40th Anniversary of the Faculty of Education
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Thank you
A word from the president of the 40th anniversary celebrations

The Faculty of Education’s 40th anniversary celebrations provided a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the long list of accomplishments of this remarkable institution.

Indeed, time and time again during our activities and initiatives, women and men who passed through the Faculty at a certain point of their academic or professional journey expressed their recognition for what they learned and experienced here.

Book Fair
Among the series of celebrations, we organized a Book Fair that profiled books authored or edited over the last 40 years by current and retired members of the Faculty of Education. This fair highlighted just how much the Faculty has grown.

Renowned guest speakers
We hosted two renowned science journalists, Bob McDonald and Yanick Villedieu, as well as educator and politician Justin Trudeau. Their presentations were both provocative and engaging, and they challenged their audience to exploit the positive impacts of their role in creating a better, fairer, and healthier world.

Closing ceremony
Finally, in a not surprisingly festive atmosphere, more than 245 guests gathered for the 40th anniversary closing gala at Ottawa’s Fairmont Château Laurier. This event also basked in an air of gratitude as we honoured individuals who have significantly contributed to education in Ontario.

To all those who helped make our celebrations a glowing success, I extend my heartfelt thanks.

David Smith, PhD
Vice-Dean and Faculty Secretary
The founding of the University of Ottawa’s Faculty of Education dates back before its official opening in 1967.

For those who can attest to its evolution, the success of this institution is largely attributed to excellence-oriented visionaries as they positioned the study of education as a university discipline.

It started in 1923, when in response to public dissatisfaction with Regulation 17 (a law forbidding instruction in French beyond the first two years of primary school), the University of Ottawa’s Senate created the francophone École de pédagogie under the leadership of Father René Lamoureux, O.M.I. This institution, renamed École normale de l’Université d’Ottawa in 1927, became the Faculty of Education of the University of Ottawa in April 1967.

In terms of educational studies in English, the Ottawa Normal School, created in 1875 and known as the Ottawa Teacher’s College, integrated with the Faculty of Education in 1974. This merger gave an impetus to this important institution by bringing it to the forefront of educational studies in Ontario with the breadth of its bilingual programs, as well as the quality and importance of its research activities.

At the time of its creation, the Faculty of Education enrolled 243 students, 15 of them were doctorate candidates, 153 were at the master’s level and 66 were completing their undergraduate studies. Today, the Faculty has more than 3000 students and total of 100 programs.

It is needless to say that the Faculty of Education, as a result of its past 85 years, has a promising future; the quality and the expertise in its teaching and research activities will undoubtedly continue in the years to come.
This prize was created by the Teacher Education Student Association (Francophone Sector) to mark the Faculty of Education’s 40th anniversary. It not only points to a promising crop of professionals, but also speaks to one of the Faculty’s core missions: training teachers who believe in the tremendous potential of Ontario’s Francophone communities.

Honouring commitment

The prize recognizes the recipients’ outstanding commitment in the Francophone community without consideration for financial need or academic performance.

On May 1, at its 40th anniversary gala, the Faculty presented the 2008 prizes to Caroline Blondin, Geneviève Dorval, and Karine Milliard.

Renowned guest speakers

La science, si la vie vous intéresse
Host and reporter of Radio-Canada (Montreal), Radio’s Les Années lumière since 1982, Yanick Villedieu is also medicine, health and science columnist for the L’actualité magazine since 1983.

Education, the Environment and the Role of Teachers

As great proponent of respect for Canada minority language rights, Justin Trudeau uses forums to defend the causes that are dear to his heart such as the environment and youth empowerment.

Being There – Science as I’ve Seen It

Bob McDonald is host of CBC Radio’s Quirks and Quarks and is the science reporter for CBC Television’s The National. He has authored two science books for children and contributed to numerous science textbooks, newspapers and magazines.

From left to right: Karine Milliard, Caroline Blondin and Geneviève Dorval.
At the invitation of Marie Josée Berger, Faculty of Education Dean, Huguette Labelle, Chancellor of the University of Ottawa and Honorary Chair of the Faculty of Education 40th Anniversary celebrations, and David Smith, President of the 40th Anniversary Celebrations Committee, more than 245 guests gathered Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at Fairmont Château Laurier for closing ceremonies wrapping up the Faculty's 40th anniversary celebrations and a year of festivities full of outstanding events.

The evening was a warm and enjoyable experience for all concerned, and an opportunity to launch the 40th Anniversary Scholarship Funds Campaign as well as to announce, for the first time, the Leadership in Education Award.
Gilles Patry’s tenure at the helm of the University of Ottawa will be long remembered. Indeed, Mr. Patry’s seven years as president brought one accomplishment after another, which has greatly helped the Faculty of Education to flourish and reach new heights.

Mr. Patry’s presence at the 40th Anniversary Gala created the perfect opportunity to wish him well upon his departure and, especially, to express our deepest gratitude.
The Leadership in Education Award was created by the Faculty of Education of the University of Ottawa for its 40th anniversary. This award aims to recognize individuals whose innovation, leadership and exceptional contribution have made a difference in the education community of the province of Ontario.

**Gerard Kennedy**
Distinguished Visiting Professor, Ryerson University

As an effective Ontario Minister of Education from 2003-2006, Gerard helped to bring about a province-wide turnaround to a system previously in crisis, marked by lower class sizes for primary grades, improved student results and raised student, staff and parent morale.

**The Honourable Paul S. Rouleau**
Justice with the Ontario Court of Appeal for Ontario

Appointed to the Court of Appeal for Ontario in 2005, Paul S. Rouleau previously practiced law specializing in all aspects of education, constitutional and labour law as well as commercial litigation. He also worked as an arbitrator neutral for the Education Relations Commission from 1979 to 1986 and played a key role in designing the management structure for French-language education in Ontario.

**Avis Glaze**
Ontario’s Education Commissioner and Senior Advisor to the Minister of Education

Avis Glaze was the first Chief Student Achievement Officer of Ontario and founding CEO of The Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat.

Dr. Glaze is a prolific author and international speaker who has won numerous awards and she is widely known as an innovative and results-oriented educational leader.

**Dominic Giroux**
Assistant Deputy Minister of Education in Ontario

Dominic Giroux’s portfolio includes French-language education, aboriginal education, labour relations, field services and provincial schools. Since 2007, he has a dual reporting relationship to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, where he leads French-language and Aboriginal postsecondary education and training.
With an annual $200 000 goal, the 40th Anniversary Scholarship Funds Campaign is the largest ever in the history of the Faculty of Education of the University of Ottawa. For each scholarship fund created, the Government of Ontario will match every donor’s contributions.

The Faculty of Education wishes, through these permanent scholarship funds, to ensure support and encourage its students’ pursuit for excellence, and in the same instance, pursue its main objective to train educators and researchers of merit while honoring renowned Ontario education personalities.

The Robert Arseneault Fund
Supporting training of future francophone educators.

The Jean-Luc Bernard Fund
Supporting training of future francophone educators from southern and central Ontario.

The Jean Grisé Memorial Fund
Supporting training of future francophone educators from northeastern Ontario.

The Denis Lévesque and Ronald Leduc Fund
Supporting training of future francophone educators in special education programs.

The Avis Glaze Scholarship
In support of students enrolled in Faculty of Education programs, whether teacher education, graduate studies or research.

The Irene and William (Bill) Duquette Fund
In support of students enrolled in the Faculty’s Native Teacher Education Program.