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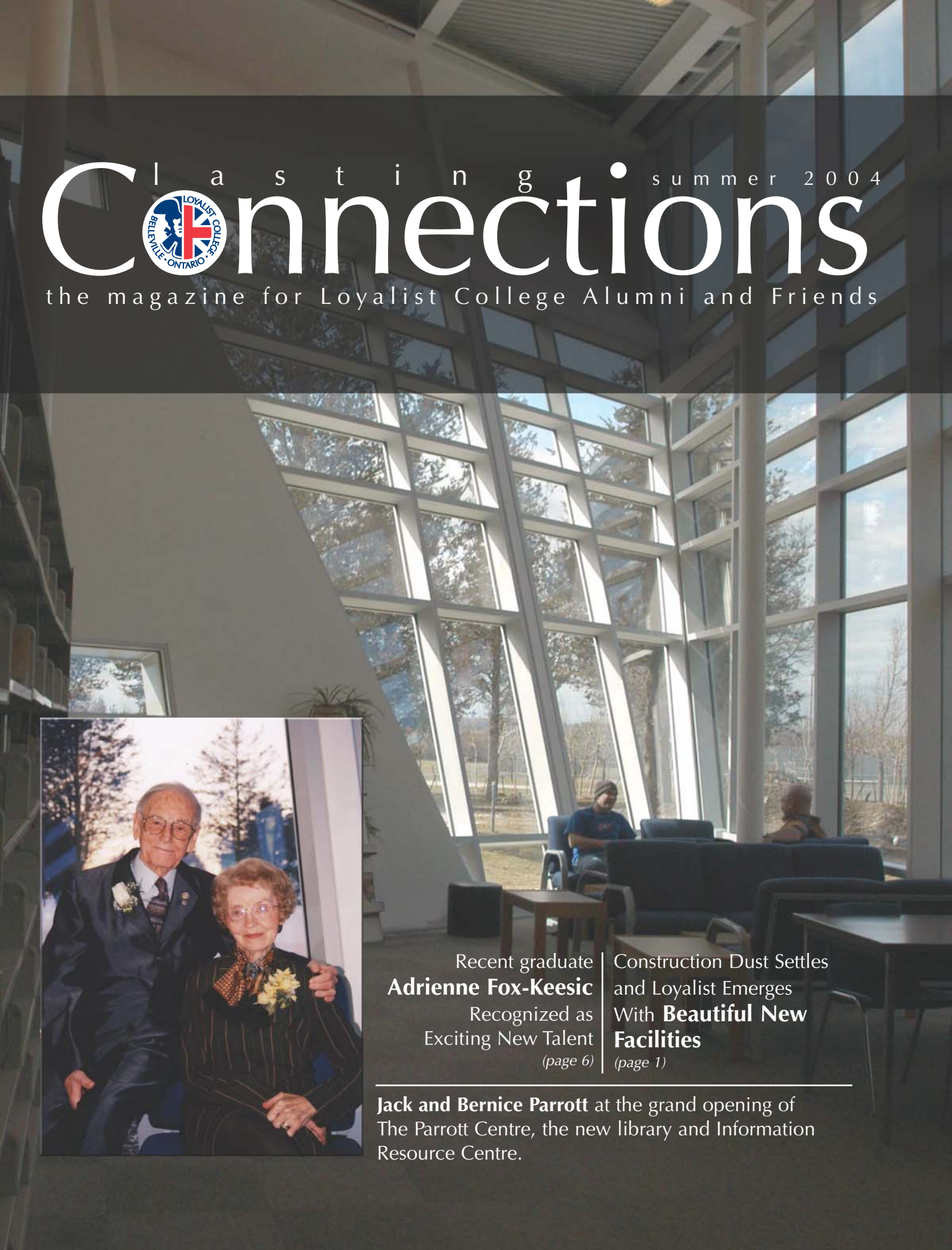
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Jack and Bernice Parrott at the grand opening of
The Parrott Centre, the new library and Information
Resource Centre.



PRESIDENT'S *Message*



It is with considerable pleasure that I inform you that your college has recently received a significant collection of art from one of Canada's foremost landscape artists, Manly

MacDonald. The gift of a large number of paintings and drawings was made by his son, Duncan MacDonald, who wished that his father's art be studied and appreciated by as many people as possible. Manly MacDonald was born in Prince Edward County and the Quinte Region was the focus of many of his paintings. The first showing of part of this collection was held in April in the new library, The Parrott Centre, and was attended by Duncan and his wife Barbara. Some pieces of this collection remain on permanent display in the Centre. Please stop by to view these wonderful works of art.

The frenetic construction activity of the past two years is over...I hope. The new library, The Parrott Centre, the student computer lab, the Wilkinson Lecture Theatre and new classrooms are now fully operational and have greatly improved the quality of the learning environment at Loyalist College. The College is now in the midst of a review to do what we can, with very limited resources, to refurbish and spruce up some of the older classrooms and facilities. At the May meeting of the Board of Governors, I announced plans for a new athletic/recreational complex on campus. This will be a partnership with one or more of our surrounding communities as it would be financially impossible to fund a project of this scope on our own. The College has set aside 20 acres of land for the complex that would house an aquatic facility, three gymnasiums, an indoor track and fitness centre. It will have seating capacity for both the pool and gym that would enable the College and the community to host provincial and national athletic events. If there are alumni

who are interested in helping the College develop the concept of this facility, please contact me at dauld@loyalistic.on.ca.

The Provincial budget was a bittersweet message. There was very little financial support for colleges in 2004-5. However, the Government did announce the appointment of the Hon. Bob Rae, former Premier of Ontario, to chair a review of post-secondary funding in Ontario. Mr. Rae noted, publicly, that Ontario colleges are one of the lowest funded post-secondary systems in North America and there had to be an improvement in the funding. Mr. Rae has been asked to complete his review and make a recommendation by December 2004. I would urge you to write to Mr. Rae at the Ministry of Colleges and Universities and express your concern about the level of funding for Ontario's college system. Your voice counts.

ALUMNI PRESIDENT'S *Message*

Welcome to the Spring Edition of Lasting Connections



At last the snow skis have been put away and the barbeque is cleaned up and ready for the summer. The excitement of Loyalist's Convocation held at the beginning of June still lingers here on campus.

The Alumni Association congratulates the graduates on their success and welcomes them to the Loyalist Alumni Association. We invite all the graduates to participate in the alumni meetings and activities. We welcome your ideas and your input. Please let the alumni office know your new address if you move. We want to keep you up-to-date, with all the services available to you free of charge.

I had the pleasure of attending the **Premier's Awards** at St. Lawrence College in Kingston this spring. This year the selection committee received an incredible 87 nomi-

nations from Ontario colleges. The committee chose five of the nominees to receive The Premier's Awards for the various categories. Their careers have taken some of the nominees all over the world. The theme of the award ceremony was that the graduates were "Ontario trained" and "reached worldwide". Of the 87 nominations, five were graduates of Loyalist College: **Janet Baragar, Mike Ebbeling, Lynn Haddrall, Brian Hanson and Joe Roberts**. The Loyalist Alumni Association salutes all of you.

Joe Roberts gave a presentation last December at the College. His message was, "Yes You Can, overcome adversities and become a success". He shared his life experiences of going from a skid row drug addict to becoming CEO of Mindware Design Communications. He made his first million dollars before he turned 35. Thank you for sharing your life experiences and your message with us Joe.

Connie Millar, Manager of Employment and Alumni Services, and her team put together the annual job fair at the College. Businesses from all over the province attended to let the students find out more about their companies. Most of these businesses were in

recruiting mode. Students were able to speak with the company representatives and give them their resumes. It was especially interesting to watch the interaction between former Loyalist students who now work for these companies and the current students. The event was a huge success, thanks to the many hours of preparation that Connie and her crew put into it.

As you make preparations for summer vacations and day trips, don't forget to drop by Loyalist College. Loyalist has a new look with the impressive **Parrott Centre** (the new library and resource centre), **Student Access Lab**, **Wilkinson Lecture Theatre**, the beautiful **Memorial Grove** and the **student residences**. Stop in to the Employment and Alumni Office and say "hi". Let them know what you would like your alumni association to do for you. Have a safe and happy summer.

'Til next time,

Alan McAlpine

SuperBuild Brings *Super Look* to Loyalist

After months of construction, Loyalist has had the excitement of hosting a series of grand openings.

These celebrations have included the openings of **The Parrott Centre**, (the College's new Library and Information Resource Centre), the **Student Access Centre** and **The Wilkinson Lecture Theatre** – each designed to enhance the learning environment at Loyalist.

The Parrott Centre is a beautiful, modern, open concept library and resource centre. It houses 32,400 books, 310 periodical titles, and 1,900 videos, as well as CD-Rom research titles and on-line databases. The facility is named The Parrott Centre in recognition of a \$1 million gift from Mr. and Mrs. John M. Parrott.



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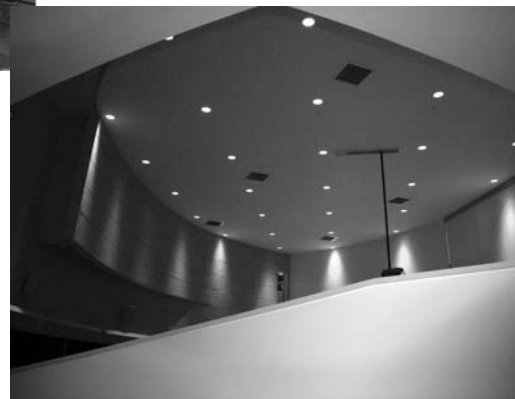
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The new **Student Access Lab (SAL)** held its official ribbon-cutting ceremony in February. This new 4,800 square foot lab provides students with access to an additional 124 computers, seven scanners and 12 printers.



The most recent official opening was **The Wilkinson Lecture Theatre**. This 90-seat theatre is equipped with a full range of audiovisual and computer networking equipment.





Loyalist's Final Diploma Nursing Program Class Graduates

All 53 graduates of the final Diploma Nursing Program who wrote their nursing registration examinations for the College of Nurses of Ontario in January, 2004 were successful. The registration examinations are mandatory for nurses to practice in Ontario and Loyalist graduates have earned a reputation for scoring at or above the provincial and national averages. The College has built a 30-year tradition of excellence with the Diploma Nursing Program and is very proud of the new Brock University/Loyalist College Degree partnership, which is continuing this tradition. Nursing students are now able to take the first two years of their Nursing Degree at Loyalist College after which they enroll at Brock University for years three and four, graduating with their Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Certified General Accountants, Belleville Chapter get together at Club 213

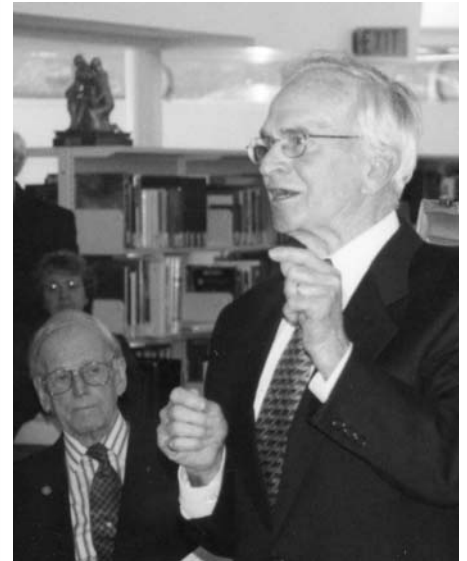


This February the Certified General Accountants of Ontario, Belleville Chapter, held their dinner and meeting here on campus in Club 213. While at the College they toured the newly opened Parrott Centre and Student Access Lab.

L to R: Marc Dodge (2000), Janet Cole (2002), Patricia Ward (1992), Doug Bellwood (1972), Erica Brak (1985), Angie Abram Huizenga, (1989), Juanita Hart (1997) and Jenny Woods (2002).

Manly MacDonald Collection Donated to College

A collection of works by one of Ontario's best-known landscape painters has been donated to Loyalist College by the artist's son Duncan and his wife Barbara. Manly MacDonald's work has been exhibited throughout Canada and internationally in the United States, England and Brazil, including an exhibition at the World's Fair in New York in 1944. He was honoured with a commission to paint the Toronto skyline for presentation to the Queen during her visit in 1959. A selection of these paintings is proudly displayed in the College's Parrott Centre where they can be enjoyed by everyone.



Duncan MacDonald, son of artist Manly MacDonald, expressed his delight that his father's work would be displayed to the Quinte area community.

Architectural Technology Graduate Wins First Place at Provincial Awards

The Ontario Association of Architects (OAA) awarded Loyalist College graduate Mark Baechler first prize at its annual awards of excellence in the category of "Ideas and Presentations, Artifact," for his project titled *Intercepting Light and Time*. There were 145 submissions received and reviewed by three juries. Mark graduated from the Architectural Technology Program at Loyalist in the spring of 2000.

Loyalist Hosts its Third Annual Junior Iron Chef Competition



Area high school students gathered at the College to participate in what has become an anticipated event, the Junior Iron Chef competition. This cook-off provided the thrill of competition enhanced by the possibility of the teams winning a total of \$4000 in Loyalist Bursaries. Each year three high schools are represented following a preliminary round of competition from numerous entrants. The winning group was determined by a four-judge panel from the local hospitality industry. The Junior Iron Chef competition is organized and run by Loyalist's second year Hotel and Restaurant Management students.

The Loyalist "Student Event Team" did an excellent job of organizing this year's event. Left to right: Chad Mitchell, Angela Deshane, Natasha Claessen, Christina Johnston, Michelle Roberts (absent: Dan Zehr)

Paramedic Students Win Silver at Annual Skills Competition

Loyalist College Paramedic students placed second at the Annual Skills Competition sponsored by the Durham Paramedic Association. Rob MacDonald and Marcelle Johnson represented the Loyalist College Bancroft Campus. The competition was held at Durham College's Whitby Campus.

"I was really excited that we did so well at the competition," said Marcelle Johnson, Loyalist Paramedic student. "We're a small campus so it made me proud when we placed second against those from much larger colleges. The skills we have been learning in the program definitely prepared us and it was fun to apply them in this competitive way."

Loyalist Creates Strong Presence at Ontario Community Newspaper Association Awards

The Ontario Community Newspaper Association (OCNA) announced the winners of the 2003 Better Newspapers Competition in March, at their spring convention in Toronto. These awards are in recognition of distinction in publishing in both General Excellence and Premier Award categories. The General Excellence Awards recognize overall achievement in editorial, advertising and layout. The Premier Awards honour individual works in both editorial and advertising categories such as Best Editorial, Best Feature Photo and Best Front Page. There are three separate Premier Awards and a General Excellence category designed specifically for college/university newspapers.

In the Premier Award Student Photography category, First Place was awarded to **Jill Kitchener** and Second Place went to **Luke Hendry** for photographs from the Loyalist College Pioneer. First Place in the College/University Online Edition was

presented to **Loyalist College - The Online Pioneer**, www.thepioneer.com.

Other Loyalist award winners included Third Place for Best Photo Layout for second-year Photojournalism student, **Harrison Smith**, for the layout that he did while working at the *Oakville Beaver* last summer, and **Chris Simon**, second-year Print Journalism student, who received Honourable Mention in the Student Writing category. Loyalist also took great pride in having graduates, **Kyle Griffin** and **Adrienne Fox-Keesic** recognized at this event. Photographer **Kyle Griffin**, of *Peterborough This Week*, won First Place in the Spot News Photo category and Third in the Best Feature Photo. **Adrienne Fox-Keesic** was recognized with five awards for her work at the *Sioux Lookout Wawatay News* which included First Place - Rural Journalism, Third Place for Photographer of the Year, Reporter of the Year, the Heritage Award and Honourable Mention for the Health and Wellness Award.

Career Excellence and Contributions to Communities Earn Graduates Nominations for Provincial Premier's Awards

Kingston, Ontario was the location for this year's annual Premier's Awards Ceremony. This year Loyalist College had the honour of nominating five of its outstanding graduates for this prestigious event. Selected for their career excellence and the contributions they have made to their communities, these individuals are outstanding examples of the impressive scope and richness of the training and education provided by the province's community colleges.

The Loyalist nominees included: Janet Baragar (Health Sciences); Mike Ebbeling (Recent Graduate); Lynn Haddrall (Creative Arts); Brian Hanson (Community Service); and, Joe Roberts (Business).



Janet Baragar is a graduate of the 1976 Nursing Program and is now the Director of Maternal Child and Surgical Services for Quinte Healthcare. As part of this position she is responsible for corporate administration and management of inpatient and ambulatory services at three sites. In addition to this demanding role, Janet is an active volunteer in her community through figure skating, hockey and the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

A graduate of both Radio Broadcasting (1999) and Broadcast Journalism (2000), Mike Ebbeling is the afternoon news anchor-reporter for CKDR Radio in Dryden. He is also the play-by-play announcer for the Dryden Eagle High School and Dryden Ice Dog Junior A hockey games. Named Dryden's Employee of the Year in the Service Sector in 2003 and honoured by the city for his work during a chlorine spill at the sawmill, Mike continues to contribute to the Dryden community by sitting on the Board of Directors for Big Brothers, Big Sisters and Crime Stoppers.



As Editor-in-Chief of *The Grand River Valley Newspapers*, Lynn Haddrall, a 1983 Print Journalism graduate, is one of a few women in Canada to hold this position at a daily newspaper. Since her arrival in Kitchener, The Record has received the prestigious Michener Award for outstanding public service journalism. Lynn considers her efforts to publish newspapers during the ice storm of 1998 and the blackout of 2003 to be two of her greatest achievements.



Brian Hanson, a Law and Security Customs/Immigration 1999 graduate, is a Customs Officer with Canada Customs and Revenue. He is assigned to the Marine Flexible Response Team in Saint John, New Brunswick, where he is one of only five members in the city trained in the operation of the new Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System. Brian is involved in the Missing Children Program, Big Brothers, Big Sisters and the Special Olympics.

Joe Roberts is one of those rags to riches stories that you don't believe can actually happen. After struggling with and overcoming drug addiction he has become head of a multimedia development company, Mindware Design Communications, in Vancouver. In less than four years, he led the company to an 800 per cent increase in business. He made his first million dollars before the age of 35. He is the founding member of Courage to Change, a foundation created to educate youth about drug and alcohol abuse. Joe graduated from Loyalist College in 1995 with diplomas in Business Marketing and Business Sales.



If you know of an outstanding Loyalist graduate who would be an excellent candidate as an award nominee please see the next page for information on how to submit their name for consideration.

Call for Nominations Loyalist Alumni Distinction Awards

**We want to recognize the
successes of our graduates.**

The Alumni Distinction Awards have been created to honour the contributions Loyalist College graduates make to society. Nominees need not be famous, but should have a real commitment to others in volunteer work and/or career success.

The Alumni Association recognizes graduates annually in each of the following areas:

- Recent Graduates
- Business
- Technology
- Health Sciences
- Applied Arts
- Human Studies

NOMINATION PACKAGE

A nomination package is available on the Alumni web page at www.loyalistcollege.com and through the Alumni office. There is no need to be a writer – point form is acceptable. We will contact the graduate directly for any additional background information.

Candidates may also be forwarded as Loyalist's nominees for the Annual Premier's Awards. These awards recognize graduate achievement in the Ontario college system. Winners of the Premier's Awards receive a \$5,000 award to be given to their college for student scholarships and bursaries.

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You will hear more about the OSOTF matching campaign in the coming months, but if you want to learn more about how you can make a donation please contact

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www.loyalistc.on.ca/stulife/alumni/index.html





Adrienne Fox-Keesic,

Photojournalism '00

“What is your dream?” was the question asked of Adrienne Fox-Keesic by her husband Glen. This question started her down the pathway to fulfilling her childhood wish to become a photojournalist. He didn’t just ask, he listened to how she had wanted this since the age of 12 when she watched the movie ‘All the President’s Men’. He bought her a 35mm camera for her birthday.

Adrienne is a member of the Bearskin Lake First Nation, a small remote Aboriginal community located in north-western Ontario, which is only accessible by air. Most of her formative years were spent living in various communities and towns. Her stepfather worked for the Hudson’s Bay Company, so as a family they moved a lot. She lived in Aboriginal communities in both northwestern Ontario and Northern Manitoba. After high school she sojourned into social work for awhile but after completing two years of study at the University of Manitoba, she decided social work was not for her. It raised too many issues for her that she felt needed a different venue of expression. She left her studies, got married and had three children. Adrienne tells us about her family...

“They mean the world to me and honestly I don’t think I’d be where I am now if it weren’t for them. My husband

Glen Keesic, who is from the Lac Seul First Nation, is a gifted artist who paints wildlife. As well, he’s the only artist I know who can fashion a lifelike eagle out of cardboard and duct tape. We have three children; Rachel is 17 years old and a computer whiz, Logan is nine and knows everything about automobiles, Brandon is the family’s angel and he is 11 years old. Brandon was born developmentally delayed and needs around-the-clock care because he’s essentially a baby. He doesn’t speak but his eyes communicate every emotion under the sun. He can’t sit up because his gross motor skills haven’t developed beyond a three-month old. He’s been our greatest challenge and our greatest teacher. Rachel developed a life-threatening kidney disorder while I was still

in college but thankfully she is now in remission, and we aim to keep her that way. Logan, I feel, will one day be engineering our vehicles or designing them. He’s the youngest person I know that can name a car’s make and model just by looking at them.”

Adrienne began working for the Wawatay News as a junior reporter immediately following her graduation from Loyalist. A few months later, in September 2000, she became editor. Unfortunately, with the combination of her daughter’s health problems and caring for her aged grandfather there were challenges that she couldn’t quite balance so she took a year off. She returned to the Wawatay News in 2002 as the senior news writer, the position she had initially wanted. Here, with the support of her editor, Bryan Phelan, she has been able to steadily develop her skills as an investigative reporter and

hone her skills as a photojournalist. The *Wawatay News* is a bi-weekly publication that allows her to do a lot of research and travelling. The community she lives in is Sioux Lookout, Ontario, a town with about 6,000 residents. It serves as a hub for some 29,000 Aboriginal people who flock from the north for shopping, medical care and secondary education. A forestry mill located nearby employs a large portion of the population. It also attracts a large number of tourists who travel there for fishing and camping. It's situated between the two major city centres of Winnipeg to the west and Thunder Bay to the east.

We asked Adrienne if she was involved in the community in addition to her job and family. "Presently, I'm a board member for the Sioux Lookout Anti-Racism Committee. Racism is an issue I feel strongly about. As an Aboriginal, I've had to experience the world a little differently because of my skin colour. I joined the board with the hope that I can help make a difference in the community that my children are being raised in."

She was unable to select one specific memory from Loyalist as her favorite, saying instead that her whole time here is a favorite memory. She loved the atmosphere created by the instructors and her classmates. "I especially liked the tone set by the former photojournalism coordinator, Steve Simon," she said. "He demanded excellence and also taught me to look beyond the curtain of traditional newspaper photography and look for the moments that defined the story I was trying to tell with my camera. Out of that encouragement grew my documentary style."

For a photojournalist whose career is only three years new, Adrienne has already earned the respect and recognition of her peers. "I think I've been lucky as far as being recognized not only by my peers but by my own people. I was honored last year by the people of the Nishnawbe Aski Nation – the region where I live and a region that encompasses much of northern Ontario – with an award that named me as Woman of

the Year. This award is given annually to Aboriginal women who work really hard towards their goals despite their personal difficulties. That award meant the world to me and it was humbling because I meet so many Aboriginal women that struggle against fantastic odds. In my eyes those are the ones who deserve that kind of award. For the past two years, I have been selected as a finalist by the Canadian Association of Journalists – first for an investigative award and then this year in the photojournalism category. In 2003 The Ontario Community Newspapers Association recognized me with four awards for my work at the *Wawatay News* which included First Place - Rural Journalism, Third Place for Photographer of the Year, Reporter of the Year and the Heritage Award and then an Honourable Mention for the Health and Wellness Award."

We talked about career goals. "What I can say is that eventually I would like to get the stories I do now out to a mainstream audience. There are a lot of important stories in this region that go unnoticed by mainstream media. I would like to somehow fill that void, but again I don't know how that would happen, at least not at this point in my career – a career that is still in its infancy. I've still got a lot of hard work ahead of me and a lot of learning to do as well."

When asked what she would need to achieve to feel successful in her career Adrienne responded... "Success is how you define it. If your definition of success is to work for a major magazine or become a newspaper photographer or a war photographer, that's how you'll define your success. It's a very personal journey. My personal definition of success is that I'm able to do what I love doing and get paid for it. How great is that!"

By Marilyn Warren

Double Diplomas

Double diplomas are pairings of related programs that allow a graduate of a two-year program to complete a second diploma program in only one additional calendar year. The following list shows some of the possible program combinations. For detailed information, contact the Program Coordinator of the second program listed. Other combinations are possible.

Accounting & Business Administration
 Business Administration & Accounting
 Chemical Lab Assistant &
 Chemical Engineering Technician
 Chemical Lab Assistant &
 Environmental Technician
 Chemical Engineering Technician &
 Environmental Technician
 Civil Engineering Technician &
 Construction Engineering Technician
 Civil Engineering Technician &
 Survey Engineering Technician
 Construction Engineering Technician &
 Civil Engineering Technician
 Construction Engineering Technician &
 Survey Engineering Technician
 Developmental Services Worker &
 Early Childhood Education
 Developmental Services Worker &
 Social Service Worker
 Early Childhood Education &
 Developmental Services Worker
 Early Childhood Education &
 Social Service Worker
 Environmental Technician &
 Chemical Engineering Technician
 Fitness and Health Promotion & Recreation
 and Leisure Services (part-time study)
 General Arts and Science &
 Developmental Services Worker
 General Arts and Science &
 Early Childhood Education
 General Arts and Science &
 Social Service Worker
 Law and Security & Police Foundations or
 Correctional Worker, Customs and
 Immigration, Corporate and Commercial
 Security, Paralegal
 Recreation and Leisure Services &
 Fitness and Health Promotion
 Social Service Worker &
 Developmental Services Worker
 Social Service Worker &
 Early Childhood Education
 Survey Engineering Technician &
 Civil Engineering Technician
 Survey Engineering Technician &
 Construction Engineering Technician
 Tourism & Hotel and Restaurant Management



Ryan Cuddy

Lancer Men's
Volleyball
Assistant Coach

When Ryan Cuddy stepped into the Loyalist gym as a coach he was not a stranger to the College or the team. Ryan graduated from the Civil Technologist Program in 1997 and during his first year of playing for the Lancers they won the OCAA Championships. He described this as his most memorable moment at Loyalist. "We were underdogs, playing at home and won 15 – 13 in the fifth set, causing the entire gym to explode!" That year, Ryan was also named CCAA Academic All-Canadian.

Ryan grew up in the small town of Harlowe and attended North Addington Education Centre in Cloyne. After graduating from Loyalist he went on to the University of Toronto where he earned a Bachelor of Applied Science in Civil Engineering. He attended a recruiting session for Procter and Gamble in his final year and was impressed with the company's ethics and policies. After a lengthy hiring procedure he was offered a job in Belleville. He now lives in Flinton with his wife and two-year old daughter, both of whom make it to the majority of the home games.

Ryan described the influence he felt his Loyalist coaches played in his life.

"My coaches here were Chris Carson and Ron Flieler. Chris epitomizes ethics, honesty and patience. Ron is very focused and hard-working. The two complement each other very well and have taught me the importance and benefit of diversity. I am very fortunate to be able to continue to learn from them now, as they are still on the coaching staff."

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When he was playing in high school, he was often a couple of years older than his team-

mates, so was always trying to help develop them. It was then he knew that some day he would like to coach. His favorite part is the moment when the athlete finally puts the knowledge and newly developed physical skills together. He has been with the team since the 2000/2001 season and feels that he contributes a good balance of patience and intensity to the coaching staff. He shared the excitement of the Nationals with them and was thrilled to see their hard work bring the team to that high level of achievement.

"I love the guys I coach right now and I would love to develop them into a team that will win a medal at the Nationals."

There are many challenges involved with developing a career while not only trying to meet time commitments, but to also build the plans and practices to develop the team. Ryan feels fortunate that the other coaches and his manager at Procter and Gamble are very flexible.

As with most things there are highlights and low points. Ryan described what he finds most frustrating as a coach. "I get frustrated when a player gives up. Whether it's trying to develop a new skill, passing a class, whatever."

The highlight of his coaching to date? "A league game this year versus Seneca. They were previously unbeaten, but we scouted, developed a plan, and the players executed it flawlessly, winning three games straight."

When asked what his coaching goal would be he replied without hesitation, "I love the guys I coach right now and I would love to develop them into a team that will win a medal at the Nationals."

By Marilyn Warren



36 Years of Recognizing Athletic Excellence

In March, Loyalist held its 36th Annual Athletic Banquet to recognize the excellence of its athletes, coaches and trainers. Jutta Merilainen (left), a member of the varsity Cross Country Team, was named Female Athlete of the Year and Matt Thompson (bottom right), varsity volleyball player, was presented with the Male Athlete of the Year award.

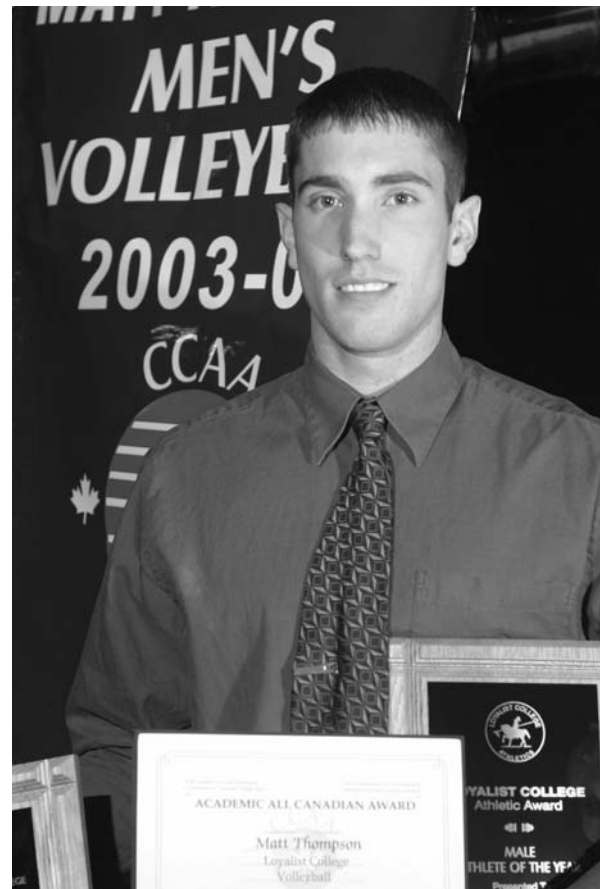
"Initially, I was nervous to add running with the varsity Cross Country Team to everything else I was doing," said Jutta Merilainen. "My decision to enter the Nursing Program was made very quickly. My husband is in the Military and we had just moved here and we have four small children between the ages of 22 months and ten years. I've always needed to challenge myself and with the support of everyone at the College, this year has been amazing."

As a member of the Loyalist varsity Cross Country Team, Jutta Merilainen had an exceptional season. She placed first in three invitational tournaments which included St. Lawrence, Fleming and Loyalist Colleges, was named Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) All-Star, OCAA Female Athlete of the Week, OCAA Champion, Canadian College Athletic Association (CCAA) Silver Medalist (Individual), CCAA Silver Medalist (Team Ontario), CCAA All-Canadian and CCAA Academic All-Canadian.

Matt Thompson, men's varsity volleyball player, highlighted his season by being awarded OCAA League All-Star, CCAA Academic All-Canadian and All-Star Game MVP. "I'm extremely honoured to win these awards," commented Matt Thompson. "I've been at the College for four years and I'm very appreciative of all the people who have helped me while I've been here. This year was very good for me as an individual, and this is an excellent way for me to leave after four great years."

The CCAA Academic All-Canadian Awards go to a distinguished few whose academic excellence is proven by earning recognition on the Dean's List and who are also named as a Provincial All Star in their sport. Loyalist College was proud to call forward varsity players, Jessica Valentini, women's soccer, Matt Thompson, men's volleyball, and Jutta Merilainen, cross country, to receive this honour. The OCAA All-Academic Awards are presented to varsity athletes who are on their college's Dean's List. This year, 17 Loyalist athletes were recognized with OCAA All-Academic Awards.

For a complete listing of the athletic awards visit www.loyalistcollege.com/pdf_files/athletic_awards.pdf.





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"I have worked trade shows all over the world (London, Ontario; London, England; Beijing; Atlanta). I have never seen this type of function as organized as your job fair."



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Job Fair

Loyalist grads give back at job fair

It's incredible . . . 25 of the 97 organizations who participated in Loyalist's 7th annual job fair held in February were represented by Loyalist College graduates. It was great to welcome these alumni back to Loyalist and find out what career paths they have followed since graduation. Some of these representatives were recent graduates who had only been in the workforce for a year or two, while others had graduated from the early years of the College, and now have children who are attending Loyalist. One thing is certain, regardless of how many years our alumni have been in the workforce, their presence at our



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annual job fair means a lot to current students. We thank these graduates for encouraging their employers to be part of our job fair and for coming back on campus to share their expertise and experiences.

Next year's job fair will be held on Thursday, February 17, 2005. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us.



1. Crystal Johnson, Enterprise Rent-A-Car (Business Sales, 2001).
2. Krista Delong, Belleville Chamber of Commerce (Social Service Worker, 1993).
3. Franco Veneruzzo, Northern Lights Vocational Services (Business Sales, 2001).
4. Community Living Campbellford - Brighton, (left to right) Lynne Simpson, Laurie Myers, (Business Administration, 2003) and Cindy Miller (Developmental Service Worker, 1974).



5. Mary Boyd, Kelly Services (Accounting, 1998).
6. Michael Evans, Family Space (Early Childhood Education, 2001).
7. Amber Redick, Enterprise Quinte (Office Administration, 1994).
8. Anna Strati - Morrison, The Canadian Hearing Society (Social Service Worker, 1987).
9. Ann Marie Chaput, ParaMed (Nursing, 1993).
10. Michael Preston, Staples Business Depot (Computer Programmer Analyst, 2001).



11. Sandra Redner, Stirling Manor (Nursing, 1994).
12. Christina Convey, T.A.S. Communications (Paralegal, 2002).
13. Melissa Kleinstueber, Taste of Country (Current B.A.A. student).
14. Adam McCue, TSH Associates (Environmental Technician, 1998).
15. Stephanie Anderson, Solectron Global Services (Business, 2002).



What Have We Been Up To? We are proud to present...

It's not your average AGM!

All alumni are invited to join us Friday evening, September 10, 2004 for our annual general meeting and BBQ. For complete details visit: www.loyalistic.on.ca/stulife/alumni/index.html

Reunion Packages

Are you planning a reunion? Let us help. We'll create and mail your invitations, assist in tracking "lost" classmates and provide you with some ideas on how to get the ball rolling.

New Alumni Card

A new full-colour personalized alumni card will be available to Loyalist graduates in the near future. This card will provide discounts with various businesses and service providers. Become an **Alumni Discount Provider** – give over twenty thousand Loyalist graduates an incentive to do business with you. For information please contact the Loyalist Alumni office. 1-800-ALUMNI or alumni@loyalistic.on.ca.

New Jobs This Week - for Loyalist students and alumni

If you would like to receive a weekly e-mail listing new employment opportunities, e-mail us at careers@loyalistic.on.ca and we will add you to the list.



Congratulations and best of luck to our team of Employment & Alumni Ambassadors as they make the transition from backpack to briefcase. What an awesome crew! We will miss you.



Mary Ferguson, Accounting



Meghan Lee, Social Service Worker



Marvay Spence, Television



Krista Bernard, Corrections



Emily Lebel, Advertising



Angel Huang, Accounting

Alison Holland, General Arts student and Devon Dunlop, Architectural Technology student were excited to win this basket of goodies and gifts to help sustain them during long hours of studying for exams. The Alumni Association donated this basket valued at \$100 to help students celebrate their Spring Formal. (Photo taken by Katie McCarten)

Mr. Tuxedo was joined by Employment & Alumni Ambassadors Krista Bernard and Meghan Lee in welcoming students, alumni, and employers to Loyalist's 7th annual job fair held in February. Over 60 student volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure all of the representatives were taken care of. Employers took notice of the extra effort and commended on the "... ample amount of friendly and efficient volunteers and great all-around experience!"

Ta Da! Spring Open House provided Work Study student Meghan Lee the chance to tell prospective students how Employment & Alumni Services staff can help them find jobs when they get to Loyalist. Meghan was able to answer questions about what it is like to work on campus while going to school.

Chemical Engineering student Tammy Warren (left) already had her diploma frame ready for June convocation. The frame, donated by the Alumni Association, was the prize for the "Drop by and Meet Us" contest open to all students graduating in June.



Christine Tanner,

Business Administration '85, Accounting '86

Growing up in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Christine Tanner lived with her family in the house that her father has lived in since he was four years old. She received a scholarship to attend Mount Saint Vincent University where she completed her BA in 1980, with majors in Sociology and Religious Studies and a minor in Psychology. After graduating, Christine worked with several hotel chains in Halifax, then, in 1984 became the sales director with the Ramada Inn in Trenton. Twenty-four years old and frustrated by the limited opportunities to advance, Christine found herself at a crossroads. The choice she made brought her to Loyalist where she focused on absorbing business and accounting skills to assist her in accomplishing her career aspirations of owning her own business. She left Loyalist with diplomas in Business Administration and Accounting, confident that these studies had prepared her for the next chapter in her career.

After leaving Belleville, Christine's career took her to Igloolik, Nunavut to be an economic development officer, followed by a transfer to Iqaluit, Nunavut. A year later she began teaching business administration courses full-time at Arctic College. This was her all-time favorite job but she quit the year she was turning 30. She wanted to start her own business and knew that if she didn't do it then, that she would be trapped by the government pension and benefits and never

pursue this goal. From 1989 until 1994 she owned and operated TANMAR Business Consulting Ltd., which had ten staff. In 1994 she sold the business and the building that housed it and moved to Yellowknife, Northwest Territories to work as a ministerial assistant for the Minister responsible for the Departments of Personnel and Renewable Resources. When the Minister was not re-elected a year later, she worked for the Department of Education on an Inuit Employment Plan for the government. From here she went on to a six-month contract for the Worker's Compensation Board and at the end of the six months was offered a permanent Director position. She remained with the WCB, in various capacities, for six years. In 2002 she was hired by the

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Government of Saskatchewan as the Deputy Minister of Labour. During her career she has been able to travel: several times to Russia and Greenland, the European parliament in Brussels, and to Vietnam, and considers herself very lucky to have had these opportunities.

"I learned everything I needed to know at Loyalist to start and operate my own business. It was only as I accepted senior positions with governments that my spouse encouraged me to take my MBA as the cre-

dential on my resumé would make me more marketable in other areas of Canada," she explained. "He was right. When you apply for senior jobs you are screened-out unless you have an MBA, but having said that, there was nothing offered in my MBA that didn't just build on the foundation that I had learned at Loyalist. I consider my Loyalist time as my most valuable educational experience as I was able to leverage it into a wonderfully successful and diverse career."

When asked what her greatest sense of accomplishment in her career is, Christine spoke of two.

"When I was a business consultant, I was approached by a non-profit day care association that held a lease on a valuable piece of commercial land in Iqaluit, Nunavut on which they had to build within the year or they would lose the long-term lease, but they had no money at all. First I arranged for the group to get a government grant to hire me and then a mortgage from Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation with no equity or money down on the condition they build a daycare with four low-income rental apartments above it. The deal was that they would offer the apartments at very low subsidized rents to the director of their daycare (which would help them recruit a director) and to the directors of three other local daycares. Within the year, they had a building, a daycare and low-rental housing for the directors of four local daycares. It is one of the projects I worked on of which I am most proud as it didn't make money for a businessperson (most of my clients were businesspeople), but just improved the whole community."

the other?

"While at the WCB, I worked on the creation of a WCB that could be shared by two jurisdictions (the Northwest Territories and

Nunavut). WCBs are governed by provincial legislation and nowhere else in Canada does one exist that is shared equally by two governments. But due to economies of scale, it made sense in these two jurisdictions in order to keep the costs to employers down. It was a fun and challenging project – getting two governments to agree to share their political power and designing a structure that allowed two acts to create one entity.”

When following Christine’s career path you would wonder how she would find time for other pursuits, but here too she shines. Married, with two sons aged 12 and 13, she does admit that when she began working towards her MBA in 2001, her time revolved around family, career and studying. She completed her MBA in May this year. Prior to this demanding time commitment she was on a Catholic School Board, on the boards of a hospital, a public-housing authority, a women’s shelter and the Chamber of Commerce, in addition to being a Rotary member in two different communi-

ties. She also was coordinator of her son’s soccer league.

“In 2002, I went to Guatemala with World Vision Canada for a few weeks to help build houses for local residents. It was an eye-opening experience. After our box lunch one day, we were going to feed the scraps (literally a few mouthfuls of meat left on chicken bones,) to a starved dog that was hanging around nearby. The interpreter stopped us, to tell us that the people in the nearby fields wanted the scraps and they needed them more than the dog. These people then chewed on the bones that we had discarded. It made me ashamed that I had eaten anything and not just given my whole lunch away. We cannot imagine here in Canada that sucking on someone else’s discarded bones would be considered a treat for others. I recommend everybody take such a trip.”

Christine has resigned from her position as Saskatchewan’s Deputy Minister of Labour. Being from the Atlantic Provinces, and having lived in areas with large lakes, trees, and

parklands, Christine and her husband miss these surroundings and the lifestyle that accompanies them. They are currently looking to relocate to either a small town in Ontario or further east and are coordinating the challenges of moving a two-career family.

“I met my two best friends while at Loyalist. They are Bonnie Maracle (currently finishing her PhD) and Carolyn Kiddle (who owns a vehicle body shop). We have been friends for 20 years and we try to get together for one weekend each year. The only rules for the weekend are ‘No Men and No Kids’. Throughout the last 20 years we have been a strong support system for each other. We all loved our time there. There was even an instructors’ strike while we were attending and it didn’t dampen our appreciation for the College. It was a safe place to study. It was a caring and sharing environment and we were encouraged to dream and succeed. I can’t speak highly enough about the grounding I received at Loyalist.”

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By Marilyn Warren

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A \$100 credit on her Loyalist Alumni Association MasterCard is what Sherrie Lee Seeley (Nursing '76) won when she took part in our “apply and use” contest that took place between September 1, 2003 and January 31, 2004.

Winner of a pair of tickets to a Toronto Maple Leafs game was Michelle Montgomery (Television Broadcasting '94).

For more information and to download an application, visit the Loyalist College Alumni page at:

www.loyalistic.on.ca/stulife/alumni/index.html or call **1-800-99ALUMNI**

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"When I started with the Unemployment Insurance Commission I was hired as a part-time worker – one Saturday every six weeks. There were five other part-timers each of us working one Saturday. My job at that time was a Mainframe Computer Peripheral Operator. After about six months, three of the six part-timers left so I was then working one Saturday every three weeks. Then two others quit and I was the only one who stuck it out and it paid off. I was working every Saturday plus management decided to put me on-call during the week. If someone called in sick, they would call me to work. This went on for about 18 months. In 1986, I became an indeterminate employee through a competitive process. I worked for 12 years in the Mainframe Computer area. In 1995, I moved onto Wide Area Network management, where I worked with a team of second Level Support Technicians to keep the 640 plus routers up and running across the Canadian-wide Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) network. In 2001, I started my current position as Senior Systems Analyst – Fault Management Specialist with National Headquarters."

Jay's story is one that exemplifies the possibilities available in one's backyard when perseverance and skills are fused in the pursuit of career goals. He attended Centennial Secondary School and graduated in 1981. He feels fortunate to be able to call Belleville home for himself, his family and his career with Social Development Canada. His daughter, who is now attending Centennial, plans to enroll in Loyalist's Degree Nursing Program (two years at Loyalist and then two years at Brock University). His son starts high school this fall. Jay and his wife Sherry just celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary. For the past four years Jay has been on the Stirling Blues Minor Hockey coaching staff. His son has been an active player in the Stirling Rep Hockey program since he was five (he is now 14).



Jay Middleton, Electronic Data Processing '83

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"The Department of Social Development (SD) formerly known as HRDC, is mandated with helping to secure and strengthen Canada's social foundation. We do this by helping families with children, supporting people with disabilities and ensuring that seniors can fully participate in their communities. We provide the policies, services and programs for Canadians who need assistance in overcoming challenges they encounter in their lives and their communities. This includes income security programs, such as the Canada Pension Plan. We are a client-centered organization, committed to continually improving service delivery for Canadians. Accordingly, Social Development Canada relies on its IT infra-

structure to provide programs and offerings to the Canadian public. Many of the components within the IT infrastructure are labeled 'Mission Critical' and require 7 x 24 x 365 availability.

"SDC utilizes certain IT monitoring tools to pro-actively monitor and alert required support staff of IT failures and possible problems. I am part of the third level National Technical Support Group that supports and manages the functionality of the IT monitoring equipment. Although my office is here in Belleville, for the past three years I have worked directly for National Headquarters in Ottawa/Hull as a Senior IT Technical Advisor."

"When I graduated from high school I was accepted at Humber, St. Lawrence and Loyalist Colleges.

I chose Loyalist for two reasons. It was in my hometown and close to my family and because of the recommendation from my high school counsellor on the high level of teaching excellence provided at Loyalist College. I feel that Loyalist definitely set me on the right track. I gained and learned valuable information in my career field. As well, Loyalist gave me the confidence to succeed."

By Marilyn Warren

Mark Your Calendars Now for the 6th Annual Foundation Golf Tournament Friday, September 17th at Trillium Wood

The tournament is a fundraiser in support of the College's endowment fund to provide financial assistance for Loyalist students. Funds raised will be matched through the Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund (OSOTF) program now underway.

Call (613) 969-1913, ext. 2326 or 2235 or visit www.loyalistcollege.com

Angela Adam (Bird), Advertising '93

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"Advertising Class of '93, are you out there? Hard to believe that ten years have gone by! I would love to hear from everyone and catch up."

Scot Merrylees, General Arts, Journalism '91

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"Looking to hear from old classmates from Photo/Print Journalism, the great gang from Advertising, or team mates from varsity basketball. Hope all are doing well!"

Corry Moore, Advertising '94

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"Hello to everyone from the class of '94. Ten years have passed and I'd love to hear from some of you. Drop me a line."

Carrie Skinn, Developmental Services Worker '95

e-mail: smulvey@cogeco.ca

"Hello everyone! Looking for DSW grads of 1995. I am presently living in Southwestern Ontario, working as the Director of Respite Services at a local Community Living."

Leith Dunick, Print Journalism '95

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"Hello to the Print grads of '95. I've been in Thunder Bay for almost two years as the publisher of Thunder Bay's Source, a weekly newspaper. Drop me a line if you happen to see this, I'd love to hear from you."

Bill Nichols, Law & Security - Customs '98

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"I would love to hear from anyone from LASA 1998. Hope everyone is doing well. I've been married three years, and still living in Perth. Take care and drop me a line sometime!"

Greg Clayton, Communication Arts '71

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"It is hard to believe that over 30 years have passed since I left Loyalist to become a school teacher. I worked with the Ministry of Community and Social Services as a manager of Staff Training and Development before becoming an Area Manager with the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Apprenticeship Branch. I have recently retired after working as a Senior Policy Advisor with the same Ministry on the Apprenticeship Reform Project. I continue to work part-time in adult education. It would be nice to hear from anyone who can remember the '70's era at Loyalist."

Joanne Coulter, Hotel and Restaurant Management '94

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"Hey Guys, any 1994 grads out there? If so drop me a line."

Anna Postma, Social Service Worker '03

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"I am a 2003 graduate of the Social Service Worker program, and am now continuing my studies at Trent University majoring in Sociology with an emphasis in education. I look back at my time at Loyalist as a truly memorable experience. The skills and knowledge I obtained in the program are those that have taken me to great lengths – the possibilities really are endless. The faculty within my program motivated and inspired me in such a way that I believe it is because of them that I am where I am now. Thanks goes out to all of the wonderful SSW faculty as well as the SSW class of 2003. Thanks everyone!"

Charles 'Chip' Jones, Radio Broadcasting '84

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"Looking for Kevin Dunitz, Kevin Bulger, Greg McEachern, Tim Bennett, (Radio '84), where are you guys? We are having a 20th anniversary reunion in Belleville on July 24th. Please contact me for details."

Michael Logan, Print Journalism '97

e-mail: mlogan@sprint.ca

"Bob the duck has come home to roost."

Tanya Keys, Broadcast Journalism '98

e-mail: tkeys@295.ca

"I'm just wondering what everyone is doing now. It's been awhile. Drop me a line anytime!"

Eric Zylstra, Radio '79

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"Since it's been 25 years since grad half of the radio class is likely dead if they kept up that level of debauchery. Send me a line, those who still live. Zee."

Fred Kennedy, Architectural Drafting '89

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"Looking for fellow Archies for a get together, it's been 15 years. So far I've located Ed Jolliffe and Laura Lawrence. Contact me if you're interested."

Karina Sinclair (Conley), Television Broadcasting '98

e-mail: ksinclair@on.pelmorex.com

"In the fall, following my graduation in '98, I joined the Weather Network. I started as a part-time editor/switcher, then became full-time video archivist, production coordinator, and finally producer. It's been five happy years here, especially when the person I work with the most, Marilyn Nicholas-Dahan, is also a

graduate from my class. While working here, I've had some great opportunities, like demonstrating video archiving software at conventions in Las Vegas and Amsterdam, and in 2001 I went tornado chasing in the United States. Recently, I bought a house outside of Toronto and married a fantastic man. Life is good. Thanks to Loyalist for giving me a bright start."

Loyalist College SOAR Office

Challengers! Are you a former LOTF pilot study participant? We need your help! Are you willing to participate in a ten-year study regarding people with learning disabilities? For more information, please contact: Anthea Weese, SOAR Office, Loyalist College, Phone: (613) 969-1913, ext. 2367 or e-mail: AWEESE@loyalistic.on.ca

Donations are being collected towards a bench to be placed in Alumni Memorial Grove in memory of Anne Cook and Margaret Lenfesty, two former members of the Nursing faculty. Donations may be made at the Loyalist College cash office or by contacting Elizabeth McDonald at (613) 969-1913, ext. 2405.

Reunion**Holly Vali (Yandell), Nursing '94**

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"A decade later...yikes! It is time to celebrate our Ten Year Reunion booked for September 11th, 2004. Please contact Loyalist Alumni Services and update your address...invitations to follow. For more details contact nbratt@sympatico.ca. Looking forward to seeing you soon."

In Memoriam

It is with sadness we have learned that Helen Johnson (Print Journalism '79) passed away on October 8, 2003, in Vancouver, after a courageous battle with cancer. Helen is survived by husband Tom Burley (Print Journalism '79), daughter Greta and son Nick. Helen and Tom journeyed all the way from Victoria in 1977 to take the College's Print Journalism program. After graduation, Helen wrote for the *Cambridge Reporter* and other Ontario media before she and Tom headed home to their West Coast roots. She was a talented reporter, writer and editor who freelanced for the past several years. Her great sense of humour, intelligence, wit, and culinary magic will be much missed by family and friends including Maureen Piercy (Print Journalism '79) and faculty, staff and fellow Loyalist alumni.

*If you have a submission for Grapevine,
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