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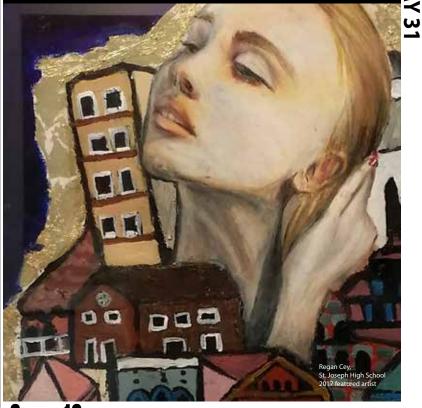
## ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGE UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN



Cover Painting - Dad William Downey www.williamdowney.org

William Downey is a portrait and landscape painter from Liverpool, Nova Scotia. Besides working as an art teacher and university instructor in anatomical drawing and figure painting, William makes art for Amicus Gallery in Chester and Zwickers Gallery in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

## STM GSGS STUDENT ART EXHIBITION AND RECEPTION



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## **P**RESIDENT'S **M**ESSAGE

Institutions in the Catholic intellectual tradition are called to be fully engaged on the frontiers of the times. This is why the founders of STM, the Basilian Fathers, formed federation agreements with secular universities. If we are to be true to this calling, and worthy of the trust of students who look to us for leadership formation, we must constantly reform and renew. The communications revolution that has defined recent years and especially the first two decades of this century, has transformed how we teach, research, study and administer. This evokes a renewed intellectual paradigm appropriate for the 21st century interconnected era in which we find ourselves.

Recalling that at the root of any Catholic institution of higher learning is the belief that each one of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and consequently, that each person is characterized by an inherent dignity that deserves the utmost respect, this reconstituted paradigm for Catholic higher education accentuates the following:

First, we must constantly model for our students not just unswerving adherence to the rigorous demands of academic freedom, but also resolute observance of respectful debate no matter how contentious or deep the differences of opinion. We must be known as a dynamic and intellectually unruly, scholarly space that welcomes and celebrates a rich diversity of voices and opinion, where those who think, look and believe unlike the majority, or unlike ourselves, are always respectfully engaged.

Second, we must continue to enhance the processes of Indigenization: graduates of Catholic higher education must be and be seen to be in the forefront of promoting opportunities, confronting uncomfortable histories and truths, and introducing students to an understanding of Indigenous spiritualities, traditions, and ways of knowing. As a Catholic college we are called to be in solidarity with others, a place where we introduce students to the various worlds of their contemporaries.

Third, consistent with the Catholic intellectual tradition's emphasis on interdisciplinary studies, and using our standing as a federated institution, we must break down academic barriers to nurture closer integration of the humanities and social sciences with the science, technology, engineering and mathematical (STEM) disciplines. If our graduates are to engage intelligently on issues such as the environment, technology and its impacts, or ethical issues in health care, they must have opportunity for some measure of systematic study in the STEM disciplines. By the same token, broadening intellectual horizons for STEM students will greatly enhance their perspective and enable well-informed participation by STEM graduates in the critical issues of the times.

Fourth, with reference to current program and degree requirements as they pertain to the social sciences and humanities in Catholic higher education, we must shed unthinking adherence to highly structured, traditional models and look to an intellectually liberating, more wholistic approach to liberal arts education. A society that is ever more economically inequitable, politically polarized, ethically challenged, culturally introverted and socially exclusive demands well rounded graduates. Not only must they have mastered an academic discipline, they should also be capable of incisive social critiques, confident of confronting prevailing orthodoxies, appreciative of cultural and religious diversity and inclusivity, and in solidarity with the leadership demands of social justice locally and globally.

Fifth, consistent with the Catholic intellectual tradition's calling to be fully engaged in the times, we must encourage our students to be comfortable with and make full use of all manner of technologies such as social media and artificial intelligence that will serve them throughout their lives, and to be conscious of the potential and the challenges for themselves and for society of ongoing technological innovation. We must enthusiastically engage the future, both the positive and the negative, and provide opportunities to life long learning for our graduates and society.



Sixth, Catholic higher education has a public voice that must be utilized to speak out boldly on issues of the times including, for example, the demonizing of the other that is very much the current cultural moment in wealthy western societies – including here in Canada. We are called to do what good universities have always done in their periods of greatness: fearlessly confront the rashness of the prevailing order and inspire our students to know that to be critical is sometimes the highest form of loyalty. This means that our institutions, and those of us who serve in them, must consistently summon the courage and the conviction to speak, through word or deed, and to understand that government and other institutions in society (including our own) are our servants not our masters, and that we have an unequivocal obligation to hold them to account.

The importance of Catholic higher education cannot be overestimated: there cannot be a free and vibrant society unless there are free and well-informed people within it. It is crucial for the health of society that all our students, whatever their academic discipline, have ample opportunity to discuss, debate and achieve a meaningful understanding of the intricacies of the world in which they will live their lives and practice their professions. The Catholic intellectual tradition makes such deliberations possible thereby enabling our graduates to be well-informed, courageous participants in the increasing complex and demanding policy deliberations that an uncertain world and a vigorous democracy demands. What we do in our Catholic institutions of higher learning is both priceless and lasting. Priceless because we are capable of transforming lives; lasting because such transformations resonate down through the ages.

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

## **D**EAN'S **M**ESSAGE

When the academic year 2017-18 started, I thought three things would occupy much of my time. As the year progressed, it became more than three, of course, but those original three still top my list of prominent concerns: the five percent cut in our provincial funding last year; President Downey's retirement; and the changing nature (for the better, I'm sure) of STM's relationship with the College of Arts and Science (CAS) at the U of S.

Budget pains first. Five percent was by any measure a steep cut, and STM felt the pain. But it could have been worse: luckily, our enrolment levels rose considerably, which alleviated the pain somewhat. Still, we didn't fill any new positions even when some of our departments are sorely understaffed; research funding took a hefty cut; money that we usually spend on implementation of Strategic and Academic Plans had to be rationed prudently; and student services, though maintained at usual levels, could have done better with more money. All this financial planning had to be done carefully so that the quality of our education and student experience did not suffer. I am confident that it did not.

And there was great understanding from our faculty and staff, for which I am truly grateful. Our faculty work particularly hard: being part of a U15 university, they teach and do research like their counterparts at the University, but our status as a predominantly undergraduate institution precludes us from getting the proper credit (financial and otherwise) for the research and graduate work that we do. In addition, our faculty carry a disproportionately large load of administrative work by virtue of working in a small college with a big academic function. Addressing this structural problem will be a priority for me in the coming year, but 2017-18 really brought home to me what a tremendous group of faculty and staff we have here at STM.

Second, President Downey announced last summer that he was leaving the popleasant road trip that you did not want to end was nearing its end. The Downey era brought extraordinary stability and peace to the College, along with unprecedented growth both in terms of physical space and our academic ambition. He strengthened academic departments, made Campus Ministry a true force on campus, nurtured endowments in Indigenous Spirituality and Catholic Studies, forged a positive relationship with the CAS and the U of S, and projected a self-confident image of STM to the larger community. His emphasis on Indigenization, especially, brought the College in line with the priorities of the University under President Stoicheff, an emphasis all the more remarkable (and welcome) for the fraught relationship between the Indigenous community and the Catholic Church in Canada until recently.

sition at the end of 2017-18. It felt like a

Terry's last year as president was a frequent consideration in our academic life last year and his absence will take some getting used to: he is a perfect gentleman, a scholarly and humane political scientist, and a great administrator. Along with his wife, Margaret, Terry was a gracious and comforting presence that we are going to miss very badly. I got along well with him as a faculty member and even better as the Dean. And, like me, there are lots of us whose lives he has touched positively and who will miss him dearly. Happy trails, Terry and Margaret!

The third preoccupation was perhaps felt more by some of us in administration than by everyone at STM, simply because we were (and still are) negotiating a new, tripartite partnership agreement with the CAS and the U of S and it is necessarily a confidential process. When it is concluded, though, it's impact will be felt widely: the new agreement, when signed, will usher in a new era of cooperation and peaceful coexistence with the CAS and the U of S. The negotiating process clarified the various ways STM works with the University and the CAS and brought a new sense of

appreciation, all around, of the work we do at STM and how we fit in with the University. Apart from this new agreement, there is also another area of cooperation between STM and CAS: some significant changes are coming to the Department of Religion and Culture, both here and across the way. These changes are also under negotiations, so I can't divulge much here, but when all is said and done, STM and CAS will be even closer partners than before, to the benefit of our students.

But apart from these preoccupations, life at STM went on as usual. Our faculty won more teaching excellence nominations this year than in recent times, applied for more Tri-Council grants than ever before, and went the extra mile in providing excellent student experience in their classrooms and through engaged and experiential learning. Our academic staff and student services team supported our faculty and students very well. There were umpteen public lectures, colloguia, workshops, exhibitions, dramatic performances and other entertainment events that one was at a loss as to what to choose from. No wonder our enrolment is going up, and our new and refurbished cafeteria is teeming with activity and life throughout the day during the academic year. STM is a vibrant and fun place both for academics and student life, and I'm glad to be part of it.

All in all, this has been, ultimately, a very successful year for all of us, though trying at times. So, along with you, I am looking forward to the coming spring and summer, ready to relax and replenish, and to be back in the fall to do what we all want to do: be the best Catholic College that we can be! In the meantime, thank you for the great year and best wishes for a wonderful, productive summer!

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Arul Kumaran, PhD Dean, St. Thomas More College

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## **FACULTY NEWS**

- Dr. Mary Ann Beavis new book published: Mary Ann Beavis and HyeRan Kim-Cragg, What Does the Bible Say? A Critical Conversation with Popular Culture in a Biblically Illiterate World (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2017).
- Dr. Carie Buchanan published a manuscript titled "Predicting Psychosocial Maladjustment in Emerging Adulthood From High School Experiences of Peer Victimization" with SAGE Publishing in the Journal of Interpersonal Violence. The article is now published and available at http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0886260518756115#articleShareContainer
- Dr. Tracey Carr Co-Investigator on the following project: Sakipakawin Assessing the Support Needs for Saskatchewan Indigenous Cancer Patients and Their Families: A Multi-Method Study awarded grant for \$100,000 from the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation and \$59,864 from the Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research.
- Drs. Chris Hrynkow and Alisha Pomazon guest-edited the special issue of the En-• gaged Scholar Journal, Faith and Engaged Scholarship in the New Millennium http:// esj.usask.ca/index.php/esj/issue/view/Spring%202017. In the same issue, an interview with Dr. Darrell McLaughlin (with Natalia Khanenko-Friesen) explores the nature of Community Service Learning as pursued at St. Thomas More College: http://esj. usask.ca/index.php/esj/article/view/230/80 Engaged Scholar Journal is Canada's only peer-reviewed scholarly journal on community-engaged teaching, research and learning. It is published by the University of Saskatchewan, but popular with and reaches out to broad international audiences of CES practitioners.
- Dr. Tina Greenfield is involved in an archaeological research project at Tel-es Safi/Gath • Israel where they have just published an article in the high impact journal PLOS ONE: Greenfield, H., Itzik, S., Greenfield, T., Arnold, E., Brown, A., Eliyahu-Behar, A., and Maeir, A. M. 2018. Earliest Evidence for Equid Bit Wear in the Ancient Near East: The "Ass" from Early Bronze Age, Tel-es Safi/Gath Israel. PLOS ONE. The research was funded by the Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Council, as well as additional funds from Bar-Ilan University and the University of Manitoba.
- Dr. David McGrane has been appointed as a Fellow of the Broadbent Institute. The Broadbent Institute is an independent, non-partisan organization championing progressive change through the promotion of democracy, equality, and sustainability See: http://www.broadbentinstitute.ca/davemcgrane
- Dr. Bohdan Kordan New book published: Strategic Friends: Canada-Ukraine Relations from Independence to the Euromaidan. (McGill-Queen's University Press)

#### **St. Thomas More College Faculty Department Heads**



Sharon Wright

Sarah Powrie



LANGUAGES, PHILOSOPHY RELIGION & **LITERATURES** Maricarmen **& CULTURAL** Jenkins (Acting) **STUDIES** 

Michael Cichon (Acting)



CULTURE Mary Ann Beavis



ECONOMICS Anna Klimina

Dr. Khanenko-Friesen and Dr. Kordan were finalists for the 2018 Kobzar Literary Awards on Ukrainian Canadian Writing & Culture in Toronto Both – Congratulations! Bohdan S. Kordan for No Free Man: Canada, the Great War and the Enemy Alien Experience (McGill-Queen's University Press); Natalia Khanenko-Friesen for Ukrainian Otherlands: Diaspora, Homeland, and Folk Imagination in the Twentieth Century (University of Wisconsin Press)

- Dr. Khanenko-Friesen presented at the Holodomor international conference in Minneapolis, entitled "Engaging Audiences: Oral History and the Public." OHA is the major organization devoted to oral history, a field that approaches history through interviews with people having personal knowledge of past events. Dr. Khanenko-Friesen, professor of anthropology in the Department of Religion and Culture at St. Thomas More College, discussed her recent work in digitizing Dr. Noll's oral history field work and creating an online database at the Prairie Cente for the Study of Ukrainian Heritage Oral History Program. (http://drc.usask.ca/projects/pcuh/ transformation/eng/).
- Dr. Saeed Moshiri: Published paper: Moshiri, Saeed, and Miguel Martinez Santillan (2018), Welfare Effects of Energy Price Changes due to Energy Market Reform in Mexico, Energy Policy, 113,663-672.
- Dr. Paulette Hunter collaborative research: 2017-2021, Kaasalainen S. (NPI), Hunter PV (co-PI) and (Co-Is): Baxter S, Coker E, dal Bello-Haas V, Dolovich L, Hadjistavropoulos T, McAiney C, Ploeg J, Thabane L, Sussman T, Thompson G, Wickson-Griffiths A. Improving Quality of Living and Dying for People Living with Advanced Dementia and their Caregivers. CIHR - Social Inclusion for Individuals with Dementia and Careraivers, \$498,350.



STUDIES David McGrane (Acting)



POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY SOCIOLOGY Gerald Farthing Sarah Knudson





## DR. TERRENCE DOWNEY President, St. Thomas More College 2011 - 2018

#### by Jacquie Berg

A good Irish Catholic, Terrence Downey is not one to easily shy av from a challenge. Perhaps that is one reason why, when he was steps away from retirement in 2011, he agreed to take on the predency of St. Thomas More College (STM) at the University of Saskate ewan.

"As a neighbour on campus, in schools that share a Christian misnate for the years he has shared in our midst." Lorne Calvert, Principal St. Andrew's College Premier 2001- 2007

Downey earned his undergraduate degree in history at St. Jerome's University and master's and PhD in political science at the University of Western Ontario, before serving 22 years as a professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Waterloo. When sion; and as a keen and insightful observer of political affairs; Terry approached about STM, he had just completed 12 years as president Downey has been a good friend to myself, St. Andrew's College, the and vice-chancellor at St. Mary's College in Calgary, where he played a Uof S and the Province of Saskatchewan. We have been very fortukey role in its evolution into an accredited degree-granting university. "I was impressed with the University of Saskatchewan and felt the position with STM was a wonderful opportunity to continue to serve in a place of such good standing in the Canadian Catholic College community," Downey recalled. "Exposure to the dynamic intellectual stimulation of this large, thriving research-intensive university, while "Dr. Downey has been a superb president of STM. I have not seen a being a member of a more intimate academic community that is better champion of a liberal arts education and of Reconciliation. As equally stimulating in promoting intellectual, personal and, if the studean of Arts & Science and as U of S president I have benefitted imdent wishes, spiritual development, ensures students are given access mensely from his mentorship. We have all been extremely fortunate to the best of both worlds." to have him in a leadership role at the university and in the country." Peter Stoicheff,

Seven years in, Downey's tenure with STM has proven productive in the list of accomplishments. Two major renovations were completed President and Vice-Chancellor, in 2013 and 2017—on either side of the college—resulting in over University of Saskatchewan 27,000 additional square footage of space benefitting students, faculty and administration. A Chair for Catholic Studies (including a lecture series), along with The Basilian Chair in Indigenous Spirituality and The St. Thomas More College Board of Governors would like to thank Reconciliation, were developed. The college also increased visibility through Downey's focus on enhanced recruitment and community Dr. Terrence Downey for his outstanding contributions to St. Thomas More College. Dr. Downey, it has been a true pleasure to work with outreach, positively impacting enrolment. you. Your knowledge, passion, and dedication to STM will be tru-Now looking ahead to retirement, Downey has many fond memories *ly missed. We wish you and Margaret nothing but the best in your* about his time at the college. well-earned retirement.

Ashley M. Smith, St. Thomas More College Board Chair "I have been privileged to serve at STM and work with committed fac-Saskatoon Police Service ulty and a strong administration team," he said. "In our intimate schol-Legal Services Division arly community, conversations are possible about the great issues in life. My wife Margaret and I have lived and served in three provinces and have had the wonderful opportunity to view the diversity and complexity of our country and similarly, that of the university communities.

"Retirement will bring continued presence on national boards, keeping an eye on my discipline—political science—and spending time with my family. What will I miss most? The constant stimulation and opportunity to interact with young people and talented and interesting colleagues."

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"It is difficult to describe the many positive achievements that Terry has made during his tenure as President in a single statement. Let me acknowledge the contribution he has made by developing very strong positive relationships within the entire U of S community all for the betterment and enhancement of STM."

His Honour the Honourable W. Thomas Molloy, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, and U of S Chancellor Emeritus

"I have been privileged to work closely with Dr. Downey during his time at STM. I have learned much from him about what it means to be a leader in Catholic higher education. He is a man of vision and justice, generosity and humility, integrity and compassion. He has shown us how to be 'humbly confident' in our tradition and modeled for us how faith and reason can walk hand in hand." Gertrude Rompré

Director of Mission and Ministry, St. Thomas More College

## **STM FACULTY RESEARCH AND AWARD RECOGNITION**

#### **RESEARCH GRANTS**

STM Faculty continue to be very active in research and successful in obtaining funding for their research projects. Internal and external research funding makes it possible for the hiring of research assistants, which aid faculty in their research, as well as mentoring students in their future academic careers.

#### **STM INTERNAL RESEARCH GRANT RECIPIENTS 2017 - 2018:**

#### STM Seed grant

STM Seed grants support faculty in the development of research projects; those likely to result in publication without major funding access; assistance for travel to present papers at conferences.

- Dr. Briere \$2000
- "Retrieval-Induced Forgetting: Interference or Inhibition?"
- **Dr. Buchanan** \$1976.76

"Assessing Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Programming"

Dr. C. Smith - \$1979.97

"Freedom of Expression@Work: Workers' and Freedom of Speech in the Workplace"

Dr. Duclos - \$1987.39

"Balzac and the anglophone world"

**Dr. Greenfield** - \$2000

"Mobile Economies: A bioarcheological approach to food economies and mobility in Southern Mesopotamia in the 3rd Millennium BC"

- **Dr. Knudson** \$2000
- "Teen pregnancy in Canada: Literature scoping in preparation for quantitative analyses"
- Dr. Konshuh \$1803.20

"Articile on Aylesford and Eccles"

Dr. Kordan - \$2000

"Through War's Lens: Civilian Prisoners of War in Canada during the First World War"

Dr. Zhang - \$2000

"The Rise of Pricelings: The State and Collective Elite Formation in China"

#### **STM DISTINCTIVE AREAS RESEARCH AWARD (DARA)**

STM supports faculty research that further develops its distinctive program areas. These program areas include: Catholic Studies, Social Justice and the Common Good, Ukrainian Studies, Philosophy, Jewish Christian Origins, CMRS, and Community Service Learning.

**Dr. Kordan -** \$1740

"Dangerous World: Canada, Stephen Harper, and the Ukraine Crisis"

**Dr. Yuzwa -** \$2000

"Old Words, New World: Reading the Past and Writing the Other in the Jesuit Relations"

#### **STM PUBLICATION GRANT**

The STM Publications Fund is designed to encourage and support scholarly and creative work at St. Thomas More College.

**Dr. Liptay -** \$1770.80

"Natural Law Ethics in Theory and Practice (Joseph Boyle)"

**Dr. Still** - \$ 5000

"Turning to the World: Social Justice and the Common Good since Vatican II"







#### CELEBRATING THE STM-INTERCORDIA PROGRAM



STM-Intercordia alumnae spoke about their stays in the Dominican Republic and Ecuador, explaining how the experience helped them develop practical skills, gave them new insight into their studies, and helped them understand how to effect positive and lasting change in the world.

This year STM was pleased to welcome our donors, providing them the opportunity to witness first-hand the tangible impact their generosity has on the STM student experience. STM is profoundly grateful for their contributions to this vital community service learning program.

#### **VICTOR BUYNIAK BEQUEST**

#### St. Thomas More College (STM) gratefully acknowledges a remarkable bequest of \$820,000 received from the estate of Professor Emeritus Victor Buyniak, long-time friend of the College.

Dr. Victor Buyniak, former head of the U of S Department of Slavic Studies, initially affirmed his commitment to STM and the study of Ukrainian Heritage through an endowment created in 2006, with the goal of establishing a Chair named after the outstanding Ukrainian literary figure, Lesya Ukrainka.

Victor's vision: "Through the establishment of the Lesya Ukrainka Chair, my contribution will be used to continue in the preservation, study and promotion of Ukrainian-Canadian heritage, creating greater public awareness of the contribution of Ukrainian-Canadians to the national life of Canada".

Today Dr. Buyniak's thoughtful bequest supports the Chair's development through the Prairie Centre for the Study of Ukrainian Heritage (PCUH). As an academic unit of STM, PCUH coordinates and promotes the advanced study of various aspects of Ukrainian heritage, culture and life. Specific programs and projects of the PCUH help to preserve primary source materials and promote a wider understanding and appreciation of the Ukrainian experience in Canada and abroad.

STM is profoundly grateful for this remarkable gift. Victor's forward-thinking generosity provides significant support for the vitality and continued growth of STM and helps to ensure that the legacy of the contributions Ukrainian-Canadians provided within the framework of Canada will carry on through future generations.

Planned gifts, such as this bequest from Dr. Buyniak, enable St. Thomas More College to plan with confidence. Endowments, gifts of annuity, gifts of insurance, trusts and wills are important ways to provide a thoughtful gift, create a legacy, and maximize tax benefits.

For more information on Planned Giving and additional ways to provide valuable support to St. Thomas More College, please contact Karen Massett, Director of Development, at 306.966.8918 or visit https://stmcollege.ca/donate/index.php.



Donors, alumni, students, and faculty gathered in the new student lounge on March 14 to celebrate the STM-Intercordia Program. Now in its eleventh year, this unique study abroad program offers students the opportunity to live with, and learn from, communities in the Global South during the summer term.

After celebrating the program's tenth anniversary in 2017, the Engaged Learning Office decided to make this celebration an annual event which provides attendees the opportunity to reconnect with alumni and support current STM-Intercordia students.



# ST. THOMAS MORE | NEWMAN





STM's beautiful new student lounge area provided the perfect setting for a wine and cheese reception on the evening of December 5, 2017.

This event provided the opportunity to welcome STM Donors to our newly renovated space, and to thank them for their continued support of the College. The St. Thomas More Newman Alumni Association (STMNAA) also invited many alumni with the goal of engaging new members. STM friends, donors and alumni were treated to a wonderful evening of fellowship while enjoying the opportunity to reacquaint themselves with old friends and meet new ones. Guests appreciated the occasion to see first-hand the new student lounge and student services hub, which provide meaningful new student-centered space at STM, as well as the remarkable expansion and transformation of the Shannon Library.

The College is profoundly grateful for the ongoing support provided by our donors, whose generosity and commitment together help STM to maintain and enhance the unique learning environment for which we are recognized across Canada.





#### STM EMBRACES CICHON FAMILY COMMEMORATIVE EVENT by Karen Massett

On November 11, 2017, Stan and Barbara Cichon hosted an afternoon reception in the STM Atrium. This event provided opportunity for family members to pay tribute to Stan's mother, Maria Byrk Cichon, and other cherished family members who have passed.

Maria Bryk Cichon was a woman with a deep and abiding faith in God. She is fondly remembered by her family as "...an ordinary woman who cultivated and nurtured her family and her garden with equal passion...She didn't have a financial empire, nor was she famous. What she did have was a merry heart, a spirit of optimism and a great sense of humour. She was the heart and soul of her family."

Families and relatives from near and far were treated to a lovely wine and cheese reception which included a display of family photos and memorabilia, a slide presentation, and poignant personal tributes. President Downey was pleased to also be a part of this heart-warming event.

Stan and Barbara Cichon generously supported STM's Creating More campaign and additionally donated a vibrant art piece entitled *Nanny's Garden.* Commissioned by artist Frank Burns, this piece serves as a wonderful legacy for Maria, and adds a beautiful and uplifting visual complement for the College, providing a wonderful sense of cheerfulness to the Atrium.

STM is grateful for the generous support received from Stan and Barbara Cichon for the Creating More campaign.

## NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN for the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Awards.

The STM Distinguished Alumni Award is awarded annually to an alumnus and alumna 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.

This award recognizes the truly outstanding achievements of an STM graduate whose endeavours have distinguished them in their chosen profession and/or community.

The STMNAA is now inviting nominations for candidates for he 2018 award.

Nominations are open until June 30, 2018.

Anyone may nominate STM Alumni for this award. To nominate, please contact Karen Massett, Director of Development, at 306.966.8918 or kmassett@stmcollege.ca

## **STM DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD** *Past recipients*:

1992 - J. Frank Roy & Mary Louis Long 1993 - Alphonse Gerwing & Marikay Falby 1994 - Bernard & Mae Daly 1995 - Grant & Vivian Maxwell 1996 - Ted & Danielle Fortosky 1997 - Margaret Mahoney & Herman Rolfes 1998 - Kevin & Dorothy Murphy 1999 - Kenneth Schmitz & Margaret Dutli 2000 - Not awarded 2001 - Dr. Tom Molloy & Mildred Kerr 2002 - Dr. Michael Krochak & Betty Farrell 2003 - Henry Kloppenburg & Kay Feehan 2004 - Joseph Bellefleur & Dr. Lois Brockman 2005 - Dr. Walter Podiluk & Dr. Colleen Fitzgerald 2006 - Peter Zakreski & Elaine Shein 2007 - Not awarded 2008 - Bill Zerebesky & Sr. Kay MacDonald, NDS 2009 - Dr. Douglas Schmeiser & MJ DeCoteau 2010 - Art Battiste & Barbara Berscheid 2011 - Dr. Mary Jo Leddy & Justice Peter Dielschneider 2012 - Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie & Sr. Teresita Kambeitz 2013 - Dr. W. (Earle) DeCoteau & Geralyn (Geri) Hall 2014 - Margaret Sanche & Otto Lang 2015 - Sister Irene Poelzer & Dr. James Dosman 2016 - Madeleine Blais-Dahlem & Dennis Gruending 2017 - Eloise Opheim and Dr. Michael Duggan

## St. Thomas More College ORDER OF CANADA RECIPIENTS

The distinguished careers and accomplishments of a significant number of STM's alumni, award recipients, and former and current faculty members have been recognized by appointment to the Order of Canada. To date 19 Order of Canada recipients have been identified as listed below. This is as remarkable record for STM. We invite our alumni to submit names of other Order of Canada recipients that may have been overlooked. STM is proud to display a new plaque created to recognize all of the College's Order of Canada recipients.

#### RDER OF CANADA RECIPIENTS FROM ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGE:

homas Courchene, OC	Francis Leddy, OC
dgar Dosman, CM	Mary-Jo Leddy, OC
ames Dosman, OC	W. Thomas Molloy, OC
ene Dubé, CM	Edmund J. McCorkell, CSB, Cl
eslie Dubé, CM	Eloise Opheim, CM
lphonse Mathias Gerwing, CM	Walter Podiluk, CM
rederick Hill, CM	André Poilièvre, CM
aniel Ish, OC	
lenry Kloppenburg, CM	Guy C. Vanderhaeghe, OC
otto Lang, OC	Peter E. Zakreski, CM

## Leave a Legacy at STM

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## **ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGE CAMPUS MINISTRY**

#### **CAMPUS MINISTRY RETREATS**

#### By Madeline Oliver

St. Thomas More College Campus Ministry offers specialized retreats for students, faculty and staff. The Study Retreats, Newman Retreat (January), and the Busy Person's Retreats are each tailored to respond to student needs during the course of the academic year.

Most recently, Campus Ministry held another successful Busy Person's Retreat. This retreat is designed so that people can access it during the most hectic time of the academic year. Students and faculty often feel overwhelmed with assignments and deadlines. In response, this retreat is organized to fit participants' schedules, help them better focus on their academic tasks, and create a sense of community. Remarking on the flexibility of the retreat, one student declared that" it helps me realize what I can do in half an hour with the Lord."

The retreat begins with an orientation, then each participant spends a half hour praying with scripture and a half hour meeting with a spiritual mentor each day. The whole group again gathers at the end of the retreat to reflect on their experience.

This year participants included undergrad, graduate students and faculty members from a variety of disciplines. We offered a wide range of mentors so that people from different religious backgrounds and denominations would feel welcome.

The value of the retreat was expressed in feedback from the participants. One person stated, "It was a gift from heaven to participate in this retreat." Another commented, "I like how the retreat gave me an opportunity to sit down and find moments of peace during this chaotic time of year with papers and assignments."

These kinds of comments speak to the long-term advantage of offering this type of programming in a university setting. Creatively integrating spirituality into the life of the students and faculty can lead to many positive outcomes. For some, it is their first encounter with spiritual direction. For others, it is an opportunity to connect scripture with the struggles of life and know that they are not alone. As Campus Ministers, we are pleased to be able to offer these retreats to the STM community.

#### **REFORMATION 500 COMMEMORATED ON CAMPUS** By Michael MacLean

On Tuesday, November 7, 2017, Lutherans, Anglicans and Catholics gathered to observe the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Lutheran Pastor George Hind invited students, staff and faculty to gather at the Lutheran Campus Centre for an evening of prayer, song and fellowship - along with German food!

This fall, George attended the Lutheran Pastor's Study Conference and one of the authors of the joint Lutheran/Catholic Commemoration of the Reformation, Dr. Dirk Lange, was the keynote. The service was first celebrated in Sweden last Reformation day and was co-led by the Pope and the head of the Lutheran World Federation (as well as an assortment of Bishops and other luminaries).

Lutheran Campus Ministry has a regular Tuesday evening worship and meal so, for this occasion, St. Thomas More's Campus Ministry team was invited to celebrate this commemoration of 500 years of reforming together. Pastor George obtained permission from the author of the service, Rev. Lange, to use the service. It was co-led by George and STM Campus Minister Michael MacLean, as well as participants from both Roman Catholic and Lutheran communities. Readings were shared among the students in attendance. STM Associate Professor, in Sociology, Sarah Knudson was able to attend, along with Newman Executive members Ali Jansen and Ava MacLean.

The meal that followed was German-themed, with bratwurst, hot potato salad, and sauerkraut. We also broke bread together, as participants socialized after the prayer service.

The service included five goals for unity, and a number of hymns, including some from the Taize community. When Pastor George talked to Dr. Lange about the writing of the service, he responded that it took him three years with the Vatican protocol officer and his liaison with the Lutheran World Federation to do the writing. Lutherans and Catholics have much to be thankful for, and much to learn from one another. This prayer service was an excellent way to begin this conversation, and we can rejoice that the authors took the time to create this resource that acknowledges this journey.





STM students Jenna Casey and Ava MacLean helped host the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Reverend Luigi Bonazzi.



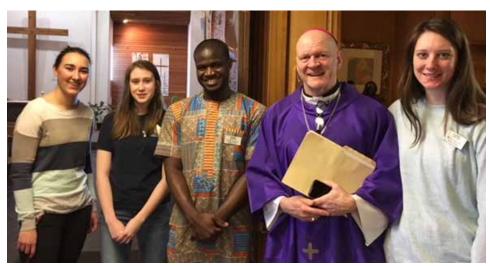
Newman and Just Youth Students attended the Canadian Catholic Students Association Regional Conference in Edmonton.



Participants at this year's Newman Retreat reflected on the theme: Postcards from the heart: Finding our paths in uncertain times - with facilitator Gertrude Rompré.



Bishop Mark Hagemoen presided at the 7:30 pm Mass during Catholic Students Week and met with students afterwards.



Bishop Mark returned to celebrate with the 11 a.m. Worshipping Community on Feb. 25, 2018. He is seen here with our student leaders Caitlyn, Caroline, Kingsley, (Bishop Mark) and Elizabeth.



The Newman Centre hosted a "Learn to Curl" event - to the delight of first-time curlers.

on campus again hosted the Alpha faith formation program.

#### An STM Welcome for Refugee Yamen Ali



On April 12, 2018, the St. Thomas More College community welcomed Yamen Ali to Saskatoon. Ali, a refugee originally from Syria, was privately sponsored through the Roman Catholic diocese.

Ali's arrival is the culmination of two years of fundraising and planning. In spring 2016, the Engaged Learning Office reached out to Campus Ministry to see if the College and the worshiping community would be willing to support a displaced person. With fundraising efforts from Just Youth, the Newman Centre, and STM staff and faculty, the College community was able to raise the necessary funds to support Ali through his first year in Canada.

Ali is near completion of a degree in mechanical engineering. He was matched with STM because the community is well-suited to help him complete his studies. He is delighted that Saskatoon is not nearly as cold as he was led to believe, and he looks forward to settling into his new life in Canada.

Please contact csl@stmcollege.ca if you wish to support Ali in some manner.



The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee and the City of Saskatoon congratulate St. Thomas More College as an award winner in the 2018 Municipal Heritage Awards program.

An independent panel of judges studied the St. Thomas More College North Building Renewal Project and awarded a Municipal Heritage Award in the Sensitive Addition category at the Merit level. This award was presented jointly to the owners and members of the architectural and construction team. The judges felt the project did a good job of defining and celebrating new versus old, which increases the heritage value of the building. The project is functional, beautiful, appealing and thoughtfully addresses accessibility issues.

The \$5 million North Building Renewal Project includes major additions and renewal to STM's research library; increased facility energy efficiency, supporting environmental protection; an expansion of the cafeteria, along with additional student-centered space featuring a new lounge and student services hub, plus installation of a 5-story elevator to ensure accessibility throughout the College to the public.

#### **STM** Intercordia Program by Caitlin Ward



When the call for mentors went out Correa, visited Saskatoon last fall, Turton was one of many Intercordia in spring of this year, Intercordia alumni eager to show him the same hospitality he and his communialumna Jill Turton knew that was ty had showed them in the past. Along with her fellow alumni, Turton brought Correa home-cooked meals, took him to a perogy night at Dorsomething she wanted to do. mition Ukrainian Catholic Church, and even went glow bowling with "I want to go back and visit the bahim.

nana trees I planted last year," she

says, laughing. Creating this bond across cultures has had far-reaching positive effects for La Federación as a whole, as well. This past year, Intercordia alumni Last year, Turton traveled to Dominapplied to LUSH Canada for a development grant. Because of their work ican Republic as part of STM's 2017 and the work of La Federación, they were awarded a grant of \$22,000 Intercordia cohort. There, she spent USD so that they can finally complete El Mercado Solidario, a centraleight weeks in the remote mounly-located market where locals can buy and sell products. Previously, tain community of El Botao, where community members have had to go to the city of Bonao for groceries. she lived with a host family and With the high cost of gas, this 45-minute drive is prohibitively expenworked on a tree-planting brigade sive. Ironically, many Federación members do not have regular access alongside Dominican campesinos to fresh fruits and vegetables despite being smallholding farmers. This (peasant farmers) as part of La Fedmarket will not only improve the economic health of the region, it will also improve community members' physical health with new access to fresh foods.

eración de Campesinos Hacía El Progreso, a grassroots cooperative based in the country's interior mountain region.

The Intercordia program, created by L'Arche founder Jean Vanier, offers It would not be possible to achieve these goals without the close relastudents a unique opportunity to understand the culture, struggles, tionships STM students have built with members of La Federación over and joys of communities in the Global South. Students are invited to live the years. When Turton returns to Dominican Republic this summer, she with and learn from these communities, and ultimately develop a moral will continue a legacy. responsiveness based on a sense of educated solidarity. The Intercordia program is not project-based, but rather focuses on building relationships across cultural, geographical, linguistic, and economic divides. For the past 11 years, STM students have travelled to Bosnia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ghana, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Ukraine as part of the program. In recent years, STM has focused on Latin America, sending groups to work with La Federación in Dominican Republic and to Indigenous Quechua communities in the Ecuadorean Andes.

A modern languages student, Turton was initially attracted to Intercordia because it offered her an opportunity to be immersed in a Spanish-language community. As she moved through the program, however, she developed a greater understanding of both STM and Intercordia's larger mission.

"I like the program's emphasis on appreciating another way of living," she says. "It's about embracing another culture, and finding ways to help them work towards their own goals instead of telling people what to do."

This year, Turton returns to the Rio Yuna region of Dominican Republic not as a student, but as a mentor for the College's new batch of Intercordians. In this role, she will guide students through their experience as they adjust to a new way of life, build relationships, and understand how they as individuals can make a tangible difference in the world. She's looking forward to checking on her banana trees, but she's also eager to strengthen the bonds she made with her community last year, learn more about La Federación, and help a new group of students integrate into the communities that made her feel so welcome last year.

"[The tree-planting brigade] was so open to me and my sometimes limited capabilities," she says. "I wasn't just a visiting student. They really accepted me."

It is because of this model that students are able to forge lifelong bonds with their host communities based on mutual respect and shared experiences. When one of La Federación's leaders, Francisco "Quico" Bonifacio

#### MUNICIPAL HERITAGE AWARD



STM Intercordia students welcome Francisco Bonifacio Correa (centre) to Saskatoon in October 2017.

For more information on STM's Intercordia program and opportunities for you, please contact Community Service Learning: csl@stmcollege.ca

#### 2017/2018 STM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING** SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

#### Les and Irene Dubé Service & Justice **Scholarships**

Jenna Daly Miquel De Los Reyes Isabella Grajczyk Drew Ikert Abigail Kyei Veronica Lucas Zaide Masich Alyanna Mendoza Grace Rath Jessa-Lynne Robb

#### Les and Irene Dubé Service & Justice Awards

#### Wyatt Bernier Makenzie Correa Raphael De Los Reyes Katherine Fisher Ashlyn Froehlich Jessica Froehlich Shania Marie Ines Emma Ingold Jocelyn Serke Larissa Willey

#### **ENTERING STUDENT** SCHOLARSHIPS

STM Aboriginal Entering Student **Scholarships** Ashley Howe

#### Wolfe Family General Achievement Entrance Scholarship

Dana Lucas

Wolfe Family General Scholarship **Chantel Scherr** 

Kramer Scholarship Tianna Schmaltz

**Reverend Edwin Kline CSB Entrance** Scholarship Arielle McKay

#### Sisters of Our Lady of the Cross First Year **Scholarships**

Erin Anhorn Jenna Daly Carly Ebner Isabella Grajczyk Stephen Perverseff Alicia Rutkowski Olena Simko Kira Stillwell

#### **Knights of Columbus First Year Scholarships** Amy Blom

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Kennedy Culbertson Samantha Cyr Sukhman Kaur Alyanna Mendoza Charyl Paltican Sarah Voldeng

#### STM First Year Scholarships Jack Lobanova

Brittany Marche-Shears

#### STM Entering Student Book Award Alyssa McCullough

#### CONTINUING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

**Dielschneider Aboriginal Scholarships** Michael Palmer Taylor Roufosse

Henry and Agnes Brockman Scholarships Julia Erickson

Jeannette Tetreault Scholarship Nathan Harder

**Evelyn Burkitt Scholarships** Breana Morrell Katelyn Wiersma

Council 1517 George Mackey Foundation Scholarship Emmett Fortosky

**Batten Scholarship** Ana Meckelborg

#### Thomas Deis '38 Pioneers of Saskatchewan Scholarship Shania Marie Ines

Founding Fathers Scholarship Jessica Froehlich

Wilfrid and Sylvia Hinz Family Award Caitlyn Anhorn

STM Faculty Union Scholarship Makenzie Correa

**Cornelius and Rosallie Woloschuk** Scholarship Hannah Roberts

Doug and Irene Schmeiser Scholarship Joshua Brand

Dr. David L. Farmer Scholarship Meagan Breault

John and Elizabeth Kaufmann Scholarship Katherine Fisher Sarah Warman

#### **STUDENTS** - Scholarships and bursary

applications available online at

stmcollege.ca/awards

Roy E. Lloyd Scholarship Olivia Woo

STM Leadership Award Sarah Blom Jessica Froehlich Ana Meckelborg

Rose Semko Hrynchuk Scholarship Jacob Yuriy

STM Creative Writing Scholarship Jaclyn Morken

St. Peter's College Continuing Student Scholarship Renee Ingram

Maureen Haynes Catholic Studies **Scholarships** Cindy Nguyen Katherine Nicks

#### Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association/TYC – Steppe Branch Ukrainian Language **Awards**

Tiana Kirstein - 114 Nicholas Winarsky - 114 Dakota Keyowski - 117 Darian Livingstone -117 Alexa Kowaluk -214 Jacob Yuriy – 217

St. Thomas More College Award for Excellence in CSL Writing Emily Wiks

**U OF S UKRAINIAN AWARDS** Kirstiuk Bursary, Steven and Katherine

Jacob Yuriy The Ludwig, Olga & Constance Kay Ukrainian

Orthodox Millennium Scholarship Jacob Yuriy

Mohylianky Society Scholarship Mykan Zlipko

Palynchuk Scholarship, Annie Alexa Kowaluk

Porayko Scholarship, Stephen J. Maria Olenick

Rudewsky Scholarship, Professor and Mrs. J. Alexa Kowaluk

Sytnick Scholarship, Michael Alexa Kowaluk

#### 2017/2018 BURSARY RECIPIENTS

**ENTERING STUDENT BURSARIES** STM Aboriainal Enterina Student Bursarv

Melvin Dreaver; Ashley Howe; Ivy Roasting Terrilyn Whiskey Jack

Matt and Beth Hertz Bursary

David Caswell Jenny Korolewich Bursary Ekrah Hussein

Nasser Family Award Bryce Doerksen Margaret C. Dutli Award

Elijah Ahlguist Christine Hudek Bursary Dustin Oliver

Knights of Columbus Bursary Samantha Cyr Alicja Rutkowski

#### **CONTINUING STUDENT BURSARIES**

STM Aboriginal Continuing Student Bursary Cody Bugler; Matthew Iverson; Damian Pahtayken Pamela Yuzicapi **Dielschneider Aboriginal Bursary** Cody Bugler **Cowan Bursary** Jasmine Redford GSU (Grain & General Services Union) Bursary

Sara Meyer Aulea Arsenault Bursary Joshua Brand; Hannah Roberts

Anne Phelan Decoteau Bursary Katherine Fisher Wilfrid and Sylvia Hinz Family Bursary

Regan Wiebe

Saskatchewan K of C Charitable Foundation Adrienne & Mervyn Welter Endowment **Bursary** Ashlyn Froehlich; Emma Ingold; Antoine

Labrecque Jenny Korolewich Bursary Sara Meyer

Nicholas Lucyshyn Bursary Jasmine Redford Nasser Family Award Misty Hnetka Lorne and Elizabeth Parker Bursary Jessylee Wionzek

Peter Harold Richlark Bursary

Paul Hansen; Uchi Uchibeke Herman and Myrna Rolfes Bursary Shiney Choudhary STM Faculty Union Bursary Sarah Warman

#### STM Student Bursarv

Elijah Ahlquist; Brittney Blackman; Shania Marie Ines; Sukhman Kaur; Dakota Keyowski; Nykole King; Nikaela Lange; Charyl Paltican; Amelia Perrotta; Stephanie Siemens; Kayden Gabriel Siriany Linares; Sarah Voldeng; Aidan Wickenhauser; Katelyn Wiersma; Nicole Wright



At St. Thomas More College, we want each of our students to be challenged and transformed through the quality educational experience offered at STM. Our hope is that each will discover their passion, become engaged citizens, find a meaningful career, contribute to their communities, and live out their vocation.

Now, more than ever, students are facing increasing costs leading to financial challenges. We are encouraged and appreciative of the thoughtful generosity of alumni and friends of the College who donate to assist students in their undergraduate and graduate studies. These donors make a tangible and lasting contribution that will ensure continued opportunities for many students who may otherwise be prevented from pursuing their academic aspirations.

#### **NISA – NORTHERN INDIGENOUS STUDENT ACCESS BURSARY:**

A bursary of \$1,000 has been established by the STM Working Group for Indigenous Engagement. It will be funded annually by ongoing donations from STM faculty, staff and donors. Preference will be given to STM students who have completed high school within Saskatchewan, at a school located in, or north of, La Ronge, and are of First Nations, Inuit, or Métis ancestry.

#### **WOLFE FAMILY GENERAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP:**

This scholarship recognizes exemplary STM students who are graduates of Saskatchewan high schools and who demonstrate an outstanding level of academic excellence, human compassion and participation in sports and/or athletics.

\$52,000 will initially fund two renewable entrance awards of \$6,500, one for the 2018-2019 academic year and the second for the 2019-2020 academic year. Each of the two awards will be renewable for up to three additional years, with a renewable value of \$6,500 per year. Each of the two awards has a potential value of \$26,000.

#### **TERRENCE AND MARGARET DOWNEY SCHOLARSHIP:**

A \$25,000 endowment donated by Terrence and Margaret Downey will provide an annual \$1,000 scholarship to continuing STM students in good academic standing with preference given to students entering their second year of study who are not receiving additional scholarship support from STM.

#### **THE BASILIAN SCHOLAR AWARD:**

STM has established this award in honor of the Congregation of St. Basil, to recognize STM students whose intentions and accomplishments exemplify the character of our Basilian Fathers. \$1,000 will be awarded annually to a third-year student who demonstrates academic excellence and has found application of their gifts in meeting community needs, be that within St. Thomas More College, on the University of Saskatchewan campus, or in the wider community. Preference will be given to students enrolled in one of the humanities or social science disciplines, and/or one of the academic programs offered by STM College.

Karen Massett **Director of Development** 

#### STM ANNOUNCES NEW SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

#### STM is pleased to announce new funding from donors who have provided the following new Scholarships and Bursaries:



For more information on establishing a scholarship or bursary, please contact Karen Massett at 306.966.8918 or kmassett@stmcollege.ca

#### 2017-2018 STM TEACHING EXCELLENCE

One thing that students have made very clear this year is that there is a lot of excellent teaching going forward at STM, as 21 instructors were nominated for two separate teaching awards.

#### **USSU Teaching Excellence Award** 2017-2018

First, four STM faculty members were nominated for the USSU Teaching Award. This award "recognizes those who have demonstrated enthusiasm, organization, and fairness in evaluation, [and who] have provided exceptional commitment and support to their University of Saskatchewan classrooms."

The STM faculty members who were nominated for this award are:

Monica Hwang – Department of Sociology; Courtnay Konshuh – Department of History; Celene Sidloski – Department of English and Allison Smith – Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies.

Congratulations to all on being recognized in this way!

#### **STM Teaching Excellence Award**

Second, 19 STM faculty members, including two of the above, were nominated for the STM Teaching Excellence Award (TEA), which "was established to recognize STM instructors who make outstanding contributions to the learning and working environment at the College." Those who were nominated teach in seven different subject areas - English; History; Languages, Literatures, and Cultural Studies; Religion and Culture; Political Studies; Psychology; and Sociology - and include 11 permanent, five term, and three sessional faculty members.

#### The nineteen nominees:

#### Alisha Pomazon and Christopher Hrvnkow (Religion and Culture);

Cynthia Wallace, Carleigh Brady, and Kylee-Anne Hingston (English); Tony Zhang (Sociology); Jennifer Briere, David Lane and Carie Buchanan (Psychology);

Courtnay Konshuh, Sharon Wright, and Zachary Yuzwa (History)

Bohdan Kordan, Charles Smith, and David McGrane (Political Studies):

Allison Smith, Nelly Plantiveau, Tansley David, and Henri Biahé (Languages, Literatures, and Cultural Studies).

Twelve of the nominees formally applied for the award. Their application packages gave the members of the Adjudication Committee – Dr. Carie Buchanan, Dr. Cynthia Wallace, Associate Dean Marche, Student Representative Theo Oliver, and myself - a great deal of material to read and consider, and made our task of identifying a winner difficult. As a committee, we would like to congratulate all those who were nominated for the STM TEA, and to thank those who submitted applications.

Two applications were identified by all committee members as especially meritorious. And so this year we would like to recognize an Honourable Mention for the STM TEA – Dr. Zachary Yuzwa. Zach, a past winner of the USSU Teaching Excellence Award in 2014-2015, has articulated a teaching philosophy based on the concept of dialogue, and it is clear from his students' course evaluations that this philosophy is implemented and is working. Zach's application had a number of noteworthy features: extremely positive student and peer evaluations, a wide range of course offerings, a demonstrated commitment to designing new and revising old courses and to supervising graduate students, and a concern to address student feedback and to modify course delivery in light of this feedback so as to improve upon his already excellent teaching practice. Congratulations to Zach on this Honourable Mention!

Finally, it is the Adjudication Committee's decision to name Dr. Christopher Hrynkow the winner of the STM TEA for the 2017-2018 academic year. The breadth and depth of the supporting materials documenting Chris' teaching efforts provide overwhelming evidence of a deep commitment to, indeed passion for, fostering the student experience, and of an engaged teacher-scholar going well above and beyond the call of duty or reasonable expectations. Central to Chris' teaching philosophy is the modelling and fostering of dialogue and deep listening, and the facilitating of student interaction. This approach is found by students to be very helpful and, in their words, "contagious." One finds in his student course evaluations comments such as the following:"I like how the professor is very passionate about teaching; it is contagious.""Professor Hrynkow's enthusiasm for nonviolence... is contagious." "His excitement in teaching is contagious and helps to create a positive learning environment." Chris' teaching "creates a sense of community" in the classroom, and his creative learning options and strategies beyond the



classroom – such as community service learning, having students attend STM conferences, or taking them during class time to visit the college chapel to study its architectural features – are identified by students as the things which "most facilitated their learning."

An indication of Chris' commitment to delivering the best possible programming that he can at STM is his work in course design and development. Chris has developed five new free-standing courses, and, in addition, four topic courses at STM in areas such as Religion and Sport, Christianity and Ecology, and Community, Solidarity, and Social Change. Chris is also heavily involved in instructional activity off the STM campus, and in the scholarship of education, with a number of published articles and numerous conference presentations on pedagogical practice and themes in education; in addition, he is pursuing continuing professional development in two different degree programs – one at the Master's level and one at the Doctoral level.

The Adjudication Committee was greatly impressed by the comprehensiveness of Chris' commitment to teaching, the innovative and holistic character of his practice, and by the impact that his efforts are having on students, not least in the way he is able to connect students to the greater STM community. For all these reasons, we have named Dr. Christopher Hrynkow the recipient of the 2017-2018 STM TEA. Congratulations, Chris! And, once again, congratulations to all of our nominees!

#### John Liptay

on behalf of the STM Teaching Excellence Award Adjudication Committee and the STM Teaching Committee

#### STM TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD Recipient Dr. Chris Hrynkow



#### **EDUCATION - DR. CHRIS HRYNKOW**

•ThD, Christian Ethics (Specialization in Ecological Ethics), awarded conjointly by the University of Toronto University of St. Michael's College, and Toronto School of Theology (2016)

•PhD, Peace and Conflict Studies, Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice, St. Paul's College, University of Manitoba (2013)

•MTS, Systematic Theology, awarded jointly by the University of St. Michael's College, the Toronto School of Theology, and the University of Toronto (2009)

•STM, Historical and Contemporary Theology, University of Winnipeg (2009)

•MEd, Social and Philosophical Foundations of Education, University of Manitoba (2006)

•MA, Contemporary Theology in the Catholic Tradition Heythrop College, University of London (2003)

•BD (Honours), Heythrop College (International Programme), University of London (2017)

•BSc (Honours), Politics and International Relations London School of Economics and Political Science (External Programme), University of London (2008)

•BA (Advanced), Religion and History, University of Manitoba (2002)

•BEd, History and Geography, University of Manitoba (2000)

#### **STM COURSES TAUGHT BY DR. HRYNKOW** (STM Associate Professor in the Department of Religion and Culture):

•CTST 200 Introduction to Catholic Studies •INTS 400 Critical Perspectives on Social Justice and the Common Good •RLST 112 Western Religions in Society and Culture •RLST 210 Religion and Ecology •RLST 225 Perspectives on Jesus •RLST 229 Religion and Sport •RLST 277 Community, Solidarity, and Social Change •RLST 284 Religions and Nonviolence •RLST 314 Issues in Contemporary Catholicism •RLST 377 Living Community, Solidarity, and Social Change •RLST413/805 Approaches to Religion

## 2017-2018





To supplement our existing bursaries and scholarships, this year we also established the Northern Indigenous Student Access Bursary. This bursary was created in response to a public event in January 2016 where we asked Marie Battiste, Verna St. Denis, Erica Violet Lee, and John Merasty to respond to the question: "What does a Catholic College need to know to be truly welcoming to Indigenous people?" Donations to support this bursary can be made by contacting STM's Director of Development Karen Massett, at kmassett@stmcollege.ca.

#### **Indigenous Engagement at STM**

#### By Chris Hrynkow

#### Indigenous Engagement work at STM is themed around three pillars: Engage, Learn, and Support.

This year's main focus was on the "learn" pillar for faculty and staff. As part of this focus, we devoted the STM staff and faculty retreat in August to the first in a series of Indigenous Voices sessions which were tailor-made for STM and organized by Stryker Calvez and Rose Roberts of the Gwenna Moss Centre for Teaching and Learning. At these sessions, STM faculty and staff went through a series of workshop-style events which included themes on settler-Indigenous allyship, Indigenous spirituality and religion, integration and the meaning of indigenization at the College, and the continuing legacy of colonialism.

We were also privileged to have Elder Maria Campbell share some of her wisdom and poignant stories of her community's life and experience over six sessions. After each of these sessions and supported by Basilian Chair in Indigenous Spirituality and Reconciliation, faculty and staff were invited to join the presenter(s) for visiting and further dialogue over a meal.



This year, the Basilian Chair in Indigenous Spirituality and Reconciliation also a supported a visit to Saskatoon by Rev. Stan McKay, the first Indigenous moderator of the United Church of Canada, and his partner, Dot. They led faculty, staff, students, and community members through a reconciliation circle centered upon exploring the concept covenant as a foundation for reconciliation. Taken together, the Indigenous Voices sessions and event with

Rev. Stan McKay provided opportunities for deep engagement with Indigenous peoples, along with their ways of knowing and worldview, which has benefited the STM community.



In terms of the "support" pillar, last fall we welcomed our first Indigenous graduate fellow, Roberta Desnomie who is mentored at STM by Dr. Alisha Pomazon. Organized by the Research Committee, the STM Indigenous Graduate Fellowship is an exciting initiative that provides students with support to finish their graduate degrees. Ms. Desnomie is working on her Master of Arts thesis, writing about issues at the intersection of power and culture.

As part of our responsibility in relation to knowledge shared that evening, we continue to work to make STM a community where Indigenous voices are truly celebrated and Indigenous people can feel welcome, while also recognizing that there is much relationship building work still to be done. In that light, watch out for a Les and Irene Dubé Chair for Catholic Studies Lecture series event next year that will feature some key local leaders dialoguing about the meanings of reconciliation and Indigenization within Catholic contexts in Saskatchewan.

#### **SPRING SESSION IN UKRAINE (SSU) AND PETRYKY INTERNAT**



#### **PROGRAM AT A GLANCE**

The Spring Session in Ukraine is conceived as an intensive language and culture immersion program, coordinated jointly by St. Thomas More College (STM) and the University of Saskatchewan (U of S). The program is offered overseas in Ternopil, Ukraine, in cooperation with a partner institution, Ternopil National Pedagogical University.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR HOW TO APPLY - Contact: Dr. Natalia Khanenko-Friesen, SSU Academic Coordinator, Department of Religion and Culture, St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan. nfriesen@stmcollege.ca



#### ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGE • UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN • VOLDYMYR HNATIUK TERNOPIL NATIONAL PEDAGOGICAL UNIVERSITY.



On January 23, 2018, St. Thomas More College signed a new Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Saskatchewan and the Voldymyr Hnatiuk Ternopil National Pedagogical University (TNPU) regarding the College's Ukraine Study Abroad Program. The five-year agreement establishes the institutional basis for a continuing partnership with TNPU to offer STM's Spring Session In Ukraine (SSU), which has been in existence since 2001. The SSU is an intensive language and cultural immersion program offered overseas in Ternopil, Ukraine. The program is co-ordinated by Dr. Natalia Khanenko-Friesen and supported in part by the PCUH. Dr Olena Huzar, the local Ternopil coordinator, represented the TNPU at the signing ceremony. Dr. Arul Kumaran

(Dean) and Dr. Anthony Vannelli (Provost) signed the agreement on behalf of STM and the University of Saskatchewan respectively. The PCUH provided funding in support of Dr. Huzar's visit. While in Saskatoon, Dr. Huzar spoke with several stakeholders regarding additional steps to strengthen the program and explored other academic opportunities.



For more information on requirements, please call 306•966•8900 to speak with an Academic Advisor.

#### **NEW CERTIFICATE IN JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN ORIGINS**

The Certificate in Jewish and Christian Origins at the University of Saskatchewan provides an interdisciplinary approach to the academic study of the origins, development of and cultural impact of two world religions, Judaism and Christianity, from their beginnings in ancient Israel to the parallel developments of rabbinic Judaism and emergent Christianity subsequent to the first Jewish War of 70 C.E. to Late Antiquity, including some coverage of the origins of Islam in relation to Judaism and Christianity.

- This certificate may be completed in conjunction with, or apart from any degree program, and is open to students in all colleges. This program is subject to the promotion and residency standards for degree-level certificate programs in the College of Arts & Science.
- Students who have taken equivalent courses at other institutions may apply for transfer credit, which if granted will be applied to the certificate.

#### **Dean's Office Conference: Integral Ecology for the Common Good** By Chris Hrynkow

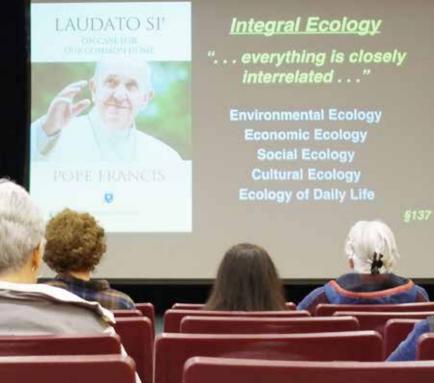
Dovetailing with Franciscan Sister Ilia Delio's visit to the STM for the Les Michigan. and Irene Dubé Chair in Catholic Studies lecture, this year's STM Dean's Office conference focused on Pope Francis' notion of Integral Ecology The conference wrapped up with a synthesis panel, during which the -the basic premise that everything is connected- and its relevance to three featured speakers offered their thoughts on the day's proceedissues at the intersection of science, social justice, and the common ings and were asked questions by the audience. It was wonderful to see good. On the Thursday night, Sr. Ilia drew on her doctoral training in three scholars with PhDs in the natural science think through the spiritual and social implications of integral ecology. both natural science and theology to effectively introduce the conference themes. She challenged the audience to think about some of the deeper meanings of faith and science within the context of an evolving Select papers from conference will be available in the inaugural issue of Science, Religion, and Society: An Interdisciplinary Journal, which will universe. be posted in June on the Saskatchewan Center for Science and Reli-

Friday morning, the conference was opened by Phil Sakimoto from gion's website https://www.science-religion.ca, where information is the University of Notre Dame. He unfolded the science behind climate also available on another conference, ""Our Place in the Cosmos?: Huchange and illustrated its problematic social and ecological impacts on manity, Spirituality, and the Awesome Universe", taking place August land and in the oceans. Considering this malaise in light of Francis' ar-13-14, co-hosted by the STM Department of Religion and Culture, and ticulation of integral ecology, Dr. Sakimoto named an urgent need for featuring the Vatican astronomer, Br. Guy Consolmagno, SJ. That event behavior change on the part of people who consume more than their will continue many strands of the conversations started at the Dean's fair share of the planet's resources. Office conference last March.

Next, the conference attendees were faced with a perplexing choice amongst concurrent sessions featuring some key experts in the field, many of whom routinely act as keynotes at other events. Themes discussed at the panels were: conceptualizing integral ecology and science (session I); social and community implications of integral ecology (session II); science, connection, and literature (session III); and, grounding integral ecology (session IV). Reports back from these sessions indicate that this range of subjects was addressed well by the presenters and in ways that excited the imagination of those who could take in the panels.

Sister Damien Marie Savino, FSE. then addressed the whole group of conference attendees, speaking in a calm but prophetic manner about

Students may take the required courses concurrently with other courses in the program.



the importance of integrating integral ecology into daily life and the problematic effects of toxicants on humans and other animals. Dr. Savino ended on a hopeful note, showing tangible steps taken in terms of sustainability at her home institution, Aquinas College in Grand Rapids,



## **ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGE NEW STAFF**

Corinne Mathews joined the St. Thomas More College Shannon Library, on November 1 2017. She is the Library Technician responsible for circulation and periodicals.

Corinne studied at the U of S and completed the Library and Information Technology Program at Kelsey. She has worked in libraries for more than ten years in leadership roles, and spearheaded many projects including renovations, reorganizations, and expansions at Hapnot Collegiate in Flin

Flon. As a community member of Flin Flon, Corinne volunteered with Kinettes, Youth in Philanthropy, and Dinner Theatre.

Corinne is excited to return to Saskatoon, with her husband Rob and daughter Olivia, joining her son, Parker who already relocated to Saskatoon as a university student.

#### Check out the complete list of course offerings and descriptions for 2018-19 at STMCOLLEGE.CA/CLASSES **REGISTER THROUGH PAWS** or for more information or academic support, call STM Advisors at 306-966-8900

## **SUMMER IS IN SESSION**

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### **NEWMAN PLAYERS**



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For more information on auditioning or other ways to get involved with Newman Players or Newman Sounds, contact: | Richard Medernach | rmedernach@stmcollege.ca | 306•966•8900 |

## **NEWMAN SOUNDS**



If you've ever roamed the halls of STM on a Wednesday night, chances are you've heard the melodious harmonies of Newman Sounds Glee Club. This year the club expanded to almost 40 members!

The club produced two shows, On Broadway and By Request. On Broadway featured all of our favourite show tunes and By Request was a showcase of all the glee clubs favourite tunes from the past seven years. Both shows were very well attended.

Members of Newman Sounds also performed at the Newman Coffee House and at our annual fundraising supper. We are lucky to have so many talented musicians who shared their gifts with us.

Newman Sounds Glee Club is directed by Kristen Raney and accompanied by Ian Elliot. This year we added three volunteer positions to keep the club running smoothly–Shana Yates, choreographer; Paul Elias, music librarian and stage manager; and Danielle Hughes, communications manager. Thanks for all your hard work!

Newman Sounds Glee Club is always looking for new singers and dancers! We rehearse Wednesday nights from September to March and perform two themed shows a year. Our shows are high energy, fun, and feature pop, rock, and broadway favourites.

For more information on joining our club, contact Kristen at newmansoundsgleeclub@gmail.com. There are also several videos from our shows on the Facebook Fan page, https://www.facebook.com/NewmanSounds/

**SPRING TERM 2018** May 9 - May 30 June 4 - June 22

**SUMMER TERM 2018** June 28 - July 19 July 24 - August 14

Register through PAWS. For assistance, call 306-966-8900 to speak to an academic advisor.

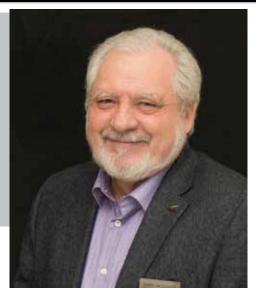
Over 250 audience members came out to see Newman Player's presentation of Drop Dead, Juliet and Hamlet: Zombie Killer of Denmark this past season. These plays, incorporating modern twists to two of Shakespeare's most well-known works, were brought to life thanks to both new and familiar faces, with 9 of the 17 cast and crew making their debut in STM's theatre group. Although the zombies are now at rest, and Shakespeare's quill laid aside, it won't be long before you see these faces on the stage

Thank you to all of those who supported the show by assisting with costumes and set, as well as those who attended the performances. Directors, Linda Huard and Amanda Gieni



## **STM RETIREMENTS**

Spring 2018



Darrell A. McLaughlin, PhD, MA, BA

Dr. McLaughlin has been a STM College faculty member in the Department of Sociology since July 2003. He served as Department Head for three of those years. Darrell also served as Acting Associate Dean and then Associate Dean from January 2012 to July 2017. I have been a STM faculty member for 36 years. I have appreciated the College for allowing me to pursue and profess so many interests. I have taught 35 graduate classes (in professional ethics, psychological assessment, as well as reading courses) and 77 undergraduate classes in seven

Darrell has taught courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Many of his undergraduate courses provided students with opportunities to engage in Community Service Learning, locally or abroad. Some of his courses were also included as electives in Critical Perspectives on Social Justice and the Common Good and/or Catholic Studies program minors.

Darrell has supervised MA and PhD students in sociology and has served as a member on numerous MA and PhD student committees. In addition, he has been the External Examiner for three theses.

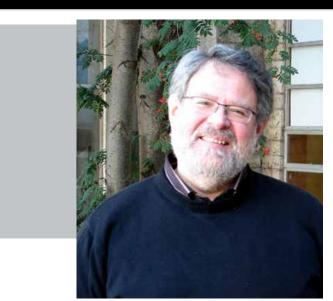
Darrell has chaired, or been a member of, a number of College committees, including:

STM's member on Intercordia Canada's Board of Directors, STM's Working Group for the renewal of the Engaged Learning Program, College of Arts and Science and STM Curriculum Renewal Advisory Committee, STM's Working Group for establishing the Centre for Faith, Reason and Justice, STM's Advisory Circle, STM's Academic Working Group on Indigenous Engagement, a member of the STM Faculty Union Executive and a member of the Management Committee for the U of S Social Science Research Lab.

Darrell served two years as Vice President and four years as President for the Society for Socialist Studies.







Brian Chartier, PhD, MA, BA

I have been a STM faculty member for 36 years. I have appreciated the College for allowing me to pursue and profess so many interests. I have taught 35 graduate classes (in professional ethics, psychological assessment, as well as reading courses) and 77 undergraduate classes in seven different areas (introductory psychology, death and dying, human relations, adolescent development, abnormal psychology, research methods, and group processes). I have cherished every one of the courses I have taught.

I enjoyed immensely my one year as Acting Dean and the six years as STM Union President, negotiating three union-college contracts for the STM Faculty Union, as well as numerous memoranda of agreement.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the work of the college, having sat on or chaired over 132 different STM, university, community and professional committees; published eight articles; and produced 71 conference presentations. I am proud of STM for allowing me to pursue my professional interests and work– I have been half-time for the past 18 years and presented 65 workshops, and 93 public and community talks.

I am also proud of my graduate and undergraduate students, having supervising eight doctoral dissertations, 10 master theses, and 35 honours theses; as well as sitting on 48 masters and dissertation committees. I have had wonderful colleagues and administrators with which to work, both at STM and the University. I have firmly believed in and supported the mission of St. Thomas More College. I feel proud of having been part of the Catholic and Basilian presence on this campus.



## **Alumni In the News**



#### STM DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA GERI HALL RECOGNIZED WITH LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

St. Thomas More College (STM) Alumna Geri Hall was presented with the Lifetime Achievement award at the Moose Jaw PRISM Awards, recognizing her many contributions in their community. Commenting on the award Geri noted: "It's all about collaboration. No one ever does this on their own, no person is an island unto themselves, we're a part of a whole. I was very fortunate to be a part of education where we always worked collaboratively, and you always work with other people to make good things happen."

A college student of the '70s, Geri was very involved in the STM community as a member of the Newman Club, STMSU member and she sang with the STM Glee Club. Geri also volunteered her time to work alongside renowned Canadian artist William Kurelek to assist in painting the now famous Kurelek Mural which adorns the STM Chapel. Of Geri's efforts, William Kurelek had noted, "I was very lucky to get a student of the Fine Arts department, Geralyn Jansen, as a helper for the mural because she was fearless of heights. She painted the sun all in while I coached her, hanging onto the ladder with both hands."

Geri Hall received the STMNAA Distinguished Alumna Award in 2013. Geri has two sons who have also graduated from STM.

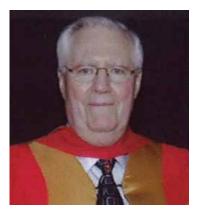
Having pursued a Master's in Education, Geri has served as principal of St. Mary's Catholic School in Prince Albert and is currently the Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment for the Holy Trinity Catholic School Division in Moose Jaw.

Congratulations, Geri, on this much deserved recognition!

#### **STMNAA**

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

For more information on how you can become involved with YOUR Alumni association, contact STM Director of Development, Karen Massett, at 306.966.8918 or kmassett@stmcollege.ca



W. Thomas Molloy

The students, faculty, and staff of St. Thomas More College (STM) extend heartfelt congratulations on the appointment of W. Thomas Molloy as Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan.

All members of the STM scholarly community are absolutely delighted to learn of the appointment. The Prime Minister's statement mentions at the outset that Tom holds "a Bachelor of Arts from St. Thomas More College." Needless to say, we are all very proud to claim you as one of our own!

W. Thomas Molloy is not only a STM graduate, but also a recipient of our Distinguished Alumnus Award, a former member of the Board of Governors, and an Officer of the Order of Canada.

Tom Molloy is a respected negotiator, lawyer, strategic advisor on Indigenous issues, and author from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Mr. Molloy has a Bachelor of Arts from St. Thomas More College and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Saskatchewan. He is a member of the Law Society of Saskatchewan, practicing primarily in the areas of Indigenous and business law. He served as Chancellor of the University of Saskatchewan from 2001 to 2007.

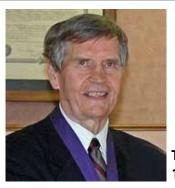
In the past four decades, Mr. Molloy has negotiated numerous agreements and treaty settlements with Indigenous peoples that have changed the face of the country. Most notably, Mr. Molloy was the Chief Negotiator for the Government of Canada in negotiations with the Inuit of Nunavut in the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement, which led to the creation of the Territory of Nunavut in 1999.

As Chief Negotiator for the Government of Canada, Mr. Molloy played an active role in the design and implementation of the British Columbia Treaty Process. He led the team that negotiated the Nisga'a Final Agreement, the first modern-day treaty in the history of British Columbia, and he resolved the Inuit of Northern Quebec's offshore claim in Nunavut, Newfoundland and Labrador.

For his work in his home community, Mr. Molloy has received many awards, including the City of Saskatoon Certificate of Distinguished Community Service, Rotary Golden Wheels Award for Excellence, Saskatoon B'nai Brith "Proud of You Award", and the Head of the Public Service Award for Excellence in Service Delivery.

In addition to being an Officer of the Order of Canada, Mr. Molloy received the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, has been awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Saskatchewan, and is a Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Saskatchewan.

#### **IN MEMORIAM**



Ted J. FORTOSKY 1939 - 2017

Ted was born near Humboldt and grew up in Saskatoon. He completed his BA at the University of Saskatchewan and spent two years teaching in Toronto. In 1964 he earned a BEd from the U of S and was hired as vice principal for Saskatoon Catholic Schools. He served as a principal for the next 31 years in various schools.

A gentle man of integrity, Ted led a spiritual life, grounded in his lifelong commitment to daily prayer and meditation.

St. Thomas More College played an important role in Ted's life, and during his time at STM he was very involved with Newman Players. He began as an actor and he performed the role of Hamlet, directed by Fr. Joseph O'Donnell.

Ted had especially fond memories of Fr. Montague's production of A Man for All Seasons in 1965. He was playing the role of St. Thomas More and Danielle was playing Margaret. They met at this production, were married in 1967, and celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2017.

Upon graduation Ted remained connected to the College; he co-directed Macbeth with Fr. O'Donnell in 1966, and The Tempest with Fr. O'Donnell in 1967. Ted served as President of STM Newman Alumni Association from 1976-77, as a member of STM Board of Governors from 1982-86, and from 2005-2011 he represented the Diocese of Saskatoon on the STM Corporation. When speaking of his time at STM in 2000, Ted noted, "I have grateful memories of all the people I met during those years at STM. In particular, I acknowledge the talented and dedicated Basilian Fathers."

For their hard work and commitment to the College, their Church and their community, Ted and Danielle were honoured with the STMNAA Distinguished Alumni Awards in 1996.

Through their thoughtful donations over the years, Ted and Danielle have generously given back to the College and to the students who attend STM.



#### Ruth Ann KAUFMANN 1919-2017

Ruth and her husband Martin Kaufmann, appreciated the Catholic intellectual tradition and the STM community. Martin especially valued his lifelong friendships shared with the Basilian priests. Together the Kaufmanns established *The John and Elizabeth Kaufmann Memorial Scholarship* in memory of Martin's parents. The College is grateful for this endowment, and the support and legacy Ruth and Martin provide for STM students.

#### Douglas A. SCHMEISER, S.O.M.,Q.C. 1934 - 2018

Doug Schmeiser graduated from the U of S and STM. He obtained his BA and then LL.B. with Great Distinction at the University of Saskatchewan in 1956.

He received his LL.M. (Univ. of Mich.) and was admitted to the SK Bar in 1958 and later completed his Doctorate at the University of Michigan in 1963. He became a tenured professor in 1961, Dean 1974-77, and Professor Emeritus in 1995 at the College of Law, University of Saskatchewan.

Other career accomplishments included authoring a number of legal textbooks, Chair of the Law Reform Commission of SK, President of the SK Bar Association, Constitutional Advisor to many Provincial and International Governments, and a prominent role in creation of the Canadian Constitution. He advised and lectured on legal, constitutional and judicial matters in The Maldives, Russia, Sudan, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Australia, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Ukraine and Latvia.

Doug remained supportive of the College and STM faith community. He was selected as the key note speaker at a St. Thomas More College Lawyers Guild annual banquet, and in 2009, he was recognized as STM Distinguished Alumnus.

Doug was a man of faith and strongly believed in building his church and community. He served as President and Campaign Chairman of the Saskatoon United Way, on the boards of St. Paul's Hospital and Emmanuel Health, and numerous other committees and boards. He financially supported the causes he served, and also contributed to many scholarships and other foundations

Doug and Irene continued to support STM over the years, commenting in an earlier publication, "We give to St. Thomas More College because we believe in the mission of the College. We want today's students to have the opportunity to obtain a strong foundation in the humanities and social sciences, and to develop their powers of critical thinking and their social and moral judgment. We are also grateful for a memorable educational experience many years ago."

The Schmeisers have donated generously to STM's Creating More campaign and the DOUG AND IRENE SCHMEISER scholarship continues to annually support a deserving STM student majoring in philosophy.



Thank you to Angeline and Art Battiste for generously supporting the refurbishment of the Mosaic Doors – long a recognizable part of the STM College facade – which had been removed during facility upgrading. The doors now hang prominently in the new north entrance, once more adding color and life and a reminder of the College legacy!

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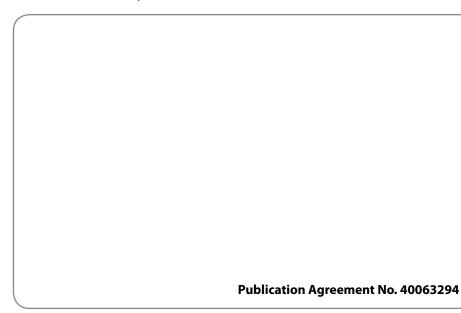
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