



Bios of Board Members (2017-2018)

Tom Assimes '84

Tom is Director of Finance and Project Services at CDPQ Infra, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ).

Tom graduated from LCC in 1984 and subsequently obtained his BEng from McGill University in 1990 and MBA from the Ivey School of Business in 1994. He is a member of the LCC Corporation and has served on the school's Alumni Association. He also served as Chair of LCC's Alumni Golf Tournament. Between 2009 and 2015, Tom lived in Athens and Vancouver with his family, where he was involved in developing and managing large infrastructure projects on both continents. Tom and his wife, Christine, have two daughters, Irene '19 and Elizabeth '20.

Amrick S. Bansal '98

Amrick is Vice President of Legal and Corporate Affairs at the Shapiro Group, a commercial real estate owner, operator and developer. Prior to joining the Shapiro Group, Amrick practiced commercial litigation at De Grandpré Chait LLP, where he was the recipient of the Montreal Young Bar Association's orator award (2009). Amrick then acted as lead consultant for a Canadian-based group pursuing real estate investments in New Delhi, India.

Amrick obtained his economics degree from McGill University in 2004, followed by a law degree from Université de Montréal in 2007, which included an exchange program in Aix-en-Provence, France. He then pursued his studies in private international law at The Hague Academy of International Law in The Hague, Netherlands. Amrick is a member of the LCC Corporation, President of the LCC Alumni Association, and has sat on the Advancement Committee. He is also the Co-Chair of the Montreal General Hospital's Young Governor's Council, as well as past member of the Mount Stephen Club's Membership Committee.

Suzanne Costom

Suzanne Costom graduated from the Faculty of Law at McGill University in 1993, earning degrees in both civil and common law. She was awarded the Aimé Geoffrion National Programme Gold Medal, the Elizabeth Torrance Gold Medal, as well as the Chief Justice Greenshields Prize in Criminal Law. In 1993-94, she attended the Université de Paris II where she obtained a post-graduate degree in criminal law, with a focus on the European Convention of Human Rights.

From 1993-2016 Suzanne worked as an attorney, focussing principally on criminal, penal and disciplinary law. Suzanne was a sessional lecturer at the McGill Faculty of Law from 1997-2010,

where she taught courses on evidence and sentencing. She has taught at the National Justice Institute, which provides continuing education to judges, and is often a guest speaker at continuing legal education seminars attended by other lawyers. She has written a number of articles in the areas of criminal law and procedure, and lectures regularly at schools and to community groups.

In November 2016 Suzanne became a Judge of the Court of Québec, criminal and penal division.

Over the years, Suzanne has devoted a lot of time to both professional and community organizations. She is a past President of the National Criminal Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association, the Lord Reading Law Society and the Akiva School. She has been involved in, and chaired numerous committees at Federation CJA. Suzanne and her husband Paul Cutler have two children, Danielle '17 and Andrew '21.

Geoffrey Heward '79

Geoffrey Heward is a Director and Senior Vice-President of Heward Investment Management, a firm that has been providing client-focused portfolio management services since 1981. After graduating from the University of Western Ontario in 1984, Geoffrey entered the brokerage business with investment bank Cazenove & Co. in London and after four years in England, he returned to Canada to join Merrill Lynch in Toronto. Geoff's career includes being a Director of Scotia Capital Markets and Vice President at Desjardins Securities in their Capital Markets division. In 2007, having lived away from Montreal for more than 25 years, Geoff and his family moved to Montreal where he joined the family business.

Geoff's family has an extensive history with LCC that started with his great uncle Chilion Graves Heward (1903 St John's School), grandfather Brian Heward (1916), father Chilion ('49), brother James ('77) and many cousins including Denys Heward ('64). Geoff and his wife Joanne have two children, Charlotte '19 and Brian '21, who are continuing the family's tradition at LCC in the Junior School in Heward House. Geoff is an active volunteer in the community and is a board member of the Fondation Centre Action de Montréal in LaSalle and an ongoing member of the Finance Committee at the school. Geoff plays competitive squash and tennis and is an avid skier.

Doug Lewin '87

Doug is the Chief Corporate Development Officer at Paysafe, a London Stock Exchange listed payments company. Prior to joining Optimal, Doug was Vice President of Caesars Interactive Entertainment, a Montreal-based subsidiary of Caesars Entertainment Inc. A 1987 graduate of LCC, he holds a bachelor of science degree from Babson College, where he was a member of the school's 1992 NCAA Frozen Four hockey team. Doug is a founding member and past chairman of Kids for Kids, a local charity that raises money for Montreal-based children in need. He also sat on the board of the Sarah Cook Foundation. At LCC, Doug is currently Chairman of the Board. He is also a member of the Corporation, has served on the school's Alumni Association Committee from 2005 to the present, and was a member of the school's Capital Campaign Committee. He and his wife, Brina, have three children at LCC: Matthew '17, Zach '19 and Justin '19.

Isabelle Poirier

Isabelle was born and raised in Cap de la Madelaine, Quebec. Isabelle is a lawyer who graduated from Université de Sherbrooke in 1994. After living in Europe for two years, she started her career with a dot-com, Cescon inc. a firm focused on voice-over-IP at the end of the nineties. As Secretary of the Board she managed the company's growth from seven employees to 300. The company eventually closed and she was the last employee before dissolution. After two years in private practice in Montreal, she joined Abitibi Consolidated as in-house counsel. In 2003, she joined Aldo as Director of Legal Services where she focused on the international growth of the company, negotiating contracts with franchisees in 36 different countries.

In the last five years, Isabelle has focused her time on raising three kids: Logan '24, Sloan '26 and Connor '28, taking care of her ailing mother, and keeping up with her husband, David Bensadoun '87.

Isabelle has been a member of the Long Range Committee for the past two years and was recently nominated to the board of La Fondation de l'Hôpital Ste-Justine.

Brigitte Roy

Brigitte graduated from McGill University's Faculty of Law in 1990, with degrees in civil and common law. She has practiced law in Quebec for over 25 years with Robinson Sheppard Shapiro, where she specializes in insurance, civil liability and construction litigation. In January 2016, she took on a new challenge and began a secondment with WSP Canada Inc., one of Canada's largest professional engineering services firm, as a member of its Legal Affairs and Risk Management Team.

Brigitte has been an LCC parent for the past 15 years and now acts as Chair of the LCC Parent Association. She has also advised the Board in the past on various insurance related matters. Brigitte and her husband, Adam Shine '84, are the proud parents of Zachary '15 (Pre-U '16), Abigail '17 and Gabrielle '24.

Diana Ferrara Scalia

Diana Ferrara Scalia has been the Strategic Advisor at Samcon since 1995. She is dedicated to ensuring that Samcon stays true to its mission of urban redevelopment while remaining a leader in the industry.

Diana graduated from McGill University in 1992 with a B.Sc. (nutrition). In addition to her work with Samcon, Diana has worked with the Royal Victoria Hospital as a nutritionist. She is very involved with her children's schools. At LCC, Diana is a member of the Nutrition Committee and the Leadership Development Committee.

Diana has been Co-chair of The Priory Parents' Association, Co-chair of The Priory School "Spreading Our Wings Capital Campaign," and has sat on the Board of Directors of The Priory School. Diana is also involved in the community and is presently a member of the Board of Directors of Les Amis de la Montagne.

David Schwartz '87

David is Chief Financial Officer of The ALDO Group, a global retailer and wholesaler of fashion footwear and accessories. Prior to joining ALDO, he was Chief Financial Officer of Optimal Payments, a publicly listed payment processing company. He began his career at Price Waterhouse Coopers providing assurance and mergers/acquisitions advisory services. David earned a Bachelor of Commerce degree from McGill University and is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CA) and Chartered Financial Analyst. David's community involvement includes (former) Board Member, Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee of a Montreal-based private elementary school, (former) member of the Audit Committee of the Jewish General Hospital Foundation and founding captain of The ALDO Group's Ride to Conquer Cancer team, which has raised over \$475,000 to date. David and his wife Leanne have three daughters: Dani '17, Kaylee '19 and Madison.

Jeff J. Shamie '79

Jeff is Director General of the Cedars Cancer Institute, a cancer foundation at the McGill University Health Centre in Montreal. He has successfully repositioned the organization and revenues have grown significantly under his leadership. Prior to joining Cedars in 2005, Jeff held senior positions in marketing and licensing in the apparel industry and was Director of International Affairs for Expo 98 & Expo 2000, Toronto's bids for a World Fair. Previously, Jeff worked closely with several Ontario Cabinet Ministers as senior policy advisor as well as the Office of the Prime Minister of Canada. Jeff Shamie obtained his B.A. (Honours) and Master's of Public Administration (M.P.A) from Queen's University in Kingston. Jeff and his wife Daphne have four daughters, including Alexa '17 and Sophia '21.

Mike Shatilla '88

Over the past 12 years, Michael has worked in real estate and has created a boutique real estate asset management and consulting business. Always intrigued by new business challenges, over the last five years Michael has expanded into other business sectors, including the development of multiple product lines in the health and wellness sectors. His products are sold in over 1,000 stores across Canada. Michael is a graduate of Lower Canada College and Concordia University. After serving seven years on the LCC Facilities Committee, and a former member of the Alumni Executive Committee, Michael recently joined the Finance Committee and heads up the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee. Michael and his wife Heather Golfman reside in NDG, steps away from LCC, and have two children, Skylar and Mackenzy '19.

Lisa Steinberg

Lisa earned a Bachelor of Commerce degree from McGill University and is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CA). While spending the majority of her time raising her family, Lisa has volunteered in a variety of capacities for many local organizations. As a board member of a Montreal-based private elementary school for over 10 years, Lisa served in many roles, most notably as its Vice-President after establishing and chairing its Governance Committee. Lisa is a

Past President of the Just for Kids Foundation where she currently remains on the board and serves on its Executive Committee. She is also involved in Federation Combined Jewish Appeal and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Lisa currently serves as a member of the LCC Finance Committee. Prior to devoting her time to community work, she provided audit and assurance services at Richter. Lisa and her husband Ronny are the proud parents of Matthew '14, Jonathan and Jeremy '20.

Rob Velan '88

Rob is Vice-President, Sales Administration for Velan Inc., a global manufacturer of industrial valves. Over the past ten years, he has held roles in strategic planning, sales, marketing, and operations excellence. From 2008-2010, Rob moved with his family to London to run the European sales division of the company. Prior to joining Velan Inc., he spent six years in management consulting with Accenture and Deloitte advising clients on strategic planning and supply chain initiatives. Rob earned a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Queen's University and an MBA from Cornell University. He is Vice-President of La Fondation de la rue des femmes, a charitable organization that helps homeless women. Rob is a board member of Velan Inc. and recently received his ICD.D designation from the Institute of Corporate Directors. The Velan family has a long association with LCC with 12 past graduates and 11 current students attending the school. Rob and his wife Claire have three children: Emma '20, Blair '22 and Will '25.

Priscilla Whitehead

Priscilla was Chair of the LCC Parents' Association (LCCPA) from 2012-2015, after having served as Vice Chair for many years. She has volunteered as an organizing member of numerous LCC events including the past three Galas, as well as Staff Appreciations, LCC Book Fairs, Family BBQs, Grade 6 Grad, among others, and is a long-standing Class Parent Rep and New Family Mentor. Priscilla is a graduate of Georgetown University and earned her law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. She is admitted to practice in New York, Washington, D.C. and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. After clerking for a US Federal District Court Judge, Priscilla practiced law in Puerto Rico handling both litigation and regulatory matters, primarily for multinational entities. She returned to Washington D.C., and was thereafter elected as a partner at Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman, now merged into Bingham McCutchen, handling environmental and telecommunications regulatory matters, as well as advising clients' entry into international markets. Priscilla grew up in the US and is fluent in Spanish. Since moving to Montreal, Priscilla has focused her energy on her children, and on numerous volunteer roles with LCC, her children's sports teams, and Ballet Ouest de Montréal. She and her husband Drazen Gardilic reside in Pointe Claire and have four children: recent LCC graduates Alexandra '16, Danova '16 and Katina '19, and Nikolas '19.

Teresa Calandriello Fata

Teresa graduated from McGill University with a B.Sc. in Chemistry (1990) as well as a Diploma in Management (1993). She has been a member of the Order of Chemists of Quebec since 1992. Teresa worked as a Quality Assurance and Human Resource Manager for Maxxam Analytics, a market leader in analytical services to the energy, environmental, food and pharmaceutical industries. In 1997, she completed an MBA at Concordia University. Following her graduation, she managed a start-up plastics manufacturing company and acted as a chemical and quality consultant.

Teresa is the Past Chair of the LCCPA and has been very actively involved in the LCC community for many years. She has been a fundraiser for the school and has served on several committees, including the last four LCC Bursary Galas and the LDC Parents' Committee. Teresa is also very involved in various community and charitable organizations including her local Parish and the MRO Hockey Association. Teresa and her husband, Tony '84, have two boys at LCC: Anthony '18 and Andrew '19.

Christopher Shannon, Pre-U '76 (Headmaster)

Christopher Shannon has had a distinguished career in education. He joined LCC as Headmaster in 2005. Since then he has overseen the implementation of a new strategic plan, the school's most successful fundraising initiative, and the construction of a state-of-the art arena-athletic complex. Under his leadership, LCC has also developed a clear vision for campus and program development. This includes a more global orientation and full member into the Round Square international association of schools. Prior to coming to LCC Mr. Shannon served for six years as Headmaster at Stanstead College in Quebec's Eastern Townships. His accomplishments there were numerous and included building strong modern programs and significant renewal of campus facilities. Stanstead's student enrolment also grew significantly and the school operated on a sound financial footing every year. Prior to leading Stanstead, Christopher spent 14 productive years at Appleby College in Oakville, Ontario, where his last position was Director of Academics. A fluently bilingual Montrealer, Christopher graduated from Selwyn House School in 1975 and from LCC's Grade 12 in 1976, making him the first alumnus to head Lower Canada College. He pursued his education at Queen's (B.A.), L'institut de hautes études internationales, University of Geneva (Master's in History and Politics) and Brock University in Ontario (Master's in Educational Administration). Chris and his wife Hilary have two university-aged children: Leah Pre-U '06 and Matthew '07.