



BOARD OF GOVERNORS 2020-2021 Biographical Sketches

Kevin Pidgeon – Chair of the Board

Kevin is President and Chief Operating Officer of the Nautical Lands Group of Companies, a globally awarded construction and design company located in Carp, Ontario. He is a graduate of the John Molson School of Business at Concordia University, Montreal.

Kevin is an active member on the Ashbury Board of Governors and Past Chair of the Property and Building Committee. Outside of Ashbury College, Kevin has served terms on the NCD Ski Team Board of Directors, NCO Board of Directors, Nexus Social Media Board of Directors, Telus Community Board and OSEG Community Board and holds a certificate of Board Governance.

Kevin has been involved in the Ashbury community for over 20 years and spent 10 of those years as a coach with the Ashbury Colts Senior football team.

He is married to Natalie Tommy and has two sons, Arthur '13 and Kevin Brendan BL '08.

Dr. Melissa Forgie – Vice Chair of the Board

Dr. Forgie is a graduate of the University of Ottawa's medical school and has Royal College specializations in Internal Medicine and in Hematology. She has a fellowship in Thromboembolic Disorders and a Masters in Clinical Epidemiology, and is a clinician investigator with the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute. She is a Professor of Medicine. Before her position as Vice-Dean, Dr. Forgie was Assistant Dean, Student Affairs as well as Co-Chair of the Association of Faculties of Medicine National for Student Affairs. She was previously Residency Program Director for the University of Ottawa's Hematology Training Program.

Her clinical practice specializes in thromboembolic diseases.

In her capacity as Vice-Dean, Undergraduate Medical Education, she has received recognition for her advocacy for and assessment of the learning environment. She has recently developed a program for social accountability for the MD program, which encompasses humanities, community service learning, global health, leadership and social determinants of health sub programs.

She has publications in a wide array of prestigious journals such as the New England Journal of Medicine and Nature and continues to publish in her area of clinical expertise. She is an active investigator in a number of both peer reviewed and industry funded clinical trials.

She is an invited member of the International Women's Forum, which features women world leaders who have broken through barriers and achieved recognition for their leadership. She was appointed to the Board of Trustees for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario in January 2015.

Dr. Forgie has received several teaching awards and teaches in both the Anglophone and Francophone streams of the Undergraduate Medical Education Program. She has also received numerous patient care awards and is a 2009 recipient of the Ottawa Hospital

Physician Recognition Award. She is currently one of the most highly awarded physicians at The Ottawa Hospital. Her children graduated from Ashbury in 2014 and 2016.

Lori O'Neill – Past Chair of the Board

Lori is a corporate director and advisor to high growth companies, currently serving as a board member for Constellation Software Inc., Sierra Wireless Inc., Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation, a privately held technology company, University of Ottawa Heart Institute and as an advisory board member for the Dean of the Sprott School of Business. Lori previously served on many other corporate boards and spent over 24 years in a global accounting firm with various local and national leadership roles as partner. Lori obtained a Bachelor of Commerce degree (Highest Honours) in 1988, achieved her CPA, CA designation (Ontario Honour Roll) in 1990, completed her U.S. CPA designation in 2003 and completed the ICD.D designation in 2012. In 2017, Lori was recognized by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario as a Fellow, the highest distinction of the profession. Lori and her husband Tim are proud parents of two Ashbury graduates. Matt ('14) is a Bachelor of Commerce graduate of Smith School of Business, Queen's University, and Katie ('17) is currently studying Commerce at Ted Rogers School of Management, Ryerson University.

Dr. Ben Barry '01

Ben Barry (he/him) is a fashion educator, scholar and academic leader who is devoted to justice and decolonization in fashion education and the fashion industry. As Chair of Fashion at Ryerson University (Canada), Ben is leading the department through a deep transformation by embedding inclusion, decolonization and sustainability into the curriculum and culture. He is a tenured Associate Professor of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Fashion who teaches courses that range from lectures on fashion theory to studios on design justice. He has been awarded numerous grants from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada to support his research program that explores the intersectional experiences of disabled, fat, trans and queer people and collaborates with them to co-design clothing and fashion media. Ben leads executive education programs on anti-racist and inclusive fashion practices for global brands and he frequently shares his insights on these topics with international media. He holds a Master's in Innovation, Strategy and Organization and PhD in Management from Cambridge University (UK).

Terry Blake

Terry is a retired finance professional now involved in various governance, leadership and education initiatives. Terry spent over 20 years as a Chief Financial Officer for subsidiaries of multinational financial services companies working in Canada, New York, Paris, Bangkok and Hanoi, often involved in starting up subsidiary operations and turning around businesses in crisis. In these positions Terry worked for American Express, CitiBank, Assurances Generales de France and MBNA Bank. Terry serves on a number of not-for-profit boards including Shepherds of Good Hope and School of The Photographic Arts Ottawa (Chair) as well as having served as Chair of 1in 6 Canada. In addition, he provides leadership mentoring to young executives in the private and public sectors. Terry received his Chartered Director Designation in 2016. Terry graduated from the University of Windsor in Commerce and subsequently also qualified as a Certified General Accountant.

Suzanne Blanchard

Suzanne Blanchard is the Vice-President (Students and Enrolment) and University Registrar at Carleton University. In this position, Suzanne is responsible for overseeing Carleton University's comprehensive range of academic and personal support services for students

through the application process, over the course of their university experience and after they have graduated. She has a proven track record in managing and leading student-centred services as well as the knowledge, skills and experience to lead the Students and Enrolment portfolio in providing an exceptional student experience for Carleton University students.

Suzanne's accomplishments include the establishment of Carleton University's Student Mental Health Framework which won first prize in the national category of the Canadian Association of University Business Officers (CUABO) 2011 Quality and Productivity Awards, an extensive review of Carleton University's advising services leading to the creation of new programs and services tied to student success and retention, the implementation of a broad student communications benchmarking initiative including innovative social media practices and most recently, leading a university-wide committee on the undergraduate student experience that has led to a number of important recommendations to improve student success.

Suzanne graduated from the University of Ottawa with a Bachelor of Commerce (Hons). She has worked in the field of post-secondary education since the late 1980s in a variety of positions including at the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, La Cité collégiale and with Carleton University initially as Director, Admission Services, then as the University Registrar and Associate Vice President (Students and Enrolment).

Pierre Boulet

At 19 years old, Pierre moved from Ottawa to Florida where he worked different jobs until he founded South East Installation Railing Company. He oversaw his multiple projects from California to Florida.

Today, Pierre is currently President and Chief Operations Officer of The Boulet Group of companies developing some of the most innovative and exciting real estate projects in the National Capital Region.

He also takes pride in its support of local community organizations and has been involved in a multitude of Charities, including past President of the Mathieu Froment Foundation and the Alzheimer Society of Outaouais. He has been an active participant in fundraisers for the Aylmer Food Centre, The Breakfast Club, CSSS (Integrated Health and Social Services) and United Way.

Pierre is a member of the Ashbury College Property and Building Committee.

Pierre is married and his sons graduated from Ashbury in 2018 and 2020.

Richard Emmerson

Richard grew up in Ottawa and attended Queen's University (BA Hons '80, LL.B. '83). After working as a corporate commercial lawyer on Bay Street in Toronto, Richard practiced with a leading law firm in Seoul Korea from 1991-1995. He then practiced with SSEK law firm in Jakarta from 1996-2016 representing multinational companies and NGOs in Indonesia.

He is the President of Emmerson Consulting Ltd. which supports the lawyers of SSEK in Indonesia and provides business consulting services to clients exploring trade and investment opportunities in Indonesia. Richard has served as a Director of the Indonesia-Canada Chamber of Commerce since 1996 and continues to serve as its representative in Canada.

He represented the largest international school in Jakarta and was a guest lecturer at the University of Indonesia, Trisakti University and Gadjah Mada University law schools.

Amongst his *pro bono* projects, Richard established Yayasan Emmanuel in 2000 which pays for school and provides community services including food rescue, mobile library and health services for 5,000+ children in the Jakarta-Bogor area at any given time. He also established Yayasan Hidung Merah (Red Nose Foundation) in 2008 which operates a performing arts community centre, pays for school and provides informal education to children in a poor area of North Jakarta.

Thomas Favret

Mr. Favret, a senior member of the U.S. Foreign Service, lives in Mexico City as the U.S. Embassy's minister counselor for management affairs. Prior to this assignment, he served in the same role at the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa, Canada. Two of his children are alumni of Ashbury: Valerie Favret graduated Ashbury in 2018 and is currently studying in France at the Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po); Patrick Favret is currently a boarding student at Ashbury and will graduate in 2022.

During his service overseas, Mr. Favret has been engaged in supporting educational efforts. While in Burma, he served two years on the governing board of the International School of Yangon (ISY), with one of those years as treasurer. In Zagreb, he was appointed by the U.S. ambassador to serve on the board of the American International School of Zagreb (AISZ) where he headed the facilities committee during a search for a new campus. In addition to his previous years on Ashbury's Board (2015-2018), he is currently a member of the Board of Trustees for the 2,500 student American School Foundation (ASF) of Mexico City, a school established in 1888.

Before arriving in Canada, Mr. Favret attended the National Defence University (NDU) in Washington DC, where he was a distinguished graduate of the Dwight D. Eisenhower School of National Resource Strategy. He came to NDU from the U.S. embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, where he served as deputy director for the Ambassador's office of transition. Before that he was deputy director of the Joint Administrative Service for the three diplomatic missions in Brussels Belgium. Mr. Favret entered the Foreign Service in 1992 with an initial tour in Warsaw Poland as a consular officer. He has also served in Washington, DC and in U.S. embassies in Abuja, Nigeria; Prague, the Czech Republic; Rangoon, Burma (Myanmar), and Zagreb, Croatia.

In addition to the Foreign Service, Mr. Favret has had careers in military intelligence (U.S. Army and Reserve) alumni relations for his undergraduate alma mater, Catholic University, and the hotel business. Mr. Favret has received numerous military and civilian awards, including the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, and multiple Superior and Meritorious Honor awards. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion.

Zahra Jadavji

Zahra Jadavji leads Accenture's Technology practice for Health and Public Service in Canada where she is responsible for the successful delivery of technology services and providing oversight to large-scale, complex, business transformation engagements involving the integration and implementation of technology and information systems.

Zahra holds a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering from McMaster University, and a Master of Business Administration from Simon Fraser University, in addition to several industry recognized professional accreditations.

Zahra has a longstanding history of community involvement that includes taking on causes such as youth development, health and social programs for seniors and various women's leadership initiatives. She was the past Vice Convener of the World Partnership Walk Ottawa and currently serves as the Member for Technology and Data Management for the Aga Khan Council for Canada; and member of the Information Technology Association of Canada.

Zahra and her husband Altaf have a son, Naeem, who is currently in Grade 9 at Ashbury.

Bobby Kelly '09

Bobby is a senior public affairs consultant for Hill and Knowlton, a global strategic communications agency. Having spent several years conducting public engagement and local outreach in the energy sector, Bobby supports a wide range of clients in regulated industries. He provides advice and counsel on federal government outreach and develops strategies to accomplish objectives on issues from trade to transport to fisheries and domestic social policy. Bobby has provided pro bono communications support to the 2016 One Young World Summit and the 2017 Governor General's Performing Arts Awards. In the past year, while working for Indigenous organizations and First Nations clients, Bobby has helped secure federal funding to address child and family welfare and northern housing needs. A graduate of McGill University, Bobby holds a Bachelor of Arts in History.

Bobby is a proud Ashbury alumnus and lifer. While at Ashbury, Bobby was an editor of The Blazer and represented the school on Team Canada at the World Individual Debate and Public Speaking Championships in 2008. He served as School Captain in his graduating year and is excited to have an opportunity to give back to the Ashbury community.

Charles (Chuck) Kennedy, MSc, CRISC

Chuck is the Information Security Executive for TD's Wealth and Insurance lines of business and leads the Enterprise Payment Card Security team. He has led information security teams across TD including; Credit Card, Merchant Solutions, TD Securities, TD Auto Finance, and TD America's Most Convenient Bank. He has played leadership roles on multiple M&A and partnership programs including work with Target, Nordstrom and Amazon. Prior to these roles in information security he led the technology team's delivery of TD's Aeroplan credit card suite and UGO, Canada's first open digital wallet.

Chuck joined TD as part of the acquisition of MBNA Canada where he was the CIO & CTO. In this role and as acting CISO -he served on the Canadian Banker's Association's (CBA), Canadian Financial Institution - Computer Incident Response Team (CFI-CIRT).

Chuck holds the CRISC designation (Certified in Risk and Systems Control) and was educated in the United States, Europe and Canada. He holds a B.A. from The University of Calgary, and an M.Sc. in Information Technology (Information Security / Assurance) from The University of Maryland (UC). His graduate work in Information Security involved the study of Geo-Spatial Intrusion Detection and Complex Event Processing.

Chuck has served on the Information Technology, Audit, and Cyber Security (ITACS) program Advisory Council for Temple University's Fox School of Business and Management. Chuck also mentors future cyber leaders for the University of Maryland. He has held volunteer positions with the Gloucester-Cumberland Ringette Association, Habitat for Humanity, Opera Lyra Ottawa, Blackburn Community Association, Ottawa Community Housing Corporation and the United Way of Ottawa.

Olugbolahan Mark-George

Olugbolahan Mark-George, fondly called OMG by colleagues and business associates, is a well-seasoned strategy and business development consultant with over 25 years versatile experience in microfinance, private equity, venture capital, international finance, insurance, and investment management. Mr. Mark-George's experience encompasses multiple industries and programs within the corporate and development sectors; working with the multilateral development agencies and national governments; and advising on organisational investment strategies and implementing successful business plans.

In October 2020, OMG became an Executive Director of Odu'a Investment Company Limited, Nigeria, an investment holding conglomerate whose portfolio of investments is across diverse industry sectors, serving as the Group Chief Investment and Business Development Officer. He was also appointed in October 2020 as the Climate Finance Advisor to The Federal Government of Nigeria. OMG is a Co-Founder of Mark-George Consultants Limited, Canada.

Mr. Mark-George's past experience includes being the founding CEO of MicroCred Microfinance Bank Nigeria, a subsidiary of MicroCred SA Paris - an international investment company; Country Director of GroFin Nigeria; Head of Financial Advisory, First Funds Limited; and Head of Investment Management at Ventures & Trusts. Before working in Nigeria, OMG worked as a Divisional Director of Willis Faber & Dumas Ltd, a United Kingdom based Lloyd's broker.

OMG has senior-level leadership expertise and knowledge in the fields of women's economic empowerment, climate finance, Micro Small & Medium Enterprise finance, renewable energy, agribusiness, sustainable housing development, governance and resource mobilization in developing countries. He draws from his experience working with international governments, leading private sector firms, public and private financial institutions, and international development agencies to provide successful advisory services.

Mr. Mark-George has qualifications in Law; Business & Finance; Insurance; Project management; Private equity / Venture capital; Investment appraisal and Risk Analysis. OMG and his wife, Temi, have two Ashbuarian sons: Matthias - Class of 2019, and Mitchell - Class of 2021.

Dr. Nicholas Ng-A-Fook

Dr. Nicholas Ng-A-Fook is a Full Professor of Curriculum Theory at the University of Ottawa. He is the current Vice-Dean of Graduate Studies at his Faculty of Education. As a curriculum theorist, he draws on different life writing research methodologies to understand the ongoing systemic barriers for different communities inside and outside the contexts of schooling. He is actively engaged toward addressing the 94 Calls to Action put forth by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, in partnership with local Algonquin First Nations, private, and public school communities.

In 2020 he co-published the following edited collections: *Reconceptualizing Teacher Education Worldwide: A Canadian Contribution to a Global Challenge*; and *Oral History, Education, and Justice: Possibilities and Limitations for Redress and Reconciliation*. He also started the *Fooknconversation Podcast*, where he interviews different colleagues on their research, teaching, and life experiences during the current COVID-19 Pandemic.

He is a Past-President of the *Canadian Society for the Study of Education*, the largest research association in Canada. For his ongoing service to his field of study, in 2018 he received the Canadian Association of Curriculum Studies Ted. T. Aoki Distinguished Service Award. He is the co-editor for the University of Ottawa Press Education Series.

Dr. Ng-A-Fook has three sons, who love to play and do hockey, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, cross country running, nordic skiing, snowboarding, camping and fishing. Dr. Ng-A-Fook continues to enjoy supporting their hockey association as a team manager and assistant coach.

Andrew Nichols '91

Andrew Nichols is presently on sabbatical having recently been the President at BioSteel Sports Nutrition leading up to its sale to Canopy Growth Corporation in the Fall of 2019. BioSteel is a North American operated sports nutrition company that was built on the mandate of providing the safest, healthiest, and most effective line of nutritional products available. BioSteel's line of nutritional products ranges from a sugar and caffeine free sports beverage with no artificial flavours, colours, or preservatives, to a line of proteins and a variety of nutritional bars.

Andrew began his time at Ashbury in Grade 8 as a day student and ultimately graduated from Ashbury in 1991 as a boarder and Captain of the School during the Schools Centennial Celebration. Andrew spends time with his family in Aurora and donates his time to a variety of charities including his role as Advisor to Tenfed, a charity dedicated to providing meals to children around the planet.

Jeremy Ouseley '09

Jeremy Ouseley CPA, CA, MAcc, is a member of the professional team at Ouseley Hanvey Clipsham Deep LLP. As a Licensed Public Accountant, he is responsible for assurance engagements on a wide variety of clients in the not-for-profit and private sectors. Prior to joining OHCD LLP, Jeremy worked with PwC LLP (Ottawa) where he earned his CPA, CA designation and gained valuable experience with a large multi-national firm.

A proud "lifer", Jeremy graduated from Ashbury College in 2009. He pursued his professional studies at the University of Waterloo where he earned a Bachelor of Accounting and Financial Management (BAFM) Honours with a Minor in Economics and a Master of Accounting (MAcc).

Jeremy has served previously as a Director on Ashbury College Foundation Board as well as a member of the Foundation's Finance Committee from 2015 - 2019.

Menisha Sharma

Menisha is the office manager for Kanata Endodontics. She graduated from the University of Guelph with a Bachelor of Science (HK) followed by two years of molecular neurological research (Tanz Neuroscience, University of Toronto). After moving to Ottawa, she worked as a pharmaceutical consultant before choosing to stay home with her children. She has volunteered extensively with a focus on women and children both locally and internationally. She is currently volunteering with Kids Help Phone as a crisis responder. She has been a member of Board Committees (Advancement, Strategic Plan, CAIS) and Chaired the Ashbury Parents' Committee (2013-2014) and currently chairs the Behavioural Risk Mitigation Steering Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee. Menisha and her husband Maneesh have two sons who graduated from Ashbury as "lififers", Ashwin in 2017 and Devan in 2020.

Victoria Shore '07

Victoria Shore is a proud Ashbury College alumni. During her time at Ashbury, she sat on the Alumni Committee as Student Representative and maintained her Ashbury connections since graduating in 2007. Victoria obtained her Bachelor of Arts at McGill University, worked on Parliament Hill as an advisor to a Federal Minister, received a LLB Law Degree at City University London and a LLM from Osgoode Hall. Victoria recently moved back to Ottawa where she is an associate at Gowling WLG. She is happy to have returned home after her years away and feels fortunate to be given the opportunity to serve on Ashbury's Board of Governors.

Stefano Taucer '02

Stefano is Deputy General Counsel for the OraSure Technologies group of companies, based out of their Ottawa subsidiary, DNA Genotek. Stefano is a member of Ashbury's graduating class of 2002 and, prior to joining the Board, he spent more than a decade as an Executive member of the Ashbury Alumni Association. He is passionate about developing an engaged and energized community of alumni.

As Deputy General Counsel, Stefano is responsible for legal affairs for DNA Genotek, Novosanis (Belgium) and Diversigen (US), which are OraSure's subsidiaries. His work supports the global Molecular Solutions business unit, which is focused on offering high-quality products and services in the realms of human and animal genomics, viral screening and surveillance and microbiome discovery.

Prior to joining DNA Genotek, Stefano served as Chief Legal Counsel for Canada at a worldwide information and communications technology company and as legal counsel at two of Canada's largest telecommunications companies. Prior to working as in-house counsel, he practiced law at a prominent local business law firm and an international full-service law firm.

After graduating from Ashbury, Stefano studied Economics at Queen's University and Law at the University of Ottawa. Stefano, his wife Andrea, and son William are proud to call Ottawa home.

Kathryn Tremblay

Kathryn started her career in staffing at 17 years old with a local employment company in sales, recruiting, and payroll. Working full-time in staffing while attending university at night, Kathryn completed an Honours Bachelor of Commerce degree at the University of Ottawa. Recognizing that her employer would not remain in the business, Kathryn envisioned a company where people could learn and strive to attain their very best. She joined her passion for the staffing profession with her colleague Toni Guimaraes and together, at 21 and 23 years old, they launched Excel Human Resources. Starting with a Youth Venture Loan, they built a company on a set of core values and ethics that in turn would become the standard bearer in the industry.

Since the firm opened its doors in 1989, it has grown into Ottawa's largest provider of staffing services to the federal government, the largest staffing vendor to the Government of Ontario, and among the top independent staffing firms in Canada. Headquartered in our nation's capital, the firm has offices in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Mississauga, and North York. The company's brands excelHR and AltisProfessional place over 8,000 resources per year in contract and permanent roles within senior-specialized areas, I.T., finance and administration. The firm is a Platinum Member of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies Award.

Over the course of 29 years, Kathryn has worked tirelessly to build mentorship, coaching and collegiality into the company's culture. In addition to supporting Christie Lake Kids and the Regional Cancer Foundation, she directly coaches several high school students each year to help them gain acceptance into the university of their dreams.

Kathryn is equally committed to the success of her family. First and foremost in Kathryn's list of priorities are her four daughters. Morgan '14 is in her final year in Entrepreneurship at Babson College in Massachusetts, Brooklyn is in her third year in Communications at Rollins College in Florida, Torey is in Grade 12 at Ashbury, and Camryn is in Grade 7 at OMS. Kathryn's life and business partner passed away of prostate cancer in September 2016, an

experience from which draws strength to be a devoted mother, community leader and business owner.

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Martin Parizeau

Martin Parizeau, an active Board member since 2006, is a retired banking executive and currently serves as Board Chair of Flexiti Financial and Managing Partner of Alinea Holdings. Prior to retiring in early 2017, he was Chief Executive Officer of Chase Card Services Canada. Prior to joining J. P. Morgan Chase, Martin served as Consumer Credit Executive for Bank of America where he had oversight for unsecured lending businesses in the U.S, U.K and Canada. He also spent more than a decade at MBNA Corporation where he was a Senior Executive Vice President and a member of the Corporation's Global Senior Operating Committee. Martin has a deep background in Corporate Governance, having served as Board Chair of Flexiti Financial, MasterCard Canada, Ashbury College and Habitat for Humanity NCR. He has also served on the Board of the Ottawa Hospital where he was Treasurer and Chair of the Resource committee. His children graduated from Ashbury in 2013 and 2016.

Chris Teron '76

An Ashbury alumnus, active member of the Board since 2000, Chair of the Board from 2008 to 2010 and now a voting Governor Emeritus, Chris is President of family-owned real estate companies. He was Chair of the Property and Building Committee for 14 years and continues on the committee. He has two daughters who graduated from Ashbury - Briar who is a Plastic Surgeon in New York City and Heather who completed a Master's degree in experimental psychology at Memorial University of Newfoundland in St. John's and now works at their Marine Institute.

Jean Teron

Jean joined the Board in 1978, she served as Board Chairman from 1986-89, chaired Ashbury's *Capital Campaign 2000* and co-chaired the Building Futures Campaign with John Kelly. She served as the first female Chairman on the Carleton University Board of Governors (1983-86) and on the Executive Committee of Ontario's Trillium Foundation, National Arts Centre's fundraising committees, and on the board of the Kidney Foundation. Jean was awarded a Doctor of Laws, honours causa, by Carleton University in 2013. Jean was involved in fundraising activities with the Ottawa Hospital Foundation and is currently involved in fundraising with the Ottawa Chamber Music Society and serves on a committee of the Carleton University Board. In June 2018 Jean was designated as a Governor Emeritus of Carleton University. Her three sons are graduates of Ashbury (Chris '75, Will '86, Bruce '87). Granddaughter Briar graduated in 2004, and granddaughter Heather graduated in 2007.

Stephen Woollcombe '57

Stephen Woollcombe '57 attended Ashbury for ten years and was School Captain in his graduating year. Following university studies in Toronto, Quebec City and Pennsylvania he taught school in India. He then enjoyed a long and distinguished career as a Canadian diplomat, with postings in five continents.

Since retirement in 1996, Stephen has taught at universities in Canada and Venezuela, undertaken voluntary service in Canada and in several developing countries, and been active in Canadian politics at the federal level.

Grandson of Ashbury's founder, he authored the biography of G. P. Woollcombe which was published at the time of school's 125th anniversary in 2016.

A member of the Ashbury Board since 1972, he is the longest serving active Governor.

EX-OFFICIO GOVERNORS (non-voting)

Ishrat Balaa, Chair, Parents' Committee

Ishrat Balaa is currently the Regional Business Manager for the Immunology and Rare Disease franchise at Takeda Canada. Ishrat has over 15 years of experience in the health science industry with leading global healthcare organizations including Takeda, Sanofi, and Bristol Myers Squibb. In 2017 she received the prestigious Sanofi World Championship award in France for outstanding innovation in business development in oncology. Ishrat is a graduate of the University of Ottawa with double honors BSc in Biochemistry and BCom with specialization in Management Information Systems. She is currently enrolled at the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine Leading and Influencing Change in Continuing Professional Development program. She has a keen interest in the design of engaging education initiatives for health professionals including digital applications. Ishrat is an active member of Women Leaders in Pharma. She has been a proud Ashbury parent for the past five years.

Tracy Rait-Parkes, President, Ashbury Guild

Tracy Rait-Parkes is a speech-language pathologist at Lanark Community Programs, a publicly-funded, community-based organization serving vulnerable children and their families in Lanark County, west of Ottawa. For over 25 years, Tracy has provided assessment and intervention services to preschool-aged children in the area of speech and early language delays and disorders working under the umbrella of the Language Express, Preschool Speech and Language Services for Lanark, Leeds and Grenville. Her particular field of interest is early intervention focused on parent coaching and engagement. In addition to providing clinical services to children and families, Tracy is independently contracted to the Hanen Centre, an international organization based out of Toronto ON, to provide training to speech-language pathologists and other professionals to support communication development in young children. Tracy earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Linguistics from the University of Western Ontario and her Masters of Health Science in Speech Pathology from the University of Toronto. She is involved in various local organizations in Ottawa, currently serving as Vice-Chair of the Board of Hopewell Eating Disorders Support Centre and President of the Ashbury Guild this year. She sits on the advisory committee of the Taggart-Parkes Foundation, a family-run charitable foundation supporting Ottawa organizations. She and her husband, Scott Parkes, have had three children at Ashbury - Gillian, School Captain, Class of 2020 and Jack and Abby, Class of 2022.

James Kenny '02, President, Alumni Executive

James Kenny is the Marketing and Communications Manager at Ferguslea Properties Ltd., which owns and manages Accora Village, Canada's largest privately owned rental community in Ottawa's west-end. From 2010-2017, James worked as a communication consultant and lobbyist for Hill+Knowlton Strategies in Ottawa. His primary focus was developing and implementing marketing and communications campaigns for crown corporations and major Canadian retailers.

After graduating from Ashbury College in 2002, James completed a B.A. in political science from Bishops University in 2006, obtained a French language certificate from the Institut International D'etudes Francaises, University of Marc Bloch in Strasbourg, France in 2007, and a diploma in Public Relations from Algonquin College in 2010.

James is active within the Ottawa community. He's been a member of the selection committee for the Business Woman of the Year Awards for the last 4 years, corporate sponsorship committee co-chair for the Touch a Little Life campaign for CHEO, and a volunteer for the Canadian Cancer Society and the Ottawa Public Library. He has also done work for the Children's Miracle Network, Canadian Human Rights Commission and the International Organization for Victim Assistance.

Hugh Scott, Chairman, Ashbury College Foundation

Hugh is currently the Executive Director, Strategic Alliances at Innovative Medicines Canada. Joining IMC in 2008, Hugh first served in a federal government relations function and most recently has led the association's outreach with key stakeholders and partners within the life sciences and health sectors. In 2016, he also assumed the role of Executive Director of Innovative Medicines Canada's Health Research Foundation. Hugh has more than 25 years of experience in advocacy, government, stakeholder and media relations working for national trade associations in Ottawa, including Credit Union Central of Canada and the Insurance Bureau of Canada. Hugh began his career on Parliament Hill in 1994 as the Legislative Assistant to The Honourable Albina Guarnieri, P.C., M.P. Hugh is a Past President of the Government Relations Institute of Canada and has been listed several times by the Hill Times as one of Canada's Top 100 Lobbyists.

Hugh contributes extensive time to volunteer activities in Ottawa as well as the Eastern Townships in Quebec, serving as Chair of the Ashbury College Foundation Board, Health and Safety Director of the St. Laurent Adult Hockey League, Chair of the Georgeville Canada Day Parade Committee, President, Heritage Georgeville Inc., and Director, Community Association of Georgeville. Hugh is a graduate of Ashbury College in Ottawa a Bachelor of Arts (Major History) from Bishop's University in Lennoxville, Quebec. Hugh and Sally have two children at Ashbury, Ian (class of 2020) and Annie (class of 2024).

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Gordon Pimm
Meena Roberts
James Smellie '67
Anthony Tattersfield
Debbie Weinstein
Dr. David Zussman