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## OUR EDUCATIONAL VISION



## A WORD FROM THE COACH



### Dear future Saguenéens players,

Being drafted by a QMJHL team is a defining moment in any hockey player's life. It's with great pride that we congratulate you on this achievement! The Major Junior league represents a lifelong path of discipline of which you'll have the privilege to experience and test yourself against.

The Saguenéens de Chicoutimi hockey club plays a major role in the regional community. All players and staff members who are involved with the team are part of a family where a sense of belonging is etched within the heart of the organization's values.

You may be wondering what my expectations are in regards to your implication within the organization? During the upcoming season, I trust that you must be able to achieve a successful balance between your studies and athletic schedule. Your success depends on your level of motivation and discipline.

Nobody can do the work in your place and no one can crave success on your behalf.

Both your athletic and academic support groups will be involved in and genuinely concerned about your student/athlete life. They work in unison with your best interests in mind. It's your responsibility to learn from their skills and advice for becoming the best possible student/athlete that you can be!

Enjoy the season!

**YANICK JEAN**

**Head Coach/General Manager**

Les Saguenéens de Chicoutimi



## OUR EDUCATIONAL VISION

# A WORD FROM THE EDUCATIONAL ADVISOR

### Dear student-athlete,

As a teacher for nearly 36 years in colleges and universities, it's a pleasure to serve as your Chicoutimi educational advisor and welcome you to our team.

The successful balance of sports and studies is a major challenge for athletes.

The school organization is well structured and implicated within our team. With partners such as the educational institutions, teachers, managers and teaching aids, we implemented a custom academic mentoring program, specially designed for the reality of student-athletes.

For all athletes, success does not stem from chance, but is achieved through hard work. Sacrifice, effort and talent are the keys for any athlete in search of performance results. Hope, perseverance, determination, self-confidence and remaining positive will enable you to continue living your dream.

Your future rests in your own hands and it's my pleasure in encouraging you to continue believing in yourself and in supporting you along your road to success.

**JOANNE LEBLANC**  
Educational Advisor



The educational advisor and retired CÉGEP teacher, Ms. Joanne Leblanc, mediates between the player, the parents, the general manager, coach and the academic institutions involved to ensure a successful balance between academic and athletic obligations. She advises and guides the student athlete and the team in organizing each player's education, including schedule planning, course type selection, monitoring, supervision, etc. She also establishes communication with the QMJHL.

### DENIS ARSENAULT TROPHY

Educational adviser of the year

2017-18



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## OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Alexis Morin, recipient of the Marcel Robert Trophy 2023-24, and Richard Létourneau, chairman of the Saguenéens' board of directors.



## OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND SCHOLARSHIPS

### TRAINING CAMP AND RECEPTION

All players who are invited to participate in the training camp before the regular season, will be welcomed to attend a reception event with the team's management and the educational advisor.

### TEAM ACADEMIC MENTORING PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

It's important to note that the course content offered across each academic level meets the requirements of the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport.

What happens when a player's permanent residence is in another province (or state) and have been taught in a different academic system? The team's educational organization is flexible and provides support for these types of situations. As an alternative to the Québec educational system, the player can benefit from distance learning with foreign academic institutions to obtain recognized qualification in their habitual school environment.

Players wearing the Saguenéens uniform, except for foreign players, must register at a local institution on a full-time basis (high school, college or university) according to the minimum academic progress required by the QMJHL. The player also commits to take full responsibility in regard to academic obligations and making the necessary efforts to

### EUROPEAN PLAYERS

Situational analysis enables educational institutions to adapt the services offered based on the youth's profile.

No matter if it's through immersion as a second language (French or English) or online support for certain programs outside of Canada, the Chicoutimi organization oversees training so the player can successfully complete their studies.

### FRANCOPHONE SECONDARY SCHOOL

- The young French-speaking Saguenéens players attend the Dominique- Racine secondary school (high school). This public institution developed a specific profile called Sport-Art-Études (sports, art, studies), which makes it possible for youth to combine their studies, in addition to an athletic or artistic discipline on the same day with an adapted schedule with reduced class time.
- The high school students experience the school syllabus in an accelerated way and must complete complementary work outside of their courses. To encourage the players' academic success, the Club offers a Classe École (school class) at the arena, from Monday to Thursday in the afternoons. A professor supervises the school work progression and assists when required.
- As such, the players can then obtain their DES (Secondary School Diploma SSD), which will allow them to access higher education.
- Adult education is considered an exceptional situation.

### ANGLOPHONE SECONDARY LEVEL : GRADE 12

The young Saguenéens players who have not yet finished high school will continue their studies with distance learning courses, we also offer some on-site courses with teachers in the study room in partnership with Northern Pre-University (NPU).



## OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND SCHOLARSHIPS

### ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION: COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY

All high-level Quebec athletes who desire access to higher education must register with the Alliance Sport-Études. Alliance's mission is to provide adapted coaching services to high-level Quebec athletes. The Cégep de Chicoutimi is a member of Alliance Sport-Études and they've implemented a program adapted to Saguenéens players.

Success is not built alone. A team of professionals composed of teachers, a teaching assistant, an educational advisor, the Saguenéens general manager/trainer at Cégep de Chicoutimi, unite their efforts to offer services adapted to the athletic and academic realities of student players. In addition, the program involves the collaboration of about forty professors across ten different departments.



Christophe Berthelot, 2022-26

### ATTENDANCE AND SUCCESS

The Cégep academic mentoring program aims to create conditions that foster the players' success. The Saguenéens players must comply with class rules, just like all regular students. When they must be absent to play away games, the lessons or labs will then be administered by the teachers, as to achieve the course's educational objectives for such cases.

As for English-speaking players, they'll enroll in distance learning courses at their university and will be subject to the rules of the team's school policy for distance learning courses. They'll benefit from educational support during Classes Écoles, which are mandatory in the afternoons, from Monday to Thursday inclusively.

Alexis Bernier, Alex Huang, Jacob Gomez, Christophe Berthelot, Thomas Desruisseaux, Anton Linde, Alonso Gosselin, Lucas Beckman & Raphaël Précourt. Annual scholarship awards, 2026



## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

### Scholarships from the Saguenéens:

The Fondation d'Études Desjardins des Saguenéens annually awards various merit-based scholarships to Saguenéens players. These include scholarships for social and community engagement of \$2,000; an excellence scholarship of \$2,500; academic commitment of \$2,000; success support of \$1,000; distance learning of \$1,000; youth support of \$1,000; an inspiring journey of \$1,000; support for French language learning of \$1,000; college graduation of \$2,500; and student-athlete of the month of \$400. After your junior internship, The Fondation doubles the amount of the QMJHL scholarship for every term played as a Saguenéens player. The Foundation supports student-athletes in achieving their academic goals!

### Other scholarships:

Some examples are: The Fondation d'Alliance Sport Études, Bourse Nationale d'Excellence RDS, the Dr. Sylvain Simard Award, the Fondation du Cégep de Chicoutimi, the Perseverance and Success Scholarship from the QMJHL, as well as the Club de Hockey Canadien and Molson hockey club.

The Saguenéens participate in School Perseverance Days in collaboration with the Conseil Régional de Prévention et d'Abandon Scolaire (regional council for prevention and school dropout) (CREPAS). This activity takes the form of awarding a \$500 (plus a 500\$ from our Fondation) scholarship to one of our players, for having demonstrated their academic perseverance throughout their career. Since 2020, the \$500 scholarship has been called the Gervais Munger Award and is offered by the QMJHL.

### Scholarships from the QMJHL after the junior internship;

QMJHL offers a scholarship program for assisting players with their studies after their internship in the QMJHL. The amount of the scholarship varies across the different academic levels. For example, a player who signs up for the university is eligible for a maximum of \$7,200 in scholarships per year, for a maximum of five years. The player must be admissible and meet certain criteria.





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## OUR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

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The QMJHL has stipulated in its school policy: all players are required to register for courses recognized by the Ministry of Education and to attend school. Concerned about the player's academic perseverance and success over the years, the Saguenéens have proved their know how and have reached standards of excellence within the QMJHL teams. The Saguenéens are recognized as pioneers for the development of their academic mentoring program and have been cited on more than one occasion as being an example for the league. The list below presents the highlights over the evolution of our scholastic commitment, including our player's recognitions in chronological order.

# 1

School perseverance and success are part of the values taught by the organization, to all the recruits and the players who evolve within our team.

# 2

Initiated by the QMJHL in 1981, the Marcel Robert Trophy is awarded annually to the most outstanding student-athlete of the season across the QMJHL. Saguenéens players were awarded this honor on seven occasions: Gilbert Paiement (1984), Patrice Tremblay (1987), Marc Denis (1996), Dominic Jalbert (2010), Nicolas Therrien (2011), Rafaël Harvey-Pinard (2020) and Alexis Morin (2024).

# 3

The recipient of the Marcel Robert Trophy also becomes a finalist for the Subway Student-Athlete of the Year title with the Canadian Hockey League. Dominic Jalbert, graduate in Natural Sciences, recipient of the Marcel Robert Trophy in 2010, won the Subway Student-Athlete of the Year title with the Canadian Hockey League. Selected from among all the players from the 60 Canadian teams, Dominic Jalbert was the only Saguenéens player to obtain this honor.

# 4

Before the QMJHL adopted a school policy in 2005, a policy that guides the 18 teams on the Courteau circuit, the Saguenéens had already developed alliances and partnerships with various regional educational institutions, specifically Cégep de Chicoutimi, École secondaire Dominique Racine and École secondaire Riverside. These alliances were the beginnings of our academic mentoring policy.



Alexis Shank, 2016-21



# 5

The student-athlete of the year awarded by Alliance Sport-Études, selected from all male athlete members across disciplines throughout Quebec, was won by Maxime Provencher (2008), a student in Natural Sciences at CEGEP and a Saguenéens defenseman. A scholarship is now associated with the award.

# 6

Since 2004, a 2 period section has been reserved and integrated into the CEGEP player's scheduling, as a mandatory weekly study period. It's when the students can improve and further their studies with teacher supervision.

# 7

Unique to our team even today, a SAGS monitoring committee composed of CEGEP teachers, the Sport-Studies representative, the Saguenéens educational advisor, the general manager and the director of hockey operations, all coordinate the student-athlete's educational support at the Cégep de Chicoutimi. Meetings are held periodically for updates on the player's educational monitoring.

# 8

Based on the league's school policy, the Saguenéens have adopted their own school policy, which is intended to be more representative of our regional reality.



A portion of the school coaching staff (teachers and educational aides of the Saguenéens) accompanied by the players and the Desjardins representative, 2026.

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A teacher accompanies the team during long-distance trips, especially when travelling to the Maritimes. This initiative has evolved since 2004 and we are once again a pioneer in this type of coaching. Study periods supervised by the teacher are therefore integrated into the calendar during the trip.



Rafaël Harvey-Pinard, 2019-20, Carl Simard , enseignant  
Cégep de Chicoutimi, Félix-Antoine Drolet, 2019-20.

### 11

In 2014, the Saguenéens also created a daily Classes Écoles, separate from that of CEGEP, from Monday to Friday. This class remains a place to focus on studies and is primarily for players enrolled in distance learning courses and for those in high school. A teacher is present to provide the players with academic support.



Kassim Gaudet 2024-25

### 10

Created in 2007-08 by the QMJHL, the student-athlete of the month is honoured on ice at the beginning of a match. This honor is accompanied by a \$400 scholarship awarded to the players.

### 12

Two of our players over the past 7 years, who were high school graduates from an English-speaking institution, requested and opted to continue their college education in French. These two bilingual youths successfully integrated into their training, thanks to the educational support that they received.



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# 13

All educational and athletic resources work together and coordinate their actions to carry out "screening" as early as possible to identify players with learning difficulties. We identify the areas in which they require assistance, guide them with direction and offer pedagogical support. Services adapted for success and learning are an excellent resource for assistance at the high school and college levels.



William Rouleau 2021-22

# 14

Several research studies showed that the boys are more "at-risk" to drop out. Over the past 20 years, the team has seen that the Sport-Studies balance has enabled many of our youths to develop the skills and access higher education, when initially there was no motivation or intent. Our team contributed to the players Stay in School mentality.

# 15

For the past ten years, private language/communication lessons in English and French have been offered to European and English-speaking players who so desire. These courses are in demand and highly appreciated by players.

# 16

In 2019, through the QMJHL Foundation, Dr Sylvain Simard, one of our veterans initiated a new contest, which rewards three students through scholarships. These student-athletes must be enrolled in science courses in the previous season, regardless of their educational level. Through this great initiative, Dr. Simard promotes the values of education, achievement, effort and academic success among student-athletes. Rafaël Harvey-Pinard was the recipient of the Gold Prize during the 2020 season and was awarded with a \$2,500 scholarship. Marc-Antoine Séguin was the winner of the \$1,000 Bronze Scholarship in the fall of 2022, Alex Huang was the winner of the 1,500\$ Silver Scholarship in fall of 2024, Alonso Gosselin, the 1,000\$ Bronze Scholarship in fall of 2025.

## OUR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

# 17

We expanded our CEGEP programs offer in the fall of 2020. In addition to Human Sciences, Natural Sciences, Springboard to DEC, a partnership has been created with the Accounting and Management Techniques Department.



Vincent Tremblay-Lapalme, 2015-19.

# 18

**PLAYERS WITH CLASS!** Proud of their commitment, their success deserves all our recognition. Celebrating graduation is a source of pride for our organization, especially when it's to obtain a college diploma (DEC). With the creation of our Study Foundation in 1996, a College Graduation scholarship was introduced. Since 2017 – with the exception of 2018 – we have awarded this scholarship annually to several of our players: Julio Billia (2017), Jérémy Diotte, Jérémy Fortin (2017), Félix Bibeau, Rafaël Harvey-Pinard, Hugo Savinsky (2020), Alexis Shank (2021), Michael Pellerin, William Rouleau (2022), Zachary Gravel (2023), Alexis Morin (2024) and Fabrice Fortin (2024), Félix Gagnon (2025) and Alexis Bernier (2026). The team encourages the players to get their diploma.

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Sports can make a difference in success, especially for boys.

Below are the academic results from the Saguenéens compared to other QMJHL players. See the following table.



Émile Guité, 2023-24



**ACADEMIC RESULTS FROM THE SAGUENÉENS  
COMPARED TO OTHER QMJHL PLAYERS.**



**Student-athletes registered  
at Cégep**

**Success Rate\***

| SESSION | SAGUENÉENS | QMJHL  |
|---------|------------|--------|
| A 2019  | 96,6 %     | 90,2 % |
| H 2020  | 98,5 %     | 97,0 % |
| A 2020  | 100 %      | 92,4 % |
| H 2021  | 97,0 %     | 90,6 % |
| A 2021  | 100 %      | 90,6 % |
| H 2022  | 100 %      | 90,9 % |
| A 2022  | 95,9 %     | 89,2 % |
| H 2023  | 100 %      | 89,1 % |
| A 2023  | 96,2 %     | 88,3 % |
| H 2024  | 97,9 %     | 90,0 % |
| A 2024  | 100 %      | 95,1 % |
| H 2025  | 100 %      | 92,6 % |
| A 2025  | 98,1 %     | 92,8 % |

**Student-athletes registered  
in high school**

**Success Rate\***

|               | SAGUENÉENS | QMJHL       |
|---------------|------------|-------------|
| Francophone   |            |             |
| Secondaire IV | 100 %      | 85,7 %      |
| Secondaire V  | 100 %      | 83,4 %      |
| High School   | 100 %      | 94 % - 98 % |

\* According to data from the Ministry of Education and Higher Education as of February 16 2026.

\* The success rate represents the percentage of courses passed in relation to the number of courses registered (permanent and temporary incomplete not included)



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## TESTIMONIALS



## PARENTS TESTIMONIALS

Nº 1

Testimony from the father of Jonathan Bourcier  
send to Natacha Llorens and Gilles Courteau- 2016

I just wanted to tell you about an event, which could be insignificant for some, but is very important to me.

On last February 5th, before the Sags game, Jonathan was named student-athlete for the month of January. I can say that we're so very proud of him.

With the encouragement and support that you gave to Jo, he decided to keep working hard and get good grades in school. We know that school is not easy for him, but now Jo's talking about going to University after his junior mentorship.

Mr. Courteau, the people who work for you are truly amazing. They are so very committed and professional. My boy probably wouldn't still be in school without the guidance from Ms. Beaudry, Ms. Llorens and Ms. Leblanc.

Congratulations and thank you for everything.

From a father who is very proud that his son is still in school.

**JEAN "MURRAY" BOURCIER**

Father of Jonathan Bourcier



Jonathan Bourcier, 2015-16 and Plerre-Olivier  
Couture-Simard teacher at Cégep de Chicoutimi.

To the entire team,

I'm Marie-Josée, the mother of Louis Crevier. You may not know me that well, but I feel as if I know a little about you. This obviously comes from Louis, during our daily conversations when he'd tell me about his day and you were always a large part of his stories. This is why I'd like to thank you today.

Thank you to the hockey staff members, the administrative staff, the president and vice-presidents to have seen Louis's potential during the 2017 draft pick. His QMJHL adventure began in 2018 when he was only 17 years old. At this age, like all human beings, we're starting to develop our personality, our character. It was you, for a good part of the year, who influenced my son in a positive way every day. You were reassuring and professional. What a gigantic task it must be to do this for twenty young boys year after year!

Mr. Jean, Mr. Bouchard, the entire team of specialists, you have more than contributed to Louis' progress and above all, to giving him confidence in his talents, so much so that he was drafted into the NHL! I don't know where this will lead for him, but he can say that he's had an incredible junior career. Although he may not realize it right away, not just for hockey, but what an extraordinary foundation to get him ready for his life challenges to come! I'd like to especially thank Mr. Nepton. You are a true leader and an inspiration! I was impressed by your generosity and kindness. It takes a lot of love for the players to offer them such support!!! Thank you a thousand times over!

Ms. Leblanc. What devotion! It takes someone very special to be a teacher. You obviously fit the profile! Thanks for continuing to guide our youth in their studies and especially for Louis. Thank you to the entire educational advisors team.

Thank you, Marie-Anne! You would not only reassure me, but your skills are so very important for the players.

Lastly, as an often-worried mother, my "Allstar" award goes to Angelo Coudé! During bad weather on the way back from the Maritimes, at night, it's hard to get to sleep ;) Thank you for being such a careful and attentive driver!

Louis is back home once again safe and sound and he'll be playing for a different team next season. The

#FierdetreSags (proud to be Sags) is strong in this household. It will be strange. I do believe he'll have an important role to play and many challenges to come, but I'm confident that he's ready for it. Mr. Jean, thank you for bringing him home and making this transaction with keeping in mind what's best for Louis, without putting too much emphasis on the return. Once again, a true demonstration of selflessness and incredible class!

I will miss you, but know that I will always be so grateful to each and every one of you for everything you've done for my little boy :)

**MARIE-JOSÉE ROY**

Mother of Louis Crevier



## N° 2 Testimonial of the mother of Louis Crevier

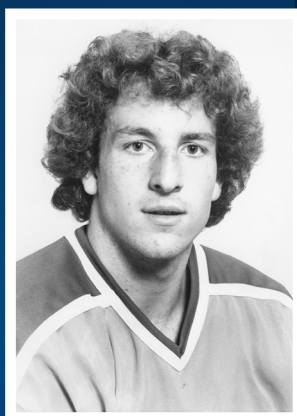




# THE 7 RECIPIENTS OF THE MARCEL ROBERT TROPHY

Awarded to outstanding  
student players of the QMJHL

**-1884-**



*I still remember the team president's speech during our training camp inauguration: "Our priority is victory, both on and off the ice. We want as many victories as possible in hockey, but also equally for academic success!" (Note that sport-study programs did not exist back then).*

*For our academic success, we had an educational advisor with a connection to Cégep. Our teachers knew our individual schedules. They made compromises on our behalf. They gave us their class notes and modified the remittance dates for exams and homework. When we were playing in a series, they replaced work with a short oral summary on the course's subject.*

*As I was not really a model student before joining the Saguenéens, the assistance provided by the organization, as well as the "gang mentality effect," allowed me to obtain a bachelor's degree in physical education, a teaching certificate in English and a master's degree in academic management. Today, I'm retired from education as school director.*

**GILBERT PAIEMENT**

School director

Commission scolaire des Rives du Saguenay

**-1987-**

*I am proud to have completed my Cégep studies while playing for the Sags. As a recipient of the Marcel Robert Trophy, it proves that it is indeed possible to perform both in hockey and in school with the proper support and effort. I also completed 4 courses at UQAC during my last season. It was a springboard to study at McGill University. I then played 5 years in Europe and am now a French Immersion teacher at an elementary school in British Columbia. The support offered to the Sags players is fantastic and provides the opportunity for success across all levels.*

**PATRICE TREMBLAY**

French Immersion Teacher

Laity View Elementary school in Maple Ridge



**-1996-**

*Welcome to the adventure of a lifetime.*

*As a former student-athlete of the league, I recognize the incredible effort required to combine success on the ice, success at school and fulfilment in everyday life. Despite a twelve-year career in the NHL and AHL, it was the life lessons and values learned with the "SAGS" that shaped the person I am today as a media sports journalist and as a manager.*

**MARC DENIS**

Former NHL player, Analyst

RDS



# THE 7 RECIPIENTS OF THE MARCEL ROBERT TROPHY

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student players of the QMJHL

**-2010-**



*During my internship with the Saguenéens de Chicoutimi from 2006 to 2010, I was very lucky to have tools that have certainly contributed to my academic and athletic success. In fact, not only did we have proactive academic monitoring that encourages an optimal Sport- study balance, but our scholastic materials was also taken care of by the organization. Once my junior career was complete, I then had the opportunity to decide my own destiny and to choose between by an athletic career at the professional or university level. Without a doubt, my experience with the Saguenéens de Chicoutimi helped create the foundation for my life and was instrumental for the remainder of my athletic and professional career. Good luck and truly cherish every single moment, it goes by so fast!*

**DOMINIC JALBERT**

Commercial Mortgage Broker  
Patrice Ménard Multi Logement (PMML)

**-2011-**

*My time with the Saguenéens was one I'll never forget. I had the opportunity to play, at a very high level, a sport that I love and I had all the tools at my disposal to become a better player. The athletic accompaniment was matched by the incredible support that I received for my studies. Because of the school's organizational structure, I never had to choose between hockey and my studies. The organization supported me and I was able to be successful in my academic and athletic objectives, in addition to learning that anything is possible with hard work and dedication. I can honestly say that I would not be where I am today, if it wasn't for the extraordinary support and assistance I received from the organization and its members, who only have one objective, to see us succeed and help us to be the best person that we can be.*

**NICOLAS THERRIEN, M.SC, CFA**

Associate Investment Advisor  
RBC Dominion Securities Inc.



**-2020-**



*"I just want to say, that the Saguenéens quality of academic support is exemplary. The organization, Joanne Leblanc and the professors, all played a very important role in my academic achievements. The support in Chicoutimi is truly incredible. As much at Christmas, as for the end-of-session exams, Yanick Jean freed us from exam prep exercises, the teachers were available for academic upgrading and we always had a tutor during trips that were longer than a few days, the Saguenéens organization's study program is second-to-none," stated*

**RAFAËL HARVEY-PINARD**

Player  
Rocket de Laval | Canadiens de Montréal



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**-2024-**

*Winning the prestigious Marcel Robert Trophy, awarded to the top student player in the QMJHL, was not only the result of my athletic performances, but also the outcome of the incredible commitment to education I received in Chicoutimi.*

*With invaluable support from my teachers, counselors, and all educational staff, I was able to successfully balance my studies and my passion for hockey. Navigating the demanding world of the QMJHL requires autonomy, perseverance, and resilience. Some may think it's challenging, but since becoming a Saguenéen demands these qualities, you are in the right place to develop them. Juggling between practices, travel, and academic requirements, I learned to manage my time effectively, stay focused on my goals, and overcome obstacles with determination.*

*If I could give you one piece of advice, it would be to always believe in yourself and never doubt your abilities. With hard work, determination, and proper support, it's possible to overcome any challenges that come your way. Keep pursuing your dreams with passion and tenacity, and you can achieve wonders, no matter where life takes you.*

**ALEXIS MORIN**

Player

Saguenéens de Chicoutimi



## OUR VETERANS CONFIRM IT

*When I joined the QMJHL, it was important for me to have the chance to perform well in school, despite the busy hockey schedule. The Sags encourage us to be successful for both when on the ice and in our studies. Johanne and all of the teachers involved do an exceptional job that contributes to the players' academic success.*

**NICOLAS ROY**

2013-17

Center player

Golden Knights de Vegas in the LNH

*My time with the Saguenéens has most certainly allowed me to improve my organization and discipline. It was important to have support and assistance adapted to our needs, since we're often on the road for long periods. This is exactly what the Saguenéens organization offers their players. We had study periods planned in our schedule, were kept up to date in our various courses, which made it much easier to find the perfect academic and athletic balance. These two and a half seasons spent with the organization will remain forever-etched in my memory. In closing, I'd like to welcome you to the wonderful organization of the Saguenéens de Chicoutimi.*

**LOUIS-PHILIPPE SIMARD**

2015-17

Firefighter

*Education has always played an important role in my life since I was very young. When I joined the Saguenéens, its importance was still just as strong, even if hockey took more room. However, I found an organization where success in studies for players was just as important as their success on the ice. I am very grateful to the Saguenéens, who offered an optimal environment in which to flourish as an individual, which allowed me to effectively reconcile both studies and sports. For me, the Saguenéens are a first-class organization that listens to their players and provides them with all the tools and resources they need for optimal support in their academic and athletic journeys.*

**FRANCIS VERREAULT-PAUL MBA**

2003-08

MSc Head of First Nations Relations,  
Université du Québec à Chicoutimi

*"The academic support I received with the Saguenéens was crucial for my development as both a student and a player. The assistance received on the road and at the college itself allowed me to achieve my educational goals. I received an excellent education at the college. On the road, the dedicated learning environment created by the team has personally helped me immensely."*

**BOBBY NADEAU**

2006-08

Endodontist

Kingston in Ontario

## OUR VETERANS CONFIRM IT

*I was able to finish high school and complete a good portion of my CEGEP while I was part of the Saguenéens. What I remember the most from my academic journey, is the support from the teachers in class and the counselors who travel with us during the away games. They're available for questions and you can tell that they really care about the student's success. They understand that our situation can sometimes be difficult but they're always ready to help when needed.*

*My memories of my time with the Saguenéens will always be fond ones.*

**SCOTT CARRIER**

2012-15

Firefighter  
City of Trois-Rivières

*Personal growth, both in sports and academically, is an important value of the Saguenéens organization. The team is committed to fostering the development of balanced, hard-working and scrupulous individuals, who'll become role models in society. The hockey staff, with the guidance of education advisors, always knew how to help me prioritize my studies. Through the years, by the organization's credibility and intentions, the resource personnel have nurtured relations with the teaching staff, as to optimize the player's academic supervision. For me, my post-secondary journey, which began with the SAGS, led me to a career as a physiotherapist and I now hold two master's degrees. Thank you for everything, I will be always proud to be a SAGS*

**MAXIME PROVENCHER**

2006-08

Sports physiotherapist and lecturer in physiotherapy  
Université Laval

*Playing for the Saguenéens, school was just as important as hockey. During my time in Chicoutimi, I was able to complete and obtain my high school diploma from my school back in my hometown, in Nova Scotia. The support I received from Johanne and the organization was a big help in allowing me to succeed in the classroom. Balancing hockey and schoolwork is an adjustment every junior hockey player needs to make, but with the proper structure and oversight as I experienced in Chicoutimi, the adjustment is made easier for every player. The discipline and structure I learned while in Chicoutimi has, in part, allowed me to move on to the University of Ottawa where I am studying full-time in Financial Mathematics and Economics while also playing on the Men's Varsity Hockey Team.*

**KEENAN MACISAAC**

2015-17

*"The Saguenéens gave me exactly what I was looking for, a place where I could play the highest level of hockey and continue my studies! During my junior career I completed my high school and 8 university courses all through distance learning. I was given the time and resources needed to make sure I was successful in the classroom and on the ice. Playing hockey full time and continuing my studies is what I needed to help me get to where I am today!"*

**DAWSON MERCER**

2019-21

Devils de New Jersey, LNH





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| YEAR | ROUND | RANK | LNH TEAM     | PLAYER              | YEAR | ROUND | RANK | LNH TEAM     | PLAYER                      |
|------|-------|------|--------------|---------------------|------|-------|------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| 1974 | 12    | 201  | Philadelphie | Guay, Richard       | 1995 | 6     | 153  | St-Louis     | Hamel, Denis                |
| 1977 | 3     | 43   | Montréal     | Côté, Alain         | 1997 | 7     | 188  | New Jersey   | Benoît, Mathieu             |
| 1977 | 7     | 113  | Cleveland    | Toffolo, Mark       | 1997 | 9     | 218  | Boston       | Van Acker, Eric             |
| 1977 | 7     | 116  | NY Rangers   | Sullivan, Robert    | 1998 | 2     | 28   | Colorado     | Abid, Ramzi                 |
| 1977 | 11    | 195  | Montréal     | Poulin, Daniel      | 2000 | 4     | 114  | Montréal     | Larivée, Christian          |
| 1977 | 14    | 249  | Montréal     | Bélisle, Jean       | 2001 | 9     | 264  | Anaheim      | Parenteau, Pierre-Alexandre |
| 1978 | 21    | 359  | Montréal     | Sleigher, Louis     | 2002 | 1     | 8    | Minnesota    | Bouchard, Pierre-Marc       |
| 1979 | 3     | 44   | Montréal     | Carbonneau, Guy     | 2002 | 2     | 31   | Edmonton     | Drouin-Deslauriers, Jeff    |
| 1980 | 5     | 96   | St-Louis     | Lemieux, Alain      | 2002 | 4     | 105  | Philadelphie | Ruggeri, Rosario            |
| 1980 | 5     | 103  | Montréal     | Gagné, Rémi         | 2003 | 8     | 251  | Minnesota    | Melanson, Mathieu           |
| 1980 | 8     | 150  | Québec       | Bolduc, Michel      | 2005 | 1     | 13   | Buffalo      | Zagraban, Marek             |
| 1981 | 1     | 14   | Boston       | Léveillé, Normand   | 2005 | 4     | 114  | Vancouver    | Vincent, Alexandre          |
| 1981 | 1     | 18   | Montréal     | Delorme, Gilbert    | 2005 | 5     | 133  | Tampa Bay    | Lascek, Stanislav           |
| 1981 | 2     | 35   | Boston       | Dufour, Luc         | 2005 | 6     | 192  | Caroline     | Blanchard, Nicolas          |
| 1981 | 6     | 121  | Philadelphie | Villeneuve, André   | 2008 | 2     | 35   | Anaheim      | Deschamps, Nicolas          |
| 1981 | 8     | 151  | Hartford     | Doré, Denis         | 2008 | 5     | 129  | Toronto      | Champagne, Joël             |
| 1981 | 8     | 161  | Boston       | Parisée, Arnel      | 2008 | 5     | 134  | Buffalo      | Lagacé, Jacob               |
| 1982 | 1     | 19   | Montréal     | Héroux, Alain       | 2011 | 2     | 49   | Los Angeles  | Gibson, Christopher         |
| 1983 | 2     | 32   | Québec       | Héroux, Yves        | 2012 | 4     | 108  | Anaheim      | O'Brien, Andrew             |
| 1983 | 3     | 60   | Chicago      | Bergevin, Marc      | 2012 | 5     | 122  | Montréal     | Hudon, Charles              |
| 1983 | 8     | 148  | Hartford     | DuPerron, Christian | 2013 | 2     | 39   | Phoenix      | Dauphin, Laurent            |
| 1985 | 3     | 60   | Winnipeg     | Berthiaume, Daniel  | 2015 | 4     | 96   | Caroline     | Roy, Nicolas                |
| 1985 | 10    | 209  | Edmonton     | Barbe, Mario        | 2016 | 3     | 78   | Nashville    | Allard, Frédéric            |
| 1985 | 12    | 233  | Pittsburgh   | Choules, Gregory    | 2018 | 5     | 133  | Montréal     | Houde, Samuel               |
| 1986 | 9     | 186  | Québec       | Millier, Pierre     | 2018 | 7     | 209  | Toronto      | Bouthillier, Zachary        |
| 1987 | 1     | 8    | Chicago      | Waite, Jimmy        | 2019 | 2     | 48   | San Jose     | Kniazev, Artemi             |
| 1988 | 7     | 142  | NY Islanders | Gaucher, Yves       | 2019 | 7     | 201  | Montréal     | Rafaël Harvey-Pinard        |
| 1988 | 10    | 197  | Chicago      | Maurice, Daniel     | 2020 | 1     | 18   | New Jersey   | Mercer, Dawson              |
| 1989 | 3     | 43   | Québec       | Morin, Stéphane     | 2020 | 1     | 22   | Washington   | Lapierre, Hendrix           |
| 1990 | 2     | 31   | Toronto      | Potvin, Félix       | 2020 | 7     | 188  | Chicago      | Crevier, Louis              |
| 1992 | 9     | 200  | NY Islanders | Paradis, Daniel     | 2024 | 3     | 66   | Anaheim      | Massé, Maxim                |
| 1993 | 11    | 265  | Floride      | Montreuil, Eric     | 2025 | 4     | 122  | Nashville    | Huang, Alex                 |
| 1994 | 1     | 16   | Toronto      | Fichaud, Eric       | 2025 | 5     | 159  | Anaheim      | Guité, Émile                |
| 1994 | 5     | 119  | Washington   | Jean, Yanick        |      |       |      |              |                             |
| 1994 | 6     | 151  | Boston       | Roy, André          |      |       |      |              |                             |
| 1995 | 1     | 25   | Colorado     | Denis, Marc         |      |       |      |              |                             |





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