Development Office - Building Community
Fiscal Year Report
April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015

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In Thy Light Shall we See Light
This spring I was privileged to attend the Emerging Leaders Dinner sponsored by Student Life at the University of Manitoba. At this event the University acknowledges the top 75 student leaders as nominated by their Faculties. It turned out that 14 (18 %) of the students were members of St John’s College, and the College itself had not nominated any students. Clearly, we are punching way above our weight! I then invited these students to lunch, and we had a marvellous and exciting discussion. Indeed, I could hardly get a word in. Surely this is what being a College is all about; the opportunity to meet, talk with, and work with people from a variety of disciplines in order to broaden each of our horizons. As we sat together the students made plans to help each other and work together. One student who needed help in statistical analysis found another student who specializes in that kind of work. Connecting and collaboration are what St John’s is all about! It would not be possible for St John’s College to provide a caring and supportive community without your help! Thank you for your support!

St. John’s College
“is such a welcoming place for students to learn, socialize, and feel at home.”
~Rebecca Kummen
SJC Student

Scholarships & Bursaries
St John’s College continues to provide valuable support to our students through annual bursaries and scholarships. This past year nearly $90,000 was awarded through 97 scholarships and bursaries to members of the St John’s College community. We have over $3.25M invested in scholarships and bursaries and over the past several years we’ve been receiving 10.6% on the investments. Approximately 4 percent is awarded annually.

“I am honored to receive the Class of ’63 Scholarship. It has been of tremendous help to me as it has contributed to paying my tuition. It removed much of the financial burden so that I can focus on my education. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity.” ~ Alero Tenumah
SJC Student

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Chaplaincy

Our Chaplain, Allison Chubb, has certainly been very busy! Developing relationships with both Residence and Day students can be a bit of a challenge but relationships are being built with meditation groups, a dinner liturgy, study group, and Bible and Breakfast.

Last Fall Allison and the student council went on a retreat to Camp Arnes where they developed leadership skills and worked on team building. Some of you may remember the retreats you attended. These create an avenue to foster trust and accountability as well as building future leaders!

“If having a chaplaincy at SJC has allowed me to grow in my faith and really delve into why it is that I am a Christian and what I stand for. Allison has created a space for students, where we can ask honest questions about ourselves and our faith and have conversations where we can work towards discovering answers. Having a chaplaincy at SJC has allowed me to put my faith into action. It has allowed me to practice charity and understanding by focusing on social justice issues, such as feeding the hungry who come to Agape Table. I learned this year that it is not only important to have conversations about Christianity so that we better understand our faith, but that it is also an important aspect of our faith to reach out and help those who need our help locally and globally.”

– Elsa Kaka, SJC international student

Convocation 2014!

The Friends of the College Convocation Luncheon

On Nov 2, 2014 we had a wonderful time with Johnians receiving their J-Pins, celebrating with graduates, scholarship/bursary winners, and honorary degree recipients. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful lunch and the joyful atmosphere as we shared in their accomplishments!

Wilson Wu ’14 shared his personal story on “What St John’s Means to Me”.

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It’s Because of Your Support that:

- close to $90,000 in scholarships and bursaries are awarded to members of the SJC community!
- a dinner at Ronald McDonald House was provided for families of children undergoing treatment at Children’s Hospital!
- free room and board to Grade 11 students from northern reserves!
- upgrades to the Residence were made!
- the College welcomed over 200 first year students!
- the College corridor and floors were renovated!

“Along with the joys of being enrolled in medicine comes the very significant and stressful financial burden. I cannot express enough how much receiving this Bursary has helped make my dream of becoming a physician a reality. I wish to express my gratitude to all those who help make these awards possible.”

~ Shayne Reitmeier, SJC Student

Lunch & Lively Conversation continues

The Lunch & Lively Conversations continues to be a great event bringing Alumni and friends together. We hold three events over the year in the months of September, February, and April and have a presentation given by current and Retired Fellows of the College, on a variety of topics.

“We attend this event because the college is important to us. Many of the good memories we have took place at the college all those years ago. We certainly don’t live in the past but those are still great memories. We see people there that we haven’t seen for over 50 years and it is great fun to re-acquaint. The talk by the various Fellows is always varied and we think interesting.”

~ Lynn Pate ’63
Lunch with the Warden: Emerging Leaders

Chris Trott held a special lunch for the SJC students who won the Emerging Leaders Award through the University of Manitoba. It was a great time to hear from the Graduate studies students and the various research topics. Everything from creating synthetic serums to the latest research in bio systems engineering. There’s no doubt about it. St John’s College has some great students! Also, our undergraduate students are looking to make their careers in mathematics, engineering and economics.

“St John’s College represents 3% of all the university enrollment!”

University of Manitoba acknowledged 75 students at the Emerging Leaders dinner - 18% where SJC members!

Health Career Quest Summer Camp is a two-week camp designed to provide opportunities for Grade 11 Aboriginal students from Northern Manitoba looking seriously at a career in the health care profession. Through a donation from Heathbridge Capital Management Ltd and private donors, St John’s College was able to provide meals and accommodation for 15 students and their group leaders. The camp participants take part in daily experiences in a variety of health profession including Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Nursing, and Medical Rehabilitation. They enjoyed the safe and caring community of St John’s and the experience of living in residence!

“Thank you very much for your support of Children Rising Mentorship Program! It makes such a big difference to have a space we feel so welcomed in and the food is always delicious too! I look forward to working with St John’s College again!”

~Lindsay Woolar and Susie Taylor Service-Learning Coordinator

The Children Rising Mentorship Program is an innovative cross-cultural learning exchange and mentorship partnership with youth from Skownan First Nation. They learn about Anishinaabe culture through traditional ceremonies, crafts, teachings, and games, while mentoring other participants. They meet several times a year with a student from Skownan First Nation and here at the College. They are paired up and maintain a connection throughout the school year.
Financial: What you have chosen to Support!

Thanks to our donors support and generosity

$161,850 was raised to further various needs at the College!

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The Development Office is dedicated to inspiring Johnians and friends to participate in promoting and funding the College. Through a program of communication and engagement the College is promoted as a safe, caring, small yet vibrant community.

We would love to hear from you! Please feel free to contact us.

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