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2018

Celebrating 50 next year. Join us!

Founded in 1968, Dawson College was the first English-language institution in the Quebec network of CEGEPs. That means that next year, Dawson will usher in its 50th academic year. Some of you may have even passed through Dawson yourselves, although maybe not in this location.

Dawson College has been located in this historic building in the heart of Montreal since 1988. This former Mother House of the Congrégation-de-Notre-Dame dates back to 1908 and sits on 12 acres of green space. The College's student population today is approximately 10,000 full-time and part-time students enrolled in more than 50 fields of study.

The students, faculty and staff of Dawson represent a diversity of languages and cultures reflecting the multi-cultural character of Montreal itself. This diversity greatly enriches the lives of all our students and their college experience.

Dawson has played a vital role in the lives of so many Montrealers over the past 50 years. The College and its Foundation are looking forward to reconnecting with its large alumni base and with members of the greater community. You can learn more about the Foundation and the projects it seeks to support as Dawson approaches 50. Consider supporting some exciting initiatives in your children's futures.

514 931 8731 ext. 1347
dawsoncollege.qc.ca/dawson-foundation

A word about the old Forum

Extraordinarily high demand for college education in the Montreal area has led Dawson to increase its enrolment. To accommodate the larger student population, the College has created 13 classrooms and labs in the legendary landmark of the Montreal Forum. These teaching spaces are equipped to the same standard as classes in the main building, as are all communications and security installations and procedures.

Consider a seat on the Board of Governors as a parent representative

Dawson College is seeking one parent of a Dawson student to serve on the Board of Governors. The Board is composed of members drawn from community groups, industry, faculty, staff, students, graduates, administrators and parents.

The Dawson Board meets six times during the academic year and has jurisdiction over the policies and governance of the College. Members work on a voluntary basis. The parent member elected will serve for a two-year term beginning September 28, 2017.

If you have a son or daughter currently registered at Dawson College and you are not also an employee, you are eligible to run as a candidate for this position. All parents of students are eligible to vote in these elections that will take place at a meeting specifically for that purpose on Thursday, September 28, 2017.

Parents wishing to run as candidates are invited to submit their résumé with any pertinent biographical information as well as the name of their son or daughter currently attending Dawson to:

François Paradis
Director, Corporate Affairs
3040 Sherbrooke St. West Westmount, Quebec H3Z 1A4
fparadis@dawsoncollege.qc.ca

Deadline for nominations:
Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 4 p.m.

All parents of Dawson students are invited to attend the Parent Election meeting, as follows:

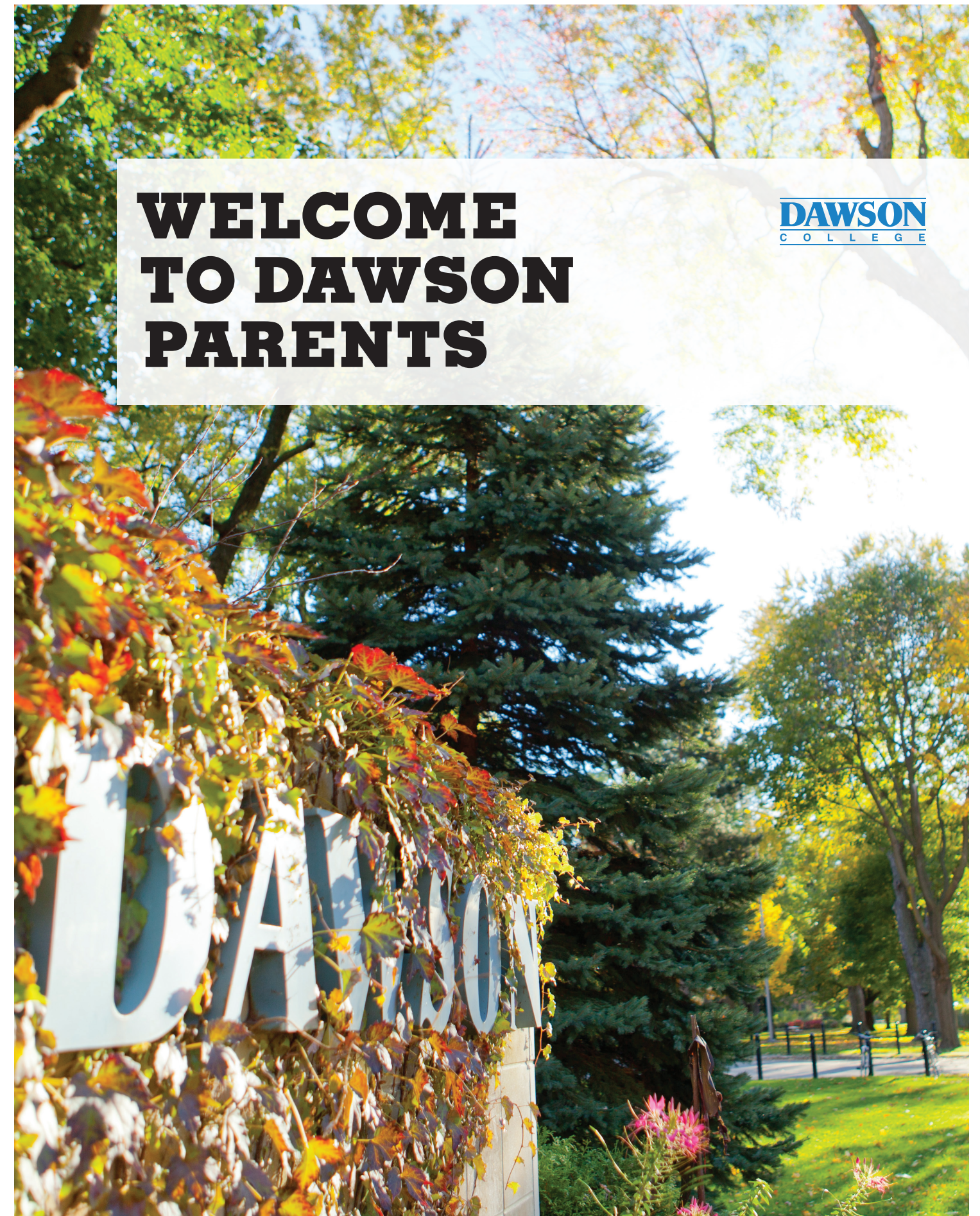
Thursday, September 28, 2017
5:00 p.m.
Room 5B.16
Dawson College
3040 Sherbrooke St. West (Métro Atwater)

Please Note: A regular Board meeting will follow at 6 p.m. in the Boardroom 5B.13. The parent elected will be expected to attend.



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Partner in your child's education

Welcome to Dawson College and thank you for accepting our invitation to talk about the next few years in your child's life.

We are especially grateful for the confidence you have shown in our ability to provide your child with an education that will prepare him or her for the future.

New students soon learn that CEGEP is not high school.

We expect that young people entering this new phase of their lives take responsibility for their time, their choices and their education.

Rest assured, however, that at every step of the way, there are hundreds of people employed by the College who are here to make this transition a successful one.

You also have an important part to play through your encouragement and guidance at home. You may choose to engage in the life of the College by attending plays in the Theatre, taking in sporting events in the Tony Proudfoot Gym, visiting the Warren G. Flowers gallery, or participating in special events.

Whatever you choose to do, you have now become our partner in your child's education.

Our services for students are listed in this handout, but you can also visit our website any time for more information dawsoncollege.qc.ca.

Richard Filion

Director General, Dawson College

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT...

Academic Advising

Dawson's academic advisers answer all kinds of questions every day. Will I find CEGEP difficult? Do I need Math for CEGEP? If I am in a technical program, can I still go to university? What do I need to register for next semester? Can I take university pre-requisites while in a technical program?

There are three ways to meet with an adviser:

- **Individual appointments**
- **Drop-in hours (for quick questions)**
- **Advising workshops**

Academic Skills Centre

The Academic Skills Centre can assist students in improving learning, reading and writing skills. Students can meet with staff on an individual basis, or in small groups and workshops to help identify their needs to improve their academic performance.

Athletics and Recreation

Dawson College has one of the largest inter-collegiate programs in Canada. A large number of recreational and intramural programs are also offered to the student population. For more information, students can consult the website at dawsoncollege.qc.ca.

Awards and Scholarships

Dawson College recognizes and promotes excellence, leadership and community involvement through its scholarship and awards program. Students should take advantage of the many opportunities offered through the program and so, we suggest you encourage your child to explore these opportunities by consulting the website.

Bookstore

The Bookstore is open daily, with extended hours during the opening weeks of each semester to accommodate the increased traffic. It provides students, faculty and staff with books and supplies at competitive prices.

Campus Life & Leadership

The staff of Campus Life & Leadership provides advice and support to students, and designs activities that enrich academic and extracurricular life at Dawson College. The philosophy of Campus Life & Leadership is to focus on student development beyond the classroom through activities that offer educational, recreational and leadership opportunities.

Career and Counselling

Counsellors are available to help students with social, academic and career development, and can provide support for students with personal problems. In the Career Resource Centre, students may consult college, trade school and university directories and calendars, career planning, job hunting, resumé writing and interview materials, career videos and job market documents.

Education for Adults

Dawson College offers a wide range of credit and non-credit courses, seminars and programs for adults. Most activities take place in the evening or on weekends. Consult the Dawson website at dawsoncollege.qc.ca for more information. Click on Centre for Training and Development under the Continuing Education menu tab.

Financial Aid

The Financial Aid Department provides financial assistance services to students who are enrolled full-time in a program at Dawson College. Loans and bursaries help students who wish to study full-time, but who do not have the financial means to do so. Students registered on a full-time basis in a program (minimum of 180 hours per semester) may apply to the Quebec Loans and Bursaries Program. Forms, deadline dates, information, and assistance can be obtained through the Financial Aid Office or by telephone at **(514) 931-8731, ext. 1186**.

Food Services

The Atrium snack bar on the 2nd floor features hot and cold meals and snacks. Food services are supplemented by vending machines located throughout the building dispensing cold drinks and snacks.

Getting Information

The Dawson website is online to provide information any time of day or night. The My Dawson College Facebook page posts important information as well as fun items throughout the week. TV screens are located throughout the building with important information as well as photos and videos portraying student life. Bulletin boards display posters about different extracurricular activities.

Students have secure access to a portal to view personalized information in their student file and to receive messages from teachers and the College on important matters. Student media such as The Plant newspaper and the CIXS radio station are also accessible during the school year. Finally, there is an information booth at the top of the escalators on the second floor with a staff member ready to help out.

Helping First-Year Students in the Transition from High School

Dawson's Office for First-Year Students is a new service intended to welcome students and help them adjust to college life as quickly and easily as possible.

Students may want to explore opportunities to get involved at Dawson or in the broader community. Or learn more about services that can support them in their studies or if they have questions about important college processes like registration and course change, or where and how to get a locker or books for courses. Staff can assist with all that and more.

It will be fully operational in January, but will offer limited services as of October and will be located in 2D.0

Housing

Dawson College has no on-campus residences, but Campus Life & Leadership does provide limited assistance to students seeking housing.

For more information please visit
dawsoncollege.qc.ca

Library

Originally the chapel of the religious order occupied this building, it has cathedral ceilings, ornate lighting fixtures, stained glass and even organ pipes. It is, however, completely wired for the latest in library technology.

Locker/Lock Rentals

Small, large and portfolio lockers are available to students at a nominal fee with the rental of locks.

Ombuds Services

Ombuds Services provide an independent and confidential service to ensure that every member of the Dawson College community receives fair and equitable treatment. Qualified Ombuds staff investigate complaints, facilitate or negotiate resolutions, advise students and teachers on College policies, and assist students in meeting their obligations while ensuring that their rights are respected.

Peer Tutoring

Dawson's peer tutoring program can pair a student with a tutor to help him/her succeed in a wide range of subjects. Applications are available through the Academic Skills Centre.

Student AccessAbility Centre

Students with special needs registered for either full- or part-time studies are eligible for assistance. Arrangements for hearing, visual or motor/ coordination impairment, documented learning disability or chronic medical condition, as well as students who have temporary special needs resulting from accidents or illness may use the service. Students who require special assistance should inform the College before registration.

Student Employment

The Student Employment Centre assists students in finding employment, either for part-time work on and off campus, or for permanent positions, particularly for graduates in the career programs.

Student Government

The Dawson Student Union (DSU) represents students at the College, with elected members working on their behalf. The student union has representation on the Board of Governors, Senate, Campus Council, among others, giving students a voice in school policy-making.

Student Health Services

A nurse staffs a drop-in centre which students can visit when not feeling well or for any health questions or concerns. The nurse is available for consultation on health counselling and education programs for individuals or groups. Referral to other agencies or appropriate medical specialists can be arranged.

The Mentor Program

Dawson's mentor program pairs new students with a teacher or staff member who has volunteered to help them through the transitional first semester.