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KING'S CONNECT

THE EDITOR WRITES

By Erin Lawson



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Photo: Craig Scorgie

The Development and Alumni Affairs team spends a good deal of time developing and promoting ways to keep King's relevant to those who have benefitted from a King's education, who support us, and who believe in the value of an education from a small, Catholic, primarily undergraduate university.

One product of this desire to keep you connected with King's is in your hands: the *King's Herald*. We want to share the stories of our alumni: their careers, families, and involvement. I have had the pleasure of meeting Jennifer Mercanti (pg 13) who lives in Oakville, David MacKenzie (pg 14) from London and Karen Campbell (pg 16) from Vancouver, on numerous occasions. What strikes me most about these graduates is that they all have interesting and unique stories about their King's experience, the faculty who inspired them and their life path that was influenced in part by their time at King's. I hope you enjoy reading their stories. Recently we developed the Life After

King's Mentoring Program for current students and recent graduates so that they can connect with alumni, share stories and discuss career paths.

We plan events across the country to meet with alumni and each year everyone is invited to come home to King's. This year's Homecoming is from September 19-21. As we celebrate King's 60th anniversary, we would like to hear your story! Whether it's a funny anecdote, a favourite memory, a special person, or how King's changed your life, we want to hear it. Tell it in person at homecoming, or contact me at erin.lawson@uwo.ca or 1-800-265-4406/519-433-3491 x4501. I would love to hear and share your story (some editing may be required).

We also raise money for the priority projects of King's. I am delighted to announce that we have approximately \$300,000 left to raise of our \$10.5 million goal which was set to support

student awards and the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for your support of this Campaign. We are so proud of the King Centre, and are pleased to provide further support to our students with financial need, thanks to your generosity.

Your support and commitment is greatly appreciated, but we also value the opportunity to get to know you and to have you speak well of King's. Our reputation as Canada's finest Catholic institution of higher learning is dependent on your endorsement. When it comes to fundraising, our hope is that, when you consider donating to a cause, King's is one of your top three charities of choice.

From all of us on the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs team, thank you for your support, interest and involvement.

MEET THE PRESIDENT



Q&A with David Castillo.



Photo: Craig Scorgie

David Castillo - President 2014-15
Program: 4th year Honors Specialization Political Science, Minor in History
Born: Villavicencio, Meta, Colombia
Hometown: London, Ontario
Year immigrated to Canada: 1999

What is the role of the KUCSC President?

The President oversees a Council of 50 students who represent different groups, interests and initiatives. The President also serves as the official face of the King's student body in university and municipal affairs.

Why did you choose King's?

I chose King's because of the small classes and the community feel. This is a very welcoming academic place. Also, I knew I could stay at home and save money.

What does the KUCSC have planned for 2014-15?

My vision is to have an organized and transparent Council that is an integral part of the King's community. I hope to strengthen the bond between faculty and student groups at large. The executive plans to rewrite our constitution, incorporating some new programs, such as student assistance for writing grant applications. In addition, we would like to be actively involved with the King's Academic Mentoring Program.

Thoughts on the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre:

I love that we are so visible - not only the Students' Council Offices, but also the King's Connection and the Write Place. Council hopes to hold more events in the King Centre, including movie nights in the theatre.

Why did you want to be Students' Council President?

In my first year at King's, I was inspired by KUCSC President Pat Searle '11, who I also knew from cadets. He was the kind of leader I want to be. King's has encouraged me to get involved and develop leadership and advocacy skills.

What are your future plans?

I would like to go to grad school and pursue a Master of Political Management.

EITHER/OR ?

Map or GPS: Map. It is a contradiction to my love of technology, but I hate when drivers pay more attention to the GPS than the actual road signs.

City or country: The city. I like always having some kind of activity going on around me.

Cat or dog: Dog, for sure. We had 12 dogs in Colombia.

Fiction or non-fiction: Fiction. I like Marvel Universe, Star Wars, Lord of the Rings and as a kid I loved Harry Potter and Artemis Fowl.

Sun or ski: Sun, but I do ski and board at Boler Mountain in London.

iPhone or Android: iPhone, I supported Android for 4 years but now that I've switched to iPhone, I'm not going back.

Beer or wine: Beer, but my staple drink is a rum & coke.

Manual or automatic: Automatic, but I've always wanted to learn manual - everyone says it's very cool looking.

Coffee or tea: Colombian coffee for sure!

Spiderman or Batman: Spiderman. It was one of the first books I got when I came to Canada.

Early riser or night owl: Lately I have gotten the hang of waking up early, but, I also don't go to sleep until 1a.m.

Book or e-reader: Book. When doing an essay there's nothing more convenient than a physical page and lots of sticky notes.



David Castillo with Everett Aukema, governance officer, KUCSC

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING BY FULL-TIME FACULTY

By Dr. Sauro Camiletti

Dr. Alison Meek, Associate Professor of History, joined the faculty at King's in 2001 and has been on the Dean's Honor Roll of Teaching Excellence every year since her arrival.

Her teaching philosophy is simple. Her approach to teaching history is to make history come alive, to make history and a history degree relevant, to ensure students are accepted as participants in the classroom, and to set forth clear expectations for both students and herself.

Indeed, she carries out each of these objectives in a broad range of American history courses at all levels with consummate skill and unbridled enthusiasm. She sweeps the students away on an historical journey transporting them in time and space in an environment characterized by spirited debate, complete engagement, and total immersion in classes with standing room only. The students are at once entertained and mesmerized - hardly aware that they have consumed vast amounts of information that reflects the current state of the discipline. She attends to the organization of her teaching materials and the grading of papers, tests and exams with impeccable precision and efficiency.

Her students describe her as the best professor they have ever had, as passionate, energetic, stimulating, highly organized and motivating. She has helped hundreds of students outside the classroom, written countless letters of reference and received testimonials of the highest order from students that she has shepherded into graduate programs at prestigious universities.

One of her former Department Chairs described her first year teaching evaluations as "leaving all of us choking in the dust". I am happy to report that she has only improved with time.



*She sweeps the students away
on an historical journey*



Darryl J. King Student Life Centre

Photo: Craig Scorgie

UNVEILING OF THE NEW POVERTY RESEARCH CENTRE



Glen Pearson, former MP for London North Centre and founder of the London Food Bank

Details of a new collaborative initiative, the London Poverty Research Centre, and its bold vision to see an end to poverty in London, were recently unveiled at a news conference held at King's, in the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre.

The Centre, a joint venture of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the London Food Bank, is guided by a volunteer Task Force and supported by funders and partners, including the London Community Foundation and King's University College. King's faculty and students will be major academic partners, providing research and data from the School of Social Work, Economics, Social Justice & Peace Studies, Religious Studies and Sociology.

Given the complexity of the issues associated with poverty, the Centre will focus its research, knowledge management and communications efforts on the following areas: precarious employment, food security, mental health and homelessness.

The Centre won't be housed in a building, but on a web site launching in the fall of 2014. It will bring together existing and new London data for students, professors, agencies, policy makers, the media and other residents to explore, challenge and change the issues around poverty in London.

GREEN TEAM HOLDS ENVIRO DAY

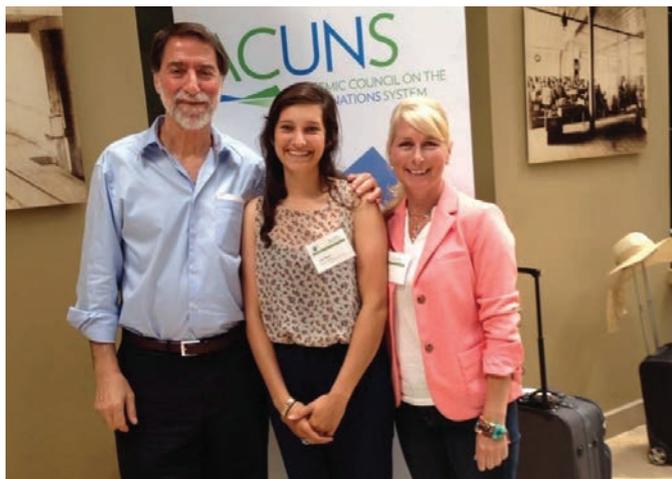
King's Green Team held E-Waste days on May 13 and 14 where members from the local community brought old electronics, batteries and toner cartridges for free recycling. On May 14, the Green Team also hosted a plant sale to promote Enviro Day. Funds raised will be used to spruce up Wemple Courtyard over the summer months.



Green Team members Mike Dahms and Julie Siverns

KING'S CONNECT

KING'S WELL REPRESENTED AT ACUNS ANNUAL MEETING



(L-R): Dr. Tozun Bahcheli, Amy Wood '13 and Dr. Erin Hannah

Dr. Tozun Bahcheli and Erin Hannah presented papers at the 2014 Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) Annual Meeting at Kadir University in Istanbul, Turkey.

Amy Wood, BA '13 (Social Justice and Peace Studies and Political Science), also delivered a paper at the Annual Meeting entitled, *Beyond 2015: International Trade and Development Deficit*.

In the process of completing a Master of Arts in Global Governance at the Balsillie School of International Affairs, Wood is currently working with the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), and the International Migration Research Centre (IMRC) on issues of migrant transnationalism and citizenship.



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Wednesday, September 24, 2014
Reverend Donald Cozzens

Words out of Silence: Writing as Spiritual Practice

Thursday, October 2, 2014
Kathleen Norris
Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph

Singing Communities

Thursday, November 6, 2014
Joey Weisenberg
Sponsored by Centre for Jewish-Catholic-Muslim Learning

How to Tell A Beautiful Story: The Tale of Joseph in the Qur'an

Thursday, January 22, 2015
Dr. Ingrid Mattson
Sponsored by Centre for Jewish-Catholic-Muslim Learning

Sacred Symbol. Sacred Art.

Thursday, February 5, 2015
Jonathan Pageau

Connecting to Faith and Spirituality in the Digital Age: A Franciscan Perspective

Thursday, March 12, 2015
Reverend Daniel Horan
Sponsored by the London District Catholic School Board

Annual Christ the King Lecture Hunting the Divine Fox: God in the Church's Liturgical and Devotional Life

Thursday, November 20, 2014
Father Jan Michael Joncas
7:30 p.m.

Lectures will be held at:
7:30 p.m.
Joanne & Peter Kenny Theatre
Darryl J. King Student Life Centre
266 Epworth Avenue, London ON
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

By Dr. David Sylvester

DEFINING MOMENTS IN AN UNFOLDING VISION

To Be the Finest Catholic Institution of Higher Learning in Canada

*King's Vision Statement,
Vision, Values and Learning, p. 8*

What better time to reflect upon where King's has been and what lies ahead for our institution than a 60th anniversary? You don't have to be a disciple of Malcolm Gladwell to recognize that our personal and collective journeys are defined by myriad crossroads, the occasional conjuncture, and a few critical defining moments. The story of King's is no different.

In the last issue of the *King's Herald*, I described how in 1954 Bishop Cody, backed by influential Catholic leaders of London, responded to a modest invitation from Western to admit non-seminarians to St. Peter's with the more ambitious step of opening Christ the King College. King's stands today as one of the leading Catholic post-secondary institutions in Canada, but by no means was it a smooth and direct path to our current reality. While there are many milestones marking the winding road to this anniversary year of celebration, there are an important handful that I would like to highlight as they illustrate how King's has grown and developed over the last six decades:

Stop the Sale of King's: Barely a dozen years after it was opened, the King's campus was slated to be sold to Western. Bishop Carter's decision to close King's was opposed, however, by students, faculty and administration. As a stop-gap measure, a lay board stepped in to run the College for one year. After a few bumpy years of transition, a way forward was paved for King's, one marked by a new understanding of proactive collegial governance and a commitment to financial sustainability;

The Harris Cuts Won't Kill Us: In the face of a 26% cut in provincial funding to Ontario universities, the King's community collectively decided not to lay off employees, but to share the pain together across the College. This uniquely-King's response strengthened the community in obvious and subtle ways, and positioned the College extremely well to move forward together once funding was eventually restored in 2002;

Doubling the Size of the King's Campus: The purchase of the Silverwood Manor in 1976 was a pivotal moment in the history of King's. The acquisition addressed the College's immediate space concerns and invited the King's community to dream about a new kind of academic institution. This bold purchase of the south side of Epworth, with its tired old 'mansion' (now the stately Dante Lenardon Hall), at a time when the College had limited resources, enabled student enrolment growth and the introduction of new high-quality academic programs supported by additional full-time faculty and staff. To support this growth, several modern buildings were constructed, including the Annex, the Cardinal Carter Library, Bessie Labatt Hall, the Faculty Building, and most recently, the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre. Along the way, King's expanded its footprint through the acquisition of Broughdale Hall and neighbouring residential properties.

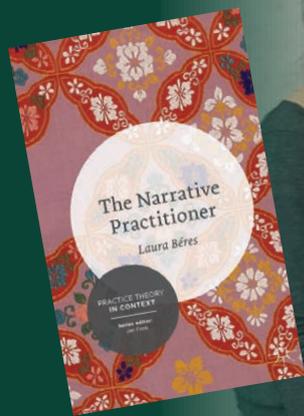
Legal Incorporation: While an incorporation committee was struck as far back as 1970, it was only on December 31, 2013, that King's finally achieved its definitive standing as a legal entity independent of the Diocese of London through civil and canonical



incorporation. This institutional 'coming-of-age' was long overdue and has opened the door to additional opportunities for King's to develop as one of Canada's premier undergraduate institutions;

What lies ahead for King's in its near and long-term future? As a rule, I don't keep a crystal ball on my desk. I can tell you, however, that your *alma mater* is stronger than it has ever been, and that strength lies not in the beautiful limestone buildings that make up our campus, but in the commitment of the people who work and study here. That historic commitment is to develop a centre of educational excellence, one that challenges and supports each member to acknowledge and realize the many gifts they, and this College, have been given.

And, as it has been for 60 years, the continued success of King's will require the commitment of the entire King's family, from the staff and students, faculty, board and alumni, as well as friends of Catholic higher education across this country. Together, we are keeping faith both with our colourful past and with our promising future. Together, we seek out those defining moments that lie just around the corner, those opportunities that will permit King's to realize its strategic vision to be, and to be recognized as, the finest Catholic university in Canada.



NARRATIVE THERAPY CONSULTATION GROUP

Group members (L-R) include: Sandy Ferreira, BSW '04 MSW '09, Diane Gingrich, BSW '96 MSW '09, Nancy Turnbull, BSW '13 MSW '14, Coralee Berlemont, BSW '04 MSW '12, Dr. Laura Béres (School of Social Work), Hiedi Britton-dejeu, BSW '00 MSW '09 and Joanna Bedggod, BSW '90 MSW '07. Members absent from photo include: Melissa Page-Nichols, BSW '02 MSW '07, Tosha Densky, BSW '11 MSW '14, and Christopher Sollazzo, BSW '13 MSW '14.

Dr. Laura Béres, associate professor in the School of Social Work, is a published expert on narrative therapy theory and practice. Narrative therapy is an approach to counselling and community work that views people as the experts of their own lives. Narrative therapists ask questions to generate experientially vivid descriptions of life events that have previously been ignored through the focus on problem storylines and which can generate new possibilities in peoples' lives as they move toward preferred storylines.

At King's, Béres puts her expertise to practice in the classroom and with alumni. Under her mentorship, the Narrative Therapy Consultation Group began in January 2009, and continues to meet monthly during the academic year.

"We often pick topics in advance, such as grief, and we discuss case exam-

ples," explains Berlemont. "We practice the conversational maps of narrative therapy or talk through issues when we meet."

There are so many cutbacks now. So, if people are trying to develop new skills, they can do that through this group.

All group discussions are confidential and the members wholeheartedly agree that the meetings help them stay current on developments in the practice of narrative therapy. "This is an opportunity for personal and professional support," says Britton-dejeu.

Béres is pleased to bring professional development opportunities to King's alumni. "There are so many cutbacks to

supervision and ongoing professional development opportunities in social service agencies these days. If former students of my narrative therapy elective in the MSW programme wish to continue developing these skills, they can do so through this group."

Béres also describes having received a great deal from having been involved in this consultation group. Page-Nichols, Ferreira, Gingrich, Berlemont, Britton-dejeu and Bedggood enriched her most recent book by contributing case examples. Her new book, *The Narrative Practitioner*, was published on June 30, 2014. The book offers an introduction to narrative therapy theory and practice, describing the underlying philosophy, ethics, and practice methods, providing a bridge between theory and practice as a tool for students and practitioners.

For more information about the group, please contact lberes2@uwo.ca.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Natalie Mak '10, president, King's University College Alumni Association



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This year, King's kicked off its anniversary celebrations, 60 Years of Making a Difference. Since opening in 1954, King's University College has welcomed students of all faiths, encouraging a diverse community dedicated to the provision of social justice. As an academic liberal arts institution, King's fosters a love of learning and a strong sense of community. With a successful spring and fall convocation, I would like to congratulate all our hard-working graduates, and welcome them to alumni community!

The fall season will mark the beginning of many exciting events, including chapter events and Homecoming. This year, the theme for Homecoming is 'What's your story'. King's plays an enormous role in shaping the personal stories of King's alumni. Each of us has our own favourite story to tell about King's – join us at Homecoming and share yours. We are also accepting submissions for publication in the next issue of the *King's Herald*.

With my term as president coming to an end, I would like to thank everyone who participated in our chapter events, as well as the hard-working staff in the Alumni Office, and each member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors for their support in continuously building King's as a wonderful and inclusive community. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Ryan McMurray '08 as the incoming president of the Alumni Association. Ryan shows great care and passion for King's, especially in his role as chair of the young alumni committee. I am confident that the Alumni Association will continue to strengthen and grow under Ryan's leadership.

Bring the whole family to the King's Fall Fair!



Alumni and friends are invited to King's Fall Fair taking place at Kustermans Berry Farm located in Mount Brydges just west of London.

Join the campus community at this 'welcome back' event and enjoy a taste of the country with pony rides, zip lines, corn mazes, farm animals, face painting and much more.

Saturday, September 13, 2014
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Kustermans Berry Farm
23188 Springwell Road,
Mount Brydges

RSVP by August 31 to alumni@kings.uwo.ca
(please include ages of the children)



FINDING BALANCE

THROUGH GIVING BACK

By Kaleigh Rodgers

For many second-year university students, the prospect of making long-term career decisions is seemingly unthinkable. This was not the case for associate alumna Jennifer Mercanti. After only two years studying English, Business and Philosophy at King's, Mercanti was admitted to the Faculty of Law at the University of Windsor.

From a young age, the entrepreneurial spirits of her Italian immigrant father and uncles were an inspiration to Mercanti. While her family's success fostered her ambition, she is thankful for the guidance of King's faculty members (namely Dr. Brian Patton, Dr. Paul Werstine and Dr. Hunter Brown) whom she credits in part for her early success.

"I found each of them to be very enthusiastic and passionate about their teaching," said Mercanti. "I remember speaking with them frequently outside of the classroom to obtain feedback and advice. I believe this was instrumental in my development and enabled me to enter law school after only two years of undergraduate studies."

Little more than a decade after being called to the Bar, Mercanti is now the Assistant Vice-President and Chief Counsel for Manulife Investments. In this role, she oversees all legal issues for the wealth management business at Manulife Financial Corporation, and manages a team of law clerks and lawyers.

Despite the pace of her job, Mercanti partakes in an impressive list of activities after hours. In 2012, after completing over 200 hours of training, she became a Registered Yoga Teacher with Yoga Alliance and regularly teaches at several studios and health clubs. In 2014, she completed her Certified Professional Coach designation with the International Coaching Federation after completing over

340 hours of training in the U.S. and Canada. For Mercanti, these qualifications have allowed her to achieve balance in her own life and to help others achieve their full potential.

"I decided to become a yoga teacher to help me connect with myself both personally and spiritually," said Mercanti. "In July 2013, I decided to become a professional coach as I was leading more lawyers at Manulife. I recognize the importance of empowering people by supporting them to invest in their development."

Today, providing opportunities for others to achieve personal and professional success is also high on Mercanti's list of philanthropic priorities. She works with the Charity of Hope in Oakville and Hamilton to raise funds for children in need, providing access to education and other support systems. This year, Mercanti has recognized her experience at King's with the establishment of the Jennifer Mercanti Award in English and/or Philosophy.

"I am forever grateful to King's for the education I received and I wanted to provide other students with an opportunity to receive a similar education," said Mercanti. "There is a direct correlation between education and success in life; I would like to provide more students with an opportunity to improve their circumstances."

Mercanti has found her passion in helping others to achieve their own. With no signs of slowing down, she has ambitions of leading a larger team, obtaining global experience, doing more charitable work and coaching more people. In the future, she may add author to her resume as she hopes to write a book to inspire people to find their purpose and create a better, more balanced life.

LIBERAL ARTS & THE PATH TO SUCCESS

David MacKenzie, BA '83 (English and History), could make a strong case for the value of influence. The London litigator, who admits to being an "immature teenager", was positively influenced by a prominent legal family in his hometown of Goderich, ON. He credits this early influence for putting him on the path of being the first of 10 children to graduate from university. Now, he eagerly encourages youth in his community to pursue post-secondary education – especially at King's.

"I was a very raw recruit when I came to King's," he says, reflecting back more than 30 years. "Justice Jim Donnelly was one of the early influences in my life. He encouraged me to go to King's and to consider law school."

Justice Donnelly's son, Dan (BA '82), was already studying at King's, so MacKenzie knew that there would be at least one familiar face in the crowd when he entered his first year.

"I was an average student coming in," says MacKenzie. "King's gave me the confidence and the skill set to compete for a spot at law school. The professors not only knew my name, but they also knew my goals. The community and culture at King's led me to grow up not only as a student, but also as a person."

While at King's, MacKenzie played two seasons of varsity basketball for the Western Mustangs. It was there he met his future wife, Kelly (nee Wilson). The couple married, had two children, Robyn and Kailey, and MacKenzie continued his legal studies while Kelly taught secondary school English. After completing his BA in English and History at King's, MacKenzie went on to earn a Master of Arts in History from Western in 1984, followed by a law degree in 1988, and a Master of Law in 2009.

MacKenzie is managing partner of

Szemenyei MacKenzie Group Law Firm LLP in downtown London, where he oversees eight lawyers and a total staff of 28. "Problem solving is a big part of my job and it is a skill that King's helped me develop. I think that King's is responsible for a large part of the success in my life."

As a proponent of liberal arts education, MacKenzie is now influencing youth in his community through his long involvement with coaching basketball. The MacKenzies are devoted residents of Byron, in the west end of London, and were active in coaching club basketball at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School until Kelly's recent retirement. "I enjoy talking to youth about what a liberal arts education did for me," says MacKenzie. "The power of the written and spoken word in the business world is amazing. I believe it is the fundamental platform that everyone should have."

One person that MacKenzie is proud to have sent King's way is Ryan McMurray (BA '08). McMurray is a member of the King's Alumni Association Board and will take on the role of president at their Annual General Meeting in September. Both the McMurray and MacKenzie families resided in the same Byron neighborhood, and when McMurray was selecting his post-secondary school of choice, MacKenzie encouraged him to attend King's. After graduation, McMurray worked at Szemenyei MacKenzie Group to test the waters for his own interest in law. In the end, he McMurray chose financial planning and is now with RBC.

Calling King's an "environment for personal growth", the MacKenzies are proud to further influence positive growth in students by supporting The Write Place, an essay writing support centre for students that is now located in the King Centre. "I keep telling the lawyers at the firm to write the best

possible scenario for our clients' success. And that is what King's does – it creates the best possible scenario for students' success.

Outside of his day job, and when not advocating for King's, the MacKenzies take time off for themselves to enjoy golfing in both London and Florida.

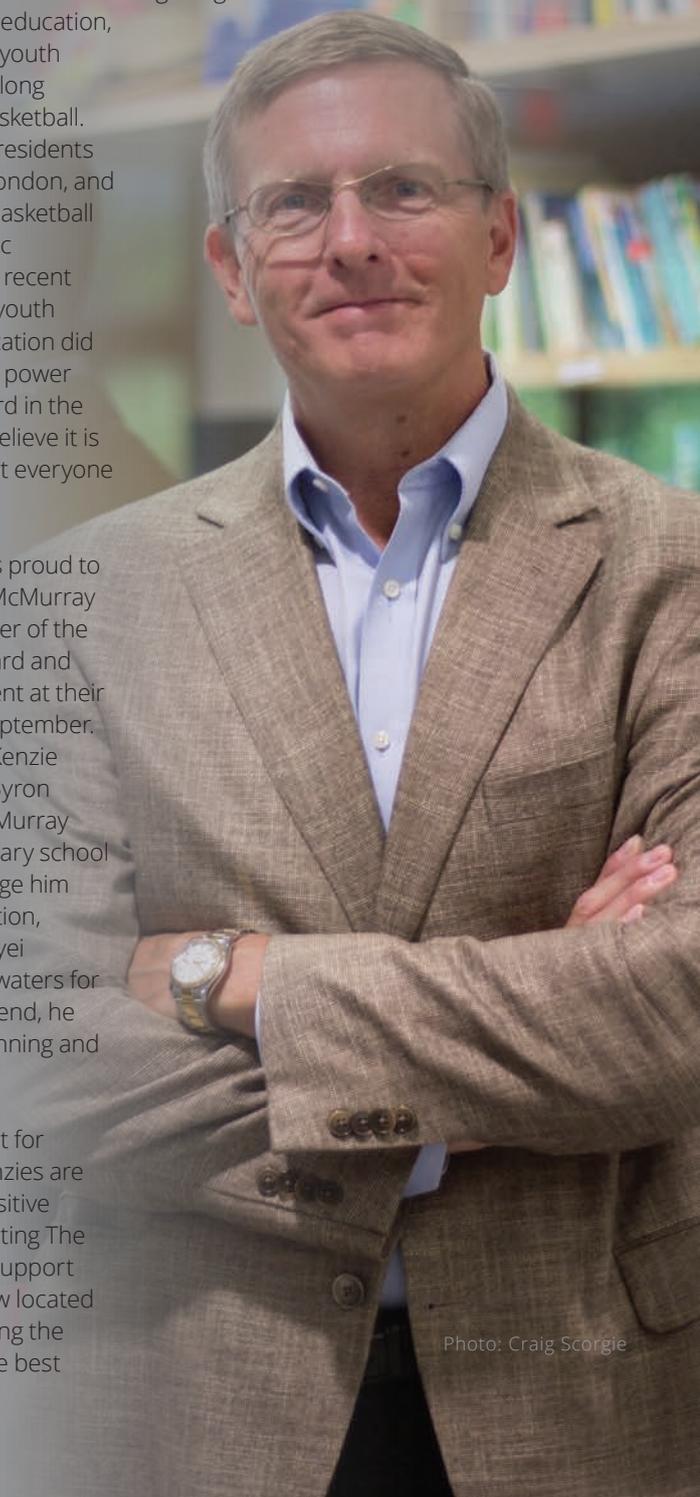


Photo: Craig Scorgie



by Agnes Chick

MOTHER-DAUGHTER DUO TAKES ON FAMILY LAW

Photo: Craig Scorgie

For Lauren MacDonald, BA '08 (English and Psychology), the apple didn't fall far from the tree when it comes to her passion for family law. Her mother Anita Kain, BA '80, a successful lawyer and co-founder of Kain & Ball Family Law Lawyers, has been an inspiration to her in every sense of the word. The mother-daughter duo has shared a love for law ever since MacDonald was a young child and would help out with filing papers at the office.

The two have such a close relationship that when the time came for MacDonald to choose a university, she decided to follow her mother's footsteps and enrolled in the Modern Languages program. Growing up in a house with King's alumni, including her father Joe MacDonald, BA '80, she had been exposed to King's her entire life, attending Homecoming events with her parents and listening to stories of their time as students.

"You could say King's was in her blood right from the beginning," says Kain with pride, who recalls her time at university as a positive experience that gave a wonderful start to her career and personal life.

"I applied to other schools," says MacDonald. "But the day that I got my acceptance from King's I knew that it was where I wanted to be." She even made sure to live in residence on the third floor of Wemple just a few doors down from her mother's old dorm room. The pair also shares a love for writing and communications, both taking similar courses in university

and occasionally with the same professors, including English with Dr. Paul Werstine and Psychology with Dr. Nicholas Skinner.

"I was fortunate to have some of the best professors at King's," says Kain. "I credit them for giving me strong writing skills, and the ability to formulate an argument and defend it." After graduating from King's, Kain continued her education at Osgoode Law School in Toronto and was called to the Ontario Bar in 1985. She articulated with Kingsmill, Jennings, and initially began her career with the Toronto firm working exclusively in the area of family law. Later on, Kain went on to practice as counsel with the Toronto firm of Holden Day Wilson before cofounding the firm with David Ball in 1993.

I was fortunate to have some of the best professors at King's.

It's no surprise that MacDonald, too, obtained her Juris Doctor from Osgoode, articling with her mother's firm in 2011-2012. She was admitted to the Ontario Bar in 2012, and returned to Kain & Ball as an associate. The pair has been working together ever since, building a cooperative and positive work environment with a team of 25 professionals in four offices across the Greater Toronto Area.

"I built the firm from the ground up," points out Kain. "It's a privilege coming to work with bright people who keep me stimulated and on my toes. We've

adopted a philosophy here where there isn't competition or jealousy. It's what makes coming to work a pleasure each day."

MacDonald couldn't agree more. She admits that while family law can be difficult some days, the team support is what makes their firm thrive. On top of her associate duties, MacDonald has taken the firm to a new level with marketing and communications, updating the company's website and maintaining its social media accounts. She's also in charge of recruiting and hiring summer students – a process she feels is important to maintaining the corporate culture at Kain & Ball.

The mother-daughter duo is having the time of their lives doing what they love together as a team. Kain is thrilled that she's been able to practice family law with her daughter by her side.

"I don't think there can be anything more validating for a parent than a child to express their admiration of what you do and who you are by making the same choices that you did," notes Kain. "For me, when Lauren told me that she wanted to become a lawyer, go to Osgoode and practice family law, it was such a wonderful feeling. I get choked up thinking about it."

MacDonald feels the same way, describing her mother as the perfect role model. "For me, the greatest compliment anyone can give me is that I remind them of my mom. There's nowhere else I'd rather be than working right here with her."



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & THE PATH TO A
GREENER WORLD

Karen Campbell '88 (BA History) fights big legal battles for important environmental causes that she says, "gives trees and whales standing." While that may sound like an unusual form of practicing law, Campbell, through her occupation as an environmental lawyer with EcoJustice in British Columbia, represents elements of the natural world that would otherwise go unheard.



"The simple fact is that nature doesn't have standing to go to court. That appeals to me intellectually and to my passion. I love going into nature because it calms my heart and soul," says Campbell from her office in Vancouver.

Her passion has already inspired environmental awareness outside of the courtroom. "When my nine-year-old son suggested that we get an electric car, I knew my work had meaning," says Campbell. Of course, a car is a rare necessity for the family as they are year-round bicycle commuters.

Convincing people of all ages to think about climate change is gratifying for Campbell. Her dream is that today's youth will create a renewable energy economy through sustainable economic development. She sees an opportunity for business and the environment to work hand in hand if centred on the same goal of reducing fossil fuel productions.

Like many King's alumni, Campbell started down the path of service and social justice through her King's experience. "I think it comes back to the idea of service and how to use my skills, passion and intellect and give back. That is something that continues to come out of a King's education – service and giving back."

This line of work was not Campbell's original plan when entering university. While studying at King's, her goal was to become a historian, but her focus shifted when she began working for the Canadian Environmental Law Association in Toronto after graduating from Dalhousie University Law School in 1991.

Backed by a Master's degree in International Environmental Law (University of London '97), Campbell moved to Vancouver to work with West Coast Environmental Law and the Pembina Institute. In 2011, she

joined EcoJustice as staff lawyer and climate and energy team lead with a specific mission in mind - to use the law to reduce the impacts of oil and gas developments and to help tackle climate change and its effects.

With clients like the David Suzuki Foundation, Western Canada Wilderness Committee, Raincoast Conservation Foundation, and the Sierra Club of BC, Campbell works as a litigator on issues that revolve around climate change. Some of her concerns are toxic spills, vessel traffic and the impacts of industry on the environment, and she has been working on some controversial issues regarding oil pipelines in British Columbia.

"The role EcoJustice plays is to hold the government accountable and to make sure the government isn't breaking its own law," explains Campbell. This past June her workload increased significantly when her clients asked her to appeal a federal decision to approve the Northern Gateway project, which will transport oil over land and waters in Northern Canada.

That is part of what is coming out of King's strongly these days – service and giving back.

"The work we are doing is important. We need to slow things down or I am worried that the places of my childhood won't be there for my kids," she says.

Campbell may consider a political career once her two sons have grown. For now, her spare time is spent enjoying the same environment she works daily to protect. The family are avid outdoors enthusiasts who have embraced BC lifestyle, partaking in activities such as bicycling, water sports and hiking. But first, she says she is working for the trees and whales.



LIFE AFTER KING'S MENTORING PROGRAM

Jeremy Santucci '12 and Daniel Cuevas '11

The Life After King's Mentoring Program was developed just over a year ago with the intention of connecting students and graduates who are interested in career mentorship with alumni who are established in their professions. The program is a partnership between Career Services and the Office of Alumni Affairs at King's.

The program at King's differs from other mentorship programs in its simplicity. Alumni are contacted when a possible match is presented – there is no need to sign up, and no obligation to participate. Mentors and protégés may decide to meet in person, over the phone, or keep in touch via email. The flexible nature of the program makes it accessible to students and alumni despite competing schedules, geographic barriers and other obstacles.

I'd definitely recommend the King's Alumni Mentoring Program to others.

"For me it was very eye opening to speak with an established professional in my desired career field to hear how they got to where they are, develop a better understanding of the career itself and get their insights on how to navigate the industry as a whole. I've made what I feel will be a lasting professional relationship and contact who will be there to guide me through my future career. I'd definitely recommend the King's Alumni Mentoring Program to others." – Jeremy Santucci '12

Protégés of the program benefit from the experience of fellow alumni who have already faced the challenges encountered by all young professionals, as well as insights specific to their area of interest. Mentorship is a way for King's alumni to give back to the community that gave them their start, perpetuating the King's traditions of leadership, community and service to others.

In addition to mentorship, the Alumni Association has hosted a number of networking events in London and Toronto. The events are typically breakfast or lunch hour opportunities to meet other alumni located in the downtown communities.

King's alumni also have access to a variety of career building tools through both King's Career Services and Western's Student Success Centre.

Career Services at King's
519-661-3559
csd@kings.uwo.ca

The Student Success Centre (Western)
519-433-3491 x4321
careercounsellor@uwo.ca

Matt Quin presents, *Lead with your Words – Effective Communication in Team Building*



DEVELOPMENT DAY

CONNECT. GROW. LEAD



Sarah Lawless '97 presents, *The Power of Linked In*



Keynote speaker Stuart Knight with Kelly Schaus

Development Day: connect. grow. lead. took place on Friday, May 2, 2014. Approximately 80 people attended this full day professional and personal development day in the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre. Keynote speaker, Stuart Knight, kicked things off with his presentation *Four Conversations of a Leader*. For the remainder of the day, attendees had the opportunity to hear from a variety of industry leaders on topics such as productivity, career development coaching, communications and personal branding strategies. The day concluded with a wine and cheese reception and music with Gareth Bush '13.



Amy Grant '05 presents, *How Employers Hire Their Employees From an HR Perspective*



Wine and cheese reception with music by Gareth Bush '13

EVENTS RECAP



▲ Spring Convocation

On June 10, more than 600 graduates were welcomed to the King's University College Alumni Association at the 303rd Convocation Ceremonies. Congratulations to the class of 2014.



(L-R): David Sylvester, Jamie Algate '00, Karen Stintz '92, Jason Peetsma '01, Erin Lawson, Heather Mackay '94

▲ Toronto Chapter Networking Breakfast

Alumnus Jason Peetsma '01 hosted a breakfast at Odgers Interim on May 15. This event has become popular with the Toronto Chapter and provides a great opportunity to meet other King's graduates who live or work in downtown Toronto.



Greg Dack '98 and Anne Jarbough '07

▲ Dancing with Rage in Ottawa

The Ottawa Alumni Chapter enjoyed lunch and a talk on Canadian politics given by King's professor Dr. Jacquie Newman. The group then watched a matinee performance of Canadian comedian and satirist, Mary Walsh's *Dancing with Rage*.



(L-R): Aldo Berlingieri '78, Jim Scarfone '70 and Roger Yachetti '61

▲ Hamilton area alumni gather at Rousseau House

Alumni from the Hamilton area met at Rousseau House in Ancaster for wine, cheese and birthday cake in honour of King's 60th anniversary. Many stories about days past at King's were shared to the enjoyment of all.



Angela Hamilton '96, Elissa Da Cunha Ielapi '00, Dr. David Sylvester and Ed Corrigan '77

London Networking Lunch ▲▼

On March 20, alumni and friends met for lunch at Aroma Mediterranean Restaurant located in downtown London. Principal David Sylvester brought greetings from King's and all who attended had the opportunity to catch up with old friends and make some new connections.



Ryan McMurray '08, Maggie McCormick, Kelly Schaus and Marc Rodrigues



Molly Kong, 14 and Killian Gao '14

▲ International Student Farewell Lunch

The King's community bid farewell to approximately 50 graduating international students with a lunch event at Eight Cuisine in London. The event took place on April 5 and was very well attended with more than 100 guests joining in the celebration



Standing (L-R): Daniel Cuevas '11, Patrick Searle '11 and Andrea Diaz '11

Sitting (L-R): Leroy Li, Barshan Quadry '12, Meaghan Parry '11

▲ Summer Reunion in Toronto

Alumni from the Toronto area gathered at the Watermark Irish Pub & Restaurant on July 12.

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

AUGUST
30



VS



Toronto Blue Jays with Alumni Western

Saturday, August 30, 1 – 4 p.m.

Join Alumni Western for their annual Blue Jays field trip to see the Jays take on the New York Yankees. Tickets are \$41/person, or \$61/person with round-trip bus transportation from London. Tickets and additional information is available at www.alumni.westernu.ca, or by contacting alumni@kings.uwo.ca.

King's Fall Fair

*Saturday, September 13,
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.*

This family-friendly event at Kustermans Berry Farm, Mount Brydges, has become a tradition for King's faculty and staff. This year, the invitation is extended to alumni and their families. Join us for a fun-filled day as we celebrate the start of the new school year. For more information contact Katrina Clarke at alumni@kings.uwo.ca.



19th Annual King's Golf Classic

Monday, September 15

Join alumni and friends at Highland Country Club, London, for the 19th annual Golf Classic in support of current and future students. The cost is \$230/golfer and includes a barbecue lunch, 18 holes of play, and a buffet dinner. For registration or sponsorship information, contact Kelly Schaus at kschaus2@uwo.ca or 519-433-3491 x4565.



(L-R) Paul Glover, Gino Reda, Thérèse Quigley and Dr. David Sylvester

SEPTEMBER

19-20



Homecoming: What's Your Story?

September 19 - 21, 2014

Homecoming 2014 will include many opportunities to enjoy good food, drinks, and entertainment, while celebrating your King's memories with friends. This year we are inviting alumni to tell their King's stories as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the College. See page 24 for more information.

(L-R: Colleen Gamble '83, Dr. Nicholas Skinner, Colleen Griffioen '83 and Karyn Baker '83

SEPTEMBER

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King Lear at the Stratford Festival

Saturday, September 27

11:30 a.m. lunch, 2 p.m. show

Critically acclaimed actor, Colm Feore plays the part of *King Lear* in this performance directed by Stratford Festival artistic director Antoni Cimolino. Prior to the performance, guests will enjoy a catered lunch and insightful talks by Drs. Ian Rae and Paul Werstine. Tickets are \$125, contact alumni@kings.uwo.ca to reserve your seat.

NOVEMBER

27



Toronto Merry Hours Event

Thursday, November 27, 6 - 9 p.m. Ring

in the holiday season at the Toronto Chapter's annual Merry Hours event.

Location and other details to be determined.

(L-R:) Barshan Quadry '12, Erin Gamble '12, Shaun Cowell '12, Meaghan Parry '11 and Christine Nicholson (associate alumna)

HOMECOM

SEPTEMBER 19-21 WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

In celebration of the 60th anniversary of the College we are telling the story of King's. Consider returning to campus this fall to tell us your story – a favourite memory, funny anecdote, special person, or the impact King's has had on your life.



Homecoming 2014



Friday, September 19

7:30 PM

Alumni Association Annual General Meeting

Dr. Desmond Dutrizac Board Room, Dante Lenardon Hall

All alumni are welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting of our Alumni Association. Get the inside scoop on the Association, our plans for 2014-2015, and learn how you can get involved!

7:30 PM

King's Campus Tour

It doesn't matter when you graduated, King's has changed a lot over the years! Sign up for a campus tour to see what King's looks like for students today.

8:30 PM

Friday Night Reunion with Rick McGhie

Vitali Student Lounge, Lester A. Wemple Building

Enjoy the familiar sounds of Rick McGhie at the annual Friday Night Reunion! This is a great opportunity to reunite with old friends, catch up with your favorite professors, reminisce, share stories and celebrate Homecoming. Free admission, cash bar.



Saturday, September 20

10:00 AM

Alumni Brunch

Elizabeth A. "Bessie" Labatt Hall

Be motivated. Be inspired. Be proud. Enjoy a hot brunch as we celebrate the 2014 winners of the Alumni Award of Distinction and the Young Alumni Award. Brunch tickets, \$20.

11:30 AM

King's Campus Tour

Another opportunity to see what has changed and what has stayed the same since you last visited King's.

12:00 PM

Football Ticket Pick-Up

Elizabeth A. "Bessie" Labatt Hall

Pick up your football tickets and board the shuttle bus to TD Stadium. Busses depart at 12:15 PM.

1:00 PM

Western Mustangs Football Game

TD Stadium

Mustang Corral Tent, North End Zone
Cheer on the Western Mustangs as they take on the University of Toronto Varsity Blues! Seating in our exclusive field-level end zone tent is limited, so get your tickets today. Tickets are \$25 and include bus transportation. Food and drinks are available for purchase in the end-zone tent.

4:00 PM

Social Work Alumni Wine & Cheese

Elizabeth A. "Bessie" Labatt Hall

RSVP by Friday, September 12, to Julie Siverns 519-433-3491 x4445 or jsiverns@uwo.ca

5:00 PM

Wings & Things at King's featuring Gareth Bush '13

Garron Family Learning Lounge, Darryl J. King Student Life Centre

Enjoy live music from alumnus and local acoustic musician Gareth Bush '13. Win or lose, come raise a pint to your Alma Mater! All ages are welcome, appetizers provided.

Sunday, September 21

10:30 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Christ the King University Parish The Chapel, Windermere on the Mount 1486 Richmond Street (on the southeast corner of Richmond and Windermere).

5:00 PM

Evening Eucharist

The Worship Space, Elizabeth A. "Bessie" Labatt Hall

Calling all anniversary classes!

As King's celebrates its 60th, many alumni are celebrating anniversaries as well. We hope that all alumni will come home to King's this fall, but those whose grad years end in 4 or 9 have a special incentive to attend - their own anniversaries! Even if you've never attended a Homecoming event in the past, make 2014 the year you celebrate your time at King's.

ALUMNI AWARDS



ALUMNI AWARD OF DISTINCTION ANDY THIBODEAU

By Katrina Clarke

Upon his graduation, Andy Thibodeau, BA '93 (History), was named the "Most Spirited Male Graduate" at King's. Ask anyone who knows Thibodeau, and they're sure to tell you he continues to hold that title. Today, Thibodeau is a regular on campus, donating his time as a motivational speaker to Orientation Week activities at both Western and King's. Year after year, Thibodeau is one of the first to welcome incoming students to King's – many before they've even set foot in a classroom.

Thibodeau's impact on the lives of young people is not limited to the King's community. As a motivational speaker, he has been to more than 2,000 schools, universities, colleges and conferences across Canada and the United States. He has provided the keynote address at the Canadian National Student Leadership Conference, the USA National Association of Student Leaders conference, and every provincial student leadership conference in Canada. His message is "Making Care Contagious". Using comedy, audience participation, true stories and his own high-energy presentation style, Thibodeau provides students, leaders and teachers with five strategies for spreading care at their schools and organizations.

Thibodeau began his public speaking career in 1999 while still a student at King's. He and his high school friend, Stu Saunders, were invited to speak at a student leadership conference and they decided to give it a go. By the fall of 1992, they were speaking on a part-time basis, and by the time Thibodeau graduated from King's, he and Saunders were so busy speaking at schools and conferences, they were both able to make a full-time commitment to the venture.

Their business continued to grow and expand at such an unexpected rate that by 2001 the pair formally divided the company, with Thibodeau focussing on the educational side of the business and Saunders working on the leadership side.

During his time at King's, Thibodeau was very involved with student leadership. He was an O-Week Soph in 1990, O-Week Spirit Leader in 1991, and O-Week Coordinator in 1992. His efforts as Coordinator resulted in King's winning the Western Spirit Award, Shinerama Award, and Environmental Award that year. He was also an active member of the JMS Careless History Club, and the King's Spirit Team, all while maintaining the academic performance necessary to remain on the Dean's Honour List.

In 2003, Thibodeau took some time away from speaking to work with Compassion Canada in Kenya. From 2006 – 2008, he led three mission trips to the Mississippi Gulf Coast to rebuild homes affected by Hurricane Katrina. He regularly volunteers his time and services to organizations such as the Terry Fox Run, Easter Seals, the South London Neighbourhood Community Centre, Cystic Fibrosis Society, Rotary Youth, the Optimist Club, and more. In 2013, the Rotary Club of London named him a Paul Harris Fellow for his community contributions.

In his professional life, Thibodeau talks about and lives the values of King's every day. The Alumni Award of Distinction is a fitting tribute for the man who might still be known as King's "Most Spirited Male Graduate".

ALUMNI AWARDS



YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENT SIU KA KANT CHONG

By Katrina Clarke

King's is fortunate to have a vibrant community of international students, as well as programs designed to engage and celebrate the diverse nature of our student body. Unfortunately, it's not always easy to maintain relationships with international alumni after they leave King's. Hong Kong to Homecoming is a long way to travel. Not to worry, as Kant Chong BA '03 (Economics) has been maintaining the overseas connection to King's for many years now.

Chong is the current vice-president of Western's Hong Kong branch of the Alumni Association. As a King's graduate, he also goes to great lengths to welcome and engage our alumni at home in Hong Kong. This includes attending Western's Hong Kong Convocation Ceremonies in the capacity of Marshall, which allows him to personally meet each graduate returning to Asia Pacific. He also helps to plan more than 10 alumni events each year, and meets with students who are planning to embark on an international academic journey with the Off-to-Western program.

Chong's involvement with Canadian-Asian Pacific academics extends beyond the scope of Western and King's. He is an executive committee member of the Canadian University Association (CAU) in Hong Kong, and participates in the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong. He also

volunteers on international initiatives that are less academic in focus, including an upcoming Canada vs. Australia bowling tournament.

While a student at King's, Chong was not only a newcomer to Canada, but also a new father. As well as juggling his studies, parenthood and adjusting to life in a new country, Chong managed to find time to participate in a number of student-run clubs. He also founded the Asia Academic and Career Foundation, which continues to operate under his direction, assisting graduates of Canadian universities with career contacts in Asia.

Professionally, Chong is an accomplished investment advisor with many credentials and awards to his name. He has recently been presented with a Professional Management Award from the Hong Kong Management Association.

On May 1 of this year, Chong returned to King's, with his family, to be married. The ceremony took place at Windermere on The Mount and was overseen by King's Chaplain, Father Michael Bechard '92.

King's is fortunate to have an engaging alumni presence and College ambassador in Hong Kong thanks to the efforts of Kant Chong.

STUDENT LIFE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The west side of the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre

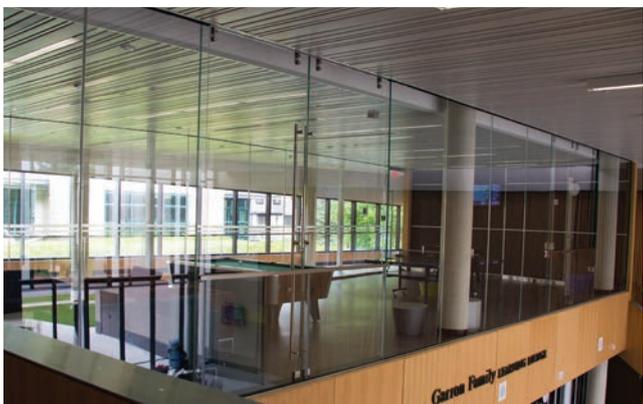
The Grand Opening of the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre took place on January 8, 2014, and today, when taking a walk through the building, it's hard to imagine the campus without it.

The King's community is enjoying the space as it was intended – to study, meet with professors and students, socialize with friends, exercise in the fitness room, enjoy a game of ping pong in the games room, attend events in the theatre and so much more. It is a place of comfort and a place full of activity.

With approximately \$300,000 left to raise in order to reach our goal, we still need the support of our alumni and friends to finish off the Student Life Campaign by April 2015. We are almost there!

For more information, please contact:
King's University College Foundation
519-433-3491, 1-800-265-4406 x4500 or foundation@kings.uwo.ca

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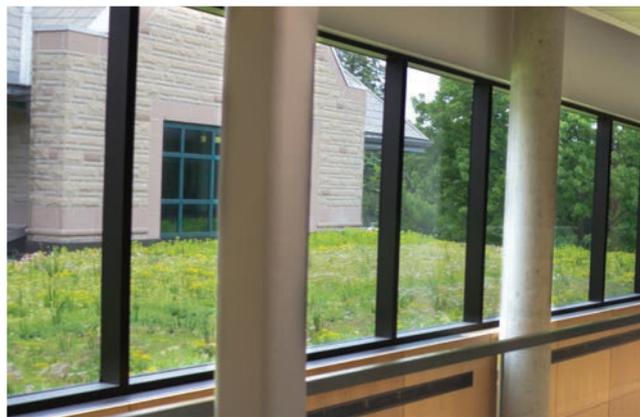
A look into the Games Room located on the second level.



Looking down at the Andy & Helen Spriet Learning Commons from the second level.



Rosemary's courtyard located on the east side of the King Centre facing Waterloo Street.



A view out to the green roof from the second level hallway.



ROSEMARY'S COURTYARD DEDICATION

Family and close friends of the late Rosemary Thuss gathered in Rosemary's Courtyard, located on the east side of the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre, for a dedication ceremony and reception on the evening of May 29.



AWARD ESTABLISHED IN MEMORY OF JEREMY BOWLEY



(Standing:) Dr. David Sylvester, Erin Lawson, Nicole Furnival
(Seated:) Elisa Kilbourne and Kaitlyn Bowley

The Jeremy Bowley Memorial Award was established by family and friends to honour the life of the late Jeremy Bowley. This award is extremely meaningful for his mother, Elisa Kilbourne and his sister Kaitlyn Bowley, and they hope it brings a deeper understanding of workplace safety to King's students.

KENNY'S VISIT THE JOANNE & PETER KENNY THEATRE



(L-R): Nicole Furnival, Peter Kenny, Joanne Kenny, Erin Lawson and Dr. Nicholas Skinner

Joanne and Peter Kenny stopped by campus on May 14 to tour the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre and view the Joanne and Peter Kenny Theatre. The theatre was named in recognition of their generous donation to the Student Life Campaign.

MILESTONES

Share your latest milestones (job, marriage, birth announcements, etc.) in the next issue of the King's Herald by emailing your news to alumni@kings.uwo.ca. Photos are welcome, space permitting.

Vincent Agro '62 has written a new book, *In Grace's Kitchen*, which will be launched mid-August. An off-shoot of his most recent book, *The Good Doctor*, this new novel includes authentic colonia recipes and colourful stories. (Photo: In Grace's Kitchen)

Blair Francey '79 has three awesome children, one of whom is a King's alumna.

Peter Nunoda '83 has been appointed President and CEO of Vancouver Community College effective August 2014.

Kathleen Abels (nee Jarvis) '84 married Frank Abels and they have been blessed with four amazing kids: three sons and one daughter.

Benoit Mercier '85 was hired as executive director of the French Catholic School Boards Association in September 2012. He previously served as president of the French Language Teachers Union (AEFO).

Anne Marie Owens '86 has been appointed as editor of the National Post newspaper. She returned to the newspaper from her role as deputy editor at Maclean's magazine on June 9, 2014. Her appointment marks the first time in history that a woman holds the top editorial position at a national Canadian newspaper.

Theresa Smith '90 is married and has two children (ages 6, 8).



▲ Kent Chapman '91 is currently running Jencor Mortgage Corporation in Calgary, AB, one of Canada's premiere mortgage companies. He has a wonderful family with two children (ages 3 and 12). He has a passion for skiing and has been involved in a few ski movies, which has resulted in opportunities to ski some of the best Heli operations in the world.

Irene Fairles '91 is enjoying retirement after 20 years of working in child welfare. She currently resides outside Grand Bend, ON, from May to October, and in Barra de Navidad, Mexico, from November to April. Life is good at the beach!

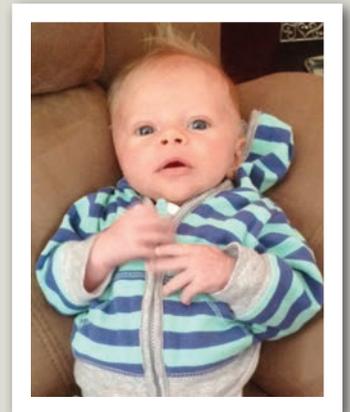
Joanne McNamara '96 has accepted a new role with Western University as executive director, strategic partnerships. She returns to London after 10 years in Ottawa, where she worked as deputy chief of staff for Prime Minister Harper.

Daniel Walker '96 published a new book entitled *The Rise and Fall of a Parish in the Wilderness, The Story of Our Lady of La Salette Parish, La Salette, Ontario*. The book provides a complete history of the Parish including when it was deconsecrated and then taken over by the community as a place for weddings and concerts.

Mark Mathieson '99 graduated from the University of Notre Dame, Mendoza College of Business, in South Bend, Indiana. He received a Master of Business Administration (MBA), magna cum laude, specializing in corporate finance and strategy. He currently resides in Lake Forest, Illinois, where he is a director with Abbott Laboratories.

Kapil Lakhotia '02 ▶ was named president and CEO of the London Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) by the Board of Directors of LEDC.

Siu Ka Kant Chong '03 ▶ married Virginia Chong on May 1, 2014, at The Chapel at Windermere on the Mount. Father Michael Bechard presided over the ceremony. Kant and Virginia were joined by their family, as well as King's faculty and friends as they exchanged their wedding vows.



▲ Andrew Gocentas '06 and his wife Erica are excited to announce the birth of their first son, James William (7lbs 2oz), who was born on March 23, 2014, in Hamilton, ON. James is the second grandchild for Eric and Irena Gocentas who are both Western University alumni.

Erica Timmerman '06 is a master's student at Royal Roads in Professional Communications.



MILESTONES

Amanda Overholt (nee Brooks) '07 teaches kindergarten at Exeter Elementary School. She has been married for two years, and is expecting her first child in August.

Mark Wareing '07 and Rachel Wareing (Fowler) '09 are happy to announce the birth of their second child, Penelope Susan (7lbs 10oz), who was born May 9, 2014, at London Health Sciences Centre. Big sister Aria couldn't be more excited!

Louise Mimmagh '08 recently completed a degree at Osgoode Hall Law School, and has relocated back to London to complete her articles at Cohen Highley LLP.

Meaghan Skinner '09 is working at the University of Toronto as a Residence Communication Coordinator.

David Lee and his wife Elizabeth ▶

(nee Mainse) (associate alumni) visited King's in May 2014, before moving to Regina, SK, where David has signed a two year contract with the Saskatchewan Roughriders.



Kostadina Tzirakos '09 has pursued a career in sales and finance, has progressed in roles with several different financial institutions, and is currently working at King's. She is a designated mutual funds representative and is working towards an accounting diploma. For the past four years she has been actively involved with the Children's Miracle Network and United Way, and she is also a member of the Red Shoe Society.

Michael Potters '12 and Jake VanBuskirk launched Parachute Coffee in April 2014. Their team ships freshly roasted coffee from a different Canadian roaster every month to subscribers across the country. Check it out at www.parachutecoffee.com.

Richard Drew '12 ▶ is living in China where he teaches oral English. He worked at Southwest University for Nationalities for a year and a half, and is now working at Guangxi University.



Professor Erin Hannah visited alumni **Azra Avdagic '13 and Nicolas Dagostino '12** ▶ on a recent trip to Geneva, Switzerland. Azra is entering her second year of the Master's of Development



Studies programme at the Geneva Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies. She holds an internship with the non-governmental organization, Geneva Democratic Control of Armed Forces, focusing on security sector reform in post-conflict and fragile situations. Nick is entering his second year of the Master's of Global Affairs program at the Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto. He is interning at the United Nations' Internet Governance Forum Secretariat in Geneva, one of the world's foremost multi-stakeholder governance institutions.

Krista Nyssen '14 has applied for the Bachelor of Social Work program at King's. Her thesis was on barriers to care for the homeless population, and it was featured in the London Free Press Letters to the Editor.

IN MEMORY

We extend our condolences to the friends and family of:

Peter Arthurs '60, who passed away on March 20, 2014, in Sarnia, ON.

Marvin Benninger '72, who passed away on March 7, 2014, in Hornepayne, ON.

Mark Browning '77, who passed away peacefully at his home with his family by his side on May 20, 2014.

Gary Killen '79, who passed away peacefully and surrounded by his family on January 18, 2013.

James Peterson '89, who passed away in Woodstock, ON, on August 3, 2013.

Cathrine Carr '02, who passed away suddenly on February 16, 2014.

Kimberly McGuire (nee Anderson) '13, who passed away suddenly on February 27, 2014.

STAY CONNECTED ANNUAL ALUMNI DRAW



Enter the 2014 draw by updating your contact information at www.kings.uwo.ca/alumni.

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