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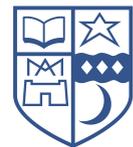
from the Director General

It was with much joy that I participated in my first Marianopolis College convocation. What was a lovely evening when we bestowed well-earned accolades on the members of the Class of 2010, was also for me a chance to look back at my first year as Director General of this promising institution. When I describe the last year at the College, the word that comes to my mind is “luck.” Marianopolis is strongly positioned to enjoy lots and lots of good luck.

You see, when it comes to luck, I ascribe to the philosophy of Stephen Leacock. The respected Canadian economist and long-time McGill professor famously said, “I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it.”

Marianopolis has been hard at work. Literally from the rafters to the basement of our beautiful home on Westmount Avenue, our maintenance staff have been working hard at making this architecturally significant building meet our needs. With their generous spirit of dedication, our faculty have been helping our students get to the next phase in their education – gaining admission to the world’s top universities. Our Librarians are set to launch a new online offering, to add to the many resources they offer to students. The place is humming. Call it good luck or hard work, but it’s indisputable: Marianopolis is poised for good things.

I hope your summer is similarly filled with the fruits of your own labour. This is a time to refresh, rethink and regroup. Although the memories from graduation – from the honour of marching in the procession to the fun during the party afterwards – are fresh in my mind, I can’t help but to think of the academic year that awaits the College in the fall and of all the good luck we have earned. ◇



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Len Even



Inspired to achieve

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On campus

Perspectives from around the world

In addition to the Centennial Speaker Series, Marianopolis welcomed a diverse array of guest speakers to campus this spring:

- Warren Allmand, human rights advocate, former Canadian legislator and Liberal MP delivered this year's edition of the Liberal Arts lecture on human rights, democracy and national security.
- Armando Choy, former general in Cuba's Revolutionary Armed Forces and a co-author of *Our History Is Still Being Written: The Story of Three Chinese-Cuban Generals in the Cuban Revolution*.
- Pierrette Boise, CND, expert on human trafficking.
- Jaggi Singh, anti-globalization and social justice activist, who presented a native perspective of the 2010 Olympics.
- Alexa Conradi '90, President of the Quebec Women's Federation.
- Members of Engineers Without Borders, who involved students in a presentation on third world debt and challenges to development. ◇



Armando Choy, a founder of the Communist Party of Cuba, today is the director of the Port of Havana and oversees the clean-up of Havana Bay. His talk was among many events associated with the College's Third World Studies Certificate, which is open to Marianopolis students in all areas of study. He is pictured here with Isobel Gordon-Smith, Alice Adnan Krayem and Catherine Han Jessome, all Class of '10.

Growing a greener campus

In the two years since it became the province's first Anglophone college to obtain the environmental certification *Cégep Vert du Québec*, Marianopolis College has not rested on its increasingly green laurels. In fact, the College has been awarded a level 3 certification, in recognition of its ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship. The student club The Green Team, was particularly active this year in raising awareness through their organic bake sale, clothes swap and garbage bag autopsy. What's next? Plans are underway to develop a responsible purchasing policy for the College along with researching ways to expand the kitchen-scrap composting program. ◇

Biology Professor Michele Saumier has been a key faculty member in greening Marianopolis beginning with her first initiative of vermiculture composting in 2005. Since then, Michele's infectious affection for our planet has spread throughout every department. Her latest green endeavour on campus is a gardening club, which aims to maximize the use of perennials in the gardens surrounding the school using compost produced on campus with a goal to reduce the amount of water, fertilizer and waste associated with the planting of annual flowers.



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Thanks to the College's growing alumni communities on Facebook and LinkedIn, you are never far from Marianopolis. Join our groups and keep in touch with graduates around the globe.

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Succeeding beyond the classroom

Academics are just part of the bargain for some of our students who excel in extracurricular pursuits. When Marianopolis became the first college to host the Lieutenant Governor of Quebec Awards on May 1, Alisha Khan '10 and Ryan Brun '10 received the Lieutenant Governor's Youth Medal for "their involvement, determination and desire to go beyond their personal best." Julie D'Aoust '10 was a regional winner in the 2010 Toyota Earth Day Canada Scholarship for her environmental community service, extracurricular and volunteer activities, and academic excellence. ◇

The many efforts of Alisha Khan and Ryan Brun, both Class of '10, were recognized with a Lieutenant Governor's Youth Medal.



Speaker Series continues in 2010

Jacques Nantel, General Secretary and Professor of Marketing at HEC Montréal, and Michael Goldbloom, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Bishop's University, spoke on campus in January and February, respectively, as part of the College's Centennial Speaker Series in collaboration with the province's top universities. While Professor Nantel's talk explored the unique opportunities and challenges of marketing to today's consumers, Mr. Goldbloom provided a thought-provoking discussion of media and democracy in the 21st Century.

Free and open to the public, the Marianopolis College Speaker Series resumes in fall 2010 with the theme of Global Citizenship. **All lectures take place at 7 p.m. in the Marianopolis Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.** ◇

- **October 20: Dr. Ari Van Assche, HEC Montréal, *What's behind the Made in China label?***
- **November 24: Dr. Mourad Debbabi, Concordia University, *Safe surfing: where does online privacy end and global security begin?***
- **January 25: Dr. Vincent Echavé, Université de Sherbrooke, *Bringing health and hope to Haiti.***
- **February 23: Dr. Trygve Uglund, Bishop's University, *Travel, discovery and political ideas.***

Look for the full schedule in September at www.marianopolis.edu/speakerseries



Michael Goldbloom, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Bishop's University addresses the Marianopolis auditorium about 21st century media.



Retired sociology professor Brian Webb shares a moment with Marianopolis Paper Cut editor, Jacqueline DiBartolomeo '10. Brian returned to the College as master of ceremonies for the Centennial Speaker Series.



Classical music and opera buff Jacques Nantel poses with music students Daniel Fuchs, Marie Nadeau-Tremblay, and Blanche Israel, all class of '11.

On campus

Homegrown music heroes at ArtsFest

The ArtsFest celebration sweeps Marianopolis each April with a week-long schedule of activities and artistic expression in all its forms: visual arts, literature, theatre, and of course, music. This year was no exception, with the ArtsFest concert on April 21 showcasing an impressive array of musical talent. Performers came together to honour the memory of Marianopolis music program founder Sister Mary O'Neill, who launched the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Music in 1964 and helped forge the College's affiliation with McGill University's faculty of music. Today's thriving professional music program - and many of its graduates who took the stage that evening - owe much to the dedication of Sister O'Neill, who worked tirelessly for close to three decades as music professor and consultant. She passed away in June of 2009.

The evening's classical performances featured a cast of well-know musical personalities including Marc Béliveau '85, Dominique Bellon '89, Desmond Byrne '80, Sophie Dugas '82, Joanne Fillion '72, Olga Gross '80, Margaret Rimmer de Castro '72, Mark Simons '81, Susanne Murphy '89, Derek Yaple-Schobert '91 and Shuman Zhou '10, first-place winner of this year's Prix d'expression musicale.

Although the actual study of jazz as a musical genre is relatively new at Marianopolis, several alumni have established themselves in the jazz music scene. Saxophonist Chet Doxas '99 and trumpeter Ron Di Lauro '78 treated the audience to a lively jazz duet. Both graduates are acclaimed Montreal jazz artists who were prominently featured at the Montreal International Jazz Festival this summer. Chet performed compositions from his new album *Big Sky* to the crowd at L'Astral on June 28, while Ron accompanied Nikki Yanofsky in her sold-out gig and charmed his audience days later at Théâtre Jean-Duceppe in his reprise of Miles Davis's *Porgy and Bess*.



Saxophonist Chet Doxas '99 and trumpeter Ron Di Lauro '78 perform *Line for Lyon*, a jazz composition by Gerry Mulligan.



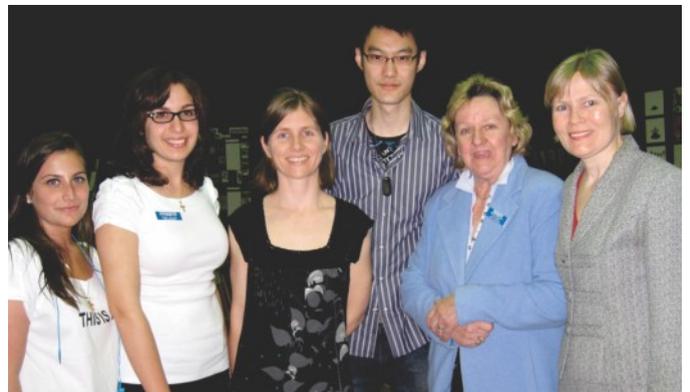
Joanne Fillion '72, mezzo-soprano and former soloist with the Montreal Symphony Orchestra performs a duet from Mozart's *Don Giovanni* with Desmond Byrne '80, a baritone who has worked with L'Opéra de Montréal, Seattle Opera and Deutsche Oper Berlin.

Also on hand to pay tribute to the music program and its founder were the master of ceremonies, Gerald Wheeler, former organist with the Montreal Symphony Orchestra and long-time Marianopolis music professor, as well as music alumni Nadia Turbide '65 and Antoinette Taddeo '66.

To continue her legacy of music education, the Sister Mary O'Neill Music Scholarship Fund has been established for music students in need of financial assistance. Almost 50% of the \$10,000 objective has been raised so far. Donations are accepted online at www.marianopolis.edu/donate. ◇

College-wide art contest

Four talented and lucky student artists received cash prizes from the Marianopolis College Alumni Association in the first edition of an art contest open to all students. First, second and third prize were awarded to Di Hua Wei '11, Michelle Samman '10 and Alicia Castelli '10, with Shi Yang Jia '10 receiving an honorable mention. Over 30 hopefuls displayed their artwork at the vernissage held during ArtsFest week. The contest will run next year from January until April. ◇



Prize-winners Michelle Samman '10, left, and Shi Yang Jia '10, third from right, pictured with Alumni Association representatives Connie Galatas '04, Barbara Handfield '59 and Isabelle Gryn '83.

Pre-Med: The Musical

Newly graduated Arts and Sciences student Alexandra Markus wrote and produced a full-fledged musical satire in her last year, which included 11 original songs and which followed the lives of a group of second-year students eager for a spot in McGill University's pre-med program. Writing the play in a short 2 weeks the previous summer, Alexandra based the characters on her classmates, many of whom studied Health Sciences with the intention of securing admission to the coveted McGill pre-med program.

Each year Marianopolis graduates comprise between 20-40% of the exclusive program, occupying more spots than all other English colleges combined. Over 900 spectators attended the sold-out show which ran March 24 and 25 raising \$4,000, much of which was donated to the St. Mary's Hospital. Alexandra will study Physiology at McGill with a minor in Drama and Theatre and intends to pursue a career in medicine. ◇



Cast members and some of the crew of Pre-Med: the Musical: **Front and center:** Mike Carrozza '10, **2nd row L-R:** Stage manager Daphne Ben David '10, choreographer Laura Claire Maher-McMyler '10, Michèle Robinson '11, ChiChi Vo '11, Emlyn vanBruinswaardt '10, Jeremy Coon-Come '11, **3rd row L-R:** drummer & asst. composer Maxime Gaboriault (Cégep André Laurendeau), bassist Benjamin Palevsky '11, musical director, pianist, and chief composer Lili Zeng '10, co-director Tamara Sevunts '11, co-director Stephanie Shousha '11, Da-Eun Kim '11, Mike Gerbasi '11, Mark Weissfelner '11, writer and producer Alexandra Markus '10, **4th row L-R:** guitarist and co-composer Dmitri Zrajevski (Vanier College), Yifan Song '11, violinist Rosa Lannes '10, Jessica Stilwell '10, Phil Godley (staff technician), director Peter Davoust '10, Rachel Gibian '11. **5th row L-R:** Tal Cantor '10, Naga Divya Dokku '10, Anastasia Pivnicki '11, Amanda Ip '11, Pierre Fanzhu '11, Yanis Boukiti '11, Sonia Masand '10, Derek Burrows '10.

JUNO-award winner inspires graduates



Antoine Gratton '98 proudly displaying his new Canadiens jersey, a thank-you gift from the Marianopolis team for his words of wisdom and encouragement.

As Antoine Gratton '98 will tell you, he is not the most obvious choice for convocation speaker at the graduation ceremonies of the province's premier English college. He is not a Pulitzer-prize winning author, a brilliant brain surgeon, nor a successful CEO. But he is, however, a rock star. And a few minutes into his candid and heartfelt address to the Class of 2010 on June 15, it became obvious why. The musician and composer who won the 2007 JUNO for best francophone album encouraged the new graduates to choose love and passion when faced with tough career and life decisions in the future. The audience was on their feet after his duet of the Beatles ballad *In my Life* with professor and long-time friend Jean-Michel Cohalan '98. To listen to the full-length address, visit www.marianopolis.edu/digitalarchive. ◇

Crystal Ball is a stylish soirée

Marianopolis students celebrated the end of the year in style at the Crystal Ball on June 3. Not since the "Boat Dance" of the 80's and 90's has there been such a successful end-of-year student bash at the College. It had been a decade since the last time Marianopolis students danced the night away at the Old Port of Montreal, and three years ago a group of students set out to resurrect a formal evening to cap off a year of studies and hard work and raise funds for charity. And so the Crystal Ball was born. The third edition welcomed 150 Marianopolis students to the McGill Faculty Club to enjoy a four-course banquet, live music and dancing. Organizers of the sold-out event Rebecca Brosseau '10, Julia Pirvulescu '10 and Alexandra Sonnenwirth '10 were able to donate \$500 profit from the ball to the Canadian Make a Wish Foundation. ◇

On campus

Avi Wallerstein puts the business world in focus



Dr. Wallerstein is National Co-Medical Director at LASIK MD and oversees marketing, customer service and information technology in his role as Executive Vice-President. Dr. Wallerstein is also a clinical assistant professor of ophthalmology at McGill, teaches ophthalmology residents, and has trained over 100 laser eye surgeons. To date, he has performed over 500,000 LASIK procedures.

What's it like in the real business world outside of school? That's a question that many students ask, and that one Marianopolis club set out to answer for themselves and young people across the city. On April 14, everyone's curiosity was rewarded at the MYLO-DECA (Marianopolis Young Leaders Organization) Leadership Development Evening that welcomed hundreds of business-minded youth on campus to hear from those who *really* know.

Keynote speaker and business icon Dr. Avi Wallerstein '85 kicked off the evening by "revealing his secrets to success." Fifteen years after graduating from Marianopolis, Wallerstein co-founded LASIK MD, Canada's only national provider of laser vision correction with over 25 clinics across the country. Citing perseverance and goal-setting as keys to success, Dr. Wallerstein brought home the message that "grit and determination" are better indicators to accomplishment than intelligence alone. He shared details of his own challenges and disappointments along the road to success and reassured students that anyone can overcome even seemingly insurmountable obstacles with focus and hard work.



Alumni speak candidly about life after graduation and pursuing a career in business. L-R, Nancy Apikian '92, Chris Korah '06, Laura Piro '99, Jennifer Marsan '03, Avi Wallerstein '85, Dino Mazzone '87, Amin Noorani '85, Jesse Rémillard-Steiner '00.



Members of the MYLO-DECA club. Back row L-R, Marc-André Fernandes, Jonathan DiFeo, Talal Challah, Jean-Philippe Gauthier, Christine Yang, Veronique Ross, Denise Kuster, Meghan Chen, Diana Vuk-Ye, Kaishan He, Paul-Andrew Nakis. Front row L-R, Abdaal Mazhar Shafi, Ariel Dabora, Daniel Dabora, Faizan Viban, Guest speaker Avi Wallerstein '85, Professor Peter Elenakis, Daniel Sysis, Danial Mazhar Shafi, Caroline Mackenzie, Justin Leopold.

Pay it forward

Share your success story with our students and young alumni at events such as the Leadership Development Evening, career panels, mentorship programs and networking evenings. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Contact Anneliese Papaurelis '88 at (514) 931-8792 ext. 202 or a.papaurelis@marianopolis.edu.

Students then chose among three workshops: public speaking and business presentation skills from Dale Carnegie business coach Scott Kessler; image consultant Mônica de Liz and her *What not to Wear* session about dressing for success; and a career panel of alumni experts in accounting, actuarial science, finance, human resources, marketing and law.

"This free event delivered inspiration and advice to Secondary IV and V students, as well as CEGEP students," said MYLO-DECA faculty advisor and Marketing professor Peter Elenakis. **"We even had some university students attend."**

A relative newcomer to the impressive roster of over 80 clubs at Marianopolis, the Marianopolis Young Leaders Organization (MYLO) Club is affiliated with the Delta Epsilon Chi Association (DECA), an international organization operating in over 450 high schools and 200 college campuses worldwide that encourages students to acquire skills in leadership, entrepreneurship, marketing and critical thinking through national/international case competitions and conferences. Since the club's inception in 2007, MYLO students have excelled in competitions, most recently placing in the top six in their respective categories at the November 2009 regionals in Barrie and qualifying for a third consecutive provincial tournament in Toronto against a field of 5,200 competitors in February. ◇



Pictured with Danial Mazhar Shafi '10, style coach Mônica De Liz's instructional and humorous workshop about making a positive first impression gave students the tools to avoid many common fashion disasters.



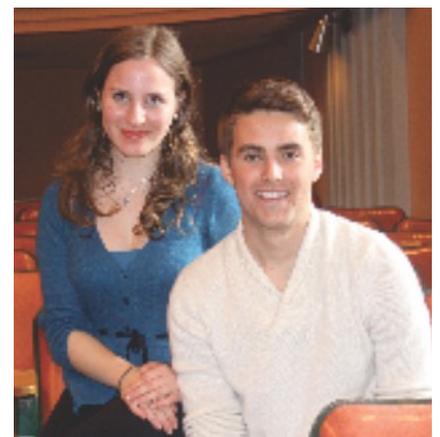
Youth coach and Dale Carnegie presenter Scott Kessler helped students transform their presentations from simply informative to inspirational with his workshop on public speaking.

Preparing students for a world of opportunity

Several clubs on campus engage students in experiences that help hone skills essential to success in the workplace and life beyond school. MYLO-DECA, The Debating Union and Model UN clubs are among the 80 clubs on campus where students can explore and build on their interests and skills. In October, Marianopolis hosted the CUSID University Novice Debating Championships and the team has brought home awards from tournaments across Canada and internationally.

Marianopolis was the only Quebec institution represented at the Harvard World Model United Nations in Taipei this past March. Other Canadian students at the so-called Olympics of the Model UN were from Brock, Dalhousie and York universities and the University of British Columbia. "Attending is a great achievement for the entire Marianopolis Model UN Club," said club member Abdaal Mazhar Shafi, a Health Science student. "It is a great honour and privilege to be representing Marianopolis at any conference and doing so in Taipei will be all the more special as it is the culmination of our fundraising efforts that began last summer."

Students raise funds through sponsorships and events to fund their activities. The 2011 World Model United Nations takes place in Singapore, and the club has already started fundraising for the event. To support their efforts and the efforts of other student clubs on campus, please contact Anneliese Papaurelis '88 at (514)931-8792 ext. 202 or a.papaurelis@marianopolis.edu.



Marianopolis was the only CEGEP to be represented at the World's University Championship in Turkey, by Ryan Brun and David McLeod. Ryan also won the award for "Best Speaker for a Semi-Finalist Team" at the Barreau de Montréal competition this past spring. Ryan is pictured here with debating club member Julia Deutsch who reached semi-finals at a university debating tournament at Queen's in November.

Alumni

Seeing the world through a unique lens

When Jim Edward graduated from Marianopolis in 1987 from the Social Sciences program, he had his sights set on becoming a film and TV producer. Following studies in communications and film production at Concordia University, Jim worked as a staff production manager at a large Quebec production company for 10 years until he decided to launch



Never without his iPhone and laptop, Jim is able to work in remote locations with ease. Here he is pictured over the presidential palace in Port au Prince, surveying the devastation of the January 2010 earthquake.

COPILOT productions in 1999, a boutique film and television production company catering to clients worldwide. COPILOT productions has two areas of expertise: first, Jim works with local film and TV executive producers who want to shoot elsewhere in the world by establishing key production

contacts, arranging work permits and logistics all while overseeing the production management of the project. His production experience spans the globe: Bermuda, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Egypt, France, Germany, Haiti, Hungary, Korea, Mexico, Peru, Romania, UK and the USA. Second, foreign production companies looking to film in Canada benefit from having COPILOT handle all of their production and logistical requirements.

Currently handling approximately 18-22 projects each year, Jim has hired anywhere from six to 130 employees and freelancers based on project demands. In the last 20 years, he has worked on approximately 650 productions. You know those Telus hippos TV commercials and billboards? Jim set up the shoot at the Granby zoo just before Christmas last year.

Last February, Jim spent three weeks in Haiti working on an IMAX documentary film focussing on the global humanitarian efforts after the earthquake. More recently, he has been location scouting for a project involving a Japanese automaker to create a web film about Quebec's white-water kayaking experience. In June, he will finish work on a film for the Canadian Navy's centennial.

An eclectic work schedule allows Jim plenty of time to enjoy skiing and the company of his wife Claire and their five-year-old son Luka. Jim never loses sight of the importance of living a balanced life, and always makes time for his growing family, as they welcome a new addition this fall from Colombia. www.COPILOTproductions.com ◇

Marianopolis visits Ottawa and Toronto

Marianopolis travelled to Ottawa in March to offer alumni a spring break escape with cultural navigator Andrew Princz '91 and his narrative film on Macchu Pichu. In April, Maria Gonzalez '77 of Argonauta Consulting shared highlights from her new book *The Mindful Investor* with a group of Toronto alumni at the Gladstone Hotel, followed by a 10-minute session of "mindful meditation." ◇



Madeleine Mony '94 with guest Lindsay Goldman, Barth Gillan, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs and reunion organizer Natasha Gauthier '90 feasted on South-American cuisine at Ottawa's SAW Gallery in March.



Roger Ramchatesingh '88, Maria Gonzalez '77, Gaetano Geretto '78 and Lily Puri-Rao '93 discuss the finer points of mindfulness and finance at Toronto's Gladstone Hotel.

It's who you know: Alumni networking event

In the working world, the names on your contact list are as important as the job titles on your CV. That's the first reason why several dozen young Marianopolis alumni gathered to try and beef up their proverbial Rolodex at the Upstairs Jazz Bar & Grill on April 22. The second reason was to hear Tatiana Londono '92 speak about the keys to professional success: ambitious goal-setting and dogged persistence. The Montreal real-estate mogul opened her own brokerage with only three years experience, virtually no working capital and pure drive. In five years, she has become a household name, not only in her native Montreal, but across Canada and internationally with her syndicated show *The Property Shop*. Hard work and determination pay off, Londono impressed upon alumni, having built a real estate empire with over \$150 million in sales since operations



Members of the Marianopolis College Alumni Association from left, Isabelle Gryn '83, Chris Korah '06, Jean-Michel Cohalan '98, Roy Eappen '80 and Connie Galatas '04.

Brewing up success

Jean-Marc Ayas '97 along with Olivier Kaade '97 and Ghonwa Chaar, recently launched Téh bar, a unique concept refreshment boutique that is set to change the perception of tea in Quebec. The store offers more than 90 different types of premium loose-leaf tea infusions, a variety of iced teas, tea lattés and smoothies, as well as tea accessories, bulk dry tea and gift baskets. The name bears the Indonesian spelling of tea and is inspired by the team's travels. In only nine months since its opening, Téh bar's success allowed Jean-Marc to leave his day job in investment banking to pursue the tea business full time with plans for future expansion.

Running a tea business was not what either alumnus envisaged following graduation: Jean-Marc completed a Bachelor of Engineering at Concordia and went on to business studies at McGill. He worked in investment banking while always dreaming of being his own boss. In 2007, he and Olivier began working on the concept for Téh bar. Olivier completed his law studies at the University of Ottawa and

began in a six-room rented office on Sherbrooke Street. With over 300 properties listed and as of September and 100 agents working under the Londono banner, she encouraged alumni to embrace risk and back it up with effort if they want to see impressive results. Making an effort to meet virtually everyone in the room, Tatiana's energy and positivity made for an inspiring evening.



Tatiana Londono '92 encouraged alumni to "believe in yourself and follow your dreams."

Special thanks to lead organizer and Alumni Association Vice-President Jesse-Remillard-Steiner '00 and partners CardioGenix, Dundee Wealth, Dynamic Mutual Funds and Londono Realty Group. Door prizes courtesy of Brasserie Bierbrier, Dépêche Mode Coiffure, Rawdon Golf Club and Téh bar.

To get involved in the spring 2011 event, please contact Anneliese Papaurelis '88 (514) 931-8792 ext. 202, or a.papaurelis@marianopolis.edu. ♦

practices corporate and commercial law at a firm in Montreal. With the addition of Ghonwa, who has a marketing background, the group is well-positioned to serve a growing market. Jean-Marc and Olivier credit their success to a high level of customer service and many latte "converts" who enjoy their educative approach to tea consumption. Téh bar is located at the Metro Level of Complexe les Ailes in downtown Montreal. ♦



Foundation

The gift of freedom

This spring, Marianopolis was extremely proud to learn that Michael Polak '77 was appointed honorary consul to the Netherlands in Montreal. The name Polak is well-known to the Montreal Dutch and Marianopolis communities alike: the son of Dutch Holocaust survivors, Michael manages a firm of 30 lawyers and notaries in Montreal and has done legal work for the Dutch government for many years. Michael's sister Monique '79 is a long-time English professor at Marianopolis who has penned several children's books, including the award-winning *What World is Left*, based on her mother Celien's experiences in a Holocaust concentration camp. Michael and Monique's father Maximilien is a former Quebec Superior Court justice and member of the National Assembly.



Michael Polak and Len Even get an insider's look at the original WWII jeep.



Michael Polak, with his sister Monique and parents Celien and Maximilien, pose in front of a vintage Dutch flag bearing the country's motto.

In his new position, Michael will act as liaison between the Netherlands and Quebec, as well as with the province's Dutch community. But he says his most important duty is fostering the "special relationship between the two countries because of the Canadian Army's liberation of the Dutch people during World War II." Director General Len Even, who has Dutch family connections and spent the last 18 years working in that country, was only too happy to help in this regard. It was thus that the College hosted an evening to



The new Dutch honorary consul shakes the hand of Colonel Charles de Kovachich '81. Veteran Frank Conlon looks on.

welcome Michael as new honorary consul and to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands on May 5.

Members of the Marianopolis and Dutch communities were greeted at the campus steps by a military guard from the 2nd regiment of the Royal Canadian Artillery, lead by Honorary Lt. Colonel Charles de Kovachich '81, and an original WW II canon and jeep. Guests enjoyed canapés and Dutch beer in the rotunda and boardroom decked out with colourful tulips, a vintage WW II Dutch flag, and a mini-war museum display courtesy of the College's library.

To recognize the unforgettable sacrifices of the Canadian military in the Netherlands, Michael addressed the gathering before bestowing commemorative Dutch liberation gold pins to the veterans and military personnel. Guest and WWII veteran Frank Colon expressed his gratitude on behalf of his compatriots and led the Dutch guests in a traditional wartime tune that he remembers fondly from his days in service.

This fall, Marianopolis will plant two dozen tulip bulbs in its front garden, a gift from the new honorary Dutch consul and friends. ◇



Among the special guests were parents and Westmount residents, Ann and Andy Ip. Their daughter Angie '05 graduated from Health Sciences before joining McGill's pre-med program. Their younger daughter Amanda has just completed her first year in Liberal Arts and was a participant in the very successful Pre-Med: The Musical this past March. The College's boardroom is named in recognition of the family's very generous donation and bears a plaque in their honour.

Breakfast is the most important meeting of the day

As part of his orientation during his first year at the helm of Marianopolis, Len Even and The Marianopolis Millennium Foundation hosted a “breakfast with the Director General” on June 10 to bring together a select group of alumni and parents for a conversation about the role of Marianopolis in the Quebec educational landscape. Twenty-five guests filled the conference room table at the offices of Fasken Martineau to meet Even, to hear about the College’s strategic goals for strengthening community ties, and to offer insight on continuing to meet the needs of a diverse student body while staying at the forefront of education.

Special thanks to the organizers from The Marianopolis Millennium Foundation: Dominique Monet, partner at Fasken Martineau and host for the morning, Chair Jill de Villafranca, Véronique Monet ’84 and Amin Noorani ’85. ◇



Activating resources, reaching out to the community and networking with key stakeholders have been priorities for Even in his first year at Marianopolis. He is pictured here addressing the group on June 10 from the head of the table.



New student Dominique Monet (third from left) with her father Dominique behind her are joined by Marianopolis parents — past, present and future: L-R, Charles de Kovachich ’81 of National Bank Financial, John Kardos ’84 of Dessau, Alan DeSousa, Mayor of Saint-Laurent and City of Montreal Executive Committee member, Lillian Leonard of Sotheby’s Realty Quebec, Lynne-Marie Kirkland Casgrain ’76 of the McGill University Health Centre, Director General Len Even and Reginald Weiser of Positron Inc.

Helping students reach new heights



Last December, Physical Education Professor Annie Jeannet and alumna Dora Serbanescu ’02 climbed Ecuador’s highest peaks with a goal in mind: to raise awareness and much-needed funding for student financial aid. Marianopolis alumni, faculty and staff rallied around the project, and with the help of a matching grant from the Marianopolis College Alumni Association, raised over \$8,000 for student financial aid, the equivalent of full-tuition bursaries for two students.

If you’ve been meaning to give, now’s the time to provide vital resources to even more students this fall. Even a small gift can make a big difference in the life of a student. Donate online at www.marianopolis.edu/donate ◇

Annie and Dora carried the Marianopolis flag to the summit of Cotopaxi, part of the Andes Mountain chain. Their efforts have helped students surmount the obstacles of financial hardship this past winter.

Recognizing excellence

This fall, 81 first-year students from 47 local area high schools will begin their studies with a Marianopolis Millennium Foundation Academic Award in recognition of their academic achievements. “The Foundation’s mission is to support the College and its students, so we are very happy to be honouring these promising first-year students as they begin their Marianopolis studies,” said Jill de Villafranca, Foundation chair and parent of Katie ’98 and Christine ’02 Kostiuk. “This is a wonderful way to recognize their achievements in high school and to support their future endeavours.”

In addition, ten new full-tuition scholarships will be offered to Marianopolis student this fall. Top incoming students in Social Science, Commerce, Creative Arts, Literature and Languages, Music and Liberal Arts will benefit from the awards, called the Director General’s Merit Scholarships. If the students maintain their grades, the awards will be renewed in the second year, and an additional 10 awards will be given to incoming students. “A year from now we will be offering 20 scholarships in all, a free college education at Marianopolis for excellent students,” said Director General Len Even. For more information about these and other financial awards at Marianopolis, please contact Financial Aid Officer Isabelle Gryn at i.gryn@marianopolis.edu ◇

**Orientation for new
Marianopolis parents is
September 7**

All new parents are invited to learn more about Marianopolis College and the transition from high school to CEGEP. The evening will be an opportunity to visit classrooms, get information about programs and extra-curricular activities at Marianopolis, hear about volunteer opportunities and have a sneak peek into the lives of CEGEP students.

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Barbara Handfield '59 has spearheaded a new volunteer recognition award to honor citizens of Town of Mount Royal and area who have given their valuable time in hospitals, rehabilitation centres and senior's residences. In addition to her real estate career with Royal LePage, she is a Director of the Marianopolis College Alumni Association, Treasurer of TRAM (Table ronde sur l'art de Mont-Royal), and a Director of the Mount Royal Municipal Association.

Jocelyne Fillion-Kelch '75 is a flutist and solo piccolo in the Hamburg State Opera. She attributes her success to Sister Mary O'Neill



who accepted her into the Marianopolis music program over the phone. After graduating from Marianopolis, Jocelyne obtained a Bachelor of Music in 1978 from McGill University and then moved to Europe where she

quickly landed a job as a full-time substitute in the Berner Sinfonie Orchester, the former orchestra of Maestro Charles Dutoit. She has never looked back and is quick to say "if it weren't for Sister O'Neill, I wouldn't be standing on a roof in Hamburg playing my flute."

Nancy Acemian '77 is a lecturer in the department of Computer Science and Software Engineering at Concordia University. She recently won the award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching, one of three awards included in the annual President's Excellence in Teaching Awards which were created to emphasize the importance of teaching in university life and the key role that it plays in the development of contemporary universities. Nancy was a professor of Computer Science at Marianopolis from 1990 to 2001.

Madeline Koch '77 is the managing director of the G8 and G20 Research Groups based at the Munk School of Global Affairs at Trinity College in the University of Toronto. Both groups strive to be the world's leading source of information and analysis about the G8 and the G20. Madeline helps organize conferences and events, publishes books and articles as well as handles media relations. www.g8.utoronto.ca

Joseph Hymovitch '80 lives in Phoenix, Arizona but returned to Montreal recently where he visited the Marianopolis campus and Sister Joyce Roberts, whom he remembers fondly as the Academic Dean when he was a student. Joseph keeps in touch with **Charles De Kovachich '81** and **Alan Eugeni '80** and their families and continues to be a loyal Montreal Canadiens fan. He works closely with his brother **Steven Hymovitch '81** at a successful endodontic practice in Arizona.

Sharon G. Druker '81 is a senior partner in the business law group of Robinson Sheppard

Shapiro LLP. She was chosen by the Association of Québec Women in Finance (AFFQ) to receive its Prix Reconnaissance, presented at the AFFQ annual gala Les Talenteuses on April 15, to mark her contribution to the AFFQ Board of Directors as well as its international affairs and governance committees.

James Simon '82 was currently named one of the top 10 faculty at George Brown College in



Toronto where he is in his tenth year as Artistic Director of the George Brown College Theatre School. After leaving Marianopolis, James obtained his Bachelor of Arts at McGill University and a Master in Drama at

University of Alberta. He has many professional directing credits including productions at the National Arts Centre, the Citadel Theatre and the Blyth Festival. James joined the teaching staff at George Brown in 1997 and has been head of the conservatory actor training program since 2000. He attributes much of his success to the education and the strong foundation he received at Marianopolis.

Isabelle Gryn '83 is the College's new Financial Aid Officer, the Treasurer of the Marianopolis



College Alumni Association and a newlywed. Isabelle and Louis Chevrier were married on May 29 and are busy settling into

their new home in downtown Montreal.

Clarence Epstein '86 is Concordia's Director of Special Projects and Cultural Affairs and leads the Max Stern Art Restitution Project which is attempting to recover works once owned by Montreal art dealer Max Stern. Stern, a German Jew who fled Germany in 1937, lost more than 200 European masterpieces that were confiscated or sold by force by the Nazis before the Second World War. When he died in 1987, Stern left his estate to a foundation that benefits Concordia and McGill universities in Montreal, and Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel.

The Stern Project was started six years ago and calls on an international network of collaborators ranging from government agencies and law enforcement, to auction houses, private foundations and scholars in its efforts to recover these lost works.

Victoria Kaspi '86 is McGill's Lorne Trottier Chair in Astrophysics and Cosmology and has been elected a member of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States, one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a scientist in that country. Kaspi joins 180 living Nobel Prize winners and household

names such as Albert Einstein, Alexander Graham Bell, and Thomas Edison. Victoria and 71 others will be formally inducted into the Academy during its 148th annual meeting in Washington, D.C in April 2011.

Linda Gyulai '87 is the civic affairs reporter for the Montreal Gazette. Linda has been honoured for a series of stories investigating how the City of Montreal awarded a multi-million dollar contract to install water meters in institutional and commercial buildings. She accepted an award from The Canadian Association of Journalists recognized her work exposing significant oversights on contracts at city hall and questionable relations between former city officials and those companies seeking contracts. She was also awarded the Michener Award for public service journalism for the same stories which resulted in the cancellation of the contract and the termination of two top city officials. www.montrealgazette.com

Dino Mazzone '87 is a senior business and corporate lawyer at Brouillette Charpentier Fournier, LLP (BCF) in downtown Montreal, entering his 17th year of practice. In addition to his professional activities, Dino was elected as a municipal councillor in the November 2009 municipal elections for the City of Montreal West where he is responsible for the Public Security portfolio. On Sunday mornings, you can hear Dino on CJAD 800 with the *Law of Our Land*, a weekly legal information segment. Dino is married to **Barbara Farina '92**, partner at Fraser Milner Casgrain, LLP. They live in Montreal West with their three boys Julian, James and David.

Jane Kelly '89 carried the Olympic torch in the cross-Canada relay this past winter near her home in Maple, Ontario. Jane is Marketing Manager at *Hewlett-Packard Canada* in Toronto, the mother of two active boys and enjoys running with her husband Bill Rumanek.

Brenda Benedetti '90 is currently working as an aerospace design engineer at Boeing in Seattle. She is married to Jeff Tregoning and they enjoy frequent trips to Montreal and California to visit family with their two year old son Seamus. Their three year old dachshund Frankie completes the family.

Kimberly Butler Probst '92, daughter of long-time Marianopolis faculty member Pamela Butler, is a licensed teacher in the State of Colorado and is currently pursuing her Master in Education with a specialization in the literacy of autistic children. Kimberly and **Alexandre Probst '91** have 10 children whom Kimberly homeschools.

David Cherney '94 completed his PhD in human translational physiology at the Institute for Medical Science, University of Toronto, in 2008. He is currently an assistant professor of medicine at the University of Toronto and a

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clinician scientist at the University Health Network. His laboratory focuses on research into detecting early stages of kidney disease and to study protective medications that preserve kidney function.

Juanita Marchand Knight '95 is the music and liturgy director at St. Patrick Catholic School in Miami Beach, Florida. She designs and teaches all music courses from kindergarten to Grade 8 and conducts the children's choir. Juanita performs regularly with St. Patrick Catholic Church Choir, a group that has sung at Carnegie Hall, the Vatican and Notre-Dame-de-Chartres in France. Juanita is a Doctor of Musical Arts student at the University of Miami and will defend her thesis in the spring of 2011.

Vincent Stephen-Ong '95 graduated from McGill University with a degree in Computer Science in 1999. He worked as a software developer in the gaming and entertainment industry briefly before deciding to follow his real passion and become a full-time jazz musician. He has released his debut CD *Winding Path* as a co-leader with acoustic guitarist Tom Eliosoff. www.vincentstephenong.com

Patrick Lam '96 is an assistant professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Waterloo. Patrick obtained his Bachelor of Science degree (Honours Mathematics & Computer Science) and his Master of Science (Computer Science) from McGill University. He holds a Doctorate in Computer Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as well as a post doctorate degree from McGill's School of Computer Science. Patrick enjoys skiing, rock climbing and hiking and competing in judo tournaments. www.patricklam.ca



Amy deVore Salomon '97 and her husband Matt Deninger had a beautiful baby girl, Norah deVore Deninger, on July 10, 2009 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Both sets of grandparents and an uncle were there for the birth.

Katie Kostiuk '98 and her husband Domenic Lacasse are the proud parents of William Alexandre Lacasse, born February 3, 2010. Weighing in at 7 pounds, 10 ounces, he was delivered by Marianopolis grad **Amira El-Messidi '97**.

Jennifer Maselli '98 completed a Bachelor of Education from McGill University in 2002 and has been teaching high school English for the last 7 years. She married David MacPhail, a mechanical engineer, on August 8 at St. Ignatius Loyola Church in Notre-Dame-de-Grace. Jennifer and David live in Saint-Laurent.



Salman Bhojani '99 lives in Dallas with his wife, two children and parents. After graduating from Marianopolis, he moved to the United States and completed his Bachelor in Business Administration from University of Texas at Dallas. Salman started his own business in the gasoline and real estate industries. He is the President and CEO of Metro World Inc., a Texas corporation that owns several gasoline stations as well as commercial real estate in Dallas. In addition to his business endeavors, Salman is pursuing a law degree from Southern Methodist University and hopes to graduate in 2013.

Michan Condra '08 is a third-year mining engineering student at McGill University and is a recipient of the R.P.D. Graham Scholarship and the Mining Engineering Entrance Scholarship. He recently completed his first work term at the Musselwhite Mine in Ontario.

Jennifer Dickson '01 is a professor of History at Marianopolis and is an active volunteer with Girl Guides of Canada. In celebration of the Centennial of Girl Guides of Canada, the 2010 cookie box features a photo montage of program participants past and present. One of the selected photos features Professor Dickson from February 2005 when she was one of four participants on a Girl Guides of Canada-sponsored trip to India. She spent 10 days at the Girl Guide World Centre in Pune, participating in a conference on the theme of *Peace in a Women's World*, before setting out for two weeks of travel through Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

Lisa Heckler '03 is in her second year of a five-year ophthalmology residency at Dalhousie University following successful completion of her medical studies at McGill University. Lisa is enjoying the city of Halifax, where she is a new home owner but confesses that Montreal is where her heart is.

Stéphanie Laflamme '09 is the winner of the General Electric STAR Awards prize. **Dr. Shelagh Skerry**, Humanities Professor at Marianopolis nominated Stéphanie for this award for the children of GE employees, citing her high academic standing and valuable participation in the classroom. In this two-part prize, both student and school receive a monetary prize and Stéphanie asked that the funds be directed to the Marianopolis Library. Stéphanie is studying psychology and anthropology at McGill University. ◇

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We will miss...

Sister Beatrice Ann Darragh passed away on February 15, 2010 at the Notre-Dame-de-Bon Secours infirmerie. She arrived at Marianopolis in 1958 and taught chemistry for over 25 years. After retirement from teaching she volunteered for 22 years at the College's Chemistry department. Sister Beatrice leaves her nephews Paul, Thomas and James, as well as many cousins and good friends.

Jacques Duval passed away April 13, 2010. He taught in the English and Humanities department at Marianopolis from 1973 to 2005. Affectionately known as "Death-wish Duval" due to his demanding readings and essay topics, Jacques won over his students with his passion, humour and eccentric interpretation of grades: a C is 80, right? His colleagues will remember Jacques' lively discussions of latest authors and world events. An avid reader and fitness buff, he could be found walking and reading in any of the green spaces between the Westmount Y and Concordia/Loyola or in many of the cafes and pubs along the way.

Lois Gallagher Sauvé '54 passed away on December 26, 2009 at the age of 76. She worked as a social worker for the Catholic Charities and also served as secretary and receptionist at the Centre for Spiritual Growth. Lois also spent time helping prepare breakfast for homeless women at St. Joe's

Women's Centre. An avid reader, bridge player and gardener, Lois also enjoyed annual trips to the Stratford Festival. She leaves her four children, their spouses, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Andrée Gregoire Harvey '48 passed away on April 29, 2010. She worked at Bell Canada for many years after graduation, before marrying Raymond Harvey in 1956. Andrée was widowed in 1976 and left to raise four teenagers on her own. She was a lifelong learner, voracious reader and loved the game of bridge. Andrée truly appreciated the annual contact she maintained with Molly Fullerton '48. She leaves her four children, their spouses and seven grandchildren.

Douglas Howes passed away suddenly on June 22, 2010 at 57 years of age. Doug was Student Life Animator for over 20 years and is fondly remembered by former students who share their appreciation for his care and support during their formative years at Marianopolis. Doug will be sadly missed by his mother, sisters, aunts and uncles, cousins and many close friends.

Kim Harry Kurtz '72 a well-known children's advocate heavily involved for over a quarter of a century in furthering the welfare of children and youth in the Montreal community, passed away suddenly on January 31, 2010. A much-loved father and devoted husband, Kim is survived by Liz Kopystecky, his wife and partner of 15 years, and his daughters Kelly-Anne (9), Jessie (7) and Kaylee (4). ◇

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Blue Demons spring into action

The Blue Demons finished the year in great standing with both the women's and men's volleyball teams receiving the Éthique Sportive banner. The men's rugby made it to the semi-finals, men's soccer reached the regional quarter-finals and women's soccer moved to Division I after a great season, having toughed it out to the quarter-finals and succumbing to Édouard-Montpetit 2-1 in second overtime. The women's volleyball team scored as academic team of the year with high achievement in the classroom as well as a marked improvement on the courts.

MVPs: Rebecca Etingin , Marah Even and Bogdan Opris (basketball); Noala Beattie-Dagenais, Victoria D'Amico and Matthew Mercuri (rugby); David Boateng, Cassandra D'Ambrosio, Stephanie Liganor and Karl Vaillancourt (soccer); Matthew Magyar and Jenna Yee (volleyball).

MIPs: Ali Assi and Virginia Rogers (basketball); Nicholas Di Giorgio and Yifan Wang (soccer); Rachele Rose, Shwan Shaker and Matthew Silverstein (rugby).

Fairplay award recipients: Samantha Cutler and Aryeh Nissan (basketball); Domenico Michetti and Jennifer Theofilos (soccer); Joseph Mancini and Stephanie Roche (rugby); Ashley Ta and Larry Wang (volleyball).

Academic athletes: Cassandra D'Ambrosio and Matthew Magyar.



Take Marianopolis with you



Taking a cue from Annie Jeannet and Dora Serbanescu '02, Mark Ordonselli '01 carried his Marianopolis school spirit to Nepal in February. Are you planning an adventure? Take the Marianopolis flag with you and share your stories and pictures in an upcoming issue. alumni@marianopolis.edu

Mark your calendar

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August 23: Classes start

September 7: New parent orientation evening

October 9: Blue Demons reunion and alumni basketball tournament

October 20: Speaker Series, Dr. Ari Van Assche, HEC Montréal

October 27: Faculty concert

October 31: Open House

November 17: Fall concert

November 24: Speaker Series, Dr. Mourad Debbabi, Concordia University

January 25: Speaker Series, Dr. Vincent Echavé, Université de Sherbrooke

February 3: Groundhog Day alumni reunion

February 23: Speaker Series, Dr. Trygve Ugland, Bishop's University

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