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## **Marianopolis students honour one of their own: Crystal Ball creates glamorous soiree to support sarcoma research**

Marianopolis College students have organized a glitzy night of dancing, gourmet food and a silent auction in an effort to support a sarcoma research fund begun by a former student who succumbed to that form of cancer.

At 16, Olivier Vourantonis '01 was diagnosed with sarcoma. Thanks to a bone marrow transplant, chemotherapy and perseverance, he outlived his doctors' expectations by 13 years, finished high school and graduated with a DEC in Science in 2001. He died on December 8, 2008.

"Every penny we raise, we will donate to the fund dedicated to sarcoma research that Olivier started at the Montreal General Hospital," said Rebecca Brosseau, a first-year student helping to organize this year's Crystal Ball.

The Crystal Ball starts with appetizers at 5 p.m. Friday, May 29 at the Place d'Armes Hotel, 55 St. Jacques St. West. Dinner is at 6 p.m. A live DJ will spin and Juno Award winner Antoine Gratton '98 will play, as part of Marianopolis alumni band The Potholes.

Tickets are \$60 for students, \$55 for a table of eight. To purchase them, contact [marianopolis.crystalball@gmail.com](mailto:marianopolis.crystalball@gmail.com), (514) 931-8792 ext. 293.

Recognized as one of Quebec's top pre-university colleges, Marianopolis boasts a diverse student body comprised of 1,800 students from over 165 public and private high schools, English and French, from Quebec and abroad. It is marking its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

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