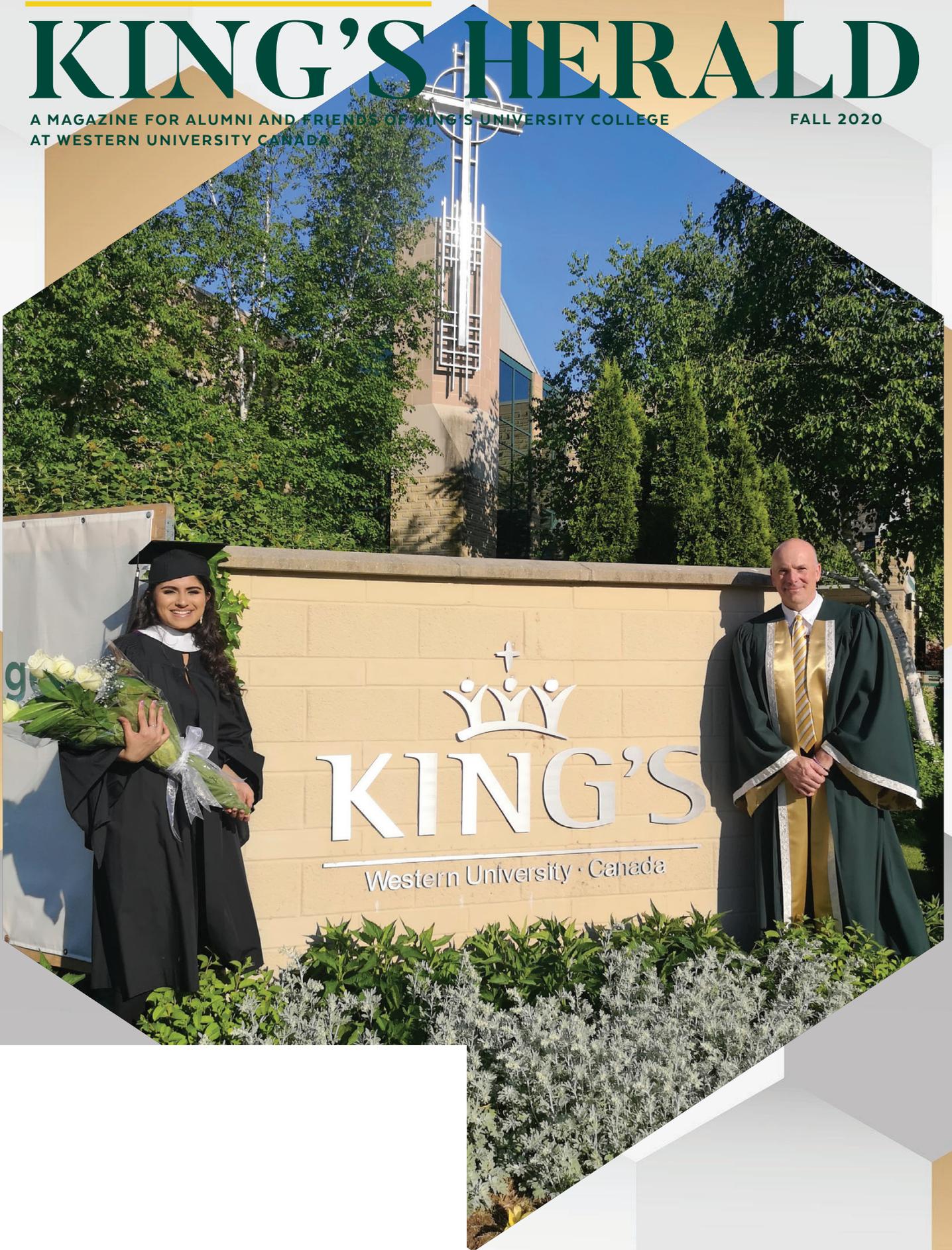


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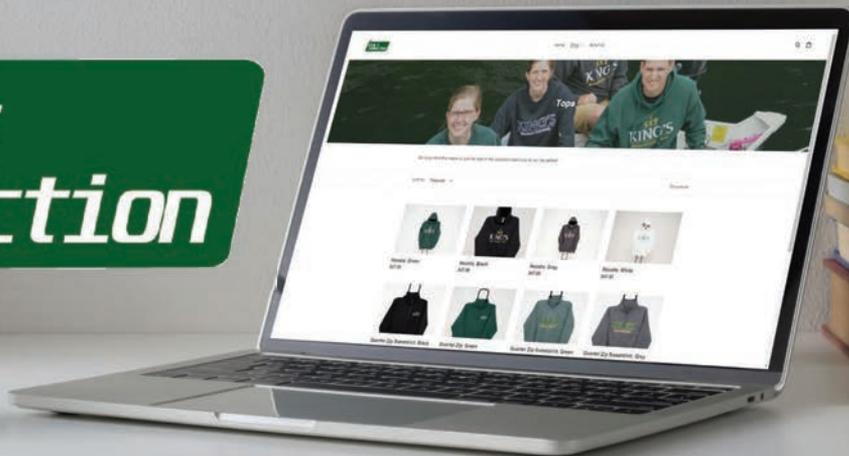
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As this year comes to a close, I look back in awe at all that has been accomplished. This year has been a blessing in so many ways: people are different; engagements are softer; ideas are more creative; and, well, when it comes to plans, we've all gotten better at relying less on those.

A striking difference from last year, is that the world in many ways is much closer-knit. Your alumni association reflects this. We are a group of alumni who come together regularly to exchange information and ideas that are important to all of us - King's University College alumni. That is something that has not changed. Instead of meeting in person, we now meet online. Events are ongoing - if not increasing - and alumni are joining in! I'll be the first to admit that attending in-person events for the first time can be intimidating. With the move to virtual events, a unique opportunity is available to those who (like me) are nervous in new situations.

The lessons learned over the past year will benefit all of us in the months and years ahead. One of the biggest lessons is that community connection is essential. As 2020 draws to a close, I encourage all alumni to get involved with the King's University College Alumni Association. Attend an event, nominate an alumnus for an award, join the Alumni Association, follow us on social media, and share your ideas about events you'd like to attend. As I mentioned to this year's newest alumni members, although you were King's students for a few short years, you are King's alumni for life, so find a way to stay involved that matters to you.

I look forward to a time when we can gather in person, but for now, I'll see you online!

Kind regards,

Jennifer Ayers '08
President,
King's University College
Alumni Association

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

September marked the beginning of our fall semester, a semester like none we have seen in the history of King's. The College is operating on a blended campus model of virtual and in-person classes and services when safe to do so. The health and well-being of the King's community continues to be our priority. I encourage you to visit the King's COVID-19 website at www.kings.uwo.ca/covid-19/ for the latest information about the College's response to the pandemic.

Our resilient community of students, alumni, faculty, and staff continues to demonstrate flexibility and ingenuity by adopting new methods for learning, teaching, and providing the services and supports for which King's is known. A wide range of online resources is available to students, including learning skills and academic supports, health and wellness services, technology assistance, and financial aid information, to name just a few. Even with the pandemic at top of mind, we continue to care for each other and for the world beyond our campus. I am grateful for the ways the King's community continues to financially support our students, including through participation in the King's Virtual Golf Classic that supports a student award and highest priorities of the College, and by donations to the Student Emergency Fund. Students are always a top priority at King's, and we are committed to doing all we can to lessen financial concerns they may have, allowing them to concentrate on their studies and the social aspects of their King's experience.

Over the summer, I announced jointly with Brescia's acting Principal Dr. John Mitchell that the King's/Brescia Joint Principals' Anti-Racism Working Group would be established to better understand our campus climate—particularly from the perspective of ethno-cultural, indigenous people, and racialized groups. The working group will be tasked with making recommendations that aim to make the King's and Brescia campuses safer, more respectful and more equitable environments in which to study, research, work and live.

There was a tremendous response to the call for members with nearly 60 individuals from the King's and Brescia communities expressing



their interest. Thank you to everyone who took the time to review and provide feedback for the Working Group's Terms of Reference. It is very heartening to know that so many students, alumni, staff, and faculty understand the importance of diminishing racism on our respective campuses and were willing to lend their support.

I am pleased to announce the members of the Working Group representing King's are:

- Dr. Vidya Natarajan, Co-Lead
- Zainab Al-Jaiashi, KUCSC and 4th year student
- Dr. Esra Ari, Equity Committee
- Sihan Elkassen, BSW '15, MSW '16
- Debora Kamba, 4th year student
- Dr. Julius-Kei Kato, Faculty representative
- Nikki Sasso Mitchell, Staff representative
- Roshaydia Morgan, KUCSC and 3rd year student
- Amna Wasty, Staff representative

As we move forward with the 2020-21 academic year, we know there is uncertainty, but one thing remains the same – King's continues to be strong and vibrant due to the support of our community, our long standing reputation as a centre of academic excellence, and our genuine concern for every member of the King's family.

Sincerely,

Dave Malloy
Principal

Retiring Faculty

With the close of the 2019-2020 academic year, King's bid farewell to several retiring faculty members.

"I am truly honoured to congratulate these six scholars on their outstanding careers, their contributions to their discipline, and their unwavering mentorship to our students," said Dr. David Malloy in thanking the retirees for their service to the College. "King's is better because of the contributions of wonderful individuals."



Dr. Sauro Camiletti

Vice-Principal and Academic Dean

Dr. Camiletti served with distinction at King's for 45 years. He started his career as a part-time mathematics instructor and went on to serve as Chair of the Department of Economics, Business, and Mathematics, Associate Academic Dean, Academic Dean in 2011, and Vice-Principal and Academic Dean.



Dr. David Meredith

Associate Professor, Mathematics

Dr. Meredith was the recipient of the King's Award of Excellence in Teaching in 2005-2006 and has been routinely listed on the Dean's Honour Roll of Teaching Excellence. In 2016, Dr. Meredith was named among the Top 10 highest-ranked professors in the Western University Gazette newspaper poll.



Dr. Glen Coplestone

Associate Professor, Economics

Dr. Coplestone worked at King's for 33 years. He served for two terms as Chair of the Department of Economics, Business, and Mathematics, and he was actively involved with both the King's University College Faculty Association and Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations.



Dr. Sally McNamee

Associate Professor, Childhood and Social Institutions

Dr. McNamee has taught hundreds of students across all years of the Childhood and Social Institutions (CSI) program at King's. In 2019, Dr. McNamee helped organize the 20th anniversary of the Childhood and Social Institutions program, "20 Years of CSI at Kings - A Celebration."



Dr. Hunter Brown

Professor, Department of Philosophy

Dr. Brown was cross-appointed in Philosophy and Religious Studies. In 2001-02, he received the King's Award of Excellence in Teaching. Many students remember him as a formative influence in their lives long after graduating from King's. He is currently finalizing a book on philosophy and religious belief.



Dr. Lorraine DiCicco

Associate Professor of English in the Department of English, French, and Writing

Dr. DiCicco is a King's alumna, graduating with her BA in 1978. During her three decades of teaching at King's, she was named to the Dean's Honour Roll of Teaching Excellence countless times, and she received the King's University College Most Valued Professor Award in 2006-07.

King's welcomes Dr. Gillian Balfour

King's is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Gillian Balfour to the position of Vice-Principal and Academic Dean, effective August 1, 2020. Dr. Balfour's appointment comes after a lengthy and thorough search to replace Dr. Sauro Camiletti, who retired July 1 after 45 years of service to the King's community. She will hold a joint appointment as a full professor in the Departments of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Programs.

"The position of Vice-Principal and Academic Dean brings an amazing chance to champion teaching and research committed to social justice in the Catholic tradition."

- Dr. Gillian Balfour

"I am very grateful for the opportunity to be a part of King's. The position of Vice-Principal and Academic Dean brings an amazing chance to champion teaching and research committed to social justice in the Catholic tradition," says Dr. Balfour. "I am moved by the thoughtfulness of the students and faculty I have met during this challenging time. I am so looking forward to being on campus in conversation with our community."

"Dr. Balfour brings a wealth of experience as an outstanding scholar, a passionate educator, and experienced administrator. Her scholarship and teaching has focussed broadly around issues of social justice, particularly focused on feminist engagement with respect to the criminal justice system," says Dr. David Malloy, King's Principal and head of the Selection Committee.

Dr. Balfour previously served as the Associate Dean of Trent (University) Online and Full Professor of Sociology, with a focus on socio-legal studies and criminology. She is a graduate of the University of Ottawa (BSc 1987, M.A Criminology 1994) and University of Manitoba (PhD, 2003).



Her research examines sentencing law reform impacts on indigenous women and the implications of restorative justice in the context of gender-based violence. She has been conducting an archival study of discipline in Canadian women's prisons and is a co-investigator on a national study looking at the lived experiences of incarceration. She is member of Canada's Walls to Bridges collective that provides prison-based learning for incarcerated and non-incarcerated students.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Balfour to the King's community.

You can follow Dr. Balfour on social media at

 @kingsVPAD

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2020 Awards for Excellence in Teaching

Dr. Graham Broad, Associate Professor in History **Full-Time Faculty Award Recipient**

Dr. Graham Broad has taught at King's since 2005, joining the full-time faculty in 2009. He helped design the Foundations in the Humanities program, including teaching History 4710: the World Wars in History and Memory. Dr. Broad teaches students in all years and most recently co-developed King's University College's first experiential-learning History course, World Wars in History, Memory, and Reconciliation, which was to tour Belgium and France in spring 2020 as recipients of the Juno Beach Fellowship.

"It is a tremendous honour to be the recipient of the King's Award for Excellence in Teaching," says Dr. Broad. "I have drawn inspiration from my many excellent colleagues, especially in the Department of History, who are role models of engaged teachers. But above all, I want to thank my students — it's no exaggeration to say that, over the past decade, I have learned at least as much from them as they have from me."



Dr. Vidya Natarajan, Writing Program Coordinator **Part-Time Faculty Award Recipient**



Dr. Vidya Natarajan has been a Professor of English Literature and Writing at King's since 2004, and Coordinator of the Writing Program since 2017. She oversees tutoring at The Write Place and coordinates the delivery of Writing courses. Over the last three years, Dr. Natarajan has redesigned and taught first-year Writing courses, recently creating and teaching Writing 2301F (Tutoring Writers) and Writing 2208G (Teaching Writing), both of which can be used towards the new Certificate in the Teaching and Practice of Writing.

"I see this award as recognizing the importance of writing as a foundational academic skill and the spirit of collaboration between students, faculty, and administration that fuels the Writing program at King's," says Dr. Natarajan.

Global Undergraduate Award Recipients



Ishita Kumar '20 was named the Global Award winner in Economics undergraduate research as part of the 2020 Global Undergraduate Awards. She is one of only 25 students worldwide to be honoured as a Global Winner. Ishita won in the Economics category for her submission “Forecasting Canadian Inflation Using Dynamic Model Averaging.” She is currently studying at the London School of Economics and Political Science in a Master of Science in Statistics program. She is also providing online teaching assistant support for Economics classes at King’s.



Emma Wood '20 was named a Regional Award winner in the 2020 Global Undergraduate Awards, honoured with the top paper in the Literary category for the region of USA & Canada. Her submission “Queer Love and Visibility in Virginia Woolf’s *Mrs. Dalloway*” examines the 1920s relationship between heterosexuality and queerness, social visibility and invisibility, and economic mobility and immobility. Along with a close reading of fashion, public shopping, and personal relationships, the essay deconstructs the literary layers of female queer desire and how Woolf, in 1925, manages to create an oasis for sexually fluid and non-conforming women.

Christopher Anthony '19, was Highly Commended in the Politics & International Relations category for his paper “Missing Trans Bodies in the Canadian House of Commons: Paths to Power for Gender-Diverse Canadians.” This was Anthony’s second such honour.

Zach Matthews, fourth-year student, was Highly Commended in the Social Science: Anthropology & Cultural Studies category.

Simon Stan, fourth-year student, was Highly Commended in both the Literature category (for his paper “Consultation with the Self: The Diary as Speakability in *A Castaway*”) and Philosophy category (for his paper “The Poetics of Sunyata: Conveying the Unconveyable of Emptiness”).

MEM Insider



The MEM Insider is available online at www.kings.uwo.ca/mem-insider/

New - Minor in Analytics and Decision Sciences

The School of Management, Economics, and Mathematics (MEM) is now offering a Minor in Analytics and Decision Sciences (ADS). ADS is an interdisciplinary minor focusing on the intersection between data and decision making. The mathematical foundation includes matrix algebra, calculus, and statistics. Business, cognitive science, and philosophy are also foundational subjects. The ADS Minor will appeal to students who like solving puzzles, coding, and working with numbers, as well as students drawn to management, business, and/or social sciences. Students will benefit from the concrete career skills and experiential learning with extensive labs, tutorials, and projects.

School of Social Work

Expanding Community Partnerships

The School of Social Work is growing new partnerships with local organizations that are providing rich learning opportunities for our students and valuable support to our community.



LONDON & MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY HOUSING

Students at LMCH develop direct practice skills supporting marginalized populations living in social housing complexes. LMCH has supported 11 placements to date, and we have submitted a funding proposal that would significantly increase the number of students and sites where service is delivered. Students were on-site prior to the pandemic and moved to remote service delivery in March. Services have included wellness checks with tenants, brief solution-focused counselling with residents, and resources for staff.

Innovation and Research

The School of Social Work has submitted a funding proposal to develop a remote support program for parents who have children affiliated with the Thames Valley District School Board. Families are experiencing high levels of stress related to the impact of COVID-19. The proposed program is intended to provide a group of students with an opportunity to offer resources and support to parents and children during these difficult times.

The Field Education Office has a study underway exploring the impact of the pandemic on student learning. Specifically, the research set out to qualitatively explore the students' experience in moving to remote learning plans when COVID-19 hit in the spring. The research explores the challenges, changes, and opportunities for growth experienced by the students in the process.

Do you have an idea for a project or program that could involve social work students? In addition to providing counselling support, students are able to conduct research, develop programs, prepare resources and evaluate services. If you would like to explore your idea further, please contact: MaryKay.Arundel@kings.uwo.ca



The Salvation Army London Centre of Hope Recovery Community Centre

The new Salvation Army London Centre of Hope Recovery Community Centre provides holistic intervention for residents seeking recovery from substance abuse.

BSW and MSW students have been on site throughout the planning and implementation phases to assist with programming. Students researched and compiled resources for residents to support recovery, and they have provided direct intervention including virtual counselling following the onset of COVID-19. Deemed a success, the partnership will support even more placements going forward.



Wellness and Self-Care Project

Thanks to the efforts of four BSW practicum students, the Wellness and Self-Care website is now available at socialwork.kings.uwo.ca/field-education/wellness-and-self-care/

The King's Promise

By Joe Henry, Dean of Students

The King's Promise will be a signature program that guarantees students a job within their first six months post-graduation through participation in programming created or supported by the Office of Student Affairs. For students not attaining employment after six months, King's will guarantee additional courses and career preparation for up to one-year post-graduation. Students entering their first year in fall 2021 will be eligible for the program.

In addition to the guarantee for students, King's is making a promise to the employer community that we are educating students with the values and talents that will benefit the current and future workforce. King's is also making a promise to the broader community by developing change makers and leaders that will make a difference in London and other communities.

The King's Promise is designed to enhance students' experience by empowering them to achieve their educational, career, and life goals. It aligns with the College's mission as **"Place to be and a Place to Become"**. The focus is student engagement and career development. Students will be introduced to opportunities that will expand their minds and provide valuable experiences that they can include in a resume, speak about in an interview, and use as part of their own personal growth.

The King's Promise will better prepare them to start their careers upon graduation. Throughout the program, students will be provided with the tools necessary for academic/career success and encouraged to fully engage at King's as well participate in career building opportunities that will help students to achieve their goals. Our employer community will benefit from the talents of King's students, and our community will have future leaders who will be change makers for the better.

Program Advisory

The program benefits from the experience and advice from the London Economic Development Corporation, and has an Advisory Board that will support the ongoing development of the program. Members include:

- **Jennifer Anderson, associate alumna**, Chief of Operations and Service Excellence, Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB)
- **Michelle Eaton '05**, Vice President of Communications and Government Relations, Ontario Chamber of Commerce
- **David Ennett '13**, Manager, Service London Contact Centre, City of London
- **Violette Khammad '18**, Corporate Security Coordinator, CIBC
- **Chris Overholt '87**, President and CEO, OverActive Media Group
- **Jason Peetsma '01**, Managing Partner, Egility Intelligence Inc.
- **Mike Sherlock**, President, Knighthunter.com
- **Andrew Webb '13**, SEO, Aha Insurance, and Founder, employedhistorian.com





Finding inspiration in family lore



For best-selling author, Jennifer Robson '92 (BA French and History), writing her next novel during a global pandemic hasn't caused significant challenges. "Noise cancelling headphones are a great thing," says Jennifer, who has been working from home for most of her career. "Having my husband, son, and daughter home all the time at the start of quarantine required a bit of adjustment for all of us, but I can't complain." Like her British characters, Jennifer admits she may take an occasional moment to "moan" about the current situation, but that is all she will allow. "I know my family and I are fortunate, so I will have a moan and then get on with things."

Jennifer has been busy. Her next novel, is scheduled for release in January 2021. Known for writing historical fiction usually set in Britain during and after the two world wars, Jennifer's upcoming novel, *Our Darkest Night*, has taken her out of her British comfort zone to a small fictional village in Italy during the Nazi occupation in World War II.

"My husband and I took a vacation to Italy nearly five years ago," recalls Jennifer. While there, she and her husband visited with her in-laws and friends of her husband's family. "You cannot travel to Italy and not visit with all your Italian relatives or you risk causing great offence." It was during one of these visits that Jennifer heard a sentence that provided the spark for her next novel.

"My Italian isn't great, especially since my in-laws speak in their regional dialect," explains Jennifer. "My husband usually has to translate for me, but I can catch some words." While visiting with her husband's aunt who was just a young girl during the war, the Italian word "ebrei" (Jews), caught her attention. Then, her aunt said the sentence that would set Jennifer on her path to learn as much as she could about the family's story: "Hebrei. To nonno i ga scónti" "Jews. Your grandpa hid them."

"I knew right then that it was important to learn as much as I could from our relatives who lived the experience or who were familiar with the story," explains Jennifer, noting that many people do not wish to talk about that time period, and that some family members had already passed away or are no longer able to recall or communicate specific memories.

Along with speaking to family members who provided details about what life was like during the war, Jennifer, a self-professed history nerd, completed extensive research on Jewish Italian refugees during the war. "By family lore, at least three Jewish families stayed with my husband's grandparents at various times throughout the war. People would stay for weeks or months before moving on to the next safe space."

Instead of writing her novel from the perspective of the "rescuers", those who did not turn their backs on people trying to escape Nazi death squads, Jennifer chose to research the experiences of those born in Italy who suddenly found themselves no longer considered Italian. Her novel depicts a young Italian Jewish woman forced to leave her family, the life she was accustomed to living, and the only home she had ever known, to move to a rural village and live with a farming family that was willing to risk their lives to protect her.

Jennifer reflects that King's, and in particular now-retired Professor Paul Webb, played a significant role in establishing her passion as a historian. She believes strongly in the importance of telling stories, especially to younger generations. She wants her children to know not only their family history, but also world history so that they learn to listen, pay attention, and validate the feelings and experiences of others rather than simply dismiss them. "We cannot be indifferent to the suffering of others," she says. "We are doing a disservice to our children if we do not educate them truthfully about the past."

She acknowledges that it is not her voice or experience that she depicts in her novels, but she hopes that through her research, which includes speaking with historians, visiting historic locations, and having her novels reviewed by sensitivity readers, she has given voice to the lived experience of others. She also notes that this novel in no way seeks to absolve Italy of the treatment of Jewish people but looks to give a voice to those who were forced

to give up the life they knew and put their trust in strangers in an effort to survive.

Prior to COVID-19, Jennifer was interacting with her readers and promoting her books through a mix of in person and online events. "A benefit of an online platform is that events are open to more individuals and people are not restricted by geographical location," she says. "Readers who may not have had the opportunity to attend in-person events now have access to different authors all from the comfort of their own homes."

With upcoming promotions for *Our Darkest Night*, Jennifer knows she will miss the personal interactions with her readers at in-person book signing events. "Although these one-one-one moments are brief, I enjoy the opportunity to hear directly from readers," explains Jennifer. "People share their thoughts and opinions on my books, but there are also special moments when people share their personal experiences that relate to the time period of my novel, and that really means a lot to me." Based on her history as a best-selling author, you never know when a conversation might provide Jennifer with the inspiration for her next novel.

Our Darkest Night: A Novel of Italy and the Second World War
By Jennifer Robson
On sale: January 5, 2021

About the novel from HarperCollins Publishers:

To survive the Holocaust, a young Jewish woman must pose as a Christian farmer's wife in this unforgettable novel from USA Today bestselling author Jennifer Robson—a story of terror, hope, love, and sacrifice, inspired by true events, that vividly evokes the most perilous days of World War II.



Kapil (left) and ANVO Laboratories Inc. celebrating the company's ground breaking ceremony for their London facility.

Resilient. Innovative. Supportive. Dynamic.

By Rachael Luby, Communications Specialist, London Economic Development Corporation

These are just some of the terms that Kapil Lakhota, President and Chief Executive Officer at the London Economic Development Corporation (LEDC), would use to describe London businesses and the local economy during COVID-19.

A graduate of the Economics program (BA '02) and a former professor, Kapil is an active volunteer on the King's Board of Directors, currently as Vice-Chair of the Board. After completing his master's at the University of Waterloo, Kapil returned to King's to teach economics before working at the LEDC. Starting as an intern, Kapil worked on a project to model economic impact from civic investment in industrial infrastructure. From there, he joined the Business Development team and played a key role in attracting several investments, including Dr. Oetker, Original Cakerie, Arvin Sango, and Natra. Now as President and CEO, he continues to lead business and workforce development activities, attracting large-scale investments including Maple Leaf Foods.

In the face of these changed times, Kapil and the LEDC team have supported many businesses as they shift gears to support relief and recovery efforts. From pivoting production of beverages to hand sanitizers, to manufacturing essential personal protective equipment (PPE), London companies are helping to combat COVID.

"London has a very diversified economy, so we are often in a better position to be resilient during hard times. We've seen a lot of growth within the manufacturing and agri-food sectors in London recently," says Kapil. "Several businesses including ANVO Laboratories Inc. and Aspire Food Group have invested in London to build new facilities."

“London has a very diversified economy, so we are often in a better position to be resilient during hard times.”

- Kapil Lakhota

This is also true for many companies at the local level that have experienced growing demand for their products and services, such as Nuts for Cheese and CARFAX Canada entering into the U.S. markets, LBMX hiring several positions to develop new products, and technology companies including Big Blue Bubble, Digital Echidna, and Northern fueling team and product growth due to acquisitions and mergers.

The retail, hospitality, and tourism industries have been hardest hit across Canada. Within downtown London more businesses have opened than closed, with 14 new restaurants and retailers setting up shop since March. Companies and customers are also stepping up to help these retailers. Whether it's adding eCommerce capabilities, webinars on digital transformation, or creating virtual directories to shop local, there's a collective sense of pride in the community that we are all in this together.

“A lot of this growth has also sparked hiring at several of these technology, professional service, or agri-food companies that need talent to help them keep up with these new business opportunities,” says Kapil. “It's why LEDC and our partners delivered the bi-annual London & Area Works job fair virtually to ensure employers still had the opportunity to share opportunities that are available.”

The job searching and hiring process looks different in this new virtual world. Now jobseekers and employers are meeting online and are sharing resumes and opportunities in real time. Recruiting is happening over video platforms and many careers are starting or staying remote to embrace the work from home model. It's a new reality that Kapil is thrilled to see that King's is embracing and for

which it is helping its current and future students prepare.

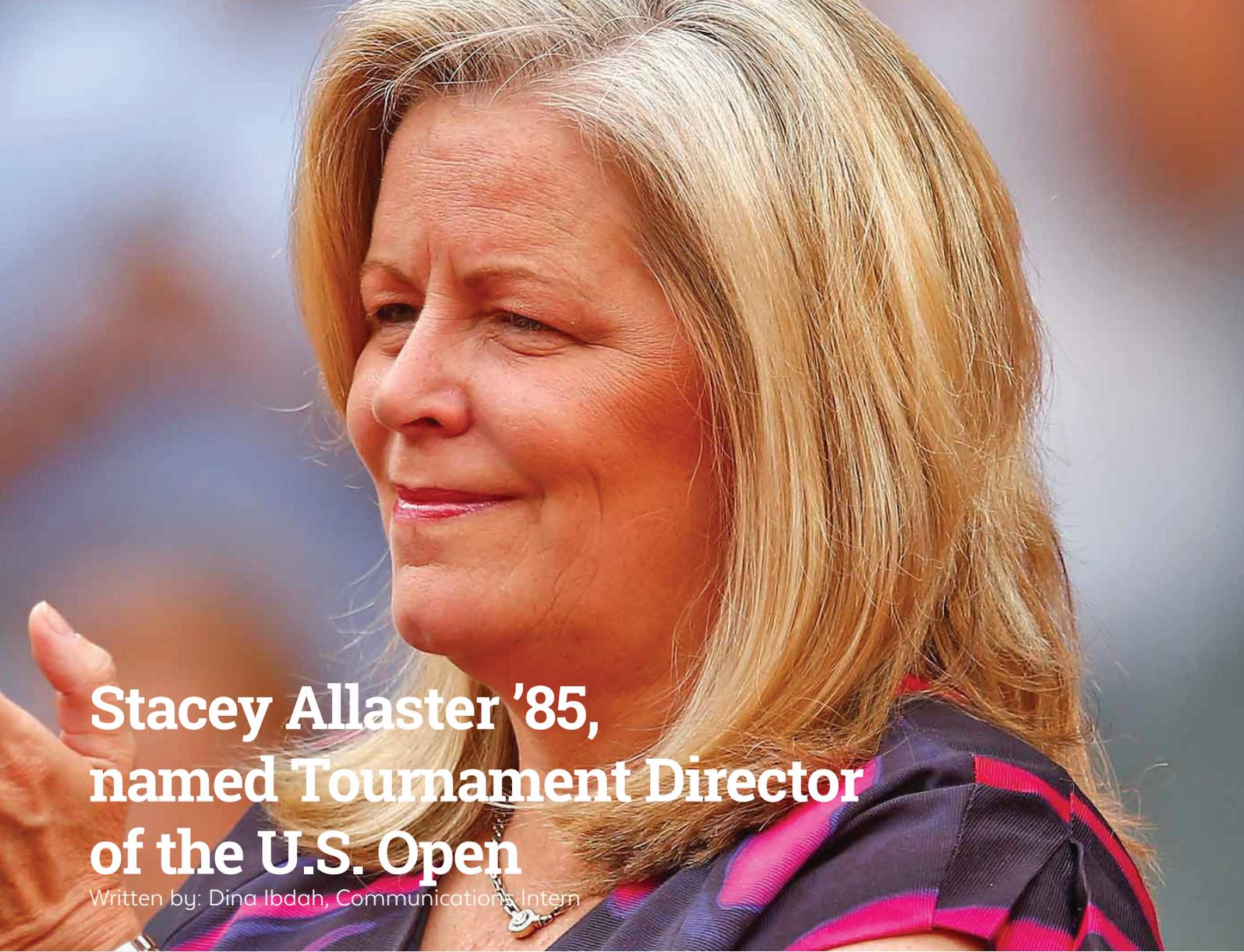
The Life After King's program is one example, bringing alumni who are established in their careers back to King's to speak with current students. These sessions offer opportunities for students and alumni to realize their potential career paths and develop their professional networks. It's a program with which the LEDC is proud to be involved to highlight many of the hiring employers there are in London. LEDC is also supporting the new King's Promise initiative, which will guarantee students a job within their first six months post-graduation through program participation or a return to King's to take additional courses (read more about the King's Promise on page 11).

“It's important for employers to be able to hire local talent, and for graduates to find careers after graduation. It's why LEDC works closely with King's to develop and support initiatives like this to help bridge that gap,” says Kapil.

When he reflects back on his time at King's, Kapil most appreciates the hands-on, interactive learning experience the school offered him, and how the smaller class sizes created an environment where it was easy to connect with classmates and professors. It's an experience that helped prepare him for his current role and one he encourages current students to take advantage of, even in this new virtual world.

“Stray a little outside of your comfort zone to expand your interests and experiences - you never know which one may stick and make an ideal career choice,” says Kapil.

You can learn more about Kapil, the LEDC, and how London businesses are stepping up by visiting ledc.com.



Stacey Allaster '85, named Tournament Director of the U.S. Open

Written by: Dina Ibdah, Communications Intern

Stacey Allaster, BA'85, MBA'00, LLD'14, is the U.S. Open's new tournament director, the first woman to hold the position. Stacey graduated from King's in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in Economics and Physical Education, and she obtained her MBA from Ivey Business School in 2000. She was named by *Forbes* magazine as one of the "Most Powerful Women in Sports".

Introduced to the sport of tennis as a child growing up in Welland, Ontario, Stacey's lifelong passion for tennis has led to a successful career, from overseeing the Roger's Cup to serving as chairman and CEO of the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) Tour. During her time as an undergraduate student, she played tennis for the Western Mustangs from 1982-86, and remained undefeated in singles for the entirety. Along with her tennis partner, Vicky Bassett, Stacey won the Ontario Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association doubles championship in the 1985-86 season.

Stacey believes her time at King's played an integral role in her journey. "I loved the environment. King's has a long tradition of supporting scholastic and athletic excellence. The entire community supported my efforts to excel on the court and in the classroom. I was fortunate to have professors who understood the value of sport. In addition to the physical and mental benefits, sport teaches young people discipline, self-confidence, resilience, accountability, and teamwork," she says. She also notes that being introduced to lifelong friends was "the greatest gift" from King's.

Stacey is honoured to take on her new position at the U.S. Open and is determined to use her platform to promote gender equality. "I was announced as the first woman in 140 years to be named the tournament director in Billy Jean King's house (The USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center) which was incredibly special for me," she says. "I am privileged to have shattered the glass ceiling, and I understand the responsibility I have to continue to help all young leaders, particularly female leaders, achieve their professional goals."

Attributing her success to lifelong learning and persistence, Stacey compares her career to reaching the top of Mount Kilimanjaro. "There are different phases of the climb. In the early phase, you need an incredible amount of commitment and dedication. When you graduate from King's, you might think that learning is done, but the success of your career is a lifelong journey of learning. For me, when I arrive at the summit of my goal, I am always looking for what is next."

In light of the pandemic, a major challenge she now faces is how to build a fan base for tennis virtually. "With COVID-19 comes the opportunity to fast track our virtual engagement with our fans, and international growth. We have millions of fans; there were 200 countries watching the U.S. Open this year. This is an opportunity to ignite global tennis. We can promote our sport and demonstrate that it can return to play in a safe way. Sport is a massive fabric of our society and culture. There's a lot of demand for live sport, and it is a passion point for the public," she says.

One of Stacey's main goals is to ensure the wellbeing of the athletes and maintain strong, professional relationships with them. "They will ultimately inspire viewers to start playing tennis. Look at the phenomenal success of our Canadian tennis players and how they have put rocket fuel into Tennis Canada to mobilize Canadians to play our sport. We had a Canadian, Bianca Andreescu, win a Grand Slam - that's a mind-blowing dream," she says.

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HOMECOMING 2020

King's hosted a variety of virtual Homecoming events from October 15-18. From traditional events like the Friday reunion featuring the musical talents of Rick McGhie, to new events like the King's Hoco 5K, and Baking Contest, there was something for everyone. If you missed the Alumni Awards Ceremony or Friday Night Live with Rick McGhie, you can watch the recordings of the livestreams at www.kings.uwo.ca/homecoming. Mark your calendars for Homecoming 2021, which is scheduled for September 24-26.

Baking Contest

A panel of three retired faculty members judged more than 15 delicious entries in the first Homecoming Baking Contest.



Chocolate Torte by Julie Siverns,
Programs Assistant, King's School of
Social Work

*"I think chocolate is like cheese - one
can never have enough."* - Dr. Nick
Skinner



Birthday cake by Claire Hass,
Academic Program Advisor, King's
Academic Dean's Office

*"Beautiful cake. Simple, but effective
decoration."* - Dr. Sally McNamee



Brandy Maple Pecan Pie
by **Andree Schuller**, MSW Candidate

*"Very original. Great combination
- brandy, maple, and pecan - wow!
Pass me the dream whip!"* - Dr. Sauro
Camiletti

Trivia

With a mix of King's and general trivia questions, there was lots of interesting information and good laughs at the Homecoming Trivia Night. Test your King's knowledge (see page 31 for answers):

1. The College was originally named:

- a. Christ the King College
- b. University of Christ the King
- c. King's College

2. Which building was named after the first Principal of King's?

- a. Wemple Hall
- b. Cardinal Carter Library
- c. Labatt Hall

3. How many King's students were on the 2019-20 football team?

- a. 14
- b. 24
- c. 40

4. The first student-run store at King's where you could buy King's merch was called:

- a. The King's Connection
- b. The King's Closet
- c. The Pro Shop

5. Dante Lenardon Hall is named after:

- a. The original homeowners
- b. A beloved King's professor
- c. A major donor to King's

Thanks to all the #KingsHoco5K participants who took us along on their run, walk, or ride.



Life after King's

A panel of former King's student-athletes discussed their professional experiences since graduating from King's, and shared their advice for current student-athletes. The event was moderated by Dr. Dave Malloy, King's Principal and former Mustangs Athlete.



Craig Butler '13

Mustangs Football
Defensive Backs Coach,
Hamilton Tiger-Cats



Aaron Charbonneau '09

Mustangs Cheerleading
Performer, Cirque du Soleil



Marko Kovac,

associate alumnus
Mustangs Basketball
Commercial Director, Info-
Tech Research Group



Gillian McCallum '07

Mustangs Rugby and
Wrestling
Social Worker, Grand River
Hospital

Virtual Life After King's events are scheduled throughout the academic year. For upcoming alumni speaker panels, visit www.kings.uwo.ca/alumni. If you are interested in speaking at a career event or in mentoring a King's student or graduate, please complete the Career Services Volunteer form www.kings.uwo.ca/career-volunteer or contact alumni@kings.uwo.ca.



Maureen Spencer Golovchenko '77

2020 Alumni Award of Distinction Recipient

One need not look far to see the impact Maureen Spencer Golovchenko '77 has had on community life in London. Her career has covered a spectrum of private and public sector roles, including jobs in insurance, radio journalism, the charitable and non-profit sectors, higher education, and politics. Referring to herself as a “poster child for a liberal arts education,” Maureen has excelled in each area, bringing innovation and growth to each organization.

As a local Londoner, King's was a natural fit for Maureen. “After graduating from Catholic Central High School, coming to King's was an easy choice. It felt warm and welcoming – with friendly people, small classes, a sense of spirituality, and lots of green space.” Maureen completed her degree in Sociology, but like many King's graduates, she enjoyed a broad range of classes in her studies. “I have fond memories of so many King's faculty, but particular favourites include Nick Skinner (Psychology), Dante Lenardon (Modern Languages), John Snyder (Religious Studies), and Rose Marie Jaco (Social Work).” Following her studies at King's, Maureen earned a diploma in Broadcast Journalism from Fanshawe College and a professional designation as an Accredited Business Communicator.

Perhaps the most apt title for Maureen was the one she held while working with Pillar Nonprofit Network as their first Community Collaboration Manager. “Collaboration is definitely a recurring and rewarding aspect of my work.” While in this role, Maureen was tasked with bringing private, public, and non-profit industries together to find creative solutions for shared problems, but in each role over her career, Maureen has been known as a community builder and a collaborative team member. “I was blessed with opportunities to work with different workplace teams – each trying to change the world in some way. Being able to bring people together through a series of cross-sector, community-building projects was a dream job for sure.”

Maureen may be best known for her role as Executive Assistant to London Mayor Anne Marie DeCicco Best, a position she held for 10 years. In this role, she and the Mayor worked together to make London a more creative, collaborative, and caring city. They brought many new initiatives to the city, including the John Labatt Centre, the downtown branch of the London Public Library, and the strategy to renew Storybook Gardens. During her tenure, London also became the first city in Canada to join the World Health Organization's global network of Age Friendly Cities, and the Age Friendly London (AFL) Network was established. Maureen continued to co-chair the AFL Civic Participation Working Group following her time at City Hall.

Maureen's contributions to the field of communications are immeasurable. She has been an active member of the International Association of Business Communicator's locally and at the national level since early in her career. At the 40th Anniversary Gala of the London Chapter, Maureen was recognized for her years of volunteerism and mentorship in the field. Maureen recently completed a three-year term as Writer-in-Residence for the Corporate Communications program at Fanshawe College, serving as a resource for the next generation of communications professionals.

Ever an active volunteer, Maureen has been a familiar face at King's in the years since her graduation. Serving eight years on the Alumni Board of Directors, including as President from 2002-2004, Maureen was part of the group that created the Alumni Award of Distinction to recognize the community contributions of King's graduates. It is fitting that Maureen is herself the recipient of the very award she helped to establish on its 20th anniversary.

Congratulations, Maureen Spencer Golovchenko '77, recipient of the 2020 Alumni Award of Distinction.



Rachel Braden '11, '12, '14

2020 Recent Graduate Award Recipient

Rachel Braden (nee Crawford) is a familiar face on King's campus. Not only is she a three-time graduate, having completed a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology in 2011, a Bachelor of Social Work in 2013, and a Master of Social Work in 2014, Rachel also works and teaches in the School of Social Work. "In January, I returned to King's as a contract faculty member, and more recently, I joined the team as the Social Work Program Liaison. It truly feels like coming home."

From her earliest days as an undergraduate student, Rachel knew she had made the right choice in coming to King's. "It was the best of both worlds. King's gave me the opportunity to access all that Western had to offer, but also the benefit of the small class sizes that allowed for deeper engagement with faculty and fellow students. At King's, I was a name and not a number, and I felt like I was part of a community."

Rachel worked at the London Family Court Clinic from 2014-2019, first as a student, then as a clinician on the Child Welfare and Youth Therapeutic Court team, and finally as a Child Witness Project Coordinator. "I saw on a daily basis the challenges that children and youth experienced when they faced the task of testifying in court. While Canada has come a long way in supporting child victims and witnesses of crime through the use of testimonial aids - testifying in the presence of a support person, or from outside the courtroom - the exercise remains daunting for many." Rachel knew there was more that could be done to help children and youth in the justice system. "My professors at King's always reinforced the importance of "out of the box" solutions, and that is what I did." Rachel learned about Caber, a facility dog who was supporting victims of crime in BC. Using Caber's success as a framework, Rachel created a similar program in Ontario.

In 2016, Rachel became the primary handler for Merel - Ontario's first accredited courthouse facility dog. As a facility dog, Merel provided a consistent, calming presence

for children involved in the justice process. Throughout their partnership, Rachel and Merel provided outreach and advocacy locally and nationally. Rachel has presented and provided training to London Police Services, in the classroom at King's and at Brescia, and within the justice system across Canada. The pair are also involved with multiple charitable organizations, including National Service Dogs, 24 Hours of Heroes, and the Courthouse Dog Foundation, among many others. They were also named to the 2019 Mayor's New Year's Honour List in London.

Merel has recently retired from active work in the justice system, but she and Rachel are training a future National Service Dog named Piper.

As her career transitions back to the classroom, and back to King's, Rachel is reminded of what makes it so special. "At King's, I have always felt supported. Help was easy to find, and I always felt as though I had somewhere to turn. Faculty and staff challenged me, but supported me, which led to tremendous growth. This is what I love about King's."

Congratulations, Rachel Braden '11, '12, '14, recipient of the 2020 Recent Graduate Award.





VIRTUAL DISCUSSION WITH DR. BROAD

AT THE END, THE BEGINNING: How Canadians Experienced the Second World War and the Lessons for Today” - Virtual Lecture with Professor Graham Broad

Dr. Graham Broad, Associate Professor of History, gave a virtual discussion in honour of the 75th Anniversary of VE Day on May 8, 2020. A recording of his lecture is available on the King’s YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/kingsatuwo



CELEBRATION OF GRADUATES

A livestream celebration for the Class of 2020 held at King’s on June 17. Valedictorian Nirali Vithlani '20 spoke to the spring graduating class, sharing memories from her time at King’s, the impact of faculty and staff on her experience, and expressed her best wishes for her fellow graduates. A livestream celebration was held for fall graduates on October 22, and included remarks from KUCSC and Dr. Peter Donohue, Director, School of Social Work. Speaking at both Celebrations were Principal David Malloy, Reverend Michael Béchar, Director of the Office of Campus Ministry, Father Mark Sargent, King’s University College Board Chair, and Jennifer Ayers '08, Alumni Association President.

Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

2020 VIRTUAL GOLF CLASSIC



To ensure continued support of King's students, the annual King's Golf Classic was held virtually from September 12-20, 2020. The tournament and silent auction raised over \$30,000 for the King's Golf Classic Award for students with financial need as well as other priorities of the College. Thank you to sponsors, golfers, and donors for supporting this unique tournament format.

Golfers shared photos from their round of golf using #KingsGolfClassic



Dave Malloy, David Nash, Phil Mueller, and Fr. Jim Mockler kicked off the tournament at Redtail Golf Club.



Phyllis Fidler '04 and Tiffany Chisholm represented King's alumni and employees while golfing at the Exeter-Golf Club.



Elizabeth Cushing (red jacket) and friends enjoyed a great round of golf in the King's Virtual Golf Classic.



Debbie O'Brien, Chris Hogan, Connie Elliott, and Patty Masnica showed off their version of a Tee Party.

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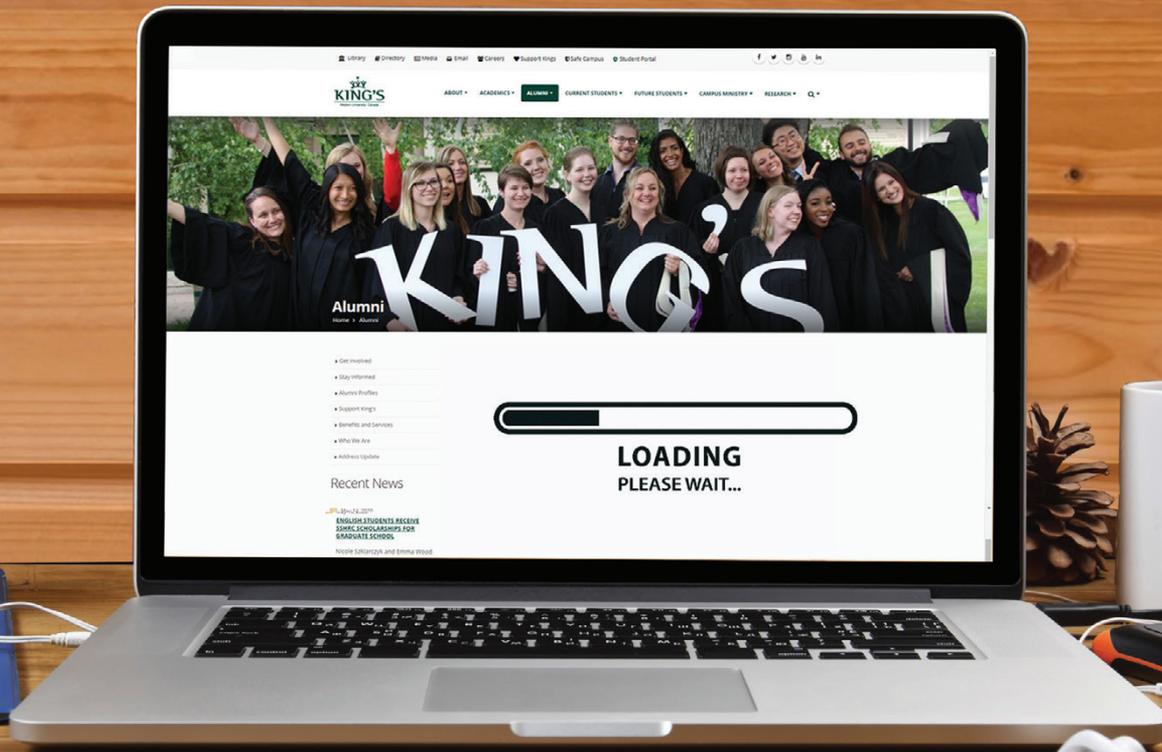
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Stay tuned!

Planning is in progress for King's alumni events.

Visit www.kings.uwo.ca/alumni for updates on virtual and in-person events. Sign up for the King's alumni e-newsletter to receive updates in your inbox.



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A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Today I write to you on a glorious October day; fall colours abound. At King's, we continue to work in a largely virtual way many months after we thought we all might return campus. However, a number of departments are on hand each day to serve students who are attending in person or need to be on campus for various reasons. We are grateful to our physical plant team for keeping all buildings spotless and safe and to many others who work directly with our students: from faculty members and the Academic Dean's Office to Student Finance to Enrolment Services.

We are also grateful to many of our alumni and friends of King's who have supported, and continue to support the Student Emergency Fund. Over the spring and summer, more than 500 students were helped when their financial situations changed overnight. The Student Emergency Fund supports urgent needs such as groceries, Wi-Fi and tech, rent, and more. Please see our Foundation Update for further details – and consider supporting the Fund if you haven't yet had a chance to do so.

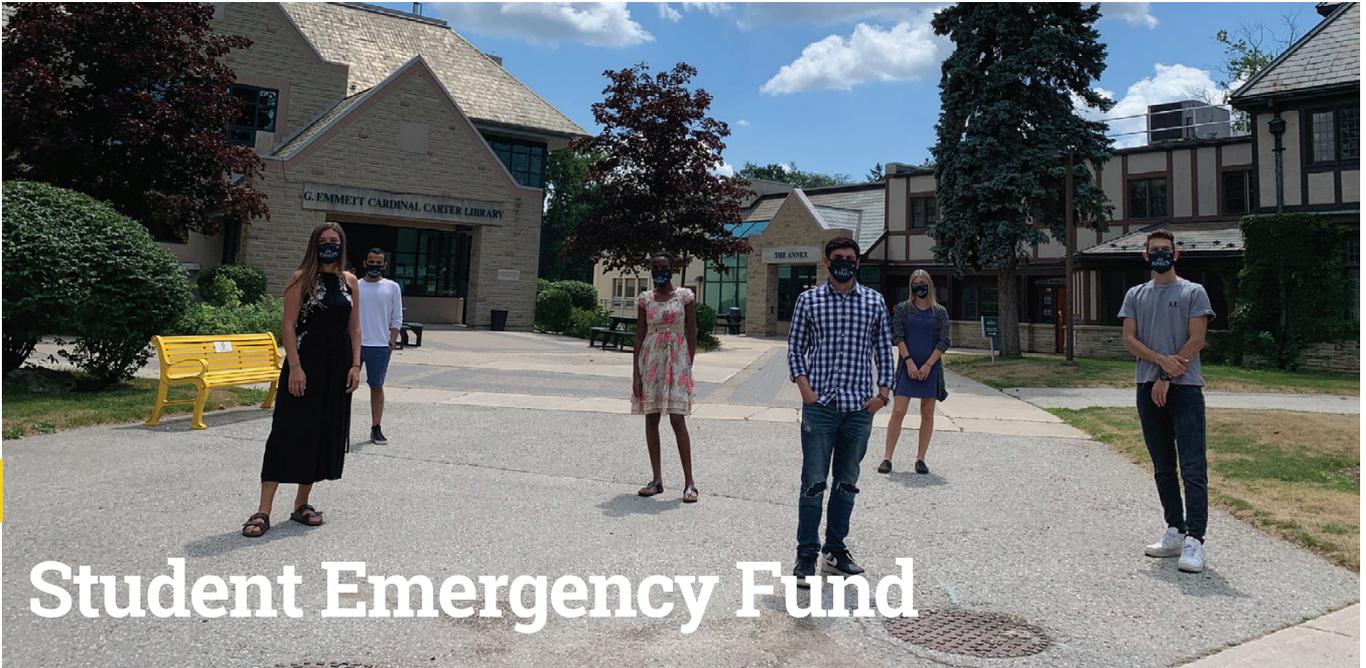
Though the pandemic has meant we could not come together in person for our fall events, we have been able to leverage

technology to create some unique experiences. One aspect we hope to keep once we can gather in person again is the ability to include alumni from wherever they are in the world. Participants in this year's King's Golf Classic could play any course of their choice, and the silent auction was available to anyone, even those not playing in the tournament itself. Homecoming saw a few new events, including a King's Trivia Night, a Life After King's with athletes, a Homecoming 5K, and a virtual baking contest. It will be fun incorporating some of these virtual events into planning for next year's Homecoming. Back to its traditional weekend, mark your calendars for Homecoming 2021 scheduled for September 24-26.

Wishing you a safe and healthy fall and Christmas season,

Jana Gordon, MA, CFRE
Executive Director,
Alumni and Development

Foundation Updates



When we needed you most...



Your generous contribution to the Student Emergency Fund supported King's students facing financial hardships allowing them to pay for:

-  Food and Living Essentials
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 -  Emergency Situations
 -  Internet and Technology
- As of September 30, 2020

As everyone faces unique challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic, King's students are adapting to new ways of studying and learning, both virtually and on campus. The pandemic has created additional pressures on students with respect to employment, travel, and daily living expenses. The King's Student Emergency Fund provides financial assistance to students who are facing unforeseen financial burdens.

To find out more about the Student Emergency Fund, or to support

King's students, please visit:

www.kings.uwo.ca/StudentEmergencyFund/

KUCSC Class of 2020 Award

Following the significant disruption to the 2019-2020 academic year, King's University College Students' Council (KUCSC) established two student awards in recognition of the Class of 2020. Without the opportunity to finish their academic studies in the classroom or celebrate their convocation in person, graduates from the Class of 2020 wanted to acknowledge their accomplishments and leave their mark at King's for years to come. The KUCSC Class of 2020 Awards will be given out annually to two King's students, one domestic and one international, who have overcome difficult circumstances and distinguished themselves in their academic pursuits. Congratulations to all graduates of the Class of 2020, and thank you for your legacy to King's.



King's = Family

We recently sat down with Marilyn Mason, Vice-Principal, Enrolment Services and Strategic Partnerships, donor, and advocate of King's. In addition to her tireless work recruiting students to the King's family, and welcoming them to the alumni family as they graduate, she has created a legacy of giving that reflects her love of King's. Marilyn has established a named student award in honour of her mother, annually supports the King's Fund, and has left a special gift to King's in her will. We are so thankful for her continued support of King's and her investment in our students' future.

"Tell me something that captures 'King's' for you."

This is something I've enjoyed asking people for more than three decades. The stories I get in response are all different, but the sentiment is always the same. King's is a place that feels like home. It is a place where people feel cared for, and feel like they belong. I couldn't agree more.

To me, King's is family. Like every family, King's has grown and changed over the years, but the words people use to describe what King's means to them have remained the same: warm, caring, inclusive, respectful.

If I haven't had the chance to ask you, I would love to hear what captures 'King's' for you. I hope that you feel similarly to those who have reflected on this question before you, and that when you look to the future, you will consider your past and the path that brought you to where you are, and who you are today.

Milestones

Share your milestones (job, marriage, birth announcements, etc.) in the next issue of the *King's Herald* by emailing your news to alumni@kings.uwo.ca or by completing the online form at kings.uwo.ca/alumni/address-update. Photos are welcome, space permitting.

Leon Hildebrandt '75 retired on June 30, 2020, following a 45+ year career in broadcast sales, 40 years of which was at Canadian Broadcast Sales as EVP. He is past president of Canadian Association of Broadcast Representatives, Chair of the Mulvihill Charitable Foundation, and Ruth Hancock Scholarship Foundation and Broadcast Executive board member.

Richard James '84 was hired by the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Education in fall 2019. He served for 20 years as a Principal in Eastern Ontario, and was also President of the Catholic Principal Council. He is enjoying his work in support of future classroom leaders.

Frank Ientile '90 was appointed to the role of Chief Financial Officer with AirBoss of America Corp., in June 2020.



Patrick Breech '02, a teacher at St. John Catholic School in Toronto, promised his students that if they carried out 250

acts of kindness he would bike the east end of Toronto in a cow costume. From delivering letters of support to health-care workers to food bank donations, students at the K-8 school surpassed this goal by completing nearly 500 kind acts by the time Patrick hit the road on June 10, 2020.

Robin Kool (nee Crozier) '02 has written a screenplay for a feature film entitled "The Sanctuary," currently available in Canada on Hollywood Suite.



Andrew Jardine '06 and **Paul Wilton '07** host a podcast called "The Governance Guys" that breaks down

the art and science of governance. Episode 11 featured special guest, Dr. David Malloy, King's Principal, who sat down with The Governance Guys to discuss how organizations use the term "values", and how values play a role in conversations and decision-making at the board table. The Governance Guys podcast is available on iTunes, Spotify, and other podcatchers.

Alessandro Lo Sardo '08 began a new job as Advancement Service Coordinator at Hillfield Strathallan College in November 2018.

Kevin Collins '09 married Nicholas Allinson on July 2, 2020.



William Denis '12 was recently promoted to Associate Manager at Canada Life.

Brittany Garrard-Amos '12 and her husband Tim were blessed with their second set of twins in June 2020.



Gareth Bush '13 has signed a record deal with with fiftyfive Records. His songs are available on a wide range of playlists on

Spotify, and will also be submitted for commercial and TV opportunities. Supporting the arts by giving independent artists a listen or follow on Spotify is greatly appreciated now more than ever!



Andrew Webb '13 started a digital marketing consulting business and recently added a puppy named Pippin to the

family. He has also created a free resource for fellow graduates of the liberal arts to jump-start their careers. Visit employedhistorian.com.

Nicole Blassman (nee Bullock) '16 and husband Nolan welcomed their daughter Melina Ann on June 24, 2020.

Erika DiLoreto '19 received a Social Sciences and Humanities Research (SSHRC) Canada Graduate Scholarship grant, and is studying at Carleton University.

Kelsey Veltman '19 has signed a contract to continue her international professional volleyball career in Germany.

Kaila Broadbent '20 became engaged on May 12, 2020.

Emily Collins '20, along with **Fiacre Batera '19**, and King's students **Kaitlin Birch**, **Kaitlyn Dyson**, **Nyema Reiz**, **Madison Lausanne**, **Nichole Loewen**, and **Joshua Harry**, compiled a resource entitled "A Guide to Advocacy: Where do we go from here? Black Lives Matter, Oppression and Activism." The guide provides readings that shed light on the history of anti-Black racism, privilege and power, as well as intersectionality and oppression. The goal of the project is to create a community resource to support and defend victims of racism.

Dylan Giffen '20 was selected in the 2020 CFL draft, 3rd round, 28th overall, by the Toronto Argonauts. He was an offensive lineman with the Western Mustangs offense.

Marc Liegghio '20 was selected in the 2020 CFL draft, 5th round, 39th overall, by the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. He was a kicker for the Western Mustangs and was awarded a purple blanket on April 29, 2020, as part of the Western Mustangs Season of Celebration.

Komin Qiyomiddin '20 received a Social Sciences and Humanities Research (SSHRC) Canada Graduate Scholarship grant and is studying at the University of Toronto.

Joseph Birch, associate alumnus, was named Chief Operating Officer and Governor of the Kitchener Rangers as of June 1, 2020.

Homecoming Trivia Answers:

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| 1. A | 4. C |
| 2. A | 5. B |
| 3. C | |

Congratulations to the 2020 King's Gold Medal Award recipients, who were honoured at the Celebration of Graduates on June 17, 2020. Gold Medal Awards are presented to the graduate in each category with the highest average in the last year of their module to recognize their outstanding academic achievement.

The 2020 King's Gold Medalists are:

Alexandria Armstrong '20,
Bachelor of Arts Honours -
Interdisciplinary Programs

Nicholas Armstrong '20,
3-Year Bachelor of Arts - Social Science

Kathryn Cormier '20,
Bachelor of Arts Honours - Humanities

John Fazio '20,
4-Year Bachelor of Arts - Humanities

Luke Garrett '20,
4-Year Bachelor of Arts - Social Science

Ishita Kumar '20,
Bachelor of Arts Honours - Social
Science

Sarah MacDonald '20,
4-Year Bachelor of Arts -
Interdisciplinary Programs

James Martin '20,
3-Year Bachelor of Arts - Humanities

Tina Nguyen '20,
Bachelor of Social Work Honours

Ashley Ratnayake '20, Bachelor of
Management and Organizational
Studies

Jordan Shanlin '20, 3-Year Bachelor of
Arts - Interdisciplinary Programs

Hanqi Wang '20, Bachelor of
Management and Organizational
Studies Honours

In Memoriam

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of:

James "Jim" Fish '61, who passed away on July 25, 2020.

John Grebenc '63, who passed away on March 26, 2020.

Barry Yaverbaum '66, who passed away on April 10, 2020.

James "Jim" Zmudczynski '74, who passed away on May 25, 2020.

Clifford Baron '75, who passed away on May 12, 2020.

Vicki Smorhay '78, who passed away on April 17, 2020.

Kara McFarlen '99, who passed away on August 8, 2020.

Yafet Haddish, student, who passed away on September 8, 2020.



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