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Fall 2013



## Set for Success

STM Alumna Ashley Smith LLB, LLM



ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGE  
UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN



President's Message

**President**  
**St. Thomas More College**  
Terrence J. Downey PhD

Amidst the dust, clutter and disruption of the major construction project that has characterized life at St. Thomas More College during 2013, there has been much to celebrate. The new \$8 million, four-storey structure that houses classrooms, student study space and administration offices has gradually taken shape and will welcome its first students in January. Already a striking landmark that makes STM a highly visible presence on College drive, we eagerly anticipate a grand opening in the spring of 2014.

Early in 2013 the Leslie and Irene Dubé Chair for Catholic Studies sponsored its first major event, an international conference, "Turning to the World: Social Justice and the Common Good since Vatican II." Subsequently, this endowed Chair now sponsors an annual lecture series that hosts distinguished, internationally acclaimed scholars.

We give thanks for More: additional courses that enrich our academic program; flourishing service learning experiences for students; a committed faculty known for innovative research and excellence in teaching; a dedicated staff always focused on student well-being; and, students who strive for academic success while fully engaged in the life of STM in endeavours such as drama, Newman Club, student government and diverse social justice initiatives. These are the leaders of the future and they follow in the footsteps of illustrious predecessors such as STM's 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award winners, Dr. William Earle DeCoteau (BA 1960) and Geralyn (Geri) Jo-Ann Hall (BA 1977), and the recently deceased Joseph Eugene (Gene) Rheaume (BA 1953), a long-time advocate for the disadvantaged who served as a Member of Parliament for the Northwest Territories, the first Metis MP since Louis Riel.

My thanks to all for your ongoing, crucial support that enables us to provide a transformative scholarly experience for students; in turn they are capable of transforming the world.

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**Dean,  
St. Thomas More College**  
Carl Still PhD

In the year of program prioritization at the University of Saskatchewan – known as Transform US - STM continues to offer distinctive academic programs that showcase the strengths of our faculty and the priorities of the college.

Our interdisciplinary Minors - Catholic Studies, Social Justice and the Common Good, Ukrainian Studies, and Jewish and Christian Origins – will not be directly affected by the University's cuts, as STM provides the resources for these programs. We were delighted to see the first graduates of these new programs at Spring Convocation. This year we continue our first-year Learning Community offering introductory Philosophy and Political Studies to a single cohort, while also adding classes in Archaeology and Indigenous Philosophy to the Aboriginal Student Achievement Program in Arts and Science. Although we teach courses and programs not offered by the U of S, all of our courses are open to all U of S students regardless of their college affiliation.

With the new addition to our building nearing completion, we look forward to offering more classes at STM. Students and faculty are enthusiastically anticipating Term 2 and the first classes in these new, state-of-the-art classrooms. We are also thinking of expanding our spring and summer offerings on campus to make better use of our expanded facility and increase academic options for students. There are exciting opportunities for study abroad, too – from Spring Session in Ukraine to international service learning placements in Honduras and Ecuador.

This is a great time to be creating More.

STM Faculty and Staff Retreat at Waneskewin, August 2013.





Dean Carl Still, Professor Wilfrid Denis

### Margaret Dutli Award

The Margaret Dutli award is to acknowledge a sustained involvement in community service by STM faculty, as well as express a public commitment to the mission of STM. The 2013 Margaret Dutli Professional and Community Service Award was presented to STM's Professor Wilfrid Denis PhD, MA, BA.

Professor Denis has been a member of STM's faculty since 1979. His ongoing activism to sustain and promote the flourishing of Fransaskois culture and language rights – provincially, nationally and internationally – now spans over three decades. He has served the community as an advocate, spokesperson and policy-maker in a variety of ways.

Dr. Denis has displayed thirty-plus years of servant-leadership cultivating the art of scholarly praxis: his passion for his heritage drove him to acquire theoretical expertise in issues related to francophone communities in minority settings, and this in turn equipped him to play a practical role in publicly advocating for Fransaskois values and goals. At the same time, such intense, engaged interaction with the Fransaskois community has dialectically fed, shaped and reshaped his sociological scholarship and teaching.

Such devotion to honouring diversity while creating community, to fostering understanding and a vital sense of interdependence among local and increasingly global 'neighbours,' concretises another mode of praxis as well: the Catholic application of intelligence and faith which enables more and more people to come to the full measure of their humanity. (Ex corde ecclesiae). All these qualities and commitments make Professor Denis an invaluable contributor to the college's mission and a model recipient of the Margaret Dutli Professional and Community Service Award. **Congratulations Wilfrid.**

### RESEARCH RESULTS ON PERSON-CENTRED DEMENTIA CARE

*Do beliefs about personhood  
in dementia influence health  
providers' approaches to  
patient care?*



Paulette Hunter PhD  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Psychology, STM

Interest in person-centred dementia care has flourished in the last two decades. As a clinical Psychologist, and Assistant Professor in Psychology at STM, Paulette Hunter became involved with this research between 2008 and 2010. The goal was to help health providers learn valuable person-centred dementia care strategies for on the job and to help understand whether beliefs about personhood in dementia influence health providers' approaches to patient care.

'Personhood' refers to an individual's rights, abilities, status, dignity and respect. 300 participants – nurses and continuing care assistants – read a series of fictional case studies about patients who were displaying signs of pain and agitation, and decided which type of follow-up care they wished to recommend. Some of the patients described in the case studies had dementia and others did not. Response options included pain medication, anxiety medication, and non-pharmacological alternatives. The caregivers also filled out a set of questionnaires about beliefs about personhood, burnout, and job satisfaction.

The report findings confirmed that person-centered care is important especially in dementia care. There tends to be a bias to assume psychological problems versus medical, as dementia patients often cannot express their physical issues.

Results also suggested that patients with dementia are generally not receiving adequate pain management, and may instead be receiving too many anti-anxiety medications. However, if their caregiver or attending health professionals are sensitive to the individual's 'personhood' the course of treatment may be assessed differently. Caregivers with stronger person-centered beliefs along with more knowledge of best practices in dementia care will tend to investigate more closely to determine the core of the problem when there is some doubt. Other results of this study revealed a sense of personal accomplishment was associated with positive beliefs about personhood in dementia.

*Funding for this research was provided by a Canadian Institutes of Health Research Doctoral Research Award to Dr. Hunter. Appreciation is noted for the participation of several long-term care facilities in the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region.*

## 25th Michael Keenan Memorial Lecture

The Keenan Lecture is an annual public lecture by a distinguished visitor on topics reflecting the range of disciplines at St. Thomas More College. The lecture was established to honour well-respected Michael Keenan, who served as STM's first Dean from 1974 to 1984.

An award-winning author, playwright and recent recipient of the province's highest award in the arts, the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts, Guy Vanderhaeghe was an ideal choice for the 25th Michael Keenan Memorial Lecture held on October 24th. Guy spoke to a full house with his chosen topic '*Apprehending the Past: History versus the Historical Novel*' where he discussed on what terms we judge a historical novel when it combines both fiction and history.

A Saskatchewan native, Vanderhaeghe received his BA and a MA in History from the University of Saskatchewan, and a BEd from the University of Regina. He is our Scholar (a position created to recognize distinguished scholars with a national or international reputation who are actively associated with STM) and teaches a much sought after creative writing course at the College.



Guest Lecturer - Guy Vanderhaeghe

## Paper Currency Exhibit at Ukrainian Museum of Canada



Bohdan Kordan PhD  
Dept of Political Studies, STM

Curated by Professor Bohdan Kordan, an exhibit was organized by the Prairie Centre for the Study of Ukrainian Heritage, at STM, in co-operation with the Ukrainian Museum of Canada and the Oseredok Museum and Art Gallery of Winnipeg. The exhibit will run from September 10, 2013 through to December 31, 2013 at the Ukrainian Museum of Canada (Saskatoon) and is scheduled to travel to other venues across Canada.

In the wake of the Great War, from the detritus of imperial collapse there emerged a new political order of nation-states. Amongst the newly established entities there appeared an independent, sovereign Ukraine. From the outset, Ukraine was the object of invasion and its survival was in doubt. Nevertheless, in the search for legitimacy, extraordinary efforts were made to affirm the state's sovereign, national character. This was to be accomplished by consciously connecting with Ukraine's historical past both to invoke precedence and encourage a narrative of political continuity. The symbols introduced in the currency of Ukraine during this revolutionary period were examples of this process.

The exhibit "Money, Sovereignty and Power: The Paper Currency of Revolutionary Ukraine" documents this process, describing the use of symbols in the currency produced by various successive governments during the period of the Ukrainian Revolution.

For more information visit <http://pcuh.stmcollege.ca/>



## **STM Students Union(STMSU) Executive 2013-2014**

President- Gabriela Potosme

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### **STMSU President's Report** *Gabriele Potosme*

*This year the St. Thomas More Students Union (STMSU) had a slow start but once we found our way we started to move forward in planning future events for the upcoming year. We are working collectively as a team to provide students with academic and social events to build a sense of community within the College. Some of the events we have provided to date include collaborating with other student groups in the College for movie nights, faculty and staff lunches, TED talks and a Halloween pub. STMSU has started creating teams for campus recreation sports for STM students. We believe this is a great opportunity to build strong friendships with people who we go to school with and see on a regular basis. We have recently started working on new events that we think will attract new people into the college. Some of those ideas include: Karaoke nights, and a mock Christmas day just to mention a few.*

*This year the STMSU is looking to broaden our horizons with new ways of continuing tradition. One of our main events for the 2012/2013 academic year was the STMSU Banquet and Ball held in March. This academic year we plan on making this event bigger and better by collaborating with other groups around the University so that this event becomes a new tradition that will be celebrated for years to come!*

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### **Congratulations Newman Sounds Glee Club Presentation**

### ***Best of Broadway - Musical Review of Broadway Hits***

Presented November 29 & 30  
in the Fr. O'Donnell Auditorium

## Real- Life Learning *Alanna Carlson*

The Les and Irene Dubé Community Service-Learning Program (CSL) at St. Thomas More College (STM) offers students a unique opportunity to deepen their academic education while serving real community needs. One of the ways STM students can access an immersive service-learning experience is through the Intercordia program.

In partnership with Intercordia Canada, St. Thomas More College provides up to 14 students with an 8-week international community service-learning experience. Students gain credit in Sociology classes while living with and learning from people throughout the world.

While pursuing her Political Studies degree at the U of S, Alanna Carlson became involved with STM College first through the Just Youth program then enrolled in STM classes. "I quickly realized classes at STM were great," said Carlson, "The professors were engaged with the subjects and helped me care about what I was learning." Soon she was involved with STMSU, Campus Ministry, the Intercordia Canada program while completing a Minor in Critical Perspectives on Social Justice and Common Good.

Ms. Carlson participated in Intercordia's project in Honduras in 2013, where she worked in an elementary school teaching English. "Every day was a learning experience," said Alanna. "I quickly understood the value of relationships in a community." The 8 weeks brought new insight related to health challenges, spirituality, and cultural and political relationships within the small Central American community.

Alanna Carlson, BA 2013 was awarded the STM Newman Alumni Association Award this spring, presented to a graduating student who has demonstrated a commitment to Christian service and/or portrays all around excellence in leadership both on and off campus. Alanna is attending the college of Law at the U of S, maintaining involvement in socially just initiatives with Just Rights and Canadian Lawyers Abroad.

**For more information on Intercordia and other STM Community Service Learning Programs contact [cward@stmcollege.ca](mailto:cward@stmcollege.ca)**



### **STM Campus Ministry hosts successful Student Conference**

October 18-20, St. Thomas More College played host to students and campus ministers from Toronto all the way to Victoria, for the Western Regional conference of the Canadian Catholic Students Association (CCSA). The conference began Friday, October 18th with a talk by Fr. Matthew Ramsay, and also included a Taize prayer service.

Other conference highlights included an ecumenical prayer, a talk on Poetry, Creativity and Call by Bishop Don Bolen and a student panel that explored service opportunities in Saskatoon, as well as in the Maritimes, and in the global south.

Conference presenters included Mr. Mel Zimmer, recently retired Science teacher from the Greater Saskatoon Catholic schools, and Dr. Alisha Pomazon, professor of Judaic studies at St. Thomas More. The two speakers took turns looking at our stories of creation from both a religious and scientific perspective. The weekend was rounded out by a Divine Liturgy presided by Fr. Andre Lalach, and a Creativity Coffeehouse, which was sponsored by the Newman Centre, one of the oldest campus clubs at the U. of S., founded in 1926.

The conference culminated Sunday October 20th with a CCSA AGM, and a chance to reflect on the weekend. Some students comments were that they really enjoyed the talks, the coffee house, and the chance to meet other Catholic students from across Western Canada. There was definitely an excitement around the gathering, and participants were left looking forward to next fall's national gathering for the CCSA which will be held at St. Joseph's College in Edmonton.

*Michael Maclean, Campus Minister STM College*

# creating more.

St. Thomas More College *Creating More* Campaign has now raised \$3.5 Million towards the 12,000sq. ft. building expansion and Endowed Chair in Catholic Studies. STM faculty and staff donations, pledges, and pledge payments to the Building and Endowed Chair in Catholic Studies campaign garnered approximately \$167,000.

With a goal of raising \$6 Million, the *Creating More* campaign still needs your help. These priorities were set to address STM's capacity challenges, maintain the legacy of the unique STM tradition and enable the College to provide the superior liberal arts education that is the hallmark of the Catholic intellectual tradition.

The students, faculty and staff at St. Thomas More College sincerely thank all those who have generously supported the campaign, showing commitment and foresight in recognizing the tangible difference that will be made providing opportunities for all who come to study here, while ensuring a valuable legacy for the future.

As part of the *Creating More* Campaign, the **Leslie and Irene Dubé Chair for Catholic Studies** was established in fall 2012 by St. Thomas More college, to serve as intellectual leadership for STM and the broader Catholic community.

The Chair, made possible by Leslie and Irene Dubé \$1 Million endowment to the College, will support scholarship and research related to Catholic teaching and tradition, foster Catholic education and promote ecumenical dialogue and awareness of other faith traditions.

During the 2013-2014 academic year the Leslie & Irene Dubé Chair for Catholic Studies will continue to foster St. Thomas More's Catholic Identity and Mission by sponsoring events that will explore: Faith and the Intellectual Life; Ecumenical and Interfaith Dialogue and Ethical Issues in Today's World.

We welcome you to participate in these wonderful opportunities bringing Catholic tradition into dialogue with contemporary culture.







## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

There is great anticipation throughout the College to begin 2014 incorporating the new classroom, study, research and office space into the STM experience, promising great benefits:

- Approximately 325 new student seats in classrooms. Incorporation of new technology in classrooms with opportunity for distance learning.
- 1,000 square feet of dedicated student study space and group breakout rooms.
- 4 new research labs for social scientists. Increased office space bringing the average number of sessional lecturers per office down from 3.2 to 1.67.
- Increased social and meeting space for students, faculty and staff of 2,000 square feet in the year-round accessible natural light atrium.
- Energy savings of \$75,000 per year by installing dedicated boilers in STM. Energy savings of \$25,000 per year by installing LED lights and related control mechanisms.

### To Donate:

visit our website @ [www.creatingmore.ca](http://www.creatingmore.ca)

or call Development Officer Dianne Anton at 306.966.8918

## Stack Family Dedicates Room in New Addition

For three generations the Stack Family has had family members walk the halls of STM and are very thankful for that opportunity and experience.

“When the campaign was announced for the new addition it was something that we felt we needed to support,” said Caroline Gorsalitz. “My parents attended STM in the 50’s and met there. Their memories of the community of spirit at STM were poignant.”

Additional family ties and sentiment to St. Thomas More College run deep for Caroline Gorsalitz. “I still remember with appreciation all my STM professors. All my siblings have attended STM, and after that our two oldest children. For us, St. Thomas More College has always been more than an academic institution. It has served as our campus home, a family worshipping community, and many good friendships were formed here. My husband Don worked at the college, my father served on the Board of Governors, and now my sister, Marie, is joining the Board. My brother David provides legal counsel to STM. Many of the Basilian Fathers and lay faculty continue to be good family friends.”

Caroline and Don Gorsalitz chose to name the Stack Family room in the College’s new addition as a way to recognize their family’s great appreciation of the college. “We also encourage others who have also been shaped by STM,” stated Caroline. “whose families have benefited, to support the college both by talent and treasure.”

*Thank you Caroline and Don for your continued support.*

**For information on room naming opportunities call 306.966.8918**

## St. Thomas More Medal

*The St. Thomas More Medal was established to recognize and honour persons, groups of persons, and organizations which have combined personal qualities of care, integrity and faith with significant contributions to community and public life.*

The award is named after Thomas More whose extraordinary example of faithful virtue and public service remains an inspiration 'for all seasons.'

The 2013 recipient of the St. Thomas More medal is *Sister Callista Arnold*.



*Born in Prelate, Saskatchewan, Sister Callista Arnold was one of 10 children born to Romanian immigrant parents. Family has always remained a vital part of her life. Although Sister Callista grew up poor, her parents always instilled in their children deep faith, trust and belief in prayer. She has always had a great appreciation of nature – water and the skies; with these elements often serving as motivation for her paintings as a gifted artist. After attending a one-room country school until Grade ten, Sister Callista went to St. Angela's Convent in Prelate. She entered the Ursulines at 17, making her final profession at the age of 21.*

*Sister Callista* acquired her teaching certificate in 1954, spent 25 years in the teaching profession, came to the U of S to enrich her teaching and then pursued a Theology degree in Ottawa in 1971. In 1988, Sister Callista stepped into the Pastoral Associate position at St. Anne's parish in Saskatoon. By 1995 she felt a calling to become involved as a compassionate presence with Persons Living With AIDS (PLWA). PLWA is a volunteer, non-profit organization whose aim is to build a network providing support and social activities for persons diagnosed with HIV disease. Her role would include visiting people in their homes, in hospitals and within palliative care homes.

Sister Callista has stated that this ministry is "walking with people made in the image and likeness of God." She has worked, laughed and cried alongside the people of our city who live with being HIV infected or who have full-blown AIDS. She reflects that attending to those dying of AIDS can be very difficult because of the physical, emotional, psychological pain and spiritual struggle of these people.

As is very evident in this brief recount of Sister Callista's faith and public service, we see she is a wonderful example of the qualities we seek for the STM Medal recipient.

She has been quoted as saying her hope is that "all Christians will be gifted with faith that is deeply rooted in the Gospel – a Gospel of hope, acceptance and commitment." Ultimately Sister Callista hopes to provide people strength for life's journey.

We know that accomplishment to be true.

Thank you Sister Callista for sharing your energy and love with so many.

## Distinguished Alumni Awards

*The STM Distinguished Alumni Award is awarded annually to a female and a male graduate of St. Thomas More College whose lifetime accomplishments and achievements have been outstanding, who have made a significant contribution to their community, and who have continued to celebrate their relationship with St. Thomas More College since their graduation. We believe this year's recipients are wonderful examples of individuals whose life-work and commitment reflect the values and benefits of the education they received from the College.*

### **Nominations are now open for the 2014 Distinguished Alumni Awards.**

If you know of a special STM College Alumni you'd like to nominate, please fill out the Distinguished Alumni Nomination form found on our website under Alumni or contact Dianne Anton 306.966.8918 [danton@stmcollege.ca](mailto:danton@stmcollege.ca) to have a form mailed to you.

*Nominations must be received by June 30, 2014.*



### **Distinguished Alumna 2013**

Geraldyn (Geri) Hall (ME1993)

In 1976 Geraldyn Hall was a STM student. Her special talent in art and positive work ethic did not go unnoticed by the Basilian Fathers. Geraldyn was asked to volunteer her time to work with artist William Kurelek to assist in painting the murals in our chapel today.

Ms. Hall was very involved with STM while a student - she was a member of Newman, STMSU, STM Choir and also produced a Newman play.

A graduate of St. Ursuline's Academy in Bruno and then with a BA from STM, Geraldyn went on to complete a Bachelor's and a Master's in education. She has served as principal of St. Mary's Catholic School in Prince Albert and still serves in an administrative role in Catholic education. She is the mother of three children (2 sons having graduated from STM).

Currently Geraldyn is the Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment for the Holy Trinity Catholic School Division in Moose Jaw.

Congratulations Geraldyn Hall!

### **Distinguished Alumnus 2013**

Professor Emeritus William Earle DeCoteau (BA1960) Doctor of Medicine 1964

Dr. Earle DeCoteau was very involved with STM college as a student and became active with STM's Newman Club as well. After receiving his BA in 1960, he became a medical student completing the four year medical school program with the U of S College of Medicine in 1964.



Dr. DeCoteau returned to the University of Saskatchewan as a faculty member in the Department of Medicine in 1972 and by 1980 became a full professor. He was head of the Immunology and Rheumatology program from 1974 to 1988. In 1988 he took a study leave to pursue the field of Geriatrics at McMaster University. From 1989 to 2004 he was head of the section for Geriatrics in the College of Medicine.

Dr. DeCoteau has remained active in the Geriatric Program at City Hospital and also runs a dementia clinic at Providence Place in Moose Jaw where he serves as Medical Director. A strong advocate for the many sufferers of dementia, he is still active in research, focusing on the often under-diagnosed vascular disease of the brain.

Reflecting his concern and commitment to the future, as President of the College of Medicine Alumni Association, Earle DeCoteau was involved with the establishment of the Medical Student Bursary program, while here at STM, Dr. DeCoteau established a student bursary in memory of his late wife Anne Phelan Decoteau.

Dr. DeCoteau has four children, 3 of whom are STM Alumni. His daughter Mary Jo DeCoteau was the recipient of the STM Distinguished Alumnae award in 2009.

Congratulations Dr. Earle DeCoteau!



L-R Hanna Howe; Cori Molloy; Alison Molloy-Haines; Dr. Thomas Molloy; Jennifer Molloy; Katheryn Palley.

## Family History

### *The Molloy family and St. Thomas More College*

A strong supporter of the College over the years, Thomas Molloy is proud of the four generations in his family who have also been part of the St. Thomas More legacy. From his aunt Mary Molloy, an STM student having graduated in 1940, his brother George and sister Mary, his four daughters, Cori, Jennifer, Alison and Kathryn, to Tom's granddaughter Hanna Howe who currently is building on her education through offerings at St Thomas More College.

Dr. Molloy has fond memories of the College from his days on campus in the late fifties. A graduate of St. Paul's high school in Saskatoon, also served by many Basillian teachers, it seemed a natural progression to attend STM, where he was already familiar with many of the faculty. Involved with student council at St. Thomas More College, Molloy recalls a great camaraderie within the College, "Many Catholic students from other colleges across campus would join STM's Newman Club, and hang out because of the inviting facilities. STM was original source of many of my friendships to this day."

A member of STM's Board of Governors for the past 6 years, Thomas Molloy provides great depth in support, reason and advice. Starting out as a student at STM he received a BA from the U of S, then went on to graduate from the U of S College of Law in 1964. He is well recognized for his role as chief negotiator for the Government of Canada in the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement. In 1996 he was named an Officer of the Order of Canada and 2001-2007 he was Chancellor for the University of Saskatchewan. Today he is respected nationally as a talented negotiator and strategic advisor having formed his own negotiation firm.

We thank both Thomas and the Molloy family for their role in building the history that is St. Thomas More College.

## National Philanthropy Day STM Honouree

At this year's National Philanthropy celebration at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon, STM's nomination The Honourable Peter Dielschneider was honored for reflecting the qualities of a true philanthropist through his work and support for human welfare and advancement.



The honourable Peter Dielschneider joined by his daughter Bev Van Parys and his son Tom Dielschneider.

An STM Alumnus and a retired Judge, Peter is a strong supporter of St. Thomas More College. He served as a member on the College Board of Governors for 7 years, and is also himself a major donor to the College.

Peter is a strong and informed advocate dedicated to increasing awareness and opportunities for aboriginal education. Committed to ensuring all youth have the opportunity and encouragement to meet their potential with advanced education, the Dielschneider family generously donated \$100,000 to create a bursary that is awarded annually to STM students of Aboriginal descent.



**Cornelius and Rosalie Woloschuk Scholarship presented to Kelsey Drayton (BA '13) by Rosalie Woloschuk**

**The Cornelius and Rosalie Woloschuk Scholarship** was established in their name as a gift from their children Gerard, Debora, Carleen, Charmaine, Ricarda, Rosanne, Constance, Bradley, Brenda, and Dion.

The Woloschuk's believed pursuing higher education was a great gift and opportunity and they encouraged all of their children to achieve academically and further their studies. Cornelius and Rosalie considered it a blessing to have STM a place to call home during their family's university life, to study, to worship, and to grow.

The scholarship is presented to an upper year student from rural Saskatchewan, who maintained an honours average, enrolled through St. Thomas More College OR was a member of the Newman Centre and was active in the student life of the College.

## Set for Success *Ashley Smith*

It seemed a natural fit for Ashley Smith, with her love of drama, music and choir, and encouragement from friends, to check out the STM Newman Players as she started at the University of Saskatchewan. A lead role in Jesus Christ Superstar was the result and the beginning of a wonderful relationship with St. Thomas More College.

Ashley soon after enrolled in some courses for her undergraduate degree through STM and discovered many positives. "The smaller class size definitely improved my learning experience," said Smith. "I enjoyed the community aspect within the college and the fact that professors actually knew your name!" Ms. Smith was a student in the flagship Service and Justice program offered through STM and was involved in the College as a member of the STMSU, student member of Corporation, Newman players, Red Mass choir, as well as maintaining a part-time job at the STM library.

*Looking back Ashley reflects, "STM was the support system at that stage when as a young person you are trying to discover yourself and recognize what you can offer."*

Ashley Smith received her law degree from the University of Saskatchewan in 2007 and articulated at the Court of Queen's Bench in Saskatoon. Ashley then clerked at the Federal Court of Canada in Ottawa and obtained her Master of Laws from Osgoode Hall Law School. Now, working as a litigator with MacPherson, Leslie Tyerman (MLT) in Saskatoon, Ashley focuses on assisting clients with their legal challenges.

Ms. Smith is also a sessional lecturer at the College of Law and recently published her first book, *Victim Impact Statements: Past, Present and a Look to the Future*. Teaching the Western Canada Moot Team at the College of Law, she is going into her 5th year as coach and celebrates a remarkable record of success. In the last four years, they have placed in the top two teams in the Western Canadian leg of the competition (taking the title twice) and have won the national competition twice (the first team in the competition's history to win two years in a row). In 2010, Ashley Smith was the recipient of the 2010 YWCA's Woman of Distinction Award in the Youth Category. Ashley remains an avid performer and continues in musical theatre with the Saskatoon Summer Players.

Ms. Smith has maintained her involvement with STM by serving on Corporation since 2009 and being a Director of the STM Lawyers' Guild since 2009.

***Congratulations Ashley as you take the next steps in serving the community both in the areas of justice and as an example to STM students just setting out.***



## Annual STM Red Mass



The Red Mass, introduced in England in the reign of Edward I in 1310, traditionally was celebrated to invoke inspiration of the Holy Spirit on behalf of those involved in the administration of justice. It has therefore a particular significance for judges, lawyers, police officers and others associated with the legal process. It takes its familiar name from the colors of the different judicial robes and that of vestments worn by the presider of the liturgy.

In collaboration with members of Saskatoon's legal community and the STM Lawyers' Guild of Saskatoon, a Red Mass is celebrated each fall in the STM Chapel.

The St. Thomas More Lawyers' Guild of Saskatoon Inc. was incorporated by a group of Saskatoon Lawyers in June of 2002. The Guild was created to enhance appreciation for the observance of integrity and the highest ethical standards in the practice of law and in the administration of justice as demonstrated by its namesake, Thomas More. The Guild strives to promote fellowship and spiritual growth throughout the legal community.

If you require any further information on the Red Mass please contact: Dianne Anton at 306.966.8918

**For further information regarding the St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild, please contact: Michelle Ouellette at [m.ouellette@mckercher.ca](mailto:m.ouellette@mckercher.ca)**

## 2013 Fall Convocation Awards

The St. Thomas More-Newman Alumni Association (STMNAA) continues to give back to the college community through their recently established award for a graduating student. The award was given to Taylor-Anne Yee, a BA Honours Political Studies Major.

The award recognizes significant contributions by a graduating STM student to the campus and wider community. Specifically, the award honours a student's commitment to Christian service, involvement in the college community, and excellence in leadership.

During Taylor-Anne's university years she was very involved at STM in In Medias Res (a STM student published journal) and STM's Service and Justice project. On campus Taylor-Anne was involved with Women in Legislature, and the organizer of Religious & Political conferences held at the U of S. As a U of S student, she was selected to participate in the "Next up Saskatchewan", a program to help emerging leaders develop their skills and knowledge on a number of topics important to the province and the world. She also found time to volunteer at numerous not for profit organizations like Saskatoon Food Bank, The Open Door Society and Hands on Street ministries.

"Our association feels it is important to give back to STM because we all benefitted from our education and experiences there," says Adam Day (BA 06), President of the alumni association. "We wanted to emphasize Christian service and community engagement because those are central elements to the way STM does university education."

***Congratulations Taylor-Anne, your dedication, commitment and passion for community and social justice are an inspiration for all.***



## Fr. Henry Carr Award



On behalf of St. Thomas More College, Dean Carl Still presented the Fr. Henry Carr Award at Fall Convocation to Miriam Muller. The Fr. Carr Award is presented to a student who has shown leadership in, and contributed to, the life of the St. Thomas More College.

Miriam has been exemplary in every aspect of student life. She completed an Honours degree in Aboriginal Public Administration, with a final average of 87%.

Aboriginal Public Administration is a highly interdisciplinary program that challenges its students academically through various faculties. Miriam's academic and professional skills have been recognized by selection committees. As a result she received internships with the Office of the Treaty Commissioner in Saskatoon, the Canadian Embassy in Berlin, and the Washington Centre in Washington, D.C.

Miriam also stands out for her significant contributions to local communities. Her compassion for those facing challenges led her to volunteer and serve through a number of community organizations. At STM, she participated actively in the Newman Centre and the Interfaith Ambassadors on campus. In these activities she was always willing to lend her support to other students in building community on campus.

***Congratulations Miriam Muller!***

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### **Dr. Terrence J. Downey** **New Chair of ACCUC**

Dr. Terrence J. Downey, president of St. Thomas More College at the University of Saskatchewan has been elected Chair of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities in Canada (ACCUC) at the association's fall membership meeting held at St. Paul's University, Ottawa. His two-year term is effective immediately.

In addition to his work as Chair of ACCUC, Dr. Downey has served on a number of boards and organizations including L'Arche Calgary and L'Arche Saskatoon, Pure North Synergy Foundation, Calgary, and the Association of Colleges and Universities in Washington.

Dr. Downey stated, "it is a privilege for me to serve as Chair of ACCUC and to promote the distinguished Catholic intellectual tradition that inspires original research and teaching excellence, classes that are focused on empowering students to speak and write effectively, where all matters including faith and belief can be discussed, debated and contemplated in a respectful setting, a place that consistently invites and enables students to think critically, and to develop the disciplined habits of mind, body and spirit that define the well-educated individual. These are the very characteristics demanded of those who would lead in the 21st century."

The ACCUC, composed of twenty-one Catholic institutions from across Canada, serves as a united voice for Catholic higher education in Canada and beyond, through ongoing dialogue and regular communication among its members and with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and other post-secondary organizations including the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC), the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities in Washington, DC, and the International Federation of Catholic Universities.

### **Dr. David McGrane** **Elected PPSA President**

Dr. David McGrane, Acting Department Head, Political Studies, at STM has been elected as incoming President of the Prairie Political Science Association (PPSA) for 2014-2015.

The PPSA was formed in 2007 by representatives from 10 departments and schools in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba and with the support of colleagues from other regional political science associations in Canada. It is Canada's largest regional political science association. David McGrane was also the primary organizer of the 2012 PPSA annual conference that was held at STM.

"Serving as President of the PPSA is an honour because it is recognition by my peers of my research record and contributions to the political science community on the prairies,"



said McGrane. "The position will allow me to promote study of political science in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba and provide a platform to disseminate my research on prairie politics. My election is a testament to the vibrant research culture that we are continuing to build at STM."



### **Joe Dierker** **Hall of Fame Recipient**

Congratulations STM Alumnus and St. Thomas More College supporter, Joe Dierker, on being awarded the Credit Union Central of Canada Hall of Fame Award in Ottawa. He was recognized for his five decades of work.

Dierker joined the law firm of McDougall Gauley in 1960, and over the years he has continued to be involved with building the legislative framework for Credit Unions to operate in Canada and internationally, and has watched it grow substantially.

### **Otto Lang** **STM Alumnus receives Honorary Doctor of Law**

St. Thomas More College and University of Saskatchewan Alumnus, Hon. Otto Lang (1953, Law), received an honorary degree from the University of Saskatchewan at convocation on June 5, 2013. The Honourable Otto Lang has made significant contribution to the legal, social, political and business development of our country.

Dr. Lang was born in Saskatchewan, was a Rhodes Scholar, and at the age of 29 was appointed the Dean of the College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan. Otto Lang was elected to the Canadian House of Commons in 1968. As a Member of Parliament for Saskatoon-Humboldt, he held various portfolios including: Minister Responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board, Minister of Manpower and Immigration, Minister of Justice, Attorney General of Canada and Minister of Transport.

Dr. Lang continues to serve as a volunteer in his community, where his vision and drive shapes the lives of Canadians. In 1999, he was made an Officer of the Order of Canada.

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## The STM-Newman Alumni Association Board is looking for new members.

The association Board of Directors is an active and committed group of volunteers who work to support and develop programs and events that benefit alumni and the college.

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