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# 50TH ANNIVERSARY ALUMNI

Kick-Off Weekend August 7–10, 2014



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Thursday August 7, 2014**  
**7–10 pm**

### OPENING RECEPTION & 50 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE BOOK LAUNCH

Join friends, faculty and special guests in the Champlain College Great Hall for this 50th anniversary kickoff cocktail reception featuring the new 50th video, live music, and other special announcements. Generously supported by TD Insurance Meloche Monnex.

**Friday August 8, 9 am–5 pm**  
**and Saturday August 9,**  
**10 am– 12:30 pm**

### IDEAS THAT CHANGE THE WORLD SYMPOSIUM

This symposium will bring together distinguished leaders, educators and researchers in a wide variety of fields to present provocative ideas in 5 different themes:

- 1) Critical Cultural Inquiry
- 2) Education
- 3) Sustainability & Environment
- 4) Life and Health and
- 5) Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

Participants will select **one** theme to participate in and will have the opportunity to hear from up to 15 speakers. Generously supported by Perkins + Will and Four Corners Group.



All participants will enjoy an opening keynote address by **Trent Chancellor Don Tapscott** "Rethinking Civilization: Five

Modest Proposals for a World that Needs Changing." Generously supported by GE Canada.

**Friday August 8, 2014**  
**4–8 pm**

### BBQ & BEER GARDEN

in Justin Chiu Stadium



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**Friday August 8, 7:30 pm**  
**BLUE RODEO CONCERT**

at the Peterborough Memorial Centre with opening act **The Burning Hell**—free return busing from the Justin Chiu Stadium to the concert. Tickets [memorialcentre.ca](http://memorialcentre.ca)

**Saturday August 9**  
**1–4 pm, 6–9 pm**

### TRENT INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM (TIP) CAMP REVISITED & SEMI-FORMAL INTERNATIONAL DINNER

Join your friends from around the world in the quad of Champlain College for "TIP Camp Revisited!" Relive and remember your Trent University experience and refresh global friendships.

**Saturday August 9, 2–4 pm**  
**CAMPUS MEET & GREET**

Refreshment breaks, self-guided tours and featured campus open facilities at both Symons and Traill campuses

**Saturday August 9, 2 pm**  
**STORIES OF DIVERSITY AT TRENT**

Presentation and panel discussion about diversity at Trent over the years

**Saturday August 9**  
**2–8 pm**

### 50 YEARS OF SPORT AT TRENT

Athletics open house and reunion, BBQ and beer garden—tour the new Trent Athletics Centre, check out the displays and reconnect with athletes and coaches. BBQ and beer garden in the Justin Chiu Stadium.

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**AT SADLEIR HOUSE**

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**DOWNTOWN PETERBOROUGH DECADE-**  
**DESIGNATED PUB NIGHT**

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**Sunday August 10,**  
**9:30 am–12 pm**  
**CLOSING BRUNCH**

in the Champlain College Great Hall



**Thursday August 7–August 10**  
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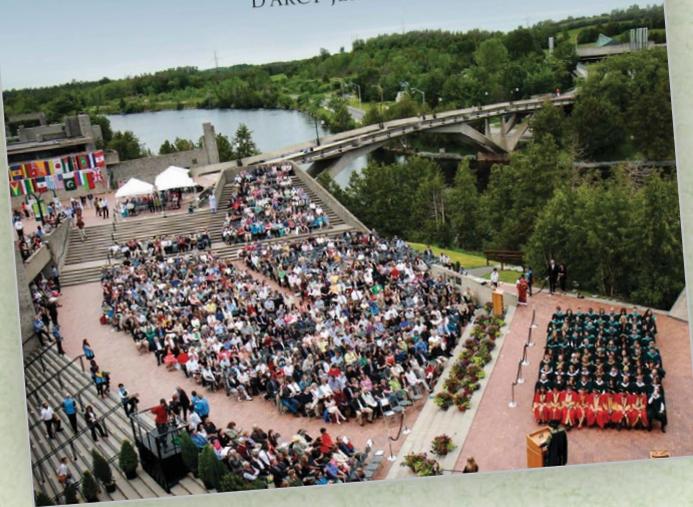
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“It was a delight for me to read this wonderful book and to reflect on the great accomplishment that is Trent University.”

Dr. Don Tapscott '66,  
Chancellor

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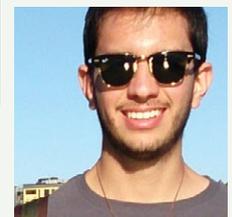
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EDITOR'S NOTES

# BACK TO THE FUTURE

DONALD FRASER '91

Allow me to be honest with you for a moment.

Meandering through a B.A. that started in Classics, wandered into Canadian Studies, and eventually settled itself down as English Lit—not once did I ever consider the work I was doing as “innovative.”

Sure, I transposed a few acts of Shakespeare's *A Winter's Tale* into modern drama and “discovered” a new economic model to promote growth in Canada's economy—one that, looking back, was merely a rehash of much of the popular theory of the time.

But none of this—for me—was innovative.

Innovation, you see, happened in the Science Complex. It involved microscopes, supercomputers, lasers... and... uh...

Well, I didn't really know what it involved. With only Grade 10 biology to inform me, I had no clue of what actually happened in university science labs. But I imagined it was pretty techy.

And really cool.

I also imagined that there was no way they would ever let a Classics-cum-Canadian Studies-cum-English Lit student anywhere near the place. Alarms would sound. Campus police would appear from nowhere to escort me out. There would be consequences. Terrible, terrible consequences.

Fast forward a decade and a half or so. My soon-to-be wife was finishing up a Master's thesis that studied the cumulative effects of ground-level ozone on agriculture—talk about innovative!—and wanted my assistance in extracting flavonoid compounds from leaf tissue.

I had no idea what that meant, but with some trepidation, I agreed to accompany her to her lab in the basement of the Environmental Sciences Building.

“Am I allowed down there?” I asked as we made our way to campus. “We're not going to get into trouble?”

Not only did no alarms sound, but I actually got to play with a tissue homogenizer, a centrifuge, and a UV spectrometer.

Krista told me I was a “great helper.”

I translated that to mean “thanks for not breaking anything.”

And that, my friends, was my undergraduate brush with innovation.

It wasn't until years later, when I started doing TV and newsprint stories on some of the goings on at Trent that I truly began understanding the level of groundbreaking research and work happening, both at the university and among its alumni. And then, once I started to take notice, I was truly amazed.

Over the years, as editor of *Trent Magazine*, I've been fortunate to learn of many, many stories of innovation. I'm proud to help introduce you to a number of these in this edition. We have a psychologist who is changing the future of aviation, a young alumnus who is trying to change how both students and workers learn, an activist arming Rwandan women with both knowledge and technology, and a CBC executive who is helping to guide our public broadcaster through the ever-changing landscape of twenty-first-century media. We feature a number of alumni, from fresh graduates to retiring professors, who have all inspired great change through their thoughts, ideas, and actions. We tell the stories of truly innovative leaders.

Welcome to the future, friends. It's being brought to you by your fellow graduates.

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ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S NOTES: ROBERT TAYLOR-VAISEY '66



**Looking back**

It was a sunny day in 1965 when I cycled with my brother (**Doug Vaisey '64**) from our home in Peterborough, out Armour Road and then River Road. Across the river was a construction site: the future of Ron Thom's architectural masterpiece, Champlain College (Bata Library was to follow). That was my introduction to Trent University.

**Today**

A lot has changed, but a sense of belonging has not and never will. It has been a busy and challenging year at Trent: preparing the Strategic Mandate Agreement, discussing the Endowment Lands fervently, and revitalizing our colleges. In August, the 50th anniversary celebrations commence. Teams have worked on this for months, none more creatively and productively than the group led by **John Butcher '67** and **Maile Loweth Reeves '79** to develop a symposium that will have no equal. Alumni make significant contributions to all committees. [www.trentu.ca/fifty/symposium](http://www.trentu.ca/fifty/symposium)

Then there is Alumni Council. You can rest assured that your Alumni Council is a high-performing team, each with

*your fearless  
association president*

*check it out*

specific objectives and responsibilities, and all delivering the goods. Heading up that group is a pleasure. Councillors think beyond the traditional, challenge the norm, and are, to use an old expression, a force to be reckoned with.

**Tomorrow**

We have an immense amount of work to do. I think that since the association was founded in 1967, we have endured a constant state of renewal. Right now, we are positioned to develop plans and programs that respond to the needs that you as alumni have expressed to us. The 2014 survey report should be available soon; I join members of Council in appreciating your time, effort, and candid responses.

What is our goal? When the 50th is over, we will have a robust alumni organization that will be a key contributing element in the growth of our university community over the next 50 years, and one with a premier approach to alumni-student relationship building. Let's take the nostalgia from our past experience and use it to help forge a new and promising experience for the students of the future.

*our goal*

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THANK YOU AND FAREWELL FROM THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR OF TRENT UNIVERSITY

# The Spirit of Innovation: *Trent's Past, Present, and Future*

When I was announced as Trent's seventh president and vice-chancellor in December 2008, I looked forward to joining the University and learning more about its reputation for teaching and research excellence, among many other strengths. Now, at the conclusion of my term, I know first-hand that this University holds a critically important place in Canada's postsecondary education landscape.

Through the unique honour of serving as president of Trent University, I have been fortunate to fulfill many roles at this fine institution: a teacher, a mentor, and a colleague to students, staff and faculty, a friend to alumni, an administrator with the board, a diplomat, a champion of education, a supporter of the professions, a defender of the liberal arts, and a scholar.

I have been proud to engage in many important endeavours during my tenure at Trent, and I hope that this legacy will empower the University's continued growth and commitment to positive change. Through the Renewal of Trent's Planning Processes, *Toward a Sustainable Future: The First Integrated Plan for Trent University*, built upon new Vision, Mission, and Strategic Directions for the University, and called for an Academic Plan and the Trent Lands Plan. Important partnerships with Fleming College, Durham College, Loyalist College, and UOIT have been reinvigorated.

Exciting new undergraduate programs have been launched, including social work, aquatic science,

media studies, and sustainable agriculture, and new graduate programs in sustainability, psychology, and education were developed. I am especially proud of the new Thornton Road Campus building in Oshawa—completed on time and on budget in 2010. In building capacity for the future, new infrastructure at the Symons Campus now includes Bagnani Hall, the Life and Health Sciences Building, the redeveloped Athletics Centre, and the refurbished Stanley Adamson Powerhouse. I am pleased that planning for Trent's new Student Centre, the most important new project at Trent in a generation, has been started; I believe this is where we will break down the barriers between the external world and the vast reservoir of Trent student, faculty, and alumni creativity.

For the past five years, the most rewarding part of my job has been



to help students, faculty, staff, and alumni to achieve their goals, and in the process to build the University for the future and respect the traditions and accomplishments of the past. Though it is natural to reflect on the past as my term comes to a close, I would also like to share my hopes for the future of this University.

Trent's commitment to teaching excellence—celebrated this year through awards to instructors

**Dr. Mark Dickinson '02**, Dr. Tom Whillans, **Ms. Ashley Neale '08**, and Mr. John Purcell—ensures that our faculty will continue to demonstrate the educational leadership, innovation, and passion that Trent has been known for since 1964.

Our unique capacity for community-based education and research will expand with the growth of initiatives like the Community Innovation Forum, giving students more opportunities for experiential learning, skill development and networking with community organizations and employers.

A crucial indication of Trent's bright future in contributing to research and new knowledge is the increasing number of Canada Research Chair positions granted to our faculty, which includes Dr. Dennis Murray, whose leading-edge research will help improve our understanding of some of the world's

most at-risk animal species and help solidify and expand Trent's world-class standing in the growing field of conservation biology.

Environmental issues are, I believe, among the most critical faced by our society today. Next year, as a visiting professor at the University of North Carolina, I intend to do all I can to

contribute the necessary environmental knowledge and insights in this time of unprecedented change. I look forward to working with Trent students and others when I return in 2015—and to connecting again with the Trent alumni I have so enjoyed getting to know during my term as president. Thank you for all of your passion, feedback, and support. ❖

Steven E. Franklin, Ph.D.  
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# What's New at Trent

## Trent University's 2014 Honorary Degree Recipients

Trent is proud to highlight the five outstanding individuals who received honorary degrees at the University's 48th Convocation ceremonies. Honorary doctorates are awarded annually to recognize individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to academic life at Trent or to society as a whole.

### JOSEPH BOYDEN

Doctor of Letters degree awarded for achievements in literature of Canadian and international importance and in concordance with Trent's history of First Nations engagement



### WADE DAVIS

Doctor of Science degree awarded in recognition of his embodiment of Trent's interdisciplinary and community-based learning values



### RICHARD JOHNSTON '64

Doctor of Laws degree awarded in recognition of his contribution to education, social services, and community engagement



### SHELAGH GRANT '76

Doctor of Letters degree awarded for long-standing service as an educator, and renowned achievement as a scholar of the Canadian Arctic



### DAVID G. PATTERSON '66

Doctor of Laws degree awarded for significant achievements in ethical investment strategy and leadership in sustainable research and business practices



[www.trentu.ca/convocation](http://www.trentu.ca/convocation)



Student Jason Mann at the Community Innovation Forum

## Experiential Learning Projects Showcased at Community Innovation Forum

Trent University's unique capacity for community-based education and research was highlighted at the 2014 Knowledge and Talent in Action (KTIA) Showcase, hosted by the Community Innovation Forum on April 3. Close to 60 innovative projects were showcased by Trent University and Fleming College students, who partnered with businesses, government agencies and non-profit organizations in Peterborough. "Community-based research is a win-win for community groups and students," said Todd Barr, executive director of the TCCBE. "Local organizations experience benefits like improvements to program and services while students learn transferable skills and network with employers." [www.communityinnovation.ca](http://www.communityinnovation.ca) ❖

## Professor Re-appointed Canada Research Chair

Dr. Dennis Murray was named a Tier 1 senior Canada research chair (CRC) in integrative wildlife conservation. Professor Murray will receive a total of \$1.4 million for seven years of research focusing on the current status of some of the world's most at-risk animal species, to understand factors causing their decline. "Trent is clearly punching above its weight in the area of conservation biology and wildlife ecology," Prof. Murray said. He previously held a Tier II CRC position in terrestrial ecology from 2002 to 2012. ❖



## Trent Alumna Jennifer Boyce Awarded Prestigious Internship with UN in Thailand

Recent Trent graduate **Jennifer Boyce '10** has begun an internship with the United Nations in Thailand, where she will be working on issues of women's reproductive health and youth education on HIV-AIDS. Ms. Boyce decided to pursue international development studies and Indigenous studies at Trent, and took advantage of the unique opportunity to study abroad in Thailand as part of her degree. Having the chance to participate in hands-on research in her field was instrumental to her success in securing this highly competitive international fellowship. ❖

## Celebrating a Commitment to Excellence in Teaching



**Dr. Mark Dickinson '02**, instructor in the Department of Canadian Studies, Symons Award for Excellence in Teaching

[www.trentu.ca/teaching](http://www.trentu.ca/teaching)



**Dr. Tom Whillans**, professor in the Department of Environmental and Resource Studies, Award for Educational Leadership and Innovation



**Ashley Neale '08**, teaching assistant in the Department of History, Excellence in Teaching Assistance Award



**John Dale Purcell**, instructor in the Department of Anthropology, CUPE Award for Excellence in Part-Time Teaching

### Postdoctoral Fellow Dr. Christina Davy Wins Prestigious Liber Ero Fellowship

Dr. Christina Davy, a postdoctoral fellow at Trent University, was recently awarded a prestigious Liber Ero Fellowship to conduct research into the little brown bat's swift decline from the spread of white-nose syndrome. Dr. Davy is working with Trent's Dr. Christopher Kyle, who is part of the Natural Resources DNA Profiling & Forensics Centre, a partnership between Trent University and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources on the Peterborough campus. <http://web.nrdpfc.ca> ❖

### Professor Co-authors Important Report on Northern Aboriginal Food Security

A report co-authored by Trent's Dr. Chris Furgal drew national attention to the food-security plight of northern Canadians. The report, entitled "Aboriginal Food Security in Northern Canada: An Assessment of the State of Knowledge," was released March 27 by the Canadian Council of Academics and quickly received national coverage from CBC News, Sun News, and other media outlets. "Quite simply put, things need to be done now and on a large scale to address this critical issue in Aboriginal health in Canada," Prof. Furgal said. [www.heicresearch.ca](http://www.heicresearch.ca) ❖



### Trent Nursing Receives Prestigious Recognition

Nursing students Sarah Dykeman and Hannah Silk are Trent University's first-ever recipients of Health Professional Student Research Vouchers from the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR). The students will each receive funding to support the completion of an independent research project, giving them the opportunity to gain hands-on research training and to work in partnership with faculty mentors. The Trent/Fleming School of Nursing also received a seven-year accreditation in February 2014 from the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN) Accreditation Bureau for all of its sites and programs, the highest accreditation possible for nursing schools in Canada. ❖

### Student-led Symposium Shines Spotlight on Dynamic Research Projects at Trent Oshawa

Undergraduate research is thriving at Trent University Oshawa, as demonstrated by a student-led research symposium held on March 28. At the event, seven upper-year students from across the Trent Oshawa disciplines presented their findings on research topics including "American Halloween: A Ritual of Rebellion," "Power and Resistance in the Contemporary Food System," and "Surveillance and Privacy in the Canadian Context." ❖

# WE LIKE IT WHEN OUR PROFS AND STUDENTS DON'T SEE EYE TO EYE

Is that a bad thing? We think it's a good thing. At Trent University, we encourage discussion and debate - to challenge the status quo. We promote an environment that is inclusive, where students are directly engaged in their own learning and where a strong sense of belonging gives them the confidence to flourish. **CHALLENGE THE WAY YOU THINK.**



# AWARD-WINNING INNOVATION

**A** cognitive psychology researcher, a technology entrepreneur, a pioneer in midwifery and health education, and an award-winning CBC production executive were among the alumni honoured at the 9th annual Trent University Alumni Awards.

More than 100 alumni, staff, faculty, and special guests gathered at the Barbara Frum Atrium at the CBC Production Facilities in Toronto on Saturday, May 3 to celebrate the Award winners.

*Trent Magazine* is proud to share the stories of some of these innovative leaders.

## ***Distinguished Alumni Award:***

*The Trent University Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award is presented based on a person's achievement and leadership in their field. Recipients will have shown leadership in business, industry, a profession or in public life. They will have brought honour to Trent University through endeavours which have earned them prominence within their field. His/Her vision, commitment, creativity and leadership will have been recognized within his/her field or beyond it.*

## **Jennifer Dettman '88**

If there is a sector where innovation and change are part of the job description, it is mainstream media. With the decline of print publications, a shift away from traditional radio, and an absolute upheaval of the television landscape, media executives don't just employ the cutting edge—they create it.



As executive director of CBC's Studio and Unscripted Content, Jennifer Dettman recognizes this fact more than most—after all, Canada's public broadcaster will be undergoing massive structural and content changes in the coming months.

"I'm actually quite confident when it comes to ambiguity," she explains. "The upside to our roles in a rapidly changing media is in the multiple opportunities that present themselves. We are constantly working on how to create great content through new platforms. As scary as these changes are, they are also exciting."

As one of the country's most well-respected broadcasting executives, Dettman has built her career with CBC. In her current role, Dettman oversees all factual entertainment, unscripted comedy, live event specials, and arts programming for CBC Television

(including *Dragons' Den*, *Battle of the Blades*, and others). She also oversees all sports programming, including: *Hockey Night in Canada* (the most successful hockey program in history), the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio, the 2014 FIFA World Cup Soccer in Brazil, and the 2015 Pan Am Games to be held in Toronto.

With such a diverse portfolio, innovation has become one of her hallmarks. Dettman, however, is quick to deflect praise.

"I've always found that success comes from surrounding yourself with smart people," she says. "You have to be open to partnerships with like-minded people. And you have to listen to them."

Dettman believes that this philosophy stems from her time at Trent.

*"I'm actually quite confident when it comes to ambiguity."* — Jennifer Dettman

"It was a time and place where I was able to come across so many smart and brave people—strong mentors. Looking back, I feel blessed to have met so many influential leaders, particularly at a time when I was open to—and craving—new ideas and ways of thinking."

As much as she looks forward to the challenges of a changing CBC, she also recognizes and holds dear many of the broadcaster's core ideals.

"We really are a leader in expressing culture and enriching democratic life," she notes. "We do that by striving to tell best-in-class stories, by offering a reflection of our country back to ourselves. I love that I get to work with teams that produce Canadian content, and produce stories about our country that are relevant to our country. It's exposing Canadians to the incredible talent we have—actors, actresses, directors—I love that I have a part in that." ❖ DONALD FRASER '91

## Dr. Chris Michael Herdman '74



"Ladies and gentlemen... The holodeck."

As far-fetched as that sentence may seem to most people, it is a practical reality to Professor Chris Herdman.

"I'd like to think that we can start looking for industry funding within 2 years," he reports.

The fact that a plan or overriding technological system doesn't yet exist doesn't faze the Carleton University professor.

"It's really a matter of utilizing current technology and then building onto it. We already have incredible image production technology, augmented

reality devices, and many of the other tools needed. And as tools and technology develop, they'll be applied to the project."

As a Professor of Cognitive Science and Psychology, the Scientific Director for the Centre for Visualization and Simulation (VSIM), and the Head of the Advanced Cognitive Engineering (ACE) Lab, Herdman is the perfect person to build this dream. After all, he has made a career out of bridging the gap between theory and practical application and between human beings and their machines.

He is best known for his work integrating human cognitive systems with visualization, modelling, and simulation. With VSIM, he took part in developing a \$28-million flight

simulator that not only trains pilots but also acts as a diagnostic tool for measuring the abilities, limits, and possible degeneration of pilots' cognitive processes over time.

He will be helping to provide similar technology to the Canadian Space Agency, who will be using online technology to measure the cognitive health and performance readiness of astronauts taking part in long-term space missions.

"We'll be able to see the effect of a 2–3-month stay on the space station," he explains. "And see how disruptive sleep patterns and exposure to certain atmospheric issues affect abilities and behavior."

Of course this is only a snapshot of Herdman's heavily technology-based



*"I became fascinated with the practical application of theory."*  
—Chris Herdman



résumé—a résumé that may seem surprising for a professor of psychology.

"It's not that surprising for me, I suppose," he admits. "During my undergraduate work at Trent I became fascinated with the practical application of theory. I had professors such as Alan Worthington who would take something like statistics and use them to assess and explain societal political opinions. It is the interdisciplinary process that Trent does so well—linking the theoretical and the fundamental with real-world problems and projects."

Herdman is proud to be receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award from his alma mater. At the same time, he recognizes that it is Trent's tradition of mentorship that helped get him through his undergraduate life.

"I look back at the support of people such as [psychology professor] Carole Ernest as an important part of helping me maintain focus," he says. "I'd show up for class not quite prepared—I remember coming in with blood still on me from a varsity hockey game—and she'd be accepting and ready in that mentoring role."

It's a role he tries to establish with his own students.

"I do make sure that my honours and graduate students are a part of the practical work that I do—that they are involved in some of these new ideas and technologies. And I hope that they gain from these experiences."

Led by a professor who is changing the future of aviation and aerospace psychology—and who has something as exceptional as a holodeck in his crosshairs—you have to believe that his students will be both engaged and inspired.

Together they are creating a world of tomorrows. ❖ DONALD FRASER '91

### Young Leader Award:

Recognizes young alumni who have shown outstanding leadership throughout their first 10 years of alumni status either in their professional career and/or community, public or humanitarian service and are 35 years of age or younger.

## D.J. Cunningham '01

How does a guy go from barely surviving high school to being the CEO of an incredibly innovative learning software company?

For DJ Cunningham, it took two remarkable steps: He learned to learn. And then he learned how to help others learn.

As founder of LEARNstyle, Cunningham aims to level the playing field for all students through the use of assistive technologies. Inspired by his own struggles with learning disabilities and ADHD, he believes in normalizing tailored educational methods as a means of reaching students of all learning types. Many of the students LEARNstyle helps face the tremendous barriers he once did.



Cunningham was inspired by his own university experience.

"Thankfully, the Ministry of Education was piloting a program to help end the trend of high dropout rates among learning disabled university students," he recalls. "Once I was able to get my foot in the door at Trent, I was able to take advantage of the educational technology that the Province had invested in. It made a huge difference."

While the tools helped Cunningham succeed in the classroom, it also presented some downsides.

"Using computer systems and other methods of assistance stigmatizes," he notes. "You don't fit in. Actually, you stick out like a sore thumb."

This alienation actually led to early success after graduation.

"I got a job working for a company that trained the use of educational technology," he says. "Most of the people they had working with students were retired teachers or had Master's degrees—the exact opposite of the kids who needed help. Meanwhile, I had ripped jeans, a leather jacket, and used my own Facebook account as a means of illustrating how these tools could help them communicate."

Understanding that even the best technology is useless unless there is user uptake, Cunningham pitched a more peer-oriented training program to the Toronto District School Board. He proposed a system that would make use of younger grads—ones that suffered from learning disabilities themselves—as a means of relating to youth.

Astonishingly, the Board accepted his proposal. And with a roster of 600 schools in front of him, Cunningham was forced to build an efficient, professional

**"Meanwhile, I had ripped jeans, a leather jacket, and used my own Facebook account as a means of illustrating how these tools could help them communicate." — D.J. Cunningham**

**Spirit of Trent Award:**

*Presented to alumni who have made a difference, through contributions to the University, the alumni association or the community.*

company to meet the challenge. In a hurry.

"The first thing I did was call my dad," he laughs. "With a ton of experience as both an educator and educational specialist, I knew I needed him on board." Richard Cunningham now acts as Chief Operating Officer for the organization.

As LEARNstyle has grown, so have the technology and systems that they produce. The company currently has 26 employees, all of whom have either direct or personal experiences with learning disabilities. They are revolutionizing the methodology for determining a student's preferred learning style with a web-based, gamified inventory tool called PULSE (Personal Use Learning Style Evaluation). Not only does PULSE have a direct impact on student self-esteem and create a more positive environment in which to learn, but it also provides both students and teachers with a wide array of resources and classroom support materials. It allows both schools and school boards to achieve improved student success and achievement.

Cunningham is also currently featured as an Education Changemaker through the MaRS Centre in Toronto. ❖

DONALD FRASER '91



**Farah Shroff '83**



Farah Shroff is a public health educator with the School of Population and Public Health at the University of British Columbia. But in many ways, her academic career is secondary to the social justice and activist work she does in Vancouver and its surrounding vicinity. Whether it's through teaching yoga, dance, and martial arts, or through sitting on the Board of Directors of respected organizations such as Canadian Crossroads International, her activities reflect clearly the values that Trent University tries to instill in all of its students.

In her role as an adjunct professor at UBC, she promotes thinking about holistic health and the mind-body connection. She works with both residents and graduate students and has published a variety of articles and book chapters about issues such as health advocacy, massage therapy, midwifery, and improving maternal health in underdeveloped nations. But her work outside of academe focuses just as much

on issues of public health, self-care, and cultural awareness.

Born in Kenya to parents from Pakistan and India with Persian heritage, Shroff's own cultural background informs her approach to these issues. One of her current research projects involves recording the oral histories of Zarthushti (Zoroastrian) elder women in the Vancouver area. In addition, she has met with members of the Lil'wat First Nation to advocate against the forced apprehension of First Nations children, arguing that it represents a continuation of the negative legacy of Canada's residential schools. She also provides First Nations women with self-defence courses against sexual assault. When such activities are taken into consideration with her independent consultancy that conducts research on community health, holistic health, and HIV/AIDS, it's clear that Shroff focuses on the interaction between science, health, and culture.

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Performance by Trent alumnus **Nick Ferrio '06** and Jay Swinnerton.

This dual emphasis is evident even in her educational background: at Trent, she joint-majored in biology and Native studies, and minored in chemistry. She then completed her M.Ed. in primary health care at the University of Manchester and her Ph.D. in sociology at the University of Toronto. Throughout her studies, she's been mindful of the value of personal connection, and still keeps in touch with several professors who influenced her discipline, including Rosemary Johnson, Al Slavin, Dan Powell, David Morrison, and John Wadland.

The "Spirit of Trent" alumni award is given to alumni who embody the values that Trent holds dear: making a positive difference to communities and making the world a better place. It is clear that in all of her activities—her promotion of holistic health, her work recording oral histories, her advocacy with First Nations communities, and her connections to Canada's medical community—Prof. Shroff is a fitting recipient of the Spirit of Trent award. ❖ CHRISTINA VASILEVSKI '03



Jack Roe '73, master of ceremonies for the evening.



Left to right: President Steven Franklin and Board Chairwoman Anne Wright are presented with Honorary Alumni Memberships by Lee Hays '91, Robin Quantick '78, Bob Taylor-Vaisey '66 and Don Tapscott '66.



Above: Tony Storey '71 appeared via video. Left: Michael Nolan '69 is presented the Tony Storey Volunteer Service Award by Alex Bird '67.

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Lee Hays '91 and Julie (Brown) Frankel '92 at 1995 convocation ceremony

# Alumni Give Back

## Gifts of time and talent help graduating students transition

June is one of my favourite times of the year, especially on Symons Campus when the tulips are in full bloom and the sweet scent of cherry blossoms fills the air. For approximately 1800 new graduates, this June is a time to celebrate all that they have accomplished in their few short years at Trent, as well as the possibilities that lie ahead. They are moving on from familiar surroundings, the place that has become home, and the community that has surrounded them through one of the greatest times in their lives. To aid in this transition, earlier this year, Alumni Affairs together with the Career Centre launched a fresh mentoring program, **Get Connected to Get Ahead**. Students at both the Oshawa and Peterborough campuses were invited to apply and were matched with alumni in a career field of their choice, for two one-on-one sessions. Through the program, students develop their professional network, gain confidence, improve communication and interview skills, and get advice on school-to-career transition.

Daisy Komojuni, a third-year business student and current Trent Central Student Association reporter, was matched with Epitome Pictures president **Stephen Stohn '66**. "Stephen helped me come to some important realizations about myself," reflected Ms. Komojuni. "It was very helpful to have some time with someone who had walked in my shoes and faced similar challenges and personal conflicts when they were my age. It also helped me to analyse my limitations then learn to disregard them completely because at the end of the day, my self-perception is the only thing standing in my way."

For fourth-year women's studies student Katherine Smith, who was matched with president and CEO of Wild Ideas Arts Consulting, **Su Ditta '73**, the process provided her with reassurance about her

dreams: "I want to say thank you because had it not been for the program, I would have never met Su and learned all the possibilities there are for combining my interests into a career!"

We at Trent are so proud of the difference graduates are making in the world and in the lives of the next Trent generation. Thank you to the 2014 mentors: **Stephen Stohn '66, Dianne Lister '71, Bob Glossop '67, Maryam Monsef '03, Jonathan Pinto '06, Mike O'Connor '85, David Patterson '66, Robin Sundstrom '78, Su Ditta '73, Sarah Korosi '00, and Richard Fleming '68.**

If you are an alumni professional who has a few hours to lend to help a student, either through the Get Connected program or in other ways, please contact Trent's Career Centre at (705) 748-1011 x6012 or [careers@trentu.ca](mailto:careers@trentu.ca).

## Reconnect with alumni and friends in August

To all of our new graduates, I look forward to seeing you all together with thousands of alumni at this summer's 50th Anniversary Alumni & Friends weekend August 7–10. This will be a weekend like no other in Peterborough—you won't want to miss it! You can see a list of who is coming on our website at [www.trentu.ca/fifty/alumnireunion.php](http://www.trentu.ca/fifty/alumnireunion.php).

As always, your comments, feedback and ideas are welcomed. Contact me at [leehays@trentu.ca](mailto:leehays@trentu.ca) or [alumni@trentu.ca](mailto:alumni@trentu.ca).



Daisy Komojuni on the set of Degrassi at Epitome Pictures studio



# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:

## Trent University Alumni Association Council

The Alumni Council is responsible for the affairs of the Trent University Alumni Association. The Council is a group of volunteers—most of whom are elected. It is comprised of a President or Co-Presidents, a Past-President, three Vice-Presidents, eleven Councillors, two Association representatives on the University's Board of Governors, one Association representative on the University's Senate, up to three representatives of the University's students. The Council meets at

least five times a year, usually in Peterborough or Toronto, and hosts an Annual General Meeting of the Association. All meetings are open to everyone in the Trent University community. The council has a number of committees.

The goals of the Association are to initiate and support activities which will further the interests of Trent University, its students, and its alumni; and to foster a spirit of fellowship among alumni.

Nominations are invited for the following positions, each for 2-year term beginning in October 2014:

**VICE PRESIDENT MEMBER SERVICES:** responsible for overseeing the Association's engagement with and celebration of its membership, including benefits and services, awards and recognition, and alumni relations

**COUNCILLOR** (multiple openings): responsible for supporting and executing specific Association activities

Please submit nomination form by email along with a resume in confidence to: Lee Hays, Director Alumni Affairs & TUAA Council, leehays@trentu.ca no later than August 6, 2014.

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*"It is my greatest passion to help people become empowered, creating opportunities for them, and to see them become self-sufficient."*

— Violette Uwamutara



# INNOVATORS

## Violette Uwamutara '94

Violette Uwamutara knew from a very young age that she would someday move back to Africa. Her father (living in exile first in Kenya and then in Canada since the 1950s) had been an advisor to the Rwandan king. He instilled a deep understanding in his children of what it means to be Rwandan. But it was when Uwamutara saw the horrifying images of genocide in Rwanda on TV in 1994 that she decided to dedicate her life to rebuilding her homeland.

After earning a master's degree in international development from Carleton University, Uwamutara spent

seven years as a policy analyst and First Secretary in the Rwandan Embassy in Washington before her dream of moving to Rwanda was finally realized. She is now the country director of Digital Opportunities Trust (DOT), a leading international social enterprise that sends recent college and university graduates on placements into their home communities to equip other young people with modern workforce skills.

"DOT is a Canadian innovation success story," says CEO Janet Longmore. Working in marginalized

countries, DOT transforms youth into leaders of change in their own communities—real, sustainable change. Furthermore, DOT is creating safer, more stable communities as well as changing perceptions about women in the workforce. The key to DOT's success is harnessing local talent to solve local problems.

DOT's vision "to eradicate poverty, vulnerability, and gender inequality by giving all people the skills and knowledge to use technology to achieve educational, social, and economic opportunities" meshes

well with Rwanda's desire to become a technology-based economy. As in other countries in transition, DOT Rwanda sends educated Rwandan youths back into their communities as interns to teach, mentor, and lead others back to school, into the workforce, or into business for themselves. According to Uwamutara, "Developing the talent of the next generation is crucial to Rwanda's future."

In a country where more than 50 per cent of the population is under the age of 25, this approach is not only working, but it is working quickly. Rwanda is experiencing a tremendous economic expansion. Uwamutara loves her role in this: "It is my greatest passion to help people become empowered, creating opportunities for them, and [to see them become] self-sufficient."

## Liam Mooney '05

Jack pine trees are known for their resilience—their seeds sprout only after forest fires. And Liam Mooney, whose career has undergone a surprising amount of reinvention only five years after graduation, can relate. Mooney, the former president of the Trent Central Student Association, studied political science at Trent.

After graduating in 2009, he decided to pursue a graduate degree at the University of Ottawa. However, soon after starting his studies in Ottawa and finding a job on Parliament Hill, he realized that he did not want to work in politics. Taking a big risk, he left both his graduate program and his job, deciding instead to work in communications, despite his lack of a portfolio.

His persistence in doing so paid off—after starting a blog about design and communications and contacting every single advertising agency in North America, he received advice

Uwamutara credits Trent with her success by shaping her into the kind of person she is today. While studying economics and international development, she had the opportunity to do a community development placement in Ecuador. It was leading workshops on health issues that sparked her passion for facilitating international development. That "hands on" experience had a huge impact on her.

A confident woman who cares passionately about equality and developing economic opportunities for young women, Uwamutara maintains that "there can be no development without the inclusion of women. Rwanda understands that gender equality and empowering women is essential to a country's development."

Uwamutara has led DOT Rwanda since its inception in 2010, and her transformative work in supporting women in information and communication technology earned her the prestigious Anita Borg Institute Change Agent Award in 2013. "It was very exciting," she says. "Suddenly everyone wanted an interview!"

Uwamutara's pride isn't for her own achievement, but rather because the award highlights Rwanda's growth. Her hope is that this positive global attention on Rwanda will bring more support and donations to the program. "It was huge for Rwanda," Uwamutara humbly states. "Perfect."

ROBYN RENNIE OAG '96

from several professionals in the field and ultimately a job offer from Grip Limited, the largest independent advertising agency in Canada. Within a week of receiving the offer, he moved from Ottawa back to his home town of Toronto.

While working there, Mooney developed his marketing and copywriting skills from scratch. After completing his contract with Grip, he returned to Ottawa and applied his newfound skills to assisting an Ottawa councillor's campaign and working with Adobe as a communications specialist, eventually transitioning to doing design, communications, and fundraising work with the Catholic Centre for Immigrants. However, in January 2013 he suddenly lost his job with the CCI.

He was not without options, though. Drawing upon his past freelance history and his web of



connections with others in the design field, he founded Jackpine Digital Inc. that very same day. Since its founding a little over a year ago, the company's growth has been stratospheric, moving from Mooney's apartment to a townhouse to a thriving office space with 12 people in Ottawa's Chinatown neighbourhood.

Jackpine has now branched out to become a full-fledged design consultancy. One recent project *Continued on the following page.*

that Mooney is proud of involved redesigning a branch of the Alterna Savings Credit Union after it had incorporated the Ottawa Women's Credit Union into its operations.

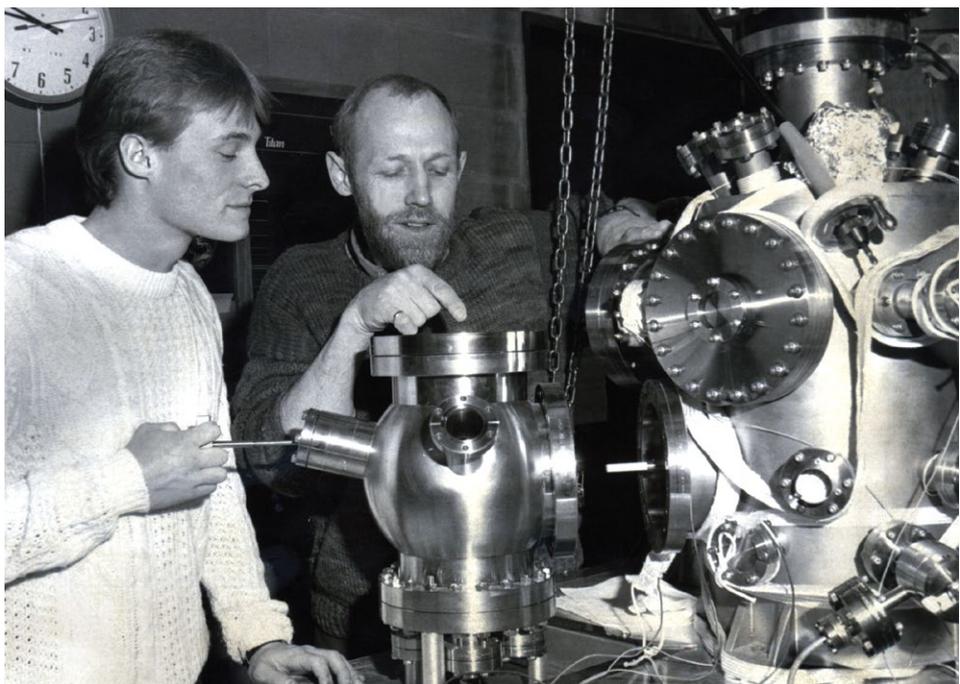
Jackpine was brought in to redesign the location to bring it in line with other branches of Alterna Savings while still paying homage to the history and impact of the Ottawa Women's Credit Union. After introducing customized signage, maps, and displays

discussing the history of the branch, the redesign gained notice among other credit unions in Canada. Mooney credits his time at Trent, including his role in the TCSCA, as being instrumental in giving him the tools to succeed with Jackpine. CHRISTINA VASILEVSKI '03

## Catching up with Professor Emeritus Al Slavin

Despite being retired since June 30, 2011, Al Slavin's contributions to teaching, physics, and politics can still be felt. He arrived at Trent in 1973 after completing his M.Sc. at the University of Toronto and his Ph.D. at Cambridge, England. In 1992 he won the Symons Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, and in 1993 he was awarded the 3M Teaching Fellowship and Ontario Lieutenant-Governor's Award for Teaching. In 1996 his teaching accolades continued, this time from the Canadian Association of Physicists, who granted him their Medal for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. And finally, in 2008, Trent bestowed upon him the Distinguished Teaching Award for Educational Leadership and Innovation in Instruction.

His innovative approach to teaching was always changing and adapting to the individual needs of the students and of the times. He regularly engaged with fellow teachers about techniques and was an active participant in conversations about the "inverted classroom," "peer instruction," and "Just In Time Teaching." Slavin utilized ways to bring the small seminar-style classroom techniques that were once a staple at Trent into a lecture hall full of students. Students would interact with each other in small groups to questions Slavin set,

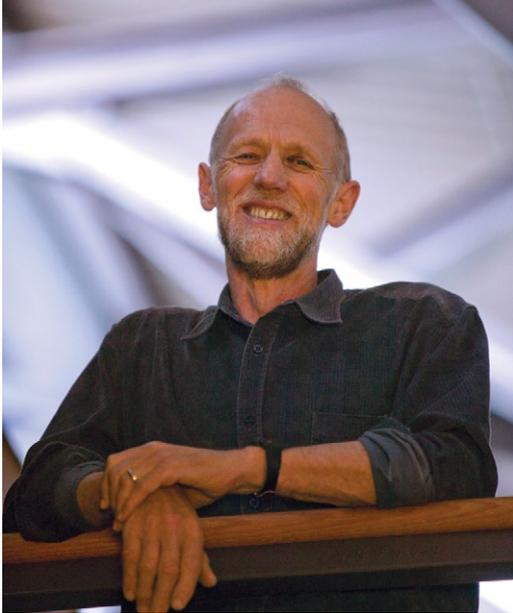


and then vote on the answer. This approach focuses on developing a student's physical understanding of the complex equations and graphs they are dealing with on paper. Slavin says, "These techniques have been shown by researchers to be far superior to a lecture. We have to use them." In the mid-1990s, of the mostly undecided and undeclared first-year science students, nearly half of them would complete his Physics 100 class as

physics majors. These novel approaches continue to be used by other members of the Department of Physics and Astronomy.

As a physicist, he studied ultra thin metal films, developing, as he puts it, "a new technique using a high-stability quartz crystal microbalance that [was] developed by [his] lab to provide an absolute measurement of the chemical composition of a metal oxide film as it evolves from one atomic layer to

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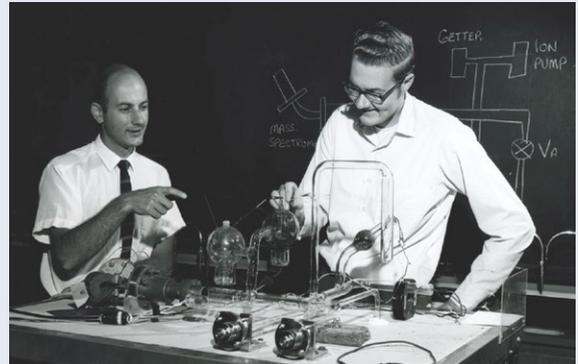
the next." M.Sc. graduate students in his labs would publish an average of two journal articles and present, at the very least, at one conference during their time with Slavin. They have gone on to employment in government labs, industry, and other academic institutions. Since retirement, he has extended the microbalance technique to measure the amount of oxygen that can dissolve in a metal, with a sensitivity previously not possible.

Slavin also continues to be an active and informed citizen. Recently, in a "Trent Talk", he spoke of the four-pronged problematic spear of militarism, North-South inequity, environmental degradation, and depletion of non-renewable resources. He has long been keeping the problems of nuclear armaments at the forefront of our minds and has seen first-hand the problems people deal with in the global South, having recently visited India for a month. He has also encouraged and aided many international students at Trent, as well as established a physics undergrad exchange program with universities in England. Slavin and his wife Linda are currently members of For our Grandchildren, a local organization that encourages grass-roots action on climate change. Slavin says, "For the first time in human history we can see a calamity that is going to happen in the future if we don't take action now, yet our governments seem incapable of action. At very least, we need a revenue-neutral carbon tax like British Columbia's".

**ANTHONY GULSTON '07**

## The Tomorrow of Yesterday

Trent has always produced trailblazing scientific thinkers. Whether it be in the lab or in the field, students have benefited from a combination of teaching and technology in order to make new discoveries. As we celebrate the innovators of today, let's take a peek back at what scientific exploration looked like in the past.



Professor John Earnshaw (left) and Physics graduate student Don Murphy looking at an Ultra High Vacuum System in 1969.



Debbie Lietz and two fellow science students demonstrate the Philips 301 Transmission Electron Microscope, purchased from Philips in 1994. It had previously been housed at Mount Sinai Hospital.

# INNOVATORS



## Brianna Salmon '10

If members of the Trent community don't recognize Brianna Salmon, they will probably recognize her bike.

The active transportation advocate can often be seen blazing up to campus on the purple and foam-green, single-speed road bike that she rebuilt and customized herself. Her passion for cycling is evident, not just in her fancy ride, but also in her work at the University and across Peterborough.

As Manager of Transportation Programs at GreenUp, Salmon works closely with the City of Peterborough to promote alternative transportation sources. This includes assisting in the creation of new and better pedestrian/cycling infrastructure, education programs, workplace transportation programs, carshares, and government-level advocacy for the creation of more walkable and bikeable communities.

"And a lot of research," she laughs. "Lots and lots of research."

While her work with GreenUp over the past few years had always consisted of monitoring transportation trends, the level of study definitely increased when she began her thesis in Trent's

sustainability studies M.A. program (she was a part of the program's first-ever graduating class in 2012). Her research dovetailed with her work at GreenUp.

"I focused on developing strategies to increase the viability of cycling on Trent's campus," she explains. "I then built upon this research and applied it to the community."

Over the past decade, Peterborough, like many communities across the province, has been implementing a number of community-focused interventions to support the use of cycling, walking, and transit. However, unlike vehicular traffic, other modes of transportation—including cycling and walking—are not closely monitored, making it difficult to evaluate the efficacy of these interventions.

***"It is important to me that our transportation system supports human and environmental health, that it creates opportunities for interaction, and that it enhances quality of life."*** —Brianna Salmon

Salmon's work addresses this. "In the past 18 months," she says, "I have been working closely with the City of Peterborough and the Peterborough County-City Health Unit to benchmark patterns of use among local cyclists and pedestrians, and to develop the first ever *Peterborough Active Transportation and Health Indicators Report*."

This report, which is scheduled to be released in early autumn, will include hundreds of unique infographics detailing shifts in local transportation over time, highlighting factors contributing to the observed shifts (e.g., infrastructure development, education initiatives, and campaigns), and making

important connections between travel behaviour and local health and environmental trends. This innovative report will be among the first, and most comprehensive, developed by a municipality in Canada and will help to support a transition to evidence-based alternative-transportation planning.

According to Salmon, the thesis she completed in the Sustainability Studies program was valuable to her current projects.

"My studies at Trent provided me with the opportunity to reflect on the work I had been undertaking in the community," she says. "And it created the space for me to research best practices among practitioners within North America and abroad. Since graduation, my thesis research has definitely informed my work at GreenUp, and in particular, my approach to evaluative projects such as the *Peterborough Active Transportation and Health Indicators Project*."

Salmon's passion for her work stems from the fact that transportation choices affect us all in many ways.

"The way we travel has a significant impact on the health of individuals, our community, and our natural environment," she says. "It also shapes our built environment and informs the kinds of spaces we exist within. It is important to me that our transportation system supports human and environmental health, that it creates opportunities for interaction, and that it enhances quality of life."

What's more, sustainable transportation choices can be just plain old fun—as witnessed by the way Salmon bombs (safely) around the streets and trails of Peterborough.

"There's more to my love of cycling than reports," she smiles. "And while I enjoy my job, I'd still probably rather be on my bike."

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Juan Ignacio  
Burneo



### JUAN IGNACIO BURNEO '10

*B.A. International Development Studies and Politics, Quito, Ecuador*

*Trent Entrance Scholarship (2010-2014);  
Trent International Award (2010-2014)*

Juan Ignacio Burneo came to Trent all the way from Quito, Ecuador, with the firm belief that every individual can harness their own power to make a difference and create a just society. He plans to use his new-found passion for urban development and his degree in international development studies and politics to resolve the complex societal and structural problems he experienced first-hand. "My classes and professors have been very important in the process of discovering my passion for this subject," says Juan Ignacio. "Trent is a special place that celebrates diversity—you are no longer a stranger but a part of a tight community."

### NORA CASSON '09

*Ph.D., Environmental and Life Sciences Graduate Program, Kingston, ON*  
*Governor General's Gold Medal Recipient (2014); Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (2012-2013); Dean's Scholarship (2010-2012); Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)*

### *Canada Graduate Scholarship (2009-2012)*

Nora Casson is on a mission to protect the quality of a precious commodity: our freshwater. She believes Trent was the perfect place to blend her love of the great outdoors and scientific curiosity. "One big advantage of the EnLS graduate program at Trent is that it's small but focused," says Nora. She describes her Ph.D. supervisors, Dr. Catherine Eimers and Dr. Shaun Watmough, as incredible researchers and mentors who foster a collaborative learning culture in their labs. Nora will continue to share her knowledge and passion for the natural world as she joins the University of Winnipeg's Department of Geography as an assistant professor.



Nora Casson

### BRITTNEY FORESTER '10

*B.Sc. Honours, Psychology, Oshawa, ON*  
*Trent University Entrance Scholarship (2010, 2012, 2013)*

Brittney Forester's education in psychology at Trent University Oshawa solidified her dream to become a teacher, and also unveiled a new interest in child and adolescent research. For



Brittney Forester

Brittney, the psychology faculty at Trent were instrumental in helping her to develop as an educational professional. "Each faculty member has unique knowledge and experiences to share, but their absolute specialty is fostering drive in our students and evoking critical thought," she says. Brittney's extensive participation in extracurricular activities—such as serving as vice president of campus life for the Trent Oshawa Student Association (TOSA)—equipped her with vital skills that will support her in future employment.

### APRIL LAWSON '12

*B.Ed., Consecutive Bachelor of Education Program, Peterborough, ON*  
*Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association (OECTA) Award (2014)*

April Lawson is not afraid to dream big in her hopes that her students will do wonderful things. "After finishing my first practicum in the B.Ed. program, I knew educating children would be a lifelong passion," says April. "Providing students opportunities to grow holistically—physically, emotionally, intellectually and spiritually and observing their growth

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is truly amazing." While at Trent, April participated in professional development opportunities such as attending a developmental education conference as a student representative of OECTA; completing a self-directed alternative practicum in early intervention special education; and achieving certification as a behaviour management systems practitioner.



April Lawson

## LIAM LEDGERWOOD '10

*B.A. Honours, Business Administration and International Political Economy, Whitby, ON*  
*Symons Medal Recipient (2014); Trent Scholarship (2010-2014); Trent Business Scholar: High Academic Achievement (2013); Bruce Barrett Memorial Prize (2011)*  
At Trent University, you will never feel like just a number in the crowd, Liam Ledgerwood says. He believes that dedication to interests outside of the classroom is just as critical as hitting the books, suggesting that what you get out of your education is a direct reflection of what you put into it. As president of student group Trent Liberty, Liam applied the leadership skills that he

Liam Ledgerwood



learned in class to real-world situations. "My time at Trent taught me that one of the best ways to learn is to get involved outside the classroom," he says. "It is a lesson that will stay with me in my future education and beyond." Liam will continue his education in law school at Western University this September.

## SUSANNE LUEHR '09

*B.A. Honours, Psychology and Sociology, Germany*

*Dean's Honour Roll (2014); Trent Student of the Year (2013)*

Susanne Luehr is a mother, a mature student, and believes that anything is possible. Susanne's thesis research at Trent University Oshawa brought her face-to-face with the victims of human trafficking, as she investigated this social phenomenon from the perspective



Susanne Luehr

of the human service workers in the field. As president of the Trent Oshawa Women's Support Group, Susanne champions women's rights and sounds the alarm to halt human trafficking here and abroad. "I want to make a difference in many women's lives by giving the most marginalized groups a voice," says Susanne. She plans to continue her research in southern Ontario and complete her Master's in Psychology.



Lori Mosienko

## LORI MOSIENKO '10

*B.Sc., Nursing, Ottawa, ON*  
*Otonabee College Prize (2012-2013);*  
*Otonabee College Scholar (2011 and 2012)*

Lori Mosienko's passion for a nursing career was ignited while she was working in an administrative role at the B.C. Center for Disease Control in Vancouver. "Over time, my fascination with the front-line work grew, and I knew I wanted to be a part of it," says Lori. She joined Trent as a mature student, and the variety of courses and clinical placements sparked Lori's interest in community health, acute and critical care nursing. She attended the 2012 CASN Nursing Research Conference in Toronto with Professor Ann MacLeod to present a community-based project. "Dr. MacLeod challenged me to think about nursing  
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## SPOTLIGHT *continued*

beyond the confines of hospital walls and definitions of illness and disease, highlighting the significance of the social determinants of health and the reality of policy impacts on population health.”



### JUN OH '09

*Honours B.Sc., Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Peterborough, ON Dean's Honour Roll (Academic years 2009-2010, 2012-2013)*

Jun Oh is bracing for an epic battle to save lives. With his degree in biochemistry and molecular biology he is poised for future medical victories, utilizing the power of natural killer cells to safely eliminate viruses that cause chronic or deadly infections. Jun carried out a research project in Dr. Carolyn Kapron's lab, investigating the link between the toxic effects of cadmium and birth defects. "It is my dream to dedicate my life to making meaningful discoveries and advancing our knowledge to help save many lives and improve our quality of life. A degree from Trent will be an important foundation for that dream." Jun will continue to study microbiology and immunology in graduate school at the University of Ottawa.

### JULIAN TENNENT-RIDDELL '10,

*B.A., Honours, Indigenous Environmental Studies, Minor Hispanic Studies, Peterborough/Nogojiiwanong, ON. Symons Medal recipient*

After four years in the Indigenous Environmental Studies program, Symons Medal winner, Julian Tennent-Riddell, is leaving Trent with an activist's passion and a broader understanding of pressing legal issues as they relate to the environment and Indigenous peoples. He has gained a more holistic approach to the environment and an unshakeable devotion to issues such as food justice and fossil fuel divestment. "My Trent experiences have had a profound impact on my personal development and learning," he says. "I learned about a diversity of important issues and how they are interconnected."

Julian was also a main coordinator of the student group Sustainable Trent.



Through this role he learned about finances, logistics and campaign building. Most importantly he learned how to inspire change.

He is currently working for the Peterborough Community Garden Network to engage youth in community gardening projects. In the fall, he will attend the Common Law JD Program at the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Law, specializing in Environmental Law and Aboriginal Law & Indigenous Legal Traditions. He plans to pursue a non-profit public interest legal career, and to advocate for environmental justice and the protection of Indigenous rights and sovereignty.

"I will attempt to bring the concepts from Indigenous Environmental Studies into the legal world, and will strive toward justice for Indigenous peoples and for the environment using the law as a tool," says Julian. "I will bring what I learned at Trent into my life, work, and activism as I continue forward on a journey of lifelong learning." ❖

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**Christopher Procknow,**  
Environmental Resource Science Major & Biology Minor

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# upcoming events

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## Kick-Off Weekend

<b>AUGUST 7-10</b>	<b>THE KICK-OFF TO TRENT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY</b> Snapshot of events:
August 7	Opening Reception & 50th Anniversary Celebration Book Launch
August 7-10	Ron Thom and the Allied Arts National Exhibit
August 8	Blue Rodeo Concert, purchase tickets at <a href="http://memorialcentre.ca">memorialcentre.ca</a>
August 8 & 9	Ideas that Change the World Symposium
August 9	Diversity at Trent University: A Panel Discussion
August 9	Peter Robinson College Reunion
August 9	50 Years of Sport at Trent and Excalibur Tour
August 9	Trent International Program Celebration and Dinner
August 9	Campus Meet & Greet
August 9	Decade Pub Reunions
August 10	Wrap-up Brunch

**SEPTEMBER 20** **2014 Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament**  
Port Hope Golf Club, 1 pm shotgun start  
Register at: [trentu.ca/alumni/golf.php](http://trentu.ca/alumni/golf.php)

**SEPTEMBER 22** **INSTALLATION OF DR. LEO GROARKE, TRENT'S 8TH PRESIDENT & VICE-CHANCELLOR** Bata Library Podium (weather permitting) For more information, please contact [joannesokolow@trentu.ca](mailto:joannesokolow@trentu.ca)

**OCTOBER 3-5** **HOMECOMING & 2014 HEAD OF THE TRENT WEEKEND**

**OCTOBER 17** **THE CHANCELLOR'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER**  
Athletic Centre, Trent University, 6 pm-12 am. Tickets: [trentu.ca/fifty](http://trentu.ca/fifty)

**OCTOBER 17-19** **SPECIAL REUNION & CELEBRATIONS FOR THE CLASSES OF '64 AND '65**  
For more information please visit [trentu.ca/fifty/class64-65.php](http://trentu.ca/fifty/class64-65.php)

**OCTOBER 18** **COMMUNITY PARADE AND CELEBRATION**  
Join us from 1-3 pm to retrace the original opening parade and ceremonies

**TRENT @ 50: IN STORY & SONG**  
Written by Beth McMaster and directed by Gillian Wilson. Showplace Peterborough, 8 pm. Tickets available: [showplace.org](http://showplace.org)

**APRIL 10, 2015** **40TH ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION AT TRENT IN OSHAWA**  
Celebrating 40 years of offering programs in the Durham region

**MAY 21-23, 2015** **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE STUDY OF CANADA**  
Bringing together thoughts and perspectives from around the world and across many disciplines



Watch the 50th website, Twitter and Facebook for updates and ticket sale information.

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## SAVE THE DATE for the First Two Years Celebration

Organized by alumni of '64 and '65.

**October 17-19, 2014**

Members of Trent's first two classes are encouraged to partake in all of the University celebration events being organized for October 17-19, the official anniversary date of Trent University.

In addition, the first two classes are invited to get together for a reunion dinner and brunch as well as a campus tour.

For full details please visit [trentu.ca/fifty/class64-65.php](http://trentu.ca/fifty/class64-65.php)  
To ensure you receive the updates please register your email with [alumni@trentu.ca](mailto:alumni@trentu.ca).



Illustration: David Lasenby '64

# Alumni Accomplishments



**CALEB SMITH '93** was recently inducted into the Niagara Wasps Hall of Honour for his work in developing youth rugby in school systems and across North America. The Wasps began in 1952, and Caleb is the first person to be inducted into the hall who has never played for them. Left to right: Bram Cotton from Niagara Sport Commission, Caleb Smith and Niagara Wasps Rugby Club president Chris Hodgson.



On Saturday April 5, the first meeting of the Trent University Men's Rugby Booster Club was held. The meeting was attended by **BRIAN GREER '68**, **PATRICK WALSH '66**, Ed Holton, **GARRET HART '92**, Bob Keay, **WAYNE MCFARLANE '80**, **MIKE GANNON '84**, **CALEB SMITH '93**, Head Coach of Trent University Rugby, David McCully, Professor Fergal O'Hagan, and PSB Wilson (Hon). Fundraising strategies and recruitment were among the many items discussed. The group is planning a meet-and-greet event at the Peterborough Rugby Club in November for alumni, supporters, and friends.

**KEN CASSAVOY '69** is pleased to announce that he has been published in a collection titled *Coffins of the Brave: Lake Shipwrecks of the War of 1812*. His chapter "Cast Away on the Canadian Shore: The British Brig General Hunter" details the discovery and excavation of the ship wreck on a beach in Southampton, Ontario in 2001. After being captured by the U.S. Navy in 1813, the Hunter was forced by a violent gale onto the Southampton shoreline in August 1816.



On March 27, **TIM WITHEY '80** was the first mayoral candidate to file his paperwork for the 2014 Huntsville municipal election. Tim is an insurance broker and business owner, has sat on several health-sector boards in the area since 1994, and also serves as the Brunel ward councillor. The election will take place in late October.

On April 2, **JAMES KAMSTRA '78** made a presentation titled "Butterflies on the Move" as a guest speaker at a meeting of the Orillia Naturalists' Club. The presentation illustrated examples of how the range of species of butterflies has changed over the past few decades, while exploring the possible reasons.

On April 7, **EDWARD SAWDON '82** was the recipient of the Governor-General's Caring Canadian Award at Rideau Hall in Ottawa. Edward has been a long-time advocate for those living with mental and physical health issues, volunteering with the Canadian Mental Health Association, the Coalition of Persons with Disabilities, **CHANNAL**, Community Sector Council, the Independent Living Resource Centre, the St. John's Ostomy Chapter, and the Pottle Centre, which provides a social and recreational environment for adults requiring mental health services.

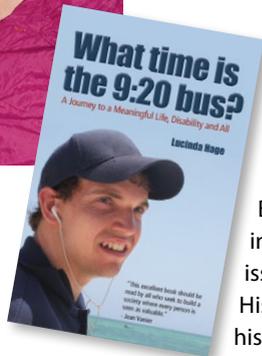


**NORA LIVINGSTONE '02** is the co-founder and CEO of Animal Experience International, which provides students, professionals, and animal lovers with the opportunity to travel while volunteering at sanctuaries, hospitals, and research projects around the world.

# & Pursuits



On Thursday March 6, **LUCINDA HAGE '68** launched her book titled *What Time is the 9:20 Bus? A Journey to a Meaningful Life, Disability and All*. The book follows the story of a young man named Paul, who lives with an intellectual disability and overcomes the societal obstacles placed in front of him. With endless support from his family, at age 27 Paul is living on his own in an apartment and has a job.



In August, **RHONDA-MARIE AVERY '97**, who is blind, will run an 885-kilometre marathon on the Bruce Trail to raise funds and awareness for Achilles Canada, which works with disabled athletes. Rhonda-Marie began running five years ago, and recently completed the Peterborough YMCA's Subway half-marathon.

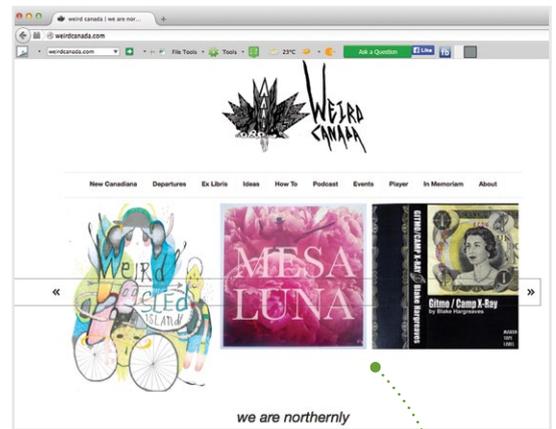
**ROBERT WRIGHT's '79** latest book, *The Night Canada Stood Still*, has debuted at No. 9 on the *Maclean's* Non-Fiction Bestseller List for Canada in the magazine's June 23 issue. Robert, a professor of History in Oshawa, released his latest book on June 3 to positive reviews. It revisits the drama and intrigue that led to the 1995 Quebec referendum, which nearly split the nation, blending the historical details around the sovereigntist campaign with the excitement and anxiety that was felt by Canadians watching the election results across the country.

Robert has built his career by challenging the way we think about Canadian history, foreign policy and sovereignty issues. His published works, include national bestseller *Three Nights in Havana* (2007), *Our Man in Tehran: Ken Taylor and the Iran Hostage Crisis* (2011), which was turned into a full-length, critically-acclaimed documentary film co-written by Wright.

Visit the *Montreal Gazette* website to read an excerpt from *The Night Canada Stood Still*, published in the newspaper's Saturday, May 31 edition.

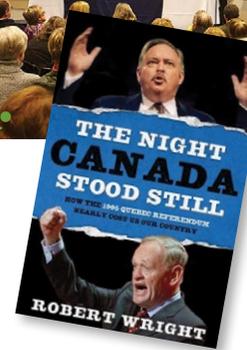


Having recently returned home to Peterborough with her husband Matthew, **ALESIA BLACKWOOD '95** has created and launched UnLock Math with the help of the Greater Peterborough Innovation Cluster. The program offers a completely virtual online learning environment for children who are struggling with math in school; the program can also be used by home educators who need a complete math curriculum.



**MARIE LEBLANC FLANAGAN '03** founded Wyrd Arts Initiatives, a nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging, documenting, and connecting creative expression across Canada, with a focus on do-it-yourself and emerging communities. Their website, weirdcanada.com, has been awarded "Best Music Website in Canada" by CBC Radio 3, and is an advertisement-free, bilingual exploration of Canadian emerging music, literature, spaces, ideas, and art.

In the last few years Wyrd Arts has developed into a national nonprofit, obtained a 50K grant to build a nationwide store and distribution service, recruited over 350 new members (from Victoria to Nunavut), and sparked dialogue and change relating to organizational openness, accessibility, and inclusivity. ❖



Michael Cullen

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LEGACY CAMPAIGN

# LEGACY CAMPAIGN

*More than 100 new Legacy Society members  
create a stronger future for Trent*

Trent University celebrates the dedication, passion and lasting impact of its donors and volunteers as it marks the successful conclusion of its Legacy Campaign in June 2014.

The Legacy Campaign has encouraged alumni, faculty, staff, retirees and friends to remember Trent University in their estate plans. Launched in September 2012, the campaign sparked many members of Trent's extended family to consider how they can create a stronger future for Trent through a bequest in their Will. As a result of the campaign, the University has more than doubled its Legacy Society, welcoming more than 100 new members!

This remarkable growth reflects a coming of age for Trent, as we arrive at our milestone 50th anniversary in 2014. Indeed, it demonstrates a widespread and heartfelt passion and commitment that will ensure a bright and vibrant future for Trent.

## THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

The success of the Legacy Campaign is thanks in large part to our tireless volunteers! They engaged in hundreds of conversations with thoughtful individuals about the impact of Trent on their lives and in the community, and what their own legacy might be.

**Campaign Chairs** Eileen Madder, Walter Howell

**Division Chairs** Jalynn Bennett, Tracey Campbell, Leah Curtis '81, Gavin Muir '93, Michael Nolan '69, Michael Peterman, Elizabeth Popham

**Volunteers** Heather Avery '79, David Balfour '81, Steven Bark, Deborah Berrill, Alan Brunger, Gina Collins, Frank Dudas, John Earnshaw, Carole Ernest, Kathy Fife, Robert Glossop '67, Jon Grant, Norman Kastner, An Kosurko '92, Lari Langford '70, Carol Lawless '83, Raymond March, David Moore, David Morton, Erica Nol, Peter Northrop, Greg Shaw, Matt Temple '99, John Wadland, Michael Wilson

*Thank you*

# CELEBRATES SUCCESS

“Legacy is about linking generations, leaving your mark after you’ve gone, and honouring the things you feel are most important. It is not only about paying it back but more so about paying it forward. Legacy is about the merging of the past, present and the future.

Our family, starting with my father, has been involved with Trent from the beginning. I want to be sure that we are part of Trent in the future. That is why I have remembered Trent in my estate plans.”

Legacy Campaign Chair, Walter Howell

*Legacy Society*

## LEGACY CELEBRATION

since  
1999

A new Legacy Society Donor Wall will be unveiled in Bata Library at the end of June. This wall will recognize the charter members at the establishment of the Legacy Society in 1999, as well as the newly expanded Legacy Society and those individuals whose estate gifts have already been realized during our first 50 years. A special gathering will welcome their families to campus to celebrate their loved ones’ legacies, which are living on today at Trent University through financial aid to students, equipment for laboratories, and books and research materials for the library. Their estate gifts continue to touch every corner of Trent University and every person who studies or works here.

“Trent University has been a transformative part of our lives. We are delighted, in turn, to ensure that it continues to shine brightly for future generations through our own legacy gifts.”

Chancellor Don Tapscott '66 and  
Honorary Trent Governor Ana P. Lopes

Visit [www.trentu.ca/legacy](http://www.trentu.ca/legacy) to view our current Legacy Society list.

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dialogue around values and ethics  
in business and society.*

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LEGACY CAMPAIGN

# sunshine sketches



1968

On July 30, 2013, after 50 years of golfing, **Jim Dolan '68** finally recorded his first hole-in-one on the 16th hole at the eQuinelle Golf Club near Kemptville, Ontario. Jim said it was almost as exciting as spending a weekend in Montreal playing rugby with **P.S.B Wilson** and consuming a few cold ones with his teammates during the FLQ crisis in 1970. Jim is shown in the photo with his golfing good luck charm, Jessica Kehoe.

1971

Updates from a group of Lady Eaton College friends, all from the class of 1971 who still keep in touch and get together on a regular basis.

**Anne Brunner '71** retired

in June, after 34 years of being a teacher-librarian and classroom teacher in Alberta. After completing her Bachelor of Education from Queen's University and Master of Library Science from the University of Toronto, Anne moved to Alberta. She worked in Swan Hills as a teacher-librarian, and then as a teacher in Athabasca for 20 years. While enjoying teaching and finding it to be a challenging, interesting, and rewarding career, Anne decided it was time to



retire and to move back to Ontario. Settling in Kingston, Anne is working part-time and doing volunteer work with the Heart and Stroke Foundation and Kingston Literacy. To keep fit, Anne jogs and takes Zumba and yoga classes. In the future, she hopes to travel and continue downhill skiing well into her seventies.

**Anne Chetwynd '71**

began her career with Agriculture Canada as a seed analyst, grading crop seed for purity and germination.

She left to seek other experiences and spent a season volunteering at the Long Point Bird Observatory as a field biologist, which remains one of her best experiences ever. For many years, Anne worked with a consulting engineering firm as an environmental scientist and project manager involved in water quality issues. At the age of 45, Anne decided to backpack through South East Asia, New Zealand, and Australia for a year on her own...an experience of a lifetime. Currently, Anne lives in Toronto with her husband, Ray. She volunteers with both the Toronto Master Gardeners and the Sand Lake Area Property Owners' Association. She keeps fit by walking up to 15K three times a week and regularly walks in various fundraising charitable events. Anne feels blessed to have met and stayed in touch with her university friends all these years! Long may it last.

**Mary Leggett '71** completed a Master's pest management and Ph.D. in plant pathology at Simon Fraser University, before going on to do a post-doc at the Soil Science Department of the University of Western Australia in Perth, Australia. Since her return to Canada in 1987, Mary has worked as a research scientist with Novozymes (formerly Philom Bios) and is currently concentrating on data analysis and evaluating the environmental impact



of Novozymes' Bio-Ag products through life cycle analysis. She volunteers for READ Saskatoon, an adult literacy organization, where she has served as a board member and continues to tutor. Mary is on the board of "Agriculture in the Classroom" in Saskatchewan and a member of the education committee of the Canadian Phytopathological Society. Mary loves living in the Broadway area of Saskatoon, where she is able to attend a theatre series in winter and jazz and fringe festivals in the summer.



**Alexandra McKnight (née Cunliffe) '71**

taught for the Durham Board of Education from 1976 to 2009 after completion of her Bachelor of Education degree at Queen's University. Her rewarding career included Intermediate History, English and French, and Junior grades. With a Library Specialist and ESL from York, Alexandra taught the last seven years in the library—a particularly fulfilling position. Alex and **Mel McKnight '74** will celebrate their 37th anniversary this summer. Their children, Mary and Samuel, attended Brock University and went on to post-grad schooling. Mary and her husband, Brent, live in Fenelon Falls, where Mary teaches high school. Samuel works for Johnson Controls. Life is full with friends and family, book club and theatre group, volunteer activities and aqua fit. Mel recently retired from his job as an operating engineer with the Region of Durham. They enjoy travel and share an interest in history, so they are happy to be able to indulge both interests more now. They particularly enjoy road trips in their mx5, with their favourite so far being a month on Route 66.



### Christine Schumacher (née Johnston)

'71 has two children: Laura was born in 1981 and John in 1982 (those were hectic years!). John's daughter, Kianna, has just turned 12, and Christine feels blessed to have a granddaughter in her life. She lived in Athens, Greece, for six months, Karachi, Pakistan, for two years, and Balikpapan, Indonesia, for a year and has visited Mexico, England, Scotland, France, Germany, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, and the United Arab Emirates. In between all that traipsing around, Alberta has been "home" for 35 years. Christine loves wide open spaces, the big sky, and the fresh air—but misses the swimmable lakes of Ontario! She has worked in a myriad of interesting places, notably the Toronto General Hospital, Enbridge, the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Catholic Social Services, and currently the Government of Alberta. Christine and Kianna recently travelled to London and Paris—a happy combination of travel and family!



### Bonnie Waters (née Trimble) '71

enjoyed an interesting and challenging career as an analytical chemist, first in the Quality Control Lab then in the Research and Development Lab at Eli Lilly Canada Pharmaceuticals from 1975 to 2008. Bonnie currently works part time at the Cliffcrest branch of the Toronto Public Library and volunteers at the Toronto East General Hospital. Bonnie met her husband, Bill, at Lilly, and they recently celebrated their 25th anniversary with a wonderful Rhine River cruise. They enjoy racing and have taken a few trips to see F1 races in Indianapolis, Spa, Belgium, and Monza, Italy, as well as NHRA drag racing in Pomona, California.



Their daughter, Stephanie, went to Queen's University. She spent her first year at the Queen's International Study Centre, Herstmonceux Castle, in southern England. Stephanie now works at the WSIB. Bonnie would like to hear how her fellow 1975 chemistry graduates are doing and can be contacted through at [bonnie\\_waters@hotmail.com](mailto:bonnie_waters@hotmail.com).

## 1977

The Saskatoon Chapter gathered at The Woods Alehouse, owned by Trent alumnus **Steve Cavan '77**, for an afternoon of great food, great beer, and great friends.

## 2005

On January 25, the Malaysia Chapter held an event in Kuala Lumpur. A total of nine alumni, including Trent's enrolment advisor **Jessica Lee '05**, were able to attend an afternoon gathering meeting new and old Trent friends.

## 2008

Ivy Elizabeth Doyle was born to Trent alumna **Cassandra Doyle (nee Aird) '08** on September 22, 2013.



The 38th Annual Team Trend Reunion was a huge success! The annual Friday and Saturday hockey games were hard fought battles, followed by a social Friday evening and a catered buffet dinner at Traill College's Trend Pub. A great time was had by all. Special thanks to organizers **John Kennedy '85**, **Dave Wright '74**, and **Bill Fields '71**.



A very enjoyable gathering of the Montreal Chapter was held on March 20. Setting out from Trent, alumni services coordinator Brittney Blake met **Mitch Auger '75** (an old family friend), to discover Mitch was a Trent graduate (small world and moving in the same direction on a train). Chapter president **Derrick Farnham '83** welcomed Brittney and they enjoyed a coffee in old Montreal before heading to Brutopia. **Francois Lecavalier '83** was the first to arrive (as promised) and was soon followed by **Graham Weeks '66** and Mitch Auger who, having concluded his business, was now free to enjoy a Montreal evening. **Doug Sweet '73** came by and hoped that **Marie Boutin-Sweet '74** could come as well, but it was not to be. Discussion on Trent (on which we all agree), Quebec politics (on which we disagree), and the Habs (on which only one person was wrong) entertained us. **François Senecal '83** was able to come at last and soon loosened the bow tie. The evening wore on with enthusiasm and concluded with a dinner at l'Express.

The Vancouver Chapter held an enthusiastic gathering on April 8. Trent's senior development officer, **Sherry Booth '98**, joined Chapter president **James Currier '05**, along with **Lorraine Bennett '72**, **Carol MacKinnon '69**, **Cynthia Loveman '77**, **Doug Morison '77**, **Alma Barranco Mendoza '90**, **Shannon Thompson '00**, **Michael Levenston '70**, **Chris Carleton '08**, and **Tiffany Howard '94** for an inspiring discussion surrounding the reinvigoration of alumni chapters. ❖



**Sunshine Sketches** are written by alumni for alumni. We'd love to hear your story or the story of an alumnus close to you. Email submissions to [trentmagazine@trentu.ca](mailto:trentmagazine@trentu.ca).

# IN MEMORIAM

## **Carolynn Dianne Collins '05**

(October 17, 1984 – February 5, 2014) died suddenly, in her 30th year. Precious daughter of Dianne and Dan Collins. Cherished sister of Christina and Katie Wooder (husband Michael). Loving aunt of Mikaela Wooder. Granddaughter of Ted and Mary Collins, the late Lucy and Edward Bartley, and Joanne Tully. Carolynn will be profoundly missed by many other relatives and friends. Born and raised in Peterborough, Carolynn graduated with her B.A. and B. Ed. from Trent University. She adored children and pursued a career in which she impacted thousands of youth in the Peterborough, Victoria, Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board. Living her dream, Carolynn taught numerous grades at St. Paul's Norwood Catholic school. Sweet Carolynn gave selflessly of her time, volunteering with children's organizations both locally and overseas, including refugee support and educational initiatives.

In honour of Carolynn's love of both children and education, donations to St. Paul's School, Norwood, to enhance the playground, would be appreciated. If desired, condolences to the family, or donations, may be made at [www.CommunityAlternative.ca](http://www.CommunityAlternative.ca) or by calling 705-740-0444.

## **Jeffrey Jonathan Currie '96**

(July 14, 1975 – March 13, 2014) died peacefully at Mackenzie Health, Richmond Hill, surrounded by his family. Beloved son of William and Patricia Currie. Loving brother of Julieanne and her husband Raymond Lawrence, Joshua and his wife Christine Currie, Jillian and her husband Joel Howey. He will be missed by his nephews and nieces Ashley, Alexander, and Amelia Lawrence; Isabel and Molly Currie; Jameson and Elise Howey. A special thank you to

Betty Vandenhazel, Jeffrey's long time caregiver and second mother, and Sandra Butler, his long-time friend and physiotherapist. The family would like to extend a special thank you to all those at the March of Dimes who loved and cared for Jeffrey and to the medical staff at Mackenzie Health.

If desired, memorial donations may be made to the March of Dimes, 10 Overlea Blvd., Toronto M4H 1A4. Condolences for the family may be offered at [www.EganFuneralHome.com](http://www.EganFuneralHome.com)

*To the world he was only one –  
but to us he was the world.  
Jeffy you earned your rest*

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## **Bonita Francis Dewey '80**

(August 28, 1948 – January 11, 2014) died suddenly as a result of an accident on Saturday afternoon, January 11, 2014 in her 66th year. It is with great sadness that we announce the unexpected passing of our daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and sister. Beloved wife of Jerry Dewey of Gooderham. Cherished daughter of Marguerite Webster and the late Francis Paterson. Loving mother of Mark Conroy (Katherine), Furgie and Ida (Jeff). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Kassandra, Nikita, Josh (Nicole), Khristen (Tanner), Matthew, and Mitchell, and by her great grandchildren Dominic and Mackenly. Dear sister of Judy (Joseph), Janice, Shari (Kevin), Valerie (Larry), Catherine and Joy (Dan). Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Bonita's life revolved around her grandchildren and family. She enjoyed volunteering at the local churches and Community Care. She loved to travel. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Community Care Haliburton County,

Gooderham Pentecostal Church, or the Wilberforce Full Gospel Church would be appreciated by the family.

Bonita's story was featured in the March 2014 print edition of *Maclean's Magazine*, as well as published online, available here: [www.macleans.ca/society/life/bonita-frances-dewey](http://www.macleans.ca/society/life/bonita-frances-dewey)

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## **Grant Gordon Stell '84**

(May 15, 1965 – September 1, 2013). Of all the things to fail Grant, it was his heart.

Late last summer, that big, kind, generous heart was failing—a cancer so rare, no doctor with expertise in fighting it could be found in Canada. Surgery was needed. But, in the end, it was all too much for the heart of a man who never failed us. Grant was 48.

Like many, I first met Grant more than 25 years prior. It was Trent, winter, 1986.

There were two constants during our earliest encounters: I would be stumbling back from a pub. And Grant would be up to his knees in snow—hose in frozen hand—building a rink on a hill patch, just right of Otonabee College's front door. Except for his ice-encrusted Nordic sweater, Grant had the air of a custodian, and worked diligently.

Several frigid nights passed before I finally asked: "Buddy, it's cold, what are you doing outside?"

"Making ice," said Grant, matter-of-factly.

Looking back, Grant never betrayed my earliest impressions of him. He had a tendency to state the obvious. And, more importantly, he always liked to do things that made life happier for the people around him. As it turned out, that bumpy ice patch became the centre of social gravity for a whole lot of people during my first College Weekend.

Grant loomed large at Otonabee. Over time, Mr. Blue became the stuff of legends. He could annoy with his Jim Carrey impersonations. He could impress with his way of words (see <http://stellisms.com/stellisms>) But those were just trademarks. Deeper still were his hallmarks.

As long as anyone had known him, Grant would just show up and help. You need a light fixture installed. Call Grant. You need to move a couch—on a Tuesday afternoon—from Oshawa to Toronto. Grant will help. How about installing a toilet and bathroom tiles? Grant is on his way over now.

He was brought up well—to think about others. When it came to the giving of his time, Grant was the most generous person I knew.

Grant was not just magnanimous in spirit. He was also magnetic in

personality. He stood out in any room—both in height and character. He waterskied naked. He deejayed till dawn. In games of euchre, he dealt us cards and life lessons.

An old-school romantic, Grant never married, though he did meet someone that proved to be a light in an otherwise darkening world. He was a proud uncle but never a father. He would have been an amazing dad. His material possessions were neatly contained in a small bachelor apartment.

For someone who drove hundreds of thousands of miles, crisscrossing small-town Ontario to serve his clients, he never traveled the world.

Grant would have considered these subplots in his much larger life story. For him, the most important things in life were to live simply, be loyal, spread happiness and follow your heart.

Sometimes his outlook was tested—in ways unimaginable to most—but he did not compromise his convictions—he stayed true to his character. If Grant was anything, he was a relentlessly stubborn and unwavering kind soul.

It just happened to be a Friday the 13th when family and friends gathered to celebrate the life of Grant Gordon Stell. By evening's end, we all felt some luck on a day typically associated with anything but.

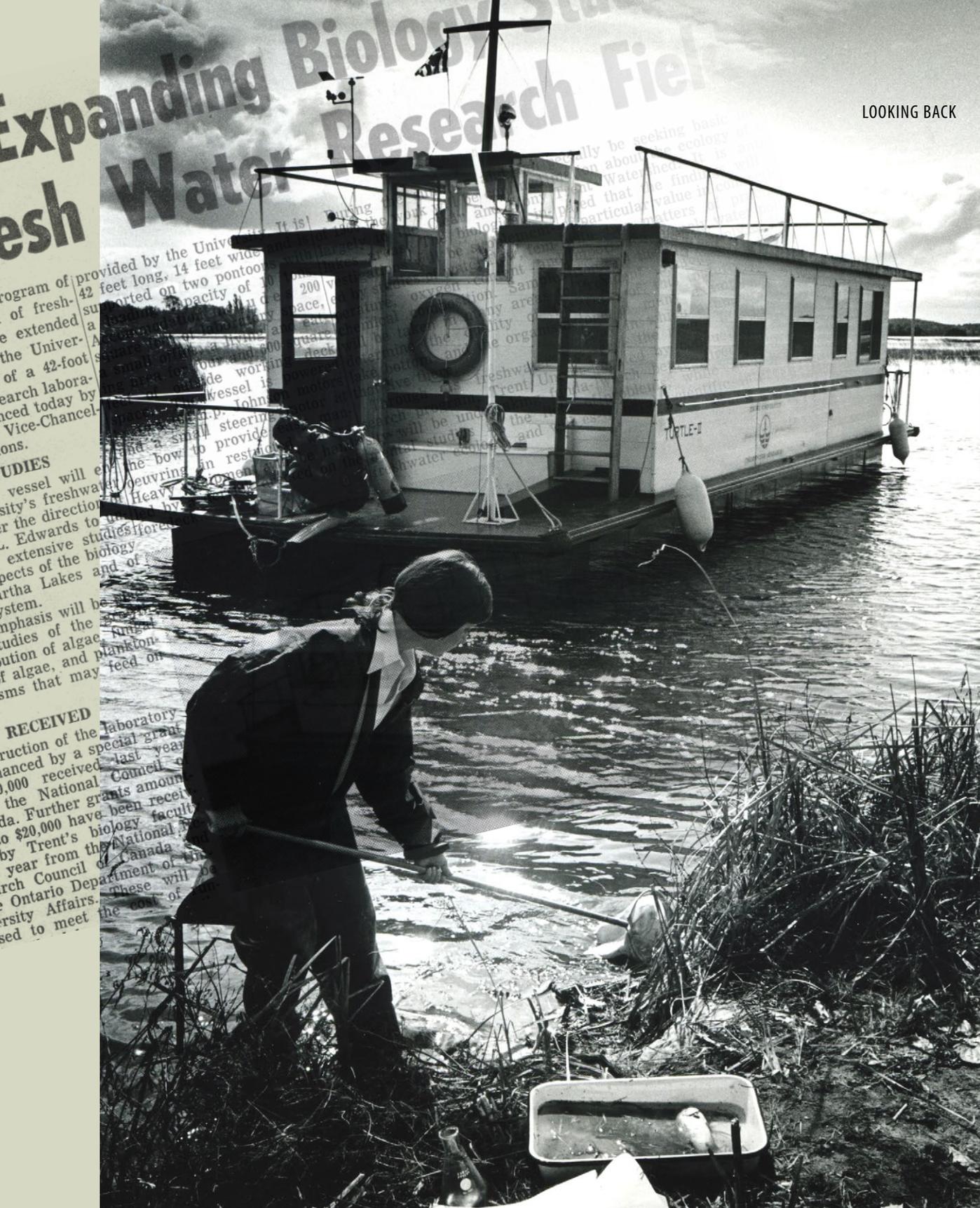
How fortunate we all were that Grant showed up in our lives. And there he remains; a permanent flame.

We love Grant dearly. We miss him badly. We remember him fondly. ❖

*Submitted by Stephen Hewitt '84*



  
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