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Message from the Director General
Technology for the interactive classroom
Anneliese Papaurelis ’88

Students and faculty can look forward to new resources this year as the second generation of technology podiums is slated for deployment at the beginning of 2013. Product of a collaborative design team including Marianopolis IT professionals, instructional designers, faculty and staff, the WIFI-enabled and fully networked multipurpose desk houses a CPU, screen, document camera, telephone, high-resolution widescreen projector, dual DVD-VHS player, speakers, Apple TV and is managed by a Crestron signal control system. With such a variety of resources available in one unit, teachers will be free to incorporate more interactive methods as well as have access to traditional classroom technologies.

At a cost of $12,000 per unit, this ambitious project is a perfect opportunity for corporations or individuals who want to see their gift to The Marianopolis Millennium Foundation make a direct impact in the classroom. Director of IT David Wells ’79 expressed: “We try to design the classroom so that all teachers can effectively use the room and this includes both teachers who want state of the art technology and those who prefer more traditional tools. We want to support quality teaching and learning, not just teaching and learning that involves technology.” The prototype is on display in the rotunda and those interested in booking a demonstration should contact Barth Gillan at b.gillan@marianopolis.edu or 514.931.8792 ext. 205.

Save the date: September 29 Heritage Walk to raise money for student
Kathryn Haralambous

Alumni and Marianopolis families are invited to join the Marianopolis College community on the morning of Saturday, September 29 for Heritage Walk. Walkers and runners will leave 4873 Westmount Ave. at 11 a.m. and make their way to the Marguerite Bourgeoys Museum in the Old Port.

Every dollar raised will go toward supporting deserving Marianopolis students. Every step taken on the 9-kilometre route will lead to the campuses that the College has called home. There are many ways to get involved: you may volunteer to staff a comfort station along the way; walk, relay or run all or a part of the walk; or cheer on participants.

As it winds its way along the buildings that Marianopolis has called home, Heritage Walk promises to be a moving experience, as well as a fun way to spend a Saturday morning with Marianopolis friends, all in support of students in need. marianopolis.edu/heritagewalk
New and now

When Linda Gualdi '87 addressed the Class of 2012 on June 14, she encouraged graduates that "whatever the field of studies you choose and the profession you decide to pursue, never stop following your passions, listening to your inner self and being true to your principles." This was Sister Susan Cleevley’s last convocation in attendance as Academic Dean of Marianopolis College. From 1996 to 2012, Sister Cleevley worked tirelessly to enrich the lives of the students. Giving credit to the many faculty, department chairs, administrators and leaders with whom she worked during her tenure as Dean, Sister Cleevley expressed gratitude and admiration for their contributions to the academic leadership of Marianopolis.

More resources for students in need
Pamela Sherwin ’88

Financial Aid at Marianopolis comes in many forms and helps students succeed. In addition to the many bursaries, scholarships and prizes offered by The Marianopolis Millennium Foundation, students can apply for additional aid (examples of some awards are listed below) with the assistance of Pamela Sherwin in room A-123.

Association quebecoise des étudiants ayant des incapacités au postsecondaires (AQEIPS) offers two scholarships of $5,000, one of which is reserved for a student living with a permanent disability. Applicants must be enrolled in full-time studies at a Canadian post-secondary school in the 2012-13 academic year. Students taking a reduced course load due to a disability may also be eligible. Applicants must write an essay which will be evaluated for creativity, clarity of thought, feasibility of ideas, and personal experiences. Deadline: June 26, 2012.

McGraw-Hill Ryerson Student Scholarship Award consists of 20 scholarships valued at $1,000 each for full-time students enrolled in an accredited Canadian college or university between June 1, 2011 – May 31, 2012. Candidates must have a record of school involvement that has enhanced the success of peers and professors, and demonstrate leadership, integrity and respect for others. Deadline: June 30, 2012.

Fondation canado-haitienne pour la promotion de l’excellence en education (FOCHAPP) annually awards two scholarships ranging from $600-$800 to CEGEP students of Haitian descent. Applicants must supply a letter of intent and have a minimum overall average of 80%. Deadline: July 31, 2012.

The Canadian Italian Business and Professional Association (CIBPA) offers bursaries ranging from $2,000-$4,000 to students who are Quebec residents of Italian origin and enrolled full-time in undergraduate or graduate university programs. Selection criteria include academic achievement and financial need. CIBPA also awards a limited number of Meritorious Bursaries which are based on academic merit alone. Deadline: September 30, 2012.

The Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation provides many scholarship opportunities. A maximum of 30 CEGEP graduates will be selected to receive a Loran Award, which waives the university tuition fees of the winners. The Loran Awards, renewable for up to four years, include a stipend of $9,000, access to funding and internships through the foundation’s summer program and networking and mentorship opportunities. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative average of 85%, strong moral character demonstrated through commitment to service and leadership in school and in the wider community. The Loran Finalist Award, which is a one-time award of $3,000, is given to 42 finalists. Finally, 40 semi-finalists will receive the $2,000 Loran Provincial Award as a non-renewable gift. Deadlines: October 17, 2012 for Sponsored Applications, October 24, 2012 for Direct Pool Applications.◊
Lifelong learning inspires generosity
Barth Gillan

In 2010, The Marianopolis Millennium Foundation supported the Director General’s new scholarships and awarded ten entrance scholarships based on academic merit to incoming students. In 2011, the Foundation pledged to renew each scholarship into the recipient’s second year. Now, the Foundation is pleased to announce that the Malouf family is partnering with Marianopolis to support the Director General’s Merit Scholarships with a generous donation from the Malouf Family Fund to provide a year’s tuition for an eligible student.

The Malouf family has many ties with Marianopolis: Peter Malouf has been on the Board of Governors since 2005, and is presently serving as Chair of the Board. His wife, Carol Rossy Malouf ’79 is a former director of The Marianopolis Millennium Foundation and volunteer for the centennial gala and two of their children have also attended Marianopolis (Christopher ’13 is currently studying Commerce and Patrick graduated in 2007).

The family’s motivation springs from a desire to make the best type of education accessible to any deserving student, especially if they cannot afford a Marianopolis education on their own. Peter is a lifelong learner, and wants to encourage this attitude in young people. In choosing to support the youth of Quebec with accessible education, he hopes to encourage them to do their best in their studies, succeed and contribute back to Quebec society in their own right.

New partnership brings alumni benefits
Anneliese Papaurelis ’88

The Marianopolis College Alumni Association has joined forces with Allstate Insurance Company of Canada to offer alumni a special group rate on home and auto insurance through the Good Hands Group Insurance® program. Marc Brownlee ’01 set the wheels in motion this past spring when he introduced Development Office staff to Allstate representatives Mario Galante and Franco Iacampo, also a new Marianopolis parent! Beginning in June 2012, all Marianopolis alumni, and their spouses and dependents, will have access to preferred group rates* and additionally, Allstate has generously committed to support student financial aid through The Marianopolis Millennium Foundation. ◊

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Honouring student excellence
Barth Gillan

On June 19 over 100 parents and students gathered together with Len Even, Director General, Peter Malouf, Chair of the Board of Governors, Don Taddeo, Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors and Jill de Villafranca, Chair of The Marianopolis Millennium Foundation to celebrate excellence at Marianopolis. The families of all major scholarship winners, elite athletes and nominees of the Student Life Awards were invited to meet the Director General and celebrate the end of the year. Alumna Annelise Miller ’07 talked about how Marianopolis prepared her for the challenges of juggling medical studies at McGill University with time commitments as a yoga instructor, triathlon competitor, musician and volunteer and encouraged students to continue to stretch themselves to achieve great things. David Wells ’79, Director of Information Technology Services, introduced the group to the new learning podiums that will be phased into Marianopolis classrooms over the coming years (Read more on page 4). This was the inaugural Celebration of Excellence cocktail and plans are already underway to repeat this highly successful event!♡

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Andrew Rossy ’13
Keelan Marks ’13
Samuel Hodkod ’13
Nubia Beckley-Delage ’13
Jessica Bernardo ’13

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
Eric Abravnovitz ’13
Ronald Baxter ’13
Henry Bien ’14
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Jamie Eichenbaum ’13
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Arieh Gomolin ’13
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Tyler Cannon ’13
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Alexandre Cheng ’12
Koray Demir ’13
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Excellence is found in every program and discipline, and these are just a few of the students who were recognized for their contribution to Marianopolis on June 19.
Few of us may face the pressure to perform on the international stage, but this Olympian’s advice applies also to facing the pressures of life: “Just be true to yourself, enjoy the moment, smile, breathe.”
From Beaconsfield to Beijing and oceans in between

Amy Reiswig ’92

From Beaconsfield to Beijing and oceans in between, Marianopolis alumna and Olympic swimmer Stephanie Horner ’08 has seen the world from a unique vantage point. She has also seen her share of success in competition. She won her first national medal, a bronze, at age 15 during the 2005 World Championships Trials, and has added three gold medals (2007 Spring National Championships in Victoria), three silver and two bronze (2007 Pan American Games in Rio) to her impressive swimming CV. While she didn’t medal in Beijing, she set the Canadian record in two events. Now gearing up for her second Olympics, in London this summer, Horner notes that past success doesn’t mean things come easily, and for her, that’s precisely part of the fun.

I caught Horner in a rare moment of rest in Victoria, B.C., where she’s been living for the past two years to train with Coach Randy Bennett at the Victoria Academy of Swimming. Constantly on the go to places like Arizona, California or Hawaii for training, Horner nostalgically notes that “home is still Montreal.” She admits that jet-setting is not just exciting but is itself part of the training because it constantly tests one’s ability to adapt.

Adaptability is one of the Horner’s key qualities. After competing in the 200 m freestyle, 200 m butterfly, 400 m freestyle and 4 x 200 freestyle relay at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, Horner experienced some coaching setbacks and did not compete at all during the 2009-10 season. But for the uber-energetic Horner, giving up on the dream of a second Olympics was not an option. “I just love challenges! When I start something, I finish it,” she says decisively.

So she channelled disappointment into determination, versatility into victory, and the theme of her last few years has been: re-invent. “My goal this year was to secure a spot on the Olympic team. When I moved to Victoria to work with Randy, he trained me for my Canadian record events, but just so happened that I peaked in a different event. Growing up, I was taught to swim every stroke, every distance, which allows for more versatility,” she explains. “For the past two years I’ve been trying to get back to where I was, to get back to my Canadian record times and events, but it takes time and I am patient.”

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The ability to view continuous learning and change as fun, and then the ability to leverage this fun as fuel, is part of what has made Horner what she is now: a two-time Olympian. And what does that mean to her? “They say that once you’re an Olympian, you’re always an Olympian. I wear my swimming cap, my maple leaf, with pride. It’s a powerful message, representing your country… and representing all of the people who support me. I could never do it by myself.”

Horner is grateful that she’s competing in the first week of the Games so she can enjoy the second half stress-free. “Everyone there is so strong. It’s such an amazing environment,” and compares it to Marianopolis. “The students are all achievers. I loved it! They all had their own goals, and they motivated me. I love being around driven people because I’m always learning.”

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Having studied Commerce at Marianopolis, Horner is continuing down that lane on dry land, pursuing her bachelor of commerce at the University of Victoria. “I’ve always dreamed of being a business owner. I love it when things are thrown at you and you have to deal with them.”

What advice would Horner give to young people, perhaps still in CEGEP, trying to figure out how to pursue their dreams? “Do what you love and love what you do. Seriously. Pursuing your dreams is about getting to know yourself and doing what you want. If you’re doing what others want you to do, you’ll never get anywhere.”

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Stephanie Horner ’08
Connecting with Nexco

Cafeteria conversation grows into successful business
Shelley Barton

“Chase the dream, not the competition” are the words that entrepreneurs Gaurav Sharma ’07, Viraj Mehta ’08 and Anuj Gotra ’08 live by. During their second year the students embarked on a project now known as Nexco Networks. What began as an idea in the Marianopolis cafeteria has now grown to employ eight staff members in two offices in Montreal and one in Toronto. Nexco stands for Next Generation Communications, providing over 400 small and medium sized businesses with a combination of data and telephony services.

When asked how they balanced developing a business and the demands of pursuing an education, Viraj, who handles all aspects of technology, explained: “It wasn’t easy taking support calls in and out of classes and reading detailed white papers in order to understand and setup a telecom infrastructure during thermodynamics class but it got us to where we are today.” Innovation through teamwork and their commitment to excellence has been maintained throughout CEGEP and university and is as important today to them as it was five years ago. “Nexco wasn’t just our side job; it was on our minds throughout school. Every course we took was in some manner applied to our business, adding strategic value in some form.” says Gaurav, financial officer.

The three partners have extensive knowledge about their industry and market but they also possess a maturity found in much more seasoned entrepreneurs. “We had to adjust our strategy to make sure we were providing not just a reliable product but an overall excellent solution for our customers.” expressed Anuj, head of sales and marketing. Their primary goal is to provide scalable telecommunication solutions that benefit Canadian companies and provide exceptional customer service. Even though they keep their sights set on continued growth, the group is committed to remaining active with fellow start up entrepreneurs, sharing knowledge and mentoring new talent.

The partners credit the success-oriented culture at Marianopolis as being the base on which Nexco’s solid foundation is built and the steady growth of the technology company to date. nexconetworks.com

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**Strong new leader takes the gavel**

**Alumna appointed Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal of Quebec**

Michael Wrobel '12

It was no secret to her coworkers that she had thrown her name into the running for the position of Chief Justice. She had passed up other promotions waiting for the opportunity to do so, confident that she was the right person for the job. With a sense of satisfaction and assurance, Madam Justice Duval Hesler ‘64 was elated when she learned that the federal Cabinet had chosen her to replace retiring Justice Michel Robert as Quebec’s Chief Justice.

She credits Marianopolis College as having been crucial in developing the skills and bilingualism necessary for the position. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1964 and has fond memories of the college, which was an undergraduate women's university at the time. “I was in boarding school. The people who were boarding there were extremely close, and we had a lot of fun,” she explains. “I am French Canadian myself, but I attended Marianopolis and felt very welcome. There were lots of French Canadians at Marianopolis, burgeoning bilingual people if you will.”

Madam Justice Duval Hesler went on to obtain a civil law degree from Université de Montréal in 1967 and during her twenty-four years as a lawyer, she specialized in litigation. In 1979, during which time she was with the firm Buchanan McAllister, she was also appointed a member of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal. Over the next 13 years, one particular tribunal would stand out for her. “I sat on a famous case called ATF (Action Travail des Femmes) vs. CNR (Canadian National Railway). We (a panel of three lawyers) came out for ATF and said that CNR had discriminatory hiring practices in its non-traditional positions, brakeman and the like. It resulted in the first affirmative action plan imposed by a tribunal in Canada.”

Appointed a judge of the Superior Court of Quebec in 1992 and a judge of the Court of Appeal in 2006, Madam Justice Duval Hesler put her name forward to federal Minister of Justice Rob Nicholson when the position of Chief Justice became vacant. Her appointment makes her the first female to hold the position of Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal. This was not a distinction she was actively looking for, but she recognizes that it is an important milestone. Today, she admits, there are still gender disparities in the legal profession. “Some law firms say, in order to become a partner, you have to exceed your billing or hourly targets three years in a row. If you’re a woman of childbearing age, the year you are pregnant, you’re not going to exceed your targets. The year the baby is born, you’re not going to exceed your targets. Here’s a rule which, in all appearances, appears (gender) neutral, but in fact will delay (women) achieving the status of partner. You can’t change the laws of nature, but frankly, I think (the law firms) should be aware of that and bend the rules more for women.”

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On campus

Engaging students outside the classroom
Harley Nadler ’12, Pure and applied science

This semester’s on-campus activities have been truly exceptional; these events, many of which were organized by Student Congress, make Marianopolis student life unique and supplement the wonderful experience offered by the college. Carnival Week was a major highlight with something new and special planned each day; including cotton candy, pyjama day, ski trip and a performance by our local celebrity comedian and alumnus Sugar Sammy ’95.

Marianopolis’ fifth annual Model UN conference took place in February and was open to students from high schools, CEGEPs and Marianopolis delegates; over 100 delegates from 12 schools participated this year. Marianopolis alumni returned as committee members and judges: Abhinav Gupta ’11 and Amanda Ip ’11 served as the chairs of the UN Human Rights Council and the UN Security Council crisis simulation. Ip remarked that being in a room full of young adults with a passion for international relations and understanding of global issues never ceases to inspire.

International Week in March highlighted the many cultures and traditions represented by our diverse student body. Activities included an African drumming workshop, Latin dancers and an oriental talent show. In addition to European pastries and Beaver Tails, students enjoyed Indian, Chinese and many other delicacies all week long. The year wrapped up with a Cinco de Mayo party on the front lawn with fresh taquitos, mocktails, ice cream and an open-air concert.

None of these events would have been possible without the dedication of so many student volunteers and the support of Student Services; their commitment to student life truly makes Marianopolis special! ◊

Sweet Hilarity
Jessi Krejčík ’13, International studies

For the first time, Marianopolis carnival week featured a Montreal comedian as part of the festivities. This year Congress brought Samir Khullar ’95, AKA Sugar Sammy, back to Marianopolis to treat students and faculty to a performance of his wildly successful bilingual “You’re Gonna Rire” show. Born and raised in Montreal, Sugar Sammy has been performing as a comedian with a unique cultural perspective on Quebec society for over ten years and has sold out over 45 shows (over 52,000 tickets) in Montreal.

On February 17th, the auditorium was filled to the brim with excitement. The opening acts by upstart comedians warmed up the audience for Sugar Sammy’s hour-long routine poking fun at the multilingual nature of Montreal and the particularities of Marianopolis students and faculty. He included quips about students’ unstable and obsessive relationships with their R-score and he joked about the PhD faculty and the MD-wannabe students and acknowledged his former teachers who enjoyed the standing-room only show from the auditorium balcony. He touched upon the unintentionally racially segregated student lounges, and entertained every ethnic group in the room with self-deprecating wit and a mix of heavily accented English and French that reflected most, if not all the cultures represented at the College.

Sugar Sammy’s show had students thinking about the beauty of the interaction between English and French in Montreal, a situation encountered daily at Marianopolis. Above all, Sugar Sammy was hilariously relatable and well-appreciated by his captive audience. ◊
Marianopolis Congress. Voice of the student body
Jean-Louis Shi ’12, Health science

Marianopolis Student Union (MSU) was founded in the 1960’s and all registered students are members. Congress serves as their representative body and is composed of four elected and nine appointed officials and five nominated members at large. Elections are held during the winter semester and are open to all returning students. First-year students may apply for positions at the beginning of the fall semester.

MSU Congress is at the center of student life and numerous social and cultural activities are organized to ensure that all students have opportunities for relaxation and fun. Activities such as The Amazing Race help foster teamwork and events like Unplugged promote student talent. Whether it is playing tug-of-war in the snow, riding a mechanical bull, learning to dance salsa or competing in a Top Chef cook-off, Congress ensures that there is something for everyone to enjoy. To promote and promote the needs and interests of the students, members sit on College committees including the Board of Governors, the Financial Policy Committee, Academic Council and the Alumni Association. They bring a student perspective to the governance of Marianopolis and raise student-related concerns to the administration. Congress also promotes environmental awareness, provides workshops and encourages students to get involved in supporting social causes.

Acting as the collective voice of the student body, Congress is attentive to students’ views and demands. This year, as students around Quebec protested against university tuition hikes, Congress held a General Assembly and organised a referendum on a one-day strike proposal which was ultimately rejected by the student body. Congress is accessible through weekly meetings that are open to students and elected members can be reached via email or during office hours. To get involved, drop by A-162 or email at: congress.marianopolis@gmail.com

On campus

Season wrap-up

All Demons were active this year and the academic team of the year was tied between men’s basketball and women’s volleyball. Venislava Nikolova and Marc Richardson both received the academic athlete award.

MVPs: Sabine Elian (rugby); Bernard Kaminski (rugby); Arielle Leone (soccer); Waqar Shah and Nick Panaritis (soccer); Alexandra Speak (basketball); Piratheep Navaratnam (basketball); Venislava Nikolova (volleyball); Marc Richardson (volleyball); Chao Tang (badminton).

MIPs: Jessica Michelini (rugby); Hassan Al-Rabeh and Abdul Mansour (rugby); Alexandra Pollice (soccer); Myles Perkins (soccer); Tara Small and Brittany Crystal (basketball); Marc Sarhan (basketball); Rebecca Brown (volleyball); Jingru Miao (volleyball); Susan Gu and Michelle Brais (badminton).

Fairplay award recipients: Susanna Beaudin (rugby); Marc Allard (rugby); Olivia Souaid and Christina Mancini (soccer); Daniel Swzimmer (soccer); Jessica Weibbel (basketball); Malcolm Pinnell and Mackenzie Speak (basketball); Aleksandra Dragieva (volleyball); Justin Asfour (volleyball); David Wu (badminton).

Rookie of the year awards: Kate Barkun (rugby); James Strachan (rugby); Laura Pietrantonio (soccer); Waqar Shah (soccer); Julie Kochan (basketball); Philip Palasaitis (basketball); Mimi Vo (volleyball); Francisco Ugarte (volleyball); Yuan Kun Li (badminton).

Founded only last year, the Rowing Club achieved official status as Demons with men’s and women’s teams. Executives Elizabeth Pelletier-Goulet and Kirsten Crandall along with coach Rejean Beauregard are hoping the newest Demons team makes a big splash this summer at several local and regional competitions. Fundraising initiatives are under way to secure funding for a team boat that will enable them to increase practice sessions and compete in even more events.
On campus

Marianopolis International
Koray Demir ’13, Health science
"Kids these days only think about themselves." Lately, this appears to be society’s general consensus. At Marianopolis, this couldn’t be more wrong. Although teenagers have been stereotypically segregated from family life and “in their own world,” so to speak, the advent of new technology (and thus more ways for students to stay locked up in their rooms) has definitely amplified this sentiment.

Among the nearly 100 student clubs on campus this year, there were many focused on providing aid to developing nations. The Mission for Vision Club teamed up with Lasik MD to collect eyeglasses for the VOSH International program. The UNICEF Club was teamed up with the Chinese Student's Association to host a successful Fashion Show. Other clubs with a philanthropic worldview include Abhilasha, Children’s International, Free the Children and World Vision.

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Smooth sailing for Marianopolis sports
Alex Nguyen ’12, Health science & Alexandre Cheng ’12, Pure and applied science
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One of the sports clubs on campus is the Marianopolis Dragon Boat Team. Founded in 2006, this club has led all other sports teams in growth over the past two years. With many more applicants than spaces available in the boats, the team has had to implement a selection process for new members, recruiting the most talented and dedicated paddlers studying at the College. This year’s team led by Ada Hsieh ’12, Craven Huynh ’12, with assistant captains Alex Chu ’12, Alex Nguyen ’12 and David Wu ’12 is enjoying a very promising and competition-filled summer.

The team is participating in four summer competitions, including the renowned Montreal International Dragon Boat Festival. In early July, the team competed in the Hong Kong International Dragon Boat Races and stepped up to the podium as bronze medalists in the U23 mixed 2000m category, missing the silver by only 3 seconds, followed later by another bronze medal in the U23 Open 200m.

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Marianopolis International
Koray Demir ’13, Health science

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Events

Sharing knowledge with the next generation
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Together with 74 active volunteers, the Development and Alumni Affairs Office coordinates many initiatives that help enrich our community and campus life. Events such as the New Parent Information Evening on September 6 are an opportunity to learn more about what students can expect during their first year. Returning parents are needed to help with the welcome table and door prize draw. Contact Barth Gillan at b.gillan@marianopolis.edu or 514.931.8792 ext. 202 to volunteer.

Did your career path take you on an exciting journey that you would like to share with young people eager to hear your story? There are many ways to inspire the next generation: The Young Executives Business Club brings CEOs of some of Canada’s most successful corporations to campus with a series of afternoon lectures; career panels for small groups are organized through various academic departments; and each spring the Marianopolis Young Leaders Organization hosts incoming secondary five students at their Leadership Development Evening. Please contact Shelley Barton at s.barton@marianopolis.edu or 514.931.8792 ext. 209.

Do you enjoy business development or reaching out to make connections with corporations and foundations? With so many events on campus and worldwide, there are many opportunities for corporate involvement. From silent auction prizes to major partners and event sponsors, our corporate donors are valued and very much appreciated. Do you have the ideas and connections to make a lasting impact? If you have just a few hours, or are looking to give your time on a regular basis, please contact Anneliese Papaurelis ’88 at a.papaurelis@marianopolis.edu or 514.931.8792 ext. 202.

Expanding your social network
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The Alumni Association welcomed nearly 300 members of the Marianopolis community at the annual Groundhog Day silent auction on February 2. With over 50 silent auction prizes on the table, wine from Barefoot Wines, Bierbrier beer, pizza from Pendell’s and Il Focolaio and refreshments from Metro Fletcher, guests enjoyed meeting up with old friends and teachers as they bid on items ranging from Opera de Montréal tickets to Laser vision correction. Nearly $8,000 was raised for alumni projects on campus supporting student clubs and grad prizes for exceptional students. The high attendance this year was credited to the efforts of the alumni, parent and student volunteers who personally called and invited 950 donors during The Marianopolis Millennium Foundation’s second annual Thank-a-Thon which took place in January.

Making a good impression in social media was the theme at the Professional Networking Cocktail on May 3 at Pullman wine bar. Sara Gilbert from Strategist.cc gave a workshop on building and optimizing LinkedIn profiles for business development and networking. The event brought together 45 alumni from a wide variety of professions.

The Marianopolis College Alumni Association is active on Facebook and LinkedIn and important information, opportunities and special events are promoted through these two growing communities. Join our community! 
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Student highlight

Anastasia Johnson ’12 was presented with the Duke of Edinburgh’s Gold Award by David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, during the official awards ceremony at the Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City in September 2011. The Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award is granted upon successful completion of the most advanced level of the Duke of Edinburgh Young Canadians Challenge, which requires personal commitment to physical recreation activities, skill enhancement, community service and leadership development through rigorous adventurous journeys.

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Pradeepa Yoganathan ’96 graduated from McGill University with a bachelor of science in 1999, went on to earn her medical degree from Albany Medical College in 2003 and pursued a specialization in ophthalmology. She is currently working on her master of science at McMaster University. Pradeepa is widely published in various medical journals, she is a member of several ophthalmological and medical associations and has volunteered her time both internationally and at home with a vast range of community organizations. She currently divides her time between Toronto where she is a retina associate at North Toronto Eye Care and Buffalo, New York where she is the director, medical and surgical retina service, at the Ross Eye Institute and assistant professor in the department of ophthalmology at the University at Buffalo. Pradeepa currently resides in Toronto.

Kevin Custodio ’96 recently earned his master of law from University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) with a specialization in intellectual property law. During his studies, he also completed a one-year internship with the legal department of Warner Brothers Interactive Entertainment where he was part of the legal team for the Batman Arkham City and Mortal Kombat video games. His time at UCLA and Warner Brothers allowed Kevin to explore his passion for intellectual property, media and technology law. Prior to pursuing his master degree, Kevin earned his bachelor of law from McGill University and worked as a corporate lawyer in the Montreal office of Stikeman Elliott LLP. He is currently studying for the July 2012 California Bar Exam.

Judith Batalion ’96 is proud to announce the birth of her daughter Zelda Anne Lightman, born on November 8, 2011.

Mirna Sirinyan ’97 and her husband Eric Haggard are very proud to announce the birth of their second son Patrick Haggard, seven pounds six ounces, on April 10, 2012 at the Lakeshore General Hospital in Pointe-Claire. Mom, Dad and big brother Nicolas are all very happy.

Jeremy Grushka ’98 is a seventh year resident in general surgery at The McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) and one of ten winners of the MUHC Director General’s Awards. Jeremy was honoured at the award ceremony on November 12, 2011: “Down-to-earth and attentive to those around him, Dr. Grushka exemplifies both the enthusiastic clinical leader and consummate patient advocate. Extremely productive in research, he has also been very active in promoting team-building, leadership and morale among residents.” Dr. Grushka is expected to graduate this summer.

Jacomo Corbo ’98 earned a bachelor of engineering in electrical engineering from McGill University in 2002. He holds a master of science in applied mathematics from the Harvard Graduate School of Engineering and Applied Sciences and in 2008 he completed a PhD from the department of computer science at Harvard University. Jacomo is currently an assistant professor of management at the University of Ottawa and in October of 2011 he was named the Canada Research Chair in Information and Performance Management. The Chair is a five-year appointment including $500,000 in research funds. In November of 2011 he was named a Senior Research Fellow at the Mack Center for Technological Innovation at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. His research focuses on measuring, modeling, and managing how information flows impact consumer demand, worker productivity, organizational performance and firm competitiveness. He is also a cofounder of QuantumBlack, a “big data” predictive analytics company based in London, UK.
commerce degree in accounting from the Desautels Faculty of Management at McGill University in the top 15% of her class and now works for KPMG in Montreal.

Mitchell Robitaille '07 is currently volunteering as a high school math teacher in American Samoa as part of the WorldTeach program. In June 2011, he graduated with a bachelor of commerce from the John Molson School of Business at Concordia University, where he also served as president of the commerce and administration students' association. Upon completion of his teaching placement, he will be starting an internship with the United Nations through their Professional Placements Programme.

Robert Wernic '07 graduated with distinction from the John Molson School of Business at Concordia University with a bachelor of commerce (major in marketing) in 2010. He is currently pursuing his master of business administration in investment management, in combination with the certified financial analyst designation, at Concordia University. Robert is currently an investment advisor at a major Canadian bank.

Kellina Higgins '08 graduated from Quest University in British Columbia in 2012 with a bachelor of arts and sciences in interdisciplinary environmental science. She has recently returned from a three month trip to New Zealand and Australia where she volunteered with the New Zealand Department of Conservation, presented at the International Conservation Biology Congress and enjoyed exploring and hiking in the New Zealand wilderness. Now back in Montreal, she works for the Comité de concertation et de valorisation du bas-fond versant de la rivière Richelieu (COVABAR) in Belœil as a biologist where she is responsible for conducting river surveys and contributing to habitat restoration.

Tabia Lau '09 will have her first musical 21 Days performed at the Toronto Fringe Festival this summer. It is an original Canadian musical about love, time and the timing of love. A recent graduate of McGill University’s theatre department, she will be attending Columbia University in the fall for a three year master of fine arts program in playwriting.

Correction: In the last issue we mentioned that Jarrod Goldsmith ‘94 was working for the federal government as well as devoting his time to Sax Appeal, a unique saxophone quartet based in Ottawa. We should have written that Jarrod is now working full-time at saxappeal.ca.

We will miss…

Grace Keenan Prince passed away on December 22, 2011 at the age of 82 in Montreal. Formerly a reference librarian at Marianopolis, she leaves behind her seven children, their families and many friends. Grace is remembered as an authentic, remarkable and magnificent person with tremendous spirit, a razor sharp mind and a memorable sense of humour. She is sadly missed by all who knew her.

Thurley Dwyer Khoury ’33 passed away on January 13, 2012 at the age of 98 and was one of the oldest living Marianopolis College alumnas. She is remembered as a lovely woman and is missed by her many grandchildren and great grandchildren but especially by her daughter Prudence with whom she lived for many years.

Lillian Balangero Birtz ’44 passed away on March 13, 2012 in Ottawa at the age of 87. She is mourned by her children, grandchildren and nephews. After graduating from Marianopolis, Lillian received her law degree from the University of Montreal. She married Geoffrey Birtz in 1955 and worked at SunLife in Montreal and at the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation in Ottawa, retiring in 1986. Lillian also served as president of the Montreal Women’s Association and was Chair of the Montreal Expo Women’s Pavilion.

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Faculty highlight

Vivian Goethein, art instructor in the creative arts department, is proud to announce that her short video animation Lamento was selected to be part of the Experimental Section of the International Festival of Films on Art (FIFA) this year. Lamento was also selected to participate in the 15th edition of Traverse Video, a well-known international video festival in Toulouse, France. It opened the section, Videos from Quebec. The projection took place in France on March 10, 2012 and Vivian was able to attend due to a grant from the Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec. “I am thrilled at the way things are going for this short work, a work I put a good amount of energy and time in, from the creation of the drawings to the sound track (my own percussion and voice), and to the editing as well.” http://tinyurl.com/7q4&mt.

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David O’Keefe, history professor, has been working on a documentary about the Dieppe raid which will air on History Television on August 19, 2012, the 70th anniversary of the event. More than three thousand Canadian soldiers were killed, wounded or taken prisoner during the unsuccessful attack. Professor O’Keefe’s discovery of a single declassified document fifteen years ago, as a grad student working for the Department of National Defense, initiated this project. His research and subsequent access to previously classified information has allowed him to shed new light on the motives behind the raid that have remained unclear until now. The documentary has been filmed on location in France where they staged a re-enactment of the raid. This is Professor O’Keefe’s fourteenth project with History Television and his tenth project with his production partner Wayne Abbott, of Northern Sky Entertainment.

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14 San Francisco alumni reunion
17 Orientation for new students
20 Classes begin

**September**
6 New parent information evening
29 Heritage Walk

**October**
TBA Alumni wine-tasting
24 Free concert – Faculty performances
28 Open House

**November**
22 Free concert – Student performances
30 Last day of classes

**December**
19 Last day of exams

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