



# IN LUMINE



Rob '65 and Penny Richards, Jocelyn Barnard '63 and Judy Waters '63, Joan McConnell '78 and Stirling Walkes '64.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information on these and other events held at the college please call Amy on 204-474-8531

### Lunch & Lively Conversation

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September at noon

Jeffrey Thorsteinson discusses the architecture of the Chapel

### Matriculation:

Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm

### Convocation:

Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> November

# Warden's Word!



Chris along with wife Terry Reilly greet guests to the 150th Gala dinner.

“ST JOHN’S  
COLLEGE LIGHTS  
THE WAY FOR US  
TO FOLLOW”

Father Bozyk Acting Principal,  
St Andrew’s College

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and our alumni and friends.

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*OUR MISSION is to share information, stimulate discussion and foster happy memories about St John’s College and, in so doing continue to build community through the forging and improving of relationships with the College.*

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## Being the Tenth Epistle by Christopher Trott

**For me**, the most moving moment at our Gala 150th weekend was at lunch on Saturday. Ted Gammon stood up to speak and asked people to remember those from the College who had passed away. He read out names from his years at the College and then invited others to join in and call out the names of people from their years who had passed on. Then Ted continued by reading out a list of names of those people who had sent their regrets, who could not be with us because they had other obligations or were too ill to come. He invited others to call out the names of people from their own years who were not with us.

This small act of commemoration brought two thoughts to my mind: 1) the College is a small enough community that we actually know who is and who is not there. We care enough to remember. 2) The bonds of friendship that are built during each person’s years at the College are strong enough to withstand the test of time.

Such intimacy is difficult in the St John’s College of today. Except perhaps in the residence that remains small enough for everybody to get to know one another, the day students are a dispersed and different crowd. No longer do the day students necessarily take any classes together, or even necessarily take classes with our College Fellows. Yet the research literature shows that students who study and socialize in smaller groups are more likely to do better overall at school. The challenge for St John’s as we go forward is how

do we create, build and maintain those personal relationships within the overwhelming context of the University of Manitoba?

The key places where students (and Faculty) meet and connect are the Daily Bread, the student lounge and the carrel study rooms. This summer, in cooperation with the St John’s College Student Association, we are refinishing and refurbishing the student lounge. One of our next projects will be to expand the carrel spaces available in the College and redo the current spaces. We will be looking for your support as we engage these projects. And we must keep offering the best food and most congenial eating spaces on campus.

We continue to move forward on plans to rebuild our residence. We need to keep reminding ourselves that our strength is in a small intimate community. We have just appointed Fayaz Hasan as our new Dean of Residence. Fayaz lived for 3 ½ years in our residence and understands how important it is to create a welcoming atmosphere.

Part of continuing to build community is to support all members in their spiritual and personal lives. Shelly Manley-Tannis is our new Spiritual Advisor who will walk with us on our journey together.

Remember all those relationships that made this place so special, and let’s work to make more relationships for the future.

# Convocation 2016

## Something Worth Celebrating - 150 Years!

We officially started our 150<sup>th</sup> year with Convocation held on Sunday, 6th November. Due to the Faculty strike at the UofM it was decided to move Convocation to the Cathedral Church of St John's on Main Street. A fitting setting for the 150<sup>th</sup> Convocation given the Cathedral and the College were closely associated for many years.

**Piita Taqtu Irniq** was conferred the degree of Doctor of Canon Law (honoris causa) and gave the Address. **Faye Thomson**, '72 was admitted as an honorary fellow.

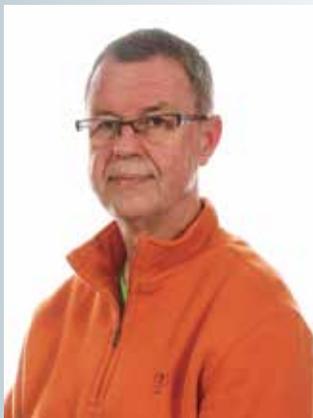


*Faye Thomson*

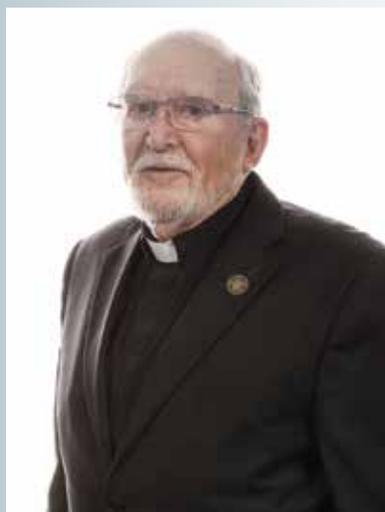


*The Fellow Recognition award was presented to Francis Carroll, here with his wife Janet.*

## This year's J-Pin recipients



Graduating in 1976 with a BA in French, Spanish and Italian is **Edward Benjamin**.



We were honoured to have a grad from 1956, **The Rev'd Robert English**, '56.



*Yongtian Cheng*

## Friends of St John's College Luncheon

**Yongtian Cheng**, '16 gave the *What St John's College Means to Me* luncheon address. Yongtian, an international student from China, has lived in Residence for 5 years. Yongtian found the family atmosphere he needed at the College in the help he received from fellow students and the support with the scholarships/bursaries.



Celebrating their 50th anniversary since graduation are: **Thomas Walker** '66, **Jeremy Dawson** '66 and **Keven Van Camp** '66.

# St John's College at 150

## A Symposium held Thursday 27th April

Retired Fellow **Jack Bumstead** delivered the morning keynote, which was followed by papers on the early days of the Red River Settlement and St John's College. After lunch Retired Fellow **Anthony Waterman**, '62 delivered the keynote. The programme continued bringing the College into the 20th century and ending with **Stirling Walkes**, '64 talking about "The Carribean Invasion". Here is an except from Stirling's comments:

*'The Caribbean Invasion' of the UofM started in the late 1950's and ended in the latter part of the 1960's. I was part of that invasion arriving at St John's in 1960. I came after a year in the U.S. and was pleasantly surprised to find many high school colleagues already here. We came to St John's because the College (through Hugh and Jeanne Tuckwell) advertised in the local newspapers in the late 1950's, encouraging Barbadian students to consider advancing their education through St John's and the UofM. Many of us came to St John's. Trinidadians primarily went to United College encouraged by Presbyterian missionaries. There were also many from other places in the Caribbean. With the growth of the University of the West Indies, founded in 1948 with 33 students, to today with almost 40,000 students, the flow of undergraduates from the Caribbean ended. But for those of us who came to Winnipeg more than fifty years later the friendships formed from those early days have endured.*

## And, then it was time to party!

Registration began in the afternoon of Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> April. From there tours were organized to the Residence (yes it has changed since most of you were students) and a tour to the Archives to see the College's bible and book collection. Shelley Sweeney, Archivist at the UofM shared her knowledge of our collection with the tour group including our original copy of the first edition of the King James bible. Following the tour we opened the weekend with a Wine and Cheese/Death By Chocolate!



Chris Trott welcomes everyone to the Reunion Weekend.



Toasting the Queen is **Ted Gammon '67**.

*"Thank you so much for organizing a truly unique and very special reunion. It was filled with memories and it created many more."*

**Ted Gammon '67**

*"I had a great time at the reunion."*

**Murdith McLean, '63**

*"Thank you to everyone at St John's for a marvellous weekend. It really was an excellent tribute to the history and contribution of the College."*

**Geoff Norquay, '67**

## A special Thank you to our Sponsors for the 150th Reunion Weekend:

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*But first a hearty breakfast in the Galleria!*

Saturday started early with breakfast and then stories and oh what stories:

**Derek McLean** shared his own stories from his days working in the Development Office and read out some of those of alumni and friends – then the stories from the audience came flooding in: including a car being hijacked and placed in the College foyer to water balloons being thrown off the rooftop and everything inbetween. The memories were stirred!

From there Retired Fellow **Anthony Waterman**, '62 presented research he has done on the College during the 1913/1914 years.



*Sharing stories or telling tales in the Robert B. Schultz Lecture Theatre!*



*Time to cut the cake: Chris Trott Vice-Chancellor alongside Bishop Don Phillips who is Chancellor of the College cut the birthday cake.*



*Guest speakers **Tracy '96** and **Brian '96** Bowman are both graduates of St John's College. Tracy did a great job in spilling some secrets while introducing her husband!*



***Michael '58** and **Joan Bancroft** travelled from London Ontario to attend and were one of the first to register!*

## Gala Dinner & Dance



Many thanks to the kind words said about the College by those who attended: L to R: Terry Duguid, MP Winnipeg South, Chris Trott, Warden, Sarah Guillmard, MLA, David Barnard, President UofM, Brian Bowman, '96, Mayor, Bishop Donald Phillips, Dr A.E. Chudley and Father Bozyk, St Andrew's College.



"And the College [sic] must be forever building, and always decaying, and always being restored." President David Barnard quoting T.S. Elliot's Chorus from *The Rock*, one of his favourite Anglican poets.

To view all the photos from the weekend please visit our website: [http://umanitoba.ca/colleges/st\\_johns/alumni\\_dev/sjc150thanniversary.html](http://umanitoba.ca/colleges/st_johns/alumni_dev/sjc150thanniversary.html)



**Bob English** who graduated from St John's College in 1956 was the oldest graduate to attend the celebrations along with his wife Vicky.



Giving the Toast to the College was **Daniel Lee** our current Senior Stick and **Barbara Black** '64 who was Lady Stick 1963/64.



Here we have Linda Ashton the College's first Development Officer comparing notes with Jackie Markstrom current Development Officer! Linda spent the weekend renewing friendships.



**Rob Richards '65** who attended the Reunion with his wife Penny gave a brief fashion show in donning the College beanie he wore back in the day.

For the final day we held a worship Service in the Chapel followed by a lunch in the Cross Common Room where we said our farewells to the many alumni and friends who attended!



And we could not have done this without the tremendous help of **Derek McLean** and **Jocelyn Barnard '63**. These two extraordinary people steered, rallied and led the weekend so to make it the good time it was for all who attended. Thank you Derek and Jocelyn! Truly we could not have done this without you two.



Back Row L-R: Lori Wilkinson, Keven Van Kamp'66, Geoff Norquay'67, Gerry Friesen, Brian Kent '65, John Stafford '05, Ron Smith '67, George Baldwin'59, Jim Ripley, Michael Bancroft'58, Lynne Tovell '65, Chris Trott, Murray Evans, Jim Ripley, Anthony Waterman'62, Jim Kacki, Murdith McLean'63, David Crawley'58  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Row L-R: Ted Keddie '64, Robert English'56, Miles MacFarlane'88, Rick Wilcox '72, Ted Gammon'67, Joan Bancroft, Jocelyn Barnard'63, Gordon Tovell'63, Louise Cornell '97, Randy Fransoo, Jackie Markstrom  
 Front Row L-R: Robert Hawkins'72, Faye Thomson, Victoria English, Arthur Claxton '67, Robert Abra, Elena Ivanitskaia, Karen Smith'77, Barbara Black'64, Stirling Walkes'64, Francis Cameron '59-62, Derek McLean, Linda Ashton, Alison McLean'90, Jill Stafford

# College Events

On a beautiful fall day, on the 14th September, the opening of term BBQ was shared with members of St Paul's College in the Bell Tower Cafe. Later that same day **Brenda Cantelo** Dean of Studies welcomed four new Fellows to the College at the Opening Term Reception held in the Senior Common Room.

On 22nd September we had our first of three Organ Recitals in the Chapel with Michael Cutler as our organist and Charmaine Bacon on Flute.

The second recital was held on 26th of January and the final one on 23rd of February.

**Residence Welcome Banquet** held in early September, gives students a chance to meet the Warden and bond with their fellow residents, new and returning. Plus, it's a good excuse to look snazzy!

**Matriculation service** was held on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, with many students joining their names with the history of SJC in the 1866 Registry Book!



**Lunch and Lively Conversation** was held on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, with guest speaker Patricia Bovey, Art Historian and adjunct professor at the University of Winnipeg who spoke on "*SJC: The Visionary Collection*". Weaving personal stories of some of the artists along with the significance of the pieces Pat pointed out the foresight of St John's College in purchasing many early works of now famous Canadian artists has made the College's collection unique.



On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 we had the 2nd Lunch & Lively Conversation with Erin Millions SJC Research Fellow, Department of History, presented a wonderful talk on "Matilda Davis, Alexander Kennedy Isbister, and Red River Education in the Mid-Nineteenth Century".

## Visiting our Alumni and Friends of the College

Warden Chris Trott and Development Officer Jackie Markstrom took time this year to visit with alumni and friends of SJC throughout the year. On September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Brandon, MB, October 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> in Montreal, Ottawa and Kingston, November 6<sup>th</sup> in Toronto, December 6<sup>th</sup> in Calgary, and ending with gatherings in Vancouver and Victoria on March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.



**Bach's Birthday** March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017: This year's concert was in honour of our two retiring Fellows David Arnason and Dennis Cooley. We were delighted to hear the special music from organist Michael Cutler and Andre Washington on cello. A warm reception was held in the Senior Common Room following the performance.



*Alyson Barnett-Cowan.*

**The Wilmot Lectures** were held March 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 with guest lecturer The Rev. Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan, President of the Canadian Council of Churches. Three lectures were presented on Anglican International Ecumenical Dialogue.



*Calgary Alumni: L to R: Sarah Mitchell '14, Zack Goodwin-Anderson, Chris Trott, Jock Abra, John Heffer.*



*Ottawa Alumni: L to R: Bill '72 and Joyce Prentice, Chris Trott, Doug Rowland '61, Michael Hicks, David Kilgour, John Holding '67, Barbara Hicks, and Jackie Markstrom.*



*33<sup>rd</sup> Marjorie Ward Lecture: February 28<sup>th</sup> with Stephen Lewis.*

A big thank you to everyone for making this year's event such a success with over 200 people in attendance. Dr. Lewis presented an interesting and informative lecture challenging us all to do three meaningful things for our country.



*Park Family*

The 2017 Grad Dinner was held on March 25<sup>th</sup> with many family and friends enjoying the great food and presentations to the graduates! The Valedictorian Speech was given by **Yongtain Cheng** '16 an international student who lives in residence. One of the graduates **Owen Park** '17 celebrated with his parents Janice and Ian Park, Manager of Food Service and Facilities, sister Emily and friend Ross Hunter. The Park family has a history of Johnians dating back to his great grandfather William Aldridge who graduated in 1900!



*David Barnard, Ivan Froese, Amy Craddock, Jill Stafford, Sherry Peters, Lesley Cowan. Missing from photo: Elnora Wiebe, Jackie Markstrom and Ian Park (photo by Mike Latschislaw).*

**Award of Excellence:** The Administrative Staff at the College were awarded a Team Service Award of Excellence by President Barnard on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. They were nominated because of their hard work above and beyond the call of duty during the past year as they navigated through the 150th Anniversary Events.

**Sistema Winnipeg:** On April 23<sup>rd</sup> St John's College joined with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra to host a fundraiser for this worthy project. Sistema is a program to instruct children in the North End of Winnipeg in music - both choral and instrumental. The program originated in the barrios of South America and has been demonstrated to increase attendance and concentration at school as well as providing skills and discipline for children.

**Assiniboine Residential School Reunion & Workshop:** Survivors from the Assiniboia Indian Residential High School and River Heights community members gathered in Winnipeg June 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2017, for a reunion and commemoration event. Assiniboine was the first Indian Residential High School in Manitoba located in Winnipeg from 1958 to 1973, and was attended by more than 600 students from First Nations throughout Manitoba. Andrew Woolford, head of sociology at the University of Manitoba and president of the International Association of Genocide Scholars, is part of the planning committee. St John's College is supporting this program as a chance for the broader community to acknowledge Residential Schools and their ongoing impact.



## Fellow/Staff News



Jason Edgerton, Brenda Cantelo, Ryan Dupleissie, and Kent Fowler.

At our opening of term reception we welcomed five new fellows to the College: **Leslie James, Kent Fowler, Niigaan Sinclair, Jason Edgerton** and **Ryan Duplaissie**.

As experienced grandparents **Christopher Trott** and **Terry Reilly** welcome their new grandson Benedict David John Shelley born September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, making a total of 13 grandchildren!

We also congratulate new grandparents **Cathy** and **Larry Mudry** on the arrival of Rachel Rose Glowach born September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to Kim (Mudry) and Nick Glowach. A second granddaughter Eleanor Joy Wier-Mudry was born May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to Lanna Weir and Duncan Mudry. Cathy is the Librarian Supervisor here at the College and Larry is with the University of Manitoba Caretaking Services.

Dean of Studies **Brenda Cantelo** was on a leave from January 1 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and **Lori Wilkinson** Senior Fellow in

Sociology became Acting Dean in her absence. We couldn't have a better person to step into the position as we entered our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.

We were all very excited when **Lori Wilkinson** was invited to speak at the UN Summit in New York to express the need to create a plan for each country on how best to assist refugees, migrants and those who assist them. Lori also presented to a packed crowd at St Andrew's Anglican Church in Winnipeg, on October 17<sup>th</sup> on the "Challenges facing Refugees arriving in Canada."

We congratulate Retired Fellow **Robert S. D. Thomas** on being conferred the title of *Professor Emeritus*, and to **Jim Blanchard** former head of St John's College Library on being conferred the title of *Librarian Emeritus* at the University of Manitoba ceremony held September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

The launch of **Dennis Cooley's** "The Home Place: Essays on Robert Kroetch's Poetry" was held at St John's College in the Cross Common Room on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Congratulations to Senior Fellow **Kurt Markstrom** on receiving the American Musicology Society's award for best 2016 music publication for: *Nicola Porpora: Vespers for the Feast of the Assumption* (A-R Editions). He attended the award ceremony in Vancouver last November to receive the prestigious Claude V. Palisca Award.

Senior Fellow **Len Kuffert** recently published a new book, "*Canada Before Television: Radio, Taste, and the Struggle for Cultural Democracy*" (McGill-Queens University Press). This is a book about radio and its earliest impact. Len was mentioned in a National Post article by Robert Fulford on Jan 3, 2017 titled "*It seemed miraculous: How the story of Canada before television is the story of radio*".

Visiting Fellow **Leslie James** has a new article out titled *Africa is a Country*. Leslie works on the political and intellectual history of Africa and the Caribbean.

It was exciting news to hear from SJC Fellow **Kent Fowler** that his daughter Erika Fowler represented Manitoba in CBC Music's national contest *Searchlight*. Erika is 16 years old and was chosen among more than 2,000 entries to make it to the top 25.

Congratulations to Retired Fellow **David Arnason** who received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Manitoba Book Awards this past April 2017. He was commended for nurturing home grown literature in our province.

Congratulations to former Fellow **Bryan Peeler** of the Department of Political Studies at University of Manitoba for successfully defending his doctoral thesis at University of British Columbia on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to The Revd Dr **Iain Luke**, in his new position as Principal of the College of Emmanuel & St Chad in Saskatoon. Iain was the former Assistant Professor of Theology and Director of the Institute for Anglican Ministry at St John's College from 2000 to 2007.

The SJC team was delighted to have **Lesley Cowan** '98 filling in for several months as Acting Faculty Assistant and Awards Clerk while Diana DeFoort is away on leave. Lesley was the former receptionist in 1999 and then held the position of Faculty Assistant and Awards Clerk before leaving in 2004 for a position with the University Library. We thank Lesley for all her help.

We received this cute photo from **Elnora Wiebe** Assistant Bursar at the College of her granddaughter Lena Dale Wiebe - A real Bomber Fan! Lena is the daughter of **Roger Wiebe** '08.

**Two College appointments:** We said goodbye to our Chaplain, The Rev **Allison Courey** at the end of July 2016 and wish her well at St Christophers in Burlington, ON. We welcome The Rev **Shelly Manley-Tannis**. Shelly is an ordained Minister in the United Church of Canada with part-time responsibility for the Little Britain congregation north of Winnipeg. She comes to St John's with extensive experience in pastoral care and spiritual formation.

In mid-April **Caileigh Morrison** Dean of Residence left to take a position with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet. SJC is happy to welcome **Fayaz Hasan** '15 as our new Dean of Residence. Fayaz lived in residence for 4 years and is excited to return to the College in this new position.

We received a note from **Linda Ashton**, first Development Officer at SJC (1991-95), letting us know that she retired from her Development position with Canuck Place Children's Hospice on March 30th. She will be leaving Vancouver and moving to Kelowna, BC. She'll be closer to her family and looking forward to being a more present Grandma.



*Fayaz Hasan '15, our new Dean of Residence.*



*Bomber Fan-Lena Dale Wiebe.*

## Alumni/Student News

Congratulations to the following Johnians who celebrated special wedding anniversaries:

**Robert** '56 and Victoria English on the celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary on September 18, 2016. **Peter** '65 and **Judith Flynn** '58 celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. Jocelyn '63 and Warren Barnard celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and **John** '05 and Jill Stafford celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

We enjoyed a visit in early August from the Revd. **David** and **Dona** '61 **Harrison** from Trinidad and Tobago. Dona took a tour of the College and a visit to her old room in the residence. It brought back some great memories!



*Dona and David Harrison.*



*Reunion 70s 80s back row from L to R: John McKenzie '75, Robert Ariano '80, Dave Bell '60's, David Rathbone '70's, Roland Cantin '78, front row: Kevin Leung '78, Luke McKenzie '80.*

Last July a group of Johnians from the 70's and early 80's who lived in residence gathered together in Winnipeg for dinner. The group organizer **Roland Cantin** '82 shared how delighted he was to have recaptured the fun and fond memories from their days in residence. If you would like to get information on future gatherings email Kevin Leung '78 at [kcy@mymts.net](mailto:kcy@mymts.net) or contact SJC Development office at Jill. [Stafford@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Stafford@umanitoba.ca).

Congratulations to **Elizabeth Popham** '73, Professor in the Department of English at Trent University on being awarded the 2017 Eminent Service Award for her commitment and dedication to Trent on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the convocation ceremony.

**Stephen Sharman** '78 has a new publication titled "The Credible Witness: Bede's Response to Doubt". You can read his publication online: <https://publications.cardiffuniversitypress.org/index.php/JLARC/article/view/467>

**Derek** '92 and **Mearle Abrahams** along with their children; Andrew and Anu paid a visit to Canada over Christmas. Coming from Cape Town, South Africa, Mearle wrote: "As the snow hit you with a bang, so did the temperatures plummet in the Rockies. We just travelled from Banff to Lake Louise. The children do not know what to expect in Winnipeg!" They were unable to visit us at the college during their short time in Winnipeg due to the University Christmas shut down.

We congratulate **Daniel Draper '10** on his new position as Manager, Faculty and Academic Staff Relations Office of the Provost & Vice President (Academic) at the University of Guelph.

Congratulations to former SJC student **Alyssa Fehr** and husband Michael on the birth of Theodore James Fehr born November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. Alyssa (nee Dyck) attended SJC from 2006 to 2011.

Congratulations to former SJC student **Kieran Moolchan** and Alex Rohne on their marriage held August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Kieran studied Art as a SJC member for several years from 2007 to about 2011. He is now working in Winnipeg at Avenue 4 Communication.



*Kieran and Alex.*



*Sarah and Zack.*

Congratulations to **Sarah Mitchell '14** and Zack Goodwin-Anderson on their marriage held near Waterton National Park Alberta on May 6, 2017. The unpredictable weather cooperated to hold the ceremony outside with 30 guests. The next day they held a brunch with a lovely array of her dad's classic smoked deer and bear-apple-wild rice sausages.

We also congratulate **Janviere Muvunandinda '15** and her husband Seth Sakakara on the arrival of their son Nathan born March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Janviere worked part-time as the Development Assistant in her final year at SJC.

Special Recognition to our Graduates: Congratulations to **Viridiana Urena Ramirez '13** on her MSc defence held March 30<sup>th</sup>, on "Development of a Serum Free Media for Mrc-5 and Vero Cells Using Definitive Screening Design". **Benjamin Schellenberg '15** was awarded the Canadian Psychological Association Certificate of Excellence for Best Thesis of 2015. **Jessica Baran '16** was awarded the MARRT Professional Award for academic standing, professional involvement and excellent interpersonal

skills in the field of Respiratory Therapy. **Yongtain Cheng '16** on his research into Anxiety disorders among children under 16 years and has entered the Undergraduate Research Poster Competition through the University of Manitoba. Yongtain said "Without St John's College's care and aid I could never reach this goal!"

**David Hutten '16** received the elite Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement from SSHRC as he continues his studies as a MA student. He will travel with his wife Christa and 3 young children to France to do research related to Jacques Derrida's unpublished seminars and work with renowned scholar Marc Crépon at L'École Normale Supérieure in Paris.

**Emily Gerbrandt '17** received the University Gold Medal for 2017 for highest standing in Faculty of Arts.



*Emily Gerbrandt*

**SJC Students receive Academic All-Canadians:**

**Atoosa Jalayeri** - Women's Basketball, undergraduate in Science, **Allison Balasko '16** - Women's Track and Field, currently working on a Master's in Medical Microbiology, **Joseph Lo** - Men's Track and Field, undergraduate in Kinesiology and Recreation Management, and **Jessie Harland** a soccer player and an undergraduate in the Faculty of Arts.

**The Three Minute Thesis Competition:**

Congratulations to two SJC grad students **Kevin Boreski '15** and **Allison Balasko '16** who made it through to the finals. The 3MT is a research communication competition developed by the University of Queensland. Kevin Boreski has been a SJC member since 2010



*Volunteer Awards Dinner Syrian refugee Montaser enjoys the special recognition.*

and his topic was "Pre-Frailty and Cardiovascular Disease Risk in Middle Aged and Older Women". Allison Balasko has been a SJC member since 2010 and her topic was "Where's the Wifi?": How

HIV Infection Disrupts Immune System Communication." Well done to you both!

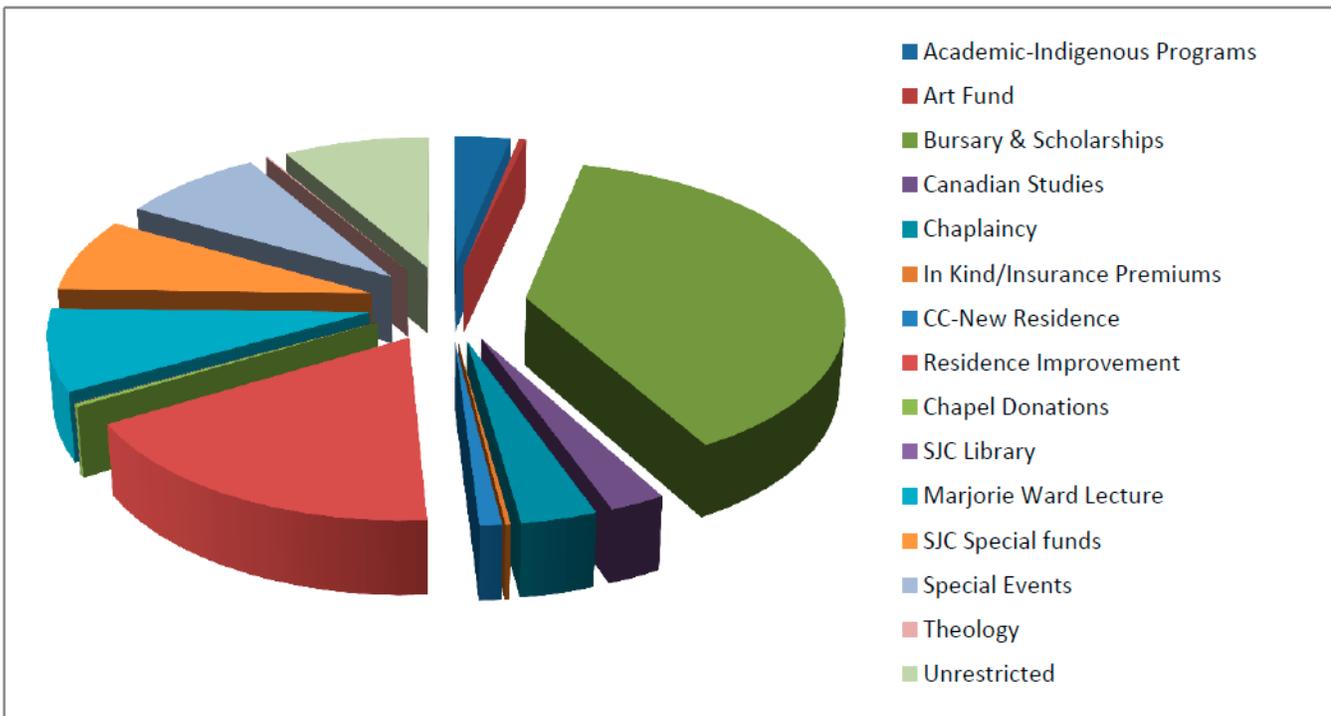
**Volunteer Manitoba Awards**

**SJC Student:** At 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Awards dinner held April 25<sup>th</sup>. Chris Trott shared the special moment when SJC student Al Montaser Aljajeh, who received the Mayor's Volunteer Service Award.



*Chris and Atoosa Jalayeri & Allison Balasko wearing Block M sweater.*

## An incredible year of support from our Alumni and Friends!



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- ◆ Northern MB Students & Health Quest Camp \$5,500
  - ◆ Social Justice Camp \$3,800
  - ◆ Syrian Refugees \$3,390
  - ◆ Fellows & Staff Project Fund \$400
  - ◆ New Daily Bread Chairs \$6,552
- Special Events Income \$17,828  
 (Alumni events & 150th Reunion Wknd)

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## Special Gifts

Last year we received three special gifts from those College members who remembered us in their Wills:

Estate of **Thomas Laird**, '59. Memories shared from Tom's days on Broadway allowed us to direct his gift to current and new Residence.

### Estate of **Marjorie Ward**.

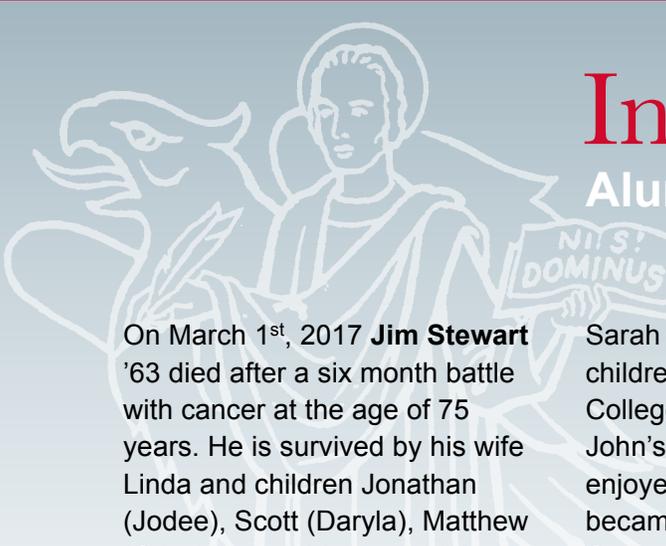
Marjorie's impact on the College continues with the Marjorie Ward Lecture held every year. Marjorie's bequest was added to that fund which will allow us to bring in a wider range of speakers.

Estate of **Margaret Hardman**. Margaret worked in the office

alongside Marjorie. Margaret's legacy will be directed to a special bursary fund for students in need. This fund is given out at the discretion of the Warden to students who find themselves in financial need during the school year.

# In Memoriam

## Alumni and Friends of the College



On March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 **Jim Stewart** '63 died after a six month battle with cancer at the age of 75 years. He is survived by his wife Linda and children Jonathan (Jodee), Scott (Daryla), Matthew (CJay) and eight grandchildren.

**Bruce Walter James MacDonald** '67 died on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Bruce was born in Winnipeg, MB attended Kelvin High School, and graduated from St John's College in 1967, then took Law School at Dalhousie University in Halifax.

**Alasdair Grant** '77 from Toronto, ON died on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. He boarded at St. John's Ravenscourt School for grades 10-12, and graduated from SJC in 1977 with a B.Sc. and an MBA from Western.

On January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the Rev. Canon Dr. **Bradley Robert Elliott** '94 died after a courageous struggle with cancer. Brad was a SJC Theology graduate in 1994, was ordained to the Anglican Church and served his community of Selkirk, MB.

It is with deep sadness that we announce the sudden passing of **Scott Leroux** '14 on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 28 years old. A self-taught musician and a natural artist, he graduated with Fine Art's (Honours) from St John's College.

On June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 **William John Birtles** died in Victoria Hospital in Winnipeg. He leaves to mourn his wife Heather and children Anna (Frederic) and

Sarah (Christopher) and grandchildren. Bill attended St John's College School and then St John's College from 1955-57. He enjoyed living in residence and became an important part of the College community.

Our condolences to former Fellow **Sharon Alward** on the death of her husband Kim Marshall, CD on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. Kim was a 21-year veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces military police and a former member of the Service's elite Close Personal Protection Team (CPPT).

On May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 **Rev Joseph W. Madill** died at the age 80 years. Joe is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jo Anne; and children David (Michelle), Shannyn, Heather and his beloved grandchildren. Joe worked at St John's College from 1995 – 2002, first in the Development Office and then as our Conferences & Facilities Manager. The family held a Celebration of Life service on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the College.

**Clyde Curry Smith** former Fellow died on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the age of 86 year in his hometown of River Falls, WI. Clyde and his wife Ellen moved to Winnipeg in 1958 where he began his academic career at St John's College teaching theology, eastern languages and history. Clyde left the College in 1963 and took a Faculty position at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls until his retirement in 1990.

Carol Pickering died April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 in Coton, England. Carol was predeceased by her husband the Revd Dr William Pickering who died May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. Carol's son, the Revd John Hardy, Rector of Newmarket, took the service.

Our condolences to **Edna Poulter** and family on the death of her sister **Jean Wastle** (nee Pless) who died June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Jean had attended SJC for one year. Edna travelled to Ontario to meet with her sister Helen where they were able to be with Jean's family; husband Bob and children Allison and Gary, and four cherished grandchildren.

We remember **Bishop Don** and **Nancy Phillips** and their family as they mourn the death of Nancy's father, Gordon Rogers of London, ON.

On January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 **Vera Rose Webster** died in her 91<sup>st</sup> year. Vera was predeceased by her two sisters Joyce Roth and **Marjorie G. Ward** and will be remembered by her niece **Jean Roth** of Winnipeg.



*Marjorie Webster*

Many of you will remember **Marjorie Gertrude Ward** (nee Webster) no doubt with fond and thankful thoughts for her guidance and direction to you whilst a College student. Born on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1920 Marjorie passed away in Kelowna, B.C. on August 19<sup>th</sup>, at the age of 96 years. Marjorie was born, raised and educated in Winnipeg. During The Second World War, she was a civilian clerk with the Royal Canadian Air Force, thereafter, served as secretary to the Superintendent of the Indian and Eskimo Residential School Commission in both Winnipeg and Ottawa. Her longest and much loved employment was working at St John's College, Winnipeg from 1951 until her retirement in 1980. During those years she served as Registrar of the College, Secretary to the Warden and to St. John's College Council.

In 1975 Marge was made an Honorary Fellow of the College and in 1980 the annual Marjorie Ward Lecture was established in her honour. After retiring to B.C., Marge rejoined the workforce for five years in the newly created position of Admissions Officer at Okanagan College where she left an indelible mark on the young institution. During her life in Winnipeg, Marge was a member of St. Luke's Anglican Church, notably the AYPAs and choir. She was a member of the Philharmonic Choir for 15 years, serving as its secretary and treasurer. From the late 30's and onward, many care-free summer days were spent at the Webster cottage at Wade, Ontario (Fox Lake). In 1966 Marge wed Jack Ward. After 14 happy years in Winnipeg the call of the Okanagan beckoned Jack home and he convinced Marge to relocate out west; first, in Winfield then Kelowna, B.C. He passed away on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 1995 in Kelowna. During the next 21 years of her life, Marge travelled extensively, was a proud and active member of The Cathedral Church of St. Michael and All Angels, volunteered in primary schools helping children read, was involved in the creation of the Friends of the Library, had many wonderful friends and

enjoyed an active social life. She was a voracious reader and loved attending symphony and theatre performances. The last seven years of her life were spent at Orchard Manor where she was a well-loved resident and was able to continue to do many of the things she enjoyed.

Marjorie's imprint on the College continues to this day. We give thanks that she is a part of our history.



*Remembering the Rip the Strip fundraiser is Warden Chris Trott, former Residence student Stephanie Lambert, '09, friend of SJC Elizabeth Mason and Chair of Council Bernie Beare, '57.*

Rip the Strip was a student-led fundraiser for the Cancer Society to support Erin Palamar's fight with cancer. It involved wax and hairy legs!



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