McGill’s Faculty of Science has much to be proud of. Our brilliant students hail from all over the world. To complement this remarkable collection of students, our renowned professors and their graduate students and postdoctoral fellows are tackling important scientific issues of our time: rethinking chemical processes, unraveling the mysteries of the galaxy, and revolutionizing how we treat pain.

Much of our success is made possible by the generous support we receive from Science alumni, friends and both our active and retired faculty and staff.

Your legacy gifts continue to play a pivotal role in driving our Faculty forward, by supporting our talented students, helping to pioneer research initiatives, and advancing new teaching and learning ventures. We are deeply grateful for your support.

The articles in this bulletin pay tribute to several loyal Science donors who have long supported the Faculty with annual gifts. In some cases these donors’ legacy gifts ensure continued support for those activities that were important to them. I hope that you will find their stories inspiring.

**R. Bruce Lennox**
Dean, Faculty of Science

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**A LONG TRADITION OF SUPPORT CONTINUES**

The late Elizabeth Edwards, BA’47 was a proud third generation McGillian. Her grandmother, Eliza Cross, was one of McGill’s first female graduates in 1888, and her mother, Mary Edwards, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1916. Two of her sisters, Mary Hertz, BCom’44, and Janet White, BA’48, attended McGill, as did her cousin, George Currie, BEng’51, her great niece Amy Rose, BA’93, MLIS’00, and nieces Lucy White, BA’89 and Mary White, BA’88, MBA’92.

Elizabeth maintained strong ties with her alma mater throughout her life and was a loyal donor to the Annual Fund for more than four decades. Through a legacy gift, her generous support continues to have an impact on the Faculty of Science, where the Edwards Biology Fund supports talented young students in the Honours Biology program.

The accompanying photo shows some of the 2017 symposium participants, whose projects covered a broad range of topics, including the effects of climate change on Quebec’s mammals, the causes of Alzheimer’s disease, and the bite of a Tyrannosaurus Rex.
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Dave’s exceptional financial commitment to the Faculty of Science spans more than 40 years, and includes the establishment of the ‘Alexis D. and W. Charles Pelletier Fellowship in Mathematics’, support for the ‘Faculty of Science Communications and Outreach’ initiative, and the Dean’s Fund. Additionally, through Dave’s decision to include McGill in his estate plans, he has once again demonstrated exemplary ongoing support for the Faculty of Science.

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