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THE ALUMNI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Constitution directs the actions of the Alumni Executive Committee, a group of graduates elected to represent the more than 25,000 members of the Loyalist College Alumni Association. The new Executive for 2010 was elected at the 2009 Annual General Meeting.

TOP ROW (L-R): Bonnie King, Officer; Gabrielle C. Von Gas, Officer; Peter Rooke, Officer; Brian Miller, President; Rosemary Rooke, Vice President.

BOTTOM ROW (L-R): David Bunnett, Officer; Christopher Brown, Officer; Linda Serres, Officer.

Executive Committee members not in photo: Mary Brodie, Past-President; Bill MacKay, Officer.



A Year In Review

EXCERPTS FROM BRIAN MILLER'S SPEECH, ALUMNI AGM, NOVEMBER 27, 2009

First, a big thank you to all the executive for their contribution and efforts over the last year. This shows that by working together we can accomplish our goals.

Also, welcome to Dan Truman, who was recently appointed as the Alumni Program Assistant. Dan is a graduate of the College - Police Foundations 2008 and Public Relations 2009.

In our first meeting of the year we established goals which we wished to accomplish.

Our main goal was to make the Association more visible within the College and the community. We also wanted a long term plan for the Association (a strategic plan if you will). We are working on it. We wished to improve the web site with more information and offer more opportunities for the alumni to keep connected. We also hope to establish more chapters – we now have one in the west and one in the east, and hopefully we will see more in future.

By having an Alumni Program Assistant on staff at the College it gives us more opportunity to accomplish these goals.

In 2009, we provided a free spaghetti dinner for all undergrads to showcase what the Alumni Association is all about and how, by staying connected after graduation, it can be an asset for future endeavours. At Convocation this year we were able to give each graduate a key tag engraved with the Alumni web address. It will be easy to keep us in mind each time they use their keys.

We also participated in: the College Career Fair; Open House; the Prince Edward County Marathon, and the Loyalist College Foundation golf tournament. We also supported the United Way campaign at the College. We want to keep alumni informed of events through *Lasting Connections* and through e-newsletters. We also presented undergrad awards and distinction awards this year, and will continue to support the endowment fund for student bursaries and other fundraising initiatives.

This year at the undergrad awards event 301 students received awards and bursaries for a total of \$179,200. Fourteen students received a total of \$11,600 as a result of the Alumni endowment fund. This was all made possible by the community and your generous donations. All funds raised are matched by the province, so please feel free to donate generously to the endowment fund (see page 16).

In closing, I would like to say that if anyone has any suggestions for the Alumni Association, in any area, we welcome them.

I think we have made a difference in 2009 and look forward to another successful year.

Thank you,

Brian Miller
President,
Loyalist College Alumni Association

President's Message

As we begin 2010, it is a privilege for me to send you best wishes for the upcoming year from your alma mater!

This academic year has been incredibly busy and productive – with record numbers of students in full and part-time studies, outstanding student achievements in the community and on the sports field, and building projects underway which will change the look of our campus in a way not experienced since the building of The Parrott Centre in 2003-04.

In October, we welcomed the opening of a multi-sports dome on the grounds of our Belleville campus – the result of a partnership with UnderAir Inc., the City of Belleville and Belleville Youth Soccer. Loyalist is pleased to host this facility, in conjunction with our community partners.

In November, our varsity rugby team won the Division 2 provincial championship; players won player of the year honours, and our coaches were named coaches of the year.

In November, as well, the official groundbreaking for the new Sustainable Skills, Technology and Life Sciences Centre took place, marking the beginning of a project which will play a profound role in the skills training and education in our region. It will provide a hub for programs and curriculum development for the skills area and the jobs which are so important to the prosperity of our province and country.

The Centre is being built with funds provided by the Federal Knowledge Infrastructure Project program and the 2009 provincial budget with each of the Federal and Provincial governments providing \$8.3 million to the project. We are very pleased with this outstanding support from our governments which will allow us to build the Centre, and we will be looking to our communities and partners to help us to equip and furnish the Centre in a capital campaign which you will hear more about in the near future.



I am always amazed at the strength of the Loyalist community – it is a community of people I am proud to be part of, and to work with on a daily basis. Its strength is reflected in

the community partnerships and outreach which provide support for many worthwhile initiatives, including the United Way, The Terry Fox Foundation, The Canadian Cancer Society, and many others throughout the year. Our alumni are an important part of the Loyalist family, and add to the strength of the overall community. Please keep in touch.

All the best to you in 2010!

Maureen Piercy
Maureen Piercy, President



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Celebrating the groundbreaking for the Sustainable Skills, Technology and Life Sciences Centre at Loyalist College: (L-R) Margaret Werkhoven, Chair, Loyalist Board of Governors; Daryl Kramp, MP Prince Edward-Hastings; Maureen Piercy, Loyalist College President; Leona Dombrowsky, MPP Prince Edward-Hastings; and, Craig Smith, President, Loyalist Student Government.

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New Sustainable Skills, Technology



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LOYALIST COLLEGE HAS RECEIVED major capital funding through the Federal Knowledge Infrastructure Program and the provincial infrastructure program to build a Sustainable Skills, Technology and Life Sciences Centre (SSTLSC). The Federal funding of \$8,287,500 was matched by the provincial government to provide a total of \$16,575,000 for the project on campus at Belleville. This is the most significant capital infusion in decades, since construction of the main Kente Building in the 1970s, and the Quinte Industrial Training Centre in the mid-1980s.

PHOTO: MARILYN WARREN



and Life Sciences Centre Underway



The official groundbreaking ceremony took place on November 12th, and work is underway to complete the Centre, which is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2010.

“We want to recognize and thank our Federal Member of Parliament, Daryl Kramp, and our Provincial Member of Parliament, Leona Dombrowsky, for the support they provided at their respective levels of Government, to help this vision become a reality,” commented Loyalist College President Maureen Piercy. “The Skills Centre will provide flexible space to accommodate many different kinds of learning as training needs change, and will serve a number of programs in the College including Skilled Trades and Biosciences.”

A sustainable project, the construction will incorporate as much green technology as possible, with a goal of qualifying for LEED certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design).

The new Centre will be a multi-use facility for technology and trades training. Combining renewed “green” space and new space, SSTLSC will showcase the integration of green design and technologies into a learning environment. The state-of-the-art facility will be dedicated to a wide range of skills training including leading edge programs in manufacturing, skilled trades, biotechnology and environmental sciences.

The Centre will support economic development in the local communities by offering pre-employment, apprenticeship and post-secondary programs as well as customized courses designed to meet the changing needs of the industry and the labour market.

Members of the Loyalist College Board of Governors and College Foundation Board join with dignitaries at the groundbreaking for the Sustainable Skills, Technology and Life Sciences Centre.

(Left to right): Foundation Chair Beverley Townsend, Foundation Hon. Director Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, Past Foundation Chair June Surgey, College Governors Stuart Wright, Tamara Kleinschmidt, Kirk Fleming, Board of Governors Chair Margaret Werkhoven, MP Daryl Kramp, President Maureen Piercy, Governor John Fitzpatrick, MPP Leona Dombrowsky, Governor Brian Smith, Student Government President Craig Smith.



College President Maureen Piercy

PHOTO: MARILYN WARREN

Matt Westcott's "Extra.ordinary" Adventure

On an ordinary day in October 2009, Matt Westcott made a pit stop in the Loyalist College computer lab to check his e-mail. What popped up in his in-box was quite extraordinary.

Westcott's 30-minute documentary film on snowboarding had just been chosen as a finalist in the Banff Mountain Film Festival, an event that netted 277 entries from 28 countries.

Two days later came a phone call from Banff telling Westcott he'd also been awarded a scholarship (worth \$1,100) to attend a week-long workshop at the festival in November.

"I was super stoked, to use the (snowboarding) vocabulary," said Westcott, 27, a student in Loyalist's post-grad Sports Journalism program.

Westcott flew to Banff for the screening of his film, **Extra.Ordinary**. The 950-seat theatre sold out, so the overflow crowd of 250 was corralled into an adjacent theatre to watch the finalists in the Radical Reels category.

"Turns out the Radical Reels event is quite intense. The winner was decided by an audience clap-off," said Westcott. "It was down to two, our film and a mountain bike film called **Revolve**. That's where the clap-o-meter came up."

Extra.Ordinary wound up as the runner-up, earning it a spot in the Banff Festival's world tour this year.

The film also was a finalist at the Kendal Mountain Film Festival in England later in November. Westcott didn't make the trip there, but he was well-represented.

"I have relatives who live in England, about 45 minutes from where the film was shown, so they were there. It was sold-out and the organizers said it was a big hit," said Westcott who directed the film and co-produced it with pal Joel Whalen. Westcott also was one of the two videographers.



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The film's buzz reverberated all the way to the quaint ski town of Stowe, Vermont, where it was added to the Stowe Film Festival line-up.

"We didn't even apply to Stowe. They found us," says Westcott, now living in Stirling, Ontario. "And I got word from the people there it was a huge hit."

Not bad for a film that had a budget of "zero" and, says Westcott, "has absolutely no plot".

Westcott, who grew up in Westport, Ontario, shot the film between November 2008 and May 2009 in Fernie, B.C., where he'd been living since 2002. Once shooting was done, Westcott moved back to Ontario in May. Editing the film proved a tricky technical process since co-producer Whalen was in Fernie in a different time zone, two hours apart.

"I was here and Joel was there, so we edited the film using file-sharing and identical hard-drives," said Westcott. "I learned editing isn't my favourite thing. It's just tedious and you get a sore bum. I was editing 12 hours a day for 36 days straight. But we had to get it done because the film festival deadlines were August 15."

Westcott spent seven winters in Fernie; running his own film production company – Dubs Brothers Films – and shooting ski events and videos for corporate clients.

So what does he plan for an encore?

"If I could do anything I wanted to, it would be to make a surfing film or a film on river surfing," said Westcott, who's finding this winter in Ontario rather tame after seven snowy seasons in the Kootenay mountains of Fernie with the ski bums and snowboarders.

So, is he jealous of them? "Extremely. They're in Fernie. Skiing."

You can watch the trailer for **Extra.Ordinary** or purchase a DVD copy online at: www.dubsbrothersfilms.com

PHOTO: TIFFANY LEBLANC



Health Centre Dedication Ceremony

On November 2nd the College celebrated the opening of the newly renovated Health Centre with a dedication ceremony by the Student Government – honouring the College's previous Director of Athletics and Health Services, Greg Gavin. The Centre has been named The Greg Gavin Student Health Centre in recognition of his 33 years of outstanding dedication and commitment to Loyalist students.

Craig Smith, Student Government President presents Greg Gavin with a plaque in recognition of his dedication to Loyalist students.

Alumni Distinction Awards

The Alumni Distinction Awards were created to honour both the contributions Loyalist College graduates make to their respective communities and the success they achieve in their chosen fields. Nominees need not be famous, but should have a real commitment to others in volunteer work and/or career success.

KAREN MAYFIELD

Karen graduated from the Architectural Technician program at Loyalist College in 1985. Since then she has made many outstanding accomplishments in her field of study as the Vice President, Partner at Conestoga-Rovers & Associates and the Vice President, Managing Principal at eSolutions Group where she leads the team's ongoing work across many sectors. Conestoga-Rovers & Associates is a worldwide engineering, environmental, construction and IT firm with 90 offices and 2,000 employees. Karen became the company's first female partner in 2005 – there are currently 48 partners across the world – and has been the recipient of numerous group and individual awards. Karen's business unit was responsible for building the creative, marketing, custom programming group to support the engineering projects data and litigation support. With over 20 years of experience in information technology project management, Karen spearheads many initiatives, including extensive research and development into new ideas for using the web to support community-focused objectives. Karen has overseen many creative design efforts and has been the lead on all of eSolutions Group's award-winning design projects. Her diverse role involves network infrastructure, graphics, website design, custom programming, GIS and internet services.

"I believe that each person has a unique talent that they can offer society. The way that we are able to achieve the full potential of that unique talent is through education, family and friends. Loyalist College gave me the education that I needed to start my career and also taught me a very important lesson which was to know how to learn and that learning never stops. I am honoured to have been selected for this award and I am grateful for my education."



BRENDA WHITEHEAD

This year, at the Alumni Association Annual General Meeting, Loyalist was pleased to present two Alumni Distinction Awards. The 2009 recipients are Karen Mayfield, Architectural Technician, 1985 and Brenda Whitehead, SSW, 1991 and Recreation and Leadership, 1993.

Brenda graduated from the Social Service Worker program in 1991 and the Fitness and Lifestyle Certificate, Recreation Leadership Program in 1993. Since then she has achieved many outstanding accomplishments in her field working as the Program Manager – Department of Parks, Recreation & Culture for the Municipality of Port Hope – where she is responsible for the development, implementation and evaluation of municipally-operated recreation programs. Through her career she has demonstrated great leadership that positively affects

children and youth and been very successful in creating community awareness and generating support – in addition to being an avid community volunteer. Brenda is also the recipient of many local and provincial awards including a prestigious Trillium Award in 2008.

"Benjamin Disraeli, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, stated that "The secret of success in life is for a man to be ready for his opportunity when it comes." I believe that my time at Loyalist (1989 to 1993), both academic and extra-curricular, gave me the foundation for personal success in both my career and in life. As new opportunities arise I am more prepared to attempt them because of the experiential learning Loyalist provided. I hope that the students of today understand how important it is to diversify themselves and experience all that the Loyalist family has to offer. If they allow Loyalist to prepare them with the skills offered they too will be prepared to meet any opportunities that come to them, and celebrate their own personal successes."

We want to recognize the success of our graduates!

Would you like to nominate a graduate? Nomination packages are available for download at www.loyalistcollege.com/alumni. There is no need to be a writer – point form is just fine. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 1-800-99-ALUMNI or alumni@loyalistc.on.ca. **Nominations for the provincial Premier's Awards** program are due May 14, 2010. For more information, please visit: www.collegesontario.org/awards/premiers-awards. Please send your nominations to the Alumni Office at Loyalist.

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Casino Loyale in Support of United Way



PHOTOS: KERRY RAMSAY

Loyalist College Public Relations students hosted a very successful Casino Loyale event on October 15th, raising just over \$1,800 in less than five hours. All proceeds were donated to the Loyalist College United Way Campaign. The event was a great success due to the exceptional support of students, staff and faculty members.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY UNITEDWAY

Loyalist College was named the winner of the 2009 United Way Spirit Award for Employee Workplace Campaign (250+ Employees), at the United Way of Quinte Campaign celebration January 21st at The Empire Theatre.



Loyalist Campaign Provides \$15,000 to United Way of Quinte

The 2009 Loyalist College United Way Campaign set a new level of support for the community campaign. United Way of Quinte Campaign Chair Mark Philbin, and Executive Director Julia Gosson visited the campus to celebrate campaign receipts of \$15,071. This total includes donations from individuals and groups within the College, as well as proceeds from special events held on campus.



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Orientation 2009



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A Loyalist Grad Needs Assistance ...

Charles Benson is a Business Graduate who entered the College as Student #1 in 1967. He worked in student services after graduating, and then moved into the Registrar's area where he worked for several years. Charlie retired as the Bursar of the College in 2002. He has some health issues and needs help from his community. He needs a kidney transplant, and potential donors are being tested to find a suitable match. Charlie undergoes dialysis on a regular basis – but we can help by letting people know about his condition. If you, or someone you know, can help, please contact Joe Callahan at jcallaha@loyalistc.on.ca. Thank you.



PHOTO: MARILYN WARREN

The Festival of Native Arts, held November 7th at the College, was an opportunity for people of all ages and walks of life to share the joys and beautiful traditions that are of such importance to the aboriginal community.

The Loyalist Rotaract Club sold Krispy Kreme donuts in the College cafeteria to celebrate "National Alzheimer Coffee Break Day". All proceeds went to the Alzheimer Society and Loyalist Rotaract.



PHOTO: MARILYN WARREN

Varsity Alumni Day

On Saturday, September 26th former Loyalist Lancers returned to campus to participate in the Alumni Varsity Games. Basketball and volleyball players with graduation dates ranging from 1982 to 2008 took to the court for an afternoon of fun. The College plans to continue hosting this as an annual event and looks forward to welcoming growing numbers of returning Lancers each year.



PHOTO: DAN TRUMAN

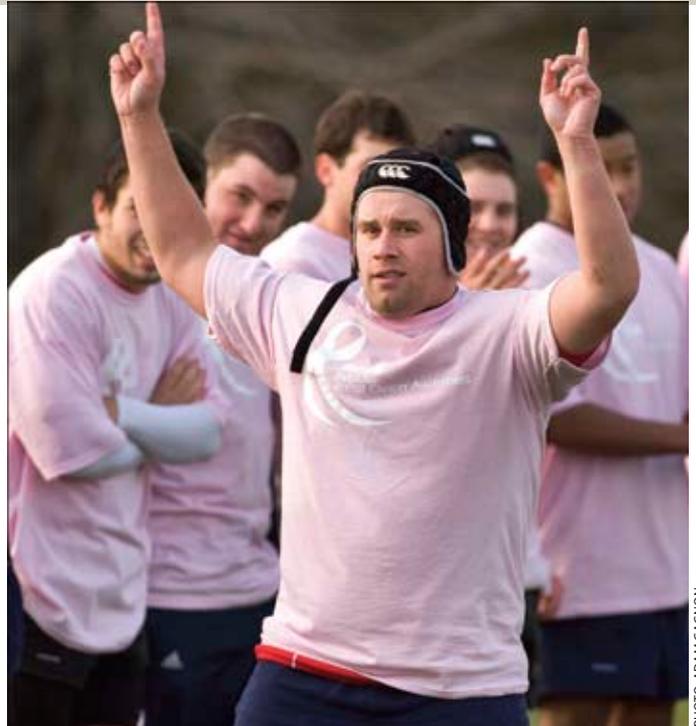


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Breast Cancer Awareness

The Athletics Department used their back-to-back double header nights in November to promote Breast Cancer Awareness to their athletes and fans. Both the Basketball and Volleyball teams donned pink t-shirts for the warm-up. The coaching staff and all minor officials also wore pink to show their support, and fans were encouraged to wear pink for this very worthy cause. Several hundred dollars were collected through donations at the games. Andrée Mathurin-Scott, who works at the College, is a breast cancer survivor and a great supporter of the Athletics Department and its teams. She used a pink basketball for the ceremonial tip-off and a pink volleyball for the ceremonial first serve.



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Prince Edward County Marathon

The Prince Edward County Marathon is a unique, fully sanctioned race held on a closed course featuring all of the elements of a premier running event.

Members of the Loyalist College Alumni Association competed in the marathon held on October 4th, starting at the Crystal Palace. The 42.2 km race began at 8:00 a.m. and was a huge success.

Loyalist College staff members, along with several alumni, participated in the marathon with a completion time of four hours and 21 minutes. College employees Linda Serres, Dan Truman, Rick Helman, Michelle Roberts and Sandy Novroski participated with high spirits and great enthusiasm despite the rainy morning.

The sky cleared just in time for our team to cross the finish line. Way to go, team!

Annual Terry Fox Walk

On October 21 students and staff met behind the College to participate in the 1.6 km walk for the Terry Fox Foundation for Cancer Research. A large group participated and the Lancers arrived in their athletic attire to lend their show of support. A total of \$653.85 was raised.

PHOTO: TIFFANY LEBLANC



Endowment Fund Established

The Hastings Children's Aid Society (HCAS), the Quinte Children's Foundation, and Belleville Kiwanis have partnered to establish an endowment fund to provide an annual award to crown wards and former crown wards of HCAS who register in full-time studies at Loyalist College.

The donation of \$37,873, to be matched through the Ontario Trust for Student Support program, will create an endowed fund which totals more than \$75,000. The fund will be administered through the Loyalist College Foundation.



PHOTO: MARILYN WARREN

Participants at the announcement included (L-R): Margaret Werkhoven, Loyalist Board of Governors Chair; Beverley Townsend, College Foundation Chair; Len Kennedy, HCAS Executive Director; Ralph Porter, Belleville Kiwanis Club; Peter Smith, Quinte Children's Foundation Chair, and John Murphy, HCAS Board Vice-Chair.

Rugby Team OCAA Division 2 Champions



PHOTO: ADAM GAGNON

On November 4th, the Loyalist Lancers Men's Rugby team won the provincial championship on their home field. In front of a huge crowd, the Lancers controlled the game from the opening kick, with a final score of Loyalist 29 – Georgian 5.

Loyalist's Ryan Fergusson was named the "Man of the Match". The Lancers also received the League Regular Season trophy for their perfect 6-0 record. Several players were also recognized with individual awards: Chad Baerwinkel and Nick Imrie were named OCAA League All Stars; Justin Voskamp won the Division 2 scoring title; Eric Early was named Rookie of the Year, and second



PHOTO: ADAM GAGNON

year standout Sean McMurtry was honoured with the Player of the Year award. Coaches Larry Cook, Rob Cooke and Ken Fitzgerald were named Coaches of the Year. Professor Pat Dockrill, an enthusiastic Lancer fan commented that, "For such a rough sport, it is incredible to see the dignity and sportsmanship our players demonstrate on the playing field. Our championship game was a demonstration of class and character. The lessons these young men have learned through our rugby program and its leaders will benefit them throughout their lives."

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Head Coach Larry Cook (left), and Assistant Coaches Rob Cooke and Ken Fitzgerald were named Coaches of the Year.



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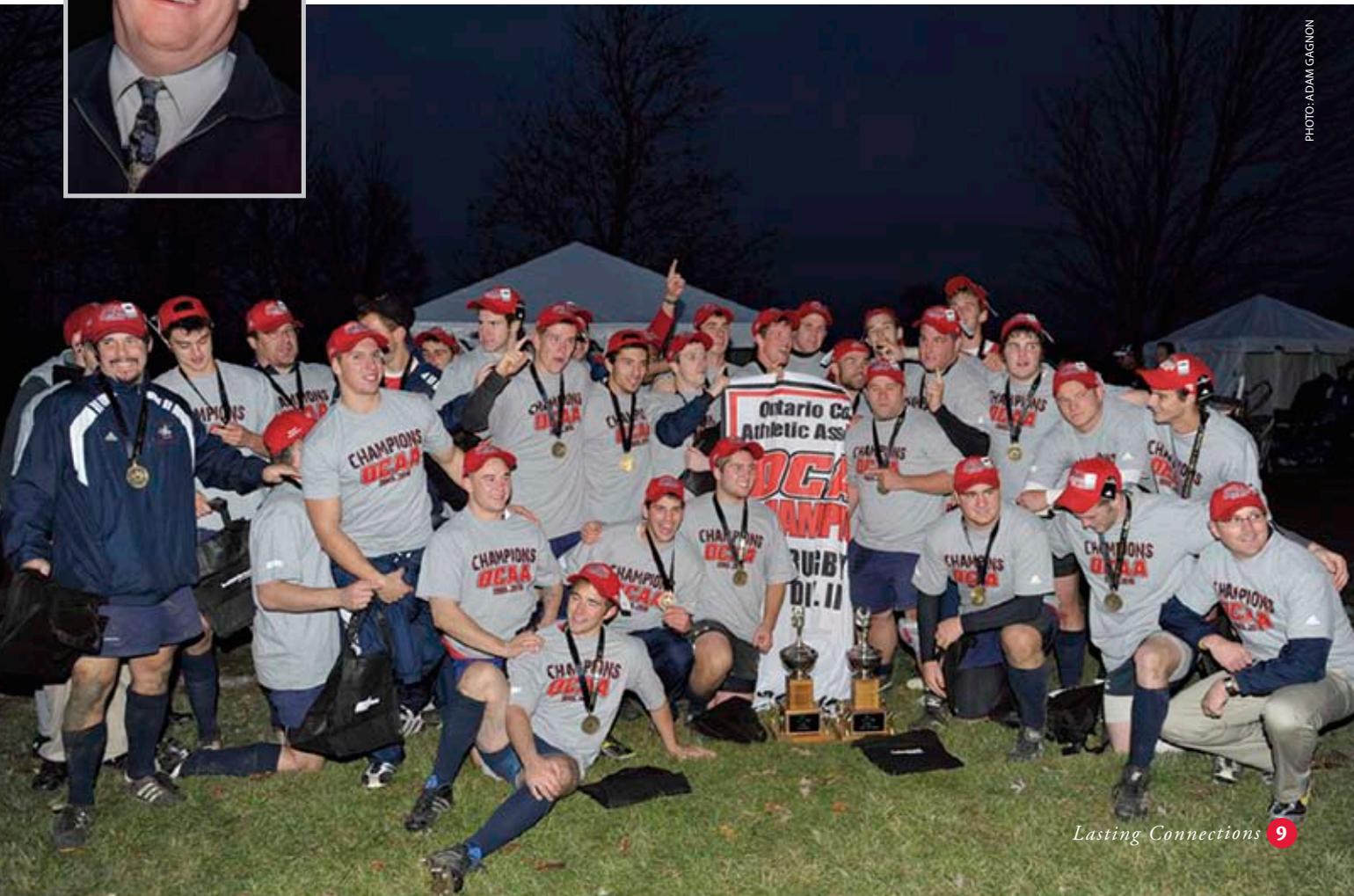


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Loyalist President Maureen Piercy Invested as Honorary Colonel of Air Communication and Control Squadron

Loyalist College President Maureen Piercy now has one more hat to hang on her already burgeoning community coat rack. And this one comes with a pair of wings.

In August, President Piercy was delighted to be invested as Honorary Colonel for 8 Wing Trenton's Air Communication and Control Squadron (ACCS). She joins some of Canada's most elite personalities, including political satirist Rick Mercer, the Barenaked Ladies' Ed Robertson, and Olympian Mélanie Turgeon, as Honorary Colonels for the Canadian Forces.

What does this latest role mean for President Piercy?

"Not only will Hon. Col. Piercy wear the Air Force uniform, she will be a guardian of the squadron's traditions – an ambassador between the local community and the Canadian Forces that serve it," explained Maj. Walter Norquay, former commanding officer of 8 Wing's ACCS. "With her appreciation for the work of the Canadian Forces, and by virtue of her prominent place in the local community, President Piercy was an exceptional candidate as Squadron Honorary Colonel," he added.

Recommended for the honorary position by 8 ACCS senior staff and appointed by Canada's Minister of Defence Peter MacKay,

President Piercy's latest community role – a three-year term – will be fundamental to squadron life.

As Honorary Colonel, President Piercy will "remind the public of the operations the Canadian Forces conduct every day, and remind the men and women of 8 ACCS and 8 Wing/CFB Trenton of the pride the public so frequently displays," stated Maj. Norquay.

A strong indicator of that pride is President Piercy's announcement of Loyalist's involvement in Project Hero, which provides free tuition for dependents of Canadian Forces personnel who are killed while serving on a military mission. Loyalist was the first college to announce its involvement with the scholarship program, which will provide financial assistance for a student's tuition fees for up to six semesters and on-campus residence fees for the first two semesters for those eligible.

President Piercy says she is "deeply honoured" by her appointment as Honorary Colonel. "8 Wing Trenton is a very important part of our region, and Loyalist College is proud to be a partner with the base in many initiatives which benefit our communities."

During recent 40th anniversary celebrations for the squadron, President Piercy had “the opportunity to meet many of the impressive men and women who have served with 8 ACCS. It is a real privilege to have the opportunity to serve in this capacity,” she added.

The long-standing tradition of Honorary Colonels, adopted from the British military over a century ago, involves the selection of a high-standing member of the public to work behind the scenes as a conduit between the armed forces and the Canadian public.

By appointing President Piercy, an influential and respected member of the local community, as Honorary Colonel, 8 ACCS “continues this noble tradition,” said Maj. Norquay.

Established in 1969, 8 ACCS is responsible to deploy a “full network enabled airfield” anywhere in the world with only 72 hours notice. The capability consists of airfield radar equipment, air navigation aids, portable airfield lighting, a plethora of radios and satellite communications complete with a team of operators and technicians.

An integral part of Air Force operations, 8 ACCS conducts over 20 domestic deployments in a typical year to places as far north as Canadian Forces Station Alert, only 817 km south of the North Pole, and as far south as Hawaii or Florida. Boasting the motto “Showing the Way”, they are regarded as the Air Force’s lead unit in deployed airfield operations and communications. Members of the Squadron are commonly referred to as the “Gypsies” due to the constant travel around the world. Hon. Col. Piercy becomes a Gypsy herself and will be “Showing the Way” representing the Squadron in Canadian society, and inspiring its members, said Maj. Norquay.



As Loyalist’s President, Hon. Col. Piercy – a graduate of the College’s Print Journalism program – has engaged in many leadership roles in committees and chairs for the development of Ontario colleges through participating in and chairing a variety of provincial committees and initiatives; most recently, mem-

bership on a review committee for Ontario Minister of Research and Innovation (then, Minister John Wilkinson).

In the Quinte area, President Piercy’s community involvement takes many forms, such as serving on Belleville’s Economic Development Committee and Quinte Economic Development Commission. She belongs to Belleville’s Rotary Club, and serves on the Hastings and Prince Edward Counties Health Unit Board. She is a member of the Task Force responsible for a review of the Quinte Health Care Board and has served on the Board of Directors of the Belleville and District Chamber of Commerce.

Project Hero Introduced to Loyalist College

As an institution of learning, Loyalist College forms strong ties with its surrounding community.

And one of the strongest ties – with the military personnel and families at 8 Wing Trenton – is now even tighter, thanks to Project Hero.

This remarkable program provides free post-secondary tuition for dependents of Canadian Forces personnel killed on active military missions, and as of September, Loyalist has committed to offering scholarships to qualifying students.

“This is an important recognition of the incredible work of individuals in the Canadian Forces as they serve our country every day,” said Loyalist President Maureen Piercy. “As Canadians we must be mindful of the individual sacrifices which are being made on our behalf. Project Hero is one way to provide that recognition.”

First introduced at Newfoundland and Labrador’s Memorial University by Retired General Rick Hillier, Project Hero was then brought to the University of Ottawa by Kevin Reed, an Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of 31 Canadian Brigade Group, Service Units and Chairman of Equity Transfer and Trust Co.

Loyalist is the first college to participate in the program, said President Piercy. “I was pleased to meet with Kevin to discuss this opportunity and we are proud to offer the scholarship program at Loyalist, beginning in September 2009.”

Kevin Reed is a graduate of Quinte Secondary School, and his late uncle Alfred Reed was one of the original members of the Loyalist College faculty in 1967. “I am delighted that Loyalist is throwing its support behind this program,” he said. “We launched Project Hero with the hope that it would find support with post-secondary institutions right across Canada. Loyalist College is a valuable link in our national initiative which continues to expand.”

The scholarship program will provide financial assistance for tuition fees for up to six semesters and on-campus residence fees for the first two semesters of study. The program is effective from September 2009 through August 2014. At that time, the program will be assessed to determine possible renewal.

Scholarship recipients must be: dependents of a Canadian Forces personnel deceased while serving in an active mission; under the age of 26; and, registered as a full-time post-secondary student at Loyalist College, in a program of study eligible for funding by the province of Ontario.

Applications for the program are available through Loyalist’s Awards Office. They must be completed, and eligibility confirmed by the Canadian Forces, within the first full-time semester in which the recipient is enrolled. More information is available from the Awards Officer at (613) 969-1913, ext. 2202.

Employment and Career Services

Employers Committed to Hiring Loyalist Graduates

Continental Conveyor was recently recognized during the 2009 Employer Appreciation Event as an employer that shows exceptional support for Loyalist graduates.



Don Ballance
MANUFACTURING AND MATERIALS MANAGER
Business Administration, 1997

“Loyalist graduates are a perfect fit for what we need. We like to hire students from the Mechanical Techniques and the Manufacturing Engineering Technician programs because they come into the workplace environment with a skill set that is way ahead of the curve.”

Chris Matthews
Civil Engineering Technology, 1998



Chadd Richmond
Manufacturing Engineering Technician, 2008



Brad Woodcock
Civil Engineering Technology, 2000



PHOTOS THIS PAGE: STEVE MARTIN



Steve Martin
MATERIALS MANAGER
Manufacturing Engineering Technician, 2008

“The support that Loyalist gives to students is amazing – whether they are graduating from high school or a returning student as I was. I recommend Loyalist all the time as a great place to get a great education.”



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Business Sales and Marketing, 2007

“I recently received an e-mail invitation to the “Turn your diploma into a degree” session and since I had been planning to pursue both a B.Comm and eventually a Masters degree, I attended. The staff provided a lot of valuable information on transfer agreements and the application process. Perhaps of most interest to me, they provided insight on what questions to ask and to whom as well as what benefits I may be eligible for, such as bursaries. Before I attended this session I didn’t realize that I could still access Career Services as a graduate and when I am ready to move forward, I plan to meet with an advisor individually to finalize my plans and application to university.”

Alumni Helping Alumni Achieve their Career Goals

The Career Centre staff provide a variety of services and resources that support students and alumni in their career exploration, planning, job search and career development – including:

ONE-ON-ONE ASSISTANCE

Individual assistance in career planning, career transitions and the development of job search skills is available.

PERSONAL ASSESSMENT TOOLS

Choices and Career Cruising, our online career self-assessment tools, allow students and alumni to explore career options that relate to their personality, skills, interests and values.

OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET EMPLOYERS

The Career Centre welcomes employers on campus throughout the year at events such as Transition to Work Conference and the Annual Career Fair.

WORKSHOPS

Workshops are offered throughout the school year and are designed to provide assistance with various job search skills including résumé and cover letter writing, successful interviewing, networking and summer jobs.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Career Development Certificate, which consists of a series of workshops designed to help students develop the skills and knowledge to plan their career and find their ideal job, is also available to alumni. This certificate program consists of four individualized modules, is available through a variety of delivery formats, and is offered at no charge to alumni.



WE ARE HERE TO HELP

- Educational Advising
- Résumé/Cover Letter/Mock Interview Assistance
- Second Career and PLAR Assistance

above, from left:

Sandy Novroski, **Second Career and PLAR Advisor**
Accounting, 1994

Carrie Bulgajewski, **Career Services Clerk**
Business Administration, 2009

Laura Naumann, M. Ad. Ed., **Manager, Employment and Career Services**
Advertising, 1991

Michelle Roberts, B.A. (Hons.), **Employment and Career Advisor**
Hotel and Restaurant Management, 2004

KEEPING IN TOUCH

E-NEWS

Every week The Career Centre sends out an e-newsletter to keep alumni up-to-date on resources, services, events, job postings and other exciting résumé building opportunities. If you are not currently receiving these and would like to be added to the distribution list please contact careers@loyalistc.on.ca.

Follow us on twitter or check out our blog to keep current with Career Centre News

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The 11th Annual Charity

The eleventh annual Loyalist College Foundation charity golf tournament held at Trillium Wood Golf Club on September 18, 2009 was a great success, with net proceeds of \$22,500. This total will be matched by the provincial government through the Ontario Trust for Student Support (OTSS) program, providing \$45,000 to the endowment fund for bursaries.

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Golf Tournament

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The winning team of (L to R): Phil Howlett, Murray Howlett, Gerry Howlett and Ron Gaston



Kevin Darling (centre), RBC, presented a \$1,000 cheque to Loyalist President Maureen Piercy and Loyalist College Foundation Vice-Chair Bernie Ouellet.



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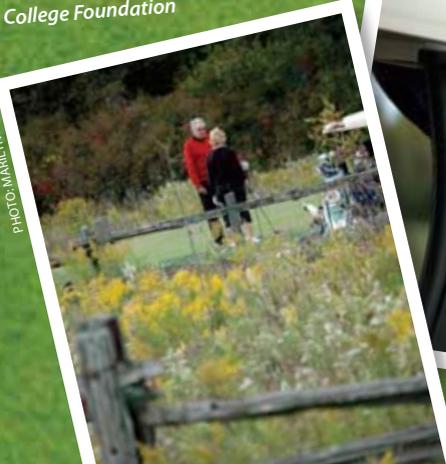


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Loyalist College Annual Fund Appeal

Once again this year, donations made to support students through the Ontario Trust for Student Support will be matched by the provincial government in the endowment for bursaries for financial assistance.

The Loyalist College Foundation endowment stood at \$5 million at the end of March 2009, and this matching program gives us a marvelous opportunity to increase the funds held in trust. Investment income from the endowment provides important support for our students each year; in fact, up to \$150,000 will be presented in this academic year.

Increasing the number of student bursaries is an important objective of this year's Appeal, as we know how important financial assistance is to our students' success.

If you prefer to identify another area in the College, we will be happy to direct your donation to support the program of your choice. A charitable tax receipt will be issued for all gifts.

Give to Loyalist by downloading and completing the pledge form on the Alumni website.

Please mail your completed form to:

Loyalist College Annual Appeal
Wallbridge-Loyalist Road, P.O. Box 4200
Belleville, ON K8N 5B9

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If you have any questions, please contact:

the Foundation office at 613-969-1913, ext. 2235 or 2326 – the Alumni Services office at 613-969-1913, ext. 2307 (toll free 1-800-99ALUMNI) – or e-mail alumni@loyalistc.on.ca



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The Alumni Association presented a total of \$11,600 to 14 recipients at the Undergraduate Awards Ceremony in November. The awards are presented to sons or daughters of graduates of Loyalist College in recognition of academic proficiency in secondary school and/or to individuals for financial need.

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Graduate News

Chris Grayson

DSW 1979
(formerly MRC)

Director of Community Living Peterborough Receives Community Action Award from Ontario Ministry of Citizenship & Immigration

Community Living Peterborough's Director of Operations, Chris Grayson, was among 19 Ontario citizens presented with the prestigious award, by The Honourable David C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, at the Lieutenant Governor's Suite, Queen's Park, Toronto, on December 1, 2009.

The award recognizes his dedication to promoting the acceptability and accessibility of persons with (intellectual) disabilities. "Mr. Grayson has played a significant role in the evolution and promotion of quality supports, full inclusion, and citizenship rights for people living with intellectual disabilities across Ontario," said Jack Gillan, Chief Executive Officer, Community Living Peterborough. "As Director of Operations here at Community Living Peterborough he has helped to set this agency's agenda for quality improvement."



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Jim Harrington

ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING 1969

Jim Harrington believes that one solution to the world's energy crisis could lie at the bottom of earth's oceans.

But unless it's handled carefully, that solution could actually escalate the planet's rate of global warming, says the Canadian inventor and product designer who graduated from Loyalist's Electronic Engineering Technician program in 1969.

He and his Victoria, B.C. company – A.G.O. Environmental Electronics – designed and built a thermal probe to monitor the temperatures around large underwater deposits of methane ice discovered off the coast of Vancouver Island.

Frozen methane is a source of growing concern and interest for scientists, governments and oil companies around the world. While some fear rising ocean temperatures will speed its release into the atmosphere, others are investigating its potential as a source of fuel.

"Converting frozen methane to carbon dioxide would release massive amounts of hydrogen, which as a fuel source could be the answer to most of the world's energy needs," said Harrington in an interview from his

Ryan Snoddon

BROADCAST JOURNALISM 2004

"I learned very early in my career that being skilled in more than one specific area is a definite bonus in the land of career opportunities," said Ryan Snoddon, Weather Specialist for CBC-TV, Newfoundland and Labrador and a 2004 graduate of the Broadcast Journalism program at Loyalist. Ryan stopped by to speak with Media Studies students on his way home to Pefferlaw, Ontario for the holidays.

"While I was a student at the College I worked part-time at Quinte Broadcasting in Belleville and then went on to the WOLF in Peterborough. The stations liked the fact that I could read the news, DJ behind the board and write copy. In February of 2007 I was offered the weather position at CHEX Television. By then I knew that although I enjoyed and was trained to work in all broadcast journalism formats, in my heart I wanted to be in front of the camera. When the chance came in 2008 to join CBC as their weather expert I packed my bags without a moment's hesitation and I was on my way to St. John's, Newfoundland. What greater place to go when you're a weather person – hurricanes, coastal storms and phenomenal snowfalls – all right there for the telling."

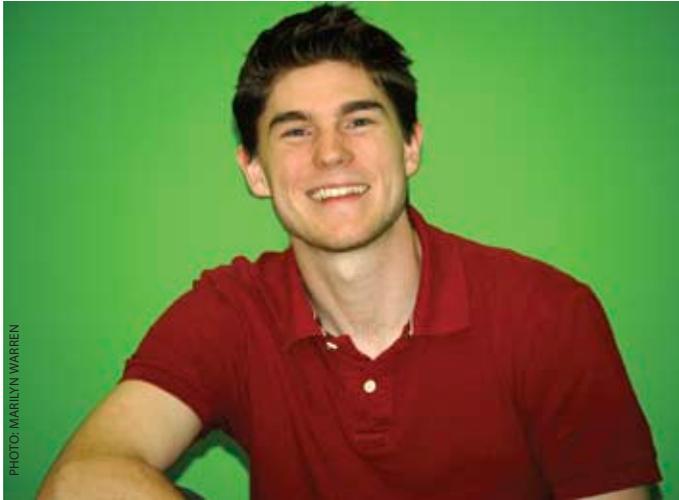


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Victoria home. "There needs to be a way to trap the CO₂ gas, however, so it doesn't reach the surface."

Jim's thermal probes are now in use by Victoria-based NEPTUNE Canada at Barkley Canyon, an underwater valley cut by ancient rivers 100 kilometres off the Vancouver Island coast. While methane is usually frozen in the subsurface, here it juts out in the form of icy mounds.

And while investigation of the methane ice deposits is still in the preliminary stages, Jim Harrington says scientists' concerns are that rising ocean temperatures may cause the methane to bubble to the surface.

"The NEPTUNE group is looking at the temperatures around the methane ice, and how much the ocean is warming up around the ice along the coastline," he said. "I am very pleased that our equipment is helping them do that."

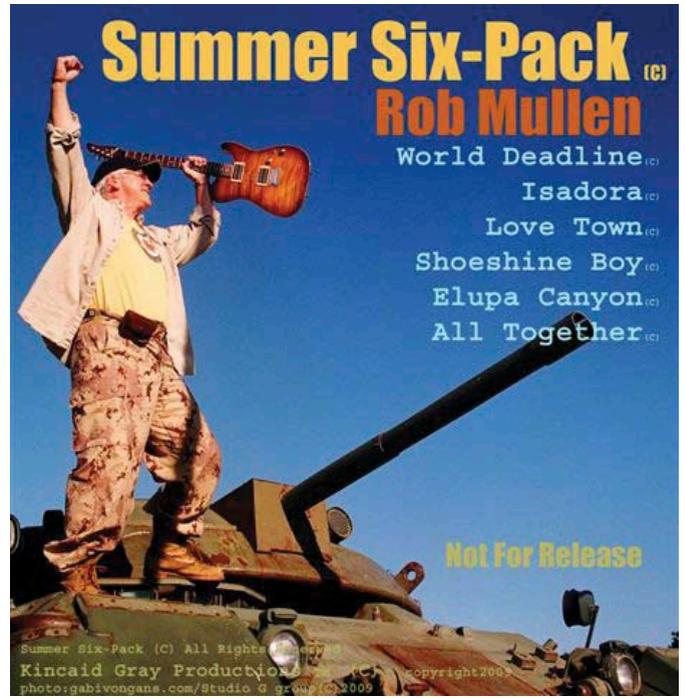
The probe is the latest device in a long list of accomplishments that earned Jim a prestigious Ontario Premier's Award for Technology in 2008.

Since graduating from Loyalist in 1969, the Campbellford, Ontario native has followed his passion for research and exploration as an electronics and mechanical product designer in the fields of astrophysics, geophysics and oceanographic applications. He developed a new method for gold and platinum exploration that has led directly to the discovery of countless

Gabi von Gans

ADVERTISING 1982

"Hey there... I am a 1982 Dean's List graduate of the Advertising program (Gabi Eisenkoelbl back then) and just wanted to share the scoop of this new single by my friend Rob Mullen, as well as let you know that I was the photographer and designer for the album cover.



ore bodies around the world and the life extension of operating mines by increasing known ore reserves. He is also recognized worldwide for the design and fabrication of Canada's first successful fuel cell-assisted sailboat, "The Sloop Jim D", inspired by a similar system used on the Ulysses spacecraft on which he worked in the 1980s at Canada's Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics.

His current projects include converting his home heating system to one powered by hydrogen fuel cells, developing specialized L.E.D. underwater lighting for use in depths of up to 3,000 metres, and building a prototype for an underwater laser that can be used by deep-sea divers as a highly accurate system of measurement for gas and oil exploration.

"I have lots of big ideas, but it's the small ones that accumulate over time," he commented. "Working steadily away at them has proved to be just as rewarding as the big projects."

Loyalist President Maureen Piercy had high praise for Jim following the presentation of his Ontario Premier's Award.

"Jim Harrington's career achievements are outstanding and it is gratifying that he credits the advanced math, physics and electronics that he learned at Loyalist as important building blocks to help him begin to see possibilities. Certainly those possibilities are endless, and Jim has proven that with his inventions and ongoing research and development."

Loyalist Business Students Gain Real-World Experience in the Classroom and Beyond

BY: MARILYN WARREN, COMMUNICATIONS, LOYALIST COLLEGE



AEAP presentation by business students for community business and industry representatives. Above, student Curtis Morrow (left) and Professor Bob Millard.

The strength of Loyalist's Business programs is the team-based, interactive approach – providing hands-on training and opportunities to gain work experience through placements, community involvement and class projects. This means that students are able to build business and industry connections while they are still in school.

During the past fall semester, Loyalist Business students took their newly acquired skills into the community, assisting business and industry through the Alliance Excellence Achievement Program (AEAP). In addition, many initiated community activities through Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) Loyalist College – committing their personal time to participate in community service activities and events.

The AEAP has been a component of the College's Business Administration program for the past seven years. The initiative, which provides a platform for businesses and students to work together, gives members of the business community the opportunity to present real-world challenges they would like Loyalist students to assume as projects.

Cindy Gervais, Human Resources Coordinator at PolyCello and a graduate of the College's Business Administration program, is a strong AEAP advocate. "AEAP provides students with practical real-life experience to take with them into their careers. As a student, I found the projects to be an exceptionally valuable learning experience – not only from a hands-on perspective, but also because they provided students with the opportunity to network and become familiar with community business leaders. As a Human Resources Coordinator, I find the AEAP projects to be extremely beneficial to PolyCello – as the students tend to look at things from a fresh perspective. I believe this program is a win-win for the students and the organizations."

This past fall the Loyalist Business programs brought SIFE to the Loyalist campus – SIFE is an international organization that was initiated to teach and motivate young Canadians to create brighter futures for themselves and their communities. The students are challenged to address economic, social and environmental issues in their entrepreneurial ventures and within their communities.

Karie Stapley is a graduate of the Business program and is completing her third-year advanced diploma in Human Resources Management. As the Vice-President of Membership Development for SIFE Loyalist College, she is coordinating the Let's Can Hunger campaign, organizing food drives in the community to assist in breaking the cycle of hunger. "This gives me the opportunity to take the skills I am learning in the classroom and implement them by conducting interviews, recruiting members and developing policies and procedures."

"I have the opportunity to make a difference and have an impact on my community and those around me," said Rob Huddleston, a third-year Human Resources Management student and President of SIFE Loyalist College. "On a daily basis I can walk out the door of my classroom, meet inspirational business people, brainstorm exciting ideas, and put my knowledge and skills to use."

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Bringing the Alumni Grapevine back

We want to hear from YOU

Loyalist College Alumni Association is pleased to announce that the Alumni Grapevine is back. The Grapevine is a section in the *Lasting Connections* magazine dedicated to news from Loyalist College graduates.

The Grapevine is a means of providing information on career changes, marriages, births, requests, get-togethers, contacts and much, much more...

If you have a submission for the Grapevine please send it to:

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