



Almost \$3,500 raised to support student wellness at NT

Thanks to the generosity of donors, the NT Foundation's Speaker Series events raised \$3,445 this year for its new Wellness Fund, which will help fund mental health resources for students to bolster existing support from the school's dedicated guidance department.

Approximately 150 people attended the two events, each featuring NT grads who are leaders in their fields. The first event, "Journalism in a Pandemic," was held in September. Moderated by David Brady ('87), CEO of Cream Productions, it addressed the issues faced by journalists over the last 18 months.

Keynote speaker Saša Petricic ('82), senior correspondent for CBC News, kicked off the evening with a fascinating account of his time in China at the beginning of the pandemic. Throughout the evening, alumni panelists Madeleine Cummings ('09), Deirdre Kelly ('79), Jee-Yun Lee ('91), and Allison Vuchnich ('89) shared their experiences as journalists who navigated the ever changing landscape of journalism throughout the pandemic. It was an engaging evening that also considered the role of journalism during times of crisis.

The second Speaker Series event was held in May, and focused on the youth mental health crisis. It was particularly timely, coming almost three months after the school lost one of their own to mental illness.

Amara Amalia Daulah Bey, who passed away on February 18, was a Grade 10 student who came to Canada with her mother two years ago from Bangladesh. A scholarship has been founded in the name of this extremely bright and high achieving student who loved the sciences. It will be awarded starting from the end of the 2023–2024 academic year, the year Amara would have graduated.

Keynote speaker Nicole German, parent of former NT student Maddie Coulter, spoke about her work with The Maddie Project, created in the name of her daughter, an NT student who lost her life to depression at age 14.

German shared some glaring statistics that reveal the importance of supporting mental health in youth: after accidents, suicide is the second leading cause of death for people aged 15 to 24, and nearly two-thirds of youth responding to a study in Ontario said their mental health has gotten worse since the pandemic. She also talked about things that can help: making wellness part of the curriculum, providing more mental wellness resources, and normalizing mental illness.

The keynote was followed by a panel discussion once again moderated by Brady with panelists Pete Bombaci ('85), Amy Rankin ('00), and Olivia O'Brien de la Torre ('18). All spoke movingly and openly about how mental illness had touched their lives.

The Foundation's Wellness Fund was developed in response to Canada's ballooning youth mental health crisis in partnership with the school's Guidance Department.

NT guidance counsellor Jenny Hayden explained in the fall that although many students were excited to be returning to in-person learning in September, a number felt underlying concerns "to varying degrees, from mild worry to clinical anxiety." The most common mental health concerns are anxiety and depression, Hayden noted.

As the pandemic continues to disrupt all our lives—including that of students—a strong support system is key for student success. The Wellness Fund will continue to support students' mental health needs during this time, and the Foundation is busy working on an event for the next school year.

If you or someone you know needs help, please consider one of these resources:

- Toronto Distress Centre:
for 24/7 counselling services, call 416-408-4357
- Kids Help Phone:
for 24/7 e-mental health support, call 1-800-668-6868 or text 686868.

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Supporting our school

Endeavouring to be helpful in uncertain times

This school year has continued to be a challenge for staff and students at NTCI.

Covid-19 and its variants have affected all aspects of student life. Things we took for granted in the past, like hanging out in the lunchroom, large sporting and musical events, and close in-class learning were all affected by the virus.

Under the leadership of our new principal Dr. Jane Lee and the excellent teaching and support staff, the school has managed to provide some innovative and successful strategies for students.

The Alumni Foundation has also endeavoured to play a helpful role in these uncertain times. One major initiative was to launch our Speakers Series that would address important topics and involve NTCI alumni as resources. We held two events this year, one on journalism and one on mental health. Both events were very successful, and the money raised has been used to establish a Wellness Fund in partnership with the NTCI Guidance department that will support mental health and wellness initiatives at the school.

We continued to hold our Dragon's Den initiative over Zoom and were pleased to help with funds for *Graffiti*, PALs, prom, and the men's and women's hockey teams. All board members were impressed with the student presentations and the students were very grateful for our help. At Commencement, which will be held in person for the first time since 2019, the Foundation will fund eight scholarship awards.

If your years at NTCI bring a smile to your face, please consider contributing your time and talents to our Advisory Board. We meet on Monday evenings seven or eight times during the school year, and are seeking alumni who are able to attend meetings (in person or virtually) and are keen to play an active role in the work of the NTCI Foundation. For more information and/or to indicate your interest, please contact me at rwakelin@utschools.ca.

Thank you for your continued support of the Foundation. Your contributions continue to make a meaningful difference in the quality of life for our NT students and staff. Your support is needed now more than ever.

Hail! North Toronto.

—Ron Wakelin ('64), Chair

Foundation Board re-elects directors

The North Toronto Collegiate Institute Foundation has been operating in one form or another since 1972.

It started as a Project Fund and was revised in 1987 to become the NTCI Foundation following the 75th anniversary celebrations for the school.

The Foundation is governed by a volunteer Advisory Board made up of alumni, the school's Principal, and two student representatives in their graduating year. The student reps are appointed by the Principal and provide valuable input on what is going on in the school and what matters to students. Three former student reps have been elected as full directors following their graduation. Two of those grads were key promoters of the first, successful Speakers Series event that was held in September.

Director graduating years range from 1964 to 2020. This helps the Foundation represent each generation of people who have passed through NTCI. This is also important in identifying class representatives who will start the organizing process for major grad celebrations, such as 5-, 10-, 25-, 30-, 40-, and 50-year anniversary events.

At our November 2021 meeting re-election of directors took place for a two year period, and we elected a new director who offered to help out. The newly elected directors then appointed an Executive, consisting of the Chair—Ron Wakelin ('64), Interim Vice-Chair—Barbara Szelinger ('82), Treasurer—Stephanie Jones ('08), and Secretary—Brian Maltman ('71).

The range of career and life experience among directors allows us to discharge all the duties of the Foundation with professionalism and bring diverse points of view to our work. Backgrounds of directors include teaching, publications, business management, accountancy, law, fundraising, creative production, and entrepreneurship. That expertise is put to work in the Advisory Board teams, including Archives, Communications, Fundraising, Grants, and Finance.

Serving on the Foundation's Advisory Board is rewarding and meaningful. Directors collaborate with a dynamic group of people who bring rich experience to offer alumni communication and support to a school that has had a significant role in shaping who we are. It is a great way to give back.

Calling all '70, '71, and '72 grads!

The pandemic has made organizing reunions next to impossible! However, barring further setbacks and public health measures, we are planning to change that this fall by holding a "50 years plus 1 or 2" gathering for NT alumni. If you are on an NT mailing list and were in the

class of '70, '71, or '72, you'll be receiving an informational email from organizers Lorraine Clarkson and Brian Maltman in the next few weeks.

To help us build our contact list, please ask other grads from these years to send their contact information to ntci70to72@gmail.com.



The Foundation paid the registration fees for a two-day tournament at York University, enabling the athletic council to pay for some much needed new pant shells for the Varsity Girls Hockey team.

Giving Tuesday appeal raises \$450 in 24 hours

On November 30, we marked Giving Tuesday by sending out a special email appeal to fellow alumni, just as in-person activities at the school were just starting to resume.

After 18 months of the pandemic, which offered very little in the way of normal life for high school students, North Toronto was finally starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel. With a return to some extra-curricular activities, clubs and sports, the school was certainly buzzing, albeit more quietly than usual, and NT students were getting back to the things they love.

In athletics, the girls field hockey team was back in action, with practices almost daily and a near perfect record in their games. Intramurals featured prominently as well, allowing students to play competitively amongst classmates. And the music scene had returned, with band, choir, and strings all resuming in-person rehearsals.

Thanks to your support, we raised \$450 in 24 hours for our general fund. Your donations help us:

- support school clubs, mental health initiatives, and organizations through a Dragon's Den approach
- promote alumni events like fundraisers, concerts, and school tours
- facilitate communications with NTCI alumni through the Foundation's annual newsletter, email communications, and website
- collect, preserve, restore, and catalogue the school's archives
- organize large events such as the 100th anniversary in May 2012.

We continue to rely on donations like these to support our activities.

Please consider donating in one of three ways:

- through Canada Helps:
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/north-toronto-collegiate-institute-foundation/>
- by joining the Norse Club, a monthly giving program:
<https://ntci.on.ca/foundation/donations/the-norse-club/>
- completing the enclosed form and mailing a cheque.

Dragon's Den sponsors PALS and proms

This past February, NT student groups had the opportunity to request funds from the NT Foundation in the bi-annual Dragon's Den. As part of our mandate, the NT Foundation welcomes financial requests from student-led groups to help support the arts, athletics, and student well-being. Over the years, the Foundation has helped send students on outreach trips, supported in-school workshops, and helped fund the annual Remembrance Day assembly.

This winter, we heard from four groups. Each gave thoughtful and creative presentations, outlining their financial needs, as well as an explanation of how these funds would be beneficial to the wider NT student body.

Graffiti, the school's newspaper, is printed twice a year. Although printing costs are offset by advertising money from local stores and the school budget, printing costs remain high. This year, the Foundation gave the newspaper \$1,280 towards the printing fee.

The Varsity Girls Hockey team came with a request to help pay for the registration fee for the two-day CanLan Spring Classic Hockey Tournament at York University School Tournament, which the Foundation granted.

PALS, a peer mentoring group charged with welcoming Grade 9 students and helping them adjust to high school life, requested funds for a Winter Wonderland event in March. The event was an overdue welcome to Grade 9 and ESL students who were not properly welcomed at the beginning of the school year due to Covid-19 restrictions. The Foundation gave them a financial contribution of \$640 towards the Winter Wonderland festival.

Finally, the prom committee asked for financial support towards grad gifts and treats being sold at prom. The committee wanted to enhance the experience for these grads at prom; as well, the cost of events has increased due to safety protocols. The Foundation granted the committee \$1,280.



The NTCI Marching Band after performing in the Niagara Falls Santa Claus Parade in November.

From the archives

NTCI students
exploring Pompeii
in March 2012.



Classicists assemble!

From its founding in 1912 to the end of June 2021, the school had a Classics program that provided a nurturing home for many students and teachers. Teachers offered Latin, Classical Civilization, and sometimes Ancient Greek courses, and organized trips to Italy, Greece, and Egypt.

From 2000 onwards, the NTCI Classics Club attended performances of operas, and participated in inter-school competitions such as Certamen and the Ontario Student Classics Conference. Long-time Classics teachers and department heads included Elmer S. Walkom, Gladys Lewis, R.R. “Bud” Page, Ruby Hilliker, Pearl McPherson, Alexander Sutton, Gerald McGowan, Don McNeil, Jane Kennedy, and Maggie Rogow.

For many students, the multi-day Classics Conference at Brock University in May was the highlight of the year. Classics clubs from 15 to 20 schools would come together to compete in various sporting, academic, and artistic events, all while showcasing their work from the previous school year.

But in 2021, with the retirement of Maggie Rogow, who taught Latin, Classical Civilization, and Ancient Greek starting in 2000, the NTCI’s 109-year-old Classics program ended because there was no one on staff who could carry it on.

We hope that in the not-too-distant future, a teacher who can offer Classics courses will again join the NTCI roster. For now, the Classics Club continues to meet online every two weeks to participate in presentations on mythology, history, the arts, and philosophy, including adaptations in modern works such as the Harry Potter and Percy Jackson series.

To preserve the records of the NTCI Classics program’s

achievements, Maggie Rogow, Joshua Chong (’19), Olivia McLeod (’19), Talia Hunter (’16), Ava Singh (’20), and other alumni have been working on creating a digital archive that will be hosted on the NTCI and Foundation websites and available to the school and alumni community. Nancy Baines, archivist for NTCI and the Foundation, has provided invaluable help in researching the program’s past.

We also hope to create a physical display in the school and are exploring suitable locations to house the memorabilia. We are considering spaces in the hallway near the language classrooms and also the Heritage Room. Electronic versions will also be available in the digital archive.

So far, the digital archive includes thousands of photos of material from the Classics program and club, including student projects, skit costumes, chariot designs, scrapbooks, and photos documenting important events.

However, the archive needs material from earlier epochs in the NTCI Classics program. Therefore, we invite alumni and former staff to submit photos and reminiscences from their own experiences with NTCI Classics courses, teachers, extracurricular activities, and trips.

Do you have pictures of yourself and your friends on that school trip to Italy, Greece, or Egypt? Was there a Roman banquet, a performance of scenes from a comedy or tragedy, or an excursion that you can’t forget? Notes on how Classics at NT has influenced your later life would also be welcome additions. Please send your materials to: ntcifoundation@ntci.on.ca with the subject line *Classics Digital Archive*.



Do you recognize this picture?

In the last *Foundation News*, Archivist Nancy Baines wrote about slaying a very particular dragon: identifying and cataloging an extensive number of posed and casual pictures, taken by former members of *Pentagon* staff from the 1960s to the 1990s. The snapshots have no mention of year, team, or the context of the pictures. You can read more about this project on the Foundation website at <https://bit.ly/NTCIarchive>.

In the meantime, we’re going to start publishing these photos in the hope that you can help. If you recognize anyone in these photos, please let us know! Email us at ntcifoundation@ntci.on.ca and put *For the archives* in the subject line.



Michael Hoecht with the 2013-2014 senior football team in the back row, third from right.

Football and a cello: alumni in the news

Emily D'Angelo ('12), won a Juno Award in the Best Classical Album Award (Solo) category for her album *energeia*. Although Emily played cello at NT, she pursued vocal music at university. Emily was featured in our 2016 Maytime Melodies concert as one of the soloists in Mozart's Requiem.

That said there are a number of people who graced the halls of North Toronto, but never graduated from them. Farley Mowat and Keanu Reeves come to mind. And now, Michael Hoecht, who attended NT in the 2013-14 academic year.

The Los Angeles Rams defensive end was born in Oakville, Ontario, moved to Ohio, then to Ottawa and then spent a year at

NT, before moving back to Ohio (Oakwood High School). In 2020, after attending Brown University, he was drafted by the Rams and the Ottawa Redblacks, playing in the 2021-22 season for the Rams including the win over the Cincinnati Bengals in Super Bowl LVI.

While at North Toronto, Hoecht played on the senior football team. Coach Shawn Hood describes Hoecht as "one of the hardest working players I have ever had." He added that after practice, when Hood was leaving the school, Hoecht was still on the field running. "He truly deserves all of the success and he has earned it the old fashioned way."

Emily D'Angelo: NT's claim to fame

The 2022 Juno Awards are fast approaching, and while I don't know much about the nominees, I do know one thing: this year, North Toronto C.I. has a personal connection.

Emily D'Angelo, NT alum of 2012, is nominated for the 2022 Juno Awards in the Best Classical Album Award (Solo) category for her album *energeia*, featuring newly-interpreted works from the 12th and 21st centuries. NPR named it one of the 50 best albums of 2021, featured it on their 100 best songs of 2021, and CBC called it the best Canadian classical album of 2021.

The 28-year-old vocalist is a University of Toronto graduate, earning a Bachelor of Music in vocal performance before joining the Canadian Opera Company's Ensemble Studio. She is a graduate of the Metropolitan Opera Lindemann Young Artist Development Program, the Canadian Opera Company Ensemble Studio, and the Ravinia Steans Institute.

D'Angelo has already had endless accomplishments in her short time in the spotlight, including being a Lincoln Center Emerging Artist, the first and only vocalist to win the Leonard Bernstein Award from the Schleswig-Holstein Musik Festival, Canada's "Top 30 Under 30" Classical Musicians, WQXR NYC Public Radio's "40 Under 40," and various (endless) opera-singing competitions.

Although she studied and later pursued vocal performance in university, she played cello during her time at NT. In 2016, D'Angelo made a sort of "encore" at her high school to perform a solo in Mozart's Requiem, flooring everyone who heard her powerful and beautiful voice.

She captured the attention of Ms. Monteith, recently retired NT teacher, who had nothing but kind words to say about the successful star. Ms. Monteith got to know D'Angelo in grade 10 or 11 when she overheard her cello playing—"focused on getting a passage of the music they were playing, not just right, but actively working at making it sound very expressive."

In an homage to her high school-born love for cello, many of her recordings feature a cello as a duet partner. "Her career is taking off into the stratosphere, but her feet are still planted on the ground, in this nod to her high school self," says Ms. Monteith.

Find her album and more works on Spotify, Apple Music, Youtube Music.

—Katie Distin

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NT marks a very special Yom HaShoah

Bill Glied was just a child—the best goalie on his school’s soccer team—when he became a target.

Born in September 1930 in what is now Serbia near the Hungarian border, Glied had a wonderful, happy early childhood. His family had lived in the area for centuries, with many of the men having served honourably in the country’s army.

In 1936, Nazi Germany invaded what was then Yugoslavia and everything changed. People who had lived beside them peaceably for so long were suddenly turned against them. All because Glied’s family was Jewish, marked for persecution that was legitimized and encouraged by the state.

Glied remembered very clearly when he had to start wearing a star; how Jews were prohibited from walking on sidewalks, going to a movie theatre, and owning a radio. He was pushed out of the soccer team and made to sit in the back of class, then told he could no longer go to school altogether.

His family survived until May 1944, when they—and all the other Jewish people in the area—were told to pack a bag, and marched down the main street to the train station. They were jammed into cattle cars and shipped to east Auschwitz. His mother, sister, and grandparents were murdered in the gas chambers upon arrival.

Glied and his father were transferred as slave labourers to Dachau Concentration camp. There, only 13 and 14 years old, he worked 12 hours a day, doing back breaking labour. He credits his father, who died just nine days before liberation, for his survival. Among the first Jewish orphans admitted to Canada, Glied rebuilt his life here, married, had three children and eight grandchildren and passed away in February 2018.

In the last decades of his life, he dedicated himself to sharing his story. Together with his daughter, Michelle Glied-Goldstein, he founded Carrying Testimony from Generation to Generation to ensure that students continue to learn the history and lessons of the Holocaust through meaningful personal connections to Survivors and their descendants.

Inspired by Elie Wiesel, who said “When you hear a witness, you become a witness,” Carrying Testimony films intimate interviews with Holocaust Survivors that are then presented by a descendent along with photos and other artifacts that illustrate their family history.

It was through this unique program that North Toronto was able to mark a very special Yom HaShoah, or Holocaust Remembrance Day, in late April as Michelle Glied-Goldstein shared her father’s

story with NT students. For many, it was their first high school assembly ever, and a powerful one.

“I had a hard time listening to that, but it must be even harder to tell that story, so thank you,” said a student in the question and answer period afterward.

Glied had previously presented to the school in person about five years ago, said NT’s Head of History and Social Science Greg Hobson, after students had approached him saying they didn’t think the Holocaust was being covered enough.

“A lot of the kids have not had an opportunity to hear a survivor give testimony,” said Jennifer Schwartz, a Guidance Counsellor at the school who helped organize the event. The granddaughter of Holocaust survivors herself, she was joined by her family at the assembly. There were also several representatives from the TDSB and many media outlets in attendance.

“The thing that affected me the most was hearing how brutal it was in the camps,” said Grade 10 student Anthony Law. “I knew it was brutal; it is one thing to hear about it, but another to hear about it so personally.”

Over 44 schools in the TDSB had similar programming to mark Holocaust Remembrance Day, in a renewed effort to share the history with students after troubling incidents of antisemitism in middle schools earlier this year.

Antisemitism appears to be on the rise in Canada, reported B’nai Brith Canada in its 40th annual audit of antisemitism for 2021 that was released in April. Antisemitic incidents rose by 7.2% over 2020, and nearly eight antisemitic incidents occurred every day in Canada in 2021.

For Glied-Goldstein, one of the key lessons of the Holocaust is understanding the role of those who simply watch it all happen without doing or saying anything. “We need to talk more about bystanders,” she said, “those who knew what was going on and stood by and did nothing.”

Grade 11 student Sophie Block is hopeful. She went to Jewish Day School before attending North Toronto, so she is familiar with this type of assembly.

“There was definitely the same amount of respect [as at her Jewish Day School],” she said. “People listened and paid attention. It was presented in a meaningful way that should get the message across.”

Learn more about Carrying Testimony at:
<https://testimonyfromgenerationtogeneration.com/>.



Maytime Melodies successfully returned this year after a two year hiatus due to the pandemic. Thursday was dominated by the string program, where Mr. Rice presented Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* featuring Grade 12 student Alex Chen on solo piano. Friday evening's performance featured "Into the West" from *Lord of the Rings*, which was dedicated to Grade 10 student Amara Daulah Beg who died earlier this year. Friday concluded with the symphonic band—led by Mr. Varahidis—performing the world premier of *In Red and Grey* by B. Thomas, commissioned in honour of recently retired music teacher Elizabeth Montieth.

Principal's year in review

It is my absolute pleasure to address our alumni as the first female Principal at NTCl. After learning virtually for most of the last two years, I was very excited to start the 2021–2022 school year in-person.

Even before classes started, I appreciated the warm, personal greetings by our Foundation pillars, Brian Maltman and Ron Wakelin. By joining the Foundation meetings, I met the rest of the Foundation Board, which allowed me to understand the generous amount of time and effort this group dedicates to support the school.

When the school year started, we were learning in cohorts, with 150-minute teaching periods, mandatory masking for students and teachers, and a requirement that all teachers be vaccinated. We then pivoted to a full semester system with masks and vaccinations both being voluntary.

I worked with our Superintendent, Roni Felsen, and TDSB Facilities, to deliver major building upgrades like getting our gas for science turned back on over the Winter Break (it had been off for years!) and creating a safer school by increasing security measures like upgrading our school entry system and security cameras.

There were many joyous occasions to celebrate at NTCl in person this year, including Red and Gray Day, Student Council events, the poster campaign to raise awareness about LGBTQ+, charity donation drives by various school clubs and councils, the beautiful Red Dress project, sports with spectators, excursions, and extra-curriculars.

Throughout the school year, our school community also faced some difficult scenarios, just as the rest of the world has faced its

own conflicts in social justice, racism, and even war. However, we repeatedly rose up to support and protect those groups who needed assistance. We marked Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) with a very well-attended presentation by Michelle Gled-Goldstein who shared her father's history and involvement in the Holocaust. We also had the Power of One Exhibit to promote respect, equity, and inclusivity and support the elimination of hate, racism, and discrimination of any kind.

And, as if the year hadn't been tumultuous enough, NTCl experienced a fire on March 30. When I noticed all the water flooding our third floor from the sprinklers and hoses, my thoughts immediately went to the Foundation Archive room. I moved items off the floor, then directed our fabulous caretaking staff to clear and clean up the room, so that we were able to preserve the artifacts from NT's long history.

Lastly, I am looking forward to this year's Commencement. When Toronto reopened after the Omicron wave of COVID-19, everyone was scrambling to book venues for in-person events like Commencement and prom. Although previous graduating years were able to be accommodated in the auditorium, this year's huge graduating class of almost 400 students made that almost impossible. However, we were able to secure a great location that can accommodate all guests in-person and I've brought back the tradition of students wearing formal gowns, hats, and tassels. It promises to be a fantastic event and a great end to the NTCl school year!

—Dr. Jane A. Lee, Principal

In the halls

Elizabeth Monteith
being celebrated
at this year's
Maytime Melodies.



A fond farewell with thanks for enhancing our school community

Over the past two years, NTCI said goodbye to several long-time staff members who have left an indelible mark on the school community. In addition to those profiled below, the school also gave a fond farewell to Chi Chan, Gerry Heffernan, and Kim Withers.

William Mack, Principal

William Mack was at North Toronto for eight years, during which he led the school through its 100th anniversary celebrations and the initial waves of the pandemic. Prior to joining NT, William was VP at both Oakwood Collegiate Institute and Northern Secondary School and taught at Bloor Collegiate Institute in the 1990s. Taking the reins mid-year from the much-loved Joel Gorenkoff, Mack had big shoes to fill, but navigated the transition admirably and with style.

The Foundation initially came to know William while planning the Jim Cuddy/Skydiggers concert in 2017. The concert had already been approved by his predecessor, but the details of the night had yet to be fleshed out. William was great to work with; he was available, interested, helpful, and solution oriented. The night of the concert ran extremely smoothly in large part due to William's guidance.

William always gave his time to answer questions from parents, something that must have been increasingly difficult for teachers and administrators alike during Covid. Well-liked by all those who worked with him—the Foundation wishes him well on his next adventures.

Patti McNeely, French

A class with Mme. McNeely was never boring; every one was always filled with stylish dance moves, superlative compliments, and hugs all around. It's no wonder this beloved teacher of French inspired so many students over her four years at NT.

Though it is sad to see a lively, warm, and enthusiastic teacher of French leave the school, the NT community thanks Mme. McNeely for spreading her love for the French language and wishes her the best after retirement. *Félicitations pour votre retraite et continuez à être une superstar!*

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Rick Mildon, Physics and Science

Rick Mildon retired in June 2021 after 17 years at North Toronto teaching Physics and Science. Rick began his teaching career at Monarch Park Collegiate Institute, moving to Harbord Collegiate Institute, then coming to North Toronto in 2004. He coached a number of sports, including track, basketball, but most recently volleyball with Ms. Rough. He was staff advisor with the Robotics Team in the FIRST competitions, and later the Engineering Club. Rick's students always remember his trebuchet and bridge building assignments. Rick's connection to NT goes much deeper, as his son is currently at NT and his grandfather attended NT; he also did a session of practice teaching at NT in 1989–90.

Elizabeth Monteith, Music

For 27 years, students in band or vocal classes at NTCI were led by Liz Monteith, making her tenure as a music teacher at NT one of the longest on record. She succeeded Bob Krueger, as the Assistant Head of Music from 1999 to 2002, and Head of Music from 2002 to 2004.

Liz graduated with a degree in music from the University of Western Ontario in 1987 and a degree in education from the University of Toronto in 1989. Her teaching career began in 1990 at Bloor Collegiate Institute, where she met North Toronto grad Mark Kinoshita ('82). They married in 1994, the same year that she arrived at North Toronto to teach vocal music, band, English, and word processing. Mark and Liz's children are now NTCI grads.

She has conducted jazz choir, choral ensemble, junior choir, senior choir, junior band, symphonic band, concert band, stage band, and marching band. Liz recalls the 50th anniversary of Maytime Melodies, and the Memories Forever concert, part of the NT's 100th anniversary celebrations, as some of the highlights of her career.

The 50th anniversary concert showed Liz, in her own words, "just what I had got myself into." The most lasting impression for Liz is the magnitude of the talent that has come through music at NTCI, something she is grateful to have seen and mentored.

“The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.”

—William Arthur Ward

Kathleen Pyper, Vice Principal

Ms. Pyper began teaching at the university level in 1991 in the modern dance faculty, then transitioned to secondary school after her experience of filling in for a friend. Ms. Pyper explains, “A fellow dancer asked me to teach her high school dance class for one week while she was away and I loved it. I applied to teachers college that year and transitioned...to [teaching in] high school. I never looked back.”

Ms. Pyper started at North Toronto in 2009, a year before the renovation, and has spent her last 13 years in education as one of the vice principals of our school. In her role as a VP, Ms. Pyper brought her skills and interests to NT. She worked with the NT dance club, and noted the performances during December 6th assemblies that were “danc[ed] so beautifully for many years to honour those who have suffered because of Gender Based Violence.”

She had such a powerful impact on students throughout her years as VP; NT sadly says goodbye and wishes her the best in her future endeavours.

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Margaret Rogow, Classics

NTCI’s long-time Classics teacher and Classics Club staff advisor retired in 2021 following a 40-year career with the Toronto District School Board. Rogow spent the first half of her career at Lawrence Park Collegiate Institute. At NTCI, she taught Latin, Ancient Greek, Classical Civilization, Philosophy, and French.

Her deep passion for teaching and sharing the wonders of the Classical world was always evident. Rogow could often be found volunteering her lunches to teach Ancient Greek to an eager group of students. After school, she would stay late into the evening to help supervise the Classics Club, which represented the school at the annual Ontario Student Classics Conference each May.

Rogow’s love for Classics began in elementary school, when she learned about Greek and Roman mythology in Grade 6. She went on to study at Yale, part of the university’s first cohort of women when it first introduced co-education. Her love of the subject was infectious. “Ms. Rogow made a home for so many though Classics, and worked tirelessly to make learning a rewarding experience,” said NT alum Emily Sakaguchi (’20).

Upon her retirement, Rogow was bestowed the school’s Coach John Taylor Award, which recognizes someone who made a “significant contribution to improving the lives of all NT members.”

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Baruch Zohar, English

NTCI’s beloved English teacher who guided the school’s award-winning student newspaper *Graffiti* for over two decades as staff advisor, is retiring in June after 27 years at the school. Be it in his English class or at *Graffiti* editorial board meetings, Zohar was known for his sharp wit and laugh-until-your-belly-hurts humour. “In both English class and *Graffiti*, Mr. Zohar has always encouraged passionate discussions that have enriched the learning experience for everyone involved,” said Grade 12 student Emelia Grossman.

Zohar supported numerous student extracurricular activities during his time at NT, but he will certainly be most remembered for his time as *Graffiti*’s stalwart staff advisor. The paper’s biggest champion, his unwavering support of student journalism over the past two decades came at a time when dozens of student publications shuttered across Ontario amid a lack of funding and administrative support.

In 2021, Zohar received the prestigious Journalism Educator of the Year from Youth Journalism International. “Rarely have we seen anyone rave about a journalism teacher with the enthusiasm shown by Baruch Zohar’s students and former students,” the adjudicating panel noted at the time.

After retirement, Zohar and his wife are set to move to New Brunswick. In the May 2022 issue of *Graffiti*—his final edition as staff advisor—students dedicated a three-page spread to Zohar. “For any student who has had the privilege of being in his class, you most certainly left knowing and wondering at least a little more about the world,” wrote outgoing editors-in-chief Kiana Sharifi and Abigail Shin.



In Memoriam

George Warren Armstrong ('43)

Born in 1925, Warren (aka “Gubby”) was a man of many talents and interests. After graduating from North Toronto he studied law at Osgoode Hall, practiced corporate law, became the first Secretary of the National Energy Board in Ottawa, and then pursued a highly successful career in mining. Known for his tireless work on many provincial and federal campaigns, he was described by the late Senator Keith Davey as “the best constituency manager the conservatives had!” Passionate about standardbred horse racing, his legacy includes building the Rideau Carleton Raceway. Honesty and hard work defined him; Warren was 95 when he died on August 28, 2021.

Peter Dickens ('45)

Peter Dickens, a well known Toronto radio broadcaster passed away on January 15, 2022. Born in London, Ontario in 1929, Peter and his family moved to England in 1932 but returned to Toronto in time for Peter to start high school at NTCI. A good student, Peter graduated at 16 intending to pursue engineering at the University of Toronto after working to pay for his tuition. However, after learning about the CBC’s Academy of Radio Arts, he enrolled in the one-year program in ’46. As a “Graduate of Distinction,” he was immediately hired as an announcer for CHLO in St. Thomas, later becoming Program Director, then Assistant Manager. He moved to CHUM in 1958, handling the morning newscasts for the next 11 years. He transferred to CHUM FM in 1969 then moved to CFGM in 1972 as News Director. His last move in 1978 was to CFRB where he was the morning news anchor until his retirement in 1994.

Joe Fox (staff, ret. 2000)

Born in Pennsylvania, Joe and his wife came to Canada during the early 70s. He came to teaching later in life following a friend’s suggestion to “give it a try.” At NT, Joe had always had time for students who were interested in physics and encouraged them to “try out ideas.” Passionate about flying, he also taught a ground school flying course at night school. Diagnosed with Parkinson’s after his retirement, his later years were challenging; he passed away in the Newmarket Health Centre on August 20, 2021.

J. Robert Janes ('53)

Noted Canadian geologist, educator, and author J. Robert Janes died peacefully on February 28, 2022. Although he began his career as a field geologist after graduating from the University of Toronto in 1958, he found his passion as both an educator and author. Not only did he pen a number of geology texts for a wide range of audiences, he wrote children’s books and thrillers. However, he was best known for his 16-book series of mysteries set in Occupied France during World War II featuring Chief Inspector Jean-Louis St-Cyr and Detektiv Inspektor Hermann Kohler.

Morris (Anture) Manning ('59)

Described as a one of Canada’s preeminent lawyers, Morris Manning’s distinguished 54-year career as a barrister and Q.C. came to an end with his passing on June 20, 2021. Called to the bar in 1967, Morris began his career as a Crown counsel with the Ministry of the Attorney General, quickly advancing to Senior Counsel before entering private practice in 1979, a year after being appointed Queen’s Counsel. Driven and disciplined, Morris truly had a passion for law. Throughout his career, he broke new ground in many diverse areas of law but is perhaps best known for representation of Drs. Morgentaler, Scott, and Smoling through trials leading to the decision by the Supreme Court of Canada that the abortion section under the newly established Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms was unconstitutional. Also a prolific writer, he leaves a huge legacy to the legal profession and will be greatly missed.

Desmond Otley (staff, 1980s–1990s)

A long time member of NT’s math department, Des will be remembered as a man whose faith guided his life. Kind, thoughtful, and genuine, Des put people, particularly his students, first. Although he left NT in the 90s for a position at Central Technical School, he returned after retirement as a member of the board of the North Toronto Foundation. Des passed away August 18, 2021, just two months after his beloved wife, Dolly.

Stanley (Stan) Martin Pearl ('62)

The NTCI community lost a great friend with the sudden passing of Stan Pearl on September 29, 2021 at the age of 78. Inspired by his years at NT, Stan had a long career in education including five years as a Principal at University of Toronto Schools from 1995 to 2000. In retirement, Stan brought his skills and energy to the board of the North Toronto Foundation where his generous spirit and insights were always appreciated.

James (Jim) Stevenson (staff, 1966–1969)

An inspirational member of NT's youthful geography department during the early 60s, Jim began his 35 years long teaching career at North Toronto, spending most of his career as head of geography at Malvern CI. Known for his positive attitude, winning smile, and love of his subject, Jim and his wife Wendy moved to British Columbia after he retired in 1998. He was diagnosed with glioblastoma in 2019 and lost his battle with the disease on October 8, 2021.

William (Bill) Griffith Stevenson ('52)

One of Ontario's foremost real estate developers, Bill Stevenson passed away February 3, 2022 at his home in Leaside. A native Torontonian, he attended Hodgson Middle School, NTCI, University of Toronto, and Osgoode Hall. In addition to academics, he had a distinguished football career, most notably with the Varsity Blues and later, the Calgary Stampeders. After being called to the bar in 1959, he worked in the law department of Imperial Oil but in the mid-sixties began his career in real estate development. Although

his career began building and owning Dairy Queens and Holiday Inns, he is best known for his role in developing Collingwood's Cranberry Village.

Vernon George Turner ('48)

A highly respected Canadian diplomat and Foreign Service Officer, Vernon's dedication, effectiveness and compassion inspired those who worked with him during his long and distinguished career. His postings and positions included acting as a political advisor on international commissions negotiating an end to the Vietnam war, serving with the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations in New York, acting as the High Commissioner in Dar es Salaam, and being appointed as Ambassador of Canada to Israel. Vernon passed away on December 26, 2021.

Audrey Eleanor Wilson ('41)

Passionate about helping others and a "volunteer extraordinaire," Audrey lived her 99 years committed to others. After graduating from NTCI, she began working at MacLaren Advertising and spent her entire career working there in various positions until her retirement at 70 years of age. She made such a contribution to the company that in 2007 MacLaren McCann named their new training centre in her honour. The Red Cross recognized her 50+ years of volunteerism when they bestowed on her the 'Order of the Red Cross, Officer Level' in 2010. Audrey passed away December 22, 2021 leaving behind her husband of 71 years.

Also remembering

Peter Richard Allen ('53), August 13, 2021

Dr. John Gary Ashby ('56), August 25, 2021

Amara Amalia Dauleh Beg (student), February 19, 2022

Doris Jean (Bonnett) Bradley ('51), September 12, 2021

Barbara Elizabeth (Bird) Bunker ('54), March 3, 2022

Merle Adelle (Watson) Chapman ('61), October 29, 2021

Michael Gordon Cork ('73), March 8, 2022

Frank R. Dawe ('56), November 22, 2021

Ruth Lorraine Einarson ('54), December 9, 2021

Albert Oswald Green ('52), January 30, 2022

Susan (Lowndes) Harrison ('74), March 10, 2022

Beverley Joan (Smith) Inch ('47), November 13, 2021

William (Bill) James McClean ('58), October 28, 2021

John Osborne Powell ('57), September 13, 2021

Frank Sinclair Ruhl ('43), October 18, 2021

Paul Winfield Smith ('74), May 15, 2021

Helen Szczepanowska ('72), May 12, 2021

Mary Elizabeth (Hanna) Trillo ('54), September 12, 2021

John "The Dude" Walcot ('44), July 22, 2021

The NTCI Foundation

The NTCI Foundation is committed to preserving the rich heritage and reputation of North Toronto Collegiate Institute as a fine example of public education. Led by an advisory board of about 20 alumni, retired staff, student representatives, and the current principal, the Foundation supports current students with scholarships and grants, promotes alumni events, and facilitates communication between alumni and the school.

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—Official Toronto District School Board Land Acknowledgement, as determined by the Urban Indigenous Education Centre after months of community consultations and working with leaders, elders, academics, and knowledge keepers. It is now customary to acknowledge the Traditional and Ancestral lands of Indigenous peoples at the beginning of events, gatherings, and meetings in the TDSB. All schools also begin their day with an acknowledgement of the territories. The NTCI Foundation Advisory Board also begins each meeting with this acknowledgement.

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