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King's University College is a perfect place to explore the meaning of Canada’s 150th anniversary of Confederation. It is a perfect place to celebrate, to understand and to hear all voices on what this country means to the individuals who live on this land. Most importantly, it is a perfect place to envision what Canada could look like in the future.

King’s has a number of events over the year that address the ideas of what Canada means to us; from a Niagara-on-the-Lake battlefields tour with Professor Graham Broad in May to a talk planned for November 1 with author and playwright Drew Hayden Taylor, who will talk about growing up in a First Nations community near Peterborough and later traveling the world speaking on the healing and teaching nature of humour. There is so much to be learned and understood from these stories.

This is also an important year for King’s. As David Sylvester stated in the spring Herald:

“At King’s...we need to challenge our students and ourselves to dig deeply into the issues that confront us. Our goal must be to extend a critical lens beyond our textbooks to the developments unfolding outside the university and to work for justice and the common good.”

King’s has a new strategic plan and will soon be announcing a major acquisition in support of the growth and future of King’s. King’s continues to produce students who will make a difference in the world, following in the footsteps of our graduates like Alumni Award of Distinction recipient Ed Struzik ’77, and Young Alumni Award winner Nicole Turner ’16.

After 10 wonderful years at King’s, I have been influenced by the remarkable alumni, supporters, students, staff and faculty, and their desire, commitment and action to challenge, improve and grow. I will be leaving King’s at the end of January, but it will always be close to my heart.
Awards for Excellence in Teaching are given annually at convocation to a full-time faculty member and a part-time faculty member as selected through student nominations and a committee.

Both professors are examples of true excellence in teaching and dedication to students. Congratulations to Dr. Trevor Hunter and Professor Jeremy Greenway.

**Dr. Nick Skinner retires after 45 years at King’s**

Over the past 45 years, Dr. Nick Skinner, Professor of Psychology, has received accolades from colleagues, students and alumni. He was recognized with the King’s Award for Excellence in Teaching in its inaugural year, regularly named to the Dean’s Honor Roll of Teaching Excellence, and was also noted as a top professor at Western University. Dr. Skinner can now add a new title to his dossier. In recognition of his years of service and his retirement from King’s, Dr. Skinner was conferred the status of Professor Emeritus at the spring 2017 convocation ceremony.

During his career, hundreds of undergraduate students studied under Dr. Skinner, with countless citing his humour and approachability as traits that not only made him an admired faculty member, but also someone who inspired and encouraged them to pursue their goals.

With regular frequency, alumni name Dr. Skinner as their favourite professor. Many have stayed in touch with him since graduation, while others look forward to catching up with him annually at Homecoming and other alumni events.

Although he is retiring from teaching, Dr. Skinner’s legacy will remain at King’s with the naming of the Dr. Nicholas and Wendy Skinner Access Lab in the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre. The naming is in recognition of their contribution to the Student Life Campaign, as well as Dr. Skinner’s years of service at the University.

The King’s community wishes Dr. Nick Skinner all the best in his retirement and we look forward to welcoming him back to Homecoming and alumni events for years to come.
King’s Connect Campus News

Dr. Peter Donahue, Director of the School of Social Work, is the recipient of the 2017 Inspirational Leader Award from the Ontario Association of Social Workers (OASW). The award recognizes social work professionals who inspire others through leadership, optimism and innovation. In the award citation, Dr. Donahue was described as "an inspirational leader in the social work community who is future-oriented, collaborative, and emotionally intelligent."

Dr. Rob Ventresca ’93, Associate Professor of History, has been appointed to the Committee on Ethics, Religion and the Holocaust for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. Comprised of scholars, professors and other professionals from academic institutions, faith groups and interfaith organizations, the committee focuses on ethical and philosophical issues raised by individuals and groups about the Holocaust and contemporary manifestations of anti-Semitism.

Dr. Don Kerr, Professor of Sociology, is the 2017 recipient of the Hugh Mellon Excellence in Research Award. The award honours the memory of King’s Professor Dr. Hugh Mellon by recognizing the scholarly work of a faculty member. Dr. Kerr’s research interests fall in the area of social demography, and he has continually advanced the sub-discipline of demography through his publications, teaching, and active participation in the Canadian Population Society and the London Poverty Research Centre @ King’s.

Dr. Ian Rae, Professor of English, was asked to comment on the following: Why is The Handmaid’s Tale, written by Canadian author Margaret Atwood, so relevant in 2017, more than three decades after it was first published?

Even before cable television adapted The Handmaid’s Tale this year, Atwood’s 1985 novel about the fictional Republic of Gilead had returned to bestseller lists. Atwood’s story about the leaders of a military coup who use the pretense of terrorist attacks to seize political power and reverse twentieth century advances in civil rights for women, people of colour, and LGBTQ communities has resonated amid the global resurgence of the far right. Women dressed in the red robes and white head coverings of Atwood’s Handmaids – surrogates who are forced to bear children for the leadership of Gilead in the sterilizing wake of an environmental disaster – have sat silently in the Texas senate to protest the passing of anti-abortion laws. Women’s marches in the United States have featured cover images of The Handmaid’s Tale emblazoned with slogans such as: “Not a Guidebook” and “Make Atwood Fiction Again.” This popular interest in a novel about a patriarchal theocracy might seem odd given that story’s future (roughly 2005) is already past. However, the enduring popularity of Atwood’s novel has nothing to do with the calendar and everything to do with deeply rooted tendencies in Western societies. Atwood doesn’t predict what the future will look like or when events will transpire. Rather, she expertly details how a sequence of events (attacks on female literacy, education, bodily autonomy, and access to information) will lead to a totalitarian future that is always close at hand.
King’s Connect Student News

Kelsey Veltman, third year Disability Studies student and leader on the Western Mustangs volleyball team, was named Ontario University Athletics West Division Player of the Year and U Sports All-Canadian.

Leia Beland-Rawson, fourth year Social Work student, received the “Live Your Dream award” by Soroptimist International London. This is the second consecutive year that a King’s student received the award.

Wyatt Merkley, fourth year English student, was named the Western and Affiliates Undergraduate Student Representative for the Undergraduate Awards, the world’s largest academic awards program.

Jamal Hijazi, third year Business Management and Organizational Studies student, was a top five finalist in the 2017 Great Canadian Sales Competition. More than 3,000 students from 85 schools across Canada entered the competition.

The inaugural King’s Undergraduate Research Journal, a multi-media digital publication featuring a collection of articles by students in various academic departments at King’s, is available online at www.kings.uwo.ca/kurj/

The EBM Insider, Written & edited by King’s Economics, Business & Math students is available online at www.kings.uwo.ca/ebm/

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Violette Khammad, was elected as KUCSC President for the 2017-2018 term. The members of her executive team are: David Haggarty, Chief Financial Officer; Kristen Kovacs, Vice President Student Events; Olivia Smith Rodrigues, Vice President Student Affairs; Madelaine Coelho, Chief Communications Officer. The Executive team began their term on May 1, 2017, and is working alongside KUCSC General Manager Andrea Jolliffe to continue to enhance the student experience at King’s.
A PLACE TO BE, A PLACE TO BECOME

King’s vision is ‘to be the leading undergraduate university in Canada, recognized as a centre of academic distinction, personal enrichment, and global engagement’.

(King’s Strategic Plan 2017)

Well, there you have it. After extensive and extended reflection, consultation and deliberation among students, members of faculty, staff, alumni, and boards, King’s has set a bold strategic direction for the coming years. Quite simply, we aspire to be the very best at what we do.

To be honest, we are well on the way to achieving this ambitious goal as King’s has been, for well over a decade, forging a community of diversity and strength within and across its student body, its faculty and support staff, and its academic programming. The campus has never looked better and ambitious plans are unfolding for a significant property acquisition to secure King’s immediate needs and long-term aspirations. King’s community connections continue to grow through our academic outreach programs, faculty research and centres, and we are now being recognized nationally as an emerging leader in building social infrastructure in London, throughout southwestern Ontario and across the country. Our academic experiential learning programs in Canada’s north, Europe, Africa, Latin America, Asia and locally provide King’s students unparalleled opportunities for personal development and global understanding. Let me put it plainly, your alma mater is flourishing.

So what will propel King’s forward in achieving its goal to be, and be recognized as, Canada’s leading undergraduate university? The answer actually lies in our past. King’s differentiating advantage is, in fact, our historic commitment to creating a place where students can become fully human, where they can think about and prepare for not only what they might do after graduation but also who they are meant to be. In an age of tremendous mobility, King’s renews its commitment to create a place of welcome and challenge, where students are invited to make connections with new ideas and with mentors; where the principles of justice are not only taught, but practiced, where academic and professional excellence walk hand in hand with the expectation that our community and its members are meant to make a difference in the world.

These are exciting times at King’s. I invite you to re-introduce yourself to your former home. If you haven’t been to campus lately please accept this as my personal invitation to you and your family to visit. While the name has evolved over the years—The King, Christ the King College, King’s College, King’s University College—we have renewed our historic commitment to provide students with the very best education within the very best community of support. Or, as our new Mission Statement phrases it, albeit a bit more formally:

King’s is a public Catholic University College engaged in the open pursuit of truth and the discovery and sharing of knowledge in service to humanity. By integrating academic programs rooted in the liberal arts with comprehensive student support, King’s creates an inclusive and empowering space for students by nourishing their capacity for critical thought, articulate expression, creativity, and ethical action.

We think this is what students entering university need in this day and age, and we think our graduates are exactly what our country needs. You are part of the King’s family and I invite you to be part of this exciting new chapter in our history.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK
By Dr. David Sylvester

A Place to Be, A Place to Become
Unlocking the Full Potential of LinkedIn

Sarah Lawless ‘97
Insights Manager, Central Region North America, LinkedIn

The key to unlocking the full potential of LinkedIn, starts with how you present your professional brand to the world! Take a look at these quick tips to help you put your best self forward!

Contrary to popular belief, it is not about recreating your resume, it is about building your STORY!

PHOTO: Photos help to humanize your engagement on the platform, making you more approachable. This is proven by the fact that a profile with a photo gets 21X more views! Choose a photo that represents your PROFESSIONAL self.

PERSONALIZE: Your headline below your name is the FRONT PAGE of your story. It is a great way to show your value and passion. Remember, it takes 10 seconds to make a first impression!

PITCH: Your summary is your “elevator pitch” – tell people what they can expect from you and describe what you do. This is an opportunity to highlight your strengths, and why you are doing what you are doing.

PICTURES & VIDEOS: Yes, you can use photos, video and presentations to help enhance your story! Think about ways you can leverage these to highlight your company and employer brands or projects that you are proud of!

PROSE: It is important to keep in mind that LinkedIn is not a job board – so don’t recreate the resume – simply showcase your experience in 2-3 concise sentences. Then, tell your story! Highlight major wins or projects and the value you bring to the teams you have worked on.

PASSION: Your profile is about sharing who YOU are – let your creativity and your passions come through. Showcase your personality! 1 in 5 managers hired someone because of their volunteer experience, so provide the world with a full picture of who you are!

Building your professional brand – letting your personality shine through – is the start to getting the most out of the world’s largest professional network! Good luck and have fun with it!

Life after King’s connects alumni who are established in their field of employment with students and recent graduates who are interested in career exploration. Through speaker panels, one-on-one mentorship and networking events, Life after King’s offers opportunities for students and alumni to discover potential career paths and begin to develop their professional networks.

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Life after King’s Career Workshops held at King’s

30
Alumni participants in Life after King’s or alumni-supported career events

180
Students participants in Life after King’s or alumni-supported career events

28
Alumni offered their professional knowledge and experience as mentors

2
Alumni-hosted networking events held in Toronto and London

Get Involved! Speak on a career panel, become a mentor, host a networking event.

To get involved with Life after King’s, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 1-800-265-4406 x4502 or kcalumni@uwo.ca
**The School of Social Work is pleased to announce the following appointments, effective July 1, 2017:**

**Professor Akin Taiwo** joins the School with extensive experience and research interests in the areas of Political Social Work, Social Justice & Social Change, Globalization, Immigration & Diaspora issues, Multicultural Practice with Diverse Populations, and Social Work Poetics.

**Dr. Tracy Smith-Carrier** has been appointed as the new Graduate program Coordinator for the MSW program for a two-year term.

**DIRECT PRACTICE MSW PROGRAM**

The Direct Practice MSW program is designed to develop and enhance the knowledge and practice skills of social work professionals. Learning opportunities prepare students to work with individuals, families, groups and communities. The program is course-based (non-thesis) and includes practicum (experiential learning) components.

We have successfully concluded the launch of the 1-year Direct Practice MSW program for students who have completed a Bachelor of Social Work degree. We look forward to evaluating the new curriculum and feedback is welcome.

In September 2017, the School is admitting the first cohort to the new 2-year Direct Practice MSW program. It is designed for students who have completed a 4-year degree from an accredited university in a discipline other than social work.

For more information about the Direct Practice MSW program, visit socialwork.kings.uwo.ca or email: MSWProgram@kings.uwo.ca

**IN MEMORIAM**

It is with great sadness that the School of Social Work announces the passing of Dr. Robert (Bob) Marino, Professor Emeritus, on July 9, 2017, following a brief illness.

Bob was a faculty member in the School of Social Work from 1976 to 2004, and served as Director from 1984 to 1997. Throughout his career, Bob was committed to community development and was particularly passionate about multiculturalism. He took students on field trips to diverse, low income neighborhoods and introduced them to local politicians. In addition to Bob's teaching legacy related to grassroots social work, as an administrator he played a foundational role in developing international educational opportunities for students in the School of Social Work. Many graduates have expressed appreciation for Bob's genuine dedication to multiculturalism, and the profound impact of the experiential learning trips to Mexico that were introduced under his leadership.

Bob celebrated his Italian heritage through preparing and enjoying homemade food and wine with others. Prior to their experiential learning trips abroad, Bob gathered the students to make a meal together as a way of teaching them about group work. He is remembered fondly for his good humor and the annual “Spaghettata” he and Dr. Lino Canzona prepared for their colleagues.

The School extends sympathy to Bob’s sons Robert and Samuel, his close friend and former wife Susan Birnie Marino, and their extended family and friends.
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

CANINE COMFORT IN COURT

Taking work home every day does not sound like a job perk, unless, of course, that ‘work’ is a black Lab-Bernese Mountain Dog cross named Merel. Rachel Braden (nee Crawford) BA ‘11, BSW ‘13 MSW ‘14, Child Witness Project Coordinator with the London Family Court Clinic, is the primary handler for Ontario’s first courthouse facility dog, and, with this job, Rachel’s work is always with her.

While studying Social Work at King’s, Rachel completed field placements at the London Family Court Clinic (LFCC) where she gained experience with children and families connected to the justice system.

“I started working with young offenders through the LFCC Youth Therapeutic Court,” she recalls. “But it was during my placement with the Child Witness Program that I discovered my true passion.”

As Coordinator and Primary Clinician of the Child Witness Program, Rachel helps prepare and support children and youth under the age of 18 who are facing the challenging task of testifying in court. Preparations can include learning about the court process, meeting with the Crown Attorney, going on courthouse tours, and role playing.

In 2016, Rachel’s team expanded to include Merel, a specially-trained facility dog provided by National Service Dogs. Merel’s job is to be a consistent, calming presence for children/youth during an often inconsistent justice process.

“Merel attends all appointments with me so that she is present throughout the entire process,” says Rachel. “Wherever I am, Merel is.”

With a seemingly simple command from Rachel, “Merel, visit!” the highly-trained dog will go to a child witness and provide the comfort and support that is needed. “She will sit with a child witness, put her head on their lap, lie down with a child sitting on the floor, whatever she’s needed to do.”

Merel has had a tremendous impact on Rachel’s ability to build rapport with young victims. “Conversations flow more freely when Merel is the opening topic,” she explains. “This leads to much more productive conversations as all parties involved feel more comfortable.”

However, working with a canine colleague is not without its challenges. “Merel is VERY slow and lazy,” remarks Rachel. “This makes her very good at her job, but it also makes it difficult to get around with any urgency. I used to walk to work, but now I drive because it would take me all day to get to work with slow-moving Merel!”

“It’s hard to believe I did my job without her,” reflects Rachel. “She’s changed how I do my work and how young people respond to their court experience.” For Merel, it’s all in a day’s work.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

HOMECOMING 2017
GOOD FOR OUR SOUL AS A NATION

By Mary Chapman, Content Creator - King's Communications
Chris Overholt has spent more than 20 years of his career in the professional and high-performance sports industry. He has worked with the NFL’s Miami Dolphins, the NBA’s Toronto Raptors and the NHL’s Toronto Maple Leafs and Florida Panthers. He is currently CEO and Secretary General of the Canadian Olympic Committee (COO).

Chris graduated from King’s in 1987 with a Bachelor of Arts in History.

It did not come as a surprise to him that he did not base his career around his major. “I certainly didn’t go to University with the mindset that I’m going to gather up my professional posture around [history], I thought of taking this time for me to study things I was interested in.”

Chris’s degree from King’s helped him gain many of the transferable skills organizations look for. “My history degree really set me up well, primarily, to be a good communicator. In business you need to have confidence around the spoken and written word. Mostly you need to be confident in front of people. The liberal arts education that I enjoyed at King’s helped me get on a good road.”

Having worked directly with professional athletes in the NBA, NFL and NHL, and now high-performing Olympic athletes, Chris discusses what makes Canadian athletes unique. “They are very, very relatable. I think that has a lot to do with who we are as a people, and a little bit to do with the size of our population. It’s often the case that we are not so many layers removed from either knowing one of our Olympians directly or knowing someone who knows one of our athletes. They are who we are — they are us. I think that makes it different than say, the United States who is ten times our size, I just don’t think it feels the same.”

Similarly, Chris believes the brand of Canada has never been stronger. “Whether it’s the great reverence most countries have for our strong and established banking system, our overall standard of living or just who we are as a people. We’re seen to be leaders, we’re seen to be conveners of agenda, and we’re seen to be on the front-end of important issues of the day related to matters of inclusion and diversity. I think it’s a really wonderful time to be Canadian and it’s been equally a wonderful time to be leading an organization like this one at a time when the country and brand of Canada is so very strong.”

Chris joined the COO shortly after Canada’s success in the 2010 Vancouver games. “The way Canadians think about the Olympic movement and its importance changed in Vancouver and has only grown in significance since. That support has in many ways fueled our success. Athletes look at the Vancouver Games and are inspired. John Furlong said it best, ‘Vancouver was an exercise in nation-building’ and I think we’re all still riding that momentum. Our posture as a nation and as a people has changed. That essence that came out of the Vancouver Games still lives in our people. Our goal is to keep that fire burning.”

Though he has been part of a number of wonderful organizations, Chris says that working at the COO has been the best job he’s ever had. “The Olympic Games remain the only singular event (barring perhaps the World Cup) that the entire world pauses for. Warring nations actually stop so that we can all compete in the spirit of fair play and peace. I think that’s a unique thing for the world today. I could not be more proud to be attached to something of that significance for the world — not just our country. It’s good for our soul as a nation to see our athletes compete and win.”

Speaking of the team at the COO, Chris says, “We have 100 of the most passionate Canadians you could find anywhere, working across the country, and travelling to set up our operations in cities like Pyeongchang, Korea; Sochi, Russia; Rio, Brazil and soon Tokyo, Japan. I am amazed every day at the work that they do and the passion they bring.

Talking about the future of Canada’s Olympic team, Chris says, “If you combine our winter and summer total medals won we are eighth in the world. Eighth of 206 Olympic nations. That’s great! And we can be better. Our athletes would tell you that they believe they can be better and want to be better. Our job is to make sure that they are as well-resourced as can be to compete and win on the world stage. That’s what gets us up every day.”

The next Olympic Games will be held in Pyeongchang, Korea in 2018.
Life has taken Stefan Bortolussi and Rena Pittao from Bay Street to Bay of Fundy on a family adventure that started at King’s University College.

Stefan ’98 (BA Administrative and Commercial Studies) is the owner/operator of Canadian Tire #232 in the small town of St. Stephen, New Brunswick. His wife Rena ’96 (BA Administrative and Commercial Studies) helps out behind the scenes, is active in the community, and runs her own coaching business for investment advisors called Custom Design Coaching.

The couple met through mutual friends at a New Year’s Eve party in downtown Toronto, where Stefan says the revelers were “90 per cent” King’s alumni. At the time, he worked at the Canadian Tire Corporation head office and Rena was manager of professional development at CIBC Wood Gundy.

“I spent 8 years progressing through the ranks at the corporate office at Yonge and Eglinton,” says Stefan, who completed his HBA and MBA at the Ivey Business School. “During that time, I determined that my dream was to be a Canadian Tire dealer and to run a store.”

That dream came true in 2010 when Stefan became the owner/operator of Canadian Tire in Dauphin, Manitoba. “With Canadian Tire, you are given the first available store which is always the smallest store in the smallest community,” he explains.

Located four hours northwest of Winnipeg, the city of 8,000 is a long way from the hustle and bustle of Toronto. “It was an adjustment and quite a risk, but it worked out beautifully,” Stefan says. “We integrated ourselves in the community, made great friends, and were able to grow the business.”

The couple’s son Dante – now 6 - even celebrated a birthday with a ride in a combine.

After two-and-a-half years of Prairie life, the family – which also includes 11-year-old Elia - jumped at the opportunity to relocate to Canada’s east coast.

“You don’t really know where this journey with Canadian Tire is going to take you,” notes Stefan, “but we always said if something comes up in the Maritimes we’d love to make that part of the adventure.”

Today the family is settled in St. Stephan, New Brunswick - only 10 minutes away from St. Croix Island, where Samuel de Champlain first landed in 1604.

Stefan and Rena say they feel fortunate to represent an iconic Canadian retailer that affords them the opportunity to live in so many different parts of the country. This year marks Canadian Tire’s 95th anniversary, notes Stefan, and 90 per cent of all Canadians live within a 15-minute drive of a store.

“We have visited almost every province and it seems wherever you go, everyone you talk to has some sort of connection to Canadian Tire,” Rena says. With 500 stores from coast to coast, the retailer is more than just a shopping destination and employer. It’s an important part of each community.

In St. Stephan, that means raising funds for Canadian Tire’s Jumpstart charity and supporting community efforts to welcome four Syrian refugee families.

“Our initial commitment was to stock all their laundry and bathroom needs,” Rena says, “but as we got more involved it ballooned.”

Dante and Elia helped decorate the bedrooms for the Syrian children, while Stefan is currently employing two new arrivals at his Canadian Tire store.

“They really want to work,” notes Rena. “The only thing stopping them often is the language barrier. We have been very flexible with their schedule so they can attend language classes during the day. These are families who have lost everything, so it’s really rewarding to be able to help.”

The couple also gives back to their alma mater by participating in career panel events for current King’s students.

“King’s is where the success that we have had started,” says Stefan. “We think it’s important to share whatever we can with students who are going through the same unknowns.”

Rena says she likes to remind students that university is about more than just academics. “It’s the people you get to know and the teams and clubs you join. That’s where you build your communication and teamwork skills that you can show a prospective employer.”

King’s is where the success that we have had started...
HEART OF AN EXPLORER

Clayton Anderson ’97 charts his own course

By Mary Chapman, Content Creator - King’s Communications
Clayton Anderson ‘97, Vice-President of Product Development at Adventure Canada knew he wanted to be a travel writer since he was in high school.

“I went on Rotary exchange to Mexico when I was 16 and brought with me a Let’s Go Mexico guide book. I was honestly amazed that someone got paid to write it and decided that was what I wanted to do,” reflects Clayton. He decided then to apply to King’s and earn a BA in English. “After King’s, I set myself up with a 6-month internship in Costa Rica at a small travel newspaper called Central America Weekly. I was the English language editor, but also took photos and wrote articles. When I returned, I saw a newspaper job ad for travel writers for Ulysses Travel Guides – I applied and got a three-book contract. From there, I was a magazine editor and a freelance writer. I wrote speeches, technical manuals, ad copy – you name it. In the early 2000s, after coming back from a year in Australia, I answered a want ad for a marketing coordinator for Adventure Canada... that was 14 years ago now.”

During his career at Adventure Canada, Clayton has taken people to the Galapagos and Machu Picchu 14 times, done small-plane expeditions in southern Africa, circumnavigated New Zealand, traversed the Trans-Siberian by private train, and sailed past the Antarctic circle. “For me it’s about the variety, authenticity and visceral richness of the experience.”

In terms of unparalleled Canadian landscapes, Clayton believes the top three are Baffin Island, Ellesmere Island and the coast of Labrador.

“Baffin and Ellesmere Islands are powerful, desolate landscapes with vibrant communities that support a rich and ancient culture. Being up there in the summer, we have 24-hours of sunlight and a seemingly endless horizon with city-block-sized icebergs accented by bowhead whales and the occasional polar bear. The coast of Labrador is also one of Canada’s undiscovered gems. With its deep fjords, towering mountains and rich wildlife, it is one of the most spectacular and remote destinations in Canada.”

Traveling to remote Canadian destinations comes with major challenges, especially dealing with weather and wildlife. “We’re guests in an unforgiving environment,” says Clayton. “Because Adventure Canada operates a small, ice-strengthened ship, we have amazing access to the North, but as we are not an ice breaker, sometimes we have to change our plans. One year we had too much ice to complete the passage, another year we found an uncharted rock and grounded the vessel. All kinds of other delays, from fog to wind to ice, have interfered with our charter flights, sometimes requiring us to set up alternate plans for up to 200 travelers. We roll with the punches and have found that it’s really how you handle the challenges that earns your travelers’ respect.”

Wildlife sightings are greatly anticipated on the tours. “We have not had a trip in the North without a polar bear – though the intensity of the experience varies. We’ve had everything from them swimming in front of the Zodiacs (inflatable boats) to approaching us on land, to small dots in the spotting scope. There’s always a great collective sigh of relief when we see our first bear, our first whale, our first walrus – this is often what people have waited a lifetime to see.”

Adventure Canada has a proud history of working with the communities they visit, hiring locally, and ensuring their vision of tourism is a sustainable one. Additionally, Adventure Canada’s Discovery Fund supports a number of initiatives from high profile to grassroots in Canada’s North and East Coast. “We work with Project North [to] distribute hockey equipment to northern communities, we support The Inuit Heritage Trust to [help] protect Nunavut’s archaeological sites, ethnographic resources and traditional place names, and we partner with WWF-Canada towards their ongoing work in the North.”

Having done so much travelling within Canada and abroad, it’s surprising that there are places Clayton has not explored. “I’ve yet to get to Dawson City, Yukon. I like the idea of the gold rush history, the small-town, frontier atmosphere and the fact that they have a cocktail with a human toe in it. I haven’t spent enough time in the West and would like to fix that.”

Looking back, Clayton says, “I think that a liberal arts education – in my case, an English Literature BA – really teaches you how you learn and forces you to meet deadlines and expand your mental horizons. My time at King’s was among the best years of my life and there is very little I would change. My best friends are still those I made in school, and I see them a lot – but there were so many great people. If anyone wants to reconnect, I guess they now know where to find me!”
BRIANNA NEWMAN TAKES THE DRIVER’S SEAT

By Nicole Laidler, Spilled Ink Writing & Wordsmithing

When it comes to her career, Brianna Newman ’13 is already in the fast lane. At just 25 years old, Brianna is the director of partnerships for The Minery Ltd., a London, Ontario tech firm that is in the business of putting the automotive industry back in the driver’s seat of the customer buying experience.

Founded in 2010 by Heather Macpherson, the company provides two fully integrated web-based workplace performance and improvement digital solutions, supported by client-facing consulting services. It’s Brianna’s job to work directly with clients at the corporate and dealership level, both in Canada and across the United States.

With no background in technology and only a passing interest in cars, it’s hardly the career Brianna (BA ’13, Global Commerce and Social Justice & Peace Studies) envisioned as a student.

“I thought I would do law, but then I took a business class and loved it,” says Brianna, who grew up just outside London in the small community of Delaware.

Brianna has never been afraid of taking on new challenges. During her time at King’s she volunteered as a Soph, held several positions on students’ council, signed up “for every club I could,” and worked at the Registrar’s Office assisting other students with course selections and class scheduling.

So when a mutual friend suggested reaching out to Heather Macpherson after graduation, Brianna jumped at the opportunity to learn more about The Minery.

“I met Heather at Starbucks and we hit it off right away,” she recalls. “The idea of joining a female leader who was launching a start-up was intriguing. I was the first consultant she hired.”

The Minery was developing HR4Dealers - a mobile digital solution designed to help automotive dealerships address and streamline complex challenges around recruiting, hiring, training, and retaining staff.

Brianna’s first client was Marino’s Auto Group, which represents five dealerships with 165 full-time employees located across the GTA. “It was a whole new experience, but I don’t think I would be where I am today professionally if I hadn’t had it,” she says.

Her next stop was Los Angeles, where she was the lead on implementing The Minery’s second platform – called Imprv - at Acura U.S.

“We thought it would take three months, but I ended up moving to Los Angeles for two years,” says Brianna.

Imprv targets the needs of original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) by providing a set of customizable online tools that allows users to gather performance data, identify trends, pinpoint improvement opportunities, take action, and track progress and results, with the goal of supporting the customer experience across the entire corporation.

Working at the Honda Acura headquarters and travelling to dealerships across the United States was a life-changing experience. “I was very fortunate to build good relationships with people within the Acura network in the States. I was able to develop a lot of advocates,” Brianna says.

“The team at The Minery made me look good, and that helped a lot,” she adds. “There were many instances when things could have gone another way, but I learned that if you keep your composure and remain confident you can hold your own.”

Today Imprv is used by Acura U.S. and Acura Canada, as well as Honda Canada.

And although she recently moved back to London to work out of The Minery’s downtown headquarters, Brianna’s role often takes her on the road. “I have no set hours but I love what I do so it doesn’t feel like work,” she notes.

Her advice for graduates wanting to take charge of their professional future is simple.

“Take the plunge and stand strong,” she says. “If you want to continuously learn and develop yourself you need to take the job you are not quite ready for.”
Farm to Fork & Plough to Pint

Meet Ellie Cook ’12, co-owner of The Root Cellar, and David Thuss ’05, co-owner of The London Brewing Co-operative

Within one month of graduating from King’s with her BA (honors specialization in English and Social Justice and Peace Studies), Ellie Cook ’12, along with three co-owners, opened The Root Cellar in London, Ontario’s historic Old East Village. The funky 19-seat café/juice bar expanded its operations in 2014 to become a full 60-seat establishment, with menu items made from certified organic ingredients grown and produced within a 1-hour’s drive from London.

Also in 2014, The Root Cellar incubated The London Brewing Co-op (LBC), co-owned by David Thuss ’05 (honors BA in English and Political Science), providing space for a nano-brewery system and exclusively serving LBC beers. In 2016, LBC moved to a larger location that allows them to operate a microbrewery and provides a space for beer tastings and other small events.

The owners of The Root Cellar and LBC are committed to using locally sourced and organic ingredients, and operate with a co-operative business model that allows all employees to have a voice in the organization.

Alumni Ellie and David recently shared some thoughts about their organizations and on supporting local businesses:

What would you say is the biggest benefit of supporting local businesses?

Ellie: Investing time, energy and money locally contributes to the excitement of a thriving neighbourhood. We have seen first hand in the Old East Village how these efforts support and benefit local families.

David: By supporting local businesses you help shape your community. It can be challenging to break away from the lifestyle that television and big corporations encourage with the perception of quick and convenient one-stop shopping, but trips to the market can easily become family adventures, a way to meet local merchants, and an opportunity to try new things.

What are some ways that alumni can integrate local, sustainable choices into their lives?

Ellie: Eat local. Shop local. Support local. Realize that urban vibrancy depends on small businesses thriving. Make connections with the folks running small businesses in your city. Support the farmers and food producers who are working their land in an ecological way.

David: There are so many avenues for integrating local and that generally means thinking about how we spend our time. Instead of that quick bite or coffee on the run, why not sit down and enjoy it - bring your partner, your family, your friends - incorporate it into your day-to-day routine. And instead of driving to the beer store, drop into your neighbourhood brewery!

Why is it important to you, both professionally and personally, to support local businesses?

Ellie: From the very beginning, The Root Cellar’s mission has been to strengthen our local organic food system by supporting London’s farming community. By using ingredients that are locally sourced, the menu at The Root Cellar changes to match the seasonal bounty of southwestern Ontario, and, with that, we strive to educate urban consumers about the importance - and joy! - of eating locally. I believe that if we value strong and resilient communities, we need to spend our money locally. By supporting local businesses, we support the livelihoods of our friends and neighbours, and increase the vibrancy of our neighbourhoods.

David: I grew up on a family farm and my father was a small-business owner so I understood from a young age what it means to survive entirely on what you are able to sell. For me, it’s important to know there’s a face and story that goes along with what I buy. It’s also about building community; it’s amazing the connections you make and how it energizes your day when you see these local business owners, can say hi, and know that they also care about the community that you live in.

Recommendations from the proprietors:

London Brewing Co-operative’s Tolpuddle Porter, a rich and nutty dark beer, paired with The Root Cellar’s fresh house-made butternut squash gnocchi
The King's University College Alumni Association welcomed more than 600 new graduates on June 13 at the 309th Convocation Ceremonies. Congratulations to the Class of 2017! This year’s Honorary Degree recipient was Chief Leslee White-Eye, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation. Chief White-Eye, the first woman in over 60 years to lead the Nation, is a dedicated educator, advocate and community champion. She has spent countless hours devoted to the development of her community and the advancement of youth. She is a member of King’s Board of Directors. After accepting her Doctor of Laws, honoris causa (LL.D), Chief White-Eye shared an inspiring message of hope for King’s graduates. Giving credit to the focus on infusing social justice into curriculum and the student experience at King’s, Chief White-Eye expressed that King’s graduates “will lead with a mind to the community to tackle the challenges we have with community relations.”

Networking Breakfasts
A London Chapter networking event was hosted by Sheldon Hines ’09 with Professor Joe Michalski speaking on Precarious Work in Precarious Times: Long-Term Prospects and Possible Futures. Jason Peetsma ’01 hosted a Toronto networking event at Ogiers Berndston, which included a talk from Professor Ben Muller on Trumplandia.

The Write Place and Alumni Association present Ed Struzik ’77
On March 9, Ed Struzik ’77 spoke to a group of over 50 students about his new book, Future Arctic: Field Notes from a World on the Edge, and the roles visuals can play in the craft of writing.
**Evening Breakfast**
Many hard-working and hungry students enjoyed an evening pancake breakfast hosted by the Alumni Association in April. Thank you to Teresa Benincasa-Sweeting ’07, ’17 and Tom Gray ’15 for helping to serve breakfast at the 2016-2017 study breaks.

**Ottawa Chapter: Gathering at Parliament Hill**
Ottawa-based alumni enjoyed an evening of socializing and networking on Parliament Hill with Peter Fragiskatos ’04, MP for London North Centre. Peter presented a brief talk on his international work with the Foreign Affairs committee.

**Toronto Chapter: Summer Reunion**
The Toronto Chapter gathered for their annual summer reunion, enjoying appetizers, tastings and a tour at Amsterdam Brewhouse.

**London Chapter: Summer Reunion**
The London Chapter gathered in June for a sold-out summer reunion at two of London's local breweries: London Brewing Co-op, owned by David Thuss ’05 and Anderson Craft Ales. Alumni enjoyed some local food from the Root Cellar, co-owned by Ellie Cook ’12.

**Niagara-on-the-Lake Battlefield's Tour with Professor Graham Broad**
King's alumni and their guests enjoyed a sold out, Niagara-on-the-Lake Battlefields tour in honour of Canada’s 150th celebration. This one-of-a-kind War of 1812 battlefields tour was led by Dr. Graham Broad, Associate Professor of History, and included stops at multiple historic locations.
Upcoming Alumni Events

Registration is requested for King’s alumni events. For more information about upcoming events, please visit www.kings.uwo.ca/alumni or contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at kcalumni@uwo.ca or 1-800-265-4406 x4502.

SEPTEMBER 09
King’s Fall Fair
Saturday, September 9, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Join King’s faculty and staff at Kustermans Berry Farm to celebrate the start of another academic year and for everyone to come together for some family fun.

SEPTEMBER 24
Twelfth Night at the Stratford Festival
Sunday, September 24, 11:30 a.m.
Reserve your seat for the 9th annual Stratford Festival event. Tickets are $125 and include a pre-performance lunch and insightful lectures by King's professors, Dr. Ian Rae and Dr. Paul Werstine ’70.

SEPTEMBER 11
King’s PRO-AM
Monday, September 11
The King’s Golf Classic is breaking from tradition to host the King’s PRO-AM at Highland Country Club, in conjunction with the Freedom 55 Financial Championship. This year, each foursome will be paired with a pro from the MacKenzie Tour- PGA TOUR Canada. Space is limited, so reserve your spot now. Registration is $240 per golfer. For registration or sponsorship information, please email kcalumni@uwo.ca.

OCTOBER 04
London Chapter: Networking Breakfast and Lecture
Wednesday, October 4, 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Start your day off with a breakfast and lecture with Political Science Professor Ben Muller.

NOVEMBER 07
Toronto Chapter: Networking Breakfast and Talk
Tuesday, November 7, 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Before work, join us for breakfast and a talk by Chris Overholt ’87, CEO, Canadian Olympic Committee.
Giving Tuesday
Tuesday, November 28, 2017
Celebrate the international day of giving with King's. Our fundraising campaign will take place online and on campus. We can't wait to share how the King's family gives their time, talent, finances and voice to make a difference in our communities.

Storytelling and Humour - Two universal ways of exploring the world
Wednesday, November 1, 3:30 p.m.
Principal's Lecture in Contemporary Indigenous Issues, King's Hour Lecture

Drew Hayden Taylor, award winning playwright, novelist, filmmaker and journalist, will present the Principal's Lecture in Contemporary Indigenous Issues, speaking on the journey of a writer, from growing up in a First Nations community to traveling the world spreading the gospel of Native literature, specifically touching on the healing and teaching nature of humour.

King's Hour is a series of culturally and academically engaging lectures on issues of importance to the King's community and society as a whole. For more details, please visit www.kings.uwo.ca/kings-hour/

Veritas Lecture Series 2017-2018
This year's Veritas Series for Faith and Culture is titled: Let All Things Their Creator Bless

"Take heed that what you sing with your mouths you believe in your hearts, and what you believe with your hearts you show forth in your works."
Fourth Council of Carthage (+397 CE)

The Veritas Series for Faith and Culture endeavors to foster learning and dialogue by gathering artists, scholars and theologians, who support and challenge us in living lives of faith and justice.

- Anthony Ruff, OSB
September 28, 2017
- Dylan Robinson, PhD
January 18, 2018
- Ricky Manalo, CSP, PhD
October 19, 2017
- Dr. Qutaiba Albluwi
March 1, 2018
- Rory Cooney
November 23, 2017
- Aviva Chernick
March 22, 2018

Sign up to receive alumni emails so that you don’t miss out!
www.kings.uwo.ca/alumni/stay-informed/
Friday, October 20

6:00 PM
EBM Barbecue
Darryl J. King Student Life Centre
Economics, Business and Math alumni and current students are welcome to attend EBM's first homecoming event. There will be light snacks and a cash bar. Head over to the Wemple Building afterwards to sing along with Rick McGhie.

7:30 PM
Alumni Association Annual General Meeting
Board Room, Dante Lenardon Hall
All alumni are welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting of our Alumni Association. Get the inside scoop on plans for 2017-2018, and learn how you can get involved.

8:30 PM
Friday Night Reunion with Rick McGhie
Vitali Student Lounge, Monsignor Wemple Building
Enjoy our Friday Night Reunion with the familiar sounds of Rick McGhie. This is a great opportunity to reunite with old friends, catch up with your favorite professors, reminisce, share stories and celebrate your Homecoming. Free admission, cash bar.

Saturday, October 21

9:30 AM
Alumni Brunch
Room 105, Elizabeth A. “Bessie” Labatt Hall
Celebrate everything King's at this social and motivational event. Enjoy a hot brunch as we congratulate the 2017 winners of the Alumni Award of Distinction and the Young Alumni Award. Brunch tickets, $20.

11:00 AM
Tailgate and Football Ticket Pickup, featuring Nick Nasal
Lobby, Elizabeth A. “Bessie” Labatt Hall
Join us for some family-friendly activities, a pre-game drink and snack, and pick up your football tickets. Cash bar. Buses depart at 12:15 p.m.

1:00 PM
Western Mustangs Football Game
TD Stadium
Cheer on the Western Mustangs football team as they take on the Ottawa Gee-Gees! Seating in our exclusive field level tent is limited, so be sure to get your tickets early! Alumni pricing is available for one alumnus and up to two guests at $25 each. Additional tickets can be purchased, after the limit of three, for $35.

4:00 PM
Social Work Alumni Wine & Cheese
Vitali Student Lounge, Monsignor Wemple Building
Social Work alumni and faculty are invited to a Homecoming reception. There will be light snacks and a cash bar.

Sunday, October 22

10:30 AM
Morning Eucharist
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

Register Online
www.kings.uwo.ca/homecoming
For more information or to RSVP, contact us at 1-800-265-4406 x4502 or kcalumni@uwo.ca

Ed Struzik ’77 is no stranger to a life of travel and adventure. Since leaving King’s with his History degree, Ed finished his masters in Journalism and developed an incredible career as a writer, photographer and public speaker focusing on a wide range of environmental and scientific issues. His work has appeared in many publications such as Canadian Geographic, National Geographic Traveler, Equinox, International Wildlife, Yale 360 Environment, The Globe and Mail, and the Toronto Star.

“I get to travel to far-flung places and meet the most extraordinary people, many of them Indigenous. Each time I come home, I realize that there are many different ways of looking at life,” says Ed. “Being in the wild forces one to exercise all senses – many of which we turn off in the city. When I travel to places in the Arctic, for example, where there are no hydroelectric dams, no polluting industries, and where you can drink river water without treatment, I recognize just how much we have abused nature in our urban environments. In my articles, I try to remind people that we can do much better in the way we manage the natural world.”

Additionally, Ed has published several books over the years including Northwest Passage (1991), Ten Rivers Adventure Stories from the Arctic (1991), The Big Thaw (2009), Arctic Icons, How the Town of Churchill Learned to Love Its Polar Bears (2014), Future Arctic: Field Notes from a World on the Edge (2015) and Firestorm (2017). Ed has also published several chapters in numerous books, most recently Reflections of Canada: Illuminating our Biggest Possibilities and Challenges at 150+ Years (2017) and It’s All Happening So Fast: A Counter-History of the Modern Canadian Environment (2016). Over the course of his career, Ed has won over 30 national and international awards for his writing, including the Grantham Prize Award of Special Merit and the Sir Sandford Fleming Medal.

Along with his writing, Ed is actively involved in his community and various educational institutions, including King’s. Ed currently sits on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee, an organization dedicated to the long-term environmental and social well-being of northern Canada and its people. Ed explains, “We believe in sustainable development and the application of the precautionary principle. Our policy and advocacy work is grounded in solid scientific and socio-economic research and experience. It’s an uphill battle because most Canadians know so little about the North and its people. But it’s worth the effort.”

Ed is also working as a fellow at the Institute for Energy and Environmental Policy at Queen’s University and is an instructor in science writing and non-fiction writing at the University of Alberta, Department of Liberal Studies. Ed recently returned to King’s, to speak as a panelist at the Life After King’s Humanities Workshop and lectured to a group of students about the role visuals play in the craft of writing.

“It’s been 40 years since I was a student at King’s and it has grown mightily, but has not lost its small school charm and warmth,” says Ed. “Of all the awards I’ve received, the King’s Alumni Award of Distinction is special because King’s gave me the kick-start and confidence I needed to move forward.”

Congratulations Ed Struzik ’77, winner of the 2017 Alumni Award of Distinction.
As a motivational speaker who shares her personal experiences to help raise ability awareness, Nicole Turner ‘16 would offer this advice to her first-year self: “Be confident, but also keep an open mind.”

“When I was in first year, I thought I knew exactly what I wanted to do and I was a little scared to wander off that path. Looking back, that was the best thing I could have done! There were times when I doubted my choices or abilities, but now I know that was not necessary.”

While working towards her Bachelor of Social Work, Nicole was actively involved in many clubs and activities, including Jack.org, King’s University College Students’ Council, King’s Soph team, Orientation Program, the Social Justice and Peace Club and Kids Club. During her undergraduate studies, she was recognized with the YMCA of Western Ontario’s Young Woman of Excellence in 2011 and the Millennium of Excellence Award in 2009. Since graduating, Nicole continues to pursue her passion for social work and is currently completing a Master in Social Work at Wilfrid Laurier University. She also works as a Youth Engagement Facilitator at the Thames Valley Children’s Centre.

“Honestly, I love being able to help people discover their potential,” says Nicole. “Working with youth who live with disabilities is such a gift because I am able to support them in shaping their sense of self at one of the most crucial times in their lives.” Generally teens are impressionable and focused on acceptance from their peers. This can be even more difficult for youth living with a disability. “I am able to help them discover their gifts and give them a glimpse into the future by showing them how successful I am despite my disability.”

Nicole is an engaged and active community member having volunteered as an accessibility representative at King’s, peer mentor at the Thames Valley Children’s Centre and currently as an Executive Youth Advisory Committee Member for the Office of the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth, an independent voice for Ontario’s children and youth who are either “in care” or on the margins of government care.

“Volunteering is immensely rewarding and allows you to hone your professional skills for a career you really want. It allows you to build your professional network and become well-known within your field. Volunteering can also provide you with opportunities to try new things. You might be surprised about the different types of work you enjoy!”

Congratulations Nicole Turner ’16, winner of the 2017 Young Alumni Award.
A donation is like a pebble thrown into a pond. It causes a ripple effect. It touches lives that touch other lives. The ripples continue.

Author Unknown

On June 21, students gathered to celebrate convocation, the culmination of their time and work at King’s. On their special day we asked a number of our award recipients to share their thoughts about their time at King’s. Every single student we engaged agreed to meet, share their memories, and have their photo taken. Scholarships and awards impact the lives and future of our students by motivating and acknowledging their effort. Donor support gives them time to volunteer, participate in experiential learning, study and build relationships. Below are just a few examples of the realized connections you helped inspire.

**Catherine, Class of 2017**

Being a mature student is hard, but working full time hours and having two children attending post-secondary at the same time is very stressful. The awards I received each year at King’s helped ease the burden. My happiest moment was having my daughter decide to attend King’s and pursue Thanatology (one of my majors) and her very first class on campus was with me.

**Arizona, Class of 2017**

This year, I had the opportunity to tell a professor that has been incredibly supportive that I had been granted admission into graduate school. The smile on her face affirmed something I grew to love over my three years at King’s... the faculty truly care about their students.

**Samantha, Class of 2017**

I never planned on attending university in London, but I changed my mind when I heard about the Social Justice and Peace Studies program. One thing I am most thankful for was the opportunity to complete a community placement in my second year. I continued to volunteer with that organization while I completed the rest of my program - and now I work there full time!

Thank you to everyone who supports student scholarships and awards. These student reflections are just a small sample of the many connections and successes made because of your investment.
The Importance of Wills and Estate Planning

Chris Cahill, BA ’80, CFP, CLU, Ch.FC, T.E.P. with FSG Wealth Management, co-author of Harvesting Your Wealth, answers a few common estate questions.

Why is Estate Planning Important?
Estate planning can be most easily described as: giving what you have, to whom you want, when you want, the way you want, while minimizing taxes as allowed under the tax code. Having a will and appointing a power of attorney can help provide instruction, guidance and the legal framework for stipulating what to leave to whom, when and how. For married couples, most assets can be jointly owned and therefore by “spousal beneficiary” taking advantage of the spousal rollovers available in the Income Tax Act. The most challenging work will be for the surviving spouse to appoint a competent executor and communicate clear and concise instructions regarding their will. An additional option is the use of testamentary trust that can assist in deferring and dispersing one’s wealth over time.

What Happens If You Die Without a Written Will?
When a person dies without a valid will in Ontario, this is called “intestate”. Ontario’s Succession Law Reform Act sets out how the estate is distributed in this case. Ultimately, if you don’t have a will, the government has written one for you and it may not distribute your assets the way you wish.

As per the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General, the estate’s first $200,000 is given to a person’s spouse. The other possibility is to claim half of the net family property. Anything over $200,000 is shared between the spouse and the descendants according to specific rules in the Act. The court will give you the name of the person appointed to administer the deceased person’s estate. Obviously, seeing your Estate Lawyer today will be less expensive than leaving your estate to be distributed by the government.

What Are the Benefits of Leaving a Charitable Bequest in Your Will?
Leaving a bequest allows you to retain control of your assets until you die. This bequest will provide a charitable tax credit and reduce taxes due on the final tax return. In order for the tax credit to be beneficial and be applied to the tax return, it would be helpful to first plan ahead and calculate if the estate will actually have a tax liability. In addition, Will Based Gift Planning, Life Insurance, Charitable Gift Annuities and outright gifts of Securities can provide powerful gift and tax advantages to the Charity and the donor.

To learn how you can leave a legacy to King’s, please contact the Foundation at 1-800-265-4406 x4500, kcfoundation@uwo.ca or go online to kings.uwo.ca/give.
Mike Doucher ’67 and Cathy Doucher celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 1, 2017. They are proud to have 3 sons - Jim (King’s ’89), Tim and Chris.

James Laprise ’84 lives in China and writes research for the Hong Kong stock market on the Chinese education, health care, steel and auto stocks.

Joe Szekeres ’82 has retired after a 33 year career as a Catholic teacher in Durham Region. He is now moving on to the next milestones.

Nelson Couto ’94 was appointed to the position of Communications Officer with the Diocese of London on March 1, 2017.

Sean Adams ’00 completed his Master of Education from Nipissing University in 2016.

Richard James ’84 has been elected President of Catholic Principal Council of Ontario. His term began in July 2017.

James Laprise ’84

Richard James ’84

Vesna Zdravkovic

Janis Hass ’84 met with Principal David Sylvester and Erin Lawson, Executive Director of Development and Alumni Affairs, in Ottawa in May 2017. Janis gave a tour of Universities Canada, where she works as Senior Communications Specialist.

Catharine Dishke Hondzel ’03 is the new Director of the Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching at Thompson Rivers University.

Alanna McNee-Trinidad ’04 and her husband Don welcomed Felicity Aurora McNee-Trinidad on February 14, 2017, and they are already saving for her university education.

Nelson Couto ’94

James Laprise ’84

Richard James ’84

Joe Szekeres ’82

Janis Hass ’84

Catharine Dishke Hondzel ’03

Alanna McNee-Trinidad ’04

Pascal Murphy ’04 received the Sue Williams Excellence in Teaching Award at Ryerson University. The award recognizes instructors for their outstanding performance and dedication to teaching graduate and undergraduate students in the Faculty of Community Services. Pascal’s students nominated him for this award in part for his alternative teaching method that removes hierarchies from the classroom and creates an atmosphere where learning occurs by sharing and accepting the experiences of others.

Pascal Murphy ’04

Alanna McNee-Trinidad ’04

Andrea De Rubeis ’06 was called to the Bar of Ontario.
**IN MEMORY**

We extend our condolences to the friends and family of:

**Jean Carnochan (nee Devereaux) ’80,** who passed away peacefully with her loving family by her side on June 9, 2017.

**Anne Cullen ’84,** who passed away at her home in Chicago, Illinois, on February 22, 2016.

**Frank Matus ’91,** who passed away peacefully with family by his side on November 16, 2016.

**Kathleen Brunton ’97,** who passed away peacefully on June 18, 2017, in London, Ontario.

**Trevor Plug ’16,** who passed away suddenly on June 12, 2017, while on holiday in British Columbia.

**Reid Marchand ’17,** who passed away suddenly on July 20, 2017.

**Lino Canzona,** retired Professor of Social Work, who passed away, surrounded by his family on August 4, 2017.

**Gordon Forrington,** retired King’s Director of Plant and Personnel, who passed away suddenly on June 30, 2017.

**Robert (Bob) Marino,** retired King’s Director of the School of Social Work, who passed away on July 9 2017, in London, Ontario.

**Paul O’Leary,** retired Professor of Philosophy, who passed away on March 30, 2017 in London, Ontario.

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**Julie Berdan ’12** and family are pleased to announce the arrival of their beautiful baby girl, Hunter Mackenna Clark. Hunter was born March 5, 2016, weighing 8lbs 6oz. She is a feisty red head who is going to take on the world!

**Laura Fyfe ’12** was married to Tyler Marr on April 8, 2017. Supporting Laura on the big day were bridesmaids **Tara McDonell-Gordon ’12** and **Jessica Gaspar ’16**. Also in attendance was Dr. Graham Broad, Associate Professor of History. Laura works as a Project Coordinator at Niagara Workforce Planning Board.

**Yulong Lin ’14** and **Jessica Lin (nee Vella) ’15** were married on May 28, 2016.

**Daniel Masri ’17** got married on May 12, 2017, and is expecting a child in October 2017.

**Alana Pawley ’17** received the Dr. Valio Markkanen Aboriginal Graduate Award of Excellence, which is awarded annually to an Aboriginal graduate student (First Nations, Metis and/or Inuit ancestry), who has achieved excellence in academics, and is actively contributing to the Aboriginal/Indigenous community.

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