

## *Brome County* NEWS

# 2020 Doris Mildred Parsons Bursary winner – Sabine Boisvert-Garceau

**T**he Butters Foundation of Cowansville has been awarding bursaries to deserving students in Special Care Counselling at le CEGEP de Granby for the past 16 years. These bursaries are a result of a legacy donation of \$100,000 from the estate of Doris Mildred Parsons. Ms. Parsons was a life-long teacher in the anglophone public school system in the Townships, with periods in the Magog & Cowansville secondary schools. It was her wish to leave a substantial donation to the Butters foundation in order to encourage students to achieve their life & career goals through higher education.

The 2020 contest was postponed due to the pandemic but was resumed in the spring of 2021 through video conferencing. The interviews of 4 finalists, picked by their peers, included Ron Creary & Johanne Coiteux from the foundation. The winner of the \$2,000 bursary is Sabine Boisvert-Garceau. Ms. Boisvert-Garceau is a mature student who enrolled in the Special Care Counselling program after a significant number of years of exploring different career paths. In her post-secondary school travels through Central America & Western Europe, she experimented with various social assistance & cultural



projects & picked up a series of other languages. As a long-time resident of Sutton, she is presently living with her family & son and looking forward to entering university in the fall in a related field. This will occur after a summer working with autistic children in Dunham. She is a fine example of a student Ms. Parsons had in mind & wanted to help.

Submitted by Ron Creary