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# STM Spring & Summer Course Offerings

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**2023 Classes**

**Spring: May 8-June 22**

**CPSJ 112.3 Introduction to Peace Studies**  
Mon., Wed. 130-3:50 pm, Dr. Chris Hrynkow

**RLST 111.3 Asian Religions**  
Fully Online Asynchronous

**Quarter 2: June 2-22**

**RLST 112.3 Western Religions in Society and Culture**  
Fully Online Asynchronous

**Summer: July 4-Aug. 17**

**CTST 200.3 Introduction to Catholic Studies**  
Mon., Wed. 130-3:50 pm, Dr. Chris Hrynkow

Check out the complete list of STM course offerings and descriptions for 2023/2024 [STMCOLLEGE.CA/CLASSES](https://stmcollege.ca/classes) REGISTER THROUGH PAWS or for more information or academic support, call STM Advisors at 306-966-8900

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### Cover Background Image:

In 1963, Vancouver artist Lionel Thomas designed and produced the multicoloured, enameled copper doors using the cloisonné technique. It was part of the major expansion of STM College that added the library wing and cafeteria. The new wing was officially opened in 1964, and the north doors, often referred to as the Mosaic Doors, became a cherished memory for thousands of students over the years. Presently on display in our North entrance foyer.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*As I write, we are approaching the official end of an academic year and the beginning of a new year on May 1. The 2022-23 year has seen St. Thomas More College (STM) move from a time of restricted on-campus learning into a new post-pandemic reality.*

After two full years of pandemic disruptions, the return of students to the USask campus and our building was proof that university life was back. Enrolment in STM courses remained strong; student clubs began to rebuild their membership; and events on campus came roaring back in the fall. For the first time the College hosted a Round Dance and began a new tradition of the STM Annual Fall Gathering for alumni and friends.

In addition to new events and traditions, we completed some projects that will reshape our future work. After much reflection, we completed a new STM Catholic Identity and Mission Statement that builds on our Basilian heritage and embraces our relationships with the Diocese of Saskatoon and our Indigenous partners, as Pope Francis has called us to do.

The College completed a search for a new Librarian to lead the STM Shannon Library while also serving as an adviser to the Saskatoon Theological Union library. We are putting the finishing touches on a Mental Health and Wellness Strategy made by and for STM that will serve all members of our College community. And we reached out to survey more than 5,500 students registered in STM courses this past year to get to know them better and gather feedback on their academic and social experiences.

Along with our College Plan 2025 and our new Catholic Identity Statement, the results from the STM Student Survey will guide us when making decisions about the best use of our resources. While we were pleased to receive one-time government funding for critical building repairs, our operating grant will remain the same for the next two years while our costs increase. This scenario will require us to plan carefully and pursue new opportunities for funding. For that reason, we are developing a faculty hiring plan to map out where new faculty positions would go in order to meet student needs and grow the academic programs that are unique to STM, such as Catholic Studies, Social Justice and the Common Good, and Ukrainian Studies. This past year also saw the approval of a new Peace Studies Certificate program at STM that will be unique not only at USask, but in the province itself.

Along with disciplined planning and budgeting, STM is also increasing our activity in fundraising. In partnership with DCG Philanthropic Services, we are reinvigorating efforts to meet the fundraising targets for our Chair in Indigenous Spirituality and Reconciliation and the Dubé Chair for Catholic Studies. Recently, we reached out to almost 5,000 members of the STM community to find out how they engage

with us and whether they would join us in a campaign to build on and expand STM's strengths. I thank all those who responded to our survey and ask that all our alumni, donors, faculty, staff, and friends consider supporting STM as we continue to forge a path as one of the leading Catholic colleges in Canada.

With a clear sense of our educational mission and careful planning for the future, STM intends not only to weather the current financial pressures but to grow stronger by rising to the challenges of the times.

Dr. Carl N. Still, PhD  
President  
St. Thomas More College



# DEAN'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that another academic year at St. Thomas More College (STM) has come and gone. Although Covid-19 is still affecting our lives and there are always new challenges to work through (e.g., ChatGPT), this past year has certainly felt like we are finally 'back to normal.' For instance, for the first time since March 2020, most of our College activities and events this past year were held only in person. On April 11 we were able to gather as a community to celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of many of our staff and faculty at our annual STM President's Appreciation and Dean's Year End Reception - it was a wonderful way to complete the fall and winter terms.

There are a number of College achievements, initiatives, and events that have taken place since my last message in November that I wish to highlight. First, congratulations to Kylee-Anne Hingston McKechnie on the renewal of her probation, to Jennifer Briere for being granted tenure, and to Sarah Powrie on her promotion to Professor. Congratulations to Zachary Yuzwa for receiving a 2023 USSU Teaching Excellence Award and to Cynthia Wallace and Nadya Foty-Oneschuk for receiving a STM Teaching Excellence Award. There were a significant number of STM faculty nominated for these awards, which underscores the high quality of teaching that our students are receiving.

STM saw the development of three new courses (ARCH 498.3 Archaeology of Wood and Woodworking; PHIL 304.3: Aquinas Moral Political and Legal Philosophy; POLS 238.3 Global Ideologies in the 21st Century) as well as a certificate in Labour Studies, which is a collaboration between STM, Arts and Science, and the Edwards School of Business.

Sol Sanderson, an expert in Indigenous governance, inherent Indigenous rights, treaty rights, and the constitutional framework governing Canada's relationship with Indigenous peoples, gave a lecture in several of our classes

this term (as well as a circle presentation to the College). Thanks to all involved in these wonderful opportunities for our students.

Despite the toll that the pandemic had on faculty's research productivity, they continue to receive grants, and publish reports, articles, and books. Several of us were able to celebrate the research accomplishments of our STM faculty on April 6th and to hear Sharon Wright read from her new book, *Everyday Magicians: Legal Records and Magic Manuscripts from Tudor England*, co-authored with Frank Klaassen. The Fransaskois Participatory Research Collaborative has recently been approved by USask's Vice-President Research, and the Collaborative is only a few steps away from officially establishing its presence on campus. Special thanks to Henri Biahé and Daniel Regnier for their leadership on this initiative.

We are also very proud of our STM community members recognized with the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal. This medal recognizes outstanding Saskatchewanians who have contributed to a strong, vibrant society and province through their service, contributions, and achievements. Congratulations to David McGrane, Fr. Andre Lalach, and Carl Still.

STM's two Centres have also been very busy over the past few months. In January, the *Irene and Doug Schmeiser Centre for Faith, Reason, Peace, and Justice* hosted the screening of the film *The Letter*, in partnership with the Laudato Si' Movement Canada and STM Campus Ministry, as well as the De Margerie Ecumenical Lecture, *Forming Agents of Reconciliation for Church and World* with Bishop Bruce Myers, Anglican Bishop of Québec City. The Centre also partnered with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, St. Andrew's College, and Jesuit Refugee Services to host *Journey into Exile*, a series of workshops on refugee experiences. The Prairie Centre for the Study of Ukrainian Heritage (PCUH), together with the Ukrainian Students' Association, brought the traveling



exhibit "Unissued Diplomas" to the STM campus this month. This exhibit uncovers the very touching stories of 36 Ukrainian students killed in the war and will be shown in over 45 universities worldwide.

STM students and student organizations continue to be very busy. The latest issue of *in medias res*, entitled "Horizon," was launched on March 29, with five students reading their work to an appreciative audience. It was great to see the enthusiasm of the student contributors. Many students also gathered for an end of year celebration on April 1. Enthusiastic karaoke singers and energized bingo players brought student engagement to a post-pandemic level.

As we finish this academic term, many STM faculty will now turn their attention to completing the numerous administrative and research-related tasks on their to-do-lists, while many students seek employment and/or further course work. We look forward to spring convocation ceremonies in June and the STM faculty staff-retreat in August. Finally, please mark your calendars for the Academic Mass that will take place on September 13, 3:30 p.m. (during the week rather than the weekend). We would truly love to see you there as we celebrate the beginning of another academic year together as a community.

I wish you all a wonderful spring and summer. Take good care.

Dr. Tammy Marche, PhD  
Dean, St. Thomas More College



# ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGE UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

## Teaching Excellence Awards

### USSU Teaching Award Winner Dr. Zachary Yuzwa, Ph.D.



by Sarah Knudson

*The USSU Teaching Excellence Awards* recognize instructors who demonstrate teaching excellence at the University of Saskatchewan and St. Thomas More College. As the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU) explains, "An excellent teacher not only gives us access to knowledge but also gives us the tools with which to turn that knowledge into wisdom. Students evaluate teachers and their environment in a number of ways; three important areas include enthusiasm, organization, and fairness of evaluation. The culmination of these aspects leads to an environment where students feel free to explore, critique, grow, and become leaders."

A previous recipient in 2014-2015, Dr. Yuzwa is no stranger to the USSU wall of fame! He regularly teaches courses at STM in Introductory and Intermediate Latin, as well as Classical Myths and the Greco-Roman tradition. Yuzwa is consistently described by students as passionate, engaging, and able to make the drier aspects of language learning come alive. The vast majority of students report that they would take another class with him, no question! STM's recent student survey also highlighted him as a fun and engaging teacher.

Congratulations Zach!

### 2022-2023 USSU Teaching Award Nominees

STM instructors nominated for the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU) Teaching Award:

Henri Biahé, Carleigh Brady, Jeffrey Klassen, Emily Morris, Sarah Powrie, Charles Smith, Zach Yuzwa, and Hongbin Zhang

### Research Area(s)

Late Antiquity  
Latin Literature  
Asceticism and Monasticism  
Classical receptions in Christian literature  
Literary form and genre in late antiquity, especially dialogue and epistolography

### Education

Ph.D., Cornell University  
M.A., Cornell University  
M.A., University of Alberta  
B.A. (First Class Honours), University of Alberta



## 2022-2023 STM Teaching Excellence Awards

by Sarah Knudson

STM's Teaching Excellence Award (TEA) is given out annually, and it recognizes instructors who have made outstanding contributions to teaching at the College. Students, faculty, and alumni can nominate any instructor teaching in the current year, who is then invited to submit an application package, including student and peer reviews of teaching, a teaching portfolio, and a CV. In recognition of the differing responsibilities and foci of sessional instructors as compared to tenured and tenure-track faculty, the Teaching Committee

now selects two distinct award winners: one who is a sessional instructor, and another who is a faculty member. We received 33 nominations across both categories! This is remarkable for a college of our size, and a testament to the high quality of instruction here. Consequently, the committee looked through 3,000 pages of submitted material before deliberating on who would win the awards.



### WINNER (Tenure and Tenure-Track): CYNTHIA WALLACE

Cindy is an Associate Professor and English Department Head at STM, where she has shared her love of teaching for just over a decade. A recipient of the USSU Teaching Excellence Award in 2019-2020 and a past nominee for the STM Teaching Excellence Award, she is a consistently devoted educator who is recognized by her students as compassionate, kind, challenging, and always willing to put in the work required of good mentorship. Speaking of mentorship, she also has a long record of graduate supervision.

Cindy is a busy and productive scholar. In her service work for the College and the community, she has contributed to the enrichment of teaching and learning for individuals of all ages and various walks of life. Her work often weaves mentorship and faith together, and in so doing it brings STM's Mission and Vision alive.

**Cindy Wallace**  
(Tenured and Tenure Track stream)



### WINNER (Term and Sessional): NADYA FOTY-ONESCHUK

Nadya is well known to teaching award adjudication committees here on campus, having won the USSU Teaching Award twice (in 2011 and 2017) and having been nominated for the STM Teaching Excellence Award six times in the past decade for her work in teaching Ukrainian Studies and Anthropology courses. In her 13 years of teaching at STM and the USask, she has taught a variety of courses and her students emphasize the great thought and care that she puts into teaching and evaluation, particularly in her language classes. She has also contributed to pedagogical enrichment at the College by serving as Programme Coordinator for the Spring Session in Ukraine and Chair of the Ukrainian Studies Minor Advisory Committee.

In her statement of teaching philosophy, she shares that "The ongoing war in Ukraine, though a living nightmare in every sense, has renewed my passion for teaching in this area. I have been given an opportunity for gratitude on many levels, including gratitude for being able to open up this part of the world and its awe-inspiring people and their culture for my students; the very culture and language that they are, at this very moment, dying to protect." She also emphasizes that "The pivot Ukrainian educators around the world have had to accommodate in the last year has had a momentous impact on how, and more importantly, why we do what we do."

**Nadya Foty-Oneschuk**  
(Sessional and Term stream)

### HONOURABLE MENTION (Tenure and Tenure-Track): HENRI BIAHÉ

Henri's application package detailing his work at STM as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies included page after page of evidence that he is anything but superficial in his approach to teaching and the student experience more broadly.

"Why do I teach?" asks Henri in his statement of teaching philosophy. He goes on to say, "I believe that having a superior command of a subject matter does not make a great teacher. For me, teaching is about how my students will feel and see themselves after they have left my classroom. As an educator, I want to leave a lasting teaching legacy for my students. I want to be remembered as an instructor who made his students feel as though they could accomplish anything that they set their minds to." Indeed, his commitment to knowledge, empathy, patience, care, and inspiration is evident in testimonials from his students and his peers.

As a lifelong Francophile, I highly recommend Henri's courses as a means of growing one's French-language knowledge and confidence.



**Henri Biahé**  
(Tenured and Tenure Track stream)

### HONOURABLE MENTION (Term and Sessional): FACHRIZAL HALIM

Fachrizar has been a term lecturer in the Department of Religion and Culture since 2018, and during this time he has taught a broad range of courses at the undergraduate level, as well as graduate seminars.

Across all courses, he is described as student-focused, sincere, and open-minded. He is also interested in the scholarship of teaching and learning, having published a book chapter on "Teaching about Islam and Muslim Societies on the Prairies" and another forthcoming chapter titled "Teaching about Islam and Muslims in a Secular Canada: A View from a Catholic College."

Fachrizar works hard to consistently create an inviting and challenging classroom environment.



**Fachrizar Halim**  
(Sessional and Term stream)

### 2022-2023 STM Teaching Excellence Award Nominees

*STM instructors nominated by students and/or peers for the STM Teaching Excellence Award:*

- Marissa Alarcon
- Caroline Arbuckle
- Henri Biahé
- Shakti Brazier-Tompkins
- Jennifer Briere
- Michael Cichon
- Tania Duclos
- Oksana Dudko
- Janel Fergusson
- Nadya Foty-Oneschuk
- Fachrizar Halim
- Suzanne Hartman
- Chris Hrynkow
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- Anna Klimina
- Sarah Knudson
- Arul Kumaran
- David Lane
- John Liptay
- Susanne Guenther Loewen
- David McGrane
- Jeongeun Park
- Michael Poellet
- Alisha Pomazon
- Sarah Powrie
- Celene Sidloski
- Allison Smith
- Charles Smith
- Cynthia Wallace
- Josh Wallace
- Sharon Wright
- Zachary Yuzwa
- Hongbin Zhang

## St. Thomas More College Faculty Department Heads



**ENGLISH**  
Cynthia Wallace



**HISTORY**  
Zachary Yuzwa  
(Acting: July 1 '22 - June 30, '23)



**LANGUAGES, LITERATURES & CULTURAL STUDIES**  
Daniel Regnier



**PHILOSOPHY**  
John Liptay



**RELIGION & CULTURE**  
Alisha Pomazon



**ECONOMICS**  
Anna Klimina  
(Acting: Jan. 1 '23 - June 30 '23)



**POLITICAL STUDIES**  
Dave McGrane



**PSYCHOLOGY**  
Gerry Farthing



**SOCIOLOGY**  
Sarah Knudson

***Congratulations to all the award winners, honourable mentions and nominees for their fine work as teacher-scholars.***

## We love our STM Volunteers!

It's our pleasure to acknowledge and sincerely thank the many generous, caring STM volunteers who strengthen our community, care deeply about supporting students, bring light and joy to our work, and who inspire others to give in their own way. One of the volunteer groups serving our community is the STMNAA Advisory Group, and a few of the members have shared why they choose to give so generously of their time.



Left to right: Corinne Baumann, Madeleine Blais-Dahlem, Rae-Ann Dyck, Mary Donlevy-Konkin, Veronica Lucas, Sylvia Regnier, Dean Schmidt, Kari Sinkewicz (STM College staff representative)

"While I was at university, STM was more my home than my actual house was. I met most of my friends here; I studied, ate, socialized, and worshipped here. I volunteer with the STMNAA because I want to give back to a place which was instrumental in my formation, and because I hope to see STM continue to be a vibrant, welcoming place for students and alumni alike."

**Corinne Baumann,**  
 1983 STM Grad and Newman member

"I love the people! Authentic relationships with students are central to my work, so supporting alumni relations as a continuation of that just makes sense to me."

**Dean Schmidt,**  
 2005 STM Grad and Newman member  
 (2004-2005 Newman Executive President)

"I love STM because it's like a huge family that travels across the world. People who graduated from STM think of the world as a team, working together to make the world better across so many fields of work. I donate my time to the STMNAA because I want to make sure this College and the values it stands for continue forming young minds into people who will change the world."

**Veronica Lucas,**  
 2021 STM Grad and Newman member

"I volunteer my time in order to give back to the college that gave me so much when I was a student."

**Rae-Ann Dyck,**  
 2013 STM Grad

### MANY WAYS TO STAY ENGAGED WITH STM!

- **Volunteer** at STM College events throughout the year, including Orientation Week and on the STM Fall Gathering.
- **Mentor** an undergrad student or be available to chat with a member of an STM student group.
- **Become an active member** of the STM/Newman Alumni Association.
- **Take part** in surveys to guide the future direction of the College.
- **Be an advocate** and get involved in fundraising for the College! Contact Kari at [ksinkewicz@stmcollege.ca](mailto:ksinkewicz@stmcollege.ca)

### Quick connect



[stmcollege.ca/alumni/register.php](http://stmcollege.ca/alumni/register.php)

## Congratulations from the STMNAA on your convocation

As students, you faced challenges that no one else in history has — online learning! We are now able to gather and learn in person again, but the skills you learned while facing these unprecedented times will stay with you for the rest of your lives. Knowing how to effectively collaborate in digital environments and wrangle a curious pet during class without losing focus, are skills you will undoubtedly use in your future careers.

You have broadened your sense of identity as well as your sense of responsibility to each other and society while obtaining your liberal arts degree. You have developed the four C's

— critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, and communication. These abilities will transfer to any career you choose to pursue. I now work for the Ministry of Justice and have applied these skills and others I learned during my time at STM. Find your passion and go for it!

I not only received an education while at STM, but I was also a member of a community, where I always felt welcome, supported, and encouraged. These are experiences that I know continue to be shared by STM graduates today. You can be assured that the entire STM community will always be here to support and celebrate you.

You are now alumni! Congratulations! The learning and the fun don't end when you graduate. STM Newman Alumni Association welcomes you and encourages you to stay in touch with us and the College. Being involved in the STM community, even after graduation, offers countless ways to continue learning, build supportive relationships, and to be a leader in reconciliation, sustainability, and growth.

We wish you all the best as you move forward into a bright future.

Submitted by **Rae-Ann Dyck**



Dr. Lois Brockman made a very special legacy gift to STM College

## Gift of alumna Lois Brockman supports endowed professorship

*"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."*

— Audrey Hepburn

The entire community at St. Thomas More College is deeply grateful to our dear friend and 2004 Distinguished Alumna, Dr. Lois Brockman, for choosing to make a legacy gift to support the Endowed Professorship in Child Development.

The collective commitment to helping students reach their full potential has been the hallmark of the College for generations, and Lois's generosity in establishing the Endowed Professorship in Child Development illustrates how sincerely she valued this tradition.

Dr. Brockman's legacy will live on in our hearts and through the programming and activities of the Professorship.

In the area of psychology, we look forward to a future when STM will be known across the University of Saskatchewan campus for its expertise in child psychology because of the Professorship in Child Development Dr. Brockman established.

## YOUR LEGACY Through Planned Giving

Through STM's Planned Giving program you have the opportunity to make a special gift - a lifetime gift. For STM, a Planned Gift offers long-term stability which in turn allows us to plan into the future, ensuring the Catholic intellectual tradition will carry on in our hallways through future generations. Making a Planned Gift to STM allows you the possibility to establish your legacy or create a legacy for your loved ones, while also maximizing taxation benefits. And you can feel confident knowing that you are contributing to the vitality and growth of the College. There are many opportunities to establish a Planned Gift including:

**A Gift Today:** such as publicly traded securities that include stocks, bonds, GIC's or royalties, can be donated providing immediate benefit to STM with direct tax relief to you.

**A Gift for the Future:** through a bequest in your will, a life insurance policy, a gift of annuity or charitable remainder trust, you can help secure STM's financial health for the future, while benefiting from substantial tax incentives.

*Reflecting our past    Renewing our commitment    Building our future*

If you would like any further information or would like to discuss the various ways you can make a donation to STM part of your legacy, please contact:



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## Thank you for your generosity



**Alayna Jones**

On behalf of all members of the St. Thomas More College community, we are delighted to celebrate our dear friend and outstanding student volunteer, Alayna Jones, for sharing her touching story in the 2022 Christmas Letter.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for authoring the letter that inspired more than \$24,870 from our caring donors.

We are deeply grateful to every donor who chose to give in response to Alayna's letter to help fund the annual STM Scholarship and Bursary Awards and other STM programs. These caring Christmas donors are opening doors and creating pathways that help students reach the full measure of their humanity.

We are blessed to have such devoted partners in supporting students on their educational journey.

Save the Date!

*Annual Fall Gathering of alumni and friends*

Featuring: **Celebration of Distinguished Alumni**

Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023

## STM celebrates Queen's Jubilee Medal recipients

The Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal (QPJM) (Saskatchewan) was created to celebrate the 70th anniversary year of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Accession to the Throne, which began on February 6, 2022. The Medal recognizes outstanding Saskatchewanians who have contributed to a strong, vibrant society and province through their service, contributions, and achievements. Medals were awarded at ceremonies held throughout the province during the Platinum Jubilee year ending on February 23, 2023.

STM faculty and staff recognized as Jubilee Medal recipients are Fr. Andre Lalach, David McGrane, and President Still



- **Congratulations Fr. Andre Lalach**, STM Campus Minister, recognized this past December with a Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal (Saskatchewan). MLA Paul Merriman presented the medal.
- **Congratulations to Dr. David McGrane**, STM Political Studies professor and Department Head. Lt. Gov. Russ Mirasty presented the medal to David in recognition of his voluntary service in the areas of politics, trade unions, childcare, immigrant settlement, environmentalism, and coaching youth football.
- **Congratulations to President Carl Still**, recognized with a Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal (Saskatchewan). Tim McLeod, Provincial Secretary, Government of Saskatchewan presented the medal. Minister of Advanced Education Gordon Wyant was also in attendance at this special award presentation.

## Service to community hallmark of Rupcich sisters

by Paul Sinkewicz

It was 60 years ago that Margaret Rupcich-Ludlow earned her degree from St. Thomas More College.

After a lifetime of furthering her education, teaching high school, and consistently offering her time to her community, the alumna of the Class of 1963 was honoured recently with the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal.

Margaret, who was known as Peggy Rupcich during her years at STM, was recognized in her home community of Dartmouth, NS, for her generous volunteer work in her parish, locally and even internationally.

The commemorative medal was presented in honour of the 70th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's succession to the throne. It is awarded in each province to residents who have made significant contributions to Canada and their home province.

The Rupcich family can actually lay claim to two of the prestigious medals.

Peggy's sister, Ellen Schmeiser (Rupcich) – also an STM alumna – was awarded the honour in Saskatchewan in 2022 for her lifelong work in the legal profession and as an advocate for human rights.

Peggy actually earned two degrees while at



Nova Scotia MLA Tony Ince presents Margaret Rupcich-Ludlow with the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal

USask. She earned her BA in 1962 and her B.Ed in 1969. Later, she graduated with a M.Ed in 1984 from Dalhousie, and with her MA in 1985 from Saint Mary's University.

In 2019 she had been recognized by the Canadian Teachers' Federation with its International Program Volunteer Recognition

Award, presented to an outstanding individual for significant voluntary contributions to the development cooperative work of CTF and one or more of its partner organizations. Some of Ludlow's volunteer teaching assignments had been in Tanzania, St. Kitts, Nepal, Malawi, Liberia, Jordan, and Ghana.

Peggy still remembers the friendships she formed during her time at the school, and the comforts of having a place to worship and socialize.

"There was a little lunch canteen called Ulcers. That was always something great," she said. "We had shifts there for preparing the sandwiches at lunchtime."

"Also, of course, the Sunday morning Mass, and the breakfast gathering that we used to have. And it was just a place to hang out, really, for us Catholic students."

While she does sometimes miss the wide, open skies of the Prairies, Peggy is very happy in Nova Scotia where she has been for more than 50 years.

She raised four children in the Maritimes, and two of them still live nearby.

"So, this is home. This is where I taught for 27 years, so my colleagues and friends are here."

## Campaigns will fund two new Chairs at St. Thomas More College Together, we can achieve our goals and shape the future



STM Scholar in Indigenous Education Harry Lafond hosts *achimo 2022: Engaging Thought Stories*

In 2012, philanthropists Leslie and Irene Dubé donated \$1 million to establish the **Leslie and Irene Dubé Chair for Catholic Studies**.

In addition to serving students through high quality scholarship, the Chair will be an important and accessible resource for the broader Catholic community including Dioceses and Eparchies, Catholic schools and hospitals, Catholic and secular media, parishes, religious organizations, and individuals.

The scholarly work and leadership of the Chair will help distinguish the College's Catholic identity and strengthen its reputation as a leader in Catholic higher education in Canada. We have raised \$2.5 million towards our goal to fully fund the Chair.

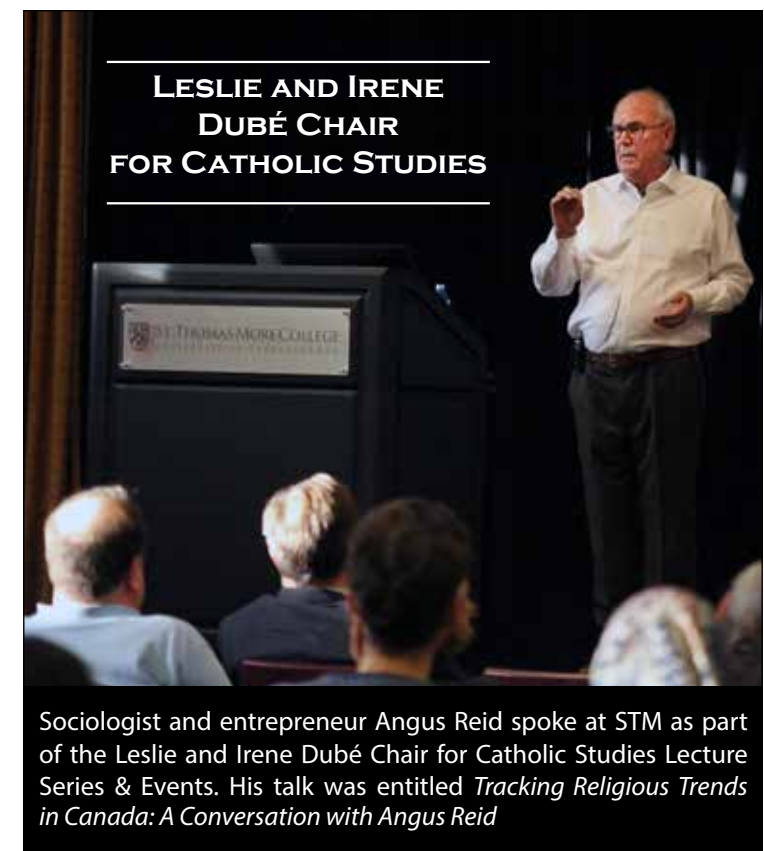
St. Thomas More College's ongoing commitment to reconciliation and Indigenous engagement has led to the creation of the **Chair in Indigenous Spirituality and Reconciliation** in 2016. This Chair is unique in the history of Western Canada.

The Chair will serve as an important forum for learning and respectful dialogue fostering the reclamation and elevation of Indigenous spirituality.

The hope and vision for the Chair in Indigenous Spirituality and Reconciliation is that it will set an example and build a model for implementation across the country. We have raised \$1.5 million to date toward this Chair.

We are committed to our goals to fully fund the **Leslie and Irene Dubé Chair for Catholic Studies**, and the **Chair in Indigenous Spirituality and Reconciliation** at St. Thomas More College.

Your financial support of these goals will have a transformative impact on the College, in our community, and beyond.



Sociologist and entrepreneur Angus Reid spoke at STM as part of the Leslie and Irene Dubé Chair for Catholic Studies Lecture Series & Events. His talk was entitled *Tracking Religious Trends in Canada: A Conversation with Angus Reid*

To learn more about how you can help, please contact:

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## EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW: GOING BACK TO IN PERSON EVENTS

by Michael MacLean

2022-2023 was an Academic year that held much wonder: I wonder if COVID will finally go away? I wonder if things will go back to normal? I wonder if we will truly get back to regular in-person events? Considering all these questions, STM Campus Ministry was determined to provide in-person offerings for students, staff and faculty that were ready to re-engage in events that looked a little bit closer to "the old days".

### Theology on Tap

The team found out immediately that others on campus had the same plan, which made Louis' challenging to book for in-person Theology on Tap sessions. When the pandemic hit, Theology on Tap moved on-line, and now the STM Campus Ministry YouTube channel is home to 12 different interviews on faith topics that were recorded between October 2020 and April 2022. With the decision to move back in to in-person events, having a space booked is paramount! The first session back at Louis' in the fall was a student presentation from Yash Tendulkar and Jyllenna Landry, two grad students who have been working with STM Psychology Professor Dr. Paulette Hunter. The title of the presentation was "The OG #Woke: Catholic Social Teaching", and they presented on research they did in the healthcare system, and care homes here in Saskatchewan. It was revealed that Catholic Social Teaching is indeed a gift to all in the healthcare system, and it was a gift to have students present on our first outing back in person!

### Newman Retreat

After the pandemic-imposed hiatus on in-person events, the Newman Retreat in Muenster at St. Peter's Abbey also returned this past Academic year. Organized by the Newman Centre, the annual retreat offered three days of reflection, relaxation, prayer and process. The retreat included sessions reflecting on participants' journeys: in life, in faith, through the pandemic, and at university. Newman Centre Executive members invited the STM Campus Ministry team to provide presentations on pilgrimage, prioritizing and prayer throughout the weekend. The weekend's theme, "The Return of the Retreat" allowed participants to reflect on how, during the past three years, we have moved forward and back, and made advances and returns. It was definitely a return to the tradition of travelling to St. Peter's Abbey for a weekend of faith, friends and fun...in January! The three days in Muenster were a time to get away from the regular day-to-day routine, and to have some time to rest, reflect and pray. And despite the cold, the chickadees were fed well by Newman retreatants.

### Theology on Tap Term II

There were two more sessions of Theology on Tap held this year, on January 25th, on "Learning your Love Language" with Sarah Donnelly from Queen's House, and on March 1st on "Living a Contemplative Life" with Fr. Kevin McGee. It is great to get back to the long-standing tradition of having a good discussion over a drink with your peers!

### Coffeehouse

In between the two sessions of Theology on Tap, STM saw the return of another long-standing institution, the Coffeehouse! Students, staff, faculty and alumni came together to put on the first STM Coffee House held since 2019. The return of the variety show was indeed most welcome. It was hosted by the Newman Club and other student groups with the support of Campus Ministry, and showcased the talents of Master of Ceremonies Adam Eichorst (featuring a number of bad, coffee-themed jokes), a new friend of the College, Lutfullah Naiemi, who is a recent arrival from Afghanistan and an accomplished juggler, former STM student James McBride, as stand-up comedian, Grade 11 student Sam Medernach, Political Studies professor Charles Smith, Celeste Woloschuk, Michael MacLean, Richard Medernach and the STM Campus Ministry team. Attendees got to hear jokes, watch juggling and hear selections like Justin Bieber's Love Yourself and Vance Joy's Riptide; Warbringers: Jaina; Folsom Prison Blues, I'm a Believer, Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da and the humorous romp Sweet Violets, which finished the evening with a laugh and sent everyone home smiling.

*The Academic year of 2022-2023 was a re-training in many ways, of getting back together and creating community the way STM has been doing it for over ninety years. If you have an in-person event you would like to see happen or help re-introduce, contact the Campus Ministry team at STM!*

### The STM Campus Ministry Team

are available to journey with you. Please send the team a note on Facebook or email them individually to set a time to meet electronically or in person:

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Celeste: cwoloschuk@stmcollege.ca  
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Gertrude: grompre@stmcollege.ca

## In Memoriam

### REMEMBERED WARMLY

Dwight Abernethy  
John Burton  
Harvey Chatlain  
Eric Hagemoen

Vivian Helgert  
Anthony Keck  
Ruth Dorean Strange Klaassen  
Theodore Koester

Valerie Kolla  
Louis Lapointe  
Neil MacDonald

Ellen Schmeiser  
Betty Sells  
Bill Yano

*Eternal rest grant onto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

# STM offers spiritual home to students

## Your donation to support STM Campus Ministry provides so much

My name is Emily Jung, and I am a second year Education student who transferred to the University of Saskatchewan in the fall of 2022. After spending two years in the small city of North Battleford during the pandemic, I was eager to get involved and integrate myself into the campus community. The St. Thomas More community was a welcoming environment that has been a great addition to my student experience. Furthermore, my involvement in the STM Peer Health Mentors program has provided me with wonderful opportunities to share my passion for mental health awareness.

As the only practicing Catholic in my family, I often struggled to continue in my faith. Most of my childhood friends who grew up Catholic did not continue in their faith as they grew older. As a result, my hope for moving to Saskatoon was that I would find a Catholic community where I could continue to deepen my faith.

STM chapel was the perfect place to do this. Due to its smaller size and convenient location, I was able to meet new people, lead the music ministry, and go to mass regularly. Everyone was extremely welcoming and open to talking about their faith. The loneliness I had felt in my faith journey was remedied by participating in events such as having pizza after mass and talking with campus ministers. Your donation today ensures that Campus Ministry can continue to support students on their path of discovery.

One of my goals as I transferred to the University of Saskatchewan was to get more involved on campus. Peer Health Mentors, a student group that looks to spread awareness about student health topics, piqued my interest. As a volunteer in this group, I help out with events relating to mental well-being, such as self-care workshops, game nights, informational sessions, and more. I also lead meditation sessions for support groups and student events on campus, and regularly write blog and Instagram posts as well. Not only do these volunteer opportunities allow me to meet new people, but they also serve as continuous reminders that taking care of my mental health is important.

Although I've only recently become a Peer Health Mentor at STM, I have found the experience incredibly rewarding. The Peer Health Mentor program at STM allows me to spread awareness about student health topics with the added element of spiritual health. The smaller number of members makes the group feel more close-knit and I feel more comfortable in sharing my ideas. A recent event I've been holding is "A Mindful Moment", which is a 30-minute session with a short discussion about mindfulness and a 10-minute guided meditation. Being an STM Peer Health Mentor provides me with a safe space to be myself, be creative, and help others. Your generous financial support of Campus Ministry, which leads the Peer Health program at STM, will have a profound impact on a student's experience and their long-term success in life.

STM Campus Ministry, the worshipping community, and the STM Peer Health program have provided me with opportunities to meet new people, explore my interests and be creative. But perhaps the most impactful benefit has been the sense of belonging I feel from these groups. As a transfer student, making friends in a new setting seemed



Emily Jung found a welcoming community at STM College

incredibly daunting. The programs at STM took me in with a welcome smile. These programs have transformed my university life into a fun, rewarding, and exciting experience.

Please support Campus Ministry at STM with a donation today.

With gratitude,

*Emily Jung*

### Thank you for your support!

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# STM Student Groups

<https://stmcollege.ca/study-here/student-clubs.php>

## Newman Sounds is back!



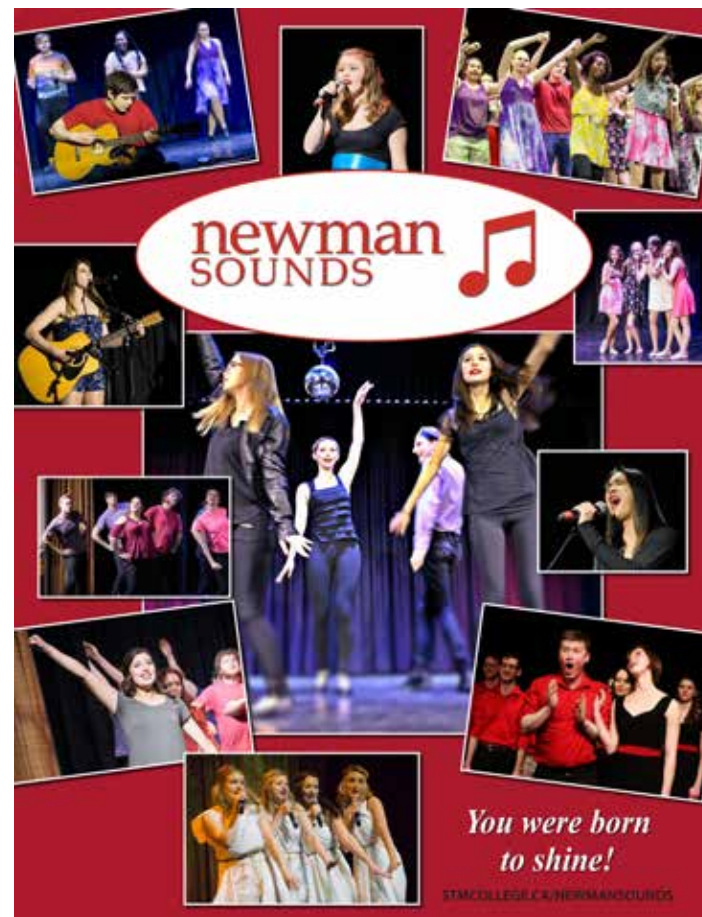
The Newman Sounds Glee Club returned in January after a forced absence of two years due to the pandemic.

Liz Whitbread is the new Music Director of the club, bringing with her extensive personal experience in church choir and community musical theatre. She has a degree in drama from the University of Winnipeg.

"My first year guiding the club was so much fun," said Whitbread. "Learning new music with the members and tackling some choreography was definitely challenging but they all absolutely crushed it. We all agreed on the first day to be patient with ourselves and with each other, and I think that really helped the club to feel like a safe place for everyone to learn and challenge themselves - including me!"

"The plan for the fall is to work towards a performance," Whitbread said. "Because this year was about getting things off the ground post-Covid, we weren't able to put together any kind of showcase or concert. But part of the fun of singing together is getting to show an audience what you've been doing. So that's the goal for next year."

For more information, or to express interest, please contact Music Director Liz Whitbread at [newmansounds@stmcollege.ca](mailto:newmansounds@stmcollege.ca)



This year, the **in medias res** board chose the theme "horizon," asking for submissions of poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and visual art inspired by either figurative or literal interpretations of the theme. This issue features work from undergraduates, graduates, alumni, staff, and faculty, with many pieces inspired by the land on which we live. On March 29th, the group held its launch party in the student lounge where contributors were invited to share their pieces with the crowd. Physical copies are located in stands around the college.

The digital version and previous issues are available at [stmcollege.ca/imr](http://stmcollege.ca/imr)



**IMR Board:**  
Abena Amankwah-Poku  
Emily Zbaraschuk  
Jenna Roesch  
Toni Safinuk

**Not pictured:**  
Alexandra Currie  
Rahul Edwin  
Linda Huard  
(Staff Mentor)



### St. Thomas More Students' Union [stmsu.ca](http://stmsu.ca)

STMSU is made up of an Executive and members-at-large. STMSU represents STM students and their views to the college and the greater campus community. All STM students are welcome to get involved in their work and attend the socials they host.

For more information or to join as a member at large please contact [vpcommunications@stmsu.ca](mailto:vpcommunications@stmsu.ca)

Elections took place March 29, 2023  
The Executive Council for the 2023-2024 academic year is as follows:

**2023-2024 STMSU Executive**  
President – Abbi Cross  
VP Operations and Finance – Gillian Skjei  
VP Communications – Angelica Rutkowski  
Director of Events – Jeffrey Wortman



Director Richard Medernach is inviting all would-be thespians to plan to audition in September for 'The Tell-Tale Farce.'

Described as a comedy of mistaken identity and romance, with a little Edgar Allan Poe thrown in.

Performers of all experience levels are needed for parts large and small.

Performances are set for November.

For more information please contact [rmedernach@stmcollege.ca](mailto:rmedernach@stmcollege.ca)



## STM Career-Readiness Student Event



STM was very pleased to present the second annual 'Career-Readiness' event to support students preparing for the workforce post University. With this year's addition of Alumnus and Board member Jason Aebig, CEO Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce, it was a valuable

session for all to hear firsthand the skills today's employers are seeking in new graduates/prospective employees. USask Career Educator Roberta Braid was also on hand, supporting how to best articulate skills acquired over the college years.

For more information and support for career planning, please contact STM Student Services **306-966-8900**

## Stepping up to help remove obstacles to Education



by Jacquie Berg

Lise LeBlanc

Lise LeBlanc knows first-hand that raising children as a single parent can often mean having to miss out on opportunities due to family and financial priorities. For some, this includes the chance to attend University.

"I'm now in a financial position to donate and I feel it is my moral obligation to step up and help others where I can," said LeBlanc.

St. Thomas More College (STM) is grateful to Lise for her generosity and empathy expressed through the establishment of the *Lise LeBlanc Single Parent Bursary Fund* - annually supporting single parents in need of financial assistance to pursue or continue their post-secondary education goals.

"I chose to give to STM for several reasons," said LeBlanc. "Both of my brothers received scholarships through STM to support their education, and having worked at the College for seven years when my own children were small, I had the chance to witness and appreciate the good work of faculty in the College engaging with students, along with the overall positive community experience. Many good friendships were forged during that first stage in my career."

"There are also so many options in Liberal Arts offerings to apply towards a degree or simply to benefit your own education," said LeBlanc.

LeBlanc continues to lead and work on various initiatives in support of community members. "Millennials need to recognize that we are the adults now, and we need to contribute to society in whatever ways work for us".

On behalf of students at St. Thomas More College - Thank you, Lise.

**For Information on STM Scholarship and Bursary Opportunities**

<https://stmcollege.ca/student-awards>



# Class Snapshots

The best course recommendations come from those who've experienced the classes first-hand. This year, professors invited Linda Huard, STM's Recruitment Officer and Academic Advisor, to sit in on unique lectures to get a feeling for the classes we offer at the College. She listened to students presenting in French, learned about the deeper meaning behind images in children's literature, and saw students participate in a life-sized board game focusing on social issues.



Henri Biahé French 218; Dr. Kylee-Anne Hingston English 230; Dr. Heather Peters, Introduction to Peace Studies CPSJ 112.



ENG 230  
Literature for Children



CPSJ 112  
Intro to Peace Studies

## STM Professor Guest Lectures in Saskatoon High schools:



STM Recruitment continues to offer guest lecture opportunities by our College professors to Saskatoon high schools. Recruitment Officer Linda Huard coordinated a recent visit to Holy Cross high school where Political Studies professor Dr. Charles Smith engaged the history class with questions like "What does liberty mean?"

Thank you to the following STM faculty who volunteered to participate in this initiative:

- Caroline Arbuckle
- Henri Biahé
- Michael Cichon
- Chris Hrynkow
- Saeed Moshiri
- Charles Smith

## Senator Sol Sanderson

STM's *Authentic Indigenization Working Group* sponsored Senator Sol Sanderson as a guest presenter for St. Thomas More College (STM) classes.

Senator Sanderson provided several individual class presentations this spring. It was a great opportunity to incorporate a respected Indigenous leader to share a wide range of political, social and research work that provides a unique perspective on the Canadian story from the late 1960's to the present. His presentations were said to challenge the colonial status quo and provide options of reconciliation for the future.

Thank you Sol Sanderson!

Senator Sol Sanderson and STM Professor Daniel Regnier



## Marta Krueger Connections



Marta Krueger's exhibition "Connections", on display in the STM Gallery this spring, took her deeply personal exploration to another level with a collection of paintings that went to the root of her identity.

"Connections is a body of work that focuses on expressing the visual elements that define what it means to me to be Ukrainian," said Krueger. "In the winter term of 2022, I took a special topics course that focused on Ukrainian Folklore and Ethnic identity. In this class, I discovered that I have always expressed my connections to my Ukrainian heritage through visual art."

Krueger also served as the co-president of the University of Saskatchewan Ukrainian Students' Association.

*Marta will receive her Bachelor of Fine Arts Honours degree, with a minor in Psychology spring 2023.*



## STM at a Glance

2022-2023 (most recent data)

**235+** ARTS & SCIENCE COURSE OPTIONS (open to all USask students)

**20** AREAS OF STUDY

**72** FACULTY (Tenure, tenure-stream, term, sessional)

**5500+** distinct STUDENTS (registered in courses through STM)

**1400+** STM STUDENTS (declared STM status)

**1173** (3CU) Indigenous STUDENTS (declared status STM courses registered in)

**528** International STUDENTS (declared status registered in STM courses)

**\$225,000+** STM Scholarships & Bursaries available

**10,000+** STM Alumni (approx. since 1936)

**57,200** STM COLLEGE.CA Website users May 1, 2022 - April 21, 2023

## 2022/2023 STM SCHOLARSHIPS

### ENTERING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

#### **Kramer Scholarship**

Joseph Intia

#### **Reverend Edwin Kline CSB Entrance Scholarship**

Chantelle Remlinger

#### **Russ and Sharon Aney First Year Scholarship Award**

Sophie Brown

#### **STM College Indigenous Entering Student Scholarships**

Tyler Martin, Breanna Tremblay

#### **St. Thomas More College First Year Scholarship**

Beatrice Calfoforo

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

Spencer Bouthillette, Aena Chauhan, Munazza Jahan, Faith Kasprick, Francine Pajarda, Alaafia Plumptre, Julia Regier, Thea Repotente

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

Sophie Brown, Jaron Hautz, Mia Johnston

#### **Marie Stack First Year Student Scholarship**

Thea Repotente

### TRANSFER OR RETURNING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

#### **STM Transfer or Returning Student Scholarship**

Hannah Vaughan-Farrell

### CONTINUING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

#### **Hinz/Teunissen Memorial Scholarship**

Megan Gorsalitz

#### **Henry and Agnes Brockman Scholarship**

Tessa Koeberlin

#### **Rose Semko Hrynychuk Scholarship**

Marta Krueger

#### **Sisters of Our Lady of the Cross Renewable Scholarships**

Elisabeth Bauman, Erin Paulhus

#### **Russ and Sharon Aney Continuing Scholarship Award**

Julia Morelli

#### **Jeannette Tetreault Scholarship**

Aida Bock

#### **Evelyn Burkitt Scholarships**

Abbi Cross, Angelica Rutkowski

#### **Council 1517 George Mackey Foundation Scholarship**

Shahane Tamrazyan

#### **Batten Scholarship**

Emjay Koller

#### **Christopher Dawson Scholarships**

Nathan Baillie, Michelle Gall

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#### **Thomas Deis '38 Pioneers of Saskatchewan Scholarship**

Christine Kwon

#### **Dielschneider Aboriginal Scholarship**

Quinn Brown

#### **Terrence & Margaret Downey Scholarship**

Aysha Aziz

#### **Founding Fathers Scholarship**

Madison DeCorby

#### **Wilfrid and Sylvia Hinz Family Award**

Yehia El Karsh

#### **Ezekiel-Marche Scholarship Award**

Bailey Schaan

#### **Sisters of Our Lady of the Cross Catholic Studies Scholarship**

Victoria Guenter

#### **St. Thomas More College Leadership Awards**

Abbi Cross, Adam Eichorst, Joi Ines, Alayna Jones

#### **St. Thomas More College Faculty Union Scholarship**

Joi Ines

#### **Cornelius and Rosallie Woloschuk Scholarship**

Alayna Jones

#### **Maureen Haynes Catholic Studies Scholarships**

Nick Rawlyk, Alex Galindo Barrones

#### **John and Elizabeth Kaufmann Scholarship**

Kurt Loescher

#### **Roy E. Lloyd Scholarship**

Saman Chughtai

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

Alex Kildaw – 114, Elina Schwarz– 114, Lesia Thachuk – 114,  
Wil Kushniryk – 117, Katherina Siomin – 117, Isabelle Steppan – 117

#### **Rose Voytilla Scholarship**

Pio Aguilar

#### **Basilian Scholar Awards**

Elisabeth Bauman, Alayna Jones

### USASK UKRAINIAN AWARDS Administered by STM

#### **Steven and Katherine Kirstiuk Bursary**

Naomi Wirsta

#### **Annie Palynchuk Scholarship**

Naomi Wirsta

#### **Stephen J. Porayko Scholarship**

Wil Kushniryk

#### **Michael Sytnick Scholarship**

Wil Kushniryk

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and bursaries to our students!**

### ENGAGED LEARNING SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

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

Ava Bahrey, Callie Bennett, Carter Borsa, Olivia Brockhoff, Ana Cabral, Shannen Carlos, Ratchel Chakanza, Antonette Ecijan, Anna Mccullough, Aliyah Pasia, Thea Repotente, Patrick Sarmiento, Breanna Tremblay

#### **St. Thomas More College Service & Justice Awards**

Joi Ines, Christine Kwon, Melissa Lazurko, Jacqueline Morris, Julie Mwendanga

## 2022/2023 BURSARY AWARDS

### ENTERING STUDENT BURSARIES

#### **Margaret C. Dutli Award**

Donor: Margaret C. Dutli – 1@\$500

#### **Matt and Beth Hertz Bursary**

Donor: Matthew and Elizabeth Hertz – 1@\$3,000

#### **Christine Hudek Bursary**

Donor: Mr. Edward Hudek – 1@\$500

#### **Jenny Korolewich Bursary**

Donor: Descendants of Jenny Korolewich – 1@\$1,200

#### **Nasser Family Award**

Donor: Dr. Kay and Mrs. Dora Nasser – 1@\$1,000

### TRANSFER OR RETURNING STUDENT BURSARIES

#### **STM College Transfer or Returning Student Bursary**

Donor: Friends of St. Thomas More College – 1@\$1,000

### CONTINUING STUDENT BURSARIES

#### **Aulea Arsenault Bursary**

Donor: Estate of Auléa Arseneault – 2@\$1,000

#### **Robert and Florence Cowan Bursary**

Donor: Florence Cowan – 1@\$2,500

#### **Elizabeth Doktor Engaged Learning Award**

Donor: Elizabeth Doktor – 1@\$1,250

#### **Anne Phelan DeCoteau Bursary**

Donor: Dr. Earl DeCoteau and family, in memory of Anne Phelan DeCoteau – 1@\$1,000

#### **GSU (Grain & General Services Union) Bursary**

Donor: Grain & General Services Union – 1@\$2,000

#### **Wilfrid and Sylvia Hinz Family Bursary**

Donor: Sylvia Hinz – 1@\$1,000

#### **McNeill Hunt Bursary**

Donor: Leonore Hunt – 1@\$1,500

#### **Knights of Columbus Bursary**

Donor: Saskatoon Chapter Knights of Columbus – 1@\$500

#### **Jenny Korolewich Bursary**

Donor: Descendants of Jenny Korolewich – 1@\$1,200

#### **Mary and Nicholas Lucyshyn Bursary**

Donor: The Lucyshyn family, in memory and honour of Nick and Mary Lucyshyn – 1@\$1,000

#### **Nasser Family Award**

Donor: Dr. Kay and Mrs. Dora Nasser – 1@\$1,000

#### **Lorne and Elizabeth Parker Bursary**

Donor: Mr. Lorne and Mrs. Elizabeth Parker – 1@\$1,000

#### **Anthony and Anita (nee Dobson) Riffel Bursary Award**

Donor: Anthony and Anita Riffel – 1@\$5,000

#### **Peter Harold Richlark Bursary**

Donor: Mr. Wally Richlark – 2@\$1,000

#### **Herman and Myrna Rolfes Bursary**

Donor: Herman and Myrna Rolfes – 1@\$1,000

#### **Saskatchewan K of C Charitable Foundation Adrienne & Mervyn Welter Endowment Bursary**

Donor: Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation – 2@\$1,000

#### **Sisters of Our Lady of the Cross Catholic Studies Bursary**

Donor: Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambéry – 1@\$1,500

#### **Sisters of Our Lady of the Cross International Student Bursary**

Donor: Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambéry – 1@\$3,000

#### **STM College Faculty Union Bursary**

Donor: STM Faculty Union – 1@\$1,000

#### **Peter Zakreski Memorial Bursary Award**

Donor: 1989 Jeux Canada Games Foundation – 1@\$1,000

#### **STM College Bursary**

Donor: Friends of St. Thomas More College – 14 of varying amounts (\$15,000 total)

#### **STM College International Student Bursary**

Donor: Friends of St. Thomas More College – 1@\$3,000

### INDIGENOUS STUDENT BURSARIES

#### **Dielschneider Aboriginal Bursary**

Donor: Peter Dielschneider – 2@\$1,000

#### **STM College Indigenous Continuing Student Bursary**

Donor: Friends of St. Thomas More College – 8@ \$1,500

#### **Northern Indigenous Student Access Bursary**

Donor: STM Community – 1@\$1,000

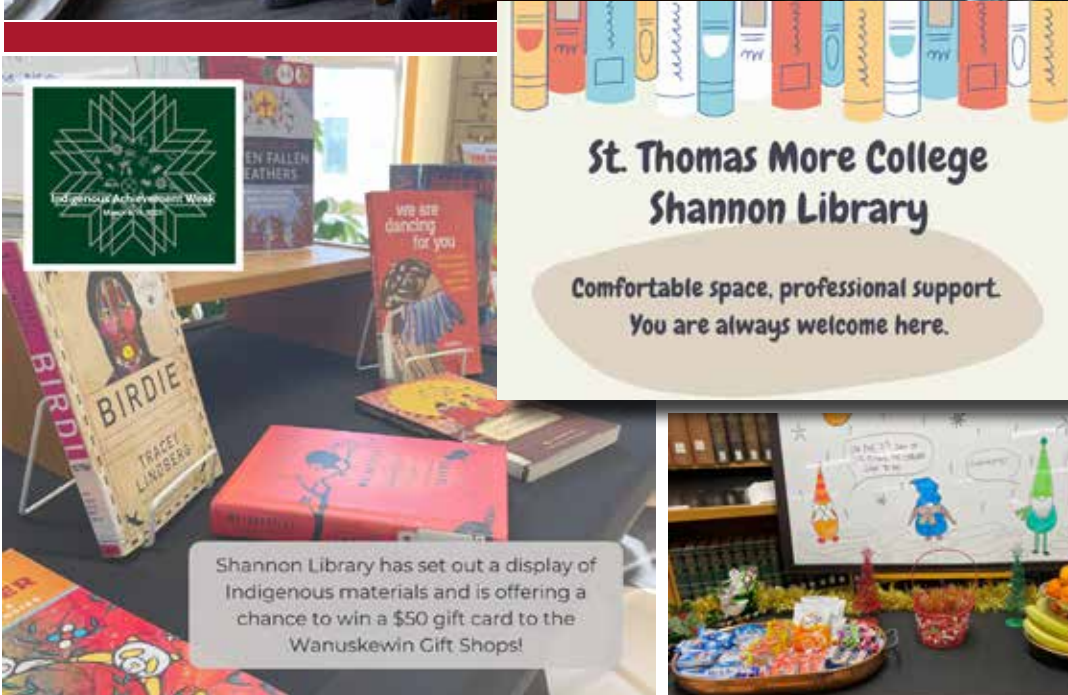
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**STUDENTS** - Information about scholarships and bursaries is online at: [stmcollege.ca/awards](http://stmcollege.ca/awards)

**Awards applications are due Oct. 1, 2023**



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Visit Shannon Library at STM for the resources (includes over 57,000 volumes and 150 journals and magazines), great study space, computer lab access, helpful staff, and of course check in for student contests, and snack and beverage offerings!



**THANK YOU!**  
**FR. PAUL FACHET, O.M.I.**  
 for the donation of over 150 books for the Shannon Library at STM.

### STM Faculty Recent Research Success



**Paulette Hunter**, SHRF Research Connections Grant, "Developing a website to mobilize knowledge in support of palliative and continuing care". \$10,000. 2023-2024. This website will share the work of the Care Collaboratory, a research team based at St. Thomas More College at the University of Saskatchewan. The website will help them communicate their identity, values, approach, and work with healthcare stakeholders in the community.

**Jeongeun Park** is a co-researcher on an AKS (Academy of Korean Studies) Laboratory Program Grant for Korean Studies for a project titled "The Layers of Korean Buddhism: Dynamics of its Ideals and Practice in Chosŏn and Colonial Korea." This research will explore the dynamics of ideals and practice that unfolded in Korean Buddhism including the changes surrounding monastic families and clerical marriage, challenging prevailing assumptions about matters of monastic code. The project will run from 2022-2025 and the project director is Dr. Nam-lin Hur of the University of British Columbia.

### New Faculty Publications

#### Books

**Sharon Wright and Frank Klaassen.** *Everyday Magicians: Legal Records and Magic Manuscripts from Tudor England.* Penn State University Press, 2022.

#### Articles and Chapters

**Moshiri, S., Østenstad G. and Wessel N. Vermeulen W. N.** (2023). Manufacturing in a Natural Resource Based Economy: Evidence from Canadian Plants. *The Energy Journal*, vol 44 (1). 269-295.

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### STM Long Service Awards 2023

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# Many Hands Needed for a New Start

by Linda Huard



Many hands make light work, as the saying goes. And when a hand is needed, folks at STM are quick to lend it. Nearly a year ago, the Mennonite Central Committee reached out, asking for volunteers to help resettle an Afghan refugee forced to leave his home when the Taliban took control of his country. Gertrude Rompré, Kari and Paul Sinkewicz, Kylee-Anne Hingston, and Linda Huard formed the group *Many Hands*, getting together to see how they could help Lutfullah start over in Canada.

As newbies to the work of resettlement, there has been a steep learning curve and challenges to overcome for the group. While there are many exceptional supports for services, like *Global Gathering Place* and *Saskatoon Open Door Society*, following the proper channels can be confusing and arduous. Waiting has been one of the toughest challenges- waiting on one form to complete another, waiting to hear about available services, etc. The group also had significant waiting to do regarding Lutfullah's arrival. In July 2022, Lutfullah was on the runway, ready to leave Pakistan to journey to Canada, when the flight was cancelled. It would take until the end of October before he would arrive at the Saskatoon airport.

As long as the wait felt for the team, it must have felt much longer for Lutfullah, who is ambitious and hardworking. Back in Afghanistan, Lutfullah had begun a non-profit focusing on the environment and the rights of women and girls. He is also a talented juggler and participated in international competitions. Further, using his performance and artistic skills, he worked with orphans in Cambodia, teaching them to paint and juggle. Lutfullah also holds a degree in computer science. He now works for the Boys and Girls Club, and is looking to advance his education.

Participating in the resettlement process has given the team insight into the obstacles that newcomers experience. Seeing firsthand a life interrupted, the struggle to start over with limited resources, and the barriers that inhibit momentum, generates empathy. If more people could reflect on the life-altering situation refugees experience in their new country, perhaps they would offer more patience to people trying to make their way in a foreign place. Many newcomers are overqualified for the jobs they end up working because their skills and training aren't recognized. Until more is done to rectify this, it will remain difficult for newcomers to reach their potential in their new communities.

With the arrival of spring, it is a time for hope, and there is hope in knowing that many hands are contributing to making Saskatoon a welcoming place. *Many Hands* looks forward to introducing Lutfullah to friendlier weather and a Saskatoon summer full of new experiences.

*Many Hands* is a volunteer group made up of coworkers from STM. One of the current challenges *Many Hands* faces is the rising cost of living depleting the money meant to last for Lutfullah's first year in Canada. If you'd like to lend a hand, donations would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact [manyhands2022@gmail.com](mailto:manyhands2022@gmail.com) for more information.

# STM celebrates Christian Unity

by Celeste Woloschuk

On January 24, 2023, STM Campus Ministry hosted the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ecumenical worship service in the STM Chapel. *The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* is an annual event, spanning an entire week, during which we, as Christians, reflect on our history, celebrate moments of dialogue and collective action, and work and pray together for the healing of divisions and strengthened unity.

The service brought together the Christian Colleges on the USask Campus - STM and the members of the Saskatoon Theological Union (St. Andrew's College, The College of Emmanuel and St. Chad, and the Lutheran Theological Seminary) (STU). Drawing on resources prepared by the Minnesota Council of Churches and distributed worldwide by the World Council of Churches, the organizing body called us to reflect on the theme: "Do good; seek justice" (Isaiah 1:17).

Prayers, scripture, and music brought us together – those in person and those joining the live-stream online - to seek forgiveness and deeper relationships as Christians working for reconciliation in our country. The reading of The Orange Shirt Story was a particularly poignant moment in which we heard the experience of the author, Phyllis Webstad, as she encountered the Residential School System.



The work for Christian unity and the collaboration between the Christian Colleges on campus is not contained to one week every year. Ecumenical and multifaith engagement is a vital way we as a Catholic College show our hospitality and commitment to the Gospel and example of Jesus, who prayed that we may all be one (John 17:21). It is an ongoing process, the fruits of which we will also see this coming June 20th-22nd in the conference *decolonizing our churches, re-weaving our lives: experience, reflection, transformation* – a joint effort between STM and the STU.

## decolonizing our churches, re-weaving our lives: experience, reflection, transformation

"Four Colleges Summer Conference" to be held in Saskatoon June 20 through 22, 2023

hosted by STM and the Saskatoon Theological Union  
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The nomination packages will be developed and finalized by the Distinguished Alumni Adjudication committee by mid-July every year.

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