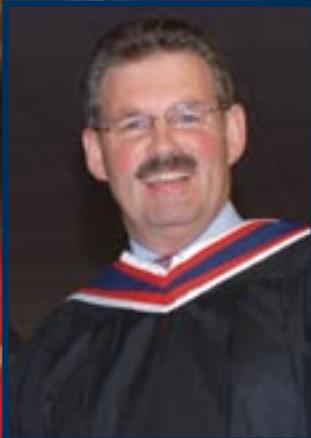


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Presidents' Message

To date, Loyalist's 40th Anniversary has been filled with a number of heartwarming reunions, facility updates and graduate accomplishments – creating another amazing chapter in the history of our College. In the months ahead there will be more opportunities for you to visit the campus and join in the festivities marking this milestone. Be sure to set aside time in June to participate in the Alumni Association Homecoming celebration that is being planned as part of the anniversary activities. Of course we welcome graduates back to visit at any time. One upcoming event we, and our students, are very excited about is the official opening of our new Career and Employer Services office early in the New Year. Watch www.loyalistcollege.com for details!

In this edition of *Lasting Connections* you will learn about the career of a Premier's senior speechwriter in Julianne McCaffrey's profile, travel to Russia with award winning photojournalist Donald Weber, and join us in congratulating the most recent Lancer inductees into the OCAA Hall of Fame. We're finding that increasing numbers of students are coming to Loyalist several years after secondary school, to prepare for career changes and advancement. Discover the rewards they are experiencing and the support systems available at the College to help ensure that their return to learning is a positive and successful one.



(L to R): Mary Brodie, Alumni Association President and Maureen Piercy, Loyalist College President

The content of this edition of *Lasting Connections* has been researched and written by students in our Post-Graduate Public Relations program. We are sure that you will enjoy what they have prepared for you.

Come join us as we celebrate 40 years of excellence at Loyalist College!

Alumni Holiday Celebration and Annual General Meeting

In November the Alumni Association held its holiday celebration and AGM in Club 213 at the College. The Association was eager for suggestions for the upcoming 40th Anniversary festivities with special emphasis on the June Homecoming. The Alumni Distinction Awards were part of the evening's activities.



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Alan McAlpine, Business Administration 1973, Past-President Alumni Association
Brian Miller, Accounting 1972, Vice-President Alumni Association
Linda Serres, Small Business Office Automation 2002, Alumni Executive Officer
Lyndsay Parker, Television Broadcasting Specialist 2001, Alumni Executive Officer
Maureen Piercy, Print Journalism 1979, Loyalist College President

FRONT ROW:

Bridgette Gauthier, Social Service Worker 1997, Alumni Distinction Award Recipient
Mary Brodie, Information Systems 1978, President Alumni Association
Margaret Ogden, Business Administration 2005, Alumni Executive Officer

Members of Alumni Executive absent from photo:

Samantha O'Dell, Social Service Worker 2006, Alumni Executive Officer
Meghan Lee-Davison, Social Service Worker 2004, Alumni Executive Officer
Peter Rooke, Business Administration 1973, Alumni Executive Officer
Rosemary Rooke, Paralegal 2006, Alumni Executive Officer

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Loyalist Atlantic Alumni Momentum Building



IT'S BEEN A GREAT YEAR for Loyalist College's Atlantic Alumni Chapter. Gatherings have been held in each of Halifax, Moncton and Fredericton – and there are plans for two more in 2008.

"It's exciting to watch the momentum building," says Ken Kingston, who has been spearheading the alumni chapter in the Atlantic region. "The feedback from alumni members is positive with lots of words of encouragement to continue to build on what we've achieved so far." The next alumni gathering will be held in Halifax during the weekend of March 7th to 9th, 2008. That is the same weekend that Halifax is hosting the AUS Men's Basketball Championship.

"I've also had a request from an alumni member to hold one on Prince Edward Island, so I plan to talk to alumni members there about organizing an event," says Ken Kingston. "Prince Edward Island would be a great location for a future get-together. I am looking at holding something on the Island early next summer." Ken says they're building an e-mail list which informs members about the latest news with the Chapter, and to exchange ideas of plans for upcoming events. There are over 30 names on that list so far. A Facebook group has also been set up which boasts 32 names.



If you are a Loyalist grad living in Atlantic Canada and would like to learn more about the group, contact Ken Kingston at (902) 386-2358 or via e-mail at kingston_mckeown@yahoo.ca.



LOYALIST PRESIDENT Maureen Piercy met with alumnus Chris Grayson, Executive Director, Community Living Campbellford/Brighton, in October. Along with a number of other community-related activities, the office in Campbellford hosts Continuing Education opportunities on behalf of Loyalist College.

Chris is a graduate of the MRC program, and is a Premier's Awards nominee in the Community Services Category. He is a leading proponent of recognizing MRC graduates with DSW (Developmental Services Worker) diplomas, for any MRC graduates of the Ontario College system. Any Loyalist graduates who wish to discuss the Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) process which is involved, are invited to contact Dave O'Hearn (613) 969-1913, ext. 2408. Chris is also interested in hearing from any individuals about this endeavour and can be reached at (705) 632-2060, or cgrayson@communitylivingcampbellford.com.

On the Cover...

Over 1,300 students graduated from Loyalist College at the Convocation ceremonies held on June 7th and 8th, 2007. These ceremonies marked the official launch of the College's 40th Anniversary celebrations. In recognition of the countless exceptional individuals who have graduated from the College, the guest speakers were all Loyalist graduates. Pictured on the cover are Georgina Thompson, RN, BScN, a 1979 graduate of the Registered Nursing program; Lloyd Fleming, a 1977 graduate of the Business program; and, Erin Davis, a 1982 graduate of the Radio Broadcasting program.

CORRECTION

In the Summer 2007 issue Scott Simms was identified incorrectly as a TV Broadcast graduate. Scott graduated from the Broadcast Journalism program in 1993.

Never at a loss for words:

Loyalist graduate Julianne McCaffrey puts words in the mouth of B.C.'s Premier

BY KATE SHAUGHNESSY

PERCHED AT A PATIO-STYLE TABLE in the pub of her alma mater, Julianne McCaffrey reminisces about the late nights she spent as a Loyalist print journalism student just over a decade ago.

"I loved my program and my teachers," she recalls. "I was often the last one to leave the classroom at the end of the day."

Now a senior speechwriter for British Columbia's Premier Gordon Campbell, Julianne credits Loyalist College for her early success.

"I gained much more than a diploma at Loyalist. I gained a whole world of confidence in myself and my capabilities," she says. "My experience here became a springboard, not only to launch me into a career, but into a lifetime of learning."

A Belleville native, Julianne's passion for language and writing helped her land jobs as a reporter for community newspapers in the region early on but love eventually led her west to British Columbia where landing a job as a journalist proved more difficult.

Living in B.C. on a shoestring budget, Julianne earned a post-graduate certificate in public relations from the University of Victoria, and was hired soon after by the City of Victoria to work as a public relations officer for the Business Improvement Association.

Seeking newer challenges and a bigger paycheque, she eventually applied to the Ministry of Finance. "I thought I'd work for the government for a couple of years – long enough to gain a little broader experience and to save some money – and then I'd get out," Julianne laughs.

But life had different plans.

Seven years and an undergraduate degree later, Julianne is still working for the Government of British Columbia. These days, she finds herself writing upwards of eight speeches a week for Premier Gordon Campbell, a job she readily admits can be daunting at times.

"He speaks to audiences ranging from academics to business executives and on topics ranging from economics to the environment. The diversity of the job is both fun and challenging. I love my job," she adds, "there is nothing else I want to do in the world."

Although she loves working and living in B.C., Julianne does miss her hometown at times. "I grew up in Belleville, and I would



love to move back here one day," notes Julianne, who is currently deciding on which Masters degree to pursue.

In the meantime, Julianne is beginning to think about the upcoming Olympic Games in Vancouver.

"It's an extraordinary time to be a British Columbian and a Canadian. The pulse of the province is really one of excitement and anticipation," she points out. "The Premier has certainly always been a strong proponent of the Games and of showcasing

our province and people to the world, so no doubt the focus of speaking engagements will be increasingly on our Olympic opportunities."

From print journalism at Loyalist to speech writing about the Olympics for the B.C. Premier, Julianne's success undoubtedly proves that passion and the pen are a powerful combination.



Julianne McCaffrey visited Loyalist during the fall term and spoke to students in the Public Relations Post-Graduate program.

Second chances:

The rewards of returning to school as a mature student

BY SYLVIA DRAAISTRA

“STAFF OR STUDENT?”

It's a common question today as young people mix with mature students in the hallways and classrooms of Loyalist College.

Since there is no age limit to learning, Loyalist is a healthy mix of students of all ages with diverse measures of life experience.

Why go to college as a mature student? For some, attending college is a lifelong dream they are finally able to fulfill. For others whose children have grown up, it is now time to get back into the workforce. Some mature students have completed one career and are looking to begin a new one. Still others are immigrants from other countries who are looking to expand their skill set to find work in Canada.

Whatever the reason that brought them here, mature students are a vibrant part of the Loyalist culture.



Brenda Wu, a single mother of three young children, recently returned to Loyalist after graduating in 1979 from the school's secretarial program.

Working in a local optometrist's office, Brenda realized she was no longer satisfied with her job. She enjoyed the medical side of optometry, but wasn't thrilled about the long hours and retail aspects of the business.

Returning to Loyalist bolstered

Brenda's confidence and encouraged her to take a step in another direction. She had always wanted the sense of control and independence she knew would come with supporting herself and her family. She had also enjoyed working with people and helping them in practical but meaningful ways.

Nursing was something Brenda had often considered, but never had the opportunity to pursue.

Now was her chance.

As a Loyalist alumna, Brenda felt comfortable applying to her alma mater where she was accepted to the nursing program. As a part-time student attending classes for about 14 hours a week, Brenda is finally on her way to her dream of becoming a registered practical nurse.

When she completes her program in 2009, it will have been 30 years since her last graduation at Loyalist College.

“There's no age limit to learning in life,” Brenda points out.



Mature student Deborah Evans, of Belleville, also attends Loyalist, where she is enrolled in a fast-tracked Office Administration program in the college's e-lab.

After being laid off from her job as a sales clerk, Deborah pursued the possibility of attending Loyalist College through a government agency called Career Edge. She learned that she was eligible for one year of continued education.

This encouraged Deborah, a single mother who has struggled to meet her family's financial needs. Her ultimate goal is to earn a diploma and gain suitable employment in order to be better able to support herself and her daughter.

While it is challenging to be in school and raise a family at the same time, Deborah is excited about what her future holds.

Deborah will graduate in June 2008 and hopes to work in the Belleville area as a personal assistant or office administrator.

“Nursing was something Brenda had often considered, but never had the opportunity to pursue. Now was her chance.”

MAKING IT WORK

As she attends the nursing program at Loyalist College, Brenda Wu earns a living by caring for two Chinese students who are boarding in her home while attending Albert College.

Brenda says she is slowly working towards full-time schooling since juggling her home life and school is a challenge at times.

"Having children counting on you to help you with their homework and cook their meals is a challenge at times," she admits. "I try to maximize my hours at school. I chisel away, piece by piece. If I have a test today, I'll focus on that".

For mature student Deborah Evans, the opportunity to fast track through her program in one year is a big help.

Currently attending classes for 20 hours a week, Deborah is also able to complete the courses online. The flexibility of the e-lab allows her to attend class during the hours when her young daughter is in school. Deborah enjoys learning online, at her own pace, while knowing there is always a teacher available to assist her when needed.

"I look forward to becoming more independent and making a better life for myself and my girl," says Deborah.

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College tips for mature students

BY SARAH BOWLES

1. Connect with the mature student group offered at Loyalist College. For more information, contact Cathy O'Rourke at ourourke@loyalistic.on.ca
2. Surround yourself with a support group of friends your own age; keep in touch with them if you are ever feeling alienated.
3. Be realistic. If you have hectic personal or work schedules, think about reducing your course load. (Note: OSAP funding requires a 60% course load.)
4. Apply for a work study position within the College. It's a great way to meet people and the pay is usually higher than other off-campus student jobs. Work study employers will help you work out a schedule that fits with your course timetable.
5. Keep an open mind. Everyone who comes to college comes from a different background and has different life experiences. Diversity can actually be an enriching experience if approached in the right way.

Loyalist student honoured with prestigious Guggenheim Fellowship

BY LIZANNE DONNELLY

“PRESSING THE BUTTON is the easy part,” says Donald Weber, a 2001 Photojournalism graduate.

“There are so many factors in being a successful photographer, from finding the right story, knowing what works, how to follow the paths different stories lead you, and then negotiating and communicating with people,” he continues. “For me, it is a communal experience. They are just as important as you, if not more so. It’s about just saying, ‘Hi, I’m a photographer, and this is what I do.’”

Modest words from a man recently awarded the 2007 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship Grant. The fellowship, which is awarded annually to 189 artists, scholars and scientists selected from nearly 2,800 international applicants, is an admirable prize.



Donald Weber spoke to photojournalism students and Members of the community on October 31st. He was presented with an Alumni Distinction Award by Alumni President Mary Brodie.

The purpose of the award is to support recipients with a financial grant for one year while they complete their proposed project. Donald’s own project is focused on capturing life in Russia and telling a compelling story through a series of photographs.

“I am genuinely interested in people’s lives,” notes Donald, who enrolled in the Photojournalism fast-track program at Loyalist College following a successful career in architecture.

Studying at Loyalist provided Donald with a foundation for communicating with images and the language of photography. His unique mix of proven talent, vision and creativity impressed the Guggenheim Foundation.

The subjects and situations Donald chooses to photograph are often highly sensitive. In his series entitled *Crime and Punishment: Ukraine*, Donald concentrates compassionately on the hardened young men and women. His subjects include the criminals and the police, but it is difficult to distinguish the two.

“A camera is just a vessel to explore the world,” Donald points out. “When I go to these places, I follow their customs, and when they want me to drink, I drink with them.”

One photograph captures detectives gripping pistols at a doorway, moments before a hostile confrontation. When asked what it’s like to place himself in difficult situations, Donald replies, “I am not comfortable when I’m comfortable. Thus, I love to be in situations where no normal person would be. I love to be with other people who don’t share my view on life – this is their world, and I get to see it.”



Photograph of Zek by Donald Weber. This portrait was taken in Russia while Donald worked on his project supported by the 2007 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship Grant.

Sometimes there is danger, but I trust my instincts implicitly – you have to as a photographer. I would never do anything I thought was dumb. I have pushed it and taken risks, but never crossed the line. But there are risks you have to take, and you have to follow your gut. Listen to what your head tells you. Think of an escape plan. I always consider the larger picture – it’s about being the outsider, always on the fringe.”

For most of 2007, Donald has been immersed in life between Moscow and Kiev, absorbing Russian culture. While in Kiev, he followed the elections with great interest. His observations on the Russian people and their culture are succinct.

“No one else has any similar traits as they do there,” he observes. “It’s not West or East. It will never be European, never be Asian, never be anything other than simply Russian. It’s in between, and I love it.”

Donald has worked as a photographer for many international publications including *The New York Times*, *Newsweek* and *Stern*.

Now, with the Guggenheim Fellowship tucked in his back pocket, Donald will have even more freedom to explore his calling.

“Just me and the birch trees and Russia travelling at my own will,” he says.

To learn more about Donald Weber’s photography, visit www.donaldweber.com.

Close to home, around the world:

Loyalist students discover the secret of “service above self”

BY JENNIFER BOYD

WHAT’S IT LIKE TO BE INVOLVED with an organization that tackles issues like AIDS, hunger and poverty? That helps fight crippling diseases like polio? That makes a difference every single day in the lives of millions of people around the world?



Just ask a Rotaractor.

Most people have heard of Rotary International. Rotaract, in turn, is a student version of the Rotary Club.

The Rotaract Club of Loyalist Belleville was founded in 2004, and is sponsored by the Quinte Sunrise Rotary Club. The club allows College students to experience what Rotary International is all about. Students who choose to join have the opportunity to embrace Rotary ideals and become involved in service to the community, whether close to home or around the world.

Rotary International has been active since 1905, and during that time its main goal has not changed. The organization’s motto is “service before self” – identifying its key mission to provide service to others.

The club’s philosophy also promotes peace through friendship and service. Through Rotaract, students have the opportunity to pass that vision on to the next generation of citizens.

The first Rotaract Club was formed in 1968, and the movement has been growing ever since. There are now more than 7,000 Rotaract clubs worldwide.

Rotaract focuses on community service opportunities, professional development, and leadership development. The Loyalist Club meets every two weeks. The meetings include, but are not limited to, having guest speakers, watching informative movies, and planning fundraising events for worthy causes.

For instance, Rotaractors were recently involved in a Krispy Kreme fundraiser to raise funds for the Alzheimer Society. Other events have included a Curl for Camp Trillium fundraiser, the Halloween Safe Streets program, and the Purple Pinkie campaign for polio eradication.

For Melissa Hillier, the current president of the Loyalist Rotaract Club, Rotary hits close to home. She grew up in a family involved with Rotary, and has been attending meetings since she was four-years old.

As president, Melissa’s duties include organizing meetings, running events, and being available to other members. In her opinion, Rotaract is a good way to “help others while having fun.”

Adds Melissa, “It’s good to get involved in a service group early in life. We don’t realize how good we have it and it is our duty to help out.”

The benefits associated with Rotaract are numerous. Members can gain personal fulfillment, leadership experience and create lasting ties to their local and global communities. Local communities also receive support and funding for various charities and causes that are in need.

In other words, everybody wins.

Did you know?

Loyalist College has another important connection with Rotary International. This year’s Rotary International President is Wilfrid Wilkinson, an Honorary Director of the Loyalist College Foundation. Mr. Wilkinson was a member of the College Board of Governors from 1968 to 1975, and chaired the Board in 1974.



For more information on the Rotaract Club of Loyalist Belleville, please contact Geoff Cudmore, Associate Vice-President, Academic at gcudmore@loyalistc.on.ca.

Past staff honoured at memorial dedication

PAST PRESIDENT, LIBRARIAN AMONG OTHERS HONOURED WITH DEDICATIONS FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS

BY KEITH POWELL

PAST LOYALIST COLLEGE employees and alumni, including former Loyalist College President Herb Young were remembered on August 27th in the Alumni Memorial Grove.

Ruth Young, Herb's wife, attended the ceremony held in the Grove to honour her late husband who passed away last December. She was on hand to dedicate a pin oak tree as well as a bench in Herb's name.

Mrs. Young said she specifically asked for a bench in addition to the tree because a bench was a special place for them. She said she would make Herb sit down with her to slow him down and watch the world go by, or even to sit down and talk. Jokingly, she wondered out loud during her dedication if a bench would be appropriate because Herb was always on the go.

"Herb always loved oak trees," she said. Both current Loyalist President Maureen Piercy and Ruth said an oak tree is fitting because Herb was strong and enduring like an oak. Ruth and Herb were married for 20 years, and Ruth said she still remembers quite vividly what kind of leader Herb was while he was College president from 1970 to 1988.



Ruth Young

"I think he was relaxed but he wanted things done in a business-like way," she said, adding he was usually very anxious that people be upfront about things.

He used to always walk the halls as soon as he got into the office, just so he could say, "hi" to everyone and make sure everything was running smoothly.



Mary McConnell, Loyalist's first librarian when the school opened in 1967, was also remembered with a bench. She retired in 1978 because of the failing health of her husband. Before leaving she managed to help put over 40,000 volumes into the library and pioneered the audio/visual section of the library. She was an integral part of the Loyalist library with high regard for the school. She also willed the College \$30,000 after she passed away.

One past alumni member and three past faculty members were also honoured. Marnie McCracken was remembered with a beautiful birdhouse dedicated by her family in her memory. Marnie was a part of the early childhood education program at Loyalist and graduated in 1975.

A young red maple was planted to honour Annie Peddie (Raymond) who taught at Loyalist as a part of the nursing faculty.

Jim McCulloch, former survey faculty had a white swamp oak placed overlooking the grove. Also remembered was Cathy McEvoy with a western catalpa tree. Cathy helped countless students by starting and running CAL-Central.

The Loyalist College Alumni Memorial Grove is a place for many people, who over the last 10 years, come in solitude and peacefully remember friends or family who have passed on. A diversity of trees have been planted over the years; oaks, maples, and many others. Benches and birdhouses have also been dedicated. The Memorial Grove has grown substantially since its inception in 1997 and will continue to blossom.



Marnie McCracken's family: Bethany and Stephanie Waite (nieces), and Lynn McCracken (sister)

DEDICATION IN MEMORY OF SSW STUDENTS

Social Service Worker program staff and students planted two trees in the Alumni Memorial Grove on Thursday, September 6, 2007 in memory of two SSW students. Family and friends joined in the dedication of a tulip tree in memory of Dave Mailhot and an autumn blaze maple in memory of Victoria Shelley.

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Two of Loyalist's long-time faculty reminisce about the College's 40-year history

BY JESSICA BOURQUE



IMAGINE A TIME BEFORE the Wallbridge-Loyalist Road was actually paved and the Kente Building didn't exist. Staff smoked cigarettes right at their desks, and Loyalist College wasn't allowed to have a liquor license. Although these memories resound with only a few, those who do remember have a good laugh as they look back.

Bill Campbell is one of the faculty members who remembers Loyalist's early years. As he flips through a stack of old Loyalist yearbooks, he points out pictures of old friends, regaling his audience with countless stories of a time when Loyalist was still emerging as a young college.

As one of the College's longest-serving faculty, Bill recalls beginning his teaching career at Loyalist back in 1968 – a profession that would span nearly 40 years before he retired in 2004.

Before joining Loyalist's staff to teach math and physics at the tender age of 27, Bill spent a year teaching at Northern College in South Porcupine. A Toronto native, he found South Porcupine too small for his liking. Belleville, on the other hand, was the perfect fit.

Bill remembers the dirt road that led to Loyalist in those early days, as well as the fact that there was always a lot of construction going on. A year after his arrival, work began on the Kente Building. With each new year, more additions came to the building, and the College began to grow – and change.

With a wry smile, Bill recalls the time his office nearly burned to the ground when a colleague dumped his pipe ashes in the garbage can (back when smoking was allowed inside the school). Bill lost all of his textbooks and his desk in the ordeal.

He also remembers the days before the ATM was installed at the College, and the campus actually had its own bank. Two days a week, he says, bank tellers came to the College from the Bank of Montreal and provided services to the College crowd.

Another change, he recalls, was the College's right to hold a liquor license. In the days before the Shark Tank Pub, the College had to obtain a liquor license any time alcohol was brought to an event. The reason was that Loyalist College was not a part of the City of Belleville at that time, but rather Sydney Township, which during the 1960s and 1970s was a dry township.

Although he retired nearly four years ago, Bill still visits the school often, and can't walk down the halls without being stopped by friends and colleagues who still work at the College.

Another man who can recall Loyalist's early days is Don Pysklywec, who teaches hydrology in the School of Biosciences. Like Bill, Don is also retired, but continues to teach six hours a week as a part-time faculty member.

Don was a civil engineer before coming to Loyalist, and has lived all across Canada. When the company he was working for at the time wanted to send him to Columbia to work in the jungle for a



Professor Don Pysklywec 'warms up' before a Terry Fox Run.

few years, he decided to make a graceful exit. His way out came when he stumbled across a *Globe and Mail* advertisement that Loyalist College was looking for teachers.

Although he had never been to Belleville before, Don made up his mind to stay once he arrived and saw firsthand the scenic surroundings of the Quinte area. He says his fellow teachers also helped out by showing him around during his first year, and everyone was friendly and co-operative. Some of his best memories are planning staff Christmas parties and buying all the faculty presents.

It's the people that really make Loyalist a great place for Don. He enjoys working with young people, and says teaching is a rewarding job because the end product is someone with a career or a business of his or her own. Driving around Quinte, he can see his graduates surveying or go to the mall and see his grads now with families of their own.

As a part of Loyalist's rich heritage, Bill and Don helped set the standard for the College's enthusiastic and dedicated teaching faculty.

The Pioneer Association

Bill Campbell is still involved with Loyalist College as the Chair of the Pioneer Association, a group made up of retirees from the school. Together, members of the Pioneer Association hold meetings every other month throughout the year. A guest speaker is usually invited to address the group and the topics vary. Sometimes members go on short road trips to interesting places in the area. No matter what's on the agenda, the group always has time for a laugh and fond recollections of their days at Loyalist College. *(The Pioneer Association is for all retirees; support staff, faculty and administration.)*



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Making their mark:

Two of Loyalist's finest inducted into the OCAA Hall of Fame

BY ERIN BELLWOOD AND CHRIS DOUMA

TWO FORMER MEMBERS of the Loyalist Lancers men's volleyball teams, Chris Carson and Brad Gordon, were recently recognized by the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA).



Brad Gordon (photo left) and Chris Carson (photo right) with Ray Sarkis at the OCAA Hall of Fame ceremony on May 2nd, 2007. Ray Sarkis is the Athletic Director at Niagara College, and President of the OCAA.

Brad Gordon was a tremendous athlete and was a force to be reckoned with for the Lancers on the volleyball court. His imposing size, strength and agility as a player made him a feared opponent around the league. A three-time OCAA championship tournament all-star, Brad was also a two-time All-Canadian, the Lancer's MVP and Loyalist Male Athlete of the Year. During his four years as a Lancer, he collected an impressive three provincial medals in four seasons – two gold medals and one silver medal.

Since graduating from Loyalist, Brad has made his mark in Europe, playing professionally with and against some of the best volleyball players around the world.

Like Brad, Chris Carson was an outstanding volleyball player. Since graduating from Loyalist, Chris has also gone on to shine as the coach of the men's volleyball program at Loyalist.

Chris's playing career began in the 1985-1986 season when he played volleyball as a Lancer. He then went on to play a year at Guelph University before transferring to York University.

As a Lancers' coach, Chris coached 15 consecutive seasons from 1990 to 2005. While at the helm of the men's volleyball team, the team won six provincial titles and finished with a silver medal and bronze medal at the national level.

Chris says he loves coaching and "developed strong relationships with many of his players. One year we had a team of 16 players that were a tight knit group when only 12 could dress," he recalls. "The next year we went through the year with only nine players, but we still won provincial championships both of those years."

Chris's ability to produce – no matter what the obstacle and situation – has made him one of the most outstanding coaches in men's college volleyball. Currently on a five-year break from the game, he is now the Residence Manager at Loyalist, where he continues to give back to the school at every opportunity.

What is the OCAA?

The Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) was founded on June 9, 1967 to develop sport, fitness and recreational opportunities at the college level. The organization prides itself in encouraging competition and participation in sport from all its members.

DID YOU KNOW...

Brad Gordon is the third athlete from Loyalist College to be inducted, preceded by Regyna Armonas and John Bertelink.

Chris Carson is the second Loyalist coach to receive this honour, joining Bruce Collins in the OCAA Hall of Fame.

The road to the OCAA Hall of Fame

In order for athletes to qualify for the Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) Hall of Fame, they must have competed in the OCAA for a minimum of two seasons. They also must have graduated from their respective colleges and have been inactive from OCAA competition for a minimum of three years.

The OCAA standards for choosing athletes for induction into the Hall of Fame are based on a number of criteria, including athletic skills and abilities, sportsmanship, leadership, individual statistics and team accomplishments, both while in the OCAA and/or at a higher level after their college career.

Coaches, on the other hand, must have coached for a minimum of seven years in the OCAA, and have been inactive for a minimum of two seasons. The seven-year requirement may be waived under special circumstances and at the discretion and unanimous approval by the OCAA Hall of Fame Committee.

Coaches' criteria are judged based on their ability to develop athletes, the success of their teams and/or athletes, as well as their integrity, sportsmanship, leadership and commitment to their college and the OCAA.

Athletes must be nominated for the OCAA Hall of Fame by their college athletic director. The athletic director is allowed to make two nominations in each of the OCAA categories every two years. They must support their nomination claim by stating the merits of the nominee.



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Lana Slezić PHOTOJOURNALISM 2000

MANY OF YOU WILL REMEMBER reading about Lana in the Summer 2005 edition of *Lasting Connections*. Her compelling work continues to be recognized around the world and an ever-increasing list of awards in the international arena is testimony to her exceptional ability to tell powerful and moving life stories with her images. In 2006 she received two international photography awards and was recognized at Rencontres D'Arles for her portfolio on Afghan women. She won the Special Prize for the Luis Valtuena International Award for Humanitarian Photography in Spain and was awarded the Silver Medal, Canada in 2006 – Society for News Design. This year, Lana published her first book, *Forsaken*, which documents the lives of Afghan women and children. Her work has been exhibited throughout Canada and in Turkey, France, Ireland, the Netherlands, Croatia, Afghanistan and throughout the United States. Samples of Lana's work, along with a list of upcoming exhibits and presentations can be viewed at www.lanaslezić.com.

TO THE CLASS OF 2008!

Spaghetti dinner serves up motivation on the side

BY KATIE DUDLEY

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION hosted its **First Annual Spaghetti Dinner** this past fall in the Loyalist cafeteria with the class of 2008 as its honoured guests. The crowd of 100-plus attendees enjoyed an evening featuring motivational speaker Ryan Porter, door prizes and a mouth-watering spaghetti dinner.

The goal of the event was to create ties between the Alumni Association and Loyalist students graduating in June 2008, while at the same time raising awareness of the association's services.

The dinner was topped off with a memorable presentation by Ryan Porter who challenged his audience to stop complaining and start making their own decisions—and ultimately, their own lunch.

Ryan, a self-described restless teen, learned what it meant to take control of life when he taught English as a Second Language in Japan several years ago. Travelling taught him that in order to achieve his goals, he needed to take the first step – and keep taking steps until his goal was achieved.

Ryan now travels the country, offering students and others his recipe for success.

For more information, visit www.makeyourownlunch.com.

THE EVENT WAS SPONSORED BY TD MELOCHE MONNEX, AN AFFINITY PARTNER.

Undergraduate Awards

There were 264 awards presented at the annual Undergraduate Awards Reception on November 15th. The \$164,281 presented was made possible by individual donors, businesses, organizations, and The Loyalist College Foundation.



*The Alumni Awards were presented to the recipients (above) by Association President Mary Brodie.
Front Row L to R: Matthew Grierson, Jennifer Hughes
Back Row: Mary Brodie, Michelle Kelly, Karen Grouchy, Scott Stewart*

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SAVE THE DATE:

Homecoming Celebration to mark Loyalist's 40th anniversary

BY HOLLIE STEPHENSON



LAST JUNE LOYALIST COLLEGE KICKED OFF its 40th anniversary celebrations at the 2007 convocation ceremonies. Over the past 40 years, more than 26,000 students have graduated from Loyalist, and this past June, three of those alumni – Erin Davis, Georgina Thompson and Lloyd Fleming – returned as convocation speakers to honour their alma mater and offer words of inspiration to the class of 2007.

The College has been celebrating its 40th anniversary with a series of special events. To date, reunions have been held by the Photojournalism program (celebrating 20 years), the Broadcast Journalism program (25th anniversary) and the Corporate and Commercial Security program (celebrating its 20th anniversary).

To bring the 40th year of the College to a close, the Loyalist College Alumni Association will be holding a Homecoming Celebration in June, 2008. Planning for the event began last February.

"A lot of discussions and ideas have been circulating, and alumni can expect to be contacted within the near future with more details," says Alumni President Mary Brodie.

Mary says she hopes those who attend the Homecoming Celebration will gain a renewed sense of connection to the College.

For more information on the Homecoming Celebration, visit www.loyalistcollege.com and click on "Alumni" or e-mail mbrodie@loyalistc.on.ca.



Photojournalism grads, mentors and students gathered at Loyalist College in March to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the program.

Shown in photo at left (L to R), former Dean of Media Studies, Bryan Olney, Loyalist President Maureen Piercy, and Professor Joe Callahan.



On June 8th Loyalist Broadcast Journalism graduates gathered for a night of celebration to toast the BJ program's 25th Anniversary.

Jeff Wood (photo, left), graduate of the Corporate and Commercial Security program and now-retired faculty member Earl Dickson joined in the celebration of the program's 20th anniversary on June 9, 2007.



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