can have a career where I can do that, I believe I will succeed."

Amber credits her Grade 2 teacher, Ms. Smith, for instilling her love of science, which she has carried with her into Grade 3, where she is participating in the FIRST LEGO League robotics program with her peers. "It's called the Mission Moon challenge where we work as a team to design and build a Moon Base," says Amber. "It's a lot of fun as we get to use LEGO and an iPad to build machines with motors—there's a bunch of challenges and it's always great to work with my friends to solve it."

Outside of the classroom, Amber has developed a love for gymnastics. She says it's both the artistic and athletic components of the sport that have piqued her interest. "Typically, I don't really love sports, but the great thing about gymnastics is that it combines dance and helps me build my muscles," explains Amber. "I really like that gymnastics has helped me feel strong, so it's something that I enjoy doing and maybe one day I will compete, once I'm old enough."

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Agents of



The Pillar Years program focuses on developing innovative, courageous and compassionate learners with the intellect, ethics, and confidence to understand themselves and their potential as agents of change.



In Middle School, learning about the world is important, but developing the skills to think creatively, to solve problems and to know how one learns best is even more important. The landmark position statement *This We Believe* (2010) by the Association for Middle Level Educators (AMLE) asserts that one of the major goals of a middle level learner is to “be able to think rationally, critically and to express thoughts clearly.” In order to develop into engaged learners and global citizens our students must have the opportunity to cultivate ideas and practices about civil responsibilities, participate authentically in critical-thinking tasks and learn how to solve problems creatively and thoughtfully.

Change



Shannon McMaster '01

is a successful business owner with heart. Her consignment clothing shop donates a percentage of sales to The Olive Branch for Children, a non-profit organization that helps remote Tanzanian communities assess their primary needs and establish programs that support vulnerable children and women.

When she reflects on her time at PC, Shannon says it influenced the person she has become and her drive to make a difference.

"I pull those lessons out in my journey regularly," she says. Whether it's learning to speak even when it scares you, to love yourself and in turn love your neighbour, to learn to be vulnerable, or the familiar sentiment of leaving this world "better than we found it," she's passing these enduring lessons down to her children—lessons that spill over into her business philosophy and blend seamlessly with the consigned Lululemon apparel she sells.

"We are so blessed to sell to those who lean in the direction of 'living your authentic life through your authentic self,'" she explains. "Nothing says constant growth and change like the journey of one with a goal of matching their outside world with their gut truth."



Our Middle School program is delivered through a series of interdisciplinary, authentic and experiential projects called Pillar Pursuits. These projects are focused on four program areas; Wisdom, Adventure, Community and Freedom. Wisdom Pillar Pursuits, such as the Grade 8 City Design challenge or the Grade 6 Wire a School project, ask students to solve real-world problems, use design thinking, practice research methods and use interdisciplinary skills. In the City Design challenge, student research renewable energy sources and systems in their effort to design and build a model for an innovative, forward-thinking and energy-efficient city. The Wire a School project hones in on the students ability to problem solve and troubleshoot as they apply their knowledge of circuits and electricity.

The collaborative nature of learning at Pickering College extends beyond the students, their projects and the classroom. Over the past two years, Pickering College has developed a partnership with Rotman School of Business and their I-Think Initiative. The I-Think Initiative "believes that in order to prepare our students for the future, one of the most important roles that educators can play is to teach students the skills and mindsets necessary in solving wicked problems."

A cohort of Middle School teachers has also been learning the tools and practices involved in using the integrative thinking model. This allows them to help students generate novel solutions to real-life problems and to help students analyze thinking. These teachers have not only advanced their own pedagogical practices but have also coached educators from other educational institutions as they are looking to help their students use the I-Think model to stretch their abilities as thinkers and creative problem solvers.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT LIFE



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1 In October, Grade 7B engaged in a Google Hangout session thanks to National Geographic Education and Exploring by the Seat of Your Pants. The class spoke with scientist Elizabeth Forbes about the research she does in Kenya on how large wildlife has an impact on carbon cycles. She taught us about how carbon cycles work and the various tools and methods they use to measure and collect data. The students were then able to ask her questions about her work and what we

can do to reduce our carbon footprint.

2 Grade 7 students began their school year with a *fantastique* trip to Québec City! They participated in interactive activities that engaged them in the fascinating history and culture of the city. Students visited the Montmorency Falls, which is even higher than Niagara Falls! They feasted on traditional lumberjack food at the Sugar Shack, learned to play the spoons and danced

to French Canadian music. The group also spent a day enjoying the outdoors at Touristique Duchesnay. They hiked through the forest with GPS units, completing a geocache activity. The highlight of the lumberjack camp was the challenge of cutting a log using a two-person saw! Finally, Treetop Trekking and zip-lining through the forest were the students' favourite activities, as they soared amongst the trees while experiencing breathtaking views.

3 Aspiring and inquisitive scientists, the Grade 6 students, were fortunate enough to receive a visit from the Scientist in the School group for a Classy Critters workshop. Scientists in the School provides young scientists with classroom workshops that are curriculum-aligned and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) focused. This workshop correlated with Grade 6 students' classifying and investigating different forms of biodiversity.

A portrait of Moira Boland, a young woman with long, curly brown hair and black-rimmed glasses. She is wearing a dark blue school blazer with a crest on the left chest that says "PICKERING COLLEGE". She has her arms crossed and is smiling. The background is a blurred outdoor setting.

MOIRA BOLAND

A leader on the court and in the classroom

Whether it's shooting hoops on the basketball court or breaking records on the track, Grade 7 student Moira Boland channels her passion for working hard both in athletics and in the classroom. The Middle School student discovered her love for basketball in Grade 4, citing Pickering College's encouragement to participate in co-curricular activities. "That's one of the things I enjoy most about attending Pickering College—I get the chance to try a lot of different things," Moira explains. "I remember being over the moon that I made the team and I fell in love with the game."

Being a multi-sport athlete, Moira credits the influence of her basketball and track coach, Junior School teacher Mr. Au Yong, for playing a huge role in her development. "Mr. Au Yong was my first coach and really helped me to improve. I was recovering from an injury at the time, I had broken both my arms, but he had faith in me, still took me on the team and it was a huge help in developing my skills and confidence," says Moira.

The sky is the limit for Moira, who has already achieved many feats at a young age. With aspirations to one day play on a college team for either basketball or soccer, Moira recognizes she is at the right school to help her achieve her goals. "I know that Pickering College will provide me with the critical skills that will open up many doors in the future," she says. "We are taught about many issues and problems that the world currently faces and Pickering College has inspired me to help others to try and find a solution to these problems."

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Leaving PC greater, better and more beautiful than they discovered it

Pickering College is developing the next generation of global leaders. In the Senior School, there are countless examples of students who are taking the initiative to lead both inside and outside the classroom. Here, a few of the Grade 12 students to watch for as they get set to make their mark on the world.



Michael Wang

Michael Wang, a boarding student from China, is on a mission to help reduce Pickering College's carbon footprint and eliminate excess food waste. During his tenure as Chair of the Senior Green Team, Michael has facilitated and encouraged proper recycling practices in our boarding community. He also has continued his hands-on efforts to reduce our food waste production and proposed a number of ideas aimed to combat our challenges with food waste. Michael has been a transformational leader of the Senior Green Team; always looking for ways to give his peers leadership opportunities within the club. His efforts have recently been recognized by the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, who awarded Michael with the 2018 Ernie Crossland Young Conservationist Award.



Adam Murphy Samuel Correa

Pickering College continues to create an environment that motivates students to make a difference. Samuel Correa and Adam Murphy are taking action against a disease that will affect one in seven Canadian men: prostate cancer. The Grade 12 students attended the Wake-Up Call Breakfast in Toronto, an event that brings together business leaders to raise awareness and funds for the most common cancer affecting Canadian men. Adam and Samuel are actively working to engage the Pickering College community, recruiting four teams of their peers to participate in the Step-Up Challenge, where they will be climbing stairs in buildings located in Toronto. All of the proceeds raised in the Step-Up Challenge will be invested in research focused on early detection, treatment and survivorship of prostate cancer.



Emily Golding

Emily Golding, is leaving her mark on this world by focusing her efforts of her Capstone Project on raising awareness about the decreasing number of organ donors in Canada. Emily is taking action by launching a social media campaign and providing information on how one can sign-up to become a donor. Her efforts have already resulted in an increase in the number of people who are signing up to become an organ donor, which can potentially translate to lives being saved. She will conclude her Capstone Project with a presentation to a panel of teachers, experts and leaders in hopes of moving on to the finals and securing a donation for a not-for-profit organization aligned with her solution.

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ATHENIAN YOUTH'S
DECLARATION OF CITIZENSHIP.



When **Isabelle Payne '98** began at PC in 1993, she was one of only three girls in Grade 9. To this day, she keeps in touch with the small group who shared the experience of being the only females in a sea of boys.

Her time at PC fostered the perseverance and strength she draws upon to provide support to her clients facing social issues. With three undergraduate degrees and a master's in social work, Isabelle is part of an assertive community treatment team providing intensive support for people with serious mental illness and complex needs.

"A lot of the guys we work with grew up in broken homes and poverty—they weren't taught things in life that the average person learns," she explains. In addition to providing counselling, Isabelle started an art therapy group in Orillia and a social wellness group using art as therapy in Muskoka.

"It's about having that space to be creative and a place to put your emotions and feelings," she says. Isabelle credits PC for teaching her one of life's most valuable lessons, about tolerance and acceptance. "Going to school with a lot of different cultures, people bring different things to the table—you learn to work with other people and to be part of your team."

SENIOR SCHOOL STUDENT LIFE



1 Pickering College student representatives Sarah Asgari, Emma Kerswill and Vanessa Gardner attended the Community Service Round-table at St. Andrew's College. Our students discussed with their peers from affiliate CIS Schools about how they can collaborate to give back to the community. It was an incredibly rewarding experience for our Pickering College students and we can't wait to see their ideas come to fruition.

2 Hillary Krofchak, Emma Kerswill, Katherine Starr, and Mr. Thompson traveled to Toronto for the 2018 International Independent Schools Public Speaking Competition (IISPPSC). This highly competitive tournament involved over 160 competitors from independent schools across the world. Every student competed in three categories and there were six preliminary rounds of public speaking and debate, before the competitors qualified for the finals. The Pickering

College team performed well, as Emma finished in the top 25 within one of the largest categories at the tournament: Parliamentary Debate. Katherine Starr qualified for Finals in two categories and finished third in Radio Newscast and sixth in Interpretive Reading. Katherine also finished 13th overall, which is very impressive!

3 Nine students took part in a life-changing 14-day canoe trip on the Nahanni River in the Northwest Territories, in June. Known for its white water and rugged terrain, Nahanni is one of the most sought-after paddling adventures in Canada. "I still remember the feeling as we entered those first waves. The water slamming into our boats, soaking us in spray, combined with the mixed feelings of excitement and adrenaline is an experience I will never forget. The memories and friendships made on that trip will last a

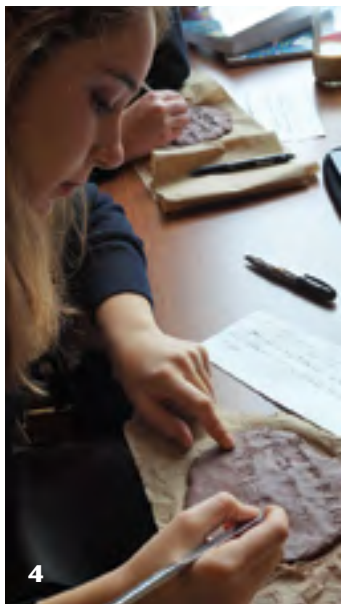
lifetime," writes Aidan Cook, Grade 12.

4 Grade 11 World History students analyzed the earliest surviving literary work, *The Epic of Gilgamesh*, and learned about the development of one of the first known written languages, Cuneiform. Students translated their favourite line from the epic poem into Cuneiform and carved it into the clay like the Mesopotamian scribes would have done.

5 A new STEM-based enhanced math program was introduced in September, to better serve the needs of our strongest math students. Students invited to participate receive the same math credit as in the academic stream but move through the curriculum at a faster pace, to make time for exploring aspects of engineering and computing as well as practicing their deeper mathematical problem-solving skills. Grade 10 student Phillip Carson

agrees, "I think it is definitely more practical for the future because eventually you're not just going to be writing down, solving and learning from a textbook; you're going to have to apply that knowledge. In STEM, using those problem-solving skills with your math abilities enables you to be doing the things that will prepare you for the future."

6 Boarding students spent the evening preparing and serving a healthy, hot, home-cooked meal for homeless and at-risk individuals in our community. They learned not only about the value of service and community involvement, but also about Quaker traditions and values as they served alongside members of the Quaker Meeting House in Newmarket. Giving their time and energy in the community is a valuable way for boarding students to connect to Canadian culture.



ATHLETICS



Congratulations to Grade 10 student Chanel Johnson for winning gold with her rhythmic gymnastics team, Team Evolution, at the recent 2nd Pan American Tournament in Brazil. Team Evolution is the reigning 2017 Provincial champions and also won the first gold for Canada at the Challenge Cup Competition and the Four Continents World Cup in Chicago.



Undefeated season nets Pickering College two CISAA soccer championship titles.

The Pickering College Pumas dominated the soccer pitch during the fall athletics season, with not only one, but two teams finishing undefeated and bringing home the CISAA Championship title.

The lightning-fast speed and agility of the Senior Boys' Soccer team made them an opponent to be feared in the CISAA Division III. Co-captain and recipient of this year's Coaches' Award, Samuel Correa, credits his squad's ability to work as a team, enabling the Pumas to dominate their opponents. "It wasn't just because of individual talent that we won, we moved the ball very well with an exceptional pace. You could really see the difference in the quality of football when we played other schools," says Samuel.

The final proved to be the toughest match of the season, according to co-captain and team MVP, Adam Murphy. The York School kept the game even at 1-1, a feat no other team had achieved against Pickering College this season. "We fought back hard, and ended up winning 4-1, which clinched the back-

to-back Championship title for us, capping off a perfect season," Adam explains. Adam was the highest scorer for Pickering College, notching 26 of the team's 61 goals.

The Senior Boys' team have a great squad following in their footsteps, with the U14 co-ed soccer team defeating Montcrest 4-2 in the Championship final, also completing a perfect season.

The success of the U14 squad came as no surprise to Coach David Fiscaletti. "I'm pleased to say that this group of players made my job as coach a lot easier," he explains. "Members of this year's team brought with them a great deal of talent, dedication, a love for the game and most of all a great sense of teamwork. It truly made them a joy to watch and to coach this season!"

With the team scoring 20 goals in just three regular-season games, they were notably the only co-ed team in their division. The sky is the limit for these young athletes, who are looking to continue to build lasting friendships with their teammates and bring home more Championship titles to Pickering College.



A portrait of Zeynep Eren, a young woman with long, wavy brown hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a dark blue Pickering College blazer over a white collared shirt and a dark tie. Several pins are visible on her blazer, including a circular one with a star and a rectangular one with a Canadian flag. A Pickering College crest is also visible on the left side of her chest. Her arms are crossed.

ZEYNEP EREN

Empowered to make a difference

Zeynep Eren may be over 8,000 kilometres away from her home country of Turkey, but the Grade 12 boarding student has made an impact and lasting impression on the Pickering College community. Zeynep is currently the head of PC's Youth Action Organization (YAO) and credits Pickering College for empowering its students to raise their voices. "There is a huge emphasis about being a good person and taking action in your community in our Morning Meetings," explains Zeynep. "Especially since becoming the head of YAO, I have to make many announcements during these meetings. Even though this was scary at first, I now really enjoy being able to raise my voice among my peers and my teachers. I also think this improved my communication skills, as well."

PC's school community comes from 32 countries, and this diverse learning environment is what Zeynep appreciates the most about attending Pickering College. "I think we are all very lucky that we have a multicultural community here. I had the chance to meet with people from many different countries and cultures. This diversity showed me that we can be very different from each other but also share similar values."

Zeynep credits the experiences that Pickering College has afforded her in shaping her worldview and what she aspires to pursue following graduation. It was from attending conferences like the Canadian Commission of UNESCO in Winnipeg and the Global Ideas Challenge at the University of Toronto, where she discovered many issues that others face. "My goal is to make a difference in the lives of those who deserve the same life standards, but circumstances, out of their control, are preventing them from achieving such standards," she explains. Zeynep desires to work for the United Nations after completing her post-secondary education, exuding the confidence and motivation of someone who will be a leader for change in years to come.

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BOARDING LIFE

Laura Mason, Director of Health Services and Boarding, talks about creating a sense of family and “home away from home” for our boarding students.



Our boarding community is a “home away from home” for over 115 students from more than 25 countries all over the world. Every year is a new adventure and it is our goal to make it a great experience for everyone. Each year we evaluate the boarding activities and program and make changes to reflect the feedback from the students and staff.

We are aware that nothing can truly replace home and family but we endeavour to have the next best thing. We have a very dedicated boarding staff who strive to provide a ‘family-like’ environment. At the heart of everything we do is the safety and well-being of our students. Being a boarder is certainly different to living at home; our boarders live with a *much* bigger family!

This year we introduced a new position in boarding called the House Director. Each of the residences has a House Director who lives on campus and is the lead member of the boarding team. The House Director shares the responsibility for maintaining the educational, moral, physical, emotional and social well-being of the students in the residence. One of the House Directors is available by phone at all times for students, parents and staff. They organize the boarding curriculum programming and they are responsible for the Proctors and the evening activity schedule. This position brings an anchor to our boarding staffing and an added layer of care and support for the students.



Firth House House Director Ashley Purdham has worked at Pickering College for over four years in various capacities and we are happy to have her continuing on as part of the team.



New House House Director Jeff Mason has lived at Pickering College for several years and he joins the staff after providing support in various ways over the past few years.

Our community works together to provide emotional security and support for our boarders through their adolescent years. We also make sure that they are able to acquire productive and effective study habits and are encouraged to participate in the wide range of opportunities available to them at Pickering College.



For **Courtney Gillan '96**, her three years at PC served as a jumping off point for her future career.

"At Pickering, I learned about other cultures, views, and interests that existed outside my bubble," she explains. "Pickering taught me about the world from the world. Meeting brave international classmates planted the seeds for my future life and career."

Courtney now travels the globe working in international education marketing. She has consulted for universities, high schools, boarding schools and now for an education group that has nine schools worldwide. Through her travels, she has visited over 40 countries and has lived in Japan, Seoul and now Hong Kong. She's passionate about education and helping students to access the kind of learning experience she had, which she says changed the course of her life.

"I love to follow the journeys of the students I have met over the years," she says. She recounts a story of a young man who, with his mother, escaped from Iraq to Amman, Jordan. In 2004 he attended Courtney's event to learn more about studying in Canada. Less than a year later, he did just that. "He is now a Canadian and a doctor—stories like these continue to inspire me in my career."



A middle-aged man with short, graying hair and glasses perched on his head is shown from the chest up. He is wearing a dark blue button-down shirt under a gray patterned blazer. He is pointing his right index finger towards the right side of the frame. The background is a blurred whiteboard with some faint lines.

“Make the less

obvious, more obvious."

Pickering College welcomes Lawrence Taylor '78 as Leader in Residence.

In October, Pickering College welcomed alumnus Lawrence Taylor '78 as Leader in Residence. The marine biologist turned entrepreneur spent the day speaking with classes about a career spent pursuing his passion for art and science, the combination of which isn't always a natural fit.

Though Taylor spent only his final year of high school at Pickering College, he credits his time at the school for playing a huge role in his life and in becoming the person he wanted to be.

The opportunity to come to Pickering College presented itself one summer when he was working as a camp counsellor at Camp Mazinaw. "I had no idea how much Camp Mazinaw was going to impact my life," he explains. "We were given the opportunity to push ourselves beyond our comfort zones, and when we failed or had difficulties, Brian (the late Brian Blackstock '56) and the staff were always there to support us and help us to become the counsellors we wanted to be."

One day, Blackstock pulled him aside for a conversation that would change the trajectory of his life forever—the opportunity to attend Pickering College in the fall of 1977. Though he wasn't sure how he would fit into this new community, a bond to last a lifetime was cemented with his fellow football teammates after a particularly tough season together.

After Pickering College, Taylor went on to pursue a degree in biology with a minor in biomedical research from Guelph University, followed by a return to Pickering College to teach for two "busy and exhilarating years." He then moved to Atlantic Canada to chase a dream he had of being an underwater photographer with goals of not just telling a story, but to make the less obvious, more obvious. "These are two models I've really lived by, as I've run my business, as an artist and scientist."

Combining his passions for marine biology and photography, in 1991 he launched Bio-diverse Canada, specializing in freelance marine research, underwater photography, and industrial pre/post-production. His work has taken him across the continent from living in a tent in the Arctic for 11 weeks to filming in a manned submersible off the coast of Newfoundland to finding parts of the wrecked *Mary Celeste* off the coast of Haiti.

"Becoming an all around storyteller led me to some wonderful experiences," he says. "I was able to produce and host an episode of CBC's *Land and Sea*, produced underwater pieces for *Daily Planet* on Discovery Canada, and for six years I had a monthly column on Halifax's CBC radio, introducing Nova Scotians to the underwater world."

In 2016, Taylor launched a new business venture—NovaSpectrum Analytics—to enhance traceability, sustainability and eco-certification for the modern commercial fishery. He has led NovaSpectrum in developing SeaLogR, an analytics platform that provides "real-time verifiable data for seafood management and planning."

Taylor says his hope is that our students learned a little from spending the day with "a guy like myself who considers long furry underwear, a neoprene suit and 50 pounds of lead as typical business attire—but that makes me happy. When I'm in the water and we're doing that, that's where I want to be."

His passion for our oceans is evident as is his commitment to sustaining marine life for generations to come.

REUNION WEEKEND 2018

Our favourite time of year! Reunion Weekend brought together alumni from the 1940s to the early 2000s.



CLASS REPRESENTATIVE

A special thank you to Greg Dopulos '68, who for the past eight years has been instrumental in bringing together the 1960s and early 1970s alumni each year for a reunion.

Greg celebrated his 50th anniversary this year, and is going to take a well-deserved rest from his Class Rep duties. Pictured here with other Class of 1842 recipients at last year's Reunion Weekend, from left to right: Brian Purdy '56, Greg Dopulos '68, Charles Boyd, Charles Beer '59, James Brown '69.

We are also working to bring more of our 1950s alumni together. If anyone is interested in being a Class Rep to work specifically on bringing their class back to the Hilltop for their anniversary reunion, please contact the Alumni office at alumni@pickeringcollege.on.ca or call 905-895-1120 ext. 257.

A small group of **1940s and 1950s** alumni and friends gathered for lunch in the Headmaster's house this year. As more of our 1940s alumni are unable to make the journey to the Hilltop, the alumni office will be doing more outreach next year, taking a coffee or lunch to a favourite group of gentlemen. Pictured: (Standing) **Peter Sturru**, **Charles Beer '59**, **David Stewart '54**, **Ed Richardson '45**, **Greg Dopulos '68**; (Front row) **Jack Houghton '47**, **Don King '46**, **David Dixon '46**

Each year **1960s and early 1970s** "Good Old Boys" travel back to Newmarket to reconnect. This year's reunion had a great time catching up and provided invaluable assistance in identifying and labelling archive photographs from that decade. Congratulations to our 1968 alumni who celebrated their 50th anniversary this year! Pictured: (Standing) **Charles Boyd**, **Ron Veitch '69**, **Ed Rynard '70**, **Gary McLean '68**, **Malcolm MacNeil '68**; (Front row) **Bernard Hashmall '70**, **Karen Benson (Ron)**, **Greg Dopulos '68**, **Roger Veale '61**, **Nancy McLean (Gary)**

Reunion Weekend "**Blast from the Past**" retro dinner featured record albums as placemats, 1980s décor, music and more. Held in the '40s Student Lounge, alumni and faculty celebrated the anniversary years of 1978, 2008 and 2003.

Headmaster Peter Sturru took the opportunity to highlight the 25th anniversary of the return of girls to PC and the positive effect the return to co-education had on our community. He also spoke about the school today and our vision to develop innovative, courageous and compassionate global citizens who take action, true to Quaker values. Peter quoted Maxine Green of Harvard, who said that "the purpose of education is to comfort the troubled and to trouble the comfortable," reminding parents, alumni, community and donors, that we take the job of education very seriously, that we recognize that we have a responsibility to rise to the challenge of preparing the students in our care to approach the world with fresh, realistic eyes, new perspectives, undaunted will, caring hearts and a desire to do something. If we can trouble this "comfortable" group enough then the possibility exists that the results will be wave upon wave of enthusiastic, dynamic, courageous, unrelenting desire and ability to bring comfort to the troubled of this world.

Pictured: **1978 Old Boys** celebrate their 40th anniversary – **Mitch Dubros**, **David Byrnes**, **Heward Lee**, **Adam Shully**, **Lawrence Taylor**

Pictured at Reunion Weekend 2018: **Tyler Smith '08** with **Peter Sturru**; **Charity Brookes '01** and **Ron Veitch '69** with **Charles Boyd**

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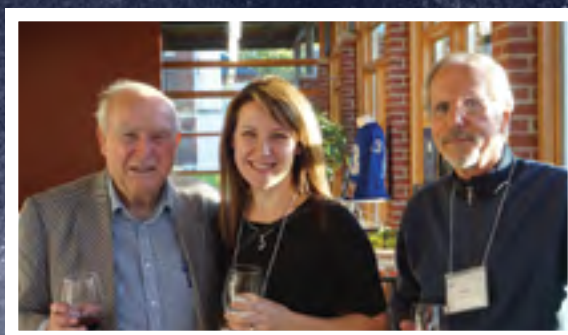
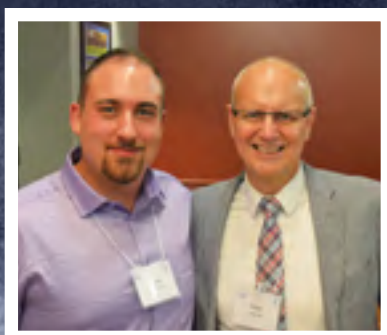


'60s Good Old Boys

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Retro Evening



CLASS
OF '78



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Do you have an alumni story idea or something to share in *The Pillars*?

We'd love to hear from you!

Please send your updates, ideas and high-resolution photos to the Alumni office at alumni@pickeringcollege.on.ca or call 905-895-1120 ext. 257.



1940s

In memoriam, **Martin Shubik '43**, who passed away on August 22, 2018, was awarded the Class of 1842 in 1986 for his outstanding academic achievements. Professor Shubik was an economist, an expert in game theory and taught at the Yale School of Management. He considered himself a social scientist and a "micro-microeconomist." In his distinguished career, Martin held appointments at the University of Toronto, Princeton University, The Centre of Advanced Study of Behavioural Sciences, Pennsylvania State University, University of Chile, Institute for Advanced Studies (Vienna), the University of Melbourne and, of course, Yale. He published hundreds of research papers, delving into subjects including terrorism, football, nuclear strategy, antitrust and the demographics of inclusion body myositis, the disease from which he suffered. **1**

In memoriam, **Tom Aikenhead '44** passed away on September 2, 2018. Tom attended Pickering College from 1942 to 1944 and was a veteran of the Royal Canadian Navy. He worked at the family-owned merchant store Aikenhead Hardware, and created new businesses such as Cutlers Inc., Saladmaster, Chromolit Inc. and Aike Marketing Group Inc. Tom was a longtime and expert badminton player and skilled wood carver. He was heavily involved in local organizations and was awarded the Commemorative Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for his contributions. Pictured here is a portrait of Tom, painted by art master Fred Hagan. **2**

In memoriam, **Edward Bulman '45** passed away on September 25, 2018, at the age of 90. He attended Pickering College during the Second World War. He was a computer science professor at L'Université Laval before he retired.

In memoriam, **Jim Spring '47** passed away peacefully at his home on December 29, 2018, in his 90th year. He was an active alumnus, parent (**Jed '81, Jake '78**) and grandparent (**Jessica '04, Matheson '05**) and maintained his strong ties to the school throughout his life. Since 2002, Jim's "Spring Scholar" scholarship endowment fund has provided important support for many PC students. One of our most generous donors, his contributions over the years made the building of the '40s Student Lounge possible, among other projects. Jim was an active community member and supporter of local organizations. **3**

1950s

Brian Purdy '56 has received nine international awards for his 102.7 CHOP-FM video "ON AIR"—three Platinum, three Gold, two Silver and one Distinction.

1960s

In memoriam, **Paul Clubbe '61** passed away on November 24, 2018, unexpectedly, from complications that arose during a minor surgery. Paul was an alumnus and parent of **Leslie '04** and **Greg '10**. He had served on the PC Corporation since 2002 and was an active volunteer in many aspects of the school—most notably as Chair of the PCA and Chair of the Golf Tournament.

In memoriam, **John Fox '63** passed away on March 12, 2018, in his 76th year. John attended Pickering College from 1958-1961 and played hockey, football and was a member of the 30 Club.

1970s

Former staff Kim Bilous had the opportunity to have dinner with **Tee Wee Lee '76**, and met his wife Joanne Wong and their youngest son Isaac (Lee) who is studying business at Singapore Management University. His family is in the hotel and hospitality business in Singapore and beyond. **4**

1980s

In memoriam, **Michael Culotta '84** passed away on June 19, 2013, in his 48th year. Michael attended Pickering College from 1979 to 1984 and was a member of Silver House.

Isaias Medina III '85 is an Edward S. Mason Fellow Candidate for a master's degree in public administration with a certificate in management, leadership and science of decision making, at Harvard Kennedy School of Government. He is also the Chairman of two student-led centres: the Global Leadership Society and the Anticorruption Bloc.

1990s

In memoriam, **Jonathan Black '91** passed away on May 5, 2018. Jon attended Pickering College from 1985 to 1988 and was a member of Silver House.

In memoriam, **Chad Day '95** passed away on September 12, 2018. Chad attended Pickering College in 1993 and 1994.

In memoriam, **Jennifer Castellino '96** passed away on August 24, 2018. Jennifer was a Widdrington Award winner and a member of Red House. **5**

Congratulations to current Board member **Patrick Turner '97** (centre) who recently graduated from the University of Waterloo's master of environment and business program. **6**

Lisa (Harun) Trzeciecki '97, a graduate of the University of Toronto, spent nearly ten years in the Middle East and Africa. Lisa was the editor in chief of two magazines, and had the good fortune to work with both the UNHCR and CIDA and then transitioned into the private sector. Ultimately Lisa leaned into finance which took her into the toy sector (and to Hong Kong) where she met her partner, Michael, in her latest venture and in life. In 2013, Michael and Lisa founded Vapium Inc., a technology company that builds delivery platforms for medicinal cannabis. Their holding company built and manages three technology-focused brands in this space and which are a resident of JLABS (Johnson & Johnson). Lisa gains satisfaction helping people access medicine in a meaningful way and marvels at the outcome of seeing her ideas on the shelves. "We are building a world we want to inhabit, reframing conflict as a chance to experiment with solutions." Lisa has worn many hats over the course of her career and to some degree she credits PC for helping shape that courage. **7**

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2000s

Lisa Elliott '03 lives in a little town called Sebright, ON, with her husband and daughter. She works in Orillia as a Designated Early Childhood Educator with the Simcoe County District School Board. Following high school Lisa studied theatre then moved to social work, completed her diploma in early childhood education and went back to complete a degree in child and family studies. Outside of work, her life is her family. Lisa's hobby still is, and will always be, theatre but Lisa has taken a hiatus from acting, spending her days with their two-year-old daughter.

Kiara Paylor '03 attended PC for Grades 4 and 5, one of the first girls at PC. After graduation from public school, Kiara lived

abroad in Mexico for a year before completing a double major in Spanish literature and criminology from Western University. Passionate about languages, she spent her third year of undergrad learning Portuguese in Brazil, studying at a university in Sao Jose do Rio Preto. She continued studying languages in the MA program at Western, before changing course to attend law school at the University of Ottawa. Kiara articulated with the Ministry of the Attorney General for Ontario in the Justice Policy Division. Once she was called to the bar, Kiara stayed with the Ministry as counsel with the Innovation Office. Kiara has since been working as policy counsel at the Federation of Law Societies of Canada, which is the national coordinating body for the legal regulators across the country.

Kiara volunteers on the Diversity Committee for the County of Carleton Law Association. Her passions outside of work include traveling and participating in new cultures, reading, Latin dance and yoga.

Rik Vandelinde '03 was the first participant in the Alumni Book-er's Run this fall. With the time of 16.07 to beat, he is looking forward to some alumni competition at next year's race! Pictured here with current faculty, Marc dela Bastide. **1**

Jon Eden '04 and **Victor Alianitch '04** reunited in Russia when Jon and his father embarked on a trip together and took in some soccer games. **2**

Chelsea Brown '05, a passionate champion of people and social causes, is also the VP

Development and Operations for Clarity Management Group and Founder and CEO of Millie, which launched this year.

Millie inspires and supports women in their journey to live true. Millie offers women transformative experiences in two ways: through an ongoing speaker series, Millie Speaks, and female-focused travel, Millie Travels. Follow at Millie.ca or @journeywmillie. Chelsea's father, Dennis, is now retired and her mother, Debi, is the Founder and CEO of Clarity Management Group, a management consulting firm that specializes in corporate-wide program delivery. She is also the author of a *New York Times*-noted program management book called *It's All in the Delivery: How to Move Mountains without Crushing the Villagers*. **3**



Nicholas Pantaleo '04 is an award-winning social, digital and content strategist. Working at Toronto Global, his team leads the creation and execution of organic and paid social media campaigns and website strategies. Toronto Global is the investment promotion agency that attracts foreign direct investment to the Toronto region. Nicholas and his team recently received two Gold Excellence in Economic Development Awards from the International Economic Development Council in Atlanta for their Amazon HQ2 social media campaign. Congratulations Nicholas! **4**

Jesco Puluj '05, who hails from Munich, graduated with an MA in filmmaking from the Raindance Film School. At a 10-day Vipassana meditation

retreat, Jesco was inspired to make a movie about the return of Buddha and explore how his view of the modern world would be. He spent many years traveling the world by himself, equipped with a camera, to find the most intriguing monks for his documentary. For example, he attended a concert of a monk rock band in Tokyo and met the world's first robot monk in China. You can see the trailer for *The Odd Monk* at www.the-odd-monk.com. **5**

Since graduating Pickering College in 2006, **Natasha Gilbert '06** went on to complete her HBKin at Lakehead University, followed by her MSc in physiotherapy at Leeds Beckett University in the UK. Following her graduation, Natasha volunteered at the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games,

which led to a job with the Toronto 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games as the medical coordinator.

In 2015, Natasha moved to Germany to work for the International Paralympic Committee traveling with World Para Swimming, working as the classification coordinator for events. She now resides in Alberta working for the 2019 Canada Winter Games, continuing her work in sports medicine.

Alison Joutsu '06, LLB, MBA, is a Reputation Management Consultant for National Public Relations in Toronto. Alison also writes articles for *Bay Street Bull* magazine, highlighting women in business and more. **6**

Allan Kong '08 had a chance

to visit PC while in town from Hong Kong, pictured here with Headmaster Peter Sturup. He also met up with **James Mitchinson '08** while in California. **7,8**

In memoriam, **Cameron Seawright '09** passed away suddenly on October 14, 2018. Cameron attended Pickering College from 2003 to 2009, was a member of Silver House and played softball, basketball and rugby. **9**

Louis Engel '09 and **Joachim Reinert '10** stopped by PC for a visit with their former boarding family head, current faculty Jay Fletcher, pictured here with current student **Harrison Frank '24**. Louis is studying biology at Waterloo and Joachim has a marketing job in London, England. **10**

Beth Allan '01 balances a teaching career that she loves with a passion for chasing and capturing storms in photographs.



Eyes on the ground

Beth Allan '01 credits Pickering College with giving her the confidence to try new things, without fear of failure. She says Pickering College provided her with "that foundation of 'you're safe and you can experiment and explore without feeling like you're going to screw things up beyond all reckoning.'"

It's a philosophy she has carried over to her full-time teaching career as a school counsellor at a high school just east of the city of Calgary. There, she counsels

students in Grades 10 to 12 who are contemplating their own futures as she helps them to discover what they are passionate about. "It's about seeing them go from a scared Grade 10 [student] to seeing them years later doing something exciting and living a really good life—it's just nice to be a part of that growing up experience."

But teaching isn't Beth's only passion—she likes to live life on the edge with a hobby that few people have the stomach to pursue. During her summers off, you'll

find Beth criss-crossing the prairies in pursuit of the next storm supercell.

Her fascination with storms did not come naturally—in fact, as a child she found them completely terrifying, often hiding in the basement at the first sound of thunder. To help her to overcome her fear, her parents gave her books about storms. As her curiosity grew, they gave her a storm-chasing tour in the US Midwest as a university graduation gift. The experience was life changing.



It's kind of like skydiving," she explains. "The adrenaline you get from seeing a really incredible storm is just addictive—you can't really give it up!"

Mentored by some expert storm chasers, Beth, who professes she was never strong in science, taught herself about meteorology, weather and clouds, and began venturing out on her own. She now does her own forecasting and has become an established Canadian storm chaser whose time-lapse photography has been

featured in documentaries and garnered millions of views on YouTube. She has also forged a good relationship with Environment Canada and they know they can rely on her to be their eyes and ears on the ground.

"This year, we were chasing a bunch of storms in Saskatchewan and I called in a tornado—they (Environment Canada) hadn't even realized that the storm was starting to put one down," she says. "My first priority is reporting what I see and

making sure that can be used to generate warnings for the general public more quickly than someone watching from two provinces away. I'm not saving lives but I'm certainly helping people to get their cars in the garage before the hail gets there," she laughs. Beth is grateful for having the flexibility to pursue a career she loves and balance that with her passion for storm chasing. "It's the best of both worlds and I don't think I would ever give one up for the other—it's a really good life!"

To view more of Beth's amazing photographs, visit www.bethallan.photoshelter.com or follow her on Instagram [#adolwyn](#) and Twitter [@adolwyn](#)

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2010s

Nathalie Breitschwerdt '11 studied political science and German literature at McGill University and subsequently relocated to London, England, shortly after obtaining her bachelor's degree. She's been with Condé Nast Publications for nearly three years, managing beginning-to-end content creation and publishing projects for luxury brands and ultra-high net worths. Outside Condé Nast, she continues to write for luxury lifestyle publications on travel, gastronomy and cars,

while also advising on brand/individual positioning strategies through media activation. **1**

Mark Sochaniwskyj '15 graduated from culinary school in April and has gone back to the University of Toronto to study Nutrition. Mark also just completed his third marathon, shaving off 40 minutes from his previous best. **2**

Adam Starr '16 represented his school, St. Francis Xavier University and the Schwartz Business School,

at the JDC Central (JDCC) competition. JDCC is the largest undergraduate business school competition in Central Canada, which brings over 700 student delegates together from Ontario, Québec and the Maritimes. Adam is a member of the academic entrepreneurship team and the vice president of marketing for JDCC. **3**

Emily Perkovic '16 is in her third year at the University of Victoria, majoring in biology with a concentration in

marine science and a minor in ocean science. Interested in conservation work and wanting to protect and better understand sharks, Emily interned at the South African Shark Conservancy this past summer. Among many other things, she helped tag and care for cat sharks and cow sharks, deploy BRUVS (baited remote underwater video stations) and monitor white sharks (*C. carcaharias*), and also took part in a large-scale genetic sampling program. **4,5**



Staff News

Happy anniversary to **Janet Downer**, who just completed her 30th academic year at PC. In 1987, Pickering College was an all-boys school for Grades 7 to 13. Janet and her husband David (past faculty) have fond memories of those early years, as they lived on campus and welcomed students into their home. Janet is presently the Director of Middle and Senior School. She is an avid swimmer. Janet and David have two daughters, Kate and Victoria. Kate is 28 and is a paramedic with Toronto EMS. Victoria, now 22, is completing an outdoor adventure program at Algonquin College, hoping to pursue a career in Search and Rescue. Janet is in touch with many alumni and says to drop by the school anytime and say hello!

PC says goodbye to **Cristy Drake**, who joined Pickering College in 2012 as Co-curricular Director as well as teacher, coach and advisor. While here, she introduced new co-curricular options such as paddling/canoeing and clubs including The Shop and Field to Fork. In addition, she organized two highly-successful trips to Inuvik and hosted Inuvik students here at PC. A very popular advisor and teacher, she will most definitely be missed by staff, students and alumni alike. Cristy is pursuing a career as a Psychological Associate. Best of luck, Cristy!

Retired faculty member **Dean Gessie** won Finalist/Highly Commended in the Melbourne Poets Union International Poetry Competition. Dean's poem was read by the head judge at the Awards Ceremony in Melbourne. Dean has won multiple international prizes, including the Bacopa Literary Review Short Story Competition based in Florida. Dean has also published three novellas: *Guantanamo Redux*, *A Brief History of Summer Employment* and *TrumpeterVille*.



Linking yourself to your high school is just as important as to your university. Your PC alumni network, with over 5,000 active alumni, can help create business opportunities, job referrals, mentorships, or gather information about post-secondary programs within a community that is easily approachable and accessible.

Connect yourself to the PC LinkedIn network by ensuring your education field is linked to PC. Many alumni using LinkedIn list Pickering College, but only a very few are directly linked and therefore don't show up in searches.

Pickering College's Global Leadership Program is an internationally-recognized program where students learn to become agents of courageous, ethical and positive change. Connecting with PC on your LinkedIn profile links you to a school recognized for its innovation and success, and allows other PC alumni to find you easily.

You are part of the PC community, display it proudly and reap the benefits!

Leaders in Residence at

The Pickering College Leader-in-Residence program brings outstanding and accomplished leaders to share their experience, insights, wisdom and advice to our students, to be a model for the students and recognize this as an exceptional opportunity to positively influence young people.

Please see page 26 for a profile and recap of Lawrence Taylor '78's Fall 2018 visit.



Peter Dobbs '87: Leader in Residence, Spring 2018

Peter Dobbs is the President of Enginess and Simplify Wireless. He is an accomplished technology innovator and entrepreneur. A deeply knowledgeable e-commerce/e-procurement business builder, Peter designed the e-procurement technology that is the backbone for multiple wireless carrier business-direct ordering systems and the wireless operations management system that operates many large enterprise and government wireless and IoT fleets.

Peter was instrumental in the creation of multibillion-dollar Fanatics.com where he architected the business model and technology for the start-up that led to the rapid growth of the world's largest online retailer of licensed sports merchandise.

Peter attended Grade 9 at Pickering College in 1984 and was on the U15 hockey team and in the equestrian club. He is a member of Blue House. Peter, his wife and two sons live in Toronto.

Pickering College



Quinn Ross '94: Leader in Residence, Fall 2018

Former Chair of the Student Committee and boarding student, Quinn Ross '94, is a managing partner at The Ross Firm, a 10-lawyer regional firm with offices across Southwestern Ontario. Quinn was responsible for moving their firm to fully robotic process automation and cloud-based solutions; now their entire operation is paperless. His areas of expertise include real estate and corporate/commercial law.

Quinn is the Immediate Past President of the Ontario Bar Association, an organization representing 18,000 lawyers in the province. He is now seeking election as a Benchler (member of the board of directors) of the Law Society of Ontario, the organization that regulates the 55,000 lawyers and paralegals in Ontario. He credits Pickering College for "making him the man he is today." As a vocal advocate for gender equality, he speaks openly about the choices he makes to achieve work-life balance, as he and his wife Erin revel in watching their young daughter Greyson grow. Quinn frequently lectures at the Ontario Bar Association, Western University, Osgoode Hall Law School and the Law Society of Ontario.



I-THINK SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS

Our educational partner I-Think, incubated at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management, facilitated a group of community members, including alumni, through an innovative and engaging process of Integrative thinking: Causal Modelling, to envision our future in two key areas: Drive a Digital Transformation and Create a Culture of Disruptive Innovation. Many thanks to Charles Beer '59, Kevin Cassar '92, Peter Dobbs '87, Heward Lee '78, Gabby Macias '16, Calvin Nunn '15, Adam Shully '78 and Patrick Turner '97 for their efforts and valuable input.

Pictured here from left to right: Kim Bartlett (current faculty), Erin Altosar (I-Think facilitator), Nogah Kornberg (I-Think facilitator), Headmaster Peter Sturrrup, Beric Farmer (current parent) and Peter Dobbs '87.

PCA



The strength of the Pickering College Association lies in the diversity of our community.



Aligning with the school's mission, demonstrating our values of compassion, community, integrity, respect and responsibility in all that we do, the PCA strives to make every member of our multi-national community feel welcome, provide opportunities for their engagement and continue to educate on ways families can support the school. The strength of the PCA lies in the diversity of our community. We work to foster relationships, create networks and engagement opportunities through social events, fundraisers and more.

Two of our International Family Rep volunteers, Vivian Lee and Helen Pei (pictured above), have been working to create an inclusive and welcoming environment for our Chinese families by providing translation help, organizing cultural activities and helping PC learn new ways to communicate directly with our Chinese families via WeChat. With their efforts and the support of many of our Chinese families both here and abroad, volunteers brought in mooncakes to distribute to the Senior School students and information about the Autumn Moon Festival. Additionally, we continue to host Chinese Family Coffee Socials so that questions can be addressed and translated, and our families can get to know the faculty and staff.



PCA EXECUTIVE 2018-2019

PCA Chair:
Donna Fordyce

Gala Co-chairs:
Mirella Morra
Karen Whetstone

Golf Tournament
Co-chairs:
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Steve Gruhl

Grade Rep Coordinator:
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Holiday Home Tour
Co-chairs:
Susan Cooper
Donna Fordyce

Interguild Liason:
Susan Cooper

New Family Mentor
Co-chairs:
Vivian Lee
Andie Desforges

Spring Luncheon
Committee Chair:
Patti Wietzes

Staff Appreciation
Committee Chair:
Krystie Robinson-Vincent

The PCA was happy to welcome back our families at the annual Welcome Family BBQ and helped kick off the school year with the ever-successful Fun Fair, this year, taking refuge from a wind storm inside Egan House.

The PCA Grade Lunches continued this year with great success, and the Grade 12 Parents were treated to a special celebration, kicking off their child(ren)'s last year here at PC.

Kellie McKay, our New Family Mentor Chair, is handing over the reins after four years in this role. The role is now being split into Junior and Senior, ably taken up by Vivian Lee and Andie Desforges. Many thanks Kellie for your years of dedication and commitment! The New Family Mentor program supports our new families by connecting them with existing PC families.

Planning is well underway for the 2019 Golf Tournament, the Spring Luncheon and the 2020 Gala. If you would like to be involved by volunteering on a committee, becoming a sponsor or would like to contribute, please contact Anna Cook at acook@pickeringcollege.on.ca for more information.

14TH ANNUAL PICKERING COLLEGE

Holiday Home Tour

On November 16 and 17, 2018, Pickering College was proud to present the 14th Annual Pickering College Holiday Home Tour, generously sponsored by Buckley Insurance Brokers Ltd. The 2018 tour featured six unique homes in Aurora, Newmarket, King Township, Schomberg and Sharon. The committee was thrilled to showcase four new designers on the tour, adding to the spectacular designs of long-time supporters ADM Design and Design Line Studio.

Christmas ponies, equestrian demonstrations by Queen's Court Riding Academy, a meet and greet with PC parent and equestrian Olympian Belinda Trussell, a holiday photo booth, CDA Dance Academy ballerinas, vintage sleighs, scrumptious tastings, and inspiring entertainment all enhanced the festive feel of this year's event.

We are grateful for the tremendous support of our kind sponsors. Thank you to our tour guests for choosing to kick off their holiday season with the Pickering College Holiday Home Tour. Finally, we are indebted to the Pickering College Facilities staff & Aramark Food Services team for their enthusiastic participation.

The Saturday Seasonal Boutique & Café offered a dazzling array of gift items for our holiday shoppers, while the café offered a delicious menu for a coffee stop or lunch. Thank you to our Seasonal Boutique sponsor Select Art Galleries, to the Pickering College School sponsor Anita Kotsovos, Remax Realtron Realty and to the Boutique Décor sponsor Grand Entrance Design.

The tour raised \$76,000, with proceeds benefitting both Pickering College and the Southlake Regional Health Centre *love lives here* campaign to bring Margaret Bahen Hospice to York Region. A huge thank you to the HHT Committee Co-chairs Donna Fordyce and Susan Cooper, as well as the 2018 committee for their tireless contributions to the success of the tour!







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2018-2019

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CORPORATION MEMBERS

2018-2019

Steve Barratt '86
Christina Bianco
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Beth Egan
Beric Farmer
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2018 AGM

PC BOARD AND CORPORATION NEWS

On Tuesday, November 20 at our Annual General Meeting, attendees learned that the school had another incredibly successful year and we continue to move forward as an organization in all ways—in our academic programs, strategically, fiscally, and with our Campus Master Plan. Our financial results continue to meet or exceed budget and prior-year performance. Our strong financial performance is critical to poise us for ensuring a financially-stable future and a fiscally-responsible execution of our Campus Master Plan. We completed a successful audit with an unqualified opinion from Grant Thornton LLP, Auditors. This past year, we approved our new Strategic Plan—with a revised Vision, Mission, Values, Guiding Principles and our three overarching goals Build, Fund, Innovate—and we have made progress in each area. After an excellent internal report and visit from the CAIS accreditation team, we received our CAIS accreditation along with recommendations and commendations.

Also at the AGM, we had the opportunity to thank the members of the Pickering College Board and Corporation, an exceptional group of volunteers, who provide leadership and direction for Pickering College. They generously give the gift of their time, their unique insights and their resources in support of our school.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome alumnus Ron Veitch '69 and current parent Vivian Lee to the Board of Directors and thank outgoing Board members Christina Bianco and Jonathan Knaul '87 who will continue on as Corporation members.

For the 2018-2019 year, we welcome seven new members to the Corporation, including Steve Barratt '86, Peter Dobbs '87, Donna Fordyce, Debra Scott, Riane Tse '07, Tony Van Bynen, and Duncan Walker '69. Thank you to our outgoing corporation members Charles Beer '59, Dawn Beswick, Darren Slind, (the late) Paul Clubbe '61, Julie Cochrane, Martin Hambrook and Thomas Tam '95 for your dedication and service.

THANK YOU TO DONORS

REPORT TO THE PICKERING COLLEGE COMMUNITY 2017-2018



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Once again, the people of Pickering have continued the tradition of philanthropic support for PC. More than \$1.6 million was donated last year by our generous community through annual fund gifts in support of programs, facilities and financial aid; through building our endowments; and through leadership support for *Light The Way* capital campaign for our Campus Master Plan. This support has helped fund those things that go to making Pickering the special place it has always been.

Our teams of dedicated volunteers have held spectacular events, including another grand Gala, our highly-regarded Holiday Home Tour, a fun-filled day of Golf, a heartwarming Grandparent and Special Friend Day, and our popular Coffee Socials. Alumni have come back to support these events and to get involved with the school as mentors and leaders for the Global Leadership Program.

This warm and welcoming community is a reflection of PC values, caring and commitment. The continued support from all corners of the PC community—families, alumni, staff and friends—is what helps make the difference. Alumni who graduated in earlier eras still see the same Pickering values in today's graduates as we prepare our students for their place in this rapidly-changing world. That is what keeps all of our families—past and present—connected and supportive.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of Pickering College during this past school year and who join us in looking forward to the next exciting stage in our school's history with our Campus Master Plan. We deeply and truly appreciate your involvement, your generosity and your commitment.

Thank you.



Peter Sturup
Headmaster



Kelly Mason
Chair, Board of Directors



Donna Fordyce
Chair, PCA

\$1,642,178

WAS DONATED IN 2017-2018.

\$175,555

WAS RAISED LAST YEAR TO SUPPORT

ENDOWMENTS

INCLUDING GENEROUS GIFTS
TO INCREASE FINANCIAL AID FOR
DESERVING STUDENTS.



\$60,100

GIFTS IN KIND

VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$60,100 WERE RECEIVED
BY PICKERING COLLEGE, INCLUDING INSTRUMENTS,
BOOKS, GIFTS OF ART AND PRIZES FOR OUR WONDER-
FUL EVENT AUCTIONS.



THE GIFT OF TIME

GENEROUS PC VOLUNTEERS DONATED
THOUSANDS OF HOURS
TO ACHIEVING THE SCHOOL'S GOALS.



LIGHTTHEWAY

IN 2017-2018, OVER \$1 MILLION WAS RAISED
IN CAPITAL DONATIONS (AS OF JUNE 30, 2018),
BRINGING THE *LIGHT THE WAY* CAMPAIGN TOTAL
TO OVER \$6M OF OUR \$10M GOAL.

\$435,263

ANNUAL GIVING AND SPECIAL EVENTS

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN TO ALL OF OUR
PARENTS, STUDENTS, ALUMNI, STAFF, BOARD AND
CORPORATION, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND SPONSORS.
YOUR PHILANTHROPIC AND EVENT SUPPORT FOR
PICKERING COLLEGE DEMONSTRATES TO ALL
YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE SCHOOL AND THIS
COMMUNITY.



LEADERSHIP GIVING: CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

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The late Jim Spring '47
Samuel Yen '89
Anonymous (1)

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The late Michael Mackenzie '45
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1950s

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Bill Bryant '58
George Cox '57
Richard Elston '56
Kenneth Hills '59
Stefan Israelier '52
Fred Little '56
Edward Lowry '51
James Murray '57
Brian Purdy '56

The late William Somerville '55
Michael Widdrington '55
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1960s

Jock Bates '61
James Brown '69
Robert Bryant '60
Thomas Bryant '66
Peter Bussell '61
Rolph Davis '60
Greg Dopulos '68
David Douglas '60
Ken Greason '64
Ronald Hons '60
Robert Rayner '62
Robert Russel '67
Herschell Sax '64
Roger Veale '61
Ronald Veale '63
Ron Veitch '69
Duncan Walker '69

1970s

Philip Allan '71
Mitchell Fasken '74
Heward Lee '78
Wilson Leung '79
Robert McDonald '78
Donald McLaren '76
Brian Meharg '78
Brian Reynolds '70
Christopher Rogers '70
David Rogers '76
Ed Rynard '70

1980s

Stephen Barratt '86
Howard Brice '85
Peter Dobbs '87
Tom Everson '84
Jeffrey Forde '82
Jonathan Knaul '87
Ted Krofchak '81
Jayson Rose '84
Stephen Rudberg '82
Dag Spicer '80
David White '88
Stephen Widdrington '83
Samuel Yen '89

1990s

Kevin Cassar '92
Robert Desouza '96
Robert Doyle '96
Victor Liu '95
Rocklyn Mohammed '93
Raymond Ng '99
Patrick Turner '97
Ryan Turner '99

2000s

David Allan '02
Talia Black '07
Robert Egan '06
Daniel Foch '09
Amanda Hamm '05
Gareth Sturup '09
Alex Zetzi '05

2010s

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13th Annual Pickering College Holiday Home Tour and Seasonal Boutique

NOVEMBER 17 & 18, 2017

Feedback on the 2017 event was very positive; guests enjoyed the variety of homes, the decor, the music, and the warm welcome they received from our volunteers. Thank you to participants and to our generous sponsors for their support of this tour. A special thank you to our title sponsor, Buckley's Insurance Brokers Ltd. The tour raised \$70,000, with proceeds benefitting both Pickering College and Doane House Hospice.

As an added feature to the 2017 tour, guests were treated to a festive concert series at the historic Sharon Temple with performances by our own Pickering College Senior Choir, as well as our Jazz and Strings ensembles. The Saturday series highlighted the tremendous musical talents of alumni Kat Harper '07, Garrett FitzGerald '17, as well as the North York Concert Band and the Salvation Army Kettle Band. Friday at the temple was "magical" said one vocal student.

The Pickering College Seasonal Boutique & Café welcomed over 800 guests who kicked off their holiday shopping from 44 vendors. A delicious menu was offered to shoppers and tour guests in the Seasonal Boutique Café. The 2017 Boutique opened the "Designers' Hall" where guests were invited to shop from Holiday Home Tour designers while listening to the tranquil acoustic sounds of alum David Howard '88.

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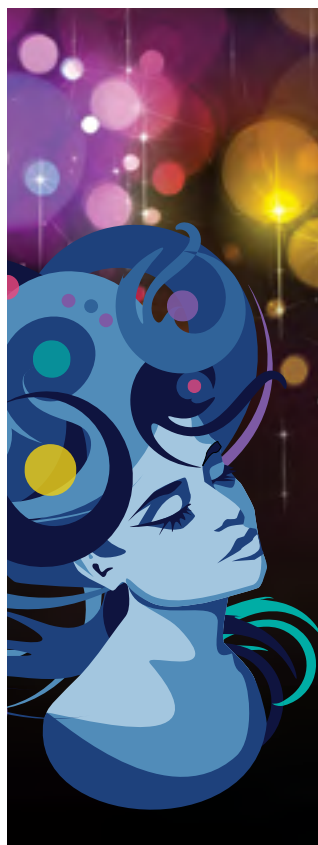
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Cirque de Rêves – Dare to Dream! Gala April 28, 2018

The Cirque de Rêves – Dare to Dream! Gala, with lead sponsor ADM Design, celebrated our shared vision for the Centre for Creativity and Innovation, which will provide learning spaces to inspire generations of global leaders. This much anticipated Pickering College event took place on our own beautiful campus, with friends coming together to celebrate and enjoy an enchanting evening.

Egan House was utterly transformed by our committee under the direction of the immensely talented Mr. Stephen Widdrington '83. Décor features were spectacular, replete with cirque designs, vivid colour through lighting by Fortis Consulting, centre ring models, a mime, magician, stilt walker and our own Jamie MacDougall '18 juggling. Centre ring entertainment included aerial silks, a gala ensemble performance of "A Million Dreams" and a pixel poi to open the Delirium Dance Club.

Cirque guests enjoyed theme-inspired pink elephant martinis, champagne and delectable hors d'oeuvres in the Busker Reception before being led by gala parade to the main event in Egan House. Aramark Food Service wowed with a "gastronomies" dinner menu, and scrumptious late night snacks of mini carnitas, one-bite icy treats, mini root beer floats and ice-encrusted elixirs. Guests danced to the beats of Rhythm Force while bidding on unique auction items through the Givergy electronic auction.

We are thrilled with the feedback received from our guests, specifically the warm welcome and feeling of community that our guests enjoyed. We were so pleased to welcome alumni parents, current parents, alumni, friends of PC, sponsors and special guests to celebrate Pickering College.

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The 19th Annual Pickering College Golf Tournament June 21, 2018

The 19th Annual Pickering College Golf Tournament was a resounding success thanks to the support of our many participants. Golfers enjoyed a spectacular day on the course under sunny skies, with a slight breeze to keep the heat at bay. Thanks to the generosity of our community, the 2018 golf tournament has raised \$73,498, with proceeds directed toward the rejuvenation of Memorial Field and the track.

Players showed their PUMA Spirit by dressing in House colours, decorating their golf carts, and through healthy rivalry at the course games and House competitions. Congratulations to Blue House, this year's winners of an ice-cream party and dress down day for students in their House.

The committee was pleased to work with Mercedes-Benz Newmarket for a second year running as our event Title sponsor, and are grateful to the many sponsors, donors and golfers for their support of this event. Thank you to the golf committee for their contributions to a great day, and congratulations to the winning foursome James Tovell, Joseph Ricci, Simon Spina and Mark Sum!

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SAVE THE DATE!

JUNE 20, 2019



Polish your clubs, warm up your swing and get ready for the **20th Annual Pickering College Golf Tournament** on Thursday, June 20, 2019.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY – JUNE 2019

Monday, February 4		Re-Enrolment Deadline (Boarding)
Wednesday, February 13		Re-Enrolment Deadline (Day)
Wednesday, February 27 & Thursday, February 28	8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Junior School Musical Production <i>Seussical KIDS</i>
Tuesday, March 5	8:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Winter Athletic Awards (Junior & Middle School) Winter Athletic Awards (Senior School)
Thursday, April 4	6:30 p.m.	Honour Society Reception
Tuesday, April 16	6:30 p.m.	Open House
Tuesday, April 30	11:00 a.m.	Spring Luncheon
Friday, May 3	1:00 p.m.	Grade 12 Capstone Finalist Pitches
Thursday, May 9	1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Grandparent & Special Friend Afternoon Junior and Middle School Springfest Senior School Springfest
Thursday, May 16	1:00 p.m.	Grade 5 – My Key Idea
Friday, May 24	8:30 a.m.	Sports Day
Tuesday, May 28	8:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Spring Athletic Awards (Junior & Middle School) Spring Athletic Awards (Senior School)
Thursday, May 30	9:45 a.m.	Senior School Closing Meeting
Tuesday, June 4	1:00 p.m.	Grade 8 – Expression of Self
Friday, June 7	8:30 a.m.	Junior and Middle School Closing Meeting
Tuesday, June 11	2:00 p.m.	Kindergarten Graduation
Wednesday, June 12	4:30 p.m.	Grade 8 Closing Ceremony
Thursday, June 13	7:00 p.m.	Grade 12 Grad Celebration
Friday, June 14	11:00 a.m.	Grade 12 Commencement Ceremony
Thursday, June 20		20 th Annual Golf Tournament



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- critical thinking abilities
- leadership and mentorship
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JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE

Meet students, staff, faculty and parents. Learn more about our specialized programming and go on a personal tour of our historic campus.

Tuesday, April 16

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

New class added in Grades 6 & 9!

Wednesday Admission Tours: Contact our Admission Office at (905) 895-1700 ext. 259.

SPEND-A-HALF DAY

Spend the morning at PC—attend class, meet our teachers and join us for lunch! Please note: Registration is required.

Friday, February 8

Friday, March 1

Monday, May 13



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