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I am a Writer and Communications Coordinator at Concordia University and a professional freelance photographer. The teachers I had throughout my time at LBPSB had a huge impact on where I am today.

I grew up in the Lester B. Pearson School Board, having gone to St-Charles Elementary School and Pierrefonds Community High School.

I always wanted to pursue writing as a child, and my favourite elementary school teacher, Mrs. McKergow, always encouraged and inspired me to write. She would recommend books for me to read and gave me the opportunity to explore different ways of writing. I owe a lot of my writing skills to her. At PCHS, Ms. Guyver furthered my love for creative writing with a variety of assignments, and she pushed me to be the best writer I could be.

At the same time, I was developing a passion for photography. Mr. Nathan knew of my hobby and made me the sports and events photographer for the school, which I did during Secondary 4 and 5. That really ignited my desire to pursue a creative field after high school.

I went on to study communications and now work my dream job at Concordia University, managing all the creative projects and written content for the School of Engineering. I also run my own freelance photography business, shooting weddings, families, newborns, and maternity sessions! I owe a large portion of my success to the teachers who supported me and pushed me to pursue my passions.