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## **Annual Report to Donors** **HELPING TO SHAPE THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW**



**April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018**

St John's College  
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## Warden's Message

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St John's College continues to bat above the average with our students and faculty achieving far beyond our numbers: three finalists in a field of twelve in the Three Minute Thesis competition, eight of forty-three (18%) students recognized by the Emerging Leaders Awards, and Shayne Reitmeier recognized as an Outstanding Young Alumnus. Among the Faculty Dr. Adele Perry has been made a Fellow of the Royal society. I have been excited to hear that in the first round of admissions three of our students are going on to medical school and one on to dentistry.

How can this be, given that the College is the smallest unit on campus?

First, we have supported our students through scholarships and bursaries. I look at the names of these leaders and they are the same people who show up at Convocation to receive their award cheques. By helping students financially, they spend more time at their studies rather than supporting themselves through working. Look at the pie chart on the back. 51.5% of your aid to the College goes into these scholarships and bursaries that assist our students who become our new leaders.

Second, we provide an academic community that encourages students in their studies. Students tell us that they are able to meet fellow students, especially in our study carrels, with whom they can then form study and work groups. We see greater collaborations and achievement as a result.

Third, our residence provides a safe and secure "home" from which our students can then participate fully in the life and work on campus. We are now the "go to" residence where the indigenous Achievement office and student counselling seek to place students in distress because we can provide the care and safety they need. The World University Service of Canada have told us that the refugee students placed in our residence have settled and adapted better than any other placement. We care, we provide the security students need to advance.

We can only do this because you provide the financial support to make this all happen. Thank you. Because of you, St John's continues to add that "extra something" to the lives of students and faculty that allows them to reach their fullest potential.

Congratulations to all of our Graduates. Here is Dr Christopher Trott, far left, and Dr Esyllt Jones, Dean of Studies, far right, attending the Graduate dinner March 2018. Tomorrow's leaders!



## **THREE MINUTE THESIS \* - SJC grads making the world a better place through research**

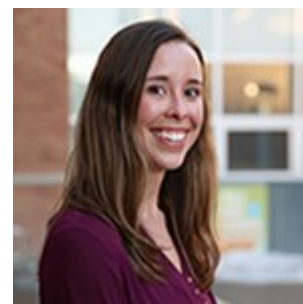
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3MT started at the University of Queensland as a way for graduate students to share their research to a more general audience. To do this they have 3 minutes to present the essence of their research to a panel of judges not in their field.

Since it started St John's College has had several graduate students participate in the 3MT. This year we had three students make it to the finals and one student won the People Choice Award.

### ***The "Bear" Truth: Our World is Changing:* Jill Bueddefeld. People's Choice Award**

Jill grew up on a farm and always understood that we are connected and a part of nature. When she traveled the Amazon, she began researching how tourism can play a pivotal role in inspiring transformation and sustainability - a way to reimagine ourselves in the world around us. She enjoys teaching, so she can give students "everything you need to know to



**UPCOMING LUNCH AND LIVELY CONVERSATION—** Jill will present and expand upon her 3 Minute Thesis for the September Lunch and Lively Conversation. This will take place at the College during Homecoming week: 24th–30th September. Watch for your invite!

### ***Deciphering the dictionary of the mind and what happens when it is misread:* Sandhini Lockman**



Sandhini always had a passion for genetics and molecular biology and through a NSERC studentship she undertook a project working with human brain cell lines. She's involved with the Biomedical Youth Program, inspiring Inner City youth to pursue careers in science. She hopes to make a difference in the lives of individuals affected by mental disorders, and to give

### ***Prescribing Olympic training: The effect of high-intensity interval training on blood pressure:* Kevin Boreskie**

Kevin really enjoys exercise and sport, and wants others to enjoy the same benefits he gets from participating in activities. He's a volunteer for ultimate Frisbee, and even manages a fitness centre in a school. He hopes to bring more transdisciplinary relationships into the field of medicine, allowing for exercise to be used as a tool to prevent illness.





Shown here with his partner Jake Matheson and Warden, Christopher Trott after receiving the Outstanding Young Alumni Award

On Thursday, 10th May, 2018 Dr. Shayne Reitmeier received the Outstanding Young Alumni Award from the University of Manitoba.

A member of St John's College since 2010 Dr. Shayne Reitmeier [BSc(Maj)/13, MD/17] began changing the face of health care while still in medical school. Balancing academics with advocacy, he created safe spaces for and dispelled myths against LGBTTTQI\* individuals on campus, while pioneering research into the unique needs and experiences of LGBTTTQI\* patients and health-care professionals.

Currently completing his Family Practice Residence in Portage La Prairie Shayne became a member of SJC on the advice of a close friend. Looking for an environment where he could be supported Shayne found this at the College, specifically developing a connection with Diana Defoort in the Awards office. Of Diana Shayne says: "She maintained a keen interest in what initiatives I was apart of, and always offered her support in any way she could. Ms. Defoort at St. John's became someone I could contact with exciting news, and she

would kindly share it with her colleagues. I may not have the clarity of why I became a member, but it was people like Ms. Defoort at SJC who are the reason I stayed a member."

Shayne is already a leader in the community. St John's College is proud to have been a part of his journey.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES ENCOURAGING COMMUNITY

### THE TERRY AND LES WIENS BURSARY

*"Youth is only one-third of the population but one hundred percent of the future".* These words spoken by Coach Ken Carter led Terry and Les Weins to reflect on their own journey from youth to the present.

Les and Terry both attended St John's College in the 1970s. Attending was not easy for Les who, due to financial constraints, had to leave his studies. He returned in the early 1980s to complete his degree. Although Terry paid her own tuition she recognizes the support she received from her parents. Both made lifelong friends at the College and appreciate the impact the College had on their lives.

A part of Les' insurance career is a focus on giving back. With this in mind, and recognizing their good fortune, the idea of leaving a footprint behind for others began to form.

So they decided to set up a Bursary. Included in the criteria for the bursary is an emphasis on



Daniel Lee awarded the Terry and Les Weins Bursary. Daniel is working toward a career in medicine.

volunteerism. Students must show how they are helping their community or the College community with their volunteer efforts. A bursary that is helping to nurture and grow the leaders of tomorrow. Thank you Les and Terry!

## RESIDENCE DONS AND STUDENT COUNCIL



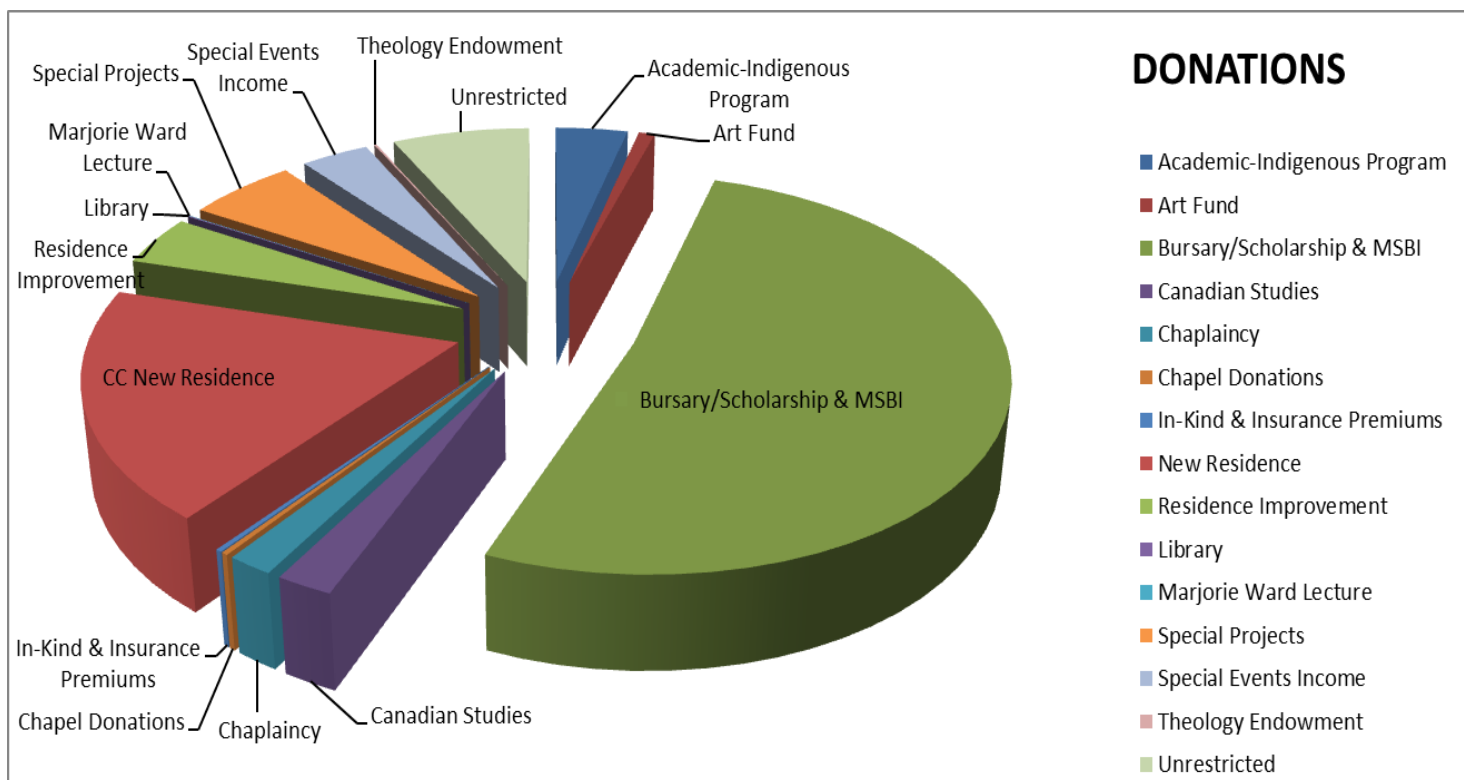
Summer Dons: Nathan Carriere, Tobore Oghre, Dean of Residence Fayaz Hasan and Aikarua Mbatia participated in an Escape Room team-building exercise!

DON—WHAT EXACTLY IS A DON?— hired by the College a Don is a current Residence student who provides leadership, supervision and direction in the day-to-day life of the Residence. The Dons work closely with the Dean of Residence.

The Residence Dons, 4 for the regular academic year and 3 for the summer term, along with both Student Councils are encouraged to participate in 3 days of training and team building towards the end of August.

On the first day workshops include conflict resolution; diversity and inclusion training; mental health awareness; bringing in the bystander which means taking charge in an emergency situation so as to use people effectively; and sexual assault training. On Day 2 problem-solving skills, cooperation and collaboration skills are developed with team- and trust-building activities. The final day is used to plan programmes and social events for both the Residence students and the general College student body. Dons and the Student Council developing the skills needed to be leaders.

## Financial: What you have chosen to Support!



### **THANK YOU!**

*Your generosity has raised \$289,167!*

*100% of your donation is directed to helping students!*

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- ◆ Daily Bread Chairs \$2,596
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  - ◆ Fellows & Staff Project \$170
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- ◆ 150th Anniversary Reunion \$8,168
  - ◆ Convocation Lunch & Alumni Gatherings \$1,991

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### **St John's College Development Team**

Throughout the year we have been honoured to meet with many of our Alumni and SJC Friends. We look forward to meeting more of you in the upcoming year—thank you!

JACKIE MARKSTROM

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Special thanks to Richard Robinson our work-study student, and Adekunle Adesanmi our Development Assistant for their talents and skills throughout this year.

**In Thy Light Shall We See Light**

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