



St John's College

Development Office Annual Report to Donors

Fiscal Year Report
April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014



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Annual Report - Development

YOU are Building a Community!

We had thought that with the completion of the upgrades to our residence, the refitting of the Senior Common Room and the appointment of a Chaplain, that things might be quieter at St John's College this year. Not so! The entire lower level of the College has new floors and new paint. The Fellows have been working to expand the College art collection and hang it appropriately (did you know that St John's College has one of the largest privately owned art collections in Manitoba?). It is all very well to pay a Chaplain, but she needs resources to advance her work and offer programming to students. On top of all this we have entered into partnerships with Wycliffe College, St Margaret's Church and All Saints Church to offer a variety of theological programming to the Diocese. Now the students have caught the bug. They want to refinish/refurnish the student lounge in the basement and are looking for creative ways to raise the money for that. They are even stepping up to the plate to create a student endowment for the College. You have set an example for our students by showing that when we all pitch in together and contribute our resources, we can accomplish great things as a community. Thank you for your continued support as together we build a community that will nurture the next generation of leaders.

- **Christopher Trott, Warden and Vice Chancellor**

FACTS AND FIGURES:

- Together we raised \$174,020 between April 1, 2013 and March 31, 2014
- Overall, the College achieved a 13.7% return on investments this past year
- Close to \$70,000 was available in scholarships and bursaries to College members
- College Fellows continue to win teaching awards, publish papers and present at conferences
- College membership continues to grow – we now have almost 930 students

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES:

St John's College continues to provide valuable support to our students through scholarships and bursaries which are awarded annually. The students not only have access to a great education, but the scholarships and bursaries recognize their hard work and commitment. This past year 87 scholarships and bursaries were awarded to members of the St John's College community.



"The undergraduate entrance scholarships made me extremely excited to start university and make SJC faculty and staff proud of their new Johnian. Now, as a graduate student, these scholarships not only provide financial assistance but also validate my research and community involvement. I cannot thank the donors enough for their generous contributions!"

- Stephanie George

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And two new awards have been established this past year:



Chris Trott, Lynn Pate, Donna Byrne, Judy Waters, Jocelyn Barnard, Bert Smith, Murdith McLean, and Bishop Don Phillips accepting their J-Pins

The Class of '63 Scholarship: Early last year Jocelyn Barnard '63 decided she wanted to do something special for the College in honour of her 50th graduation anniversary. Talking with Jackie Markstrom Development Officer, it was felt that a scholarship would be the most meaningful way of saying thank you to the College. Jocelyn invited her fellow '63 graduates and together they donated more than \$5,000 which was matched dollar for dollar by the Manitoba Bursary and Scholarship Initiative!

Every year from now on a Class of '63 Scholarship will be awarded at Convocation to a student in arts or science.

The Peter Aitchison Bursary: Peter Aitchison was a member of the Mathematics Department, and longtime Friend of the College and close friend to many of the Fellows. Peter died in August 8, 2013 and his family wished to set up a Bursary at St John's College in honour of Peter's life and work. Now there will be a Bursary awarded at Convocation to a student in mathematics.

We want to thank all those who made both of these very special tributes happen – a true legacy to the College and future generations!

LEGACY GIFTS AND BEQUESTS:

This year the College we have been fortunate to receive legacy gift from **Ruth (Wells) Goring Johnston '34** former Lady Stick whose father G.A. Wells was Warden of the College during the 1920s and early 1930s, left a bequest to an endowed Prize in her father's name.

The **Rev'd Robert Frederick Brown '51** former Stick passed away in January of 2012. Robert Brown had made a gift to the College in his Will. His bequest has been placed in an endowment fund and a decision on where to best use this legacy will be made in the future.

Planning your Legacy giving to the College, a gift large or small will ensure the College continues to be the caring community for our students, faculty and staff.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION AT ST JOHN'S COLLEGE:

As you may remember, College Council suspended the Theology program as of June 30, 2013. This did not mean that St John's College would not be engaged in theological education; rather our direction shifted, for now, away from a formal degree granting program and entered into a few joint educational commitments with the Diocese.

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Theology Courses - St John's partnered with St Margaret's Church and Wycliffe College Toronto to offer two courses on theology: one in the fall and one during the winter. These courses could be taken for University credit through Wycliffe College. As part of our commitment to offering theological education in a wider context within the Diocese, some lectures in each term were free and open to the public. Between 35 and 80 people attended the public lectures.

Laurie Wilmot Lectures: Interfaith Dialogue - in partnership with All Saints Church and the Hindu Temple on Set. Anne's Road we engaged in three nights of interfaith dialogue on March 17, 18 and 19, 2014. This was intended as a "grass roots" exercise and about 35 people joined each evening to explore the relationships between our various faiths.

CHAPEL AND CHAPLAINCY:

The Chapel continues to hold midday prayer three days a week, a monthly midday Eucharist, and a monthly evensong with All The King's Men liturgical choir. The chapel space is always open and accessible to the wide variety of staff and students who wish to find stillness and sanctuary during their day. During Advent and Holy Week, meditation services were held with music director John Tanner and "The Friends of the College Choir," which drew visitors from across the university.



In the residence and the wider community, the Chaplain continues to build relationships with students, provide some residence programming, crisis intervention, counselling, leadership training and a weekend retreat with SJC Student Council and other student leaders.

Looking ahead to the fall, Allison Chubb, Chaplain, will continue a monthly "Pints & Compline" service which is held at a downtown pub. There's hope to begin a regular dinner liturgy with students. Midweek Eucharist, vespers, and group meditation will also be part of the routine. There are also plans in the fall to hold a weekend retreat with students from St John's College and St Paul's College focused on prayer and silence.

COLLEGE EVENTS ORGANIZED BY THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Friends of St John's College Convocation Luncheon Nov 3/13: An annual event held prior to the Convocation ceremony is the Friends of St John's College luncheon which was held in the Galleria. The luncheon is a time for graduates, scholarship winners, honorary degree recipients and alumni to share St John's College stories and memories.

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With close to 100 Johnians in attendance, Jocelyn Barnard '63 along with her granddaughter Aleethia McKay '13 gave the "What St John's Mean to Me" speech. After receiving her 50th anniversary J-Pin, Jocelyn was delighted to announce the very special Class of '63 gift to set up a new Scholarship. Also celebrating their 50th anniversary J-Pin was Murdith McLean, Donna Byrne, Lynn Pate, Judy Waters and Bert Smith.

We also held the **Homecoming Great Debate** September 22nd 2013 at St Paul's College with Fellow David Watt and Stephanie George, Graduate student '12 representing SJC debated for the motion. Representing St Paul's College was Moti Shojania, Dean of Studies and Joseph Darcel, SPC student. **Ronald McDonald House Charity** February 20th 2014 is an event held in lieu of sending Christmas cards. Four of our staff and students prepared a home cooked meal for 20+ residence of Ronald McDonald House. **Bach Birthday Event** March 20th 2014: We continue this tribute to the late Lawrence Ritchey by honouring our retired Fellows and staff who also contribute so much to the life of the College. The event had beautiful performances by Jenny Vincent on organ and Sarah Grace Carswell on viola followed by a reception.

Lunch & Lively Conversation Lunch! This new event held February 20th 2014 had Alumni and Friends from the 60's right through to a recent grad! We were delighted to have Joan McConnell '78 as our Master of Ceremony. Joan introduced Allison Chubb, College Chaplain to open with grace before enjoying our wonderful lunch prepared by food services.



The presentation by Warden Chris Trott on "Pilgrimage to Blacklead Island: My experiences in the North" simulated some "lively conversations". It looks like we'll be holding 3-4 such events a year where we will have our Fellows present on a variety of interests.

Health Career Quest Summer Camp: The two-week camp is designed to provide opportunities for Grade XI Aboriginal students from Northern Manitoba looking at a career in health care. In order for a student to qualify for the camp, they complete an academic assessment and a remediation plan is developed for each student through to Grade XII.

Though your donations, St John's College has been able to provide meals and accommodations for these students along with their group leaders at St John's residence. The camp participants took part in daily experiences in a variety of health professions including Medicine, Dentistry,

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Medical Rehabilitation (Occupational, Physical, and Respiratory Therapies), Pharmacy, Nursing, and Dental Assisting. The goal is to inspire Aboriginal students, who normally would not have such an opportunity, to develop an interest in a health profession and, ultimately increase the number of Aboriginal health professionals.

"I wanted to express my sincere thank you for all the support we received for our Health Career Quest Summer Camp. The camp was a huge success and would not have been possible without the support of your office and the generosity of your donors."

- Noreen M. Wichart
Program Coordinator



Visits to our Alumni and Friends: It has been a busy year for our Warden, Chris Trott and Development Officer Jackie Markstrom, as they have travelled across Canada to visit our Alumni and Friends of the College in Toronto, Ottawa, Kingston ON, Regina, and Vancouver.

While in Vancouver, we had the opportunity to visit with Trevor Wideman '13 who is conducting research for his Masters' thesis on Urban planning. He shared how much St John's College has meant to his career.



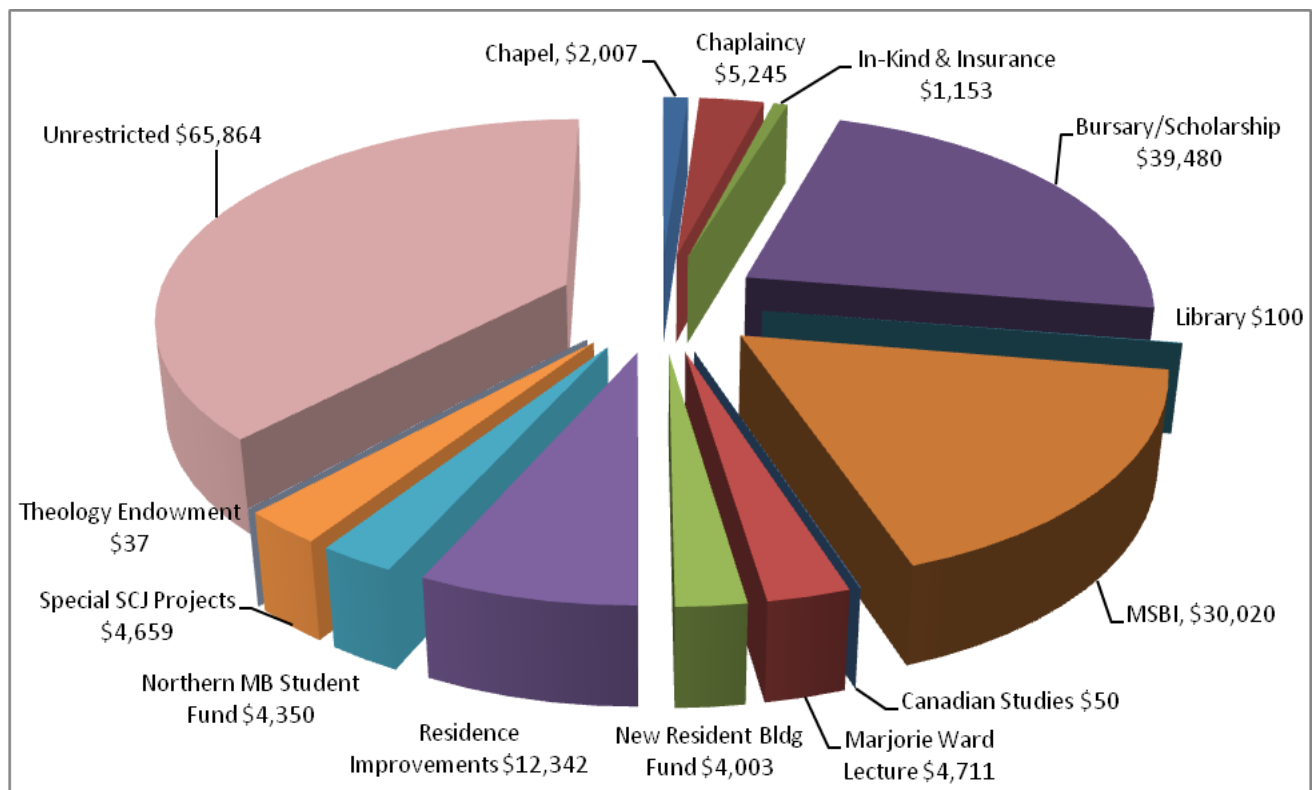
"St. John's College has been an immense support to me throughout my undergraduate degree and now as a graduate student. Not only were they able to encourage my endeavours financially by providing me with generous scholarships and awards, but they gave me a space where I could focus my energy on pursuing academic excellence while having access to an intimate, motivated, and supportive community of students and professors. I owe much of what I have been able to achieve in my time at the University of Manitoba, including my University Gold Medal, to the support I have received through St. John's College."

Helping students reach their full potential for close to 150 years!

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FINANCIAL – DESIGNATION OF FUNDS:

The total of \$174,020 was raised during the fiscal year April 1, 2013 and March 31, 2014 and is broken down as follows:



The Development Office:

The Development Office will *inspire Johnnians and friends to participate in promoting and funding the College - through an integrated program of communication and engagement the College will be promoted as a safe, caring, small yet vibrant community.*

We would love to hear from you! Please feel free to contact either one of us or both of us.



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