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# Message from the Director General

As you receive this issue of *Alma Matters* during what I hope is a sunny and restful summer, I invite you to save the date of September 29. That is when Heritage Walk will take place. On this Saturday morning, the Marianopolis family, from current students to alumni, to faculty, staff, members of the Congrégation de Notre-Dame and friends of the College, will walk from campus to the Marguerite Bourgeoys Museum in the Old Port. Along the way, we will pass the campuses that Marianopolis has called home since it was founded in 1908.

Every penny raised will support Marianopolis students in need. All you need to participate is the belief that a Marianopolis education ought to be accessible to all deserving students, a desire to spend an energizing morning with Marianopolis friends and a minimum of \$50 in pledges. For more information on the day and the many ways you can get involved, please see page 4. The rest of the pages of this issue will bring you up to speed with other goings-on at the College, where we see a very bright future.

Indeed, I am happy to say that the campus has been quiet, save for the construction crews carrying out renovations and various facility improvements, untouched by the turmoil in higher education in Quebec. Our students completed the 2011-2012 academic year on time and, as a matter of fact, on June 14 Marianopolis graduated a record number of students, sending its biggest graduating class yet to the world's top universities and to promising academic and professional futures. Have a great summer! ◇



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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Len Even". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Len Even

*Building strong foundations*

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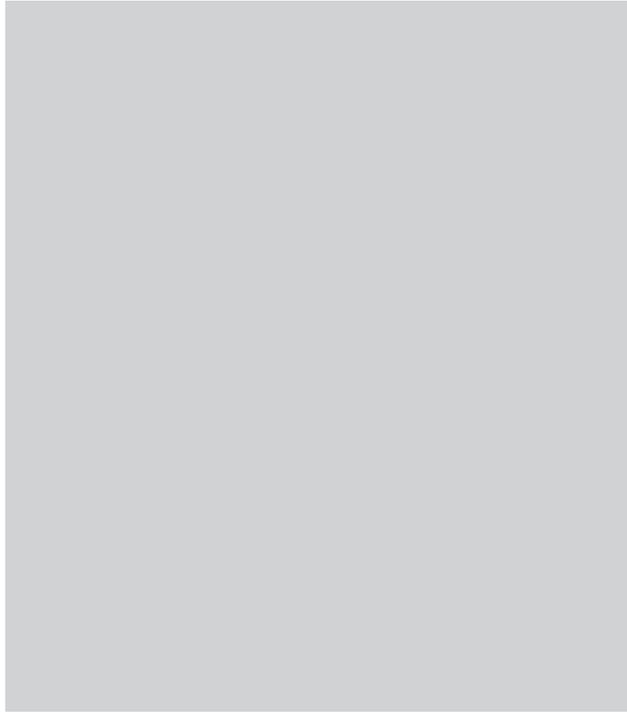
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# New and now



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

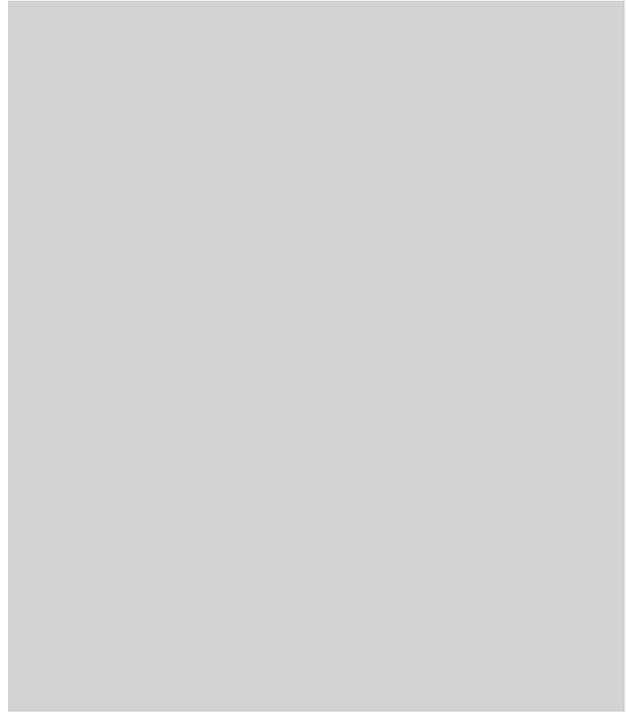
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Alumni and Marianopolis families are invited to join the Marianopolis College community on the morning of Saturday, September 29 for Heritage Walk. Walkers and runners will leave 4873 Westmount Ave. at 11 a.m. and make their way to the Marguerite Bourgeoys 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](http://marianopolis.edu/heritagewalk). ◇



## More resources for students in need

Pamela Sherwin

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 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 éducation (FOCHAPP)** annually awards two scholarships ranging from \$600-\$800 to CEGEP students of Haitian descent.

# New and now



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.* ◇

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# Giving back





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 it 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."

So four years later, older and wiser and adapting to a new event, how is Horner feeling about the London Olympic Games, both physically and mentally? "The second time means much more to me. The first time, I just kind of did it and things just fell into place. I wasn't scared; I was ready to race. This time, overcoming the setbacks and having to rebuild make it that much more meaningful."

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."

## "Pursuing your dreams is about getting to know yourself."

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." ◇



Stephanie Horner '08

# Alumni



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# Events





# News and notables

**May Q. Wong '75** is proud to announce the release of her first book *A Cowherd in Paradise: From China to Canada*. It is a work of creative non-fiction about a Chinese family impacted by the Chinese Head Tax and discriminatory Canadian immigration laws during the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It is a universal story about finding family, discovering a country in which to build a better life and seeking forgiveness. Spanning over a hundred years of history, the book introduces the reader to unique glimpses of life behind the "bamboo curtain" of Imperial and post-revolutionary China, as well as chronicling the experiences of early Chinese settlers in Canada.

**Michel Göhler '77** recently completed a five city tour of *A Christmas Story: The Musical*, based on the movie of the same name. He played lead woodwinds in the 16-piece orchestra for this two month engagement. After rave reviews, the show is scheduled to open on Broadway in late 2012. Michel currently lives, studies and performs in New York City and is also active in the Montreal area. He has written music for the new dance review *Pas'sages*, that was presented at the University of Montreal in April 2012. Michel is currently on tour playing in the band for the Tony award winning Broadway show *Memphis*.

**Paul Lamontagne '78** was recently appointed an expert contributor to the Human Resources Development Council (HRDC) of South Africa's Education and Entrepreneurship Task Team. He makes his home in Cape Town, South Africa where he is Managing Director of Africa1Advisors (Pty) Ltd. In 2004, he co-Founded the Enablis Entrepreneurial Network, a Canadian-based NGO dedicated to training and financing entrepreneurs in Africa. You can follow him on [twitter@paullamontagne](https://twitter.com/paullamontagne)

**James Simon '82** is the artistic director at George Brown Theatre School in Toronto. He recently returned from a six-month trip to London, England where he met with instructors and department heads of Britain's leading theatre schools and visited top theatre companies. He developed relationships that will allow for a reciprocal exchange of teachers, directors and workshop leaders, bringing Britain's best voice, movement, and acting instructors to George Brown College Theatre School.

**Helena Katz '83** graduated from McGill University in 1987 with a bachelor of arts in psychology. Her writing has appeared in *Canadian Geographic*, *Homemakers*, *Explore* and *Up Here* and she has worked as

a reporter for the Montreal Gazette and CBC Radio. In 2006, she earned a master's degree in criminology from the University of Montreal and moved to the Northwest Territories. She has written four books; the most recent, *Justice Miscarried: Inside Wrongful Convictions in Canada* was released last year. Helena is currently a promotion officer for Parks Canada in the Northwest Territories promoting the Nahanni and Wood Buffalo national parks. She and her partner operate an alpaca farm, selling alpaca wool and fertilizer. Helena can be reached at [helena@katzcommunications.ca](mailto:helena@katzcommunications.ca)

**Mark Ainley '89** lives in Vancouver and works as a contemporary Feng Shui consultant, classical music critic and electronica DJ. In May he conducted a series of Feng Shui workshops and consultations in Tokyo for a completely Japanese clientele. His Piano File blog and Facebook page have received critical acclaim from professionals across the globe. Mark's DJ activity this year is taking him throughout Europe, Asia and North America. He will be in Montreal in late July and mid-September as guest DJ at the Eclipse Summer Electronic Music Festival in Ste-Thérèse-de-la-Gatineau. [www.fengshuiwithease.com](http://www.fengshuiwithease.com)

**Jolan Kovacs '90** graduated from McGill University with a bachelor of music in piano performance in 1993, a master of art in music education in 1996 and a PhD in music education in 2001. She is currently a part-time faculty lecturer in the theory department at McGill University and a teacher at the McGill Conservatory of Music. She and her husband Aldo Mazza, an internationally renowned percussionist and drummer of the quartet Repercussion, founded KoSA Music where Jolan is the program coordinator. They have three children: Angelina (13), Massimo (11) and Gianluca (5) who are all musicians. [www.kosamusic.com](http://www.kosamusic.com)

**Sean Gilman '92** earned his medical degree from McGill University in 1997 and spent the last ten years in Boston where he completed fellowships in pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine. He worked for four years at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, one of Harvard's teaching hospitals. Now back in Montreal with his wife Elana, he is practicing respirology, sleep medicine and co-directing the MUHC smoking cessation program at the Montreal Chest Institute.

**Nigel Hurst '94** earned a bachelor of science in architecture (honours) in 1997 and a bachelor of architecture in 1999

from Cardiff University in the United Kingdom. He worked in the United Kingdom as an architect and as a project manager and now lives and in Malmö, Sweden with his wife, Anna Kristina and two young boys, William (2.5 years) and Sam (6 months). Nigel currently works with SWECO, a Scandinavian multidisciplinary consultancy.

**Eric Bettan '95** graduated with great distinction from McGill University in 1998 with a bachelor of science in computer science. He then pursued a career in software development in Montreal and in the United Kingdom. In 2005 he started his own company, LFE Software, building custom solutions for the aluminum, pharmaceutical and electronics industries. Eric has been married to his wife Veronique since 2001 and they have two boys, Liam and Cedric.

**Mark Bundang '96** is currently a project manager at Taimma Communications. He earned a bachelor of science in chemistry (honours) from Concordia University in 2000 and recently completed his master of business administration at the John Molson School of Business at Concordia University. Mark gives credit to Marianopolis not only for the great education and friends he made, but also for introducing him to **Pauline Luk '96** whom he married in 2004. They now have a two-year-old daughter.



**Anastasia Johnson '12** is a second year social science student at Marianopolis who 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.



May Q. Wong

Paul Lamontagne



Eric Bettan



Mark Bundang



Pradeepa Yoganathan



Kevin Custodio

**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 entertainment, media and 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 Haggar are very proud to announce the birth of their second son Patrick Haggar, 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.

### Faculty highlight

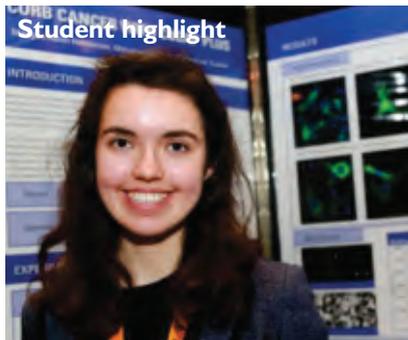


**Nancy Berman**, coordinator of the professional music program, recently contributed to the classical community blog of the CBC's new music site which caters to various communities of music lovers, including classical, jazz, world, rock, blues, and more. Each community has its own blog and several streaming radio stations. So far, Nancy has contributed two blog posts, one on Freud and Mahler <http://tinyurl.com/79rlutj> and the other on the Grands Ballets Canadiens's Soirée Stravinski <http://tinyurl.com/d92317n>.

**Kate Dupuis '01** earned a bachelor of arts (honours) in psychology at Concordia University. She holds a master in psychology from the University of Toronto and just recently completed her PhD in psychology, also at the University of Toronto. She is beginning a postdoctoral fellowship at Baycrest Hospital in Toronto and plans to work in Toronto as a clinician scientist specializing in the elderly.

**Timothy Dobby '02** graduated from the University of Southern California with a bachelor of music in classical guitar performance in 2006, and then returned to Montreal to complete an artist diploma at McGill's Schulich School of Music where he is currently a guitar instructor. In the spring of 2011, he joined Lakes of Canada, an Indy folk band formed by several friends, including **Conor O'Neil '04**. Last summer the band toured cities in southern Ontario, Quebec and New England. The band's debut album, *Toll the Bell*, was released on May 19, 2012. [www.lakesofcanada.com](http://www.lakesofcanada.com)

**Isabelle Giguère '05** was one of five chartered accountant candidates from Quebec to earn a place on the Uniform Evaluation (UFE) Honour Roll of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, which recognizes the highest standings in Canada on the exam. While enrolled at McGill University, Isabelle



### Student highlight

**Meagan-Helen Henderson '13** participated in the Super Expo-Science Hydro-Quebec, 2012 held at the University of Sherbrooke from April 19-22 and through her project "Cancer Curb with CdGAP More" she was selected to be part of the Quebec delegation to the International Science Fair in August 2013 and won a \$10,000 fellowship from the University of Ottawa, a silver medal in the intermediate class and the Irma-LeVasseur scholarship. "Through my research, I determined a novel way to inhibit cancer progression which is through the over-expression of a specific region of a protein known as CdGAP. It's not quite a cure for cancer but what my project was aiming to do was to reduce the metastatic process." Henderson's study is still a preliminary study and would require additional work in order for it to be considered a potential treatment.



Mirna Sirinyan



Jacomo Corbo



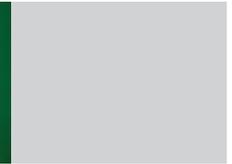
Mitchell Robitaille



Kellina Higgins



Tabia Lau



Name

pursued an international modelling career. She graduated with a bachelor of 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 bassin versant de la rivière Richelieu (COVABAR) in Beloeil as a biologist where she is responsible for conducting river surveys and contributing to habitat restoration.

### Faculty highlight



**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 70<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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. ♡



### Faculty highlight

**Vivian Gottheim**, 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 such 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/7qh45mt>.

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## 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 alumnae. 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 Geoffroy 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.

**Mary Connelly Willan '56** passed away on December 20, 2011 at the age of 84. She is greatly missed by her four children, their families and her six grandchildren. Mary is remembered as a kind and generous person who will be missed by her many friends and relatives.

**Brenda Elizabeth McGrath Plescia '65** passed away on May 2, 2012 with her family and friends by her side. She is greatly missed by her brother Bill and his family, her many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, cousins and friends. An educator for more than 40 years both at Marymount and Villa Maria, she will be very sadly missed by her colleagues, staff and students whose lives she touched. ♡

# Heritage Walk

Marianopolis



Every dollar raised will support Marianopolis students in need

Saturday  
**September 29**  
11 am - 1 pm

From campus to the Marguerite Bourgeoys Museum in the Old Port, the 9-km route will pass the campuses that Marianopolis has called home since its founding in 1908.

**WALK OR RUN**

Individually or in relay teams; minimum \$50 in pledges per participant.

**VOLUNTEER**

Help out at a comfort station along the route; cheer on participants.

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## Mark your calendar

**Thursday, August 17**  
New student orientation

**First day of class**

**Thursday, September 6**  
Parent Information Evening

**Saturday, September 29**  
Heritage Walk

**Thursday, October 4**  
Annual General Meeting

**Sunday, October 28**  
Open House

**Saturday, November 3**  
Community Retreat on Marianopolis  
College's future direction and enrolment

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