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JOE DESLOGES LEAVES WOODSWORTH FLOURISHING

BY ELAINE SMITH



Joe Desloges with students at the Annual Awards Dinner, 2019.



2011 Spring Convocation



With students at the 2019 Annual Awards Dinner

STUDENT SUCCESS has been the focus of all the hard work Professor Joseph Desloges has put into his tenure as principal of Woodsworth College during the past 11 years.

“You can’t imagine the pleasure of working on projects and issues that lead to positive outcomes for students,” Desloges said during an interview in his office at the College. “One of the critical things that has been a privilege for me as principal, has been to work with those who share the same vision of student success: the staff, the faculty at the College, students, alumni, administrators and donors.”

Increasing the range of donors who help fund student scholarships and bursaries, and the friends of the College who offer their time, has been among Desloges’ successes – activities that, for him, are all about the students.

“These people provide the money, time, experience and insight to help students on their journeys, just as they, themselves,

might have needed support as undergraduates,” he said. “As principal, I have the opportunity to shake their hands and say thank you.” Alumnus John Stewart, a wealth advisor for TD Wealth and co-chair of the College’s Boundless campaign, admires the way Desloges has represented Woodsworth during his two terms.

“He really exemplifies Woodsworth very well with his quiet, considerate persistence and his very strong love for the College,” Stewart said. “He was its top champion and a very good ambassador. The students related to him easily and the staff found him to be a leader with standards and expectations. He was also the College’s most successful fundraiser, taking us way past the campaign goal with his ability to pull people together to work on the campaign.”

Desloges also takes pride in the growth of opportunities for students at the college, both academically and through engagement in student life activities. The

fourth-year student mentorship program began during his tenure and the alumni mentorship program has grown. Desloges oversaw the growth of the Woodsworth One program, the inception of various influential student scholarship programs: Mastercard, Lester B. Pearson and Morneau-McCain and creation of the College’s Learning Commons, which incorporates the Academic Writing and Math Aid Centres, as well as meeting space.

“Principal Desloges has always made it a priority to ensure that students know what’s going on at Woodsworth and that the College is serving the students,” said Valerie Dos Santos, a fifth-year student who is president of the Woodsworth College Student Association.

He has worked to strengthen the College’s affiliation with the Centre for Industrial Relations & Human Resources (CIRHR) and the Centre for Criminology & Sociolegal Studies (CSS), with particular

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emphasis on reinforcing connections with the undergraduate programs.

“Even though the Industrial Relations & Human Resources undergraduate program is now part of CIRHR, the undergraduate program office stayed within Woodsworth,” said CIRHR director, Professor Rafael Gomez. “It has been a seamless transition for our students and all credit goes to Joe. He saw our independence as an opportunity for partnership, rather than a threat. Joe leaves a wonderful legacy of partnerships.”

Professor Cheryl Regehr, U of T’s vice-president and provost, added her own accolades.

“Joe is visionary in his leadership,” Regehr said. “His student-focused approach to advancing the College’s mission is an inspiration – from recruitment to securing physical space, from promoting student supports to fostering new relationships with academic partners. Future generations are sure to benefit from Joe’s remarkable contributions.”

Desloges’ vision for Woodsworth extends beyond his term into the future.

“Before being installed as Principal, Joe attended our June Graduation courtyard reception. He was a natural. He engaged with students and parents, hearing their stories and extending warm congratulations to all. Joe’s legacy as Principal is that he always focused on students.”

Cheryl Shook, Assistant Principal & Registrar

One of the accomplishments that pleases him most is laying the groundwork for a new, five-storey academic building for the College. The building “will revolutionize the College,” he said. It will allow both CIRHR and CSS to be located at the College, “revisoning our relationship with the new academic building as its centrepiece.” The building will provide faculty with offices, allowing for academic intellectual synergy, and librarians will be based in an expanded Learning Commons space. A concurrent expansion of Kruger Hall Commons will provide both event space and space for students to study or relax.

Kongats Architects of Toronto have just been selected to design the building, and, as long as the provincial government is supportive, the administration will break ground for it in 2020 with plans for the opening in 2022.

“It has taken so much work to get everyone on board and to find resources for the building,” Desloges said. “We have been saving for it ever since I became principal and it has consumed most of my time during the last five years. I hope it will become the legacy of all the work the college has done. I’m proud that it is moving forward.”

Gomez, director of CIRHR, worked with Desloges on the building committee and lauds his leadership.

“The challenges were met because the person in the role was open to collegiality and co-operation,” Gomez said. “You have to have the best interests of the College in mind with a project of this nature and Joe thinks of the College in a broad way.”

“Though I have had the good fortune to know Joe Desloges for only a couple of years, I can say that he has been unfailingly patient, generous and wise in ‘showing me the ropes’ as a new administrator and a new member of Woodsworth community.”

Audrey Macklin, Director, Centre for Criminology & Sociological Studies, Professor & Chair in Human Rights Law, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto

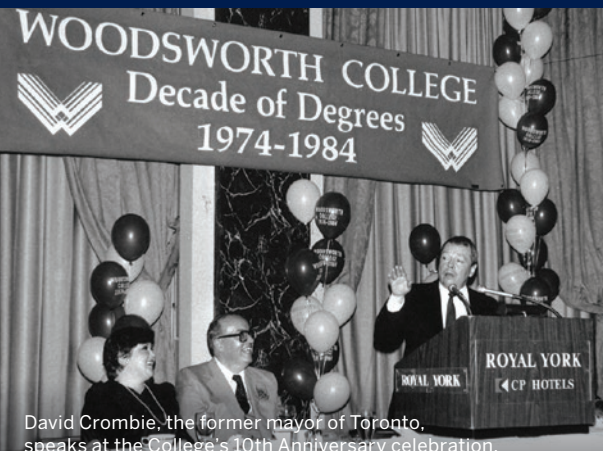
Desloges believes strongly in teamwork, noting, “You don’t have to micro-manage when you have great staff.

“We worked as a team to identify objectives and goals and to strategize about ways to achieve and implement them,” he said.

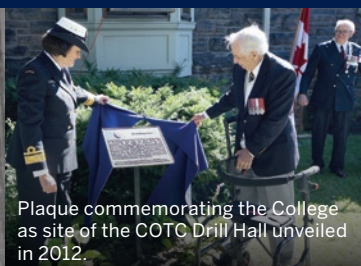
Roger Bulgin, Woodsworth’s chief administrative officer, was the first employee hired by Desloges during his terms.

“For me, it has been extremely positive working with Joe, because he listens,” Bulgin said. “He doesn’t jump to conclusions without thought and analysis. He challenges you, which is a good thing, and he really demands fairness.”

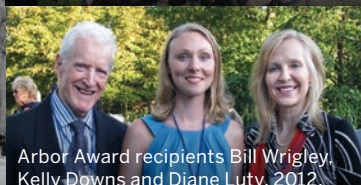
As if all of these contributions aren’t legacy enough, Desloges will leave two scholarships for Woodsworth students as a parting gift: The Principal Joseph R. Desloges Legacy Scholarship for an undergraduate Indigenous student, and the Robert and Jacqueline Desloges Scholarship for students from Northern Ontario, dedicated to his parents and the region where they grew up.



David Crombie, the former mayor of Toronto, speaks at the College’s 10th Anniversary celebration.



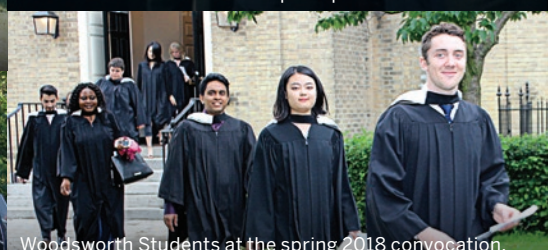
Plaque commemorating the College as site of the COTC Drill Hall unveiled in 2012.



Arbor Award recipients Bill Wrigley, Kelly Downs and Diane Luty, 2012.



Ribbon Cutting for the new Woodsworth building in 1992. Dignitaries include former premier Bob Rae, Chancellor Rose Wolfe and three former principals.



Woodsworth Students at the spring 2018 convocation.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

JOE DESLOGES REFLECTS ON STUDENT SUCCESS

It should come as no surprise that, given Desloges' impact, President Meric Gertler described him as "the consummate builder." He added, "Joe has quietly but persistently advanced Woodsworth as both a welcoming home for a diverse array of students, and as a centre of innovation in enhancing the student experience. His many achievements will leave an indelible stamp on the College, the Faculty of Arts & Science, and the University. We are all extremely grateful for his tremendous work."

Desloges envisions students will continue to find Woodsworth to be a welcoming environment.

"Here, students have freedom of thought and can figure out their paths without societal pressures," he said. "I believe that the College will continue to do a wonderful job at supporting students as they explore personal freedoms in an equitable and just way." Undoubtedly, they will, thanks, in part to the dedication to these ideals shown by Desloges himself. ■



AS I BEGIN PREPARING to step down this spring after serving as the principal of Woodsworth College, it brings me immense satisfaction to reflect upon my experiences here over the past 11 years.

Although I hold the title of principal, I see myself more accurately as the leader of a vast team that encompasses not only the staff, but the students and alumni and all of our collaborators at the Faculty of Arts & Science and at Simcoe Hall (home to the president, provost and vice-provosts). It takes our combined efforts to support our students in achieving their goals and dreams. Seeing their success is extremely rewarding for all of us, no matter how big or small those achievements may be – and I'm not referring only to academic competency here,

but also to student life and leadership, to their involvement in clubs, activities and experiential education.

As principal, I am lucky to have the privilege of personally congratulating all of our students as they cross the stage at Convocation Hall to receive their diplomas, knowing that many of them have had to overcome considerable challenges in order to reach this goal.

During my tenure as principal, I shook the hands of 9,800 Woodsworth College students at convocation. I can't properly convey the joy it brings me during and after the ceremony to see them become alumni who go on to fantastic careers, thanks to our support and that of everyone who cares about them. It has been truly a pleasure to work on projects that lead to all of these positive outcomes.

I will continue to hold Woodsworth College – and everyone who makes it a welcoming place for students, past and present – close to my heart as I make my return to the professoriate. ■

We are proud to announce the creation of the **Principal Joseph R. Desloges Legacy Scholarship** which will benefit Indigenous students at Woodsworth College.

Please consider contributing to this award to recognize Principal Desloges' commitment and accomplishments as the Principal of the College. You can do so by visiting our website and clicking on the donate button on the home page: wdw.utoronto.ca



2019 Annual Awards Dinner



Woodsworth students receiving the Cressy Award in 2017.



Former principals Rona Abramovitch & Angela Hildyard with Arbor Award Recipients in 2001.



The 2007-08 Alumni association board members.



In 2018, Prof. John Johnson was hired to teach a courses in Indigenous Cultures and Societies.



In 1986, subway posters promoted the College.



The 2013 Student Orientation (formally called Frosh Week).



Kruger Hall (the former exam centre) was renovated in 2009 to become a student commons.

BOUNDLESS CAMPAIGN

DEDICATED DONORS ENSURE STUDENT SUCCESS

The College is very proud to announce that over the course of the Woodsworth Boundless Campaign over \$12.4 million has been raised for its four priorities including scholarships and bursaries. The campaign, which had an initial goal of \$7 million, came to a close on December 31st.

The success of the campaign is due to the many dedicated donors who through their generosity have demonstrated their support for the College and its students. Donors stepped up to the challenge with major gifts as well with annual fund donations. Alumni and

friends also committed to very thoughtful legacy gifts. These bequests will have great impact on students now and into the future.

Co-chairs, Alan Dean and John Stewart, ably led our campaign committee comprised of John Browne, Mariel O'Neill-Karch, Barry McCartan, Lucinda Thomson, P. C. Choo and Alex Waugh. We wish to extend a heartfelt thanks to all members for their dedication and commitment in guiding the campaign to its successful completion.

Our campaign was wholly based on providing support for students to allow

them to achieve their academic goals. Many scholarship and bursary recipients write to the donors to express their gratitude. One such student, BP, recently wrote that "being recognized with this award gives me the inspiration to work even harder to pursue my goals." And MR wrote that "I can honestly say that going to university is the best thing that has ever happened in my life. I have learned so much about myself: what I am capable of and where my true passions lie. When I say thank you, I am wholeheartedly grateful for the financial assistance, but I am also so thankful for the opportunity to grow as a person."

A complete list of our fundraising priorities and our donors is available at <https://wdw.utoronto.ca/community/alumni-donors/donor-appreciation> ■

TAKING CARE OF HER SON. AND HER EDUCATION.

The generosity of Annual Fund donors helps ease the stress and financial burden for Woodsworth students like Tetyana Bozhahora. Since completing the Academic Bridging Program, Tetyana has been pursuing her studies while focusing on her family, her job and giving back to the community.

Please give today at **416-978-0811** or donate.utoronto.ca/wdw



BOUNDLESS

COME CELEBRATE THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WOODSWORTH COLLEGE RESIDENCE!

Friday, May 31, 2019, 6 p.m.

The Bedford Academy,
36 Prince Arthur Ave., Toronto

For more info:
alumni.woodsworth@utoronto.ca



The Woodsworth College Residence opened in 2004.



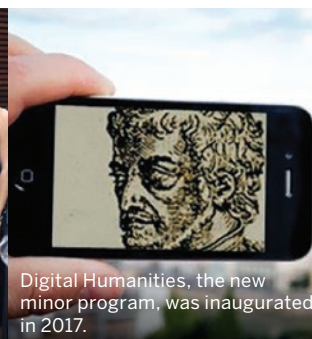
Woodsworth Registrar's Office staff receive the Excellence in Innovation Award in 2012.



Order & Disorder, the College's foundational program, was first offered in 2012.



The Single Parent Group was founded in 1994 by former staff member June Straker. A reunion was held in 2014.



Digital Humanities, the new minor program, was inaugurated in 2017.



Members of the Woodsworth and U of T community attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the residence in 2004



Former principal Mariel O'Neill-Karch with donor and friend of the College, William Waters.



The Summer Abroad Program was inaugurated in 1972. The first destination was Siena, Italy. Since then the program has expanded to 17 destinations.

J. BARBARA ROSE: AN INSPIRATIONAL BENEFACTOR

BY ELAINE SMITH



L-R: Zak Jones, J.B. Rose, Janessa Duran

IF THERE IS ONE FACULTY MEMBER

who embodies the strengths of Woodsworth College, it is J. Barbara Rose, the recently retired associate professor, teaching stream, who served as associate director of the College's Academic Writing Centre and taught English literature to students in the Millie Rotman Shime Academic Bridging Program (ABP).

Rose, herself, came to Woodsworth College in 1986 as a mature student in the Academic Bridging Program (then called the Pre-University Program) and never left. She went on to earn a Master's degree in English literature at U of T and began teaching at the writing centre while working on her PhD. She joined the College's full-time faculty in 2000 and dozens of students sing her praises as a teacher and a mentor. In fact, there

is an informal group of her mentees called the Rosettes.

"Professor J. Barbara Rose has been supporting and guiding me through my academic career over the last three and a half years," said Tetyana Bozhahora, one of her recent ABP students. "Professor Rose has always been there for me whether I needed advice on an essay topic, proofreading my work, assisting me with course selection or helping me manage stress. I strongly believe I would not have come as far as I have if it was not for her."

Monica Roberts, a part-time, mature student in English literature, who also entered U of T through the Academic Bridging Program, said, "Professor Rose has unlocked a world previously unknown to me. In a methodical, patient way, she made me understand literature academically and opened the door for me to interpret literature in ways I'd never imagined. She wanted everyone to excel and she gave them that opportunity. She is a dedicated, thoughtful professor and a great mentor who has been instrumental in changing my life."

Rose also assists students financially as a Woodsworth College donor. She has established the Wronowski-Rose Scholarship in honour of her parents and has recognized Woodsworth College in her will.

"The scholarship honours my parents, immigrants to whom education was very important, and my former

OH, PROFESSOR ROSE,

And a teacher and mentor by any other name could never be as sweet. I have a journal entry from the first day that I met J. Barbara Rose, and I feel very much the same now as I did then in that "she is an astounding woman, a sincere and intelligent teacher. I can just tell." Professor Rose taught me how to learn, firstly, then to write an essay, to truly read a text, and to carry myself with confidence in my newfound knowledge and application of it. Her patience, her intellectual power, her energy and love for her students has changed my life and steered me, in my reverence of her, to teach as she has, to care as she has, and to always strive for the excellence that she projects, expects and inspires.

Zak Jones, M.A. Candidate
President, Graduate English Association,
University of Toronto

in-laws, who supported me," Rose said. "It goes to a student coming out of the bridging program and entering the humanities. It's to give back in some way by helping a student financially, because finances are more problematic for students in the Academic Bridging Program than in the traditional student demographic."

As for including Woodsworth in her will, Rose said, "I think it's important that I continue as best as possible to support students, the university and Woodsworth College in any way I can and this is just another way of doing so."

Rose doesn't anticipate her bequest to come into play for years to come, however. She is too busy moving on to retirement, "the next stage of my life.

"I always said the university was my third career [after marriage and secretarial work], so I'm looking for my fourth career now," she said. "I'm not sure where it's going to go, but all sorts of things are possibilities." ■

BROOKFIELD BRONFMAN SCHOLARSHIPS ANNIVERSARY

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Brookfield Peter F. Bronfman Gold and Leadership Scholarships. The awards were established by the family, friends and colleagues of Peter F. Bronfman to honour his life. Mr. Bronfman was a unique leader who emphasized strong business and moral values and focused on the human aspects of business. He fostered partnerships and teamwork and derived great enjoyment from sharing credit with his colleagues. Since the first awards were given out in 1998, there have been over 120 recipients. Many of the winners have gone on to careers in academia, while others have pursued the law, medicine and other professions

or working in community organizations. These graduation awards have been life changing for many and have given recipients the opportunity to pursue the next steps in their academic and career goals. To celebrate this anniversary, a reception was held at Woodsworth in January where this year's recipients were able to meet those who had come before them during at this upbeat and festive event.



Barbara Bailey and Carol Camper

NEWS IN BRIEF



Mentorship Program
Opening Reception

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

This year's Alumni Students Mentorship Program comprised of 37 pairs of mentees and mentors. Since its inception Woodsworth College alumni have helped more than 200 students determine their career direction through one-on-one pairings. Program participants came together for a kick-off event in October. Since then the pairs have been busy meeting and as the program draws to a close for another year, plans are already underway for next year's program. To that end, we are recruiting alumni mentors. If you are interested please contact alumni.woodsworth@utoronto.ca

WOODSWORTH COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EVENTS

A very well attended and extremely interesting Alumni Café with speaker Dr. Jon Johnson, Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream, Woodsworth College, was held in October. His topic, *Learning from the Land*, focused on the Indigenous presence in Toronto and surrounding areas and the stories and names from the very distant and not so distant past that make up this incredible history.

The alumni board also hosted an evening at the Distillery District for a small group of alumni who enjoyed the evening while having the opportunity to explore the Christmas market.

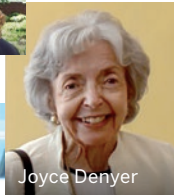
LECTURES

The Annual Morley Gunderson Lecture in Industrial Relations and Labour Economics featured Dr. Francine Blau, Professor of Industrial and Labor Relations and Professor of Economics, ILR School, Cornell University. Professor Blau's topic was *What Do We Really Know About The Gender Wage Gap?* This well attended public lecture is the joint venture of the Centre for Industrial Relations & Human Resources, the Department of Economics and Woodsworth College. A reception followed.

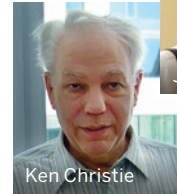
This year's Goldstein Lecturer was Prof. Randall Hansen, Interim Director, Munk School Of Global Affairs And Public Policy & Director, Centre For European, Russian & Eurasian Studies. Prof. Hansen's topic was *Climate Change Refugees: The Next Great Global Migration Crisis?*



Phyllis Walker



Joyce Denyer



Ken Christie

IN MEMORIAM

This past year, the College lost three long-time friends and supporters: Phyllis Walker, Joyce Denyer and Ken Christie. Members of the College community got to know these three individuals over the years in a number of capacities and have fond memories of them all attending the College's Legacy Society Luncheons. Woodsworth is very grateful for the support they provided to the College through their friendship, loyalty, and legacy giving.



A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

The Woodsworth College Annual Awards Dinner was held on Thursday, February 7th in the Great Hall at Hart House. Celebrating our students and donors in this lovely setting has become a wonderful tradition for the College. The evening included opportunities to thank Joe Desloges for his tenure as principal. Remarks were given by Cheryl Shook, assistant principal & registrar; John Stewart, alumnus & co-chair of the Boundless Campaign Committee; Harlan Tufford, president, Woodsworth College Alumni Association; Valerie Dos Santos, president, Woodsworth College Students' Association; and Alex Waugh, former vice-principal and registrar. During the course of the evening all the award recipients were honoured and the evening was capped off with eloquent remarks given by Chandler Fitzpatrick, this year's Brookfield Bronfman Gold Scholarship recipient. Chandler spoke on behalf of all the students and highlighted Woodsworth's commitment to diversity and inclusion, but noted the need for continued work and vigilance at U of T and the larger community for social justice.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALUMNI REUNION

Mark your calendars!
Thursday, May 30, 2019
6:00–8:30 p.m.

William Waters Lounge,
Woodsworth College Residence
RSVP: events.woodsworth@utoronto.ca

Join alumni association board members, Woodsworth College alumni and friends for a brief WCAA Annual General Meeting, volunteer awards presentation, and the 25 year pinning ceremony. A wine & cheese reception will cap off the event.



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