



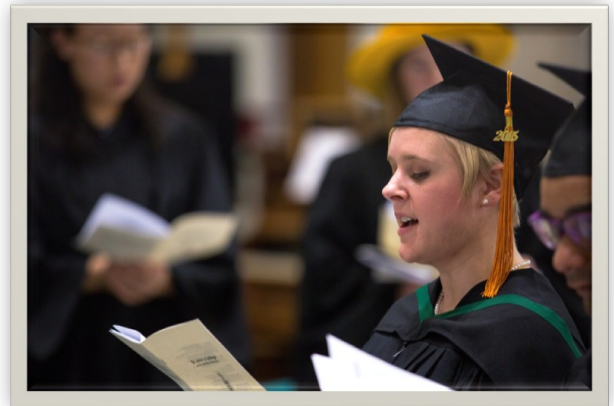
# ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

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Achieving Academic Success!  
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Creating Community!  
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Development Office

Fiscal Year Report

April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016

## Message from Jackie Markstrom, Development Officer



Christopher Trott presents **Cole Friesen** with 2 awards. Cole is the 3rd generation of Johnnians to attend SJC. He is pictured here with his parents **Pam Poulter Friesen '90** and **Kevin Friesen**, and grandmother **Edna Poulter**, wife of the late **Ted Poulter '58**

First of all I would like to congratulate Chris Trott on his reappointment as Warden commencing this 1<sup>st</sup> July. He is currently on Admin Leave and will be returning to the College mid-August.

Yesterday I had the good fortune to attend a Johnian's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebrations. In reflecting on the love and respect that was in the room I feel truly blessed. SJC is a unique place where I have been fortunate to meet many of you wonderful people and hear your College stories. How to say thank-you to you all for your generosity and kindness shown to your College: I see it reflected in the eyes of the students, in their appreciation of renovated spaces, for scholarships and bursaries for the community you have helped to grow. So, thank you, on behalf of the College students, staff and fellows, for your gifts which have blessed us all.

"St John's College provided an intimate, nurturing academic and social community where I felt very much at home. The legacy of the Wendy Hansen Scholarship remains with me as an embodiment of what it means to *pay it forward*, which I strive for in my work and life."

~**Breanne Reinfort '06 BSc and '15 MEv Scholarship Recipient**



Dr Chris Trott celebrates with **Breanne Reinfort** at Convocation Nov 1, 2016, on receiving her 2nd degree in **Masters of Environment**

### Scholarships & Bursaries

#### The Wendy Hansen Scholarship

This year marked Dr Jessie Lang's 100th birthday and to celebrate this magnificent occasion, we asked past recipients of the Wendy Hansen Scholarship to share what it meant to receive this award and how it helped them to get to where they are now.

There were many wonderful stories on how the scholarship made a big difference in helping to achieve their dream!

Dr Jessie Lang set up the Wendy Hansen Scholarship Fund as a tribute to her daughter in 1993 and since then it has been awarded to 21 students, making an immeasurable difference in the lives of our students!

"The money allowed me to keep my head above water and concentrate on my studies without fear of letting my grades slip. The extra time allowed me to be incredibly successful in my undergrad, and I won the Gold Medal for the highest GPA.

In turn, my academic achievements at St John's College allowed me to be accepted, with full funding, to Queen's University, where last year I completed a Masters of Arts in Geography. I am now a PhD scholar in Geography at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver.

~**Trevor Wideman '13**

St John's College is very grateful to **Jocelyn '63 and Warren Barnard, John '05 and Jilleen Stafford, and Les '83 and Terry Wiens** for starting a Scholarship and two new Bursaries this year.

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Chaplain Allison Chubb continues to develop programs and events that foster relationships with both Residence and Day students.

Some of the programs held throughout the year were: SJC student council leadership retreat and mentorship sessions, a Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner for students, weekly dinner discussion groups, a social justice retreat day, volunteer events for West Broadway CM: walk a mile, and International Day for ending Racism. These create an avenue to foster trust and accountability as well as building future leaders!

Last fall we helped Allison fundraise to sponsor a Syrian Refugee named **Al Montaser Al Jajeh** to live in St John's College residence for two years with board and room fully paid. This program is in partnership with World University Services of Canada (WUSC) through *The Student Refugee Program*. Fundraising events included a Balloon Pop, International Coffee House in the Daily Bread Café and a 80's Social, and a few other fundraisers with students, SJC staff and Fellows.

St John's is not just rooms and concrete, it is a community that has been my home and safe haven. St. John's has fostered in me an increased desire to impact my peers and my community. St. John's has been a source of strength, guidance and support that makes me feel and know that my life and my dreams are important. I'm very grateful to all the donors who support St. John's. Thank you so much.

~ Acqueline Masviken



At the International coffee house, Montaser led the whole room in a Syrian dance. Photo by Allison Chubb

## Friends of St John's College Luncheon "What St John's Means to Me"



"We were each other's family away from home."

~ Andrew Gadsby Pauls '15

"From my first day I was made to feel included. I was part of the St John's residence family. We ate, drank and laughed together in a way that was very different from my experiences in high school. You would often end up sitting with new people and soon you would know just about everyone.

I joined the Residents' Council and helped put on activities and social events for my fellow residents. I learned more and more about how St John's was intrinsically different from the other residences on campus. We were smaller, less rowdy (sometimes), but the most importantly we were all much closer together. We were each other's family away from home."

Andrew Gadsby Pauls '15

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St. John's Residence is unique on campus for its small, tight-knit community. This year, over 60% of residents were international students. With such a diverse population there are many opportunities for cross-cultural friendship and understanding. One highlight of the year was a skating trip to the Forks on a cold January day. Residents who had been ice skating in cold Manitoba winters all their lives joined others who had never been on skates or experienced such cold temperatures for a day of fun, laughter, and cold noses. The friendships that are built in St. John's Residence span continents and last lifetimes, and with your generous support new generations of students will continue to have the opportunity to share these wonderful experiences. (Caileigh Morrison, Dean of Residence)



Dons (L-R) Morgan Taverner, Momo Watanabe, Simone Da Silva Rosa and Noah Gilfix and Dean of Residence Caileigh Morrison (seated)

### Because of Your Support we are able to:

- ✓ give over \$90,000 in scholarships and bursaries were awarded to members of the SJC community!
- ✓ create 2 new Bursaries and 1 Scholarship!
- ✓ provide classroom space for a teacher and students from Northern reserves working towards reintegrating into University!
- ✓ offer free room and board to Grade 11 Northern Manitoba students attending the Health Career Quest Summer Camp!
- ✓ welcomed over 200 first year students!
- ✓ fund a Refugee Student to live in SJC residence with full room & board while taking enrolled in classes at the University!

## Being involved with our Alumni and our Community

The **Lunch & Lively Conversations** provides Alumni and Friends of the College the opportunity to hear from our Fellows and students on a variety of topics. This year we had **Dr Esyllt W. Jones**, Senior Fellow, present her work on "Images of Family: The L.B. Foote Collection". In February **Ifeanyi Nwachukwu** 3rd year PhD Candidate shared some of his research on "*Do proteins really lower high blood pressure?*". Then in April we enjoyed hearing from **Dr Lori Wilkinson** SJC Fellow on "*What are the challenges to successful settlement for Refugees in Canada?*"

**Bach's Birthday** is held in honour of our Retired Fellows and staff with performance held in the Chapel. This year we invited organist Michael Cutler, Music Director at Crescent Fort Rouge United Church and Andre Washington, cellist in the Post-Baccalaureate program at the University of Manitoba.



Each year in lieu of sending out Christmas cards, Dr Christopher Trott, Warden puts together a dinner at the **Ronald MacDonald House**. This year's dinner was held on March 28 2016 with help from SJC Student Council Reps Stuart Maddocks and Eun Ah Lee, and Staff member Amy Craddock.

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## SJC Student Achievements!

Your support allows students to spend more time on their studies and to pursue opportunities that focus excel in their education. We celebrate with them as they receive awards and great achievement!

**Emerging Leaders Award** awarded to eleven St John's College members!

**Graduate Students:** Gift Amadi, Lolita S. Awoyesuku, Lindsay Berard, Carly McLellan, Mawo E. Mommoh, Michael Xu, Shayne Reitmeier, Bithiah R. Selvarajan, Jessie Greenberg,

**Undergraduate Students:** Matthew Driedger, Master's Candidate, Engineering and Gagan Sidhu, Master's Candidate, Agricultural and Food Sciences



### 5 SJC student win big! Game-Changing Competition!

1st Place "Nixed Foods" L-R: Dr. Darren Fast, UofM student Zara Usman, SJC students **Oluwaseyi Odhigbo**, **Oribim Kingson**, and **Ifeanyi Nwachukwu**, and Dr. Digvir Jayas. 2nd Place team "Biohack" with **Ahmad Byagowi** SJC PhD Candidate and **Paul White** iSJC student Biomedical Engineering, and UofM student Jesslyn Janssen. (photo not shown)

### More Awards to SJC Students:

*Vanier Scholarship!* Awarded to **Ifeanyi Nwachukwu** and **Michael Becker '13!**

*Red Cross Humanitarian of the Year* awarded to **Rhianna-Lynn Holter-Ferguson!**

*Canadian Medical Hall of Fame 2yr Scholarship and Lieutenant Governor's Vice-Regal Volunteer Award-* **Shayne Reitmeier!**  
*People's Choice Award at the Three Minute Thesis Competition* -**Paul White!**



Continued support for the Health Career Quest Summer Camp

**Health Career Quest Summer Camp** a two-week camp held in July, is designed to provide opportunities for Northern Manitoba Grade 11 First Nation students to look seriously at a career in the health care profession. Through donations from Heathbridge Capital Management Ltd and private donors, the College is able to provide meals and accommodation for 12 students and their group leaders. The camp participants take part in daily experiences in a variety of health profession including Medicine, Dentistry, Medical Rehabilitation, Nursing and Pharmacy. They enjoyed the safe and caring community of St John's and the experience of what it is like to live in residence!

## The Children Rising Mentorship Program

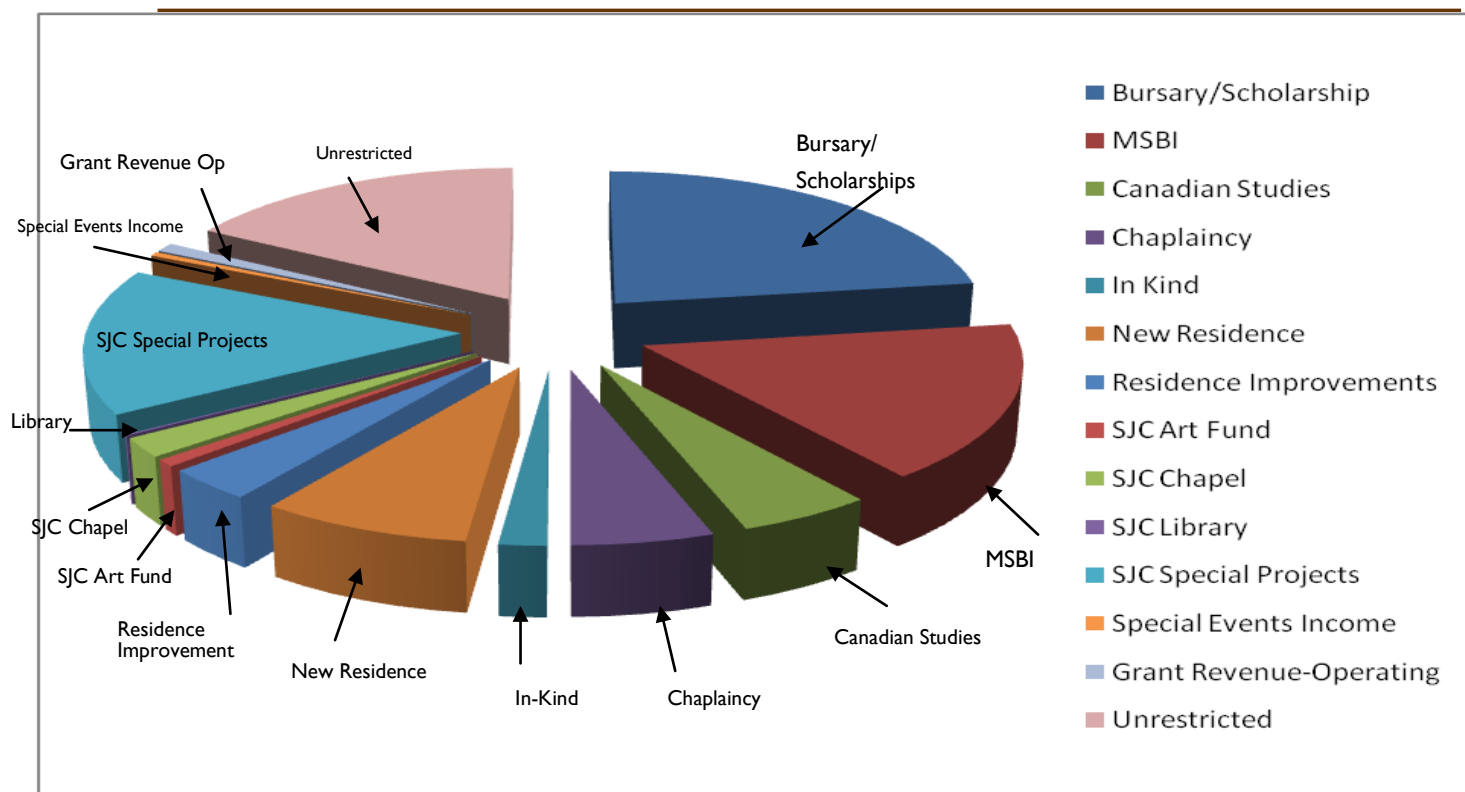
The Children Rising Mentorship Program is an innovative cross-cultural learning exchange and mentorship partnership with youth from Skownan First Nation. They learn about Anishinaabe culture through traditional ceremonies, crafts, teachings, and games, while mentoring other participants. They meet several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



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## Financial: What you have chosen to Support!



**THANK YOU** to all  
our donors for your  
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In raising \$179,762 to  
further various needs  
of the College!

Bursary/Scholarship & MSBI \$70,895  
Canadian Studies \$9,300  
Chaplaincy Endowment \$9,775  
In Kind/Insurance Premiums \$3,275  
New Residence \$14,587  
Residence Improvements \$6,245  
SJC Art Fund \$1,370  
Library \$234  
Chapel Donations \$3,727

Special Project Projects: \$27,840  
1) Northern MB Student \$6,310  
2) Intergroup Dialogue \$3,294  
3) Syrian Refugees \$17,631  
4) Senior Common Room \$605  
5) SJC residence kitchen \$1,745  
Special Events Income \$805  
Unrestricted \$29,980



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### The Development Team

We are dedicated to inspiring Johnians and friends of the College to participate in promoting and funding the College. Through 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.