



Calling him “the very best kind of public servant,” Neptis Foundation founder and Glendon Leadership for Global Challenges campaign Co-Chair Martha Shuttleworth has made a generous gift to honour the life of Vincent Del Buono, a Glendon graduate, senior fellow of the School of Public and International Affairs, tireless advocate of criminal law reform and defender of justice, security and human rights.

“Vince was articulate, imaginative, kind and ambitious — all the things we expect of a superb public servant. When he died, I knew immediately I should designate the gift in his honour.”

Martha Shuttleworth and Albert Tucker each contributed \$25,000 to endow a graduate scholarship for students in the School of Public and International Affairs as a tribute to Vincent Del Buono, who died April 13 at age 60. Former Glendon principal Albert Tucker remembers Mr. Del Buono as a talented student when the professor emeritus was a fledgling history professor.

The combined gift of \$50,000 was ultimately matched twice; first by York University and then the Ontario Government. The annual interest is also doubled as part of York’s Graduate Support Matching Program. Each year, approximately \$12,000 to \$15,000 (according to the endowment rate of Glendon) will be available for public affairs graduate students — creating an income of quadruple of what would have been available through the original gift.

“Vincent had a quiet self-assurance about him that meshed perfectly with Glendon’s small, undergraduate culture,” says Dr. Tucker. “He was always intent on making friends and connections.”

“I remember him saying how much he valued his time at Glendon,” adds Ms. Shuttleworth, who met Vincent Del Buono in 1967 as a fellow first-year student. “When he studied law [at the University of Toronto] it was tough training to an end objective; at Glendon, he was given the space to reach and expand. He felt honoured, perhaps, to have spent time there.”

Mr. Del Buono’s impressive public service career included a decade as senior counsel with the Law Reform Commission of Canada and the Department of Justice, senior roles with the United National Peacekeeping Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and a stint as deputy secretary general of Amnesty International in London. Most recently, he led the British Council’s Access to Justice program in Nigeria, for which he was honoured with investiture into the Order of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Amidst it all, Vincent Del Buono never forgot his years at Glendon. Upon his return to Canada in 2007, he played a lead role alongside Principal Ken McRoberts in establishing the School of Public and International Affairs.

“I definitely admired Vince,” says Ms. Shuttleworth. “He was one of those people who is always growing and expanding. He should not be forgotten.”

Agrees Albert Tucker: “This scholarship will open the door for students to pursue a career in the public service. It’s yet another of Vincent’s legacies — helping students along the same path he chose.”