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## iTouch Winner

Congratulations to Karl Hutchinson '94 winner of the iTouch. Karl submitted his address update online at [www.kings.uwo.ca/alumni/](http://www.kings.uwo.ca/alumni/) to win the 8GB iTouch. We are running the contest again. Keep us informed for your chance to win, too! The next draw is June 30, 2011.



## The Editor Writes

Erin Lawson

Welcome to the spring issue of the King's Herald. In this issue we are focusing on the many King's graduates who become teachers. King's educated teachers are around the world and their influence, although not easy to measure, is immense. A King's graduate taught both my children kindergarten in a rural school in southwestern Ontario. King's graduates are principals and superintendents and teach English as a second language here and abroad. In the stories beginning on page 16 you will read about some of the roles of our alumni in the area of education.

King's continues to develop its partnerships with school boards across the country, as well as with international universities. So often there is a King's connection in these partnerships. Someone comes forward who understands and appreciates the unique aspects of a King's education because they have benefited from it.

We are very proud of the new Catholic Studies for Teachers program. I asked the Chairperson of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Dr. Steve Lofts, why this program better prepares students to teach and this is his reply:

There are three elements that make the King's Catholic Studies for Teachers program special.

The first element is the excellent professors who are exemplars of the teaching-scholar model employed at King's. By integrating

their passion for research with their passion for teaching in the small personal class environment, they are able to help students critically receive and understand the living Catholic tradition, while at the same time preparing them to transmit that tradition to their own students, when the time comes, in an equally passionate and thoughtful way.

The second element has to be the design of the program itself, which exceeds The Ontario Institute for Catholic Education requirements for religious education making it hands down the best and most comprehensive preparation in Catholic education in Canada.

The third unique element that distinguishes this program is the service learning component run by Larry Langan. Students are able to get out into the Catholic School system and learn firsthand about their future profession. This helps them to connect the material they are learning in the Catholic Studies program with the practical challenges that will confront them in the schools. What is more, the service learning component provides an opportunity for students to reflect on what it means to "teach" in the Catholic Education system. In sum, the Catholic Studies for Teachers program at King's helps develop well educated, critical, passionate leaders in Catholic education.

The tradition continues.

## King's University College Chamber Choir

The inaugural concert of the King's University College Chamber Choir took place on December 3, 2010, and was a tremendous success. The Choir performed for a capacity audience and raised well over \$1,500 for the Daily Bread Food Bank and Fellowship Centre. The Choir wholeheartedly thanks the College community for its wonderful support and encouragement.



## The Altruistic Appeal of King's



King's has been recognized in Maclean's annual university ranking issue as a good school for the "humanitarianism-motivated student."

Although King's does not directly participate in the ranking, the College's social justice focus was highlighted in an article titled "Where do I belong?" as an appealing option for those whose concern for the welfare of others is their primary motivation to study.

## International House

The King's campus expanded this past summer with the College's purchase of a two-storey house on University Avenue adjacent to the rear of Cardinal Carter Library. Named International House, the property is being used as a residence for international exchange students, as well as a place for student leadership meetings and social events for international students and domestic students involved in King's international programming.



## “La Creacion & Evolucion de la Dualidad Humana” – “The Creation & Evolution of the Human Duality”

Peruvian artist, Yim Rodriguez, with help from a group of King’s students, spent approximately 10 hours a day for three weeks creating a vibrant mural on the second floor of the Cardinal Carter Library. The mural uses Latin American Indigenous symbolism to depict life and death through birth, struggle, revolution, and evolution from pre-Hispanic Latin America to modern day.

Students United in Representation of Latin America (SUR LA), commissioned Rodriguez to paint a mural that would challenge students to think critically about the ideas presented in the artwork. This painting is the latest in a series of seven murals created by Rodriguez, and the first of the series in Canada.



## Solar Panels

As part of the College’s ongoing effort to protect and preserve the environment, King’s is pleased to announce that solar panels have been mounted on the roof of Wemple Hall and the College is a registered Electrical Generating Facility with the Ontario Power Authority.

To view real-time information about the College’s solar panels and the energy being produced on the roof of Wemple Hall, visit [www.kuc.solarvu.net](http://www.kuc.solarvu.net).

## King's University College Students' Council Update

It has been a very successful year for the KUCSC with many great initiatives taking place both on and off campus. Here are just a few highlights:

On October 29, 2010, the KUCSC brought European DJ Calvin Harris to the London Music Hall. Tickets were sold out almost a week before the event, which helped create a lot of buzz throughout the Western community.

For the first time in seven years, the King's Players put on a musical production. "Once Upon a Mattress" enjoyed tremendous success with two of three shows selling out.

On January 20, 2011, Craig Kielburger, co-founder of Free the Children and Me to We, spoke to a sold out crowd at Labatt Hall about the power students have in making a global impact.

Some other KUCSC highlights include Orientation Week, themed "King's in Space", and the sold out King's Ball, which was held November. None of this would be possible if not for the work and passion of all the student leaders at King's. It is their commitment and expertise that makes it possible for Council to continue to offer opportunities for growth and development outside of the classroom.



Sold out event at the London Music Hall in October



The King's Players in "Once Upon a Mattress" a musical production



Craig Kielburger, co-founder of Free the Children and Me to We speaking to a sold out crowd

## Winter Universiade Games

Congratulations to current and recent King's students Anthony Grieco, Kevin Baker, Aaron Snow, Keaton Turkiewicz, Scott Aarssen and Yashar Farmanara who, along with head coach Clarke Singer from Western, represented Canada at the 24th Winter Universiade. The tournament, also known as the World University Winter Games, was held in Erzurum, Turkey. Team Canada's men's hockey team took the bronze medal after defeating Kazakhstan 3-1 on February 6.



## Who is the greatest King's alumnus you know?

### King's University College Alumni Award of Distinction

The King's University College Alumni Award of Distinction celebrates achievement, commitment and service to the community.

There are many talented King's alumni who deserve to be recognized for their outstanding achievements. If you know a King's graduate whose contributions enhance his or her community and who is an inspiration to those who know them, please take a few minutes to submit a nomination.

#### Past Recipients:

- 2010: Paul Webb '66
- 2009: Richard Dixon, '78
- 2008: Deb Comuzzi, '78
- 2007: Stephen Dunn '81
- 2006: Robert Paterson '72
- 2005: Sheila Copps '74 and Sally VandeSompel '97
- 2004: James Scarfone '70
- 2003: Barbara Tiessen '86
- 2002: Gary Comerford '73
- 2001: John J. Callaghan '67
- 2000: John (Jack) Petch, Q.C. '60

For detailed information on the nomination and the selection process, please visit our website [kings.uwo.ca/alumni](http://kings.uwo.ca/alumni), or call the Office of Alumni Affairs at 519-433-3491 ext. 4502 or 800-265-4406 ext. 4502.



## From the Principal's Desk

By Dr. David Sylvester

### Gardeners of Hope

That is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow

We water seeds already planted  
knowing they hold future promise.

~ Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador

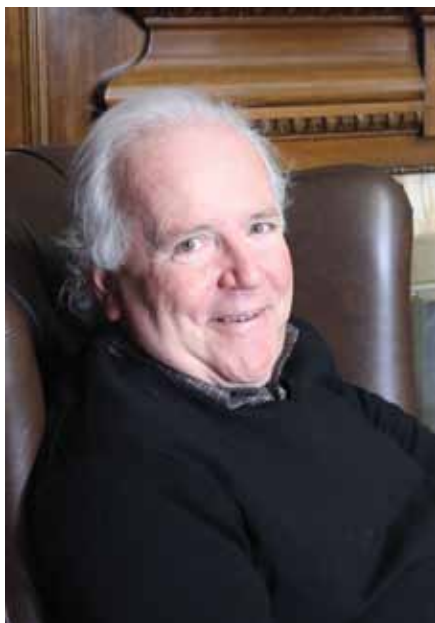
I come from a family of educators, so I grew up attuned to the constant refrain, "teaching is among the most honourable of professions". It has been twenty-nine years since I first stepped up to stare down my first class of high school students; the last fifteen seasons have been spent with university-aged historians. It has been, needless to say, quite an education.

I have come to know that, much more than a meaningful career, teaching is really an act of hope whose promise stretches far beyond our own ambitions or lifetime. Great teachers—and King's is teeming with them—know that they are entrusted with the heavy (and joyful) responsibility of cultivating the future, of challenging and inspiring the next generation of life-long learners and servant leaders. While we all insist on excellence in our disciplines—whether economics, philosophy, or languages—we understand that we are, fundamentally, planting and watering seeds that will bloom many years from now. It is impossible to know what gifts will spring forth a decade or two from now, or just how

humanity will benefit from our labours, but it is this legacy of learning that inspires us to teach.

That is why it is especially gratifying when one of our graduates feels called to step into the classroom to continue this important work. Over the decades, King's has provided a virtual army of teachers and educational administrators who have shaped the face of elementary, secondary and post-secondary education here in London, across the country and around the world. I have been fortunate to meet many of them at alumni events, at professional days hosted here at King's, through the vital partnerships with our school boards and, indeed, in my own children's classrooms. They are innovators, mentors and agents of change that work in Catholic and public schools, in alternative educational programs, and in universities and colleges.

This edition of the Herald celebrates the contribution of all King's alumni who have taken up this most honourable profession. Their stories are as varied as the students who have studied at King's over the last six decades, and too numerous to capture in one edition. As you encounter some of our graduates in these pages, please take a moment to think about the contribution of teachers you have encountered on your journey; these 'gardeners of hope' who cultivate the future, one student at a time.



▲ **Dr. Desmond Dutrizac** After 40 years of working at King's, and nearly 11 years as Academic Dean, Dr. Desmond Dutrizac will be stepping down as Dean this spring. Des began his career at King's completely by chance. In '71, he visited the College to inform the Principal of his plans to move to Montreal. Des recalls that the Registrar "just happened to see me walking down the hall. His Assistant Registrar had resigned and he asked if I'd be interested in applying for the position. Remaining in the education field seemed like a good idea, so I applied and was offered the position. It wasn't part of a long term plan or careful design that I ended up staying at King's; it was a case of good timing."

Over the years, Des has worn many hats at King's. He graduated in 1969 with an Honors BA in English and History. While completing his MA in History, Des acted as residence don at King's. He would go on to become Assistant Registrar, and later Registrar. After completing his PhD, he joined the History Department and, eventually, became Academic Dean.

Des considers one of the highlights of his time at King's to be his years spent in the classroom. "It's one of the greatest privileges of my life to have been a member of the History department for the 15 years prior to becoming Academic Dean."

One of his favourite memories was experiencing the thrill of the classroom as a new professor. He was 15 minutes into his third lecture when he realized it was going badly. Eyes were glazing over and he was beginning to panic. "I began to think, 'what have I done?'" Faced with the sudden alarm that he might not have made the right career choice, Des suggested a 10 minute break and went for a walk to clear his head. When he returned, he engaged the class in a discussion about what had just happened, the mutual expectations of faculty and students, and the learning environment. "Suddenly the class was lively and engaged – the material seemed to come alive. It turned out to be one of the best classes I ever had."

Des never forgot that nearly botched class, and continued to find teaching exhilarating, challenging and humbling throughout his career. He also has fond memories of the research trips to the US that he undertook with his colleague, Eric Jarvis, as well as his visits to the Public Record Office in England.

His move from the classroom to his role as Academic Dean was no less serendipitous than his first position at King's. "I had no intention of returning to academic administration. However, we suddenly found ourselves without a Dean and I failed to convince anyone else to give it a try. In the end, I agreed to do it for one year."

Nearly 11 years later, Des feels privileged to have been a part of so many great changes and developments at King's. "I liked being in a position where I could encourage others to try different things and take some risks." Some of those risks have led to the development of programs that set King's apart as a unique and specialized institution, including Social Justice and Peace Studies, World Religions, Catholic Studies for Teachers, the expansion of the Management and Organizational Studies program and the fostering of our international transfer program with DUFE, among many others.

Des has also been pleased to witness the changes and growth of the campus, but maintains there is something special about

King's that has not changed. "The people here are excellent. As much as the campus has changed and improved over the years, I still think the main appeal is the people."

Over the next year Des will be on sabbatical, but does not rule out the possibility of a return to the classroom. "I might decide to teach a few courses... but I won't be volunteering for any committees!"



▲ **Dr. Gilbert Brodie**, Philosophy & Religious Studies, will be retiring on June 30, 2011. Gil completed his undergraduate degree in Philosophy at the University of San Diego before going on to complete a Sacred Theology Baccalaureate at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. From there he went to the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium where he completed a Bachelor in Philosophy (PhB), an MA in Religious Studies, and a PhD in Religious Studies.

Upon becoming a faculty member, Gil's first impression of King's was that it was a friendly place with a tight knit group of educators. "I was introduced into just about everybody's home by the end of my first year," Gill recalls.

At that time King's was made up of about 500 students and all classes were taught in the Wemple Building – which was not called the Wemple Building, but just King's

College. Religious Studies courses were quite popular as electives for students from the main campus. Over the years, Gil has enjoyed watching the department develop to include first an area of concentration, then a major, then honors, and more recently, the Catholic Studies for Teachers program and World Religions. With the changes in program offerings, Gil found himself teaching fewer introduction courses and more in-depth academic pursuits. He is perhaps best known for his role in teaching Religious Studies courses that explore moral and ethical dilemmas.

"I took Catholic Morality with Dr. Brodie in my third year," admits fourth year Religious Studies and Political Science student, Patrick Searle. "The course and content were challenging, but the struggle was worth the reward at the end when I could say I survived! As a staple of the Religious Studies program, he is a visible, reachable and understanding professor who genuinely cares about his subject and his students."

Although he admits much has changed since his early days with King's, a few things have stayed the same. One of the things is the collegiality amongst faculty. "We made the decision early on not to assign offices by department, but to mix people throughout the buildings," he explains. "Inevitably, you end up getting to know the people who have an office near your own. From a faulty perspective, that's been a benefit at King's that a lot of places don't have. If there's a topic people are interested in you may end up talking to a Political Scientist, an Economist and a Historian. That's been really nice."

Gil has also noticed that the quality of teaching, concern for students' wellbeing and personal approach taken by faculty towards students has not diminished in the slightest, despite many years of growth at King's. "I know that's been part of our recruitment propaganda for decades, but I really do think there's something to it."

While he is avoiding any "big plans" for retirement, Gil is looking forward to spending time doing many of the things he has not had

time for while teaching. Among them, working on his golf game, travelling with his wife, and reading something not related to academics – perhaps even a bit of fiction.

**Dr. Pam Cushing**, Department of Sociology, was interviewed for an article about altruism titled "The Science of Being Nice", which was published in Reader's Digest December 2010 issue.

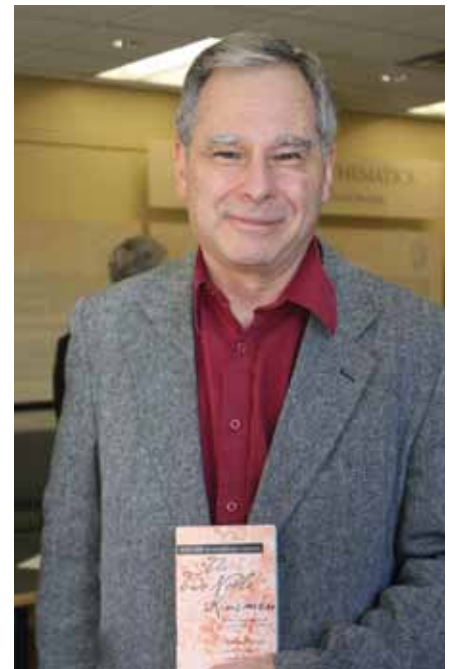


**▲ Dr. Trevor Hunter**, Department of Economics, Business and Mathematics, authored a report for Russell Reynolds Associates that was released to media outlets via the Business Wire. The report compares Canadian CEOs to Australian CEOs, and reveals that an alarmingly low number of Canadian CEOs have international work experience. By surveying nearly 900 corporate directors, the study discusses why this is a concern and proposes a number of reasons for the difference.

**Dr. Sergio Janczak**, Department of Economics, Business and Mathematics, organized and chaired a professional development workshop at the Academy of Management Conference in Montreal in August 2010. The workshop conducted a state of the art discussion about the ways business support systems have coped with ventures and entrepreneurs during the whole life of their endeavours – from the idea until the succession of companies.

**Dr. Nick Skinner**, Department of Psychology, gave four invited papers at two international conferences on the teaching of psychology (Sydney and Melbourne, Australia) in July 2010. He recently accepted an invitation to be a member of the Scientific Committee for the 5th International Conference on Psychology Education (ICOPE) which will be held in Cape Town, South Africa, July 22-27, 2012.

▼ **Dr. Paul Werstine**, Department of Modern Languages, was inducted as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (Humanities) 2010. Fellows are selected by their peers in recognition of outstanding scholarly, scientific and artistic achievement. Election to the academies of the Royal Society of Canada is the highest honour a scholar can achieve in the Arts, Humanities and Sciences.



**The Centre for Advanced Research in European Philosophy** is hosting a lecture series at King's on "The Human". The final lecture of the series will be presented by Natalie Depraz (Université de Paris IV) in April 2011. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Dr. Antonio Calcagno, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, at [acalcagn@uwo.ca](mailto:acalcagn@uwo.ca).

Bette-Jane Genttner leading a scheduled information session on the sidewalk due to a school evacuation



## Bette-Jane Genttner's retirement:

Bette-Jane Genttner retired from King's in January after a long and rewarding career. Fondly known as BJ, Bette-Jane was a pivotal person in the School of Social Work for more than two decades. Barbara Decker Pierce, current Director of the School of Social Work, showed no hesitation in declaring that the quality of our programs and the reputation of our School have clearly benefited from Bette-Jane's many contributions over the years. Her positive outlook, quiet strength and engaging qualities made working with her a pleasure.

Bette-Jane joined King's in 1979 as a part-time sessional secretary in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies. In 1980, she assumed a full-time position as secretary to the Dean while continuing in her role in Philosophy and Religious Studies. Bette-Jane left employment with the College for a few years as her children were young but returned in 1988 to assume the role of Admissions Coordinator and Administrative Assistant to the Director of Social Work. Bette-Jane's administrative support was instrumental to the School of Social Work's success in developing and implementing the MSW degree. Bette-Jane demonstrated her commitment to the

Master's program by creating BJ's Book Award at a time when financial supports were unavailable to part-time students.

During her time at King's, Bette-Jane was well known for her calm, friendly and professional demeanour. Perhaps the best example of Bette-Jane's character was reflected in her response to a bomb threat at the College in 2008. Bette-Jane was scheduled to provide an information session for students and opted to proceed with the presentation on the sidewalk outside the building, providing much needed structure and distraction in the midst of a crisis!

Dr. Kenneth Gordon, Professor Emeritus in the School of School of Social Work, was Director of the School from 1997 to 2007. When asked to comment on Bette-Jane's contribution to the School, he offered the following statement: "One should conclude that BJ has been the heart and soul of the School of Social Work for many years, but that would certainly be an understatement. Lots of students, staff, administrators and faculty have passed through the School and many are very fondly remembered. Bette-Jane has been the linchpin. She is loved and she will be missed!"

A BSW student adds: "I have always been impressed with how Bette-Jane has made the experience of belonging to the School of Social Work a personal experience... She is genuine and values each student. Her open-door policy for students, no matter how busy she is, truly has made a difference in the success of each student."

Those wishing to celebrate Bette-Jane's retirement are invited to make a donation to the Mary Lou Karley Memorial Fund. Please contact Nicole Furnival at 519-433-3491 ext. 4500 or by email at [nfurniva@uwo.ca](mailto:nfurniva@uwo.ca) should you wish to make a donation.

The Social Work community is grateful to Bette-Jane for the support she provided to students, staff, faculty and we all extend our best wishes for her retirement.

The School of Social Work welcomes Samantha Pearson to the role of B.S.W. Admissions Coordinator and Administrative Assistant to the Director.

## Research:

The following Social Work faculty members were awarded research funding in the fall round of internal grants:

**Rick Csiernik:** An Examination of Employee and Family Assistance Programs in Canada.

**Barbara Decker Pierce:** Non-Profit Management in Canada: Issues of Education and Succession.

**Dermot Hurley:** Examining Supervisory Practices to Promote Resilience in Front-line Child Protection Workers.

The MSW program has as its goal the development of research-practitioners. **Rick Csiernik** has worked with several graduate students since the inception of the MSW to produce relevant peer-reviewed quality research. In the past year he has had the privilege of collaborating with five different MSW students in producing the following publications:

- Csiernik, R. & Darnell, K. (2010). Perceptions of affiliate EAP counselors: an exploratory study.

- Journal of Workplace Behavioral Health, 25(2). 154-168.
- Csiernik, R., Smith, C., Dewar, J., Dromgole, L. & O'Neil, A. (2010). Supporting new workers in a child welfare agency: an exploratory study. Journal of Workplace Behavioral Health, 25(3), 218-232
- Lalonde, G. & Csiernik, R. (2010). An exploratory study of school social work in Ontario. Canadian Social Work, 12 (1) 60-67.

As well, Rick completed two additional articles with colleagues from different faculties:

- Forchuk, C., Montgomery, P., Berman, H., Ward-Griffin, C., Csiernik, R., Gorlick, C. Jensen, E. & Riesterer, P. (2010) Gaining ground, losing ground: the paradoxes of rural homelessness. Canadian Journal of Nursing Research, 42, 138-152.
- Keay, E., Macdonald, S., Durand, P., Csiernik, R. & Wild, C. (2010). Reasons for adopting and not adopting Employee Assistance and drug testing programs in Canada. Journal of Workplace Behavioral Health, 25(1), 65-71.

**Dr. Rachel Birnbaum** (PI) at the School of Social Work, along with her co-investigators, was awarded \$64,712 by the Women's Domestic Violence Directorate, Department of Justice to evaluate the first integrated domestic violence court opening in Toronto.

In addition, Dr. Birnbaum and her co-investigator were awarded \$29,186 from the Department of Justice to develop a curriculum on high conflict families to be delivered to family justice professionals across Canada.

Dr. Birnbaum continues to make presentations nationally and internationally on children's participation during family breakdown.

**Judith Dunlop**, Associate Professor of Social Work has completed research on Hate Crimes in the City of London. Working with the London Police Service as a community partner, Dr. Dunlop analyzed hate crimes data from 2008 and 2009 using Geographical Information System mapping (GIS). Collaborating with Dr. Micha Pazner, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, The University of Western Ontario, the researchers compiled twenty-five maps showing the geographical location of hate crime incidents reported to the London Police Service during 2008 and 2009.

## Homecoming:

The School of Social Work hosted its first annual Alumni Wine and Cheese during Homecoming weekend in 2010. **Professor Dermot Hurley** and his friends provided musical entertainment as graduates of the BSW and MSW programs enjoyed viewing photos and reconnecting with faculty, staff, alumni and their guests.

Following on last year's success, the Alumni Wine and Cheese will be held again during Homecoming weekend on Saturday, October 1, 2011 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in Labatt Hall. Graduates of years ending in 1 or 6 are especially encouraged to attend.



Dayle Allan '06, Tom Small '06 and guest



Gary Price '80, Raju Shinde '04, Jenny Fraser '80



Grant Charles '80, Jenny Fraser '80, Sharon Vitali '80

## News:

There are approximately 1500 Social Work alumni with whom the School would like to maintain contact. If you are willing to provide your email address and/or alternative information, please contact Julie Siverns at 519-433-3491 ext. 4445 or [jsiverns@uwo.ca](mailto:jsiverns@uwo.ca).

Thanks to **Rebecca Vann** for suggesting the title Social Networking for the School of Social Work news in the Herald. Rebecca graduated from King's University College with her BSW in 1986 and received her MSW from Wilfrid Laurier University in 1991. In the past, Rebecca has been an instructor in the School of Social Work. She is currently a field instructor and is past President of the Association of Social Work Field Practice Educators (ASWFPE).



## President's Message

Jen MacRae '96, President  
King's University College Alumni Association

At the 2010 Alumni Association annual general meeting in October, the alumni board had the distinct pleasure and honour of contributing \$50,000 to the Student Life Centre. This generous donation was made possible by you, our dedicated alumni, through our affinity partnerships.

For several years, King's has worked with TD Meloche Monnex Insurance, Canada Life Assurance and MBNA Canada in supporting our current and future alumni. Every time King's alumni identify themselves to one of these partners, the graduates benefit from preferred rates and King's benefits from a contribution from the affinity partner. Consider getting a quote from one of our partners; there's no obligation, the rates and services are competitive, and you could help support King's in the process.

To date, the Alumni Association has received more than \$114,000 from our partners. These funds have been used to support

- Students, through awards and bursaries
- Alumni, through annual and chapter events
- And now the entire King's community, with the Student Life Centre

The Student Life Centre promises to be a hub of learning, collaboration and growth. And as alumni, we can be proud of the significant role we're playing in bringing it to life. Thank you for your continued support in building the dynamic community for which King's is known.

**HOMECOMING**

Darryl King '97 and fiancée Kerry Crawford

Paul Webb '66 with Dr. Dante Lenardon, Gary Comerford '73 and Cathy Comerford '73

Class of '90

Homecoming 2010 was a blast! The celebration was kicked off with the Friday Night Bash, featuring Rick McGhie and The Mugshot Lounge. Rick provided musical entertainment for the evening, as only Rick can do, while The Mugshot Lounge captured fun memories with their photo booth set up.

On Saturday morning Professor Paul Webb '66 was honoured with the Alumni Award of Distinction at the annual brunch. We had record attendance at the event and all were happy to see Paul receive this honour.

Before boarding the bus for the Mustang football game, Principal David Sylvester unveiled the building plans for the new Student Life Centre and officially launched the Student Life Campaign.

Next, it was off to the stadium! Despite some dreary weather, the crowd was in high spirits as the Western Mustangs beat the Queen's Gaels 46 – 10.

The weekend festivities were concluded with a pint at The London Tap House on Richmond Row.

**Join us September 30 – October 2, 2011 for another great King's Homecoming!**

# Upcoming Alumni Events



For further details please visit the King's University College Alumni Events page at [www.kings.uwo.ca/alumni/alumni-friends/alumni-events/](http://www.kings.uwo.ca/alumni/alumni-friends/alumni-events/) or contact Katrina Clarke in the Office of Alumni Affairs at [kcalumni@uwo.ca](mailto:kcalumni@uwo.ca) or 1-800-265-4406 ext 4502.

## March:

**Calgary Chapter Event** – Wednesday, March 30, 7 p.m. – The Calgary Alumni Chapter will host a pub night at The Barley Mill, 201 Barclay Parade SW. For more information or to RSVP, contact Katrina Clarke at [katrina.clarke@uwo.ca](mailto:katrina.clarke@uwo.ca) or 1-800-265-4406 ext 4502.

## May:

**Ottawa Chapter Event at Parliament** – Tuesday, May 17, 5 to 7 p.m. – John Cummins, MP '66 will co-host an event with The Speaker in the Speaker's Chambers. Please contact Katrina Clarke at [katrina.clarke@uwo.ca](mailto:katrina.clarke@uwo.ca) to be sure you receive an invitation for this event.

## June:

**Spring Convocation** – Tuesday, June 14 – The Alumni Association will welcome new members as the first graduates of 2011 cross the stage at Alumni Hall. A reception will follow at 5 p.m. in the Elizabeth A. "Bessie" Labatt Hall at King's to celebrate the graduating class.

**Toronto Chapter Event** – Wednesday, June 15 – Bishop McGrattan will host the Toronto Alumni Chapter at the Salt + Light Television studio in Toronto.

**Stratford Festival Event** – Saturday, June 25 – Join us for our third Stratford trip hosted by Professor Paul Werstine '70. This year we will be enjoying a performance of *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. We will enjoy lunch in the Eaton Room at the Festival Theatre, followed by a talk about the play by Dr. Werstine. This event sells out quickly every year, so please contact our office to be sure you receive information, or to RSVP!

## Aug:

**Young Alumni Event** – Saturday, August 13 – The Young Alumni Council will host an event in Toronto. Details to follow.

## Sept:

**The 16th Annual King's Golf Classic** – Tuesday, September 20 – The annual Golf Tournament in support of the King's University College Foundation will be held at Forest City National Golf Club, London. The cost is \$215 per golfer and includes a barbecue lunch, 18 holes of golf, buffet dinner, and a silent auction. Registration and sponsorship information is available by contacting the Office of Alumni Affairs at [kcalumni@uwo.ca](mailto:kcalumni@uwo.ca) or 1-800-265-4406 ext 4502.

**Homecoming** – Friday, September 30 – Sunday, October 2 – Get your tickets to the Homecoming Football game soon, as they ALWAYS sell fast! Reunion classes are those ending in '1 or '6 this year. Please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at [kcalumni@uwo.ca](mailto:kcalumni@uwo.ca) if you're interested in getting involved.

## Nov:

**Art Work for Kings!** – Save the date: Thursday, November 17, 6-10 p.m. – Come celebrate the third Bi-Annual Art Exhibit for the Benefit of Kings University College at the home of alumni James Sbrolla '90 and Ann Tavares '91, in Toronto. Exhibit will feature artists from the Alton Mill. No cost for admission, donations to Kings University College welcome! For more information or to RSVP, contact James Sbrolla at [sbrolla@rogers.com](mailto:sbrolla@rogers.com) or (416) 828-2077.

# Event Recap

## Young Alumni Harbour Tour

On July 17, 2010, the Young Alumni Council hosted a tour of Toronto's harbour front. The tour included a scenic boat cruise followed by a Steamwhistle Brewery tour. Young alumni from London, Toronto and in-between enjoyed the beautiful day.



## London Chapter Beach Day

On Friday, August 20, 2010 the London Alumni Chapter held a casual day at the beach in Grand Bend. Lunch at the Growling Gator was followed with fun in the sun and sand.



## Alumni Reception in Vineland

King's alumnus, John Howard '71, welcomed alumni to his home in Vineland for a garden reception. Alumni enjoyed charcuterie, cheese and wine provided by the John Howard Cellars of Distinction.

## Stratford Festival Event – The Tempest

On September 12, 2010 alumni joined Dr. Paul Werstine '70 for lunch in The Marquee at the Festival Theatre. Dr. Werstine delighted the group with his presentation on The Tempest prior to the performance, which starred Christopher Plummer as Prospero.



Michael Koenig and Peter Luchak '86

## The 15th Annual King's Golf Classic

The Foundation's annual golf tournament took place on Tuesday, September 21, 2010, at the Forest City National Golf Club. It was a perfect day to hit the links and nearly \$24,000 was raised to support the highest priority needs of King's. One highlight of the day was the hole-in-one shot by Egidio Mosca, from Honeywell Canada, on the 16th hole!

## Fall Convocation

The Alumni Association was pleased to welcome approximately 170 new King's graduates to the alumni family on Friday, October 29, 2010. Dr. Sylvester, along with many staff and faculty at King's, celebrated with the graduating class at a congratulatory reception in the Vitali Student Lounge.





## Ottawa Chapter Event

On October 26, 2010, the Ottawa Chapter welcomed King's professor, Dr. Richard Matthews of the Social Justice and Peace Studies program, who addressed the group on the moral implications of the use of torture.

## London Chapter Museum Tour

The London Alumni Chapter was treated to a private tour of Museum London's underground vaults on November 18, 2010. The tour, led by the museum's Executive Director, Brian Meehan, was followed with wine and cheese in the board room and a brief Q & A about the museum.



Leo Lui '05, guest, Anna Dec '07, Katrina Clarke '06, and Krystal McNaughton '07



Lauren O'Hare, daughter of Michael '80 and Rosemary O'Hare '81, played Queen Aggravaine

## Toronto Chapter Merry Hours

On November 17, 2010, the Toronto Alumni Chapter got in to the Holiday spirit a little early with a gathering at The Drake Hotel. King's was well-represented at the Drake's trivia night, with one King's group trying for first but losing in the elimination round.

## Once Upon a Mattress

On January 13, 2011, the Alumni Association was invited to attend a performance of Once Upon a Mattress put on by the King's Players. The musical version of the classic Princess and the Pea story was a treat for all who attended. Following the performance, the Alumni Association hosted an opening night party for the cast.



## Killan Cup Hockey Tournament

The second annual Killan Cup Alumni vs. Students Hockey Tournament was played on Saturday, February 5, 2011. Congratulations to The Political Animals, a team of political science students, who won the tournament this year. The tournament was a great success, drawing more than 70 players, spectators and volunteers despite some adverse weather!

# A passion for teaching

The Gamble family tradition



# Gamble Family

## Colleen (Dunn) Gamble, BA 1983

**Area of Study:** Economics

**Reason for attending King's:** Catholic college with a small campus and her brother was already a student at King's

**Favourite Professor:** Dr. Bernard Hammond

**Current Occupation:** Pastoral Assistant, Mary Mother of God Church, Oakville

## Erin Gamble, third year CST Student

**Teachable Subjects:** Catholic Studies and English

**Future Goals:** Hopes to experience teaching in an international setting

## Maeve Gamble, first year CST Student

**Teachable Subjects:** Catholic Studies and either Art or History

**Future Goals:** To give back to community by teaching with the Halton Catholic District School Board

More than three decades ago, King's became a home away from home for Colleen Gamble (nee Dunn). Not only did her brothers Stephen '81 and Brian Dunn '97 graduate from King's, but Colleen also met her husband Gregory Gamble '82 while they were both completing their studies at the College. What Colleen and Gregory didn't know then was that life would be rich in blessings and that four of their six children would enrol at King's walking the same campus that the two of them have come to know so well. Daughters Erin and Maeve would take matters one step further carrying on in the Gamble family business: teaching.

Not only were Gamble's parents both school teachers but her sister also chose the profession. For Gamble, teaching was a calling and she is thrilled that her daughters have selected the same career path.

Colleen completed her Bachelor of Education at The University of Western Ontario's Faculty of Education with qualifications to teach at the intermediate and senior levels. She has taught at Catholic schools with both Durham and Halton Catholic School Boards in Ontario, teaching at the elementary and secondary levels.

Today, Colleen is employed at Mary Mother of God Church in Oakville, Ontario. Although she no longer teaches full-time in a classroom, she provides faith-based instruction to parents and teachers, and prepares young Catholics for confirmation. Coordinating youth conferences and preparing students for World Youth Day 2012 is a natural fit for this devoted mother and teacher.

Long before enrolling at King's, Colleen's daughters Erin and Maeve knew they wanted to become Catholic teachers. "Our mom, grandma, and two aunts are Catholic teachers, and our uncle is a chaplain at

a Catholic high school," explains Maeve. "They each have their own strengths and gifts that have led them to have fulfilling teaching careers and I hope to do the same."

Since they were young, the Gamble children have heard their parents talk about the great experience they had as King's students. But when it was time for Erin to choose a university, she wasn't convinced it was the experience she wanted for herself until she and her mom drove to London for a campus visit. "I was immediately attracted to the campus, the benefits of the small classes and the available extra-curricular activities."

After completing her first year of studies, Erin learned of the Catholic Studies for Teachers (CST) program. "I knew it would be a perfect fit," she explains. "My Catholic faith is very important to me and this program allows me to continue my undergraduate studies while also gaining hands-on experiences through the course placements. It also allows me to meet people with similar goals, interests and beliefs."

Maeve, like her mother, was attracted to the familiar and home-like feeling that King's provided. With three siblings already enrolled at the College, and knowing how much Erin was enjoying the CST program, Maeve was confident that she too would benefit from all that King's has to offer.

Small class sizes are a hallmark of the King's experience, and the CST program is no exception. Currently, there are as many students enrolled in Erin's year of the CST program, as there are children in her family. Both Erin and Maeve feel that they have benefited from the small class sizes as it has allowed them to develop strong personal relationships with their classmates and it encourages opportunities for sharing and learning from each student's experiences.

**The Catholic Studies for Teachers (CST) program at King's prepares students to teach in the Catholic school system by providing them with opportunities for hands-on learning. Those enrolled in the program work towards a double major in Catholic studies and a second subject of their choice. Students who successfully complete the program are guaranteed a spot with The University of Western Ontario's Faculty of Education. The program was developed through a partnership between King's and Catholic school boards in London, Huron Perth, Brant Haldimand Norfolk, and Bruce Grey.**

Colleen is optimistic for Erin and Maeve's futures as Catholic educators. Noting that her daughters are quite different from each other, she is confident that their individual strengths, along with the strong foundation that the CST program is providing them, will benefit them wherever their careers lead them.

When Erin receives her degree in June 2012, she will be one of no more than ten students to have graduated from the 4-year CST program since it began at King's in September 2009. Maeve anticipates graduating from the program in 2014, and older brothers Brendan and Connor will graduate this June with degrees in economics. But the Gamble legacy does not end there. Although the youngest two children, Patrick and Claire, still have a few years before they're ready to attend university, they already have their sights set on King's.

[Meet five more King's Grads with a passion for teaching >>](#)

# John Regan, BA 1984

**Area of Study:** History

**Reason for attending King's:** Attracted by the small college environment

**Favourite Professor:** Dr. Paul Webb and Dr. Gerry Killan

**Current Occupation:** Teacher, St. Joseph's Catholic High School, St. Thomas, Ontario



Since graduating from King's in 1984, John Regan (aka "piano man") has been actively involved with the Alumni Association. He is also well known in the London community for his involvement with the Jean's 'n Classics

band. But what many may not know is that Regan's day job is as a teacher at St. Joseph's High School in St. Thomas, ON, where he not only conducts the choir, but also coaches the football team.

For Regan, teaching is in his blood. His family has a rich history in education and, of the eight children in his family, six went on to become teachers, including Regan's sisters and King's alumnae Judy

(Hannivan) '81, who teaches in Kincardine, and Shannon '93, who teaches in London.

His father, Ken Regan, was the first Catholic Director of Education in London, serving in this position from 1967-1994. He provided a strong foundation for catholic education in southwestern Ontario, and has been dubbed "Mr. Catholic Education" by many. Today, Ken is still active in the community as a referee with the London Football Officials Association. Regan credits the passion, integrity and dignity that his father brought to his work as a significant influence on his career path.

After 17 years of educating at the elementary level, Regan accepted a position at the secondary level where he teaches history, religion, music, and, occasionally, English. As a teacher, choir conductor and football coach, Regan has built a strong rapport with his students. Working with youth who are considering their post secondary options, he frequently chats with those who are considering King's. "I always describe the College's greatest attribute: fine teaching," says Regan. "I also make a point of suggesting that they look at the scholarship and bursary opportunities."

Regan is aware of the impact that teachers can have on their students. Reflecting back on his own high school days, he recalls his teacher, and fellow King's alumnus, John Ruypers. (see next page)

"Like many graduates of Catholic Central High School in the '70s and '80s, I had the pleasure of being taught by the legendary John Ruypers. It was in his history and world politics classes that I first found my interest in history, an interest that I pursued at King's. Mr. Ruypers continues to be a leader in the social sciences, not only as a teacher but as a writer of curriculum and editor of text materials."

# John Mackle, BA 1973



**Area of Study:** English and Religion

**Reason for attending King's:** Attracted to the smaller size of King's and liked the idea of living in the townhouse residence

**Favourite Professors:** Dr. Gary Paterson and Dr. John Orange

**Current Occupation:** Director of Education and Secretary-

Treasurer, PVNC Catholic District School Board

The Basilian motto Teach Me Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge is never far from his mind. In fact, it has served to guide John Mackle through his distinguished career that began in 1974. The King's graduate and long-time educator recently announced plans to retire from his role as the Director of Education for the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington (PVNC) Catholic District School Board.

What began as a teaching position for Mackle at St. Michael's College School in Toronto would span nearly four decades and see

Mackle progress through the ranks of vice-principal, principal and superintendent before becoming stepping into the role of director of education in 2004.

Looking back at his career, Mackle says one of the things he is most proud of is helping to shape the reputation and prominence of Catholic education throughout the school district. "We've built leadership capacity among staff within the PVNC Catholic District School Board", says Mackle. And his focus on leadership doesn't stop there. It includes nurturing leadership qualities in all students at the PVNC Catholic Board. Over the past four years the Board has partnered with Craig and Marc Kielburger, social activists and founders of Me to We and Free The Children, the world's largest network of children helping children through education.

Mackle's contributions have not gone unnoticed. In recognition of his leadership in student achievement, administrative skills, and community involvement, Mackle received the Canadian Association of School Administrators National Excel Award. For Mackle, the work that led to this award and the outstanding people he worked with will remain one of his most enduring memories.

With retirement around the corner, Mackle is looking forward to working on projects around his house and enjoying time with his wife, Susan (nee Okonski) '72. The couple met in 1970 while Susan was on the King's Frosh Committee, and John credits her love, friendship and consul for being the single constant in his life. They have two children, Jake and Katie who both work in the United States.

# Benoit Mercier, BA 1985



**Area of Study:** French

**Reason for attending King's:** Small school atmosphere with access to bigger city amenities

**Favourite Professor:** Dr. Dante Lenardon, a great professor and a wonderful human being

**Current Occupation:** President, Association des enseignantes et des enseignants franco-

ontariens (Franco-Ontarian Teachers Association)

From a young age, Benoit Mercier knew that he wanted to be a teacher. He felt that teaching would allow him to give back while helping to shape the future of francophones, not only in the Niagara Region, but across Ontario.

After completing his degree at King's, Mercier earned his Bachelor of Education at the Université d'Ottawa in 1986. He graduated with qualifications to teach French and science at the junior, intermediate and senior levels. His passion to help others was evident early in his career, and he became involved in union activism with the Association des enseignantes et des enseignants franco-ontariens (AEFO). After serving as the local union representative in contract negotiations he was elected president of his local bargaining unit in 1995. Following

the amalgamation of school boards, Mercier was elected president of the regional bargaining unit representing over 1,000 members.

The defining moment in Mercier's career followed the election of a new provincial government. "I did not agree with this government's policies regarding education and social policy," explains Mercier. He knew that he had the choice to either sit back and do nothing, or become actively involved and try to influence public policy.

Today, Mercier is serving his second term as the provincial president of AEFO, representing 9,500 teachers who work in the two French language school systems and 200 educational support workers. This role allows him to raise awareness about French language rights with key decision makers and help shape public policy.

In his leadership capacity, Mercier has had many opportunities to travel and meet people from across Canada and around the world. For those considering a teaching career, he shares the following: "Teaching can be an all-consuming career. It is both a rewarding and challenging profession, so it is important to have balance in life. I tell teacher candidates to find another passion that will help keep their mind and body active."

When he's not on the job, Mercier is involved in baseball and has umpired provincially, nationally and internationally, including two Olympic qualifying games. "Being involved gives me perspective and helps me become a better person," says Mercier. "I think it's important to make the best of the opportunities that we are given."

Although Mercier has experienced many opportunities as AEFO president, he has also made some sacrifices to do the work that he loves. While the AEFO head office is located in Ottawa, Mercier's home and family reside in Welland, Ontario – a distance of more than 580 kilometres. "I thank my family for allowing me to do what I was elected to do," says Mercier. "Without their love and support, it would be impossible for me."

# John Ruypers, Honors BA 1969



**Area of Study:** English and History

**Reason for attending King's:** Small Catholic institution where a number of friends were attending

**Favourite Professors:** Professor Gerry Olsen, Dr. W.H. Stockdale and Dr. S.F. Gallagher

**Current Occupation:** Teacher and Department Head of Canadian and World Studies, Mother Teresa Secondary School, London

Some of the most notable dramatic roles that John Ruypers has portrayed throughout his career with the London District Catholic

School Board have included Abraham Lincoln, Voltaire and Sam Hughes. But you won't catch his performances on stage or in a school auditorium. Instead, these roles are reserved for his high school history classes, which he has been teaching for more than four decades.

In his first year of teaching, Ruypers was challenged by his students to make history more interesting. Knowing that an important component of teaching was entertaining his pupils and holding their attention, Ruypers decided to bring history to life by using role-playing as a method to instruct his students and ignite their curiosity.

Over the years, Ruypers has selected a variety of historical figures who elicit strong responses with his students, including King Henry VIII, who was his first role playing character, Luther, and Rousseau. Recalling the many historic figures that he has played in his classes, Ruypers considers his favourite to be Beau Beaugard, an American slave owner from the antebellum south.

The response to his role-playing from his students, as well as their parents, other teachers and administrators has been positive. Building



on this success, Ruypers has engaged his students in role-playing by assigning them historic figures that they must portray in an oral presentation. "Many students' role plays have surpassed my own and have been very memorable," reflects Ruypers. He has also instructed others in this teaching method through professional development workshops that he facilitates for teachers with the London District Catholic School Board and for other boards across the province.

Outside of the classroom, Ruypers has also been involved in the authorship of three school textbooks on politics and civics. he has

instructed online courses for teachers in the areas of social science and history at Western for the past ten years, and, since 2004, he has worked both full and part-time writing online curriculum for the Ministry of Education.

Following in their father's footsteps, Ruypers' four sons also graduated from King's and have gone on to become teachers. Paul '00 teaches Grade 8 at Arthur Carty in London. Ben '02 teaches English and History at Mother Teresa in London. Josh '09 is a recent grad from Western's Faculty of Education. Christopher Mark '96 lives in Taipei, Taiwan, where he teaches English as a second language.

Past and current students of John Ruypers have used Facebook to share memories and stories of their beloved teacher. Here's what some members of the John Ruypers Fan Club have to say:

- Mr. Ruypers you are a very excellent teacher
- Nothing beats when he comes into class completely in character for a presentation
- I took all the History classes offered at CCH (Catholic Central High school) because he was teaching them
- Mr. Ruypers taught me 18 years ago... Best teacher ever!

## John Esposito, BA 1969



**Area of Study:** English

**Reason for attending King's:** Preferred the idea of a small Catholic college affiliated with a large university. The entrance scholarship was also attractive for "a poor boy from Port Colborne."

**Favourite Professor:** An absolute bow-tie between Dr. John Snyder and Dr. Dante Lenardon.

**Current Occupation:** English, Drama, and Media Arts Teacher, St. Michael Catholic Secondary School, Stratford, Ontario

Growing up in a small factory town on the Welland Canal, John Esposito had plans to attend Pre-Business at Ivey and dreams of directing movies or writing as a journalist. Now, reflecting back on his 40 years of teaching, he wonders how different his career path might have been had he not been enticed by the King's registrar team to visit what would become his alma mater.

Graduating with his BA at the age of 21, John, like many graduates, was unsure of what the world held for him. He decided to concentrate on further developing his passion for drama, journalism and filmmaking through part-time studies at The University of Western Ontario and Theatre Ontario.

It was by chance that Esposito became a teacher, after taking on occasional supply teaching assignments with the Catholic School Board in London. "I recall a three day blitz with a Grade 7 Social Studies class at St. George Catholic School in Byron," says Esposito. "I mastered Popsicle stick re-creations of the Seven Years War."

It's now more than four decades later and simply put, Esposito loves what he does. The self-proclaimed "education nerd" was inspired by his favourite King's professors to teach with a love of his subject and a love of God. Teaching has also allowed Esposito to continue to pursue his passion for literature, while still dabbling with media studies, including film and journalism.

His love of both learning and teaching is something the seasoned educator hopes to pass on to his students. Recently, he received this note from a former student: "Something that you said once nurtured deep inside of me a belief about my purpose in the world." And it doesn't get much better than that. Esposito says hearing about the impact you've had on a student's life is one of the most rewarding experiences of teaching.

Here's what John Esposito had to say about his mentors and favourite King's professors:

- "Dr. John Snyder in Philosophy helped me to discover that if I think, therefore I am."
- "Dr. Dante Lenardon in French embodied those qualities we normally assign to Renaissance heroes. Apparently, as a young man growing up in the far-flung region of the British Columbia outback, he rode to school on horseback. Whether this legend was true or not, how could a freshman possibly arrive late for his French 20 class?"

# Dr. Joan Mason-Grant Award for Experiential Learning in Social Justice and Peace Studies

**The Dr. Joan Mason-Grant Award for Experiential Learning in Social Justice and Peace Studies was established by family, friends and colleagues of Dr. Mason-Grant, associate professor at King's, who passed away in 2009 after battling cancer.**

Throughout her life, Dr. Mason-Grant endeavoured to make the world a better place as demonstrated through her commitment to ending oppression and protecting the environment. This award is a tribute to her memory and leaves a legacy that will allow King's students to see, understand and leave their mark on the world.

At an award reception this fall, Kaleigh Foran, the first recipient of the Dr. Joan Mason-Grant Award, had the opportunity to share her experiences from her experiential learning trips to the Dominican Republic and Guatemala.

In her moving presentation, Kaleigh described with gratitude how the Dr. Joan Mason-Grant Award provided the financial resources that allowed her to live with and learn from men and women who had fought in Guatemala's civil war that lasted from 1960 – 1996.

Staying in a co-operative community that had been set up by a group of former guerrilla



fighters, Kaleigh experienced a much different way of life. "I try to take the best from every culture I've visited," explains Kaleigh. "Even though I saw a lot of difficult situations, I also got to see the power of people and the power of relationships. Coming home from these trips, I feel I have a better idea of what I want for my life and am less distracted by unimportant things. Because of these

experiences, I am a better, happier and stronger person."

Kaleigh graduated from the Social Justice and Peace Studies program in 2010 and hopes to work in a developing country in international development, or in Canada, where she would like to work towards making international policies more just.

## Three Generations and Counting

### Honouring the Vitali Family



To date, three generations of the Vitali family have walked the halls of King's. Now, thanks to a generous donation from John and Frances Vitali to the Student Life Centre, those halls will lead to the newly named John and Frances Vitali Student Lounge located in Wemple Hall.

The Vitalis' connection to King's grew out of a dedication to higher learning that was a particular passion of John Vitali, the family's late patriarch. John was a strong supporter of education and encouraged his children and grandchildren to continue their studies, with much of the family attending King's and Western.

In October 2010, close to 30 members of the Vitali family, overseen by King's alumna Frances Vitali '91, attended a reception in their honour to announce the official naming of the John and Frances Vitali Student Lounge.

# A Room with a View



After several years of teaching in the same classroom Dr. Tozun Bahcheli, a Political Science professor at King's, was surprised to learn one fateful September that his class had been moved to a different room.

"It was the classroom I'd been teaching in for 10 years – a room I had come to love very much... So, I was distressed. I went home and told my wife about it."

Beth Davidson listened with a sympathetic ear to her husband's dilemma. Ever the problem solver, she knew just what to do.

"I said, 'You know, in my workplace if we want to indicate what's ours we put our name on it.' So I suggested to Tozun that he put his name on the door."

When the couple received an appeal letter from the Foundation Office at King's they seized the opportunity to settle the matter once and for all. Together, they have donated \$30,000 to the Student Life Campaign to name DL114 for Dr. Bahcheli.

"When it comes to giving back we often think of outside organizations that might need support," explains Beth. "We tend to forget about the places that are closest to us."

And King's is a place that is close to Dr. Bahcheli and his family. "When it came time for our daughter to apply to university she was quite certain of where she wanted to go. The Ontario University Application Center gives students three choices. She chose King's, King's and King's."

When the question of how long he's been teaching at King's came up, Dr. Bahcheli was less definite in his answer. "Well, I can't tell you that," he protested. "Many years... You can say that I am one of the longest serving fulltime faculty members... Next to Professor Webb."

Dr. Bahcheli and Beth are hopeful that their donation will inspire others to leave their mark at King's. "We're big King's supporters," explains Beth. "We feel really good about this, and we won't rule out any future contributions to King's."

## Honouring the Memory of Jeffrey G. Roche and Hannah Gordon Roche

The lives of Jeffrey Roche '03 and his wife Hanna Gordon Roche (associate alumna) were taken far too soon when they, along with their beloved dog Piper-Bear, were tragically killed in a car accident just four days after their honeymoon. Jeff and Hannah are mourned by family and friends who miss them daily and will remember them always. To honour the memory of Jeff and Hannah, Jeff's colleagues at Go Bee Industries, led by fellow alumnus Steve Deighton '91, established The Jeffrey G. Roche Memorial Award. This award will support a student at King's who has demonstrated involvement in extracurricular activities that illustrates their appreciation of life.



Third-year student Lauren MacKay (left) is the first recipient of The Jeffrey G. Roche Memorial Award.

Lauren, who is working toward a double major in Sociology and Thanatology, is an active member of St.

Michael's Catholic Church in London, where she serves as Eucharistic Minister and youth representative on the Pastoral Council. She is currently preparing for a pilgrimage to Spain in August 2011 for World Youth Day. Upon graduation, Lauren hopes to pursue a career in grief counselling.



### By Steve Deighton '91:

Jeff was a man of character, tradition and heart. No one ever said a negative thing about him because he was genuine and kind to all who crossed his path. He loved his family and friends, fraternity, the Yankees, Detroit Red Wings' Steve Yzerman, Piper their dog and, most of all, Hannah.

Hannah, was a beautiful, intelligent, passionate person who cared deeply for those in need as demonstrated by her work with local women's shelters in Hamilton. She loved her family, friends, studies, baking, purses, Piper their dog and, most of all, Jeff.

Jeff and Hannah are dearly missed by Gordon and Susan Roche, Donald and Jane Gordon and their family members, as well as countless friends across North America.

The Jeffrey G. Roche Memorial Award rewards those working hard to make a difference. It also reminds us that each and every moment counts. Even the most robust lives are fragile and can be taken in an instant.

We are honoured that this award will carry on in perpetuity and make a difference for years to come in Jeff and Hannah's names.

# Paying it Forward

*When talking about King's many people refer to a quality that can't seem to be captured in words. Some use terms like moral fortitude, generosity of spirit, commitment to service, unwavering optimism, Catholic values, or social justice. Others simply call it "The King's Way".*



Whatever it is, the ethos at King's has an impact on all of its constituents, which often manifests in a philanthropic spirit. Hardly a day goes by on campus that a bake sale, or penny drive, silent auction or mini-putt tournament doesn't present the opportunity to pay one's good fortune forward. Many in the King's community have taken that initiative one step further to give back to the college itself, helping make King's a better place for future students. Some of the strongest supporters and contributors of that movement are the faculty and staff.

Marilynne Davies and Marilyn Mason are two such figures at King's. Both have been tremendously supportive of foundation initiatives over the years, especially in the area of student awards.

"I think it's important to give to the things that you believe in," says Marilyn Mason, Registrar at King's. "To give to the causes and charities that you feel most attached to. The unfortunate thing about post secondary philanthropy is that there is not a long, strong tradition in Canada about giving to universities because they are public institutions and they are funded. So it's easy to think, oh well – it's not really a charity."

Those closest to King's realize the impact of the dollars raised and have stepped up to the plate to fill the gaps where necessary.

"I didn't make very much money when the Felix Geisen and Jane Acres Awards came into being," admits Marilynne Davies, Student Financial Services Officer at King's. Having recognized gaps in the types of awards available to students, Davies set up the Felix Geisen Award for a student who is working while pursuing a degree at King's and the Jane Acres Award for a mature student at King's. "People tend to think philanthropy is for the rich, or that they will give back later, when they have money, but it really needs to be about what you can do now. If you don't have money you can give time. If you have some money but not a lot, a group of you can still get together to name an award. People don't seem to break that down."

Although Davies initially set up the awards to fill a need, they have also served as tributes to people who have touched her life. Since establishing those first two awards, she has also set up an award in her parents' name, which is awarded to a student who is balancing school and work. "For my parents specifically, it's been about recognizing what they've done." The Lovell and Vivian Lord Award is a tribute to their commitment to faith, family and hard work.

Mason also established an award to honour her late mother, Margaret Mason. Once the award was in place, however, she found it did much more than just that. "I had a colleague who commented that they decided to do the same thing for their family. It was something I did as a tribute and to honour my Mom in a permanent way, but I thought it was awesome that it was also something someone else found inspiring."

Davies had a similar experience with her awards. "When I first set up the awards for Felix Geisen and Jane Acres I did so

anonymously because I didn't want anyone to know. But then I thought if you don't tell people they won't know it's possible for them to do it too. I know two other people who have set up awards because they heard about what was done."

In addition to supporting a student award, Mason has made a pledge to the Student Life Campaign that will result in the naming of a classroom. Although reluctant to see her donation go to a naming at first, she decided it was a good idea when a colleague commented that he would be more comfortable naming a classroom with the knowledge that she was doing the same. "And I got to thinking that it's not an entirely inappropriate thing to do." Mason has been Registrar at King's for 24 years, recruiting the students who are the lifeblood of the college. "I'm passionate about this place. I've spent most of my adult life working here and hope to spend the rest of my career here. I love this place. When I've spent so many hours trying to serve and promote it, why wouldn't I want to give something back? It's given me enormous pleasure and satisfaction. I think it's also nice to know that when you give somewhere it's being used responsibly, and here you have that up close and personal."

Having also enjoyed a long career at King's, Davies will work her last day on March 31, 2011. When asked if she has any plans for retirement she laughs, "You know I do!" Davies admits she has a golf game to work on, and the first six months of her retirement may be devoted to just that. She also has six grandchildren and more on the way, who will certainly occupy some of her time. She hasn't ruled out the possibility of some part time work at some point, but for now she will take some time off. "Since I made the decision it's been right. I'm not sure where I'm headed, but I feel strongly that I'm headed somewhere."

Although both Davies and Mason first gave to King's with the idea of giving back to the college, they've each met with other factors that enhance the gift-giving experience. Both have seen their gifts fulfill a need for someone else, both have been able to honour special people and experiences, and both have served as an example, inspiring others to give. At the same time, without ever expecting it, both have been surprised to have their generosity rewarded in other areas of their lives. Although Davies warns that you can't ever expect to receive anything from a gift, she admits the world seems to have a way of balancing the scales.

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# Milestones

Should you have any Milestones to share (job announcements/changes/promotions, marriages, birth announcements etc.) please let us know and we'll include them in the Herald. Please e-mail kcalumni@uwo.ca.

**Terence (Terry) McIntyre '73** – graduated BESC University of Waterloo, 1977, MSc University of Guelph 1979, Dip Human Resources Algonquin College 1981, and PhD Environmental Science University of Waterloo 1990. Terry recently completed a three year stint for the Canadian government as Chairman of the Asia Pacific Partnership on Renewable Energy working with scientists in China, India, Australia, Korea, Japan, and the United States and is now winding down after 30 years as senior scientist for Environment Canada.

**James C. Mullins '75** – retired from full time work as a Social Worker with Alberta Children's Services and is now working part time at a small Treatment Agency in Edmonton.

**Heather Nutbeem '78** – is in semi-retirement.

**Heather Slapack (nee Schwartz) '80** – Presently teaching ESL to students in Grade 1 – Grade 8.

**Vincenza (Enza) MacEachern (nee Rosato) '83** – Enza has been a Vice Principal with the Rainbow District School Board in Sudbury for the past three years. She is happily married to Dean (UWO '84) and proud mom to Danielle, 20 and Julia 19.

**Andrew Leach '88** – Currently, I am an English and drama teacher at Ridley College, an independent boarding school in St. Catharines, ON. Recently, I was awarded the Terence Cronyn Chair – an academic award given by Ridley for outstanding teaching in a respective discipline. This three year tenure is designed to provide significant funding to a faculty member in order that he/she might "provide an unquestioned embellishment of the calibre of [the school's] academic programme." I am currently living and working in St. Catharines with my wife Nicky and three children – AnnMarie, Owen and Alison.

**Pascal V. Calarco '91** – has been appointed Associate University Librarian, Discovery and Digital Services, University of Waterloo, and will return to southwestern Ontario in July with his wife Mary and children Christina and PJ after 16 years of working at academic research libraries in the US.

**Frances E. Di Cesare '97** – received her Master of Public Administration degree from Dalhousie University in spring 2009 and is working with Nova Scotia Environment in beautiful Halifax, Nova Scotia.

**Janet Toohey (nee Thuss) '99** – Janet and Patrick, along with big brother Joel and big sisters Laura and Charlotte would like to announce the arrival of Elizabeth Beverley, born September 14, 2010.

**Elisa Lachapelle (nee Ciardullo) '00** – has been employed for the last 10 years at Intact Insurance (formerly known as ING Insurance) in Accident Benefits. She and her husband were married in December 2009 and are now proud parents of a beautiful baby girl, Emma.



^ **Kristine (Kris) Bannerman (nee Holland) '02** – Kris and her husband Rob are proud and blessed to announce the healthy and safe arrival of their beautiful son Nash Robert Bannerman on December 11, 2010, weighing 7 lbs 1 oz.

**Krisa Cantrell Bedard '05** – I work for a non profit organization serving low income families. I have returned to school as a pre-med student and will be applying to medical school in 2011. I am married and live in Texas.

**Rachel Olawuyi '06** – is now in-charge of a new program in Fort McMurray Alberta.



^ **Andrew Jardine '06** – Andrew and his wife Erin are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Claire, who was born on October 22, 2010, weighing 7 lbs 6 oz.

> **Kelli V. Cowley '07**

– After graduating Kings, I attended teachers college at York University and was offered a job teaching grade 6/7 in my hometown of Sarnia, Ontario. Kings gave me so many wonderful opportunities and I was able to receive an excellent education from wonderful professors. I absolutely loved Kings and the friends I made.





^ **Mark Wareing '07 and Rachel Dyan Fowler '08** were happily married on May 15, 2010.

> **Chloe Hamza '08** – received a 2010 Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship, one of Canada’s most prestigious scholarships for doctoral students. She is currently a Psychology PhD candidate at Brock University where she is conducting research into the area of parenting and adolescence. My experience at Kings undoubtedly contributed to my success as a student, and I cannot thank the staff and faculty at King’s enough for their enduring support and encouragement. I feel so fortunate to have completed my undergraduate degree at King’s University College, and I am so grateful to department of psychology for motivating me to pursue graduate studies.



**Dana Glass '09** – I relocated back to my hometown area of Belleville after MSW graduation in 2010. I was hired at Hastings Children’s Aid as an ongoing Child Protection Worker.

## In Memoriam

We extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of:

**Laura Zimmer** third-year English Language and Literature student, who passed away on October 29, 2010.

**Maureen Thompson**, Associate Alumna who passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, on September 10, 2010.

**Nicholas “Nick” Sostarich '58** who passed away on July 31, 2010, in Sudbury, ON.

**Reverend Father Daniel Rocheleau '70** who passed away on November 27, 2010, with his loving and faithful canine companion Stella by his side.

**Tracy Mulvihill '85** who passed away on May 22, 2010. Celebrate the 1st Annual Tracy Mulvihill Memorial Birthday Bash and Fundraiser on Saturday, May 14, 2011, at The Gladstone Hotel, 1214 Queen St W, Toronto, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$35 at the door and support 'The Tracy Fund' for sending underprivileged urban youth to summer camp. Visit 'The Tracy Fund' facebook fan page or email friendsotracyMulvihill@gmail.com for more details.

**Mary Sheehan Birch (nee Bagley) '86** who passed away peacefully in Oakville, ON, surrounded by her loving family, on September 27, 2010. To honour Mary’s memory, the Birch family is establishing the Mary Sheehan-Birch Award in support of King’s students in the Master of Social Work Program. To contribute to this Award, please contact 1-800-265-4406 ext 4500.

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