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## Welcome Home Dinner

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### Welcome Home Dinner

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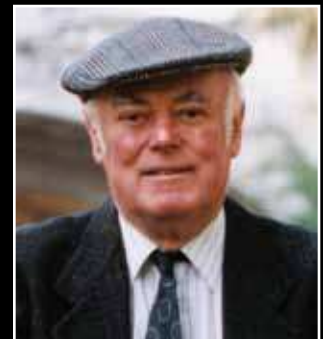
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Jamie B. Wentzell '01  
Young Alumnus



Alistair MacLeod '60  
Distinguished Alumnus of the Year



Mary Lillian MacDonald  
Friend of StFX



## On the Cover

### Academic Leadership At StFX

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The strength of StFX is largely due to the high quality of its faculty. On our cover, we're pleased to introduce you to our academic leadership team. Inside you will learn about faculty excellence in research. We're pleased to shine a spotlight on the achievements of our faculty. Pictured on our cover are, l-r, Dean of Arts Dr. Richard Nemesvari, Dean of Science Dr. Robert van den Hoogen; Academic Vice-President and Provost Dr. Mary McGillivray; Dean of Business Leo Gallant; Dean of Education Dr. Jeff Orr; and Associate Vice-President Research Dr. Keith De'Bell.

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## Unparalleled alumni energy and engagement makes StFX stronger

**T**oronto, St. John's, New York, Edmonton, Calgary, Fredericton and Moncton – these are some of the chapter areas that hosted outstanding alumni events recently, with President Dr. Sean Riley as special guest. At each gathering, the energy and enthusiasm for our alma mater has been truly uplifting. It's incredibly satisfying to see the X-Spirit is so alive and well across Canada and beyond our borders.

StFX is indeed the envy of universities across Canada when it comes to alumni engagement. We recently reported on survey findings showing that 98 per cent of StFX alumni are either "somewhat" or "fully" engaged with their alma mater. No one else comes close to those numbers.

It's especially rewarding to see new chapters taking shape. This happened last year in Nova Scotia's South Shore, Ontario's Golden Horseshoe and Sudbury. And with the highly successful alumni road trip to New York City over the Victoria Day weekend, the same thing is taking place now in the Big Apple.

Aptly dubbed "X in the City," the NY tour saw 95 alumni and friends of StFX from NS and NB – most of whom had never been to NY before – travelling aboard two motor coaches to New England. Dozens of NYC alumni joined the tour group for a fabulous alumni dinner on Broadway and a lovely reception hosted by Dr. Patrick Sylvester from the class of 1960.

One really special thing about these gatherings is that the ages and years of graduation just don't matter. Strangers of all ages and walks of life become fast friends as they share memories of their time on campus.

This vibrant alumni network is vital to StFX for many reasons. Among them is the importance of sharing the StFX experience with young people. Our alumni are StFX ambassadors and many ex-



Helen presented Dr. Riley with his "X in the City" t-shirt from the alumni tour to New York when he joined the group in the Big Apple May 22.

ceptional young men and women find their way to this university after speaking with alumni who are passionate about the StFX experience. They, in turn, share their own StFX experience with younger siblings, friends and neighbours. As a result, the first Sunday after Labour Day each fall sees more than 1,000 excited, nervous and highly promising students fill the Charles V. Keating Centre for the incredible first day of their very own StFX experience. And the future of StFX becomes stronger.

Thank you for your own loyalty to your alma mater and your part in securing the StFX experience for future generations. I look forward to seeing you at an alumni gathering soon.

Helen Murphy '08  
Director, Alumni Affairs



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## LETTERS

### X-Rings Around the World

#### GREAT BARRIER REEF, AUSTRALIA



(l-r): Gabe Nichol, Joel McInnis, Iain Fraser, Jason Ozon, and Daniel Evans, all grads from the Class of '09 at the Great Barrier Reef, Queensland, Australia.

Dear **AlumniNews**,

My name is Daniel Evans, Class of 2009, and I would like to submit a photo from my travels with four other '09 StFX alumni while on a scuba dive out on the Great Barrier Reef in Queensland, Australia. We were very fortunate to meet up and dive one of the seven natural wonders of the world together and enjoy past memories and stories. To say the least it was beautiful and brought many smiles to each of us.

– Dan Evans '09

#### X ALUMNI MAKE IT TO MOUNT EVEREST BASE CAMP



Patricia O'Regan '82 and Danny McVicar '74

Two StFX alumni were part of a group from Canada that trekked to Everest base camp in Nepal in March. Patricia O'Regan '82 and Danny McVicar '74 are pictured at Everest Base Camp with their X-Rings. The group was gone for 24 days. The trek to and from base camp took 16 days.

#### X WELL REPRESENTED AT NEW BRUNSWICK EVENT

Dear **AlumniNews**,

Volunteer Family Services, better known as the Food Bank in Woodstock, NB, celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 6, 2010. Several X grads were in attendance: the guest speaker was Lieutenant Governor Graydon Nicholas '68 (left), while Ron Mac Donald '64 (right) attended in his capacity as New Brunswick Senior Goodwill Ambassador for Carleton County, along with his wife, Carol.

– Ron Mac Donald '64

#### NEW RING HOLDS THE X SPIRIT



Dear **AlumniNews**,

In September 2007, I departed for a six-month internship in Malawi. Many people warned me against taking my X-Ring, but it had become a part of my right hand. I knew it would be a reminder of home in a country so unfamiliar. So I ignored the advice and took it. Although Malawi is relatively safe, I was unfortunate enough to fall victim to thieves. I lost almost everything, including my X-Ring. I was devastated, especially over my ring because I knew it would be the last item that I would be able to replace, due to the price. I felt like I was missing a finger without the weighty gold ring. I returned home to Canada in March and celebrated my birthday two weeks later. I went over to my friend's where some people had gathered for cake. I thought the cake was a nice gesture so I was surprised when they handed me a card, with a picture of an X-Ring pasted inside. A window was drawn above this with the words '98 days 'til...' The other side listed 11 of my friend's names. The realization of what they had done didn't come right away. How could I have guessed that they had bought me a new X-Ring? When they saw the tears in my eyes they knew I had finally determined what the picture of the X-Ring represented. They wanted to do something for me after the robbery and knew the ring would mean the most to me. I find it hard to stop saying thank you. My first X-Ring holds many memories of my time at StFX but I am grateful for my new ring because it reminds me of the amazing women that I am lucky enough to call my friends.

– Kendra MacEachern '07

Thanks girls! Annie Sullivan '07, Ashley Gillis '06, Jenna MacDonald '06, Jillian MacDonald '06, Stephanie McCarron '09, Erin MacDonald '06, Heather McAdam, Candace MacKenzie '05, Erica Alex '06, Breanna Theuekauf '06, Sarah Thompson '06

#### STILL LOTS OF GOLD IN DUBAI!

After 33 years Mike O'Leary '76 and Phil Ridley '77 met up in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, to renew friendships and talk about the good old days at StFX. Phil, who has been teaching internationally for a number of years, is now teaching in Dubai and Mike was working in nearby Abu Dhabi as a project manager in education.



# We are Canada's Strongest Alumni



## Because of you!

Those who become part of the StFX experience stay connected forever. Our alumni network is unmatched for its strength, diversity, level of engagement, and increasing global reach. Become a Xaverian and get ready to join a family that will last the rest of your life.

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Dr. Sean E. Riley '74  
 StFX President

## The changing face of academic leadership

As our alumni know, the strength of StFX is largely attributable to the high quality of our faculty. Our university is home to some of Canada's top scholars. They bring outstanding teaching and research to the StFX experience.

In recent months we've been pleased to expand the academic leadership team at StFX. In doing so, we've been able to promote from within the ranks of our own faculty for the new positions of Dean of Business with the appointment of Leo Gallant, and Dean of Education with Dr. Jeff Orr at the helm. These new faces in academic leadership were joined recently by Dr. Robert Van den Hoogen, our new Dean of Science; and Dr. Richard Nemesvari, our newly appointed Dean of Arts.

Together with Academic Vice President Dr. Mary MacGillivray, these new members of StFX's senior management team are the very capable leaders on the academic side of today's StFX. We're proud of these new additions in academic leadership and of the ideas, energy and experience they bring to the table. They give us the highest confidence that our students will continue to benefit from an unparalleled academic experience in the years to come.

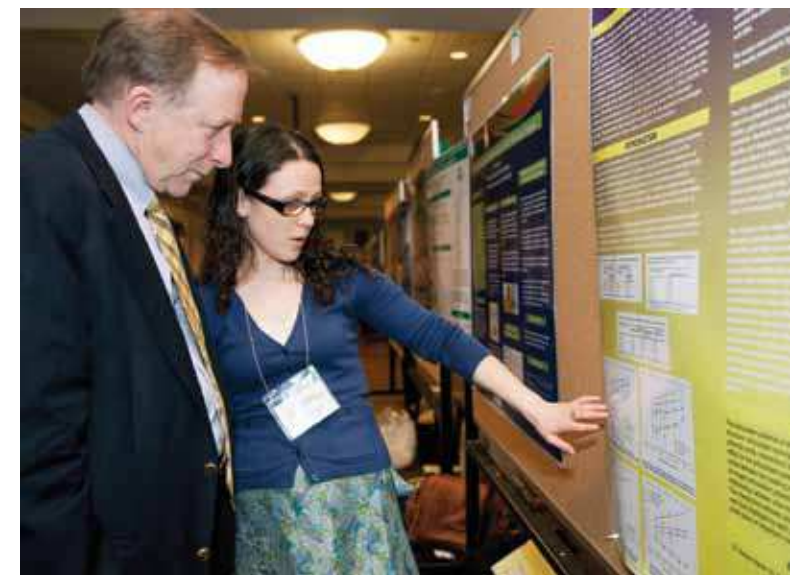


Dr. Sean Riley interviewed by BNN TV host Marty Cej '90 (above) at the StFX National Dinner in Toronto on May 20, 2010.

These new deans and Dr. MacGillivray have a solid foundation upon which to build. Our students have among the highest satisfaction rates of students at any university of any size in Canada. As well, our alma mater has been given top marks in key academic categories by the Globe and Mail's Annual Report Card on Universities.

Our focus has always been to provide students with the very best education possible. Our new deans and Dr. MacGillivray are continuing this winning formula.

*Sean Riley*  
 Dr. Sean E. Riley '74  
 StFX President



## National teaching honour for StFX professor

**D**r. Angie Thompson has long been recognized around the StFX campus for her teaching excellence. Now it's something the rest of country knows as well. In March, the StFX human kinetics professor received the nationally acclaimed 3M National Teaching Fellowship Award, a prestigious award that recognizes teaching excellence and educational leadership in Canada. "I am incredibly honoured to receive this award that recognizes what is so true to me, teaching," says Dr. Thompson. "I feel a sense of responsibility that comes along with this award; that is to continue teaching to the best of my abilities, caring for each student, and putting my students first and foremost while offering them the best learning experience possible." There are just over 200 3M National Teaching Fellows across Canada representing a broad range of academic disciplines. The 3M National Teaching Fellowship, established in 1986, celebrates the exceptional contributions made by teacher-scholars across Canada.



Dr. Angie Thompson

**H**ands-on experience in research is very important to our students. That's why our faculty has made this a priority for students' experience. Due to their determination, and outstanding work in their field, faculty has not only received national recognition, but millions of dollars in grants. Below is a sample of our faculty's external research grant success.

### KILLAM RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Murphy, Brendan

### SSHRC GRANTS

Cameron, Colleen	Nursing
Gillis, Doris	Human Nutrition
Johnson, Christine	Human Nutrition
MacDonald, Margaret	Religious Studies
Mensch, James	Philosophy
Roy, Carole	Adult Education
Stan, Lavinia	Political Science

### CANADA RESEARCH CHAIRS

Derek Leaist	Tier I	Chemistry
Todd Boyle	Tier II	Information Systems
Petra Hauf	Tier II	Psychology
Lisa Kellman	Tier II	Earth Sciences
L. Jane McMillan	Tier II	Anthropology
Peter Poole	Tier II	Physics
Ricardo Scorsati	Tier II	Biology

### NSERC GRANTS

Bishop, CD	Biology
Garbary, DJW	Biology
Marshall, WS	Biology
Scorsati, RA	Biology
Wyeth, RC	Biology
Aquino, MAS	Chemistry
Leaist, DG	Chemistry
MacLean, BJ	Chemistry
Marangoni, DG	Chemistry
Morgan, DM	Chemistry
Orlova, GV	Chemistry
Smith-Palmer, T	Chemistry
Anderson, AJ	Earth Sciences
Beltrami, HJ	Earth Sciences
Ferguson, GAG	Earth Sciences
Kellman, LM	Earth Sciences
Melchin, MJ	Earth Sciences
Montenegro, AMN	Earth Sciences
Murphy, JB	Earth Sciences
Risk, DA	Earth Sciences
Comeau, FD	Engineering
Quinn, WR	Engineering
Mackenzie, SJ	Human Kinetics
Nacz, MM	Human Nutrition
Marzi, HM	Information Systems
Apaloo, J	Mathematics
Finbow, SM	Mathematics
Gondra, I	Mathematics
Lin, M	Mathematics
Lukeman, RJ	Mathematics
MacCaull, WA	Mathematics
Taylor, TD	Mathematics
Van Den Hoogen, R	Mathematics
Wang, XS	Mathematics
Yang, LT	Mathematics
Zhou, P	Mathematics
Adams, CP	Physics
LeBris, KMJ	Physics
Marzlin, KP	Physics
Pink, DAH	Physics
Van Zyl, BP	Physics
Bigelow, AE	Psychology
Hauf, P	Psychology

## StFX researcher awarded funds to uncover the mystery of ancient oceans

**E**arth sciences professor Dr. Brendan Murphy has been awarded the nationally acclaimed Killam Research Fellowship, presented to established scholars who have demonstrated outstanding research, to help support their studies. The fellowships carry a value of \$140,000 over two years. Dr. Murphy's research will examine the tectonic history of key rock formations in two distinct types of ancient oceans that existed over 400 million years ago, remnants of which are preserved in Iberia and eastern Australia. The examination of the geodynamic forces that created the formation of new oceans at that time will help better understand the natural pace of long-term global change.



Dr. Brendan Murphy

## High Commissioner of Kenya on hand as education students leave for international field practicum



StFX B.Ed students at the Canadian Embassy in Kenya.

**A**s 14 StFX education students and two recent grads readied to leave for Kenya for six weeks of international field experience, no less than the High Commissioner of the Republic of Kenya to Canada was on hand to wish them well in their teaching experience. His Excellency, Simon Nabukwesi, who is also the Ambassador to Cuba, was on hand at StFX on March 5 to speak with faculty, staff, students and guests, and to present visas to the students taking an education leave from their jobs in the local school board to participate. "This trip will have a profound impact on my career in teaching," says education student Kyle Andrew Sarka. "To be in a place like Kenya and to be able to dive into something as special as their education system is something that will change the way I think about teaching in general."

Canadian classrooms are becoming more diverse. It's important for teachers to have a cross-cultural experience, that they can bring that to support their teaching," he says. The students agree. Not only is the trip self-funded, the two grads, teachers now, are in fact taking an education leave from their jobs in the local school board to participate. "This trip will have a profound impact on my career in teaching," says education student Kyle Andrew Sarka. "To be in a place like Kenya and to be able to dive into something as special as their education system is something that will change the way I think about teaching in general."

## Appointments at StFX

### Dr. Robert van den Hoogen named Dean of Science

**D**r. Robert van den Hoogen, a professor of mathematics and most recently interim Dean of Science, has been appointed the new Dean of Science at StFX following a national search.

"Dr. van den Hoogen brings a fresh perspective and dedication to the challenging tasks of continuing to make our Faculty of Science a dynamic part of StFX. He is a welcome addition to our academic leadership team," StFX President Dr. Sean Riley said.

Dr. van den Hoogen has taught at StFX since 1995. He was granted tenure in 2001 and named a full professor in 2008. Along with his teaching and ongoing research, he has a strong history of involvement, including serving as a member of the University Senate and the University Budget Committee. He is a former president of the StFX Association of University Teachers, a former member of the Faculty Development Committee, and former secretary to the Faculty of Science.

"I am delighted to have Dr. van den Hoogen as our new Dean of Science," said Dr. Mary McGillivray,



Dr. Robert van den Hoogen

StFX Academic Vice-President and Provost.

Dr. van den Hoogen is originally from Mabou, Cape Breton. He holds a PhD in mathematics from Dalhousie University. Well-known as an enthusiastic and energetic instructor, he is also an active researcher in the area of mathematical physics. He is supported by Discovery Grants from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) as well as various research grants from StFX.

### Dr. Richard Nemesvari named Dean of Arts

**S**tFX President Dr. Sean Riley is pleased to announce that Dr. Richard Nemesvari has been appointed Dean of Arts. "We are happy to have Dr. Nemesvari as the new Dean of Arts," Dr. Riley said. "His efforts as dean will help ensure StFX continues to offer an unparalleled teaching and learning environment to students nationally and internationally."

Dr. Nemesvari joined the StFX English Department in 1990 as an assistant professor and was named a full professor in 2006. He is now in his second term as departmental chair, and has served StFX in a wide range of capacities: as a member of University Senate and of the Rank and Tenure Committee, as chair of the Faculty of Arts and of University Faculty, and as vice president of StFX AUT.

"Since the creation of the two new Faculties in Business and Education last year, the Faculty of Arts is re-shaped, and Dr. Nemesvari brings talent, energy and enthusiasm to the new job. I am pleased he has accepted the appointment," said Academic VP and Provost Dr. Mary McGillivray.



Dr. Richard Nemesvari

Prior to StFX, Dr. Nemesvari taught at Queen's University, where he earned his PhD in English. He is a well-regarded teacher and scholar whose specialty is Victorian literature. He's held a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) research grant, and his work has been published by such presses as Oxford, Cambridge, Ashgate, Wiley-Blackwell, and Palgrave Macmillan. He is a Vice-President and director of the Thomas Hardy Association, and General Editor of the Cambridge University Press Edition of the Novels and Stories of Thomas Hardy.

## Basketball coaching legend receives national award



Coach Steve Konchalski accepts his award from Leo MacPherson, Director of StFX Athletics & Recreation

**B**asketball coaching legend Steve Konchalski received more national recognition in June when Canadian Interuniversity Sport named the longtime X-Men head coach recipient of the Jean-Marie De Koninck Coaching Excellence Award. Coach K, with 35 seasons at the X-Men helm, is the winningest coach in CIS men's basketball history. He has led the X-Men to 34 consecutive playoff appearances, nine AUS titles, 14 appearances at the CIS championship and three national crowns. He is a former CIS coach of the year and six-time AUS coach of the year. The Elmhurst, NY, native claimed a CIS

title as a player with the Acadia Axemen in 1965 when he was named MVP of the national championship. While coaching at StFX, he had a 16-year stint as an assistant with the Canadian national team from 1972 to 1988, including three Olympic Game appearances, and a second tour of duty with the national squad from 1995 to 1998, this time as head coach. Since 2009, he has been a member of Basketball Canada's Council of Excellence, serving as an advisor to the national team program. He was inducted into the Canadian Basketball Hall of Fame, the Acadia Sports Hall of Fame and the

Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame. In 1999, he was the inaugural recipient of the Frank Baldwin Memorial Award for dedication to basketball in Nova Scotia. "As a result of his extensive success at the university, provincial and national team stage, Coach Konchalski's name belongs in the upper echelon of the all-time great coaches in Canada," said StFX Director of Athletics, Leo MacPherson. "The number of wins speaks for itself, but his real legacy has more to do with the quality of young men that he has brought to the university and how he has helped prepare them to graduate and become leaders."

## Macgillivray Art Bursary Recipients Named

**A**fter careful deliberation, three independent judges named **Asha Pieper** (left), a third-year music major from Calgary, AB, as this year's recipient of the Angus F. Macgillivray Art Bursary, valued at \$1,000. The award is designed to encourage young artists and is named in honour of the late Angus F. Macgillivray who was a faculty member of the StFX fine arts department. Most of the wood carving in the University Chapel is his work. **Allister MacDonald** (missing from photo) and **Arden Powell** (right), both freshmen at StFX and both from Antigonish, NS, were named the second and third place finishers respectively. Each received a \$750 prize. Rounding out the prize winners was **T.J. Ediger** (centre), a third-year history major, from Calgary, AB, who is a minor in fine arts. He received \$700.



## Rosemary Scanlon named NYU's Schack Director of Academic Affairs

**T**he NYU Schack Institute of Real Estate has named StFX grad Rosemary Scanlon '59, a leading expert in regional and urban economics, as Director of Academic Affairs. Ms. Scanlon will oversee all academic components of the graduate program, be involved in overseeing the content of syllabi to ensure that all courses are relevant to the curriculum, as well as working with the dean and faculty in developing strategic planning initiatives, and will spearhead recruitment, interviewing, evaluation and promotion of all new faculty members. "Teaching at NYU Schack has been one of the most fulfilling experiences of my career," she says. "Becoming the Director of Academic Affairs will enable me to play a larger role in the day-to-day challenges of our graduate program as well as allow me to maintain close ties to my students in the classroom." Ms. Scanlon will continue to serve as a clinical associate professor of economics.



**Irena Forbes**, a 2010 StFX human nutrition graduate, is on a cross-Canada promotion on food security. She will be enhancing awareness of local food options and promoting local buying and growing of foods and increasing people's ability to be food independent. Irena is working with top chefs, academics and nutritionists and will be stopping in cities and towns across Canada, increasing awareness of healthy local food options. 'Let's Taste Canada!' is a national media campaign, exploring, celebrating and raising awareness about local food, regional dishes, food security and sustainability.

## Earth Sciences student wins Best Presentation Award



**K**elsey O'Brien's work on her thesis has certainly paid off. On March 6, the fourth-year StFX earth sciences student won the best presentation award, based on her thesis, at the Environment Meeting of the Atlantic Provinces Council for the Sciences (APICS). Ms. O'Brien won in the undergraduate oral presentation category, which her honours supervisor Dr. David Risk describes as "an extremely difficult category with nearly 20 other presentations of high quality."

## Muamba, Walsh represent X in East West Bowl



**T**wo X-Men football players suited up for the victorious East side in the annual CIS East West Bowl hosted by the University of Western Ontario. Linebacker **Henoc Muamba** (Mississauga, ON) and offensive lineman **Stewart Walsh** (Antigonish, NS) helped defeat the West 12-9. The game features CIS athletes who will be eligible for the 2011 CFL draft. Muamba led all East defenders with seven tackles, while Walsh played well on the offensive line, according to X-Men head coach Gary Waterman who travelled to London and helped coach the East running backs. "Having players take part in an event like the East West Bowl benefits the entire StFX program," he said. "It gives those guys an opportunity to take their game to another level and to bring back some of the skills and knowledge learned throughout the week to their teammates."

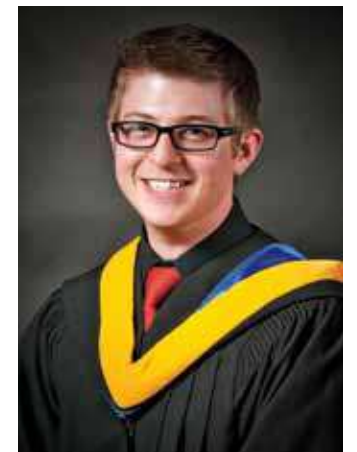
## StFX biology student has best presentation at undergraduate conference



**J**ames Hudson, a fourth-year honours biology student from Miramichi, NB, has won the top oral presentation award at the annual Atlantic Undergraduate Biology Conference held in Fredericton, NB from March 5-7. Mr. Hudson's research, with his thesis supervisor, StFX professor Dr. Karen Brebner, concerns the neurobiology of addiction, and how a potential treatment could change the way the drugs-of-abuse interacts with the DNA of brain neurons.

## 2010 psychology grad takes APICS top honours

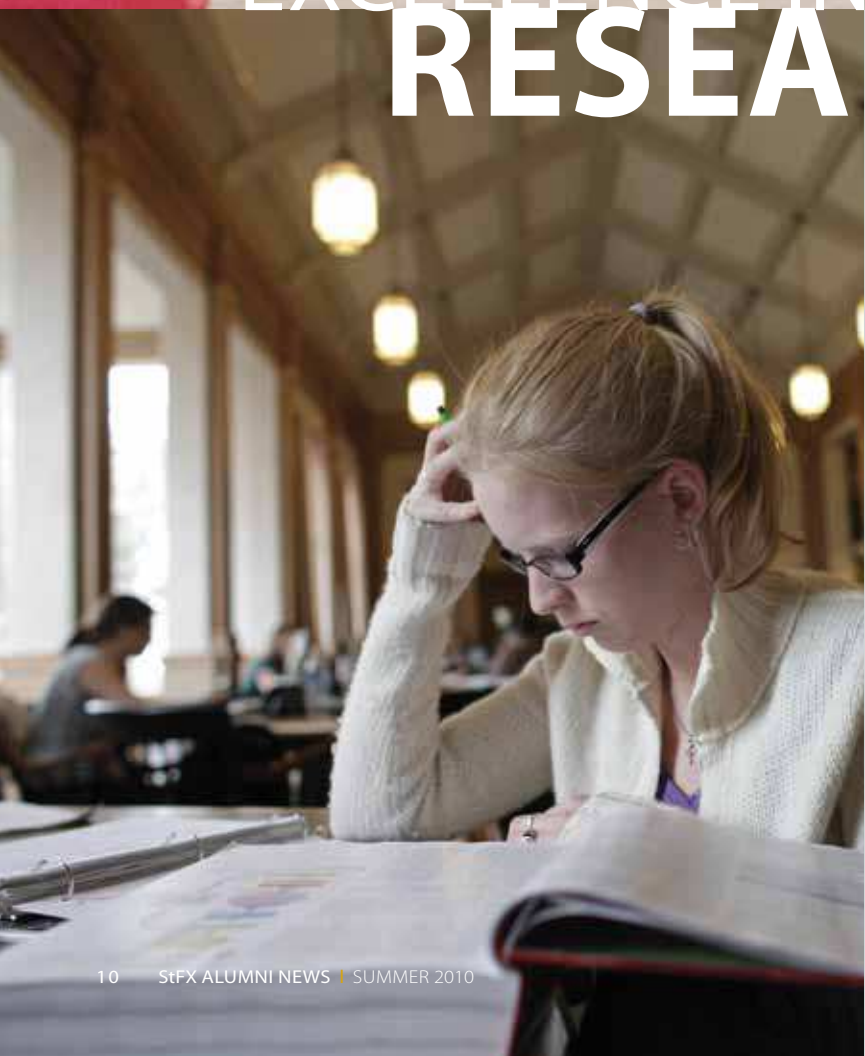
**C**ongratulations to 2010 honours psychology graduate Joey Dignam of Miramichi, NB, who took top honours at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual APICS Psychology Conference, hosted by StFX from May 5-6. Joey took the top honours for his talk entitled: Community responses to Breast-feeding: An Objective Study. "I was quite surprised to receive this award, especially after seeing so many impressive presentations of groundbreaking research from the other Atlantic universities. That being said, I am quite proud to bring it back to the psychology department here at StFX, particularly from a conference hosted here at X," he says. His supervisor was Dr. Erin Austen.



Joey Dignam



# EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH



**E**xcellence in research is happening on the StFX campus. In the last decade alone, sponsored research at StFX has grown from about \$1 million in 1999-2000 to almost \$10 million this year.

Just this June, StFX's Environmental Sciences Research Centre, the largest earth sciences centre east of Montreal, once again received national recognition for its research. Earth sciences professor **Dr. Hugo Beltrami** will lead the charge on a \$1.65 million Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) grant called Collaborative Research and Training Experience (CREATE), which will develop a post-graduate training program designed to prepare graduate students to address the impacts of climate change.



"Our long-term objective is to become a permanent centre of excellence in interdisciplinary climate change research and graduate student training in the Atlantic Canadian region," Dr. Beltrami said. "This will allow us to respond to and anticipate the needs of academia, government and industry as adaptation and mitigation strategies become dominant themes in the area of climate change science."

"This award represents an important step in the development and strengthening of graduate programs and research capacity in climate sciences at StFX," he said. "It is also recognition from NSERC that high impact and high quality research is being carried out at small institutions in Atlantic Canada. This award is the result of a team effort and was facilitated by the track record of researchers who participate in the Environmental Sciences Research Centre."

As StFX continues to build on its existing successes – its commitment to providing students with opportunities to participate in hands-on research, and its tradition of university-community interaction – we shine a spotlight on just a few samples of the interesting, meaningful, and world-class research happening on campus:

### Professor wipes away student complaints, invents new product

In a classroom like so many others, full of students watching as the professor writes graphics, equations, and notes on a white board, some StFX chemistry students told their professor they'd had enough of the annoying smell of the white board cleaner.

StFX professor **Dr. Gerrard Marangoni** heard their complaints and decided to take a swipe at the problem. Dr. Marangoni, an expert in surfactant-based chemistry and surfaces, developed an odourless, biodegradable, white-board cleaner. When he brought the initial product to Dr. Kulbir Singh, a post-doctoral researcher in the chemistry department, Dr. Singh saw the potential and suggested some improvements. "With Kulbir's innovations came this great product that I swear is better than any other white board cleaner on the market, and that makes the classroom a



better environment for my students," said Dr. Marangoni. GMS Surface Tech, the company set up by Drs. Marangoni and Singh, and Joe Menchefski, will not only make this cleaner, it is now coming up with innovative solutions to common cleaning problems like dirty computer screens.

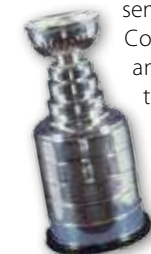
### Life stories of Acadian women

What was life like for Nova Scotia Acadian women? What was it like to grow up French? Those are questions modern languages professor **Dr. Réjeanne LeBlanc** and **Dr. Irene Bernard** of StFX's Faculty of Education are investigating in a joint research project. They have interviewed and videotaped dozens of Nova Scotia Acadian women aged 75 and older to gauge what life was like. Eventually they hope to produce a book and include their findings on a DVD. A professor exchange opportunity for Dr. LeBlanc to Angers, France in October 2010 will open a new avenue of the research. Poitou and Chatelleault, two areas near Angers, are home to relatively important populations of Acadian ancestry. Dr. LeBlanc is hoping to interview women from these communities of a similar age and compare the data.



### Did you know?

- **Why we pray for a Stanley Cup.** Religious studies professor Rose Tekel and her husband Matthew Robillard gained major media attention last spring after presenting a paper at the annual Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences – where they said hockey rituals, such as the retirement of an exceptional player's jersey, are rooted in religious traditions and practices. An article in The Toronto Star read, "Tekel isn't the first academic to compare Canadian hockey fandom to religious fervour. But her focus takes note of the ritual aspect of the sport, and of other non-religious human endeavours, and comments on how people increasingly find therein a sense of spirituality." "It's not that hockey is a form of religion," Tekel said in the interview, "it's that hockey can be seen as part of the wide terrain of religious experiences."



- **Species of seaweed named for StFX prof.**

In 2008, biology professor Dr. David Garbary had a species of seaweed named after him. It belongs to a group of red algae that Dr. Garbary researched for about 15 years and for which he is recognized as a world authority!



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**Did you know?** *continued*

**You can be fit for life.**

Human kinetics professor Dr. Angie Thompson is looking at what motivates children to stay physically active and what factors cause them to step away, and how we can work to remove any barriers to children being fit for life.



**California calling.**

Political science professor Dr. Yvon Grenier was invited to give a public lecture at UCLA in May on the topic of the 'Writer and the State' in Latin America. Dr. Grenier recently published (with literary critique Maarten van Delden) *Gunshots at the Fiesta, Literature and Politics in Latin America* (Vanderbilt University Press, 2009) and is currently writing a book on the politics of culture in post-Soviet Cuba. X



**Addressing community food security**

Thanks to a \$1 million research grant, StFX researchers are trying to break the long history of inadequate food supply to families in Nova Scotia. The project, called Community Food Security, is for communities to obtain safe, culturally acceptable, nutritionally adequate diet through a sustainable food system, one that maximizes community self-reliance and social justice. The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council's Community-University Research Alliance (CURA) program has awarded the funding to a research alliance that from StFX includes **Dr. Doris Gillis** and **Prof. Christine Johnson**, from the Department of Human Nutrition (Prof. Johnson also represents the Nova Scotia Food Security Network); **Dr. Anna MacLeod**, adjunct professor in the School of Education, **Colleen Cameron**, School of Nursing, StFX Service Learning and the National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health. They are collaborating with Dr. Patty Williams, Canada Research Chair at Mount Saint Vincent University, the Nova Scotia Food Security Network and other key partners.



**Language diversity in the classroom**

Why do people get so emotionally worked up about language? "It means a lot to people, it goes so far beyond being able to communicate. This is powerful, interesting stuff," says **Dr. John Edwards**, internationally recognized author and StFX psychology professor. In the last year alone, Dr. Edwards, a world-renowned expert on language and its relation to identity, has published four books – including one aimed at helping teachers recognize and work with language diversity in the classroom – and has been invited to present papers at conferences from Australia to Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. Dr. Edwards is a Fellow of the British Psychological Society, the Canadian Psychological Association and the Royal Society of Canada.



**First a book. Now a movie.**

**Research on Raging Grannies continues to gain new audiences**

In March 2010, adult education professor **Dr. Carole Roy** found herself in the enviable position of sitting in the sold-out audience of a major human



rights film festival in Montreal, watching her film, *Les Super-Mémés* – a documentary about the Raging Grannies French-speaking chapter in Montreal – premiere. "It was quite fabulous," says Dr. Roy, who in 2004 wrote a book about the movement called *Raging Grannies, Wild Hats, Cheeky Songs & Witty Actions for a Better World*. When the chance arose to collaborate with filmmaker Magnus Iscasson, she was thrilled to join the project. Acting as a consultant, she provided writing expertise as well as research and direction on the message and concept.

**Seeking answers to leading environmental problems**

Earth sciences professor **Dr. Lisa Kellman**, who has made nationally and internationally recognized contributions to the field of biogeosciences and stable isotope biogeochemistry, was



awarded a second \$500,000 five-year Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Environmental Sciences-Biogeochemistry. Dr. Kellman co-founded and currently directs StFX's Environmental Sciences Research Centre, a multidisciplinary research and postgraduate training centre carrying out fundamental and applied research in environmental sciences that facilitates the development of leading-edge research. Since 2004, she has been a principal investigator or collaborator in more than \$7 million in external research grants. Her area of research in the second CRC will focus on carbon and nitrogen storage processes in soils, greenhouse gas exchanges from soils, and the response of these systems to global climate change, a leading environmental problem of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Making waves in marine ecology**

StFX professor and researcher **Dr. Ricardo Scrosati** has successfully had his prestigious \$500,000 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Marine Ecology renewed for a second five-year term. The CRC

program invests \$300 million per year to attract and retain some of the world's most accomplished and promising minds. Dr. Scrosati was first awarded a CRC in 2004 to generate new knowledge about how coastal systems work as well as applications in conservation and management in Atlantic Canada and on similar coasts around the world. "This second CRC period is a fantastic opportunity that will give continuity to my long-term research goals, allowing me as well to keep training a strong number of graduate and undergraduate students," he says. Dr. Scrosati's Marine Ecology Lab investigates the ecology of marine rocky shores, focusing on seaweeds and invertebrates at the population and community levels. X



**Research Grants Office 10 years strong**

Not only are the accomplishments impressive, they also spell good news for the StFX community. The money generated from research funding has a significant impact on both the university and the local community.

The numbers are pretty impressive. In the 10 years since StFX established the Research Grants Office (RGO) on campus, sponsored research has grown from about \$1 million a year back in 1999-2000 to almost \$10 million this year.

"The accomplishments of our researchers over the past decade are impressive," says RGO director John Blackwell. "I would like to take this opportunity to salute the faculty for all their hard work and impressive accomplishments."

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Faculty members have more opportunity to participate in meaningful research, and many faculty say that it has greatly enhanced their effectiveness as teachers, Mr. Blackwell says.

"It helps keep them current with the discipline, and it allows them to draw their students into the excitement of new learning and research. And students have more opportunity to learn fundamental skills. Working as research assistants, our undergraduates acquire graduate-level research skills, present conference papers

and co-author publications, all highly valuable career skills."

Mr. Blackwell says research dollars not only generate highly-skilled jobs and purchase goods and services locally, they also help recruit and retain outstanding faculty and students.

It was this thinking that led to the RGO's establishment. By the year 2000, StFX had a solid research tradition in the arts and sciences. In particular, the university had a strong track record of support from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), and there was a pervasive feeling that StFX needed to build on this success. There was also a strong consensus among Faculty that research

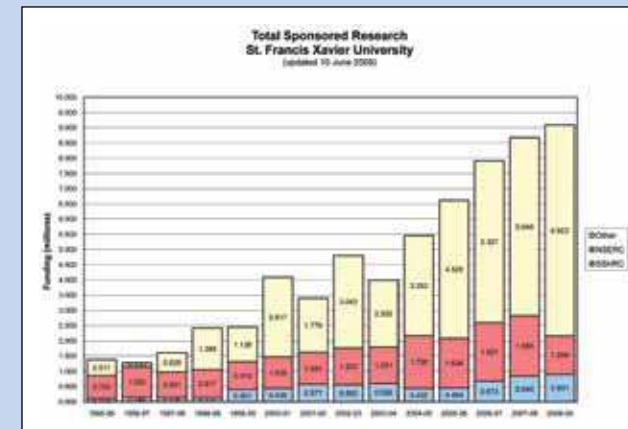
and teaching are mutually beneficial, Mr. Blackwell says.

When Dr. Ron Johnson became academic vice-president, he made the creation of such an office one of the conditions of his appointment.

Another research milestone occurred in 2002 when the Industry Liaison Office (ILO) was set up to promote industry-university research collaborations and to administer research contracts. In 2009, research services were further expanded with the appointment of a research operations officer, responsible for post-award compliance and assisting with planning research infrastructure on campus.

The RGO is currently implementing a cutting-edge networked management software program, called ROMEQ, to enhance research administration across campus. The ROMEQ system will provide researchers with secure 24/7/365 access to information and documentation about their research applications, awards and certifications.

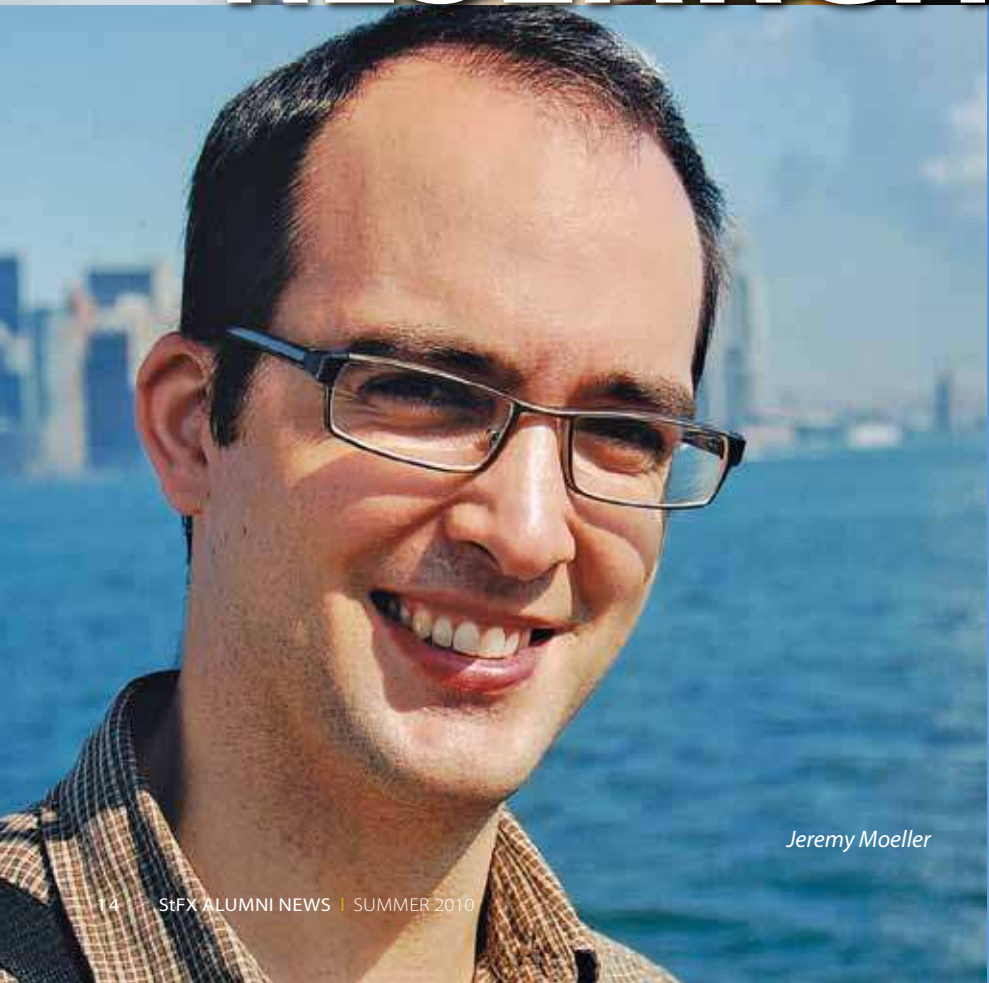
With the August 2009 appointment of the first full-time Associate VP Research, Dr. Keith De'Bell, Mr. Blackwell says "We now have a senior academic administrator dedicated solely to the advancement of a strong research culture on campus." X





# BROTHERS IN RESEARCH

Andrew Moeller



Jeremy Moeller

“Because X is a primarily undergraduate university ... this means that there are lots of opportunities for undergrads to do high-level research projects. At the same time, students get all the benefits of a small, close-knit school. I can't think of too many other places in Canada with that combination of 'big-school' science and 'small-school' community.”

– Jeremy Moeller '00

## THEY SAY THE FOUNDATION STARTED AT StFX

Study on the portrayal of seizures in TV medical dramas brings international attention to Moeller brothers.

BY SHELLEY CAMERON-MCCARRON

**Y**our favorite TV doctor may have just delivered inappropriate care to a patient experiencing a seizure.

That's the finding of a groundbreaking study led by StFX grad Andrew Moeller '05 that has jettisoned the Antigonish native and 3rd year student at Dalhousie Medical School into international news headlines.

Moeller, along with his brother, fellow StFX grad and co-author on the study, Jeremy Moeller '00 (now doing a fellowship in neurology at Columbia University in New York) and Dr. Mark Sadler and Susan R. Rahey from the neurology division at Dalhousie, recently completed a study on how seizure first aid is portrayed on medical television dramas.

They looked at the depiction of seizure care for all episodes of Grey's Anatomy, House, Private Practice and the last five seasons of ER, and found the popular TV shows portrayed seizure care inaccurately nearly half of the time.

“These television shows reach such a broad and expansive audience. Therefore, the accuracy, reliability, and credibility of the information on these medical dramas is extremely important,” says Andrew.

People watching these shows might think they know what to do in the event of a seizure, but they may have learned inaccurate techniques and actually do harm if they try to help someone experiencing a seizure.

The researchers certainly hit a nerve.

They submitted an abstract to the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual American Academy of Neurology (AAN) conference. The conference receives over 1,000 abstracts. Their abstract was chosen as an early acceptance with only 20 other abstracts.

“The AAN wanted to have a press release for the abstract on Feb. 13, 2010. On Feb. 14, I had interviews with CNN, ABC, The Canadian Press, CBC radio, BBC radio and various other smaller media organizations,” Andrew says.

“We were really surprised with all the media attention this project received. If you type in 'Andrew Moeller' plus 'seizure' into Google, you will get over 140 hits.”

Andrew has also done radio and television interviews with three different media organizations from France. The project press release

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– Andrew Moeller

has been published in a number of languages around the world. The story held the front page of the CNN.com Health section for four days.

Andrew credits Dr. Sadler, a neurologist in Halifax, with the idea for the project. “He has had this idea for a long time. Jeremy worked with Dr. Sadler during his residency and they began talking about going ahead with the project. I put together the study design and Epilepsy Canada decided that the project was worth funding.”

Andrew handled the study design, television viewing, data collection, data analysis, and is first author of the study. The other investigators reviewed each seizure clip involving seizure analysis and first aid appropriateness.

So how does it feel for the Moeller brothers to work with each other?

“It was nice because all of our investigators' meetings could double as a family reunion. But seriously, Andrew and I have always gotten along very well, and we lived together for three years while I was finishing my residency and he was starting medical school,” says Jeremy, who recently trained an actor to simulate various types of seizures for the Dr. Oz show, so that Dr. Oz could demonstrate the appropriate first aid for seizures.

“Because we were talking regularly about other stuff, we could regularly evaluate the project, and in the end, I think it made things come together very quickly and efficiently.”

“In just over one year, Andrew has taken this project from the conceptual stage to completion, communicated his results to the national and international media, presented the research at an international neurology meeting and won a research grant from Epilepsy Canada. He is currently in the process of submitting the manuscript to a major medical journal. So as his brother, I'm obviously very proud of what he's accomplished.”

Andrew says the project has been a great way to stay in touch with his brother after his move to New York. “He has always been a role model for

me, and it was fun to work side by side with him on a project like this. We are very close and it will be really neat to see our names side by side as authors on this study. We have a very close family, all X grads, who have been very supportive of us and we owe a lot of thanks to them as well.”

Both give credit to StFX.

“I loved my time at StFX,” says Andrew, “and spent my summer researching in mathematics with Dr. Ping Wang. He taught me a lot about research and academia. I also learned a lot about what I appreciate in a great supervisor. He encouraged me to work hard and most importantly, have fun. Dr. Sadler is extremely similar and I was very fortunate to work with both of them.”

“One of the most positive experiences that I gained from my time at X was working with Dr. David Pink and Bonnie Quinn in the physics department as a summer research student,” says Jeremy. “That was my first exposure to almost every aspect of science, from reviewing existing scientific literature, to coming up with good questions and a good way to answer them, to communicating those results to the scientific community. My first published paper was with Dr. Pink and Bonnie Quinn, as was my first presentation at a scientific meeting. I am not a scientist now, but in academic medicine, we come up with questions all the time, and we have to figure out how to best answer those questions and how to communicate them to our colleagues and to the public. I use those skills every day, and I first started developing them at X.”

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## Indigenous women in community leadership

The Coady International Institute launched the Indigenous Women in Community Leadership program at the Museum of Civilization in Ottawa on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Pictured at the event are StFX President Dr. Sean Riley, Imperial Oil President and CEO Bruce March, filmmaker Catherine Martin, Governor General Michaëlle Jean, National Inuit Leader Mary Simon, Coady Institute Director and StFX Vice President Mary Coyle, President of ExxonMobil Canada Glenn Scott and Krystyna Hoeg, board member of Imperial Oil Ltd. The goal of the innovative national program is to engage the next generation of Indigenous women leaders and provide them with practical leadership skills and experience so they can promote community development from within. X

## MARY COYLE

The Coady Institute's longest-serving director plans to step down in July and take time out for family

### Thanks and best wishes:

Mary Coyle has left an indelible mark on the history of the Coady International Institute. She, together with the entire Coady staff, has expanded the work of the Institute and positioned it even more strongly as Canada's centre for education of development professionals and innovation in development practice.

The Coady International Institute now has 5,000 graduates working in over 130 countries. Over the past 13 years, Mary Coyle has been an inspiration to this world-wide network. She has also broadened the financial support and active engagement of Canadians across the country. In 2009, this work culminated in the opening of a vastly expanded home for the Institute in the historic heart of the StFX campus and in the highly successful 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the Institute.

Mary's decision not to extend her contract comes at a time when there is every reason to be confident that recent achievements will continue to bear fruit on into the future. We are pleased as well that Mary will continue in an advisory role for a time after stepping down as Director.

On behalf of the Board of Governors and the entire StFX community, I extend thanks and best wishes to Mary for the future. X

Dr. Sean Riley,  
StFX President



### Mary Coyle reflects back:

After 13 and a half rewarding years, I will be concluding my term as Director, Coady International Institute and Vice President, StFX on July 31.

I have made a decision to take some time out for family, study and consideration of the next stage of my career. I have gladly agreed to stay on in an advisory role for a period of transition.

For me, the time here at StFX has been profoundly rewarding. It has been a genuine honour to have been entrusted with this leadership opportunity at such an historic period in the evolution of the Coady International Institute.

I have had the privilege and pleasure to work with a dynamic, talented and globally experienced staff team. Together we have focused our efforts on expanding and improving the Coady

Institute's leadership education, research and youth programs. We have grown our innovation partnerships and our vibrant alumni networks around the world. We have also successfully built linkages here in Canada with our Extension and XEDC colleagues.

I take great pride in the achievements of our graduates and partners. They are putting their Coady education into action in order to further human development.

I would like to thank Dr. Riley in particular. He encouraged me to take on this role 13 years ago and his understanding of the role and importance of Coady to the fabric of the university has allowed Coady to flourish. I value greatly the support I have received from my colleagues in senior administration, StFX academic leadership, faculty, staff and our devoted StFX alumni. StFX is a very special place to work.

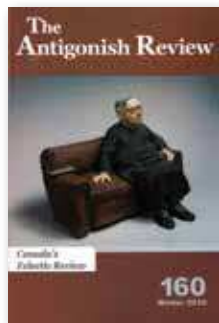
I appreciate having had the guidance of the StFX Board of Governors and also as a governor myself, participating in many key university decisions. The Coady Advisory Board has become an invaluable resource providing me and the Institute with wise strategic insight.

An incredibly generous and informed group of local, national and international supporters joined us to build a beautiful and functional new home on campus, extend our programming reach and establish a stronger financial base. This expanded Coady "community" believes in the value and impact of our work and will be an important part of the successes experienced by Coady under the next director and vice president.

I feel confident in our people, our strong institutional foundation and the high impact strategy that are in place.

I want to thank everyone I have worked with for your generosity, support and understanding. X

With great affection and respect,  
Mary Coyle



# Lordy, Lordy, Look Who's 40!

The Antigonish Review celebrates four decades of encouraging and publishing Canadian writers

It cost \$1.50, that first issue, contained 133 pages of poems, essays and fiction, and came with a promise of giving up-and-coming writers a forum for their work.

In the 40 years since, *The Antigonish Review* continues to make good on its mandate to celebrate the written word, distinguishing itself as one of Canada's leading literary journals. The Review has published some of the country's most prominent writers – often early in their careers.

"It's a very eclectic magazine and it really offers something for everyone," says Dr. Jeanette Lynes, the StFX English professor who co-edits the magazine today with Gerald Trites, retired StFX professor.

Still vigorous at 40, *The Antigonish Review* – which marks the milestone this fall with a gala event, readings, a contest and anniversary issue – is certainly celebrating a landmark. While Canadian literary journals come and go, the Review has sustained its profile.

It attracts original work from all over the globe, and remains devoted to the effort of discovering, mentoring and publishing the work of new writers. Many young writers have gotten a start with the Review including Wayne Johnston, David Adams Richard, Carol Shields, and Leo MacKay. Dr. Lynes herself recalls how as an emerging writer in the early 1990s *The Antigonish Review* was one of the first places to publish her work. "I was eternally grateful."

Sheldon Currie has been printed within its pages as have such Canadian luminaries as Alistair MacLeod, Irving Layton, Dorothy Livesay, F. Murray Schafer, Elizabeth Harvor, Jane Jacobs, Milton Acorn and Louis Dudek and such internationally acclaimed writers as Thomas Merton, Ezra Pound, Marshall McLuhan, and Auberon Waugh.

The magazine was the great dream of the late Rev. R.J. MacSween, the StFX professor who believed a need existed in the Maritimes for another journal to give a voice to Maritime writers and to make Maritime writing better known to the rest of Canada. StFX gave Fr. MacSween the go-



L-r: Bonnie McIsaac, Gerald Trites and Dr. Jeanette Lynes

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– Dr. Jeanette Lynes

ahead for the project in 1970. The late Dr. George Sanderson, a StFX philosophy professor who had been involved since the start, took over as editor in 1980 and served until his passing in 2005.

Headquartered today in offices at the old municipal building on West Street in Antigonish, Dr. Lynes says its success comes through the dedicated efforts of volunteers (the Review employs only one part-time person, indispensable office manager Bonnie McIsaac; all others are volunteers), the generous support of St. Francis Xavier University, and its contributors ("the tenacious, unrelenting stubbornness of writers in this

country always looking for an audience," she says).

Today, new challenges come in the recent government funding formula changes under the Canada Periodical Fund. *The Antigonish Review* falls just short of the subscription number needed for this funding. But as always, the hearty band behind the magazine is dealing with the challenges. A subscription drive is underway, and alumni qualify this year for a special subscription rate of \$20 for a year.

To check out the Review, see more about 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary content details, or order a subscription, please go to [www.antigonishreview.com](http://www.antigonishreview.com) X

**SAVE THE DATE: The Coady Celebrates annual dinner event will be in Halifax on September 17, 2010. The evening will pay tribute to Mary Coyle. Contact Lori Ward, [lward@stfx.ca](mailto:lward@stfx.ca), 902-867-5347 for information.**

# StFX TAKES OVER TORONTO



“ StFX: It’s a university that consistently achieves the highest levels of student satisfaction in the country. It’s the story of a university that overwhelmingly achieves the highest levels of alumni engagement...It has made its mission, not just to fill the heads of its students, but also their hearts and their souls. It’s a university...that’s produced more than its fair share of prime ministers and premiers, cabinet ministers and aboriginal leaders, union leaders and community leaders. It’s a university that is now touching the lives of citizens in 150 countries around the globe. StFX: It’s a very special place, with a very special mission. It’s more than an institution; it’s an idea; it’s an ideal; it’s a passion; it’s a blueprint for a better society; it’s a way of expressing our humanity. ”

– Hon. Frank McKenna

## More than 500 business and political leaders turn out for StFX National Dinner in Toronto

**W**hat an evening. Wow. On Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, St. Francis Xavier University entertained over 500 of Canada’s business and political leaders at the historic Carlu venue in the heart of Toronto.

Hosted by the Honourable Frank McKenna, Deputy Chair, TD Bank Financial Group and Chair of the StFX Board of Governors, StFX welcomed Sergio Marchionne, CEO of Chrysler Group LLC, as keynote speaker. StFX alumnus Seamus O’Regan was the evening’s emcee.

The night was filled with excitement as guests mingled with a ‘who’s who’ of influential leaders. Photographer cameras flashed and media interviews were abundant as those in attendance welcomed and greeted each other.

“The StFX National Dinner highlights achievements in leadership across the academic, business and public sectors,” said Dr. Sean

Riley, President of StFX. “It was an honour to have Mr. Marchionne as our special guest. His success and achievement exemplifies that of a true leader and we are pleased that he and his family have become part of the StFX tradition.”

Providing remarks on how StFX is able to remain a successful national institution, Mr. McKenna said, “It’s about perseverance. StFX is a small school, in rural Nova Scotia, that continues to persevere and punch well above its weight.”

In his speech, Mr. Marchionne spoke of his optimism for the auto industry as it works to restructure itself for a more sustainable future, but noted challenges that lie ahead in Europe and in the face of China’s growing auto exports.

Mr. Marchionne delighted the crowd by bringing along a Fiat 500, the first in North America, to display throughout the evening. Mr. Marchionne’s son is currently in his third year at StFX. X

Left: Sergio Marchionne, CEO of Chrysler Group LLC, delivers keynote address.

Above: Dr. Sean Riley, StFX President, and the Honourable Frank McKenna, Deputy Chair of TD Bank Financial Group and Chair of the StFX Board of Governors

Right: Jayshree Vyas, Managing Director of SEWA Bank in India, and Colin Patrick MacDonald, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP of Calgary



Above: Dr. Angie Thompson, StFX Human Kinetics Professor, Sarah DiLorenzo, Peter Bowler, President of American Eagle Airlines, and Guy Savard, Vice-Chairman of Merrill Lynch Canada



Above left: Julian Fantino, Commissioner of OPP, Lucille Joseph and Urban Joseph, Corporate Director of TD Bank.

Above right: Marie and Senator Frank Mahovlich

Far left: Alex Gosselin, StFX 2010 graduate, and Seamus O’Regan, Host of CTV’s Canada AM





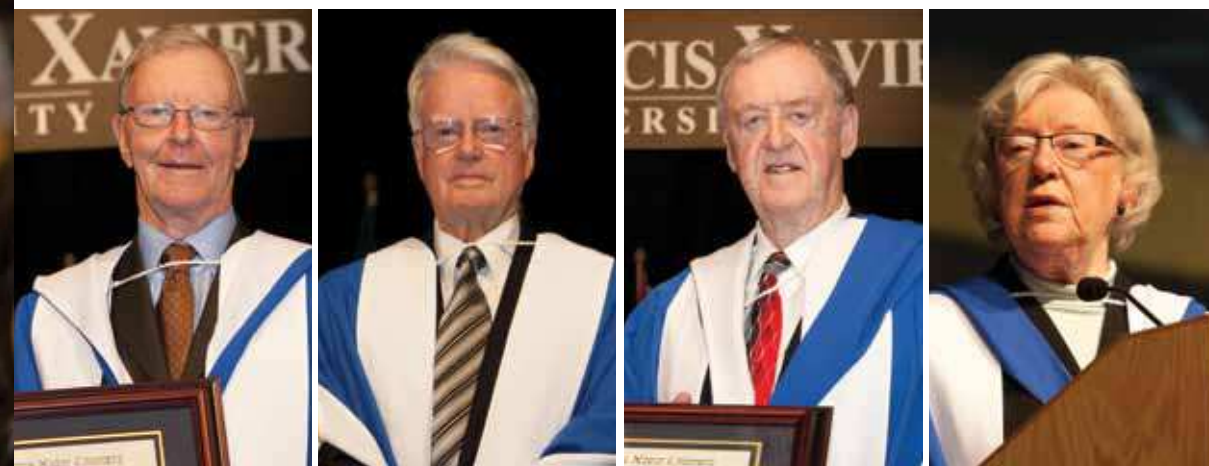
# SO MUCH TO CELEBRATE!

Smiles of joy and accomplishment were prevalent on the StFX campus May 2 during Spring Convocation 2010.

International students gathered following their farewell luncheon at Morrison Hall.



President's Circle of Young Alumni



Donald R. Sobey

Dr. Brian O'Brien

David F. Sobey

Hon. Flora MacDonald

## StFX Welcomes Class of 2010

Graduates, include travel in the options open to you, it provides an avenue for learning that is unparalleled, and remember who you are and where you come from were the words of wisdom offered to StFX graduates during Spring Convocation ceremonies May 2, 2010.

The advice came from the Hon. Flora MacDonald, Canada's first female foreign minister and longtime humanitarian; and distinguished ophthalmologist, surgeon and StFX alumnus Dr. Brian O'Brien, who joined with national business moguls and entrepreneurs Donald Sobey and David Sobey in receiving honorary degrees from StFX on May 2.

It's not the number of countries that matter, it's the people you meet in those countries and what you learn from them, Dr. MacDonald said in her Convocation address.

Dr. O'Brien urged graduates to remember where they came from. He also offered praise for alma mater. "In life there are a number of things that are important ... that you matter and that you belong, at StFX they exist," he told the full house gathered at the Keating Centre and those following the ceremony via Internet.

From the moment nearly 1,000 StFX graduates were piped into the building until they filed out, carrying hard-earned degrees in their hands, a feeling of promise filled the air during morning and afternoon ceremonies. Joy. Emotion. Big smiles and flashing cameras filled the Keating Centre throughout the day.

"We spent four years chasing a dream. Dreams have shaped us to become great .... Take your dream and run with it," senior class speaker Kevin Klin told classmates who responded with a standing ovation.

"We have learned the Xaverian experience extends farther than the classroom," the morning's senior class speaker, Alex Gosselin, said in congratulating her classmates.

Highlights from the day included the presentation of the 2010 Outstanding Teaching Award to chemistry professor Dr. Manuel Aquino, and the 2010 University Research Award to StFX coordinator of aquatic resources Dr. David Garbary.

"How sweet it is," said Andrea MacLean-Holohan, who

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Dr. Brian O'Brien



Dr. Manuel Aquino, Outstanding Teaching Award

Dr. David Garbary, University Research Award

brought greetings from the StFX Alumni Association. "Please use the alumni network. Those who wear the ring will gladly help you," the alumni president said.

"You join 32,000 alumni around the world, it's a big day for them too."

As graduates picked up their diplomas, alumni association representatives Ed McHugh '79 and Shawn Monahan '87 waited by the stage to offer congratulations and alumni pins to the newly-minted grads.

In welcoming all to Convocation, StFX President Dr. Sean Riley encouraged graduates to give a wave of applause and thanks to parents, family and friends. Graduates are not here alone, he said.

"You're joined today in person or in spirit by those who have helped. Seek out those special people in your life, look around the room ... Let's let a wave of thanks go out to all the people who helped you all these years.

"We simply cannot know what will be achieved by the Class of 2010, it's one of the great mysteries and pleasures of today," he said. "But it's with a real sense of optimism we send you forth." X

## MEDALISTS 2010

The University Silver Medal is awarded for the highest average in the final three years of an honours, advanced major or major degree program.

- Bachelor of Science to **Travis Joseph Ryan, Dartmouth, NS**
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing to **Robyn Justine Kenny, Corner Brook, NL**
- Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition to **Mary Margaret Cranmer-Byng, Mississauga, ON**
- Bachelor of Arts/Science in Human Kinetics to **Brett Alexander Barro, Cole Harbour, NS**
- Bachelor of Arts to **Tiffany Erin Van den Eynden, Scotsburn, NS**
- Bachelor of Music to **Scott Edward Steven Neary, Wabush, NL**

The University Silver Medal for the highest average in the two years of the Bachelor of Education program to **Stephanie Elaine MacDonald, Whycomogah, NS**

The Gerald Schwartz School of Business and Information Systems, the Silver Medal for the highest average in the final three years of Bachelor of Information Systems to **Michael Barry Brushett, Petit de Grat, NS**

ONEX Corporation Gold Medal for the highest average in the final three years of Bachelor of Business Administration to **Jessica K. Spotowski, Calgary, AB**

The University Gold Medal for the highest average in the final three years of an honours program in the Faculty of Science to **Ryan Huntley Mason, Antigonish, NS**

The Governor General Medal for the highest average in the final three years of an honours program in the Faculty of Arts to **Kathryn Patricia Wood, Edmonton, AB**

## Graduates reflect on X and what's next



**Brittany Hachey**  
Bachelor of Arts, Major in French  
Bathurst, New Brunswick  
Age: 21

### WHAT'S NEXT AFTER X?

I will be obtaining a Bachelor of Education degree at St. Thomas University. I'm excited to be in front of the classroom molding young minds and encouraging others to discover the joy of learning. I want to stay involved in community development and continue to push myself outside of my comfort zone.

### HOW DID StFX INSPIRE YOU?

The Xaverian Spirit has pushed me to work hard, play hard, and dream big! The close-knit community enhanced my overall experiences in the classroom. Professors, staff, students, and community members challenged me to embrace diversity, think critically, and act compassionately. One of the most important things I learned is that learning can take place in a variety of settings and it can be self-directed. X IS DYNAMITE!



**Kwame Osei**  
Bachelor of Human Kinetics,  
Minor in Sociology  
Toronto (Rexdale), Ontario  
Age: 25

### WHAT'S NEXT AFTER X?

I hope to have a career in the CFL. After football I plan on continuing my education and enrolling in teachers' college in hopes of becoming a high school teacher/football coach. I also plan on being an active member in whatever community I find myself, and just become a positive citizen.

### HOW DID StFX INSPIRE YOU?

A friend of mine once told me some people are natural leaders, and some people become leaders. StFX has given me the tools to become a leader, and positively influence those around me. I do not believe I would have become the person I am now if I did not come here. I praise God for bringing me here. I am truly grateful for StFX and those individuals who have allowed me to have a positive life changing experience here.



**Jeremy de Koe**  
Bachelor of Business Administration:  
Honours in Finance  
Fall River, NS  
Age: 25

### WHAT'S NEXT AFTER X?

I'll continue my studies for the Level 1 Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation...with investment banking as my aspiration.

### HOW DID StFX INSPIRE YOU?

StFX has a sense of unity that no other university around quite understands. This is an inner sense that can only be described as the feeling that when you're here, you are amongst friends. I have been involved in more events and activities than I thought possible; from performing in a musical at the Antigonish theatre, to playing on the X-Men varsity soccer team my first year, to conducting research while on exchange in Poland. My professors pushed and supported me in taking on more and new endeavors, constantly challenging my limits and capabilities, and further deepening and expanding my education and experiences.



**Devanne O'Brien**  
Bachelor of Arts: Honours Political Science,  
Subsidiary Development Studies  
Antigonish, NS  
Age: 22

### WHAT'S NEXT AFTER X?

Law school this September!

### HOW DID StFX INSPIRE YOU?

StFX opens up so many doors for students. While doing my four-year degree here, I was able to travel to Cuba and study sustainable agriculture through the Service Learning program. Then, in my third year, I spent a semester studying abroad in Europe. Even in Antigonish, there are so many opportunities for students to get involved. StFX truly provides a pathway for students' success by encouraging us to experience university life beyond the academics.



**Jimmy Bray**  
Bachelor of Arts: Honours Sociology,  
Subsidiary Development Studies  
Antigonish, NS  
Age: 22

### WHAT'S NEXT AFTER X?

I will be heading on a cross-country journey towards the Yukon where I will spend the summer unwinding. I am also applying for several internship programs (including our own Coady YIP program), and hope to have the opportunity to take part in one of these. During my time at StFX I developed an interest in both community development and Latin America. I hope to combine these interests in whatever career path that I make.

### HOW DID StFX INSPIRE YOU?

StFX's size allowed kinds of interaction which made learning outside of the classroom possible, and I am grateful to both the students and professors with whom I have worked and studied. Over the past year I have been employed as a Student Leader with the Service Learning Program. I can't count the lessons I have learned from this experience and I am deeply grateful. The flexibility of the StFX Arts Faculty also allowed me to spend an academic year studying in Ecuador. This was a tremendous experience, and not one that I would have been willing to undertake without the skills and confidence that I gained during my time at StFX.



**Andrew Sean MacDonald**  
Bachelor of Science,  
Honours Mathematics  
Dartmouth, NS  
Age: 21

### WHAT'S NEXT AFTER X?

Education is one of the most valuable gifts that you can give a child. For this reason I have decided to enter the Bachelor of Education program at St. Thomas University. In the future I would like to further my own education and complete graduate studies in mathematics education. I hope to research teaching methods that will help make mathematics more applicable and understandable to students of all ages.

### HOW DID StFX INSPIRE YOU?

Here at StFX everyone wants you to succeed. The support and enthusiasm my professors have shown in and out of the classroom has inspired me to have a greater love and zeal for learning. I have personally been able to benefit from the small interactive classroom atmosphere, while at the same time being exposed to the research of StFX's world class professors. Friendships I have built with my classmates will last a lifetime and be a constant reminder of the contagious StFX spirit.



**Kujang Kandar**  
BA Joint Major Development Studies  
And Political Science  
Age: 25

### WHAT'S NEXT AFTER X?

I plan on gaining some field experience through volunteering or a work placement program, while saving money to pursue my masters in international affairs. Currently, I am looking at international internships, but I would love to find a work placement in the South American region. It has been four years since I saw my family, which means a lot of catching up on mama's love. I am looking forward to a trip home.

### HOW DID StFX INSPIRE YOU?

Prior to StFX, I was a volunteer at Handicap International, which ig-

nited my passion for service. While working in the Kakuma refugee camp, I was filled with satisfaction as I watched the faces of people light up as I helped and educated them. StFX has inspired me to further pursue my passion of service, but more importantly it has been influential in narrowing down my interest to a particular concentration. The Development Studies program has provided the direction and purpose I required to make my passion of service a reality.

I am a beneficiary of the WUSC Student Refuge program at StFX, and I arrived with no immediate

family or friends. However, not once did I ever feel away from home. I will always remain indebted to the St. Paul's Anglican Church and the huge role the parish played in welcoming me. The friends and relationships I have made throughout these four years at StFX have become a huge part of my life and the rock that kept me going through all the hard times. My experience at StFX has been educational in a different dimension and it has provided tools that I can put into practise both professionally and socially.

## Dr. William S. Shaw Bursary in Earth Sciences established



The legacy of Dr. William S. (Bill) Shaw, a longtime StFX earth sciences faculty member and StFX alumnus, will live on in the Dr. William S. Shaw Bursary in Earth Sciences, recently created by Dr. Shaw's family and friends in his honour.

The award will provide financial assistance to full-time students with sound academic credentials who demonstrate financial need, with preference given to those from Cape Breton who intend to pursue a career in earth sciences.

Born in Glace Bay, NS, Dr. Shaw graduated from StFX in 1945 with an engineering diploma and a B.Sc. in physics after interrupting his studies and serving in the Canadian Forces in 1944. He earned a PhD in geology from M.I.T. in 1951 and worked for the Geological Survey of Canada. He worked later in the private sector as a petroleum geoscientist in Trinidad, Latin America and Louisiana. He returned to StFX in 1968, serving as chair of the department, and in 1979, on a leave of absence, as senior Deputy Minister of Mines for Nova Scotia. Described as a calm and genial man, he was loved by his students and well respected by his colleagues in the profession.

Contributions to the Dr. William S. Shaw Bursary in Earth Sciences will be gratefully accepted.

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# ALUMNI HAPPENINGS

X in the City | President's Receptions | Maritime Lobster Dinners out West



OVERHEARD:  
 “We’ll be talking about this for years.”  
 — A group of alumni

Above: Group shot outside Shadow Lawn Inn, Rothesay, NB pick up. Inset: X-Ring coming down the Times Square billboard.

## X and the City!

The inaugural StFX alumni and friends bus tour to New York City is a smashing success

Take 95 StFX alumni (aged 16 to 83), two buses (aptly nicknamed Frank Sinatra and Liza Minnelli), throw in a road tour, and what do you get? The most amazing inaugural StFX alumni and friends bus tour to New York City!

From the time the buses pulled out of the Keating Centre for the May 19-24 tour (with pick-up stops in New Glasgow, Truro, and Saint John, NB), the mood was ebullient and continued to grow in excitement as alumni hit Broadway, went up the Empire State Building, toured the Metropolitan Museum of Art, walked Central Park, lunched in SoHo, shopped Canal Street and Century 21, and even found time for a little outlet shopping in Kittery, Maine.

See photo album of our trip to NYC at [www.alumni.stfx.ca](http://www.alumni.stfx.ca)

### HIGHLIGHT REEL:

- Thousands in Times Square were treated to a flash of the X-Ring when some smart alumni used American Eagle's billboard promotion to post a picture of the X-Ring.
- Wow. The courses just kept coming at Carmine's on Broadway, where StFX hosted 123 people for dinner including many New York area alumni and special guest StFX President Dr. Sean Riley.
- Dr. Patrick Sylvester '60 hosted a marvellous reception for alumni and friends on the 36th floor of his Manhattan apartment building. Great conversations, amazing views and a touching speech by Dr. Sylvester, a St. Lucia native, who said he owed his success to StFX, helped make the event a resounding success.
- Did you catch the "X and the City" t-shirts on

the Today Show? An intrepid group of alumni headed down to Rockefeller Centre in the wee hours of the morning to try to flash the X-Ring on TV!

- How does one get noticed amidst a crowd of 600? Apparently easily for the affable crew from StFX. The guide/host aboard Circle Line Cruises three-hour tour of Manhattan Island – (the boat holds up to 600, and was full) – at least two times thanked his "friends from Nova Scotia and StFX." He took a real shine to the X grads on board.
- On the way to see the Broadway smash musical The Lion King, a group of StFX alumni met Mike Holmes (Holmes on Homes) on the busy midtown Manhattan streets. He asked if they wanted a picture with him. Must be the power of the X-Ring! X



Calgary



Edmonton



Toronto



Moncton



St. John's



New York



Ottawa



Patrick Sylvester '60 (pictured front row, centre) took the opportunity of the StFX alumni and friends bus tour to New York City to host a wonderful alumni gathering for the visiting StFX grads on the 36<sup>th</sup> floor of his Manhattan apartment building. Dr. Sylvester is seen here, front row, with national Alumni Association president Andrea MacLean-Holohan '59 (left) and Alumni Affairs director Helen Murphy '08 (right). Also pictured are some of the New York area alumni in attendance including, middle row: Warren Chiasson '56, Rosemary Scanlon '59, Andrea Cooper '09, Tim Sullivan '66, Noreen Rosa '72 and Peggy Moriarty '62. Back: Leroy Wall '94, Steve Donahue '56, Karen Dalzell '87, and Jeremy Barry '97.

### On the Road with Dr. Riley

StFX Alumni Chapters across Canada and in the U.S. welcomed President Dr. Sean Riley as their special guest at alumni events this spring. Dr. Riley hosted President's Receptions in St. John's, Fredericton and Edmonton; StFX's Maritime Lobster Dinners in Edmonton and Calgary; and joined our tour group and local alumni in the Big Apple over the Victoria Day weekend. At each event, StFX grads welcomed the opportunity to hear the latest news from campus and upcoming initiatives from Dr. Riley.



### THE TRADITION CONTINUES

Leo Gallant '69, Dean of Business, and John Bekkers lay a brick at the new Gerald Schwartz School of Business. In 1957, John Bekkers, an immigrant from Holland, laid brick on the then "new science building" which today is being transformed into the new home for the School of Business and Frank McKenna Centre for Leadership. Mr. Bekkers settled and raised a family in Antigonish. Two of his sons Jon '88 and Kevin '90 are StFX graduates.

## PRESIDENT'S GALA



# AN OUTSTANDING NIGHT



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**S**tFX's annual President's Gala for members of The President's Club proved to be another outstanding evening for StFX as over 300 guests gathered June 12, 2010 at the Charles V. Keating Centre to celebrate and toast the university.

Along with celebrating continued success, the gala evening is also a chance to recognize and thank StFX's generous supporters.

The evening's festive atmosphere was set early as Mishra's Dream played as guests entered the Keating Centre, while members of the StFX football team ably handled doorman duties. Guests proceeded into Keating Centre for a night of entertainment, catching up with friends, and a gourmet meal provided by Sodexo Executive Chef Mike Pollock and his team.

Alia Hack, vice-president of the StFX Students' Union, acted as master of ceremonies, while Students' Union president Sam Mason was on

hand to offer remarks. StFX President Dr. Sean Riley addressed the crowd.

The night provided special recognition for 10-year, 20-year, and lifetime Xaverian patrons.

Renowned harpists Ardyth & Jennifer provided dinner music, while the Working Class Band closed the evening. ✕

1. *Jim "Soupy" Campbell '60 receives his Twenty-year Xaverian Patron award from Dr. Sean Riley and Iain Boyd*

2. *(l-r): Donnie MacPherson, Linda MacPherson, Kathy Smith, Steve Smith, Miriam Smith, Bob Mahoney, Joanne Mahoney*

3. *(l-r): Dr. Sean Riley, Helen Ross, Cyril Ross*

4. *(l-r): Diane Hack, Dr. Sean Riley, Dr. Imran Hack, Alia Hack*

5. *(l-r): Ann McKenna, Dr. Dan McKenna, Marg Dunphy, Dr. Rob Dunphy, Dr. Emerson Dunphy, Nancy Dunphy, Debbie MacIsaac, Wilfred MacIsaac*

## ALEX&LUKE'S EXCELLENT SOCIAL MEDIA POWERED ADVENTURE



**W**hen Luke Vigeant graduated from StFX in 2007, little did he know he would be living out his valedictory speech. On March 20, Luke, who retired from corporate SAP consultancy ("Or, I don't take offense to 'corporate dropout,'" he says) hit the road in a 2007 Volkswagen Rabbit named Burt Reynolds, with his best pal Alexandra Sabine, an art historian with a master's degree from Christie's Education. Their mission was to hit every province, territory and state in North America using the power of social media as their guide, and documenting the whole experience on their website, alexandluke.com. We caught up with Luke, 83,000 kilometres into the venture.

**StFX:** Tell me about this journey.

**LUKE:** What makes our voyage unique is that the entire trip is controlled by the Internet. The direction we head, the inns we stay at, and the restaurants we eat at are all controlled by votes and suggestions on our website, Facebook, and Twitter. Alex's house burned to the ground and an insurance company issued her a chequ to replace all of her belongings; instead of replacing her things she put this money aside for a trip. She expressed an interest in traveling North America, as it's something very few people do. Alex extended a loose invitation to me, and I had a lightbulb moment like in the movies. I spent the entire night huddled over notebooks drawing out how it could work and scouring the Internet to see if someone else had already thought of the idea. When we realized we had a unique idea, we spent a lot of time polishing it.

**StFX:** A lot of people dream of hitting the road. But few actually do it. What was the difference with you?

**LUKE:** Once the idea entered my head I couldn't shake it. I thought about it every day for four months looking for potential downfalls and couldn't think of a single one. I committed to the idea with my entire being in an unlikely scenario, immediately after I received a promotion at my consulting firm. I had been dreaming about this promotion and the doors it could open for me for over two years, and the only thing I could think about during the meetings and handshakes that accompanied the promotion was how it made the decision to leave my position and venture out onto the road harder. I felt that if it felt as hard as it did to leave now, if I waited any longer it would feel near impossible.

**StFX:** I'm particularly interested in the line from your StFX graduation speech, "Achieving what you want is infinitely more fulfilling than settling for mediocrity. I implore you to be ambitious, be bold, and do everything in your power to ensure that your dreams and goals are not forgotten, but nurtured into actuality."

**LUKE:** Those words were not uttered at graduation with a light heart; there were times when I was sitting in my cubicle that I felt like a hypocrite. I am 58 days into the road trip today, and every single morning I wake up I feel like I am living the advice I gave three years ago.

**StFX:** What has reaction been like?

**LUKE:** Alex and I both understood that we needed to be very clear with our family and friends that what we were doing wasn't simply a road trip, but also an experiment in the power of social media. We also understood that if we casually mentioned that we were leaving our jobs to go on a road trip, our vision for the project wouldn't properly be conveyed. We rented a boardroom in downtown Toronto and invited over 50 family and friends to a one-hour presentation on the alexandluke.com project. We wanted to make sure everyone understood what we were trying to accomplish. Although there may have been some initial skepticism, my family is unbelievably supportive. I can't imagine what this would be like without their support.

**StFX:** The air was full of promise recently at StFX Spring Convocation. What advice do you have for today's students?

**LUKE:** The right path for you may not be the path you were told is right. Your experience and degree from StFX is an amazing foundation

to build your dreams on. Don't shy away from them. You aren't bound to pursue the subject printed on your degree. If you pursue what you are interested in, even if it's unorthodox, waking up every day is a delight.

**StFX:** You've stayed in a haunted room in Salem, Mass and got screeched-in in Newfoundland. What are some of the highlights so far from your trip?

**LUKE:** Top three favourite moments have to be: 3) Hopewell Rocks, NB was an unbelievable sight. I can't believe I spent four years in Antigonish and had no idea the grandest coastal tides in the world were just down the Trans Canada.

2) Portsmouth, New Hampshire... seriously. New Hampshire is a great place that under no other circumstance would I have visited. You have to check out Portsmouth.

1) Gros Morne National Park in Newfoundland is the most beautiful place I have been to in my entire life. Thankfully I have been screeched-in and can return to the park without any form of initiation.

**StFX:** Would you say social media is changing the face of how people travel?

**LUKE:** Social media will change the face of how people travel. These social technologies are in their infancies, most of the people who help us along on Twitter were not on Twitter one year ago. As the technologies mature, so will the idea of using them to facilitate travel. Also, the technological landscape is changing every day. One of the social media tools that is critical to the success of our project (<http://gowal.la>) did not exist when we first thought of the idea, now we use it everyday. ✕

### FOLLOW ALONG

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## X-Men, X-Women excel in athletics, academics and community

This year, StFX Athletics celebrated X-celence in athletic competition, in the classroom and in the community.



- ▲ StFX had **52 CIS ACADEMIC ALL-CANADIANS**, varsity athletes with an 80 per cent academic average or higher.
- **X-MEN HOCKEY** created massive excitement by defeating UPEI in the quarterfinals and then sweeping the #1 ranked team in Canada, the UNB Varsity Reds. The X-Men were only defeated by the eventual CIS champions, the Saint Mary's Huskies.
- **THE BASKETBALL X-MEN**, ranked third in the nation, won a dramatic AUS semi-final game against Saint Mary's thanks to two-time conference MVP Christian Upshaw draining a pair of foul shots with no time on the clock. The X-Men held close in the AUS championship game against Cape Breton but were unable to fend off the Capers down the stretch. The X-Men have the full team returning next season, which is sure to bring more excitement and victories.

StFX Varsity Athletics Coordinator Krista McKenna presents the **2009-10 COMMUNITY X-CELLENCE AWARDS** to Amy MacKinnon (soccer) and Kwame Osei (football). ▶



- ▲ **X-MEN, X-WOMEN VOLUNTEERED** over 2,000+ hours to help with programs, mentoring, youth coaching, and helping disadvantaged people through time with charities, community organizations, and fundraisers.



▲ StFX President Dr. Sean Riley and Director of Athletics & Recreation Leo MacPherson present the **2009-10 StFX ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARDS** to (l-r) Ghislaine Landry (rugby), Christian Upshaw (basketball) and Catherine Thornton (volleyball).



## Our Outstanding Young Xaverians

**D**uring the past couple of months, our focus has been on the current students at StFX. We reviewed 32 applications for our annual Alumni Recognition Award. Twelve students were selected for interviews. As challenging as it was to make the final decision for the four winners (one per year of undergraduate study), it was a great deal of satisfaction and reward for those of us on the committee to meet these outstanding young Xaverians. We have an amazing student population at StFX. These young people excel academically, demonstrate leadership and volunteer on the campus and in the local Antigonish community and beyond. I'm pleased to report that the traditional spirit of StFX is alive and well!

Spring Convocation was a wonderfully moving celebration, as we have come

to expect it to be. On Saturday afternoon, May 1, we inducted outstanding members of our graduating class to the President's Circle of Young Alumni. We're now into the third year of this program honouring students who have made a difference at StFX. Dr. Riley inducted 88 students into the President's Circle this year, with assistance from Alumni Affairs director Helen Murphy, VP Students' Union Sheryl McAulay and myself. The atmosphere was warm and so positive.

That evening we celebrated the Baccalaureate Mass in St. Ninian's Cathedral. The entire mass was so moving and peaceful. The reception afterward sponsored by our Alumni Association was well attended by grads and family members.

Sunday was a full day with two convocations, morning and afternoon. Our executive members presented graduates with their alumni pins as they descended the stage following receipt of their degrees.

It was my pleasure to welcome all the graduates as members of our association. They were encouraged to participate in alumni activities wherever they find themselves.

Student recruitment continues to be a focus for alumni everywhere. We look forward to assisting the Recruitment and Admissions staff in this endeavour. The X-Ring is an amazing symbol and can open a conversation wherever we may be, shopping, travelling, education, etc., and provides us with the opportunity to share our message.

We are in the initial planning stages for a memorial for students and alumni who served their country in times of conflict. We look forward to working with the university to ensure that those who served are suitably remembered on campus.

Many chapters are sponsoring alumni events in the next few months. These include golf tournaments and student send-offs. Please check the alumni website [www.alumni.stfx.ca](http://www.alumni.stfx.ca) for details of events



Andrea MacLean-Holohan '59

near you. We are also pleased that StFX President Dr. Sean Riley has hosted a number of events in chapters across Canada in recent months.

Enjoy the summer season. Hail and Health!  
Andrea MacLean-Holohan '59

- **THE X-WOMEN VOLLEYBALL TEAM** played their best season in history, finishing first in the AUS, led by AUS Coach of the Year Michelle Aucoin. Catherine Thornton was named AUS Most Valuable Player and also a CIS All-Canadian. The X-Women fell to the Saint Mary's Huskies in the AUS championship game.

- In women's hockey, **StFX HOSTED THE CIS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP** for the third time, as StFX is proving to be the best venue with the strongest fan support in Canada for these championships. The X-Women had a strong season, but fell to the Huskies in the CIS championships.

- **X-WOMEN BASKETBALL** qualified for the AUS playoffs and dropped a disappointing quarterfinal game to Dalhousie.

- Both the **X-WOMEN AND X-MEN TRACK AND FIELD TEAMS** were runners-up for the AUS team titles at their respective championships.

## Football X-Men to join pro ranks



Akeem Foster '10  
B.C. Lions



Cauchy Muamba '10  
B.C. Lions



Yahai Dalloul '10  
Hamilton Tigers



Steve Snyder '10  
German Professional League

- Akeem Foster – X-Men Receiver & All Canadian - Drafted by B.C. Lions
- Cauchy Muamba – Defensive Back – Drafted by B.C. Lions
- Corbun Sharun – DB Edmonton Eskimos
- Steve Snyder – Acquired by German Professional Football League

They will be joining several former **X-MEN CURRENTLY PLAYING IN THE CFL**, including Mike McCullough – LB Saskatchewan Roughriders; Steve Myddelton – OL Calgary Stampedes; Derek Armstrong – OL Winnipeg Blue Bombers; Yahai Dalloul – DL Hamilton Tiger Cats; Gord Sawler – OL, Toronto Argonauts; Kwasi Nkansah – DB, Montréal Alouettes

CALGARY, AB



Guests show off their X-Rings at a recent Calgary chapter event.

# CHAPTER NEWS

Spring and summer are our busy seasons for alumni events. So far we've been blessed with great weather and strong turnouts for recent gatherings of StFX grads. Over the summer we'll see more student-send-offs, golf tournaments and family picnics. We hope you can take part. Stay tuned to [www.stfx.ca](http://www.stfx.ca) for the latest news. You can also follow us on Twitter (StFXAlumni).

We recently bid a fond farewell to Jessica Smith, our staff person responsible for day-to-day chapter liaison. Jessica made a tremendous contribution to chapter development and we'll miss her excellent work and friendship. This month we're welcoming our new Programs Coordinator, Alicia Mika. Alicia is a brand new 2010 graduate from StFX and we know our chapter network will benefit from her energy and enthusiasm.

Contact your chapter presidents for upcoming X-events in your area.

## CHAPTER NEWS

### CALGARY, AB

Olympic fever gripped "Canada's other Winter Olympic city" in February. As part of the celebration, the chapter welcomed East Coast Music Award-nominated artist Aaron MacDonald '98, fresh off his tour to Vancouver for the Olympics. Aaron delighted the crowd with his brand of folk-rock, including a nostalgic tribute that he wrote and first performed for his graduating class 12 years ago. The chapter hosted its annual alumni pub night in mid-April. Entitled "Return to the Inn 2010," the party was held at a new location downtown with live music courtesy of Calgary's own Herb Tarleks. The party attracted many generations of alumni and a fun time was had by all. Thanks to members of the organizing committee for all their hard work! In late May, the chapter welcomed StFX President Dr. Sean Riley '74, VP Advancement Tim Lang '87, and Alumni Director Helen Murphy '08. It was a busy day for Dr. Riley: he hosted a noon-hour presentation to Calgary-area high school students, and then tied a bib around his neck for a Maritime Lobster Dinner with alumni at the Stampede grounds. In late June, the chapter hosted its annual Student Send-Off for area students attending StFX in the fall. The event featured a visit from StFX Recruitment. Our first-years met current StFX students, who talked about what to expect from their new "home away from home." Alberta is sending 35 students, an estimated 25 from the Calgary area. Among those heading to Antigonish are the newest recipients of the prestigious Dr. Ed O'Connor Scholarship: Elizabeth O'Connell and Travis Rasch, both of Calgary. Elizabeth and Travis receive \$6,500/year for four years toward completion of their respective degrees. In addition to the Ed O'Connor, StFX offered 16 other scholarships to Alberta-based students: two Canadian Merit scholarships and 14 entrance scholarships. Congratulations to all recipients! Finally, the chapter continues to update its alumni database. If you have recently moved to the Calgary area (or recently moved away), drop the chapter a line at [calgarychapter@stfx.ca](mailto:calgarychapter@stfx.ca). You can also join our group on Facebook: StFX Alumni Association - Calgary Chapter. - Oliver Munar '98



Jay Donlevy '92,  
Calgary Chapter President  
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### TORONTO, ON

The Toronto chapter continues to grow as we reconnect with lost alumni and recruit recent graduates. Some of our alumni joined the Hon. Frank McKenna and Dr. Sean Riley at the National Dinner on May 20th with keynote speaker Sergio Marchionne. Our annual Golf Tournament took place at the Carrying Golf and Country Club May 31. Proceeds help support other StFX Toronto alumni events including our Charity Event (Ride for Heart), the Student Send-Off, Family Day Event (August 7), and of course our annual StFX Day (November 26). Please join us to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, the X-Ring and "whatsoever things are true." This will be held at the Newman Centre on 89 St. George St. from 6 p.m. on, and will include our annual general meeting, mass, host-reception with Wheel Pizza and special guest visit. We plan to continue to contribute financially to the bursary we initiated for a first-year student from the Greater Toronto Area. Also, we recently purchased 25 Lindsay Bears

to help support the B-Strong Foundation created by our dearest Lindsay Bolger who passed away November 26, 2009. We plan to donate these bears to a charity in need this Christmas season. Thank you to our executive, participating alumni and friends for all your dedication, support and spirit. I look forward to crossing paths once again in the near future. To contact us, please email [stfxtoronto@gmail.com](mailto:stfxtoronto@gmail.com).



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### HALIFAX, NS

The Halifax chapter held the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Father George Kehoe Dinner and Auction March 27, 2010 at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel. The evening was a huge success, emceed by Raylene Rankin '86 while Harris Fricker '82 gave an inspirational keynote address to the sold-out crowd of almost 450 alumni and friends. Kathleen O'Regan '96 was the Distinguished Alumni Award recipient in recognition of her contributions to the chapter and community. Rodney MacDonald '94 and Glenn Graham '96 provided musical entertainment throughout the evening. This year marked a new milestone as a record amount was raised to support university athletics and bursaries to local students!

StFX alumni's first annual Pub Night was held at Durty Nellies May 7. The event was showcased by alumnus Dan Merzetti '91 and the Boys providing the musical entertainment to more than 50 alumni. Upcoming events include a Summer Pub June 18, a family get-together, a wine and cheese, and a meet and greet for new and returning students, and finally the StFX Day mass on Dec. 3. These events will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.

- Bill Dolan, communications, and  
Clare Bilek, VP Halifax chapter

Dan Merzetti,  
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### SUDBURY, ON

The second annual StFX Sudbury Pub Night was held at Grumblers English Pub on Friday, May 7. Fourteen people attended, enjoying refresh-



OTTAWA, ON

ments and a meal together. Alumni years ranged from the class of '59 to '09, a 50-year spread. Many stories were exchanged including a yarn on the NE Margaree in Cape Breton.



William Mackasey '59  
Sudbury Chapter President  
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### LONDON, ON

The London chapter executive met twice in 2010, once to facilitate the transition from Drew Smith as chapter president to Gerry Lowe as new president. Ellen Hickey assumed the vice-president/chair position and we welcomed Roger Campbell as secretary. Petra Brown continues to act as treasurer. Drew stayed on as past president. We took the time to recognize the incredible contributions Drew has made over the years and continues to make in support of StFX and to welcome him to the exec as past president. The second meeting was to plan for our annual Golf, BBQ & Student Send-Off and StFX Day events. Drew also provided an update from the National Alumni Association. The 5<sup>th</sup> annual London Chapter Golf, BBQ & Student Send-Off was held at Hickory Ridge Golf Club June 12. The chapter was expecting its largest turnout ever! The BBQ and 2010 Student Send-Off will be held at the home of Pat and Gerry Lowe. This year we awarded more prizes than ever and the inaugural trophy to the winning team! Details to follow next issue. Thanks to Jessica Smith, Justin Fox, Glenda Bond, Darby Van Tassel and Helen Murphy for their help! Our annual StFX Day event is planned for Dec. 4. We will return to one of our most popular locations, Molly Blooms Pub on Richmond Row. Mark the date - it's sure to be a great time! I will update our alumni on the latest from our chapter and Drew will give a presentation on the happenings with the National Alumni Association. Thanks to Darby Van Tassel for visiting London April 7 to conduct a recruiting presentation at the London



SUDBURY, ON

Club. Attendance was strong. Roger Campbell and Gerry Lowe attended to assist in giving an alumni perspective as to what to expect at StFX. As always, Darby did an incredible job describing the positive aspects of StFX and Antigonish! It has been a great start to the new year/decade for the London chapter. If you have any questions please contact me.

Gerry Lowe '80,  
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### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Northern California chapter is looking for StFX grads and 'Bay Area Implants' to connect! Our Annual StFX Day event in San Francisco was well attended. Contact CJ Healy '98 if you are new to the Bay Area and would like to hear more information about upcoming events.



CJ Healy '98,  
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### OTTAWA, ON

The Ottawa chapter held the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual StFX Alumni Family & Friends Best Ball Golf Tournament on Friday, June 11 at the Anderson Links Golf and Country Club. Special guest from StFX was Timothy Lang, Vice-President, Advancement. On Wednesday, August 18, the Ottawa chapter will be hosting its Student Send-Off BBQ at the Britannia Yacht Club (2777 Cassels St., Ottawa) from 5 - 7 p.m. Come join other alumni and existing StFX students as we meet and give our best wishes to all the new students heading to campus this fall. An RSVP to [ottawachapter@stfx.ca](mailto:ottawachapter@stfx.ca) is appreciated.



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TORONTO, ON

## CHAPTER NEWS

### ST. JOHN'S, NL

On a lovely evening in St. John's, the StFX alumni in Newfoundland and Labrador hosted on Thursday, May 13 the President's Reception at the Bungalow in Bowring Park. Dr. Sean Riley, Tim Lang and Helen Murphy all traveled from Antigonish to mix and mingle with about 50 alumni, parents of recent graduates and potential students. We opened the evening with a wonderful video about StFX. Then everyone listened to presentations from Tim Lang and Dr. Riley's presentation about what has been happening at the university and the future of StFX. The night continued for several hours with everyone catching up with old friends, discussing what campus was like when they lived there and how beautiful the new campus now looks. People made promises to get together more often and overall it was a traditional StFX event with great conversation and good times had by all.



**Jacqui Janes,**  
St. John's Chapter Co-President  
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### NORTH SHORE, NB

On May 26, 2010, 60 StFX alumni and friends gathered at the Best Western Hotel in Dalhousie to celebrate alma mater. Special guests included StFX Alumni Association president Andrea



MacLean-Holohan of Quispamsis, NB, and guest speaker, StFX Dean of Business, Prof. Leo Gallant. Andrea brought greetings and spoke about some of the alumni projects. Her brief remarks were well received and she interacted with many who were present.

Prof. Gallant reviewed a year of "X" citing achievements including reference to the Globe and Mail's recognition of StFX in its annual review of Canadian universities. He, of course, mentioned athletics at "X" and he emphasized the record established by "Coach K," the men's

basketball coach. He certainly spoke about the major renovations to the Old Engineering Building as it has been renovated to become a major addition to StFX's business facilities.

The evening kicked off with an enthusiastic rendition of the revised X Song led by Dr. Mike Johnston of Dalhousie. Along with many alumni, those in attendance included some StFX students as well as some parents, a few grandparents of graduates and many who are not graduates but are friends and supporters of "X." Participants came from throughout



the North Shore area including Bathurst, Campbellton, Dalhousie and points in-between, along with Florida guests holidaying in the area.

Several people, all committed to StFX, helped organizer Sandy MacLean in making the evening a success. There are plans to hold next year's gathering in Bathurst, where there are many "X" alumni. Professor Gallant stopped at Bathurst High to speak with students on his way back to Antigonish. Richard McKillop of Campbellton was present with his mementos of the Olympic Torch Run; both he and his spouse Pauline have been participants in the Run.

Presentations, thanks to Jack MacMillan of Tim Horton's, were made to Adrian Brown of Campbellton, Cletus (Anne Marie) Doucet of Bathurst and Carla (Whalen) Thibideau of Bathurst. Each of these has been instrumental in helping Sandy over the years.

Sandy in his remarks thanked everyone and commented this would be his last time at the helm, but he will be there to help the next person willing to organize the annual event. He mentioned two persons in particular. One, Lorne Whalen of Bathurst who was present, who is recognized as one of the outstanding athletes at "X" for all time, and the late Dan Tremblay, for whom StFX was always special. Dan's widow Eileen was present.

Reports and photos of the event will appear in the Campbellton (Restigouche) Tribune and the Bathurst Northern Light.

**Sandy MacLean '56,**  
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Chapter President  
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Check out [www.alumni.stfx.ca](http://www.alumni.stfx.ca) for a complete listing of upcoming events and up-to-date event details.

**Toronto, Ontario**  
**Toronto Family Day Event**  
August 7, 2010.  
Details to be announced.  
Stay tuned to the alumni website

**Saint John, New Brunswick**  
**Golf and Student Send Off**  
Friday, August 20, 2010  
Details to be announced.  
Stay tuned to the alumni website

**Antigonish, Nova Scotia**  
**Father Kehoe Golf Classic**  
Friday, July 23, 2010  
Antigonish Golf & Country Club  
For more details: [www.goXgo.ca](http://www.goXgo.ca)  
Registration: Krista McKenna,  
kmckenna@stfx.ca

**1996 Physical Education Alumni**  
Reunion, August 14, 2010  
Day – Paul Mac's cottage  
Evening – Dale's 66 Hawthorne  
Events on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>  
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**Homecoming 2010, Oct. 1-3, 2010**

**St. Martha's Annual Alumni**  
Dinner will be held Thursday,  
September 30, 2010. 6 p.m. for  
dinner at 7 p.m. at St. Ninian  
Place. Please contact Emma  
Lee MacDonald at 863-1402, or  
Barbara Bradshaw at 863-1486,  
prior to Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> regarding  
tickets.

**Halifax, Nova Scotia**  
**Golf and Student Send Off**  
Details to be announced.  
Stay tuned to the alumni website

## 2010 Alumni Recognition Award winners named

Congratulations are in order for Mary Anne Gillies MacDonald, Taryn Grant, Kyle Kennedy MacDonald and Corbin Bourree who have been selected as the 2010 recipients of the annual Alumni Recognition Awards.

To be considered for the award, candidates must submit an essay about the impact StFX has had on them. Finalists then attend an interview with members of the Alumni Association Council.

Four awards of \$1,500 each are made to one student in each of the undergraduate awards. This year's recipients are:



1<sup>st</sup> year – Mary Anne Gillies MacDonald  
Antigonish, NS



2<sup>nd</sup> year – Taryn Grant  
Calgary, AB



3<sup>rd</sup> year – Kyle Kennedy MacDonald  
Inverness, NS



4<sup>th</sup> year – Corbin Bourree  
Nelson, BC

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## We'd like you to keep in touch!

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Honore Lee Devine BSC'58  
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Rachel Marie Gallant MED'56  
Reginald Harris Hallam BSC'50  
Andre Leblanc BED'55  
Hugh John MacDonald BA'51

### 1960's

Susan P Adams DSA '65  
Verla Lillian Baker BA'69  
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Elizabeth J Deyoung JRDP'64  
Mary E Fagan JRDP'69  
Ann Gillis BA'62 & BED'63  
Choong Lai Im BSC'66  
Kevin F Kelley BSC'66  
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Marion Patricia MacDougall JRDP'66

### 1970's

Gladys Beatrice Ahiabu BED'70  
William Alexander Bain BA'71  
Patricia Alice Cameron BSA'72  
Joseph Dobrowski BA'77 & BED'78  
G Paul Ferguson ENG'70  
James Robert Gibson BBA'79  
Shawn BJP Haberin BA'76  
Patricia Louise Kennedy BBA'78  
Daniel Lyon BSCPE'77  
Georgette MacDonald BA'74

### 1980's

Suriahni Abdul-Hamid ENG'89  
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Daniel H Chisholm BSC'87  
Mary E Desaulniers BSA'81  
Annakutty Elamthuruthil BA'82  
Alexandra H Gillis BA'89  
George Ian Henderson MED'81  
Patrick Kearns BA'84  
E Ann Lorenson BA'87  
Charles F MacDonald BA'84


### 1990's

Hazilawati Abdul Aziz ENG'90  
Robert John Bezjack BA'93  
Gerard James Cheeke BBA'94  
Susan Cecilia Delory BBA'90  
Camille Anne Hay BA'91  
James F Johnston DIPJ'90  
Shaun Kirkpatrick BA'90  
Yanjia Lu MSC'91  
Allan Joseph MacDonald MED'98  
John Robert Nicholson BA'92

### 2000's

Krista Dianne Adams BSC'05  
Allison Marie Berridge BSC'01  
Chelsea Danielle Coady BA'07  
Jennie Lynn Dawson BA'02  
Nicole Lynn Fraser BA'01 & BED'03  
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# Homecoming

## OCTOBER 1, 2, 3 2010

## Schedule of Events

## Life Officers

### Friday, October 1

**10 am – 9 pm**  
**Homecoming Registration & Information**  
Hospitality Suites, Keating Millennium Centre.

**1:30 pm**  
**Campus Walking Tour**  
Meet at Homecoming registration at 1:15 pm.

**3 pm**  
**StFX Alumni Association Annual General Meeting**  
All alumni are encouraged to attend. Conference Rooms, Keating Millennium Centre.

**6 pm reception, 7 pm dinner**  
**Welcome Home Dinner**  
Presentation of Alumni Awards of Excellence, Main Stadium, Keating Millennium Centre. Advance ticket sales only – \$50 each. To reserve, please contact Alumni Affairs at 902-867-2186.

**9 pm**  
**Homecoming Kitchen Party**  
A gathering place for all alumni and friends with musicians Rodney MacDonald and Glenn Graham, MacKay Room & Lounge, Bloomfield Centre, \$10.

**Saturday, October 2**  
**8 am**  
**5K Fun Run registration**  
Race begins at 9 am, Oland Centre.

**9 am – 6 pm**  
**Homecoming Registration** continues, Hospitality Suites, Keating Millennium Centre.

**9:30 am**  
**Coffee with Coady**  
An event to celebrate the alumni-Coady connection, featuring the Katherine Fleming award presentation, and breakfast refreshments. Coady International Institute.

**11 am**  
**Hall of Honour**  
Induction of Hall of Honour candidates and Student Alumni Recognition essays.

**1:15 pm**  
**Campus Walking Tour**  
Meet at Homecoming registration at 1 pm.

**1:45 pm**  
**Ceremonial Football Kick-Off**  
**2 pm – 5 pm**  
**Homecoming Football Game**  
StFX X-Men vs. TBA. Half price tickets will be available at the Homecoming Registration desk. Intermission & post-game receptions, Main Gym, Oland Centre.

**2:30 pm – 4:30 pm**  
**Mount St. Bernard College Tea**  
Everyone welcome – refreshments served.

**5:45 pm reception, 7 pm dinner**  
**President's Reception and Golden Grads Dinner**  
A dinner hosted by Dr. Sean Riley, University President, to honour the Golden Grads from the Class of '60, Main Stadium, Keating Millennium Centre. Advance tickets only. To reserve, please contact Alumni Affairs at 902-867-2186.

**Class reunions are also planned for the classes of 1950, 1955, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, & 2005.** For details visit: [www.alumni.stfx.ca/homecoming2010](http://www.alumni.stfx.ca/homecoming2010).

**9 pm**  
**Homecoming Inn Pub Night**  
A gathering place for all alumni and friends! Featuring Big Fish, \$10, MacKay Room & Lounge, Bloomfield Centre.

**Sunday, October 3**  
**11 am**  
**Alumni Mass**  
Class reserved seating. University Chapel.

**10:30 am – 1 pm**  
**Farewell Brunch**  
Main Stadium, Keating Centre. Advance ticket sales recommended – \$20 each. To reserve, please contact Alumni Affairs at 902-867-2186.

**1:15 pm**  
**Campus Walking tour**  
Meet in the main foyer of the Keating Millennium Centre at 1 pm.

For more information or to register, visit [www.alumni.stfx.ca/homecoming2010](http://www.alumni.stfx.ca/homecoming2010) or call 902-867-2186.

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If you are interested in helping to organize a 60<sup>th</sup> reunion, please contact the Alumni Office at 902-867-2186 or [alumni@stfx.ca](mailto:alumni@stfx.ca).

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## '40s

**Dr. J. Cameron MacDonald '46** has recently had his book "The Island Doctor" published. It is a collection of 15 stories where he paints a rich portrait of the eccentricities of daily life and the practice of country medicine on Brier and Long Islands at the end of Digby Neck in the Bay of Fundy from 1951 – 1956. Dr. MacDonald is now semi-retired from his practice of radiology in Windsor, ON and has been married to Kay (Traynor) '47 for 61 wonderful years. They have four children and eight grandchildren.

**Tom O'Neill '00** who was accompanying the Minister for International Trade, the Hon. Peter Van Loan on his first official bilateral visit to South Africa in March 2010. Tom and Barbara discovered their respective X-Rings while they were on a tour of the facility for the new Gautrain, the rapid transit system that has just been launched (Phase 1) in Johannesburg. Pictured, they display their X-Rings on the nose of one of the trains, which are being supplied by Canada's Bombardier Transportation.

**Leonard Vassallo '75** received a lifetime achievement award from the Newfoundland Department of Environment and Conservation at their May 31st, 2010 Environmental Awards Ceremony and Luncheon in St. John's. Leonard retired in June 2010 from his career as an environmental technology instructor at the College of the North Atlantic, Corner Brook Campus. He has settled in Gardiner Mines, Cape Breton where he will pursue his lifelong passion for organic gardening and other environmental pursuits.

## '70s

**Rev. Cornelius de Visser '72** has left India after seven years of formation work. In September, 2010 he will move to Ethiopia and will be looking for sightings of X-Rings there. He sends special greetings to his former professors and classmates (B.Ed.72).

**Barbara Giacomini '73** was pleased to discover another X-Ring in South Africa, that of StFX grad

**Dr. Anne E. Barry '76**, daughter of Donald and Mary Barry of Antigonish, was recently awarded the "Gold-headed Cane Award" for 2009. This annual award is presented by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of NS and the Medical Humanities Program of Dalhousie University. It honours "excellence in the practice of the Art called Medicine" and was presented to Dr. Barry for "her service to patients, families, students of medicine and our community; for being a physician who exemplifies selflessness, altruism, accountability, excellence, duty, service, integrity and respect for others." Dr. Barry has been in family practice in Kentville, NS for the past 24 years.

**Horace Denis Walters '77** was among 12 St. Lucians to receive the prestigious 2009 Birthday Honours Awards from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the second. He was awarded the Member of the British Empire Medal (MBE).

**Warren Howes '77** recently retired from Georgian College (Orillia Campus) after 24 years working as the manager, Corporate

and Contract Training. He was recently honoured to be selected as the recipient of the Ontario Marine Operators Association 2009 President's Award. This was a very nice way to transition into retirement.

## '80s

**Donald Brenton '83** and his wife Cindy recently moved to Clover, SC where he accepted a position as operations manager at Catawba Nuclear Station. He would love to hear from Class of 83 engineering classmates at nova39@bellsouth.net.

**Ginette Aucoin '86** is currently living in Québec, and busy running a medium-sized translation company with spouse and keeping up with her two dogs and four cats. Would love to hear from classmates at ginette.aucoin@cogitexte.com.

**Susan Johnson '87** and her husband Neil were thrilled to welcome their third daughter, Abigail, on July 17, 2009. She joins big sisters, Allison (8) and Ainslie (5). They have recently moved from New York to London, England.

Elsa Marianne (Aug. /04) and John Walter (Oct. 29/09)



Nicole Richard '95 and Derek Hankinson

Bryenah (6), Alexandryan (3) and Elisah (4 months)



Colleen Chisholm-Bennett '97, '99 and John Bennett

August 26, 2007



Rachel Bland '98 and Alex Sigal

Ethan Robert Henry, Dec. 14/09



Rachel Bland '98 and Alex Sigal

Liam David, Sept. 23/08



Cindy Cruickshanks '98 and Paul McDonald '96

Bacc Mass 2010



Meaghan Hogan '10 & grandmother Dorothy (Stanton) Hanusiak '49

52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary – May 17/10



Terry and Donald A. Macdonald '55

Maritime intercollegiate track meet



Donald A. Macdonald '55 – Placed 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, Antigonish, 1953

Infrastructure project in South Africa results in X-Alumni meeting



Barbara Giacomini '73 and Tom O'Neill '00 view the Gautrain supplied by Canada's Bombardier Transportation

Retired from Georgian College (Orillia Campus) after 24 years



Warren Howes '77, recipient of ON Marine Operators Association President's Award '09

Visit to home of GM



Steve Engyel '84 at the Detroit Renaissance Centre

Canadian Forces Basic Nursing Officer Course



Marlene McVicar '84 and Julia Morash '96

July 2008



Joe Doyle '87 and Linda-Ray Godin

June 13, 2009



Katie Gebauer and Dan Quinn '00

Lily Evelyn, January 2/10



Gabrielle (Cyr) DeBaie '01 and Colin DeBaie

August 29/09



Julia (Lomond) '01 and Paul Blake

October 13, 2007



Alison (Bates) '01 and Laurie Robichaud

Reid Christopher, July 23/09



Alison (Bates) '01 and Laurie Robichaud

**Jackie Dayman '00** says they are all so very thrilled and proud of his accomplishments.

**Laurie Dawson '00** is raising money and training for a Joints in Motion marathon to support arthritis research and treatment. She will tie the knot with longtime partner Jordan Hemsley three days later, maybe even still in her running shorts! You can support their journey: <http://arthritis.akaraisin.com/p/LaurieJordan.aspx>.

**Tonya Ribalkin '00** earned her umpire certification with the International Softball Federation (designation achieved in 2008) and officiated at the World Games in Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei in 2009. She recently got engaged and is moving to Calgary to join her fiancé.

**Mary Lillian MacDonald, 2002** honorary X-Ring recipient, was once again honoured for her long and valued contributions to StFX. She was honoured during StFX's Staff Appreciation Day for her 40 years of service to the university. Mary Lillian, shown with StFX President Dr. Sean Riley (next page), worked in the Angus L. Macdonald Library, as University Sacristan, and is a long-time athletic supporter.

**Sheena (Anderson) Geiger '05** flew to Japan recently to participate at an event celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Osaka World Expo. Sheena, a French teacher, was one of 11 performers from across the world who were recruited by World Campus International, a Tokyo-based organization that encourages cultural exchanges in Japan. In addition to singing and dancing at the event's closing ceremonies she was responsible for a booth representing the U.S. and her native Canada.

Ella (5 years) and Daniel (6 months)



Kristel Fleuren '99 and Kris Hunter '99

Elliot (3) and Jonah (3 months)



Jacqueline Faber '99 and Dave Pashley

Nicholas (7), Nathan (6), Jordan (4) and Jackson (9 mths)



Jackie Dayman '00 and Jason Dayman '98, '00

Waiting for an African sunrise in the Sahara



X-Sisters Michelle Mullins '01 and LeeAnne Mullins '04

November 7, 2009



StFX alumni at the wedding of Fay MacDonald '03 and Nicholas Fitton, Melbourne, Australia

May 30, 2009



Maria (Kouyas) '04 and Jason Walsh '99, '01, '02

Dietitians of Canada Conference



'07 Human Nutrition Alumni - Jensen Lutes, Tara Kinnear, Teri Emrich and Sara McAloney

BBA degrees thirty years apart!



Jeanette Fougere '09 and mom Emily (Lakenman) Fougere '79

Mary Lillian MacDonald, 2002 honorary X-Ring recipient



Honoured for her 40 years of service to the university

Cassidy Rachel Jean, Oct. 7/09



Andrea (Versteeg) '03 and Scott Barrett

October 17, 2009



Emily Lowe '06 and Steven Carrigan '06

August 8, 2009



StFX alumni from 1942 to 2009 at the wedding of Marlo Kennedy '08 in Halifax

A year after X-Ring 2008



Kelsey MacPhee & friends reminisced about wonderful times!

Liam James, November 8/09



Laura (Dillman) '02 and Matt Ripley '03

July 11, 2009



Amanda (Cassidy) '04 and Lee Fraser

November 13, 2009



Krisin Horton '06 (bride) & bridesmaids Nicole Perschon (l), Lori Debold '03, Katie Debold & Angela Rae '05 (r)

Caelin Ronald Gerald, April 21/10



Jillian Sullivan '09 and Josh Kennedy '06

Riley graduates



Karen Purnell '10 (mother: Jayne Riley '73, '74); Peter Goldie '10 and James Goldie '10 (parents: Brenda Riley '77 & Harvey Goldie '84, '99) with Uncle Sean Riley '74

### DECEASED

Dr. John A. MacDonald '33  
 Donald Rankin '34  
 Mary M. (Mahoney) O'Neill '37  
 Hilda (MacDonald) Hunter '38  
 Rev. Hugh A. MacDonald '39  
 Sr. Gertrude McCarthy '40  
 William F. "Bill" Knoll '47  
 Rev. Peter Clifford Bisson '50  
 Raymond Campbell '50  
 Marjorie Elizabeth (MacLellan) Chiasson '47, '50  
 Alexander "Bernie" Chisholm, late 40's  
 Reginald Thomas Giovannetti '49  
 Rev. John F Campbell '50  
 Joseph William "Burke" McIntosh '50  
 Father Thomas C. Morley '50  
 Stephen John "Casey" Ritchie '50  
 Margaret Louise (Cullens) Morton '51  
 Dr. Leesha Zed '51  
 Donald Hugh Smith '51 '52  
 Joseph Edmund O'Keefe '55, '56  
 Fr. Raymond King '55, '71  
 Stephen Albert Berry '56  
 Eugene Edward "Gene" Gillespie '56  
 Langis J. Robichaud '56  
 John Mullins '57  
 Duncan (Jackie) MacIntyre '58  
 Myles G. Pelletier '58  
 Peter Bernard Berry '59  
 Dr. John McGrory '60  
 John Basil Blanchard '61  
 Sr. Catherine "Cappy" Peters, CND, '62  
 Francis Ambrose "Frank" O'Connell '66  
 Gerry A. Keites '66  
 Sr. Anne Catherine Gillis, CND, '66

Todd Omer Scott '66  
 Evelyn Fournier '68  
 David Wright Hylton '68  
 Eileen A. O'Sullivan '68  
 Sandra Lucille Best '68, '70  
 Allan Joseph "Crash" MacLellan '69, '70  
 Joseph Linus Gillis '70  
 Alexander Steven "Sandy" Campbell '70  
 Thomas Alexander "Tom" Cooke '71  
 Mary Lou MacGregor '71  
 Jacques Joseph Paulin '71  
 Dr. John H. Hylton '72  
 Allan Roland Meuse '72  
 Maurice Francis "Moe" Gouthro '73 '74 '88  
 Ian Munroe MacIntyre '74  
 Hugh Joseph MacDonald '76  
 Allaine MacIntyre '77  
 Joady Anne (Robertson) Oldfield '80  
 Maureen Forrester, Hon. Deg. '92  
 Valerie "D'Val" (Arsenault) Chartrand '96, '97  
 Charlene Mary DeCoste '00  
 Holly Elizabeth Bartlett '02  
 Dorothy Thompson, Former Faculty  
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 Anna Theresa Pottie, Former Employee  
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### Planned Giving StFX Legacy Circle

StFX is special to Joe Healy '95 for several reasons. His father attended StFX in the early 1930s and Healy has great admiration for the tradition of devotion which influenced his father's life during and after his time at StFX. After finishing a master's degree in Ottawa, Joe was advised by a former StFX professor to apply to StFX's Master of Adult Education program so he could write a thesis focused on international police training. As a member of the RCMP, he had been assigned to the Czech Republic in those years.

The importance of StFX in his father's life and in his own education motivated Healy to include a clause in his will to remember StFX with a financial legacy. "I am very proud to call StFX my favorite of all Canadian universities and I recall all my friends who helped me while I was a student on campus," said Healy.

Healy is the man behind the RCMP Grave Location and Maintenance Program, including an online database of grave sites of 14,000 members of the RCMP. Retired after 36



years of service, Healy views his volunteer work as a service to the deceased members and their families.

The program began as a quest to track down missing graves of deceased members in his home province of New Brunswick and has grown to encompass the entire country, and graves in the U.S., Europe, and Africa. Healy is currently creating a section dedicated to WWI and WWII veterans buried abroad. An interactive website can be found at [www.rcmpgraves.com](http://www.rcmpgraves.com).



For information about Planned Giving and the StFX Legacy Circle, contact:

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## “This will get us in the AlumniNews for sure!”



Fraser Muir '52 with Bobby MacEachern '95 in Grosebeek, Holland.

**F**raser Muir '52 had a wonderful StFX encounter at the commemoration service at the Canadian Cemetery in Grosebeek, Holland, where he was one of the veterans that attended the 65<sup>th</sup> celebrations marking the liberation of the Netherlands.

“There were thousands in attendance, including the Queen of the Netherlands,” he says. “I did hear a pipe band playing, but it was only when the ceremony was over and we were heading back to the buses that I noticed one band was wearing the Nova Scotia tartan; I approached one of them to ask where they were from, and one of them called out “Hey Bobby, this guy is wearing the same ring as you!” Then all hell broke out....Bobby (MacEachern '95) and I laughed, “this will get us in the AlumniNews for sure...” and I called to my

“It was a joy to meet and talk about our days at StFX.”

– Fraser Muir '52

grandson to photograph us...Bobby of course is a member of 33<sup>rd</sup> Halifax Pipes and Drums and they were one of the bands that headlined various events during the 10 days of parades and various functions. I was so impressed with Bobby. She is such a happy person, and it was a joy to meet and talk about our days at StFX, and of course our home towns, hers being Antigonish, and Westville being mine.”

## LOST & FOUND

#### LOST

- Man's 1962
- Man's 1977
- Man's 1979
- Woman's 1988
- Woman's 1997
- Woman's 1997

#### FOUND

- Woman's 1999
- Woman's 2003
- Woman's 2004
- Woman's 2009
- Man's 2009
- Woman's 2010
- Man's 2010





*Campus in bloom at the Coady International Institute,  
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