



IN LUMINE



Daniel Lee, Senior Stick along with Mark Livingston, Warden Chris Trott, Carrie Livingston and Amy Craddock (not shown) prepare a delicious meal for the families staying at Ronald McDonald House in Winnipeg. Giving back to the community is important to members of St John's College!

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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, 17th April, 2018

All The Kings Men, Sunday 3rd June, 2018 at 7pm
(last performance until September)

Matriculation:
Sunday, 30th September, 2018

Convocation:
Sunday, 4th November, 2018

Warden's Word!

Being the Eleventh Epistle by Christopher Trott



Participating in student fundraiser – waxing legs!

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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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The fanfare and fun of the 150th celebrations are over and now we settle back into the routine life of the College. Or do we? Shouldn't we be constantly pushing the College into new vistas as we take on the challenges of the 21st century?

For an institution such as St John's College we must constantly be looking forward to anticipate the trends in the society and the educational needs of our future students. We know that part of the work of the College is not only to encourage academic excellence in our Fellows and students, but also to encourage and build the whole person. If we look to the pillars of our strategic plan we see that this includes Social Justice. As a College we are to engage Justice issues and to encourage our students to see this as part of their own lives.

One of the things I have learned is that the College does not usually have the financial resources to contribute substantially to various justice projects, although we are frequently asked. When we need those resources we turn to you, our Alumni and donors. On the other hand we have tremendous resources at hand that we can contribute: space, classrooms, and incredibly talented Fellows, staff and students.

We continue to support the Sapatawoyak First Nation transition year program through contributing a classroom while some of their students live in residence. With the support of a generous donor we provide residence free of charge to the Health Career

Quest Summer Program. We provide the venue and reception for an annual fundraiser for the Sistema music program. Last year we provided the administrative support (largely accounting) and food for the Assiniboia Residential School Reunion. With your help we raised the funds to support Syrian refugee students in our residence, and we have been asked to continue that support since it was so successful. Every year, instead of mailing out Christmas cards, we cook dinner one night at the Ronald MacDonald house for the residents and visit with them.

These are the "official" activities of the College. Every year as I review the Bursary and Scholarship applications of our students I am astounded by the generous gifts of their talents and time to a wide variety of volunteer and charitable activities. Frankly, I don't know how they find the time to do it all. Our Student Council also undertakes outreach projects: this year they ran a bake sale fundraiser for Winnipeg Harvest and then donated a day of their time volunteering there.

As a College community we are involved with some of the justice issues in the world around us. We are working to encourage and develop engaged citizens. We thank you for your support in all of these projects.

Chaplain's Corner

with Rev. S. Manley-Tannis, Spiritual Advisor, SJC

Why Continue with Spiritual Care?

I had the honour of reflecting on *Spiritual Advising in a 21st C, Secular & Multi-Faith Setting*, with College Fellows. I offered a description of Spiritual Advising, some of the challenges and then, even with those challenges, some of the reasons to continue with this important work. Here are the reasons I shared:

Silence – A ‘Spiritual care’ setting is one of the few places silence is welcomed, invited. In much of our world there is constant noise; sound bites, talk, background music or voices. Perhaps in a conversation with a spiritual advisor or a visit to the chapel, a fellow or student’s tears or questions are held in silence and stillness for the very first time. A chaplaincy can be a place we learn to be comfortable in silence and model that gift to others, so that they may live ‘perhaps even with a fiercer life because of our quiet’ (W.B. Yeats).

Ritual - In her book, *Eat, Pray Love (2006)*, Elizabeth Gilbert suggests “[w]e do spiritual ceremonies ... to create a safe resting place for our most complicated feelings of joy or trauma, so that we don’t have to haul those feelings around with us forever, weighing us down. We all need such places of ritual safekeeping”. Not meaning that I think chaplains or ministers are the only ones who can do this, but in maintaining a Chaplaincy, we can be intentional about making sure aspects of ritual are not lost in the busyness of 21st c life. Psychologist, Timothy Leary suggests that “ritual is to

the internal sciences what experiment is to the external sciences.” It seems to me that the spiritual advisor helps with these ‘internal sciences’, helping to slow the pace of so-called ‘normal’ life and experiment/experience sacramental moments.

Mutuality – I have sensed that vulnerability shared during difficult times can be liberating and comforting. A Spiritual Advisor is in the unique place of having no ‘control’ over those they meet with as compared to others in a campus setting. (This is not the same as suggesting that there is not a power dynamic, but that is another conversation). Time with a Spiritual Advisor is one space where students (and perhaps staff or faculty as well) can share deeply without worry about power-over, marks, discipline, judgement, ability to affect salaries or tenure applications. Listening on a soul level requires the openness – a vulnerability – of both parties, and this can be a true gift for both, offering a different (Christ-like) image of relationship in a world that is still reliant on a very hierarchical structure.

Mystery – I believe that one of the greatest needs of the world and something we can offer, right now, is that of mystery. You might be surprised by this; we might think that people are looking for answers especially within a University setting. It does seem to be the way of the wider dominant western culture – where we are trained to find answers, then explain, show or prove them to others. The media (including and

especially advertising) is particularly good at this.

Enlightenment thinking has played a huge role in the state we are in – the idea that nothing that cannot be explained rationally is to be trusted or has value. I think this is part of where our collective fear of anything ‘spiritual’ stems. What has value for ‘the world’ are winners, prizes, discoveries – a clear thesis statement. We are not big fans of paradox, ambiguity or uncertainty.

But the possibility of faith - of acknowledging that the human spirit or soul and its desire for connection with the larger sense of meaning – requires and offers the gift of mystery. Acknowledging this aspect of our human selves perhaps even offers a *freedom* that comes with admitting that there are things we will *never* answer in this lifetime. I imagine that the space between the wondering and ‘the answer’ is what gives us creative visions of beauty and soul – music, poetry, art, prayer, a love letter, a sculpture.

From Ranier Maria Rilke’s early 20th c *Letters to a Young Poet* – 4th letter: “be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves... Do not seek the answers, which cannot be given you because you would not be able to live them. And the point is to live everything. Live the questions now.” It is this space where the questions are lived, where much of the work of Spiritual Care happens.



Convocation 2017

Convocation started with the Founders and Benefactors service in the Chapel. After the service friends, graduates, scholarship recipients and alumni gathered together for the annual *Friends of St John's College* Luncheon. This year **Viridiana Ramirez, '17** gave the *What St John's College means to me* Luncheon address.

"This place saw me become an adult, a woman, a scientist, a teacher assistant, a cook and a baker, an athlete and leader, but it also saw me fail and fall, struggle and suffer and with care, love, humility and kindness put me back on my feet, held my hand and kept me striving to achieve my goals and my dreams reminding me that I am human too and that I was going to come through... It is of great pride and pleasure to say I am a Johnian, I am very delighted to be a part of such a great community."



BERNARD BEARE, '57, HF

Bernie joined College Council in 1991. He soon became chair and in doing so has worked with three Wardens! Bernie attended SJC for just one year, his graduating year, having spent 3 years on the Fort Garry campus. He was a sub-lieutenant in the University Naval Training Division. At the College Bernie was co-director of the College's entry, *Far Fetched Fables*, in the drama festival.

And, he took part in College curling – curling still figures very prominently in Bernie's life many a meeting time has been changed to accommodate Bernie's curling schedule! Bernie's college life did not end

at graduation having spent the last 20+ years as the Chair of College Council. In gratitude for Bernie's work within the community and on behalf of the College he was made an Honorary Fellow of St John's College.



Bishop Donald Phillips, Bernie Beare, Chris Trott.

CINDY BLACKSTOCK, DCL Awarded the degree of Canon Law (*honoris causa*) Cindy gave the Convocation Address. Working as Executive Director, First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada, she is also Professor, School of Social Work at McGill University. A member of the Gitksan First Nation with 25 years of social work experience in child protection and Indigenous children's rights. Her promotion of culturally based equity for First Nations children and families and engaging children in reconciliation has been recognized by the Nobel Women's Initiative, the Aboriginal Achievement Foundation, Frontline Defenders and many others.

In her address Cindy shared the story of Peter Henderson Bryce who back in the early 1900s recognized the wrongs of Residential Schools and tried to improve them. In speaking of the difference between Dr. Bryce and Duncan Campbell Scott, Cindy finished her address with the following comment:

"Bryce and Scott teach us many things. Bryce embodies the importance of doing the right thing even when it is the most difficult and unrewarding choice; Scott teaches us of how seducing moral cowardice can be – especially in a bureaucracy where blind loyalty is valued. Most of all they teach us that we all have a choice of who we want to be in the world and what legacies we want to leave behind."

Wise words indeed. For the full Convocation address please see our website: http://umanitoba.ca/colleges/st_johns/



Cindy Blackstock with Michael Champagne, Jenna Wirch at Convocation 2017.

This year's J-Pin recipients



J-Pin Recipients; Bryan Bjerring, '77, graduated with an MDiv. Anne Leibl, '57 who some of you may know as "bright eyes" graduated with a BA and went to work at GWL and Bernie Beare, '57 who went on to have a distinguished teaching career.

Scholarship

Just How Important are Scholarships and Bursaries

We asked several alumni how meaningful were the awards they received whilst members of St John's College. Thanks to the generosity of donors this year approximately \$100,000 was handed out to our students!



Jeff McConnell 1989



Daniel Kiesman receiving the Ted & Edna Poulter scholarship from Edna Poulter and daughter Pam Poulter-Friesen, '90

Recipient of the James Frost Cross Memorial Trophy in 1988. Jeff was senior stick of Student Council and took part in a number of intra-mural sports including hockey, soccer, and coaching a team.

What are you doing now? I'm a lawyer (partner) in a law firm in Virden Manitoba and the mayor of Virden MB for the past 7 years. Prior to becoming the Mayor, I served as a councillor of the town of Virden for 12 years. I still practiced law full time while I served as councillor and as Virden's mayor.

What difference did receiving the Scholarship make in your life? I recall receiving this award and remember it as something I took great pride in, however, I've never thought about the difference it made in my life till you asked this question. I think the biggest affect it had on me was with respect to my confidence. Coming out of high school I was like most people, lacking confidence in almost everything I did. Being able to take advantage of all the student life aspects St John's offered helped build within me a greater belief in my abilities.

St John's College gave me the opportunity to serve on Student Council, take part in intramural sports, education opportunities in a smaller class room setting, a personal space in the form of

to meet and get to know like minded students, and of course a social life. I didn't do most of these in high school.

Being recognized by the College for basically taking advantage of the opportunities presented at the College helped build my confidence to continue to do the same things in life.

All of it helped build my self esteem, my understanding of what I can achieve, and helped drive my drive to continue to be an active member of the community where I live.

Dr. R. Douglas McKibbin
Recipient of the Friends of St John's College Bursary 1982 and 1990. Doug graduated B.Sc 1988, B.Sc.Eng 1990, MD.

What are you doing now? In 2006, I started to transition from the forensics patient population to those with comorbid intellectual disability (ID) and mental illness, and have worked exclusively with that patient population since 2009. I occasionally psychiatrically assess such individuals for the College. For the last 10 years, I have performed psychiatric practice evaluations for the College's Physicians and Surgeons

What difference did receiving



Sochimaobi Nweze was awarded the Erin Palamar Bursary in Nursing from Maureen Kolodie.



Receiving the Ivan J. R. Deacon & Phyllis E. Deacon Bursary from Warden Chris Trott is Lindsay Bristow.

years later, I am unable to specifically remember the impact of the Friends of SJC scholarships, but I'm sure they helped to defray my debt load as I put myself through science, medical and mechanical engineering degrees. I moved to BC in 1999 for a forensic psychiatry fellowship, then ended up staying for the year-round green.

I have very fond memories of St John's College and the residence.

Best wishes to St John's student in their studies and career.

Nicole Wruth is a grad of 2016 and lived in College residence for several years. She held many leadership positions with the Residence Council as well as being a Don.

What are you doing now? Right now I am teaching full time in the northern community of Gillam, Manitoba. I teach grade 5/6 Social Studies, Science and Art. I am really enjoying my current position!

What difference did receiving the scholarship/bursary make in your life?

I am forever thankful for the bursaries I received from St Johns College. I was always a full-time student paying my way independently. Receiving a bursary allowed me to focus on my studies, live in St John's College and, also it took some pressure off my student loans debt. It allowed me some extra freedom to pursue my passion for travelling.



Daniel Lee receiving the Les & Terry Wiens Bursary from Les and Terry Wiens!



Nicole Wruth

Meet the Stick



Amy Wadley and her great-grandson.

Our oldest living stick is **Amy Wadley** (nee Best) She shared the following: To ask a 90 year old what she was doing 71 years ago, at the age of just turning 19 is a bit wishful!

First question, why did I go to St John's? Both my parents had gone to St John's, the College was only a 25 minute walk from home, a good friend Terry (Geraldine) Smith was a Johnian going into 3rd year and the College was on Broadway, just a few steps from Rupertsland School where I had spent the last 12 years. Obviously not ready for too much change at once! St Johns was just moving into what was then the Music and Arts Building.

So I made my parents happy and went to St John's.

I honestly cannot remember much about being lady stick. Roy Chrisfield was THE Stick and it was easy to co-operate on college events - dances, entering the drama festival, the freshman

parade and so on. One or two of us joined the Pharmacy students to form a basketball team; we were good losers Pharmacy had as few ladies as St John's back then.

Situated alone on Broadway we were a world unto ourselves, sort of a large family (and that was our "school spirit"). Theology was the main reason for the college's existence. Many of the men (and I think one lady) were theologues and Chapel mattered. I made sure not to miss that!

AND, CURRENT STICK – Daniel Lee

Why did you become a member of SJC? I joined St John's College in my first year of university due to the influence of my family. A number of my cousins had already finished their degrees at the University of Manitoba, as SJC students. They told me about the opportunities that the College had provided for them in the form of carrel study rooms, student-led events, scholarships/bursaries, etc. Becoming a member of SJC was the best decision that I made during my academic career at the UofM.

What are you enjoying most about being Stick? I enjoy working with my fellow student council members in order to enrich the student experience. Throughout all of my four years on SJCSA, I have seen the positive impact that the council has on the SJC student body. Organizing events, providing studying spaces and constantly thinking of new ways to improve the student experience has been what I enjoy most about being Stick.

How do you feel this position helped you become the person you are today? Among the many traits that I have developed over the two years as Senior Stick, I feel as though my leadership and communication skills have developed the most. Through the hardships and the successes of teamwork (also working with 2 unique teams), I am very grateful for all the experiences that student council has given me.

What are you doing to encourage school spirit? As a council, we have taken many steps since the beginning of the school year to encourage school spirit. In September, we opened up our newly renovated student lounge in order for SJC students to have a relaxing place in between classes. Throughout the year, we have been planning fun activities which are open to all students in order to give them an opportunity to take a break from studying while interacting with their peers. The SJCSA is constantly brainstorming new ways to encourage school spirit!

What has been the most memorable Stick moment to date for you? The most memorable moment for me as Senior Stick was when I was invited to the St John's College 150th Gala Dinner in April 2017. I had the wonderful opportunity to meet and make a toast to the College with a former Senior Stick, Barbara Black. Shortly after delivering a toast, I had the opportunity to meet and converse with Dr. David Barnard (President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Manitoba) and Mayor Brian Bowman. Their encouraging and kind words definitely made this Gala Dinner memorable!

Alumni/Student News

During the 2017 Canada Games held in Winnipeg this past summer, we heard that two of **Linda Hyslop's** (attended SJC 1958-59) grandchildren were competing in swimming. Gabriel Mastromatteo won 4 gold and 1 silver medal. Emilia Mastromatteo won a silver and 3 bronze. Gabe is currently in Trinidad with an elite group of swimmers identified by Swimming Canada to make a new team for the 2020 Olympic Games!

Barbara Laird '73 (now Hart) who lives in Kelowna came for a visit – her first time back in 44 years and how the campus has changed! Jackie Markstrom, Development Officer and Barbara toured the campus and then enjoyed good conversation over coffee and cake in the daily bread!

William 'Bill' Welsh '83 wrote to tell us he's moved to Switzerland to work for Biogen as the Global Technical Product Leader. The company is building an ultra-modern biopharmaceutical manufacturing facility in Solothurn to manufacture a new therapy for Alzheimer's disease. Bill asks for your prayers as they enter Phase 3 of the clinical trials. "Pray for the success in creating something that will work for our patients where numerous other companies have failed. Then we will celebrate together."

It was wonderful to see **Tracy Bowman '96** at our Lunch & Lively Event on Sept 12th during Homecoming week. We congratulate Tracy in her position of Director of Outreach and Engagement with Alumni Relations at the University of Manitoba.



Congratulations to **Jonathan Stafford '10** on his induction to the Richmond Hill Fire Department on September 28, 2017. His parents, **John Stafford '05** and **Jill Stafford**, Development Coordinator at St John's College, attended the ceremony.

Congratulations to **Karen Clavelle '97** on the launch of her new book *lolaire* on November 11th, 2017. Karen's debut collection of poetry, takes letters, news clippings and her own unique voice to stitch together one of the most tragic tales in maritime history.



Congratulations to **Abiodun Okanlawon '10** on the arrival of their baby girl Olivia on the 25th of August. Both mother and baby are doing well.



Attending the Vancouver Reception are: **Karem Elabd, '17**, **Chris Trott**, **Annika** and **Trevor Wideman '13**, **Greg Chapman '85** and **Momo Watanabe, '17**.

We received wonderful news from **Penny Jones Square** that her daughter **Shoshannah Bryn Jones Square '10**, successfully defended her PhD Thesis in English literature from the University of Oxford. Her dissertation is entitled *A Complicated Compassion: The Paradox of Sympathy in Mary Shelley's Fiction*.

Congratulations to **Deirdre Khan '14** on receiving the Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship on September, 2017. This award, considered the Canadian equivalent of the United Kingdom's Rhodes Scholarship, helps recruit and keep in Canada top doctoral students from across the country and around the world. Deirdre will receive \$150,000 over three years towards her research.

Trevor Wideman '13 is currently completing his PhD at Simon Fraser University in urban geography. Recently Trevor presented at two conferences. You can read his papers here: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/02723638.2017.1360038?af=R> <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2399654417750624>

More Alumni/Student News

Congratulations to **Constance Amadi '17** recent graduate from the Department of Nursing on being named Valedictorian. Constance encourages her fellow grads to never stop learning.



Ella Thomson Photo by Paul Chiasson, The Canadian Press

Congratulations to **Ella Thomson '17**, a graduate with Bachelor of Science (Electrical with Distinction), on receiving the *Order of the White Rose Scholarship* on December 1, 2017 in Montreal. This \$30,000 scholarship was created 3 years ago in memory of the massacre of 14 female engineering students in Montreal. It is awarded annually to a Canadian woman engineering student who wishes to continue her engineering studies at the master's or doctoral level in Canada or elsewhere in the world.



Viridiana Urena Ramirez '17 sent us a photo of her and **Chantelle Dubois** at a conference at the Canadian Space Agency on Arctic Change.

Dr. Shayne Reitmeier (BSc '13 and MD'17) was awarded the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award for Outstanding Young Alumni. While Shayne was in medical school, he advocated for LGBTTQ* individuals on campus, and pioneered research into the unique needs and experiences of LGBTTQ* patients and health-care professionals.

The CBC Future 40 nominees: We congratulate three of our SJC Alumni on being nominated for the Future 40 Contest which celebrates leaders, builders and change-makers under the age of 40!

Erika Hunzinger '14 current Grad Studies in Rehabilitation Sciences, **Deirdre Khan '14** and current PhD candidate and **Darius Hunter** a current student in Political studies.

Montaser Aljajeh is a 3rd year SJC student and Syrian Refugee sponsored by St John's College

and the World University Student Council. When he came to Winnipeg, he started a theatre company (Sawa) for teenage Syrian refugees. Montaser received the *Mayor's Volunteer Service Award* this past spring for this work. His theatre group developed a play called "Alice in the Land of Wonders" based on the story of Alice in Wonderland because their experience of arriving in Canada was much like falling down the rabbit hole and ending up in a totally different universe. The play was held September 8 and 9, 2017.

Ella Rocker '15 and current grad studies student. Wrote to tell us of her trip to Grenen, an isolated beach on the northern most tip of Denmark. She says "this is the exact point where the North Sea and Baltic Sea meet. The waves come together in a



Chris Trott, Ade Adesanmi, Terry Duguid and Jackie Markstrom.

The Development Office was delighted to have **Adekunle Adesanmi** a 3rd yr Engineering student, working as the Development Assistant through the Canada Summer Job's grant. Every year a lunch is held for all the University Summer Job students to gather and meet with Terry Duguid, MP for South Winnipeg.



Ella Rocker on the beach at the northern tip of Grenen, Denmark

dramatic criss-cross pattern. You could say I'm jumping between the shores of two oceans! How did I get to be in such a remote location? I spent a semester living and studying at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark as an exchange student. This was an amazing experience where I could travel, learn, and grow as an individual. My studies focused on urban economics, Danish society, architecture and urban design and have fulfilled my outstanding course requirements for my Master's degree in Sociology. It was really rewarding to learn from a different cultural perspective and to engage with students from around the world."

Our students have been busy volunteering with several organizations around the city. On Tuesday February 20th, some members of the SJCSA council and college volunteered at Winnipeg Harvest. They spent time taking a tour of the facility, learned about the donations Winnipeg Harvest receives, and how they sort the donations. After the tour, they sorted the bread donations: three giant bins of bread that were shoulder height and filled with donations. They also had time to sort, fill, and close 25 pound bags of onions and potatoes.

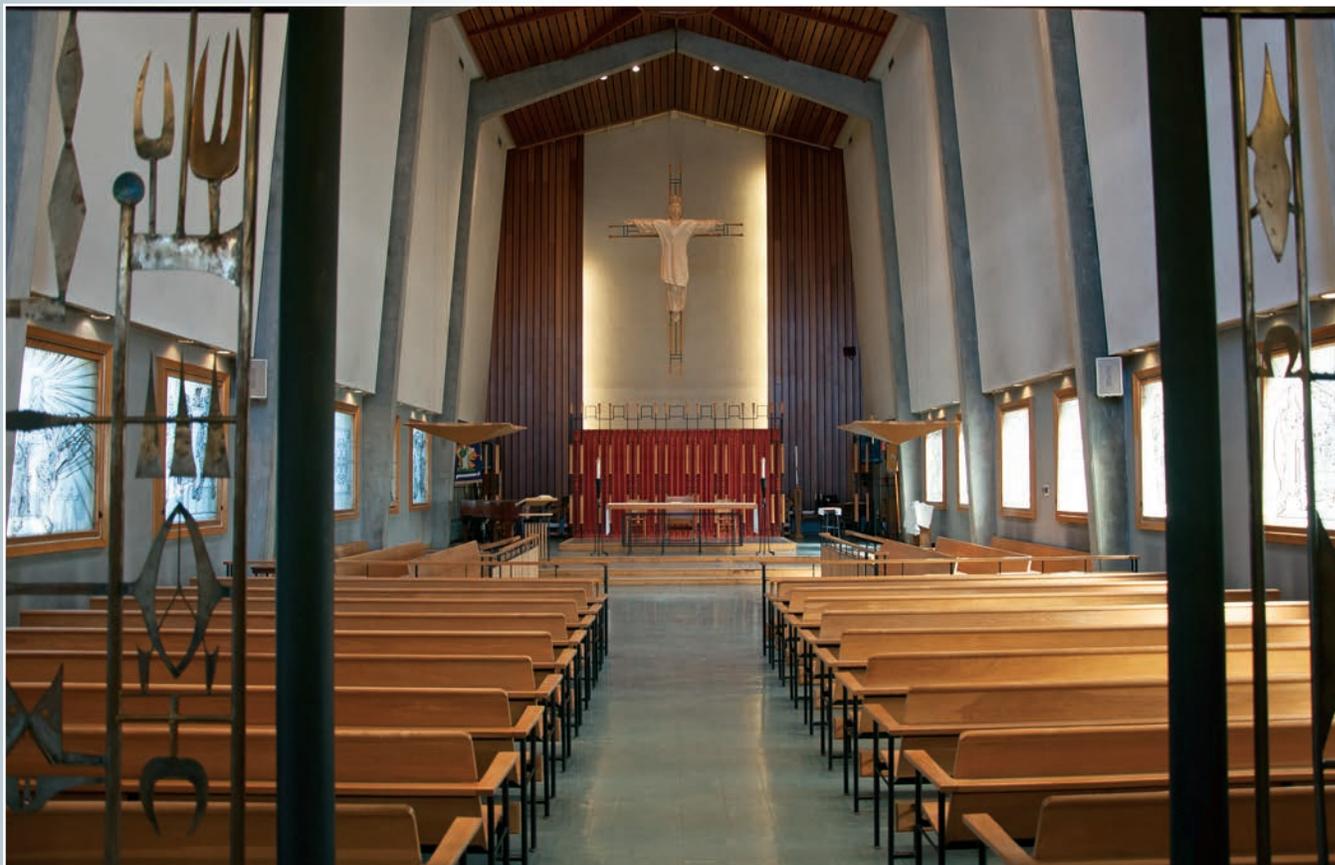


A recent trip to Vancouver saw Warden Chris Trott sharing College news with alumni.



From top left Makenzie Taylor, Carrie Livingston, Mark Livingston, Daniel Lee, Ola Oladunjoye, Breanna Duncan, front row Breann Recksiedler and David Kim.

College Events



Lunch and Lively Conversation, September 12:

Jeffrey Thorsteinson is an architectural historian with the Winnipeg Architecture Foundation and a design writer at Republic Architecture Inc. He presented the talk in the Chapel as he made his presentation on “Creativity & Continuity: the Architecture of St John’s College Chapel”.

Opening of Term Bar-B-Q, September 13: Students, staff and Faculty of SJC together with St Paul’s College enjoyed a wonderful barbecue hosted by SJC. We had a great turnout and enjoyed the fall weather out on our Daily Bread Patio.

Little did we know our Chapel is based on similar designs of chapels in England.

Matriculation, September 17: We welcomed new College members with a short ceremony followed by a reception in the Cross Common Room. We also welcomed new Fellows and staff who all signed the 1866 Matriculation Book.

The **Chaplaincy services** of St John’s College hosted an ecumenical Advent service in the Chapel on December 7th in collaboration with the University of Manitoba Chaplaincy services. On December 17th the Advent and Carol Service was held with the Friends of St John’s Choir.

A dinner, arranged by our Spiritual Advisory Team, Shelly Manley-Tannis and Daly De Gagne, was held on Boxing Day. It gave students still living in residence over the winter break a little Christmas cheer! Around 20 people got together and enjoyed a full turkey dinner thanks to the many donations by staff.

A new gathering started last fall at St John’s College called **Food for the Journey**: A monthly breakfast, prayer and conversation about how we are walking in our faith journeys. Food for Journey is held on Saturday mornings. For more information contact Amy Craddock at the College.

Lunch & Lively Conversation, February 22, 2018: We enjoyed a good lunch and hearing Robert Coutts presentation on “The Language of Place: Heritage and Memory in Manitoba”. Robert is a Research Fellow at St John’s College, and PhD Candidate with the Faculty of History at University of Manitoba.



In support of the Manitoba Association of Women’s Shelters students held a Coffee House Mbili sang and played the guitar. Other acts included spoken word, singing and karaoke!



Before volunteering at Harvest students held a bake sale to raise money to donate to Winnipeg Harvest. Daniel Lee and Breann Recksiedler did a great job selling the cupcakes and other baked goods!



Residence Banquet, Feb 10, 2018: The Residence hosted a Valentine’s Day Banquet in the Cross Common Room. I hear there was a delectable cake covered with chocolate hearts and roses! Everyone had a great time!

Fellow/Staff News

The College welcomes new Fellow: **Micheline Hughes**, a PhD candidate in Native Studies, and is a member of the Cape Sable Island Wampanoag Subsachemship. Her research focuses on Mi'kmaq Catholicism, and the process through which the Mi'kmaq have "constructed a version of Catholicism that validates their identity" using oral histories and traditional narratives, as well as Western archives.

Congratulations to Senior Fellow **Herbert Enns** on receiving the 2017 Long Service Award for 25 years with the Faculty of Architecture.

Congratulations to Senior Fellow **Adele Perry** on her election to the Royal Society of Canada last September 2017. It is a great honour for the College to have such distinguished and accomplished scholars among us. Adele Perry is internationally-recognized for her award-winning research on the history of colonialism in Canada and on the history of women, Indigenous peoples, and racialized people.

Congratulations to College Fellows who received SSHRC grants. Senior Fellow **Lori Wilkinson** (Sociology) on "Finding home: the secondary migration of refugee children, youth and their families in Canada" and Visiting Fellow **Benjamin Collins** (Anthropology) on "Refining the middle-to-later stone age transition: The perspective from Grassridge Rockshelter, South Africa". And to Visiting Fellow **Adolph Ng** (Supply Chain Management) for receiving a SSHRC grant this year: on "Climate Change adaptation planning for ports".

Congratulations to **Erin Millions**, Ph.D. Candidate in the Department of History on successfully defending her thesis on December 12, on "*By Education and Conduct': Educating Trans-Imperial Indigenous Fur-Trade Children in the Hudson's Bay Company Territories and the British Empire, 1820s to 1870s*".

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.

Kathryn A. Young, Retired Fellow of History held a book launch on a new book, *No Man's Land: The Life and Art of Mary Riter Hamilton*, on October 24, 2017 at the Millennium Library in Winnipeg, along with co-author, with Sarah M. McKinnon. Some of the Fellows and staff got to hear Kathryn at the Soup and Bread series as she shared the fascinating life of Riter Hamilton, and her time on the battlefield of northern Europe.

On June 5, 2017, Visiting Fellow **Murray Evans** received news of his appointment as Professor Emeritus at the University of Winnipeg. We congratulate Murray.

Retired Fellow **Martin Guerwin** has recently published a book entitled *Causes, Agents, Explanations, and Free Will* in which he argues that there is no reason to doubt that we have free will; the illusion is that everything is caused in the same way. Our very idea of cause and effect is rooted in our experience of being agents, making things happen. But from this experience we derive, not a single, unified idea of

causing, but an idea with different variants. Twentieth-century physics, especially quantum mechanics, has given us yet another conception of cause and effect that has a bearing on the question of free will.

On September 1, 2017 **Cathy Mudry**, retired from the University of Manitoba as our Library Supervisor, at St John's College. Cathy has served the University for 40 years. We all thank Cathy for her many years of dedicated service to the College and wish her the best for the future. SJC had a farewell reception for Cathy on Aug 29th complete with flowers, cake and many good wishes!

We welcome **Kathleen Hays** as our new St John's College Librarian. Kathleen has extensive experience as a library technician, including previous experience working in the University of Manitoba Libraries' system.

Last August we welcomed The Revd **Shelly Manley-Tannis** as our new Spiritual Advisor. Shelly is an ordained Minister in the United Church of Canada with part-time responsibility for the Little Britain congregation north of Winnipeg. Unfortunately Shelly will be leaving her position as Spiritual Advisor on April 30, 2018 as her partner Richard takes up the position of Principal of St Andrew's College, Saskatoon.

It was the best Christmas news for **Elnora** (Assistant Bursar at SJC) and **Edwin Wiebe** on the birth of their newest grandson Thomas Isaac Wiebe on December 17th (7lb 10oz)! It made for a lot of excitement for parents **Roger '08** and **Lindsay Wiebe** and their 3 year old daughter Lena as everyone got ready for Christmas.

In Memoriam

Alumni and Friends of the College

Our thoughts and prayers to **Amy Wadley '49** (nee Best) on the death of her husband William Martin Wadley on October 28, 2017. Bill was a Chartered Accountant who devoted his life to the Anglican Church of Canada, first in Sault Ste. Marie and then in Hamilton.

Our condolences to The Rt. Hon. **Edward Schreyer '57** and his wife **Lily Schreyer** on the death of Ed's brother Leonard Albert Schreyer on November 5, 2017 at the age of 88 years.

Anne May MacIsaac '60, of Russell, MB, passed away on Monday, January 1, 2018 at the age of 79 years.

Our sincere condolences to **David '61 and Lynn Pate '63** on the death of their daughter-in-law Jennifer Lynn Smith on July 9, 2017. Jennifer was a graduate of the University of Winnipeg. She studied Speech Pathology at the University of North Dakota, and received her Master's Degree at the University of Alberta.

On November 20, 2017 **Dr. Alice Mary Elizabeth Cheatley C.M. '64** died at the age of 99 years. Alice graduated from St John's College in 1964 and completed her B.A., B.Ed., and M.Ed. in 1973 and her Ph.D at the University of North Dakota in 1977. She was a member of the St John's College Council, and made Honorary Fellow in 1995. With the energy and determination familiar to all who knew her, she served and played a leading role on many committees and boards; Past Chair of the Development Committee and



former co-chair of a various fundraising projects for the College including scholarships and the library. The culmination of her long and distinguished career came in 2002, when she was awarded the Order of Canada.

On July 18, 2017, **Michael F. Bonner** died. We send our sincere condolences to his wife **Gail Bonner '64** and children Sandra, Carol, Caroline, Anne, and grandchildren.

On November 12, **Suzanne Dawn Adkins '65** (nee Lipsett) died after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Suzanne was Lady Stick at St John's College in 1964-65 and graduated with a BA/BE in 1965. Suzanne is survived by her husband **Bill Adkins '67**.

Our condolences to **Frances Rank '68** and family on the death of her husband **Gerald Henry Rank** on September 27, 2017, just three days before his 77th birthday. Gerald and Frances moved to Saskatoon to begin his teaching career at the University of

Saskatchewan in Biology, becoming a Professor Emeritus in 2008.

Our condolences to **Jo Stanton-Kellendonk '74** on the death of her father Alfred Edward Stanton on December 3, 2017.

Our condolences to **Andrea Borchert-Cantin** and her husband **Robert Cantin '78** on the death of Andrea's father Otto Ludwig Borchert who died at the age of 91 years old on December 12, 2017.

On May 23, 2017, **William (Bill) Towill '79** died of a brain tumour. He is survived by his wife **Deborah (Debby) Towill** (Nee Carson) who also attended St John's from 1977 to 1980. Bill was active on the Student Council and lived in residence while studying for his Bachelor of Science in Botany followed by an MSc in Forestry from Lakehead University. Bill worked as a forester for the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources for over 35 years and retired in October 2016.

On August 12, 2017, The Reverend Canon **James D. Slater**, died in Winnipeg at the age of 90 years. Our sincere condolence to his wife Barbara, and family; **Becky Slater '81** (Doug), Maem Slater-Enns and **Herb Enns**, Senior Fellow at St John's College, and Katie Slater-Gray (Jerry).

Our condolence to **Bruce Gunderson '84 and Carmen Ellis '93** on the death of Bruce's mother Sheila Gunderson on November 17, 2017.



Students from the Residence organized themselves to play a game of Dodgeball trying to avoid the extreme cold of a Winnipeg winter!



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