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Marianopolis Science Camp summer 2010 promises to be bigger and better



Marianopolis College is pleased to open its doors to a younger generation for a second consecutive summer. Now expanded for ages 8 to 15, the Marianopolis Science Camp will run for four weeks, from July 5 to July 30. Budding scientists can sign up for one to four weeks. Offered in collaboration with McGill University's WOW Lab and Let's Talk Science program, the camp includes day trips to the city's world-renowned science centres, cool experiments and fascinating demonstrations by guest scientists.

Registration begins January 5, 2010 and places are limited. Children of alumni, faculty and staff are eligible for a 10 percent discount. Please visit www.marianopolis.edu/sciencecamp for registration forms, information on discounts and any updates.

Mark your calendar

For details about these and other events, please visit www.marianopolis.edu

January 27: Marianopolis College Speaker Series, Professor Jacques Nantel (HEC Montréal)

February 4: Groundhog Day Pizza Extravaganza

February 16: Winter Concert

February 17: Marianopolis College Speaker Series, Principal and Vice-Chancellor Michael Goldbloom (Bishop's University)

March 14: Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

March 15: *Prix d'expression musicale*

April 21: ArtsFest Concert in memory of Sister Mary O'Neil

April 15, 28, May 8: Spring Concert Series

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Message from the Director General

It's a pleasure to be publishing the first issue of Alma Matters, since I became Director General of Marianopolis College on July 1.

Along with the entire Marianopolis family, I am grateful to my predecessor, Sister Françoise Boisvert, for her decades of service to Marianopolis. As the College embarks on its second century, it is a remarkable institution, one with a well-earned reputation as a welcoming place for motivated, globally minded students. Marianopolis' success was celebrated on November 5 at the LuminoCity Centennial Gala, where local luminaries, from political representatives to the leaders of local universities, and members of the Marianopolis community, from alumni to employees, retirees and donors, celebrated our century of creating bright futures. I cannot imagine a better way to have been introduced to the extended Marianopolis community than this memorable evening. On Pages 10 and 11, you can read more about this spectacular gala, which could not have been possible without the vision and dedication of many of our volunteers and alumni.

On Page 8, you will find an update on the 2009-2014 Marianopolis College Strategic Plan. This is a tremendous time at the College, a time to plan for a future that promises to be as bright as our past. The strategic plan is a blueprint for much of this endeavour.

During my first few months here I've been warmly welcomed by everybody from students to faculty and staff to alumni, many of whom are exceptionally dedicated to their college. The volunteers on our boards have made me feel welcome and shown an impressive amount of energy.

As the holidays and New Year approach, I wish the best to you and your family. ♦

Len Even



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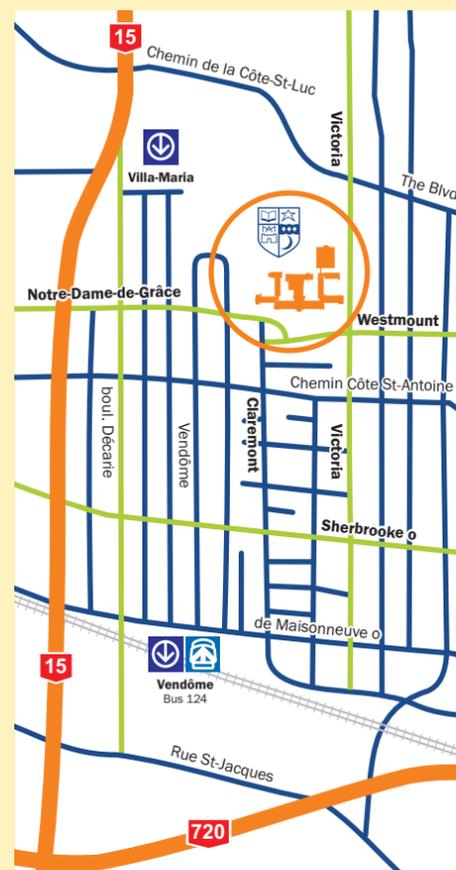
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Building bright futures

Speaker Series brings people and ideas together

Widely decorated humanitarian Lieutenant-General Roméo Dallaire addressed a full house in the College's Auditorium during an October talk on youth activism and Canada's world role. A Senior Fellow at Concordia University's Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies, the Senator, McGill Institute for the Study of Canada Director Antonia Maioni and marketing expert Suzanne Lalonde, were guest lecturers in partnership with Concordia and McGill universities and the Université de Montréal.



Free and open to the public, the Marianopolis College Centennial Speaker Series continues with the talk "Is Marketing Going Astray?" by HEC Montréal General Secretary and Marketing Professor Jacques Nantel, 7 p.m. January 27. Former Toronto Star Publisher Michael Goldbloom, Bishop's University's principal and vice-chancellor, will discuss media and democracy in the 21st Century on February 17. The series features renowned experts from Quebec's top universities sharing their diverse knowledge of world issues. ◇

Chris Cargnello '01 asks Lieutenant-General Roméo Dallaire to sign the Marianopolis Library's copy of his book, *Shake Hands with the Devil*, during a reception before the humanitarian's October 27 Centennial Speaker Series lecture.

Upcoming speakers

6:30 p.m. refreshments, 7 p.m. lecture
Marianopolis College Auditorium



January 27

Jacques Nantel
General Secretary and Professor of Marketing, HEC Montréal

Is Marketing Going Astray?

Presented in collaboration with **HEC MONTRÉAL**



February 17

Michael Goldbloom
Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Bishop's University

Media and Democracy in the 21st Century

Presented in collaboration with **BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY**

Previous speakers



Suzanne Lalonde
Professor of International Law, Université de Montréal
On Thin Ice: Canadian Sovereignty in the Changing Arctic

November 18



Dr. Antonia Maioni
Director of the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada
Health Care in Canada: Where from Here?

September 23

Student Abdaal Mazhar Shafi, Dr. Antonia Maioni and Len Even.

Marianopolis introduces new jazz program

The Marianopolis Music Program launched Jazz as a new DEC option this fall. Students in this discipline study with jazz professors and audition for jazz combos at McGill University's Schulich School of Music and play in a jazz combo either at the Schulich, the McGill Conservatory or at Marianopolis. Like their classical counterparts, jazz students have the opportunity to pursue a double DEC in Science, Social Science or Creative and Liberal Arts. For further information please contact Professor Nancy Berman, Music Department Chair, at n.berman@marianopolis.edu ◇

Faculty news

Monique Polak '79, English Department, has won the Quebec Writers' Federation Prize for Children's and Young Adult Fiction for her novel *What World Is Left*. Also nominated for the American Library Association Young Adult Fiction Prize and the Manitoba Young Readers' Choice Award, the novel is historic fiction based on her mother's imprisonment in Nazi concentration camp Theresienstadt. The prolific professor has also launched her latest two young adult novels, *The Middle of Everywhere*, set Nunavik's Inuit community, and *Junkyard Dog*, inspired by a guard dog she encountered at a dépanneur near her Notre Dame de Grâce home. She returns to the classroom in January 2010 after a fall sabbatical.

Michael Tritt, English Department, has collaborated with his daughter Shona '02, in writing *Chasing Perfection: Death Denial in Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The Birth-Mark,"* an essay which approaches Hawthorne's story from the perspective of Ernst Becker's generative theory of death denial. Shona is completing a Master in Psychodevelopmental Neuroscience at Yale University's Child Study Center. The essay is available at the PSYART online journal, www.tinyurl.com/y9ylc4c. ◇



Marianopolis has produced several jazz performers over the years, including bassist Richard Rosato '07 and saxophonist Chet Doxas '99.

Do you know a future Marianopolis student? Please share this important news.

New application system
We are happy to announce that students can now apply directly online: www.marianopolis.edu

"Student for a Day" continues this February
Students who would like to sit in on a class, meet teachers, have lunch with students and experience college life at Marianopolis may book a visit by calling (514) 931-8792 ext. 300.

Admissions and application information evening is 4-7:30 p.m. February 8

Secondary V students and their parents are invited to join us to learn more about admission to our programs and our new application system.

Are you an alumni parent of a future or current Marianopolis student? Please contact the Development and Alumni Affairs Office to learn about volunteer opportunities and benefits for alumni: alumni@marianopolis.edu.

Marianopolis is a mouse click away

- www.marianopolis.edu/bevideo - A two-minute video tour of Marianopolis reflects student life on campus.
- www.marianopolis.edu/strategicplan - Marianopolis continues to evolve to best serve our students and ensure a bright future.
- www.marianopolis.edu/annualcampaign - Encourage Professor Anne Jeannet and **Dora Serbanescu '02** as they climb Mount Chimborazo this December by giving to the Annual Giving Campaign.

Join the Marianopolis network

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.



Keywords: Marianopolis College Alumni.

The perfect place to pursue personal excellence

by Arjun Basu '82

As Marianopolis embarks on its second century, it welcomes a new Director General, Len Even. A Montrealer, Even spent the past 18 years in the Netherlands, most recently at Webster University in Leiden. Here, Even shares his vision for the future of Marianopolis, what he's learned so far at the College and why a happy student is the best kind of student.

What brought you back to Montreal from Holland?

The main thing that brought me back from Holland is that I actually missed Montreal. I missed my family and friends here and being in the place where I grew up. But, probably more importantly, I wanted my kids, who were becoming very Dutch, to know their Canadian side.

You've been at Marianopolis for 100 days now. What has struck you most and what have you learned?

What I've noticed most is how warmly I've been received. The sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame care so deeply about the place but they've entrusted it to me. And they've entrusted it to the emerging group of people who will lead this college long after they have relinquished control.

You are, in many ways then, the first "outsider" to lead this institution. Are there any added pressures of being the first one who's not in the Congregation to lead this college?

I don't feel any additional pressure. I think managing and leading an institution is similar to what I did before, in Holland. So the thing that I'm going to apply over and over is: earn people's trust, treat them with respect and communicate, communicate, communicate.

Is there anything you learned in Leiden that you would want to apply here?

What the Dutch understand very well, is that academic success cannot be separated from personal success. And I believe very strongly in happiness. I believe that happy people make better students, better colleagues, better employees and better family members. You don't have to grind (students) into the ground to get good results. Their emotional intelligence is probably a higher indicator of future success than their academic intelligence.



This school has always had many advantages compared to other CEGEPs, notably its size and its spirit as well. How important is the spirit of the school?

It can make a big difference if I consistently remind people about the importance of being happy and being successful. Happiness and success are not mutually exclusive. We can help a lot of academically successful students become even more successful and more likely to succeed in the future if we help them understand the importance of happiness in the mix. Research has shown that the setting, the nature of the faculty and the involvement of the student in activities outside of class are all extremely important in their general education and positively impact their likelihood of success as they graduate. Most students are getting into their



Prior to addressing over 400 guests in the Auditorium, Lieutenant-General Roméo Dallaire met with local high school principals in the library. Pictured here with Len Even and Chris Cargnello '01.

university of first choice, due in part because we don't just push the academics alone, we balance it out by offering the myriad of clubs, student support services and other activities. I'm a big supporter of sports. My kids play sports. I have a daughter here, she's on the basketball team and I'm rooting for her. It's nice to be intelligent but make sure your body is also happy.

The CEGEP system is unique. What does it bring to students that other systems might not?

The CEGEP system gives students a voice, it makes them alert to the possible directions to pursue after grade 11 which otherwise they would do a year later in life in the rest of North America. Making the choice to go into science, social science or creative arts and making the choices that affect your schedule, what time you wake up, what time you come home, what activities you get involved in, is a maturing process and that's a healthy thing. It's an excellent vehicle to personal growth.

Now that you've acclimatized yourself here, what are some the challenges you want to tackle? What's in store in your next 100 days?

The biggest challenge at Marianopolis is implementing our recently approved strategic plan. The strategic plan basically suggests several areas that we should be working on. We've boiled these down to five priorities, or primary areas, and we are busy transforming the process from one of review and analysis to one of implementation and action. In the next 100 days I will be looking carefully at how we will best be able to align our resources with our strategic objectives. "I seek first to understand before I'm understood," as Stephen Covey would say. I want to make sure I understand the very good reasons for many of the things that exist here but at the same time I know that many people are in support of change and moving forward and development.



On campus with students Ryan Brun and Rebecca Brosseau.

Marianopolis depends to a large extent on alumni and volunteers. What role do you see them playing in the future?

It's the same with alumni and volunteers at every college and university around the world. The more the volunteers and alumni give back to their college, the more likelihood there is for the college to be successful. We're seeing more and more children of graduates coming here and they talk about their time here and they look back with great pride and they're satisfied. So I would say it's a win-win set up.

If there was one message you would want to give the world about Marianopolis what would it be?

Marianopolis is the perfect setting to pursue personal excellence. We offer just the right setting: not too big, not too small, a lot of different opinions and variety that will stimulate students, yet they won't get lost in the hallways and there is the personal attention they receive in our relatively small classrooms.

How happy are you to be back in Montreal?

I'm pretty happy. Although I've warned my family, winter hasn't arrived yet! But so far, so good. The kids are very happy here. My wife is taking French lessons and painting lessons. The dogs are happy. And I'm enjoying my work.



Working with students is a priority for the new DG who is featured in the most recent issue of the school paper, *The Papercut*. Pictured here with Len Even is Student Congress President Terrence Adams.

Arjun Basu was editor in chief of *enRoute* magazine from 2001 to 2008 and today is the Editorial Director of Spafax, a global custom media provider. Last year, he released his first book of short stories, *Squishy*, and is now at work on a novel. He lives in Montreal. You can read some of Arjun's work on Twitter www.twitter.com/arjunbasu.

Download the podcast of this interview at www.marianopolis.edu/almmatters. ◇

Blueprint for the future: Strategic Plan highlights

As the College begins its next 100 years, the Marianopolis community has crafted a five-year strategic plan to set it on a clear course of shared priorities. During listening sessions in September 2008, every member of the Marianopolis family — from alumni to parents to employees, from retirees to governing board members to volunteers — was given the opportunity to offer input on the future of the College. In October 2008, 60 stakeholders participated in a two and a half-day workshop to discuss and develop the first draft of the strategic plan. In March 2009, the Board of Governors approved the final document, the blueprint for excellence as Marianopolis embarks on its second century.

The 2009-2014 Marianopolis College Strategic Plan represents the goals collectively deemed most crucial for the College to pursue as it continues its tradition of excellence. The plan will be supported by a specific, sequential implementation program and a multi-year strategic financial plan. Highlights include:

Students and Student Life

Strategic Goal: Marianopolis College will provide its students with opportunities to engage actively in personal and academic growth to achieve their full potential. It will prepare and support its students as they strive to live the Vision and Mission of the College both within and outside Marianopolis.

Program

Strategic Goal: The student, the centre of the Marianopolis College learning community, will be prepared to pursue academic excellence, life-long learning and leadership in the world.

Personnel

Strategic Goal: Marianopolis College will attract, recruit and retain an accomplished and diverse faculty, administration and staff of the highest academic and ethical standards, who will respect and promote its Vision and Mission.

Campus and Facilities

Strategic Goal: Marianopolis College will have a safe,

secure and accessible campus, be a good steward of the environment, continually improve its physical plant and extend its learning environment outside the classroom.

Internal and External Community Relations

Strategic Goal: Marianopolis College will build and maintain strong relationships among all stakeholders to foster its Vision and Mission and an environment of excellence in education.

Finance and Fundraising

Strategic Goal: Marianopolis College will provide responsible financial management to support its Vision and Mission and fund its strategic plan.

Governance

Strategic Goal: As stewards of Marianopolis College and its Vision and Mission, the Board of Governors will ensure the effective functioning of and planning for the future of the College.

www.marianopolis.edu/strategicplan



October 2008 Strategic planning workshop participants (L-R): front row, Margaret Fung, Lesley Lacate, Jill de Villafranca, Sr. Anne Leonard, Susan Stone, Sr. Françoise Boisvert, Mary Liistro Hebert, Mariana Better-Moreno, Mary Lu, Zareen Ali, Louise McLellan, Aris Hadjinicolaou '09; second row, Norma Raimondo, Sr. Elaine O'Grady, Patti McDonald '79, Amin Noorani '85, Alex Polkki, Sr. Marilyn Doucette, Régine Duboulay, Len Shenker, Sr. Clare O'Neill; third row, Peter Malouf, Pam Butler, Adèle-Elise Prévost '03, Jérémie Vinet, Andrew LeCoe, Josée Gravel '76, Dr. Anne Fitzpatrick, Michael Sendbuehler; fourth row, Amy MacLean, Sabine Walser, Diane Quart, Kathy Fazel '88, Patricia Roman, Dr. Roy Eappen '80, Dolores Chew, Claude Bélanger, Colleen Feeney, Sr. Susan Cleevly; fifth row, Louis Santillo '79, Philip Dann, David Wells '79, Orazio La Riccia, Mary Allen, Rocco Iafigliola, Barth Gillan, Kathryn Haralambous; back row, Douglas Slobon, Stewart Daly, John Ryan, Lillian Heron '76, Patrick Baker.

Student success

Thanks to the dynamic student-grad team of second-year student Julia Deutsch and **Kartik Sameer Madiraju '08**, Marianopolis became the first CEGEP level institution to host the Canadian University Society for Intercollegiate Debate's championships this October. The College's debating society co-hosted, in conjunction with its counterpart at McGill, the 100-plus-year-old McGill Debating Union, one of North America's oldest and most respected debating societies. ◇



This fall, two Commerce students returned to the College having been named 2009 Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation In-Course Excellence Award Laureates. Jean-Philippe Gauthier and Ivana Cescutti were among 1,034 nominees from more than 220 post-secondary institutions from across Canada.

Ivana is a peer tutor at Marianopolis, as she was at Vincent Massey Collegiate, where she graduated as valedictorian. She plans to apply her \$10,250 award toward studying entertainment law at McGill University.

Jean-Philippe is continuing the extra-curricular involvement and academic achievement that have characterized him since he was a high school student at Collège Jean de Brebeuf. He wants to use the \$4,500 to study international business at Harvard University or the University of Pennsylvania following completion of his studies at Marianopolis. ◇



Caroline Jo is at Princeton University, after having been named one of Canada's Top 20 Under 20™ last spring for her work on behalf of the environment, which she began at The Study. While at Marianopolis, she served on Student Congress as the Coordinator for Social Justice and organized an Eco-fashion show during Earth Week. ◇

How can you help Marianopolis with its strategic plan?

The College seeks parent and alumni involvement

- Guest speakers on campus
- Event sponsorship
- Mentors for young alumni
- Event volunteers
- Directors of volunteer boards: Alumni Association, The Marianopolis Millennium Foundation and Board of Governors

To learn more, please contact Anneliese Papaurelis '88, a.papaurelis@marianopolis.edu.



From left, Katie Kostjuk '98, newlyweds Jean-Michel Cohalan '98 and Amanda Beattie and Juno award-winning singer-songwriter Antoine Gratton '98, the evening's final entertainer.



Master of ceremonies Todd van der Heyden '94 announces the evening's raffle winners.



Sister Françoise Boisvert '58 (left) and Len Even, the College's former and current directors general, lead the official centennial toast from the gala stage.



Notable guests of honour: The Honourable Kathleen Weil, Justice Minister, and Marc Garneau, Member of Parliament for Westmount-Ville-Marie.



The Marianopolis community shone the spotlight on the College's brilliant legacy of education on November 5 with the LuminoCity Centennial Gala. The glittering celebration began with a VIP reception and cocktails, followed by a six-course gourmet dinner, raffle prizes, live entertainment and dancing. Over 400 guests, including alumni, faculty and staff, parents, students, volunteers, business partners, distinguished guests of honour and community leaders helped raise more than \$135,000 to benefit The Marianopolis Millennium Foundation in support of the College and its students.

CTV News Montreal anchor **Todd van der Heyden '94** was the master of ceremonies for the evening that not only highlighted 100 years of Marianopolis history, but also set the tone for its future. Performances by TRIBE jazz trio from the Montreal Chamber Music Festival, **Chris Cargnello '01** Group, soprano Mylène Bourbeau and **Antoine Gratton '98** entertained guests while DJ Max Julien kept the celebrations hopping late into the night. For more photos, visit the photo gallery at www.marianopolis.edu/centennialgala.

Heartfelt thanks are extended to each and every volunteer, donor and sponsor who helped make the evening a success.

During the course of the evening, Todd van der Heyden '94 shed some light on the origin of the name of the Gala.

"You may be wondering where the name 'LuminoCity' came from. Well, luminosity means the state of shining brightly, and lights and lamps are often a symbol of education. Marianopolis means 'City of Mary' in Greek, hence the tie-in to the word 'city.' Marianopolis is 100 years old and the Roman Numeral for 100 is a 'C,' thus the Capital 'C.' Put them all together and you get LuminoCity."



LuminoCity

THE MARIANOPOLIS COLLEGE CENTENNIAL GALA

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You make a life by what you give.”** - Winston Churchill

Thanks to the generosity of alumni, parents*, faculty and staff, students and friends of the College, over \$394,000 was raised in last year's combined Annual Giving campaign and special Centennial appeal. This allowed The Marianopolis Millennium Foundation increase support for scholarships and student financial aid, to ensure ongoing investment in campus facilities and education resources and to provide enriching activities for students and to grow its endowment for the future. Donations are greatly appreciated and help to enrich the Marianopolis experience for every one of our students.

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Commemorative fund honours Boisvert legacy

Last spring, the Marianopolis community rallied in great numbers to honour the retirement of Director General Françoise Boisvert, CND. Over \$51,000 was raised for The Marianopolis Millennium Foundation by almost 300 alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends. During her retirement ceremony on June 8, Sister Boisvert was presented with a commemorative plaque for the Heritage Room, a space on campus that has been dedicated in her name. An endowment fund to provide financial assistance to students, a priority during her 28 years at Marianopolis, has also been established in her honour. Contributions to the fund are still welcome, www.marianopolis.edu/donate. ◇



Donations support the College and its students

Thanks to the support of its generous donors during the past year, The Marianopolis Millennium Foundation was able to make a number of grants toward key areas of need identified by the College. While making a sizeable grant of \$463,000 from its *Moving hearts and minds* Capital Campaign, the Foundation also provided \$287,000 in scholarships, bursaries and student financial, and \$89,000 for equipment, technology, educational resources and special projects. Particular new additions made possible by these funds were laptops to equip the Physics Lab, a new social science database for the Library, technological upgrades to the Auditorium, a portable stage, lighting, sound equipment and bicycle racks as part of the Greening Marianopolis initiative. The Marianopolis College Alumni Association made an additional contribution of \$2,500 to purchase a large flat-screen television for the Student Lounge. ◇

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\$20 will help us reach the summit!

When Physical Education Professor Anne Jeannet and **Dora Serbanescu '02** carry a Marianopolis flag 6,267 metres up Ecuador's Mount Chimborazo this December, they will be helping raise money to support the 20 percent of our students who receive some form of financial aid. Your donation will inspire them to reach the summit and will help students who face tough financial circumstances have access to a Marianopolis education. All money collected will go directly to The Marianopolis Millennium Foundation in support of our students.

Your \$20 will make an even bigger impact. The Marianopolis College Alumni Association has pledged to add an extra \$20 to each new donation of \$20 or more.

We count on our 24,700 alumni worldwide to ensure that all students may attend Marianopolis regardless of their financial means. Your gift ensures that Marianopolis remains at the summit.

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Marianopolis Millennium Foundation awards entrance scholarships

Seventy incoming students received scholarships this fall semester. Coming from 40 high schools throughout Montreal, each of the 70 received a \$250 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." ◇

Friends and family organize fundraiser in alumna's honour



Following a diagnosis of craniopharyngioma, a rare pediatric brain tumor, O'Linda Cuffaro '98 underwent a surgery which has left her hospitalized since 2004.

The Only Love Inspires Foundation (OLI) was founded in 2008 in honour of **O'Linda Cuffaro '98**, who was left debilitated after surgery for craniopharyngioma, a rare, slow-growing tumor that affected her pituitary gland and hypothalamus. Founders **Karyn Modugno '98**, Sandra Messina and Frankie and Cristina Cuffaro hope to raise awareness about neurological diseases and contribute to advancements in neurological research.

The Only Love Inspires charity event is the OLI Foundation's annual fundraiser that raised \$30,000 in 2009 benefitting the Montreal Neurological Institute. The Marianopolis Millennium Foundation will receive \$2,000 from the

proceeds of this year's event. The Cuffaro family and friends, along with the OLI Foundation, hope to provide similar support annually to create a special fund to support students and facilities at Marianopolis in honour of O'Linda. www.olifoundation.com.

If you are interested in supporting this initiative or partnering with Marianopolis for your event, please contact Anneliese Papaurelis at (514) 931-8792 ext. 202, a.papaurelis@marianopolis.edu. ◇



Karyn Modugno '98 and Frankie Cuffaro at the OLI Foundation fundraiser with Cristina Bortolotti, co-host of Ciao Montreal.

The class of '61 reunion brings old friends together

Bachelor of Science alumnae from the class of '61 gathered for their annual reunion in September to celebrate 48 years of friendship. Twelve of the original class of 14 enjoyed a weekend at Irene Zbikowski Godbout's home in the Eastern Townships, with some alumnae arriving from across Canada and as far away as Jamaica. Maeve Blandford Wells writes: "As we grow older, we appreciate and value the friendships... We intend to gather for our annual reunions as long as we are able." ◇



(L-R) front row: Ann Edwards Flynn, Marlene Sullivan Fulford, Maeve Blandford Wells; middle row: Carole Thompson Bishop, Magda Jass, Irene Zbikowski Godbout, Doris Rizok Bilous; back row: Christine Zawilinski, Janet Wolska, Mary Osman Ajersch, Beate Mueller Cloetta, Ruth Phaneuf Parker.

Class of '67 reunites after 22 years



(L-R) front row: Carol Clarke-Gendron, Ann McMahon-Rusnak, Susan McDonald-Smith, Vida Lietuvninkas; second row: Janice Tynan-Kennedy, Christine Granacki-Evans, Rosalind Kokeram-Tilbenny, Anne Adams, Laraine Taylor-Foscato, H el ene Marcogliese; third row: Carolyn Sands-Enke, Irene Biller-Armano, Ruth Morrell-Ingram, Sheilaeagh Nesom-Macdonald, Jane Howson-Wilson, Yvette Vigneault-Voisard, Muriel Morin-Squibb; fourth row: Jane Logan-Beland, Sharon Mulrone, Dana Zubas-Adams, Ann Soden, Nicole Aumond.

Twenty-two members of the class of '67 reunited from across Canada and abroad this November to enjoy an afternoon of friendship and artistic appreciation at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. Organizers Ann McMahon-Rusnak, H el ene Marcogliese, Vida Lietuvninkas, Jane Howson-Wilson and Jane Logan-Beland agree that 22 years was far too long to wait. They plan on reuniting more often in the future. ◇

Ottawa, Toronto and NYC reunions planned for spring 2010



Alumni living in the Ottawa, Toronto or New York City vicinities are asked to please update their mailing information with the Alumni Office in order to receive news about the upcoming reunions in their area. Only those listed as living nearby will receive an invitation, so don't miss out on a great chance to network with fellow alumni in your city. ◇

Marian Siminski '67 is a musical director and pianist with Theatre Panache's production of *Till We Meet Again*, a musical about love, hope and connections during the Second World War. The play is a portrayal of a live radio show broadcast from the Normandy Roof of the Mount Royal Hotel in the 1940's. Marian holds performance diplomas in voice and in piano from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto. She is the musical director for the Gilbert and Sullivan productions of the Lakeshore Light Opera where she conducts an 18-piece orchestra, as well as being the choral director and co-director of Camp Musical d'Asbestos.

Raphael Thomas Justewicz '77 is an architect, landscape architect and writer who was recognized this summer by *Cambridge Who's Who* for dedication and excellence in landscape architecture. *Cambridge Who's Who* is an exclusive membership registry that recognizes and empowers executives, professionals and entrepreneurs throughout the world. Raphael graduated from the School of Architecture at McGill University in 1988, during which time he received an AIA Foundation Scholarship and the Murdoch-Laing Prize for Design. He went on to obtain an undergraduate degree from MIT as well as a Master of Landscape Architecture with Distinction from Harvard University. Raphael is a senior associate with EDAA/AECOM in New York City, www.cambridgewhoswho.com.

Sheema Khan '80 lives in Ottawa with her husband and three children. She completed a Master of Physics and a Doctorate of Chemical Physics, both from Harvard University, along with post-doctoral stints at MIT and McGill University. She is a patent agent and since 2002 has been a monthly columnist for the *Globe and Mail* on issues of women in Islam. A collection of her columns was recently published under the title *Of Hockey and Hijab: Reflections of a Canadian Muslim Woman*, a copy of which she recently donated to the Marianopolis library, www.tsarbooks.com/OfHockeyandHijab.htm.

Daniel Thompson '81 was recently appointed CEO of MacDougall, MacDougall & MacTier, Canada's

oldest investment management firm. With offices in Montreal, Toronto, Quebec City, London and Kingston, "3Macs" focuses on providing high quality investment advice to individual investors.

Licia Canton '82 is a writer, editor and communications consultant. She is the author of *Almond Wine and Fertility* (2008), a collection of short stories for women and their men, and editor-in-chief of *Accenti Magazine*, a national publication for lovers of all things Italian. She holds a Doctorate from Universit e de Montr eal as well as a Master's from McGill University. Licia lives in Montreal with her husband and three children and would love to hear from old friends, lcanton@accenti.ca.



Peter Gruner '82 wrote a one-act play entitled *Laundomat at the End of the World* (and no, it isn't a typo). It was named one of the top plays at the Hamilton Fringe Festival this summer and remounted at Theatre Aquarius as part of the double-bill "Best of Fringe 2009." Peter has been married to Deb Dagenais since 1988 and they have three children, Caileigh, Keaton and Tara.

Heather Wood '84 is a freelance copywriter and creative prose writer. Heather's first novel *Fortune Cookie* (2009) is a diary-style novel set in Montreal during the turbulent year of 1989. Her work has appeared in publications such as *Kiss Machine*, *Artistry of Life*, and *Litbits*, as well as in two anthologies, *In the Dark: Stories from the Supernatural* and *IV Lounge Nights*. Heather's chapbook *Barbies, Breasts and Bathing Suits* was released in 2007. She lives in Toronto with her husband Kurt and two cats.



Jo-Anna Downey '86 hosts two weekly comedy nights in Toronto and has been a national touring comic for the past 10 years with appearances on CTV, The

Comedy Network and the Discovery Channel. Jo-Anna credits the development of her comedic skills to working as an admissions officer at John Abbott College, where she attempted to make high school prerequisites interesting and fun. After obtaining a Bachelor in History from Concordia University, she moved to Toronto and fell upon an open mic comedy night where she performed on a dare and never looked back.

Victoria Kaspi '86 has been awarded a 2009 *Prix du Qu ebec*, the highest honour conferred by the provincial



government, in recognition of her contribution to social and scientific advancement. Victoria is a world-renowned physicist known for her cutting-edge work on neutron stars,

pulsars and supernovae remnants. She has been honored with the Steacie Prize in the Natural Sciences, the Rutherford Memorial Medal of the Royal Society of Canada, the Canadian Association of Physicists Herzberg Medal and the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research Young Explorer Prize.

Marco Della Rocca '87 has been working for the past three years in commercial real estate with *Cushman & Wakefield* and *Groupe Sutton*. Prior to this, he held management positions with *Sheraton Hotels*, *Assante Wealth Management*, *Hoehst Marion Roussel* and *Astra Pharma*. Marco has served on the Board of Directors of the *Game for Hope Foundation* for the past five years, helping raise over \$330,000 for various children's causes. Marco is married to Sophia Golanowski and has three children.



Greg Silas '87 recently sold his sports bar and nightclub at Blue Mountain and moved to Toronto where his wife, Dr. Christie Kim, is pursuing a fellowship in haematology at Princess Margaret

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Hospital. Greg is the CFO of UBB Corporation and he and his wife have two children, Eva Isabella 2 1/2 and newborn Calvin Jameson. Greg can be reached at gsilas@videotron.ca.

Lionel Perez '89 is the President of CorporationCentre.ca, a leading Canadian online legal document filing and business registration services firm. After completing a Bachelor in Political Science from Concordia University, he went on to receive law degrees from Osgoode Hall and Université de Montréal before practicing for a number of years and then co-founding CorporationCentre.ca. In the recent Montreal municipal election, Lionel successfully ran with the Union Montreal Party for a seat on City Council for the Darlington District in Côte des Neiges-Notre Dame de Grâce. Lionel is married and has four children.

Adam Atlas '90 recently became the youngest person to be appointed president of the Quebec Jewish Congress (at 38). Adam's first involvement in Jewish affairs was at Marianopolis College when a sukkah installed by the Hillel Society was vandalized. As student council president, Adam spoke out. He looks back on this incident as his wake-up call to become involved in Jewish issues. He holds a Bachelor of Civil Law, a Bachelor of Common Law and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from McGill University. His boutique commercial law firm advises principally on electronic transaction law, www.adamatlas.com.

Paul Frehner '90 announces the premiere of his piece *Berliner Konzert*, a triple concerto for piano trio and string orchestra. The piece was performed by Canada's Gryphon Trio, joined by the Württemberg Chamber Orchestra, one of Germany's most renowned musical ensembles, on a tour of four cities in Ontario in November.

Natalie Andres '92 works for PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Canadian Industry Marketing Manager, Energy & Natural Resources. This summer, she helped launch the firm's 2009 Canadian Energy Survey, a report providing insight as to how energy companies will need to adapt in the future. The publication is available for download, www.pwc.com/ca/energysurvey.

Erin Polonsky (née Polansky) '93 was the first student to complete the newly introduced minor in Jewish Studies from Queen's University in 1995, where she earned a Bachelor. Upon graduation, Erin entered the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion's Rabbinical program. In addition to



achieving Rabbinical Ordination in 2000, she earned a Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters. Erin served Congregation Bet Shalom in Minneapolis from 2001-2004, during which time she married Loren Polonsky. The family moved to Toronto in 2004 and Erin assumed the position of Associate Rabbi at Temple Sinai Congregation of Toronto, where she continues to serve. She and Loren have three children Rueben, Ephram and Harli, who was born this year. Erin is pursuing a Doctor of Jewish Studies degree through Spertus College in Chicago.

Jade Raymond '94 is president of the new Ubisoft studio in Toronto. After obtaining a computer science degree from McGill University, she landed her first full-time game industry job at Sony Online only four days after graduating. While with Ubisoft in Montreal, she produced *Assassin's Creed* and was the executive producer *Assassin's Creed II*, one of the most anticipated games this holiday season. Later this month Ubisoft will release the game for the upcoming blockbuster *Avatar*.

Marnie Consky (Rabinovitch) '95 recently launched a specialty women's underwear brand called Thigh Society that is sold online and in specialty boutiques in Toronto and Montreal.

Marnie is also Assistant Director at the Rotman School of Management's



Corporate Connections Centre at the University of Toronto, where she provides career counseling to MBA students. She also partners with several international

strategy consulting firms. After graduating from Marianopolis, Marnie completed her Bachelor of Commerce at McGill University in 1998 and moved to Toronto in 2005, www.thighsociety.ca.



Mylène Dinh-Robic '97 is a television actress who portrays Dr. Olivia Fawcett on the CTV international drama *The Listener*. She starred opposite Nicholas Campbell as city handler Rita Mah on *Da Vinci's City Hall* and in the CBC movie *The Quality of Life*, a spinoff of *Da Vinci's Inquest*. She will guest star as Sgt. Claudette Mackenzie on an upcoming episode of *The Border* on CBC



this fall. Mylène graduated with distinction from Concordia University's Communications Studies program and studied acting at John Strasberg Studios in Montreal and the Lyric School of Acting in Vancouver.

Tatiana Boukh-Viner '99 obtained her Bachelor in Biochemistry at McGill University and went on to Concordia University to complete a Doctorate in Biology. Last year she married Henk Lau, a professional



sushi chef. She is looking for work in the wine industry as a fermentation specialist and would also love to teach biology. Tatiana has fond memories of her days at Marianopolis and keeps in touch with a group of former classmates.

Jennifer Bracewell '01 and **Theo McLaughlin '01** were married at McGill University's Birks Heritage Chapel on September 12, 2009. Lots of



Marianopolis friends and alumni were there to celebrate, including **Andrew Bryan '00**, **Mark Ordonselli '01**, **Emilie Zaloum '01**, **Brigid Glustein '01**, **Peter Harrison '01**, bridesmaids **Jennifer Dickson '01** and **Katharine Childs '01**, **Justin Mizzi '99** and **Ian Ratzer '00** and the bride and grooms' brothers, **Jonathan Bracewell '99** and **Matthew McLaughlin '99**. Jen and Theo are doctoral students at McGill, she in archaeology, he in political science.

Christine Ghawi '02 won a 2009 Gemini Award for best performance by an



actress in a leading role in a dramatic program or miniseries for her role as Céline Dion in the movie *Céline*. The film is the unauthorized biography of the singer and was broadcast internationally on CBC in October 2008.

Randy and Marian Pinsky '03 were recently honored with the *Lieutenant-Governor Youth Medal* for academic



achievement, social activism and mentorship of youth in the category of Students of the World and Leaders of Tomorrow. Their most recent endeavor is co-organizing a successful public workshop series with the *Social Justice Committee* of Montreal on the subjects of Third World debt and social activism. Both students at Concordia University, Marian is working on a Master of Sociology with a focus on women-led responses to the food crisis in India, and Randy is continuing her interest in human rights in the Honors program of Political Science.

Mikhail Klassen '05 graduated *magna cum laude* from Columbia University



with a Bachelor of Science in Applied Physics. He was accepted to McMaster University with an entrance scholarship and is beginning a Master of Science program in Astrophysics, studying star formation under Dr. Ralph Pudritz. On August 16, 2009, Mikhail married

Sheila Liu '05 at the Montreal Chinese Alliance Church in Hampstead. **Kun Shi '05** was best man. Sheila is in her second year of medical school at McMaster and started her clerkship in November. Mikhail and Sheila reside in Hamilton.

Zachary Alapi '06 co-edited a new literary magazine, *The Loose Canon*, with his father, longtime Marianopolis English professor Dr. Zsolt Alapi. The launch took place at McKibbin's Irish Pub in September 2009 and featured readings by prominent writers in the new



underground. *The Loose Canon* is a bi-annual publication that is available in select bookstores and through their publisher's website www.sirensongpublishing.com. Zachary graduated with a joint major in English and Religious Studies from McGill University. While writing on his first novel, he is working at Marianopolis as an English Monitor at the Learning Resource Centre and as a Senior Library Assistant. Zachary is preparing for graduate studies in the fall of 2010. ♦

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with the McGill faculty and make use of their music facilities. This beneficial relationship continues to flourish today. The annual ArtsFest Concert will honour her on April 21, 2010. Donations made in memory of Sister O'Neil will benefit the students of the Marianopolis Music Program.

Lorena Gale '77 passed away on June 21, 2009 at the age of 51 after a battle with cancer. After graduating from Marianopolis, Lorena pursued a life in the theatre and was recognized as an award-winning playwright, director and black community activist at the time of her death. While she has many film and stage credits to her name, she is best known for her role as priestess Elosha in the television series *Battlestar Galactica*. Lorena leaves her husband, theatre director John Cooper, who she married in 1991, and their son, Clayton.

Raymond Mak '84 passed away on July 15, 2009 at the age of 43 after a lengthy battle with cancer. He leaves his wife, Paulina Yee, and his children, Ryan and Caitlyn, along with many other relatives.

Owen Neil Catchpauh '01 died on November 20, 2009. Owen lived with Crohn's disease for 17 years and more recently battled cancer. He leaves his parents, many friends and relatives. ♦



We will miss...

Diane Gratton '50 passed away on May 17, 2009 in her 80th year. She graduated from Marianopolis College with a Bachelor's of Science and later became a longtime employee of IBM Canada. Diane loved to travel, golf and ski and was a devoted volunteer. She is survived by her cousins as well as many dear and close friends.

Sister Mary E. O'Neil '69 passed away on June 15, 2009. She joined the faculty of Marianopolis College in 1962 and she set up and directed a program leading to a Bachelor with a major in Music. She established a unique relationship between Marianopolis music students and the McGill Faculty of Music, whereby the Marianopolis students were able to study