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EDITOR'S NOTES

## Young-ish Professionals: In Which the Old Get Older and the Young Guns Strut Their Stuff

### DONALD FRASER '91

I've always considered myself fairly hip. With it, if you know what I mean.

Sure, there might be a bit of snow on the roof, but I can generally tell you what's happening on the alternative music charts or who is playing this Friday at the Red Dog or MoHo (Montreal House to all you geezers out there).

Talk to a 20-something about the local arts scene? No problem. Relate to a group of current Trent students while delivering a workshop? Absolutely.

After all, I'm still plenty young. Or at least I thought I was until the powers that be decided to focus this edition of Trent Magazine on "young professionals."

Turns out that the cut-off for "young" is just a few years younger than your dear editor.

In fact, I'm now forced to grapple with the concept of being "not young." You'll notice that I refuse to use that other word, though. That "o" word. That antonym to "young."

Actually, it also turns out that I'm not nearly as mind-blowingly eager as some of the professionals on this list. From Wall Street lawyers to nurses dealing with violent criminals to award-winning writers and professors, these folks have crammed a whole lot into their young careers.

Enjoy their stories. They have truly exciting ones to tell.

And every single one of them looks back on Trent University as a catalyst for their success.

At least we have that in common.

As for me, I'm going to roll with the punches. Sure, I may no longer be truly hip. But on the plus side, it won't be long till I'm eligible for a replacement hip.

Always look on the bright side of life! ♦

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## THE DAVID GLASSCO PRIZE

**Honouring a remarkable and inspiring  
champion of Trent University!**

Our dear friend, Prof. David Glassco, passed away in 2011. His considerable impact was felt both on campus and in the community. Established by friends, family and colleagues, the newly created David Glassco Prize at Trent

will be "given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding generosity of spirit in a range of activities outside the classroom, including music, athletics or theatre, in the Trent and Peterborough communities."

A generous anonymous donor has agreed to **match all gifts or pledges** to the Glassco Prize made by March 31, 2013, up to a total of \$25,000.

Please consider participating in this wonderful initiative in honour of David by visiting [www.trentu.ca/givingtotrent/donate.php](http://www.trentu.ca/givingtotrent/donate.php) or by calling Trent's Development Office at 1-877-698-7368. ♦

# What's New at Trent

## Gold and Silver LEED™ Status for Sustainable Design

The two most recent construction projects on the Trent University campus, Block D of the Life and Health Sciences Building, and the Trent Community Sport and Recreation Centre, have achieved LEED™ gold and silver status respectively from the Canada Green Building Council, a non-profit, national organization working to advance green building practices in Canada. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, and recognizes sustainable designs, practices and operations. ❖

## Education Partnership Renewed with Queen's University

The Faculty of Arts and Science at Trent University and the Faculty of Education at Queen's University announced in December 2012 that they have renewed their partnership agreement to operate the Queen's-Trent Concurrent Teacher Education program for another five-year term.

"The Queen's-Trent partnership is an excellent example of inter-university collaboration that benefits students, faculty and staff at both institutions," remarked Trent University provost Gary Boire.

The Queen's-Trent Concurrent Teacher Education program enables students to complete their Bachelor's degree at Trent while concurrently working toward their Bachelor of Education degree from Queen's. ❖

## Nanjing University in China Signs Agreement with Trent

A Trent University delegation in China, led by Dr. Neil Emery, vice-president of Research & International, signed a collaboration agreement with Nanjing University in October 2012.

The agreement is primarily focused on environmental sciences education and research, and brings together one of China's top universities in environmental sciences research and education with Trent, setting the stage for the eventual establishment of a Nanjing-Trent Institute for the Environment, with the goal of implementing a world-class centre for student education, environmental research, and for industry and government partners seeking innovative solutions to global environmental challenges. ❖



## College Signs Agreement with Public Energy

Dr. Mike Allcott, Head of Champlain College, brought students and the Trent community together in the Living Learning Commons in November 2012 to witness the signing of an important agreement with Peterborough's artistic performance company Public Energy, representing a commitment to engaging Trent students in the arts. ❖

## Celebrating Trent's Reputation for Excellence

- #1 in Ontario Overall and #5 in Canada In *Maclean's* magazine university ranking, (primarily undergraduate category), and #1 in scholarships and bursaries (based on a percentage of total operating expenditures devoted to scholarships and bursaries); #1 in awards per full-time faculty and #1 in medical and science grants.
- Top marks in student satisfaction in *The Globe and Mail University Report* for quality of teaching and learning, student-faculty Interaction, academic counselling, instructors' teaching style, and more. ❖



## Oshawa Campus Celebrates Award-Winning Architecture

In November 2012, the first annual City of Oshawa Urban Design Awards presented the Trent University Oshawa Campus with an Award of Excellence.

The rationale for the award stated: "An existing closed school was brought to life again as a new university campus. It is a positive contribution to the City of Oshawa and brings staff and students into the area to support growth. infrastructure while providing new facilities to serve the City of Oshawa." ❖

## \$1 Million Announced for Two Canada Research Chairs

Trent University Canada Research Chairs Dr. Mehdi Sharifi and Dr. Paul Wilson were named in an official announcement in October 2012. Dr. Mehdi Sharifi has been newly appointed Trent's CRC in Sustainable Agriculture to rethink agricultural production systems, and Dr. Paul Wilson was renewed for a second, five-year term as Trent's CRC in DNA Profiling, Forensics and Functional Genomics for his continued research in wildlife conservation. ❖



Dr. Steven E. Franklin

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR OF TRENT UNIVERSITY

## A Trent Degree: More Valuable Than Ever

**T**wo Dreamcatcher events with **Chancellor Tom Jackson (Hon)** and alumni in Toronto and Lakefield this past fall emphasized the diverse perspectives and abilities of the ever-increasing number of graduates of Trent University. The focus on Young Professionals in this issue of *Trent Magazine* reflects this zest for accomplishment and connectedness, bringing to the fore the unique value of a Trent University degree in our increasingly complex and globalized lives. Trent graduates learn to think critically, write effectively, analyze problems creatively, and identify solutions. And, as you'll read in these pages, they value the idea of continuous learning throughout their careers and lives.

As Trent alumnus **Paul Davidson '83**, president of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada will tell you, demand for university graduates continues to increase. From 1990 to 2011, growth was centred in the service sector, which grew by 4 million jobs. Many of the jobs in this sector—education, health, finance and business services, technical services and trade—increasingly require a university degree. In 2011, there were 1.7 million more jobs in the professional and management occupations than in 1990, and 1.4 million were filled by university graduates.

For Trent alum, a deep sense of engagement with the greater world—and a desire to make a difference in a broad range of fields—is accompanied by a keen interest in what is happening at Trent. Many of you have happily joined us in a number of strategic

initiatives in recent months, among them the AUCC Advocacy Day in Ottawa, the Trent Lands Plan, a variety of 50th Anniversary Committees, the Student Centre Task Force, the Legacy campaign, and a Task Force on Indigenous Education. Two alums became new members of the Trent University Board of Governors in the

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fall; **Kate Gillespie Ahrens '02**, and **Tom Miller '82** joined existing Board members **Harvey McCue '66**, **Robin Quantick '78** and **Sue Graham Parker '73**. Few universities can reach out for alumni support and achieve this level of interest and commitment in the way that Trent can.

There will be more opportunity for your input on a number of key issues

in the coming weeks and months, including consultations around the Trent Lands Plan and the exciting Institutional Positioning initiative being led by Vice-President External Relations and Advancement Julie Davis and a committee truly representative of the entire Trent community. Wide participation in these processes is essential to Trent's success in the future.

As you are aware, in many ways the future of Trent lies in our university's reputation and I hope you have noted the recent "Luminaries" advertising campaign intended to build on Trent's reputation for excellence. Featuring leading Trent University alumni and faculty members, the ads encourage visits to [www.trentu.ca/luminaries](http://www.trentu.ca/luminaries) where readers can learn more about Trent and our many luminaries through videos, profiles, images and more. ❖

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ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S NOTES

# Alumni Association News

**ROBERT TAYLOR-VAISEY '66,**  
ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



## 2013: The 45th Year of the Alumni Association

Alumni are scholars, artists, musicians, poets athletes, introverts and extroverts, activists and leaders, with diverse, non-traditional, and extraordinary careers.

As students, we lived in a college setting, lived in town, belonged to clubs, came from nearby and from afar. So many alumni are part of a renowned foreign student program and heritage laid down by Jack Matthews.

We have a golden opportunity in 2013 and 2014 and beyond to celebrate what we have done by staying connected to our alma mater. On this page, I highlight some of your opportunities. I've included ideas from some of Trent's valued alumni leaders.

But first, I ask you to take time and think about your involvement: What role can you play? How can you take your commitment to Trent to the next level?

It's not necessarily about money. It's also about remembering our own experiences and enriching the experience of today's students.

Getting involved with the Alumni Association was one of the best things I could have done as a member of the Trent community.

### CHAPTERS

Chapters are everywhere. Want to find the one closest to you? Simply visit [www.trentuca/alumni/chapters.php](http://www.trentuca/alumni/chapters.php) or connect through Trent University Alumni Association Facebook group. We often talk about Trent as a community of communities, but often don't define what we mean by that.

What are these communities? Simple collections of alumni in a region?

Or are they more than that? How are they defined?

Currently, chapters are not based on college affiliation, discipline, decade, or start year. Are these traits important? Or does the importance stem from connecting, networking, enhancing Trent's image, or providing resources for wherever the Trent community needs them?

"I love that we have this incredible resource of energy and enthusiasm right here on campus—across Peterborough and across Ottawa—that connects to other pockets worldwide. It means a lot to me to be a part of it."

**An Kosurko '92**, Peterborough chapter president

One thing is certain: The upcoming 50th anniversary is going to be a major catalyst for bringing people together.

And we want to know what can we do, outside the major population areas, to allow you to meet, have fun, and celebrate the common experience of Trent.

### PHILANTHROPY

Ever thought about the meaning of the word philanthropy? It literally means "love of humankind." Trent alumni demonstrate this virtue in countless ways every day, giving their time, talent and treasure, both out in the world as well as at Trent. The establishment of Trent five decades ago was rooted in the philanthropy of community leaders, that torch has been passed to us. With

constraints on tuition and government funding, philanthropy plays a greater role in strengthening a smaller university like Trent. But for Trent to reach its full potential on the world stage, it will need the heads, hearts and hands of a community of people. Will you be one of them? Help us shape the next 50 years of Trent University!  
*Richard Morgan, AVP, Development*

### OUR INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE

Alumni are in every corner of the world. Just click on this map to see how far we reach: <http://bit.ly/YtD9ut>

You are Trent's ambassadors. But we want you to know that, no matter where you are, you are not alone.

There are plenty of ways that you can stay involved and make a difference: You can help with recruitment, mentor international students, provide career advice... You can bring a bit of Trent into your day-to-day life.

We lost a real leader in the international alumni community with the death of **Paul Delaney '64**. For memories of Paul, please the In Memoriam section on page 27.



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what role can you play?



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## MENTORSHIP

According to **Sheldon Willerton, O5**, 2013 will bring in a number of alumni mentorship and advising opportunities: The Recruitment and Retention Committee and the Career Centre are reviewing our existing mentoring system. Alumni are encouraged to register as mentors through the Alumni Directory <https://www.trentu.ca/alumni/onlinedirectory.php>. Any and all input on ways to improve

“Mentorship is the chance to build networks that will help me in my career. It means having a sounding board for ideas in my field, guidance in decision making, and more. It is simply a chance to build a relationship with someone who has similar passions as me.”

**Victoria Veenstra CC '11**

alumni-student mentoring is met with enthusiasm. What is certainly clear is that there is a high demand on campus for alumni showcasing how their Trent experience has made an impact throughout their career. So stay tuned for alumni mentorship updates.

## LEADERSHIP

Trent University is committed to developing its students as leaders. The Impact Leadership Program is an innovative and exciting leadership program that prepares students to assume a wide variety of leadership roles within the Trent community and beyond.

For more information, please see: [www.trentu.ca/impact](http://www.trentu.ca/impact)

## KEEPING CONNECTED

*What will the next 50 years of Trent University look like?*

Alumni are invited to get involved in task forces, search committees, Presidential Advisory Committees, consultations on the future of the endowment lands and college planning.

There are also many opportunities to be involved in the day-to-day lives of Trent students. Students thrive on 1:1 interaction with alumni. The following are some more opportunities for student interaction to consider:

- Open houses
- Convocation
- Homecoming
- New Student Orientation
- Introductory Seminar Week

Visit [www.trentu.ca](http://www.trentu.ca) or contact Alumni Affairs to find details about all of these opportunities. Carve out what you can do to take Trent into the next half century. Choose to help to make a difference.

## TRENT TALKS

As alumni well know, being a member of a College gives students opportunities to find their place in a small community within the larger university. A College is a place to meet fellow students—as well as faculty, staff and alumni—and to participate in learning dialogues outside of the classroom. For many students, it's an opportunity to explore ideas outside of their discipline.

Trent Talks are meant to inspire informal learning opportunities, discussion and dialogue. Feel free to share these engaging online talks widely, and use them to start engaging conversations of your own! We hope they remind you of how Colleges inspire conversations.

Trent Talks online at:

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



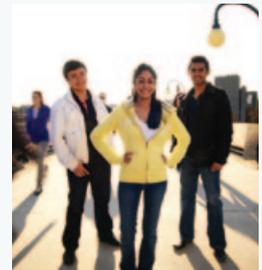
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## SHARE YOUR INPUT

### TRENT'S TIME TO SHINE

Help Trent define our institutional positioning as we head toward our 50th anniversary year. What makes Trent special? What do we stand for? Visit [www.trentu.ca/timetoshine](http://www.trentu.ca/timetoshine) to participate through dialogues, installations and our online survey and share your alumni perspective.



### TRENT LANDS PLAN

Join us March 19 and 20 for the final round of consultations about the Trent Lands Plan. We will review the draft Plan created through the input and feedback we've received from community members, students, staff, faculty and alumni. Visit [www.trentu.ca/trentlandsplan](http://www.trentu.ca/trentlandsplan) for background information and upcoming session times and locations, or share your thoughts with us via email at [trentlandsplan@trentu.ca](mailto:trentlandsplan@trentu.ca).

# Alumni Accomplishments & Pursuits



## Greg Moutenay '07 Completes Facebook-themed Road Trip

On July 11th, **Greg Moutenay '07** embarked on a month-and-a-half road trip across Canada. The goal of the trip was to visit 300 of the Facebook friends he met during his time at Trent while studying French, and then those he met at Queen's. Canadian Tire volunteered to supply him with camping gear and all the necessities. After it began in Peterborough, the trip led him over 17,000 kilometres to cities such as Ottawa, Victoria, and Halifax. He overshot his goal of 300 friends by 15. Along the road, with help from a GPS nicknamed Dorothy, Greg got to see sights such as Drumheller, whales in Halifax, Algonquin Park, and Edmonton from a helicopter. Greg recorded his adventures through his Twitter account (@GregMoutenay) and his blog ([gregmoutenay.wordpress.com](http://gregmoutenay.wordpress.com)).

## Jutta Merilainen '05 Shows off her Trent Running Form

**Jutta Merilainen '05** competed in the Canadian Army Half-Marathon this past autumn. Taking the final turns along the canal toward the National Arts Centre, Jutta opened up a fluid finishing pace reminiscent of her Trent competing days, crossing the finish line first among all the woman runners on this proud day for all.

## Trevor Corkum '94 Shortlisted for 2012 Journey Prize

**Trevor Corkum '94**, a political studies alumnus and former manager of international recruitment and admissions at Trent, has written a short story, "You Were Loved," which has been shortlisted for the 2012 Journey Prize. Twelve stories, chosen by editors of literary publications across the country, are published by McClelland & Stewart in *The Best of Canada's New Writers: The Journey Prize Stories*—one is selected and awarded the annual \$10,000 prize.



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Corkum's short story, published in *The Malahat Review*, joins other works of his that have been published in *Grain*, *EVENT*, the *Antigonish Review*, and *Prairie Fire*. These stories are collected in his *Beautiful Birds Are Flying All Around Us*. This collection comes out of a manuscript of short fiction completed by Corkum under the tutelage of Zsuzsi Gardner through UBC's Optional-Residency MFA Program. While he maintains ties to the west coast, Corkum lives in Halifax, the site of his current inspirations.

## Kayakers Andy and Nick Fauset '04 Raise \$7,000 for Cancer Research

The father-and-son team of Andy and **Nick Fauset '04**, embarking on a 250-kilometre kayak trip, arrived with their last paddle strokes at the Silver Bean Café in Peterborough, having raised almost \$7,000. The two set



out on September 5, 2012, from Port Severn, planning to paddle over 18 days up and down the Trent-Severn Waterway, to reach their destination at Peterborough's Millennium Park. The pair chose to fundraise for Prostate Canada in memory of a friend of Andy's, who died from the disease several years ago. By setting up a website at [paddleforacause.ca](http://paddleforacause.ca) and by campaigning for donations, they managed to outshoot their goal by \$2,000.

## Darren Murphy '96 Back as Examiner Publisher

On October 24, 2012, **Darren Murphy '96** returned to Peterborough for his second stint as publisher of the *Peterborough Examiner*. Born and raised in Peterborough, Murphy returned from working as vice-president of advertising for the *Toronto Sun*, *24 hours* and *torontosun.com*. In addition to his role as publisher for the *Examiner* and the *Lindsay Post*, he will also take up the duties of regional advertising director of Sun Media for Eastern Ontario, overseeing papers from Ottawa to Belleville. Murphy joined the *Examiner* in retail advertising sales in 1999, and then headed to national sales in Toronto, working with Aditlus and Can-West Media Sales. Two more times, in 2003 and 2006, he returned to the *Examiner*, leaving to rejoin Sun Media in Toronto in 2009.

## Indigenous Dance Bridging Cultures Inspired by Akemi Takeda '01

At Harbourfront Centre's Planet IndigenUS Festival in Toronto last August, Toronto choreographer Santee Smith offered a bridge between

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Mohawk and Japanese Ainu traditions in the form of dance. The festival, which celebrates the cultures and histories of indigenous peoples from around the world, presented Smith's Susuriwka—willow bridge. The dance provides a bridge for the earthly world and a spiritual cosmos, as well as between Smith's Mohawk heritage and the Ainu culture of Japan. Smith's interest in Ainu culture began through the help of Trent alumna **Akemi Takeda '01**, who as an Indigenous studies student became aware of Smith's Kaha:wi Dance Theatre, and then returned to Japan to work as an arts manager in Yokohama.

Takeda was determined to include Smith in the Noh Theatre's celebration of cultural diversity, part of the city's 150th-anniversary festivities. Intrigued by her introduction to Ainu culture, Smith stayed on to explore it more deeply, collaborating with musician Oki Kano, whose music joins Smith in the performance of Susuriwka.

**Derek Mueller '92 Keeps Watch Over Northern Ice Flow Research**  
Ice flow/glacier expert **Derek Mueller '92**, has been part of a team tracking the roughly 1,000 square kilometres of ice that has broken off Greenland and Canada's Arctic.

Mueller received his B.Sc. from Trent, studying the White Glacier on Axel Heiberg Island, Nunavut. He went on to earn an M.Sc. from McGill and a Ph.D. from Laval, returning to Trent in 2008 as the Roberta Bondar Fellow in Northern and Polar Studies. It was Mueller who discovered the split of the Ward Ice Shelf on Ellesmere Island, which caused a giant freshwater lake to drain into the Arctic Ocean. This troubling discovery came as part of his research with Transport Canada and the Canadian Ice Service, predicting the trajectory and deterioration of ice islands.

Mueller, and other researchers, construct models that can be applied to help ships steer clear of ice islands, as well as to explore the impact of offshore drilling and rising traffic through the Northwest Passage. These applications form a small part of Mueller's larger work: studying the response of northern-hemisphere ice shelves to climate change, and the interaction between physical and biotic aspects of ecosystems. As ice continues to break off, his work continues to vary and earns a renewed importance. According to Mueller, about 90% of Ellesmere Island's ice shelves have vanished, leaving an impact on the Canadian and global environment that has yet to be fully understood.

### **New Book for Troon Harrison'90**

Already the author of 36 books, **Troon Harrison '90**, a Trent alumna in sociology and English, has published *The Horse Road*, the first book in her new trilogy. The historical trilogy is intended for teens and adults who are interested in adventure, other time periods, and a love of horses. *The Horse Road* explores the workings of the Silk Road trade routes across Central Asia in 104 BCE. The novel was published by Bloomsbury-New York in August 2012, as well as in London, with a German translation. The

rest of the trilogy (*Cold Freedom* and *Red River Stallion*) are to be published in all three countries in 2013.

### **Launch of Holly Bennett's '75 Redwing**

**Holly Bennett '75** launched *Redwing*, her new novel for young adults in October at Catalina's in Peterborough. Bennett is the author of five other novels, including *The Bonemender* fantasy series and two novels inspired by Irish mythology: *The Warrior's Daughter* and *Shapeshifter*. When she is not writing novels, Holly is a freelance writer and editor for *Education Canada* magazine.

### **David LaChapelle '07 Memoir**

**David LaChapelle '07**, a recent psychology graduate from Trent, has authored his first book. *David's Adventure with Schizophrenia: My Road to Recovery* was published by CreateSpace, an affiliate of Amazon. David's memoir tells the story of his mental illness and the difficult recovery process. With him every step of the way is a fellow patient named Angela, who helps free him from the mental health ward at Toronto's North York Hospital and treks with him across Canada. It is a personal story of schizophrenia told from a frightening, honest, and often hilarious perspective. The book is available online at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

### **Stefano Fornazzari San Martin '93 Wins Governor General's Award**

**Stefano Fornazzari San Martin '93**, who holds a B.A. from Trent, is one of this year's recipients of the Governor General's Award for Excellence in Teaching Canadian History. The award, which recognizes striving for excellence, innovative ideas, and the superb



Photo: Ellesmere Island Park National Park Canada



# 8TH ANNUAL ALUMNI AWARDS

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Open Monday March 4 to  
Friday May 10, 2013

We wish to spotlight alumni who are making a difference in their communities and around the globe as volunteers, leaders and contributors.

Nominations for the Distinguished Alumni Award, Spirit of Trent Award and the Young Leader Award are selected by the Awards and Recognition Committee of the Trent University Alumni Association.

To nominate an alumni who has made a difference, go to [www.trentu.ca/alumni](http://www.trentu.ca/alumni) and select Alumni Awards and Honours. Award Descriptions, details about how to nominate someone and the nomination forms can be found at this site.

Winners will be celebrated at the 8th Annual Alumni Awards in November 2013.



Denis Desjardins '76

teaching of Canadian history, honours San Martin together with fellow Bill Crothers Secondary School colleague, Daraius M. Bharucha, in part for their project "My Place in Canadian History: Digital Storytelling with Historical Thinking Concepts." Both teachers received a Governor General's medal and a \$2,500 prize.

### Alumnus Honoured with Multiple Awards in Atlantic Canada

**Edward Sawdon '82** has recently been honoured with two Newfoundland awards. He was selected for Convatec Canada Ltd's

"Renaissance Great Comeback" regional award for Atlantic Canada—a program dedicated to raising awareness of quality of life issues for people living with diseases that can lead to ostomy surgery, and recognizes individuals who make a meaningful contribution to their community. Ed was also given the Cecilia Carol Award for Independent Living at the Independent Living Resource Centre.



### Denis Desjardins '76 Retires

A retirement reception for **Denis Desjardins '76** took place in September to honour his 30-year career at the National Arts Centre (NAC). Colleagues from all aspects of the NAC's operations gathered to salute Denis.

His legacy includes installation of a new accounting system, a refurbished Southam Hall stage lift, the NAC warehouse, and a successful \$57-million major capital project in 2006 to address health and safety issues. Although many colleagues contributed to the proposal, Denis played a lead role in crafting the submission, which was later acknowledged by Canadian Heritage as a "gold standard" work.

**Tony Storey '71** attended the reception and commented on the diversity of the audience at the reception: "Staff of all backgrounds came to wish Denis well... from the NAC's president to security and parking to orchestra members, along with his immediate finance peers."

Denis often brought his expertise in analysis to bear for the Alumni Association. Over more than 20 years Denis provided statistical assessment and future planning support as the TUAA grew and matured. Tony recalled that Denis invariably referred to himself as our highly unpaid consultant. Bravo Denis!

### Alumni Award Winner Kevin Rose '97 elected as Board Member

**Kevin Rose '97**, Trent Indigenous studies graduate and recipient of the Trent Alumni Young Leader Award in 2009, has been elected as a Cando Board Member for Ontario. Cando is a national Aboriginal organization involved in community economic development. Rose currently works with Waubetek Business Development Corporation as a Business Development Officer. On top of these achievements, Rose was also the first First Nations person in history to earn the Professional Economic Development Designation and the Professional Aboriginal Economic Development Designation. ❖





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## TRENT ALUMNI: NOURISHMENT FOR FUTURE LEADERS

Trent will continue to be the place hallmarked for cultivating innovative, creative, thoughtful, socially conscious grads with a desire to do good in the world, because that atmosphere is nourished by our alumni.

**Stephen Stohn '66**, founder of the *Arthur* and one of Canada's most successful entertainment executives, was back at Alumni House recently. He met with Trent Radio, Sadleir House, and *Arthur* students and staff to discuss the changing world media landscape, a digitization project to preserve the *Arthur* library, and ways to make Trent's historical record more readily accessible to the community.

**Stu Butts '65** was invited to be Alumnus-in-Residence at Champlain College in February. As a student, Stu was editor of *The Sword*, associate editor of *Arthur*, chairman of TU Congress of Colleges, president of Champlain College Cabinet, and one of the founders of The Commoner. After spending more than a decade practising law, he became a serial entrepreneur and recently started a hops farm. Students, faculty, and alumni had the chance to interact with Stu in both organized events and informal opportunities throughout the week.

Trent recently had the pleasure of welcoming **David James '68** (one of the TU Radio Service founders), **Steve Lukits '68**, and **Paul Schliesmann '77** (a Ceilie founder), back to campus for a panel discussion with students called "Insights and Advice from Trent Alumni Journalists." It was an opportunity to connect students in the new Trent-Loyalist Journalism Program with experienced journalists, and it was a fantastic gathering. Their advice? "Professionalism means maintaining your integrity, even when times get tough. Know your standards and stick to them" (Steve). "Take unpaid internships, but only if it's worth it" (Paul). "As a journalist, you always have to think about what the repercussions of your story will be, while maintaining integrity" (David).

Alumni around the globe are reconnecting with Trent and engaging at a level that fits their schedules, experiences, and interests. Here is a snapshot of more alumni power in action over the past few months:

- ☉ The 160 Girls Project, an inspiring presentation for students, alumni, and community by **Fiona Sampson '87**, took place at Market Hall in Peterborough. Fiona's work through the Equality Effect is creating change resulting in increased freedom from violence, improved health, and increased prosperity for women and girls in Africa. The presentation was made possible in conjunction with the School of Graduate Studies and the Frost Centre for Canadian Studies and Indigenous Studies.
- ☉ **Rann Sharma '97**, Global HR Director for Free the Children, shared tips and career advice with recent grads at the "Me to We" Alumni-Student Networking Night in Toronto. The event was presented in partnership with the Career Centre.



Stephen Stohn '66 (centre) with *Arthur* co-editors, Jasmin Cabarow (left) and Sara Ostrowska (right).

- ⊙ **Maurice Switzer '64** moderated a Social Responsibility panel discussion at Lakefield College School featuring **Chancellor Tom Jackson, Libby Dalrymple '87, Professor Shirley Williams '79,** and the Kenneth Mark Drain Chair in Ethics, Professor Kate Norlock. Special thanks to alumni **Joe Bettencourt '91** and **Heather Avery '79** for welcoming alumni and students to LCS.
- ⊙ **Dave Ireland '01,** managing director of the Royal Ontario Museum Schad Gallery of Biodiversity, led a series of presentations under the "Ideas That Change the World" banner, also featuring Chancellor Jackson, Professor Bradley White, Steve Hounsell, and **Jon Grant (Hon).**
- ⊙ **James Cullingham '73** was welcomed back to campus to screen his film "In Search of Blind Joe Death," with music by **David Berger '05, Glen Caradus '88, Michael Ketemer '91,** and Brock Stonefish. Bagnani Hall had a full house for this evening of entertainment, which was presented in partnership with Peter Gzowski College.
- ⊙ **Randy Read '73** brought funny girl and honorary alumna **Mary Walsh** to Showplace Peterborough for her new show *Dancing With Rage*. Alumni, faculty, and friends hosted a post-show reception with Mary.
- ⊙ Alumni Affairs was pleased to sponsor this year's Impact Leadership Conference, a personal development opportunity presented through the Office of Student Affairs. **Linda Viscardis '76** facilitated a workshop titled *Fostering Citizenship: A New Approach to Supporting People Who Live on the Margins of Society*

- ⊙ **Meghan Milson '04** and **Evan Fleming '04** were guest speakers for incoming students and their parents at Trent's Fall Open House. More alumni volunteers are participating in upcoming Open House events in both Peterborough and Oshawa in March.
- ⊙ **David Patterson '66, Kate Gillespie Ahrens '02,** and **Murray Miskin '73** were alumni hosts for Trent's first ever Take a Trent Student to Work Day, a pilot program presented in partnership with the Career Centre.
- ⊙ **Don Tapscott '66, Lucie Edwards '73, Linwood Barclay '73, Kate '02, Sean '99,** and **Eric '00 Gillespie, Suresh Narine '91** and **Yann Martel '81** are being featured in the new advertising campaign. Visit the campaign website at [trentu.ca/luminaries](http://trentu.ca/luminaries) to view profiles, videos, and behind-the-scenes photo galleries, including links to Trent academic and research information.

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Alumni Reunion Committees have been busy organizing the best and biggest Trent reunion ever, planned for **August 7-10, 2014**. Thanks to the committee chairs **Peter Henry '79, Jim Barber '87, Maile Loweth Reeves '79, John Butcher '67, Jan Carter '87, Lianne Schumacher '05, Julie Brown '06** and **Erin Whitton '97**. Look for the save-the-date postcard in this issue and attach it to your fridge. Update your email with [alumni@trentu.ca](mailto:alumni@trentu.ca) to be kept informed of reunion announcements and be entered into a draw to win a VIP weekend pass. For more info visit [www.trentu.ca/fifty](http://www.trentu.ca/fifty).

As we launch into spring, watch for alumni events in Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver, Oshawa/Durham, Ottawa and Peterborough. And if you want to get more involved, drop me a line or give me a call.

Enjoy this issue of *Trent*! It's an exciting issue packed full of alumni accomplishments with a special emphasis on our younger alumni, each a fine example of innovative, creative, thoughtful, socially conscious grads doing good work in the world. ❖



## Survey Says!

Your opinion matters. This spring Alumni Affairs will be conducting a survey to better understand your interests, level of satisfaction, and perceptions. If you receive an email or phone call we encourage you to participate as your feedback is important and will help us to determine future directions.

# young PROFESSIONALS



david levine

## From Cultural Studies to Space Law: Critical Thinking from a Wall Street Perspective

Alumnus David Levine '90 on the Occupy Movement and Globalization

"It seems to me that a lot of people only want to learn what they think they already know and to have their belief system reinforced," says Trent alumnus **David Levine '90** in conversation at his neighbourhood coffee shop in Brooklyn, New York. Levine was recently a featured expat in the *Globe and Mail's* U.S. Election 2012: Canadians in America series—expats talking about life and politics south of the border.

Talking about his time at Trent, he credits his current career success in part to the early guidance he received directly from professors who challenged his own beliefs and taught him "how to think."

Now an attorney at a large Wall Street "white shoe" law firm, Levine works mostly on a team dedicated to the communications satellite industry, representing satellite operators and the financial institutions that back them. For example, he negotiated the insurance and regulatory matters for a satellite operator intending to launch a satellite constellation that will deliver high-speed internet service to Africa starting in

2014. That \$1.2-billion deal was awarded *Project Finance International Magazine's* "African Telecoms Deal of the Year" and *Trade Finance Magazine's* "Deal of the Year" for 2010. He frequently helps draft the insurance policies for satellite launches, and negotiates the insurance settlements when launches fail. "Space is a pretty tough environment, and although most satellite launches are successful, there are unfortunately a few satellites destroyed on launch or damaged afterwards," he says.

Levine is particularly proud that he can give back to the community through pro bono legal work. Since starting at the law firm, he has helped a number of refugees obtain asylum status in the U.S. "The abuse and literal torture that these clients have endured is heartbreaking. Successfully obtaining status for them in the U.S. is the ultimate life-changing event for them and for their families. The smile on their faces when they are told that they can stay in the U.S. is a reward like no other." He also does general corporate work for a charitable

organization that sends underprivileged youth from New York City to do development work in the Dominican Republic and Nicaragua. "Not only is pro bono work sanctioned by the firm, they positively encourage you to do as much as possible, and facilitate it at every level."

He remembers hearing about Trent's cultural studies program while he was in his first year at York University. He applied for a transfer so he could engage his interests more deeply in the relatively new program at Trent. He graduated with a B.A. in cultural studies and philosophy in 1995.

According to Levine, Trent's high quality of education depends on very tight-knit groups of people thinking, writing, and having access to professors who are intimately involved with and interested in their individual education.

"Otherwise, why wouldn't everyone just do their degree online?" he asks. "I really appreciated the access to profs and the ability to create my community. Those courses were not easy, but it was a fantastic experience. I still to this day

carry things that professors said to me and things I learned from them. Critical thinking is not something you are born with; it is something that you learn. It's really quite amazing."

"Drs. Zsuzsa Baross and Constantin Boundas were crucial in my educational experience—in so many ways—in teaching me how to think about the world, how to think for myself, not to take certain things for granted... Zsuzsa taught me that education is about being *offended*. You should be offended by things your profs say, your peers say—that being offended is an inherent part of your learning. If it's not shaking your belief system, then you're probably not learning. If you're just being told what you think you already know, then that's not an education. You're not learning to be a critical thinker—you're learning to be a drone. This is true on all sides of the political spectrum."

Levine enjoyed learning about the different ways of thinking about the world that allow him to be critical without taking positions that are polemic or simply informed by ideology. As an example, he refers to the "Occupy Wall Street" protest that transpired two blocks away from where he works. "I'm not sure how physically occupying the stock exchange or bank buildings will be effective at achieving their aims," he says.

Though acknowledging that the Occupy movement was international in scope, he wondered if their refusal to engage through traditional democratic channels, especially in an election year, wasn't merely a reflection of a distrust of government that is part of the founding, and founding myth, of the United States. "While in Canada, I think we have traditionally seen the government as an extension of the will of the people, I think that in the U.S. people on the right and the left tend to see the government

as an adversary. Canadians like me have difficulty understanding the mindset of a people whose country was formed by armed insurrection against authority."

"It's very easy for people to criticize the banking world without understanding what it does," says Mr. Levine. "I think 'bank=bad' or 'business=bad' is a knee-jerk reaction" he says. "It's more complicated than that. For example, Wall Street channels capital into infrastructure projects that benefit us all. I don't think it's unrelated that worldwide, there has been a huge decrease in poverty that has occurred during the era of globalization."

**Levine credits his current success in part to the early guidance he received directly from professors who challenged his own beliefs and taught him "how to think."**

Back to university in Canada, the price of a professor teaching a small group of students may not be cost-effective for an administration, but it's "incredibly important as an educational experience," says Levine. "There is nothing better than having that access to a professor and a small, committed and interested peer group. I learned a lot from my profs and I learned even more from the people who were doing work that was similar to what I was doing at the time—many of whom have since gone on to become professors themselves."

"What students should be doing today is studying things that question their beliefs – that force them to question what they think they know. That is something I learned at Trent and it's something that you really do need helpful guidance in order to learn."

"Trent was so much fun," he says. "My experience was rich during those years in Peterborough with the people I met." Mr. Levine shared his positive memories of being around the small arts

community that hung around the Only Café on Hunter Street, and the Union Theatre where he once worked with local director Alexis Gordon to produce the play *Equus*.

Once he graduated, it would be another decade before he found himself in New York City. Prior to returning to school to study law, he worked for a number of years as a software developer at startups, finishing his high-tech career working for IBM in Toronto. He graduated in 2008 with great distinction from McGill's Faculty of Law with civil and common law degrees (LL.B and B.C.L) and started at the law firm in 2008.

"My history is not a straight line," he explains. "I work with colleagues who, at the same level of legal experience as me, are 10-12 years younger

than I am. And I am awed by how smart they are every single day."

"I took five years to finish my undergraduate degree, but that included spending a year backpacking through the Middle East. Looking back, I don't think I would have done it differently," he says. "Back then I spent time in Gaza, Syria, Israel, Egypt and Lebanon, catching a travel bug that later in life found me sailing in the South Pacific, and living in Paris, Brussels, and New York City." ❖

**AN KOSURKO '92**



## International Program Alumna, Cinla Akinci '00, Brings the Trent Experience Abroad

CARLY SNIDER '03

For Cinla Akinci '00, as for many Trent students, Trent became a home away from home. It also, as it did for many others, became an important step toward a rewarding career.

But unlike other students, Cinla came all the way from Cyprus to make a temporary home at Trent. And also unlike other students, Cinla is already, at quite a young age, a multi-published award-winning assistant professor at the University of Surrey in the U.K. In 2000, Cinla decided to transfer from The American University in Cyprus to Trent after looking at many options in North America. "I came across Trent," she remembered. "I fell in love with its campus."

But it wasn't just the beauty of Trent's campus that won her over. "Trent has an excellent reputation for education," she said. "I got in contact with Trent's International Program and it was a very welcoming experience, just talking to them and what they were offering."

With the offer of a full scholarship from the Trent International Program, Cinla made her way to Peterborough. Her three years at Trent hold many memories for Cinla, many of which formed who she is and what she does today. And despite being thousands of miles from home, the friendships she built here and the teachers and mentors she had made her feel welcomed and at home.

"I think Trent has its own unique culture that is very nurturing and caring," Cinla said. "It makes you feel at home and a part of the Trent family." Faculty such as business administration professor Raymond Dart and economics professor Saud Choudhry made a tremendous impact on Cinla's time at Trent, so much so that she still keeps in touch with them today.

"They were more than teachers, they were mentors, really," said Cinla. "They helped me throughout my time there and we formed friendship. They were very caring, not only academically but also as a person. As an international student when you're miles and miles away from home, it's important to feel like you're being cared for."

And even though they're spread across the world, Cinla still maintains close friendships with the people she met during her time at Trent.

"I made some of my best friends there," she said. "When we can, we try to meet up somewhere in the world." Her personal relationships weren't the only things that flourished at Trent.

"I think Trent gave me a firm foundation in my education, definitely, but not only in terms of academia and professionally, but also in terms of personal development," she said. "It definitely fostered my skills and abilities in critical and independent thinking. I think that's very much a Trent thing."

After graduating from Trent in 2003 with a B.A. in business administration and economics, she returned to Cyprus where she worked in project management until September 2004, when she began her M.Sc. in international business management at the University of Surrey.

In 2005, just having completed her M.Sc., Cinla was offered a position in a finance company as a business development analyst, as part of a knowledge transfer program with the University of Surrey.

After her two-year project there, she began her Ph.D. in organizational behaviour and management learning, which she completed in April 2011. In her doctoral research, Cinla investigated the role of intuition in managerial decision making and

organizational learning in an extensive fieldwork with the senior management teams of police organizations in the UK. Cinla's career in academia took off when she was offered the position of assistant professor in the university's business school, where she is teaching undergraduates, Master's students, and MBAs.

Cinla credits her decision to pursue a career in academia to her "passion for lifelong learning."

"I'm curious for knowledge, passionate about research and contributing to knowledge," she said. "I'm really learning in the process and learning through my research," she said. "Also, as a teacher it's very important to me to touch students' learning experience in some positive way. It's very rewarding."

Her passion and contribution to research and knowledge have twice been recognized by the British Academy of Management with the Best Paper Award, most recently in September 2012 for a paper based on her Ph.D. research on intuition and organizational learning.

Cinla was also recognized with the Researcher of the Year Award from the University of Surrey for significant contributions in the final year of her Ph.D.

"It's a great honour to have these awards," she said. "It shows me that my research is being recognized and it's a great feeling to have some impact and be acknowledged for that." Now, as she continues her career at the University of Surrey, she still thinks of her time at Trent and the way it influenced her life.

"I always talk about my education at Trent and how they do things at Trent with my colleagues in a very positive way," Cinla said.

"It was a really amazing time. It was one of the best decisions. If I had to go back and do my degree again, I wouldn't hesitate to choose Trent." ❖

### Q & A with Dr. Cinla Akinçi

**What is your favourite Trent memory?** I have so many... Definitely the Head of the Trent—especially the first year I was there. Seeing so many people come out for an event—a celebration—it was incredible. You can't recreate a social experience like that. I also have fond memories of theme nights at the Ceilie.

Also, a very quiet one. I remember early mornings and late evenings in Bata Library overlooking the Otonabee River, working and watching the snow fall past the window. It is a very beautiful sight. And one that I'll always remember when I think of Trent.

Actually, the beauty of Trent's campus was one of the things that influenced my decision to go there, it is very picturesque.

Coming from Cyprus, and then finding yourself in -14° cold is a big change. But I really came to appreciate snow. To enjoy it. Though it is a lot easier to enjoy from behind a window.

**Coming from a different culture, what did you find strangest about life at Trent?** I guess, if I were to say one thing, it would be about winter again: I remember in the first snow fall of the year we would be running outside in the freezing cold. It was fun, but the cold took some getting used to.

But, culturally, I didn't really find anything to be that odd or strange. It was different from home, but it was very friendly. Especially with the big international student community at Trent it was an incredibly open and welcoming place to come to. Trent has its own culture—a unique culture. I felt like home when I was there.

**Any words for students, international or Canadian, who are considering attending Trent?** There are many things that make Trent an excellent place for learning, especially the outstanding faculty and the beautiful campus. What's really special about Trent is that in small classes your professors really get to know you as individuals and you get to build a close relationship with them inside as well as outside the classroom. The university has a very vibrant, inspiring and welcoming environment. When I was there as an international student I felt very much at home. I had a great experience at Trent, it was both challenging and transformational. This year it will be 10 years since I graduated from Trent. If I had to start again, I wouldn't hesitate to choose Trent again. I am very proud to be a Trent alumna.

**Do you have any advice for young people looking to pursue a career in academia?** Academia is certainly the right career path for those who are passionate about research and teaching, and looking for an intellectually stimulating profession. I must say that it takes a lot of hard work, commitment and motivation, especially in the early stages of the career. I believe that the key to success is doing what you really love. So for those who are considering an academic career, my advice would be to choose a subject that they are passionate and curious about—then the rewards are great. ❖



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## CAREY LARSSON '95

After applying to a number of Canadian universities for a variety of different programs, **Carey Larsson '95** arrived at Trent with the idea that she would major in chemistry. Thanks to the signature Introductory Seminar Week (ISW), that changed a mere few days after her arrival.

Sitting in an ISW physics & astronomy session with Professor Al Slavin, Carey found herself enthralled by the topic and impressed with the instructor. She decided to combine her interests and pursue a degree in chemical physics, a program that involves the combination of the study of physical chemistry and physics.

Carey looks fondly on the small class experience and unique instruction she received at Trent—and credits it with enabling her future career. “I had a fourth-year class where there were just three students and we met in the prof’s

office. We definitely had a lot of one-on-one time with the profs—they knew who we were and understood our strengths.”

After returning to her hometown of Ottawa, where she completed a master’s degree at Carleton University in medical physics, Carey was hired by Defence Research and Development Canada (DRDC), the research and development arm of the Department of National Defence, where she has remained since.

At DRDC, Carey leads the Radiological Analysis & Defence (RAD) group, a team composed of defence scientists whose mission is to make sure the Canadian Forces are prepared, technologically and otherwise, in matters of radiation. Among other things, the group develops novel radiation detectors, studies the health effects of radiation, and performs sample analysis both in the field and in the lab.

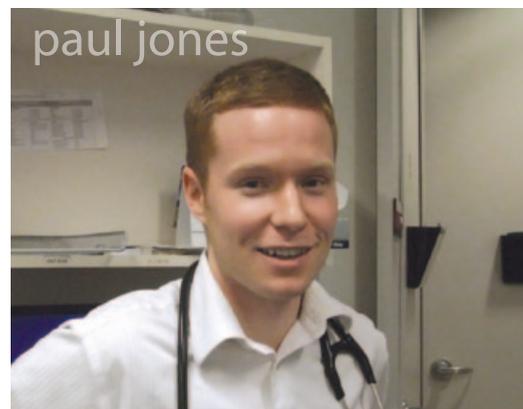
One of her favourite experiences was to assist with the RCMP’s security efforts during the 2010 Olympic Winter games in Vancouver. While, for reasons of national security, she is unable to go into detail about her work, Carey says she finds it immensely rewarding: “I can’t believe this is my job!” ❖

*Jonathan Pinto*

## PAUL JONES '05

It was after spending a day at work with his uncle—a physician—in grade nine that **Paul Jones '05** knew he wanted to pursue a career in medicine. “It’s a profession that allows me to blend my interest in science with my interest in people,” he says. Born and raised in Peterborough, Paul initially decided to attend Trent primarily for financial reasons, figuring that being at home would allow him to save for a future enrolment in medical school. His time at Trent, however, became more than just a financial gain.

“Trent was a great university experience because it really allowed me to pursue my own interests. That’s one piece of advice I give to other people who are considering medicine or other professional degrees: take the courses you like and enjoy ... rather than taking courses because it looks good on a transcript or résumé.” Majoring in biology, Paul—in true Trent fashion—also studied chemistry, politics, and business management, taking courses that, in his words, gave him “a broader world view.” Paul was also extremely active both on and off campus, founding the Trent chapter of the Students Offering Support (S.O.S) group, chairing sessions for Trent Model United Nations, and assisting with medical humanitarian missions in Honduras.



At the end of his third year, Paul applied and was accepted into medical school. At the suggestion of Trent biology professor Ingrid Brenner, Paul attended the Kitchener-Waterloo campus of McMaster University’s Michael DeGroote School of Medicine, where he graduated in 2011 at the age of 24. Like Trent, McMaster’s medical program offered a self-directed learning approach: “A lot of [my fellow medical students] struggled with it, coming from traditional didactic educational backgrounds from universities like



Toronto, McGill and Western. Trent was a smaller school, and so I was used to seeking things out on my own—[the transition to McMaster] was actually very comfortable to me.”

Currently a medical resident, Paul is further specializing in both family and emergency medicine, allowing him to work as both a general practitioner and in hospital emergency rooms. Stemming from his work overseas, Paul takes an active interest in global health and wilderness medicine and works regularly with a remote First Nations community on British Columbia’s Campbell Island.

Putting his business management courses at Trent to good use, Paul is also currently the CEO and co-founder of Stamp Forge, a medical technology startup that uses crowdsourcing to develop clinical templates for electronic medical records. ❖

*Jonathan Pinto*

#### **MATT WILSON '99**

Since graduating from Trent in 1999, **Matt Wilson '99** has dedicated himself to helping his community in Durham Region, directly east of Toronto. He’s done this in several ways, but they’ve all focused on providing legal counsel to the higher-level organizations and administrations that help out Durham’s residents.

Looking back over his education and time spent at Trent, these developments should come as no surprise. To him, Trent’s main attractions were its small campus size, natural beauty, intimate learning environment, and proximity to his home at the time in Ajax.

The completion of his B.A. in history and political studies gave him a solid grounding to pursue other educational paths that led to his current career as a lawyer. He followed his B.A.

with a Master’s degree in industrial relations from Queen’s University, a law degree from the University of Western Ontario, and finally a Master’s degree in law from Osgoode Hall at York University. Since then he has worked in a variety of legal contexts—first as a lawyer for the law firm Hicks Morley, and then as the director of Labour Relations/Legal Counsel for the Region of Durham. He now currently works as legal counsel for Rouge Valley Health and Lakeridge Health Corporation.

On top of this, he was appointed earlier this year as a vice-chair of the Ontario Labour Relations Board, where he communicates between unions, employers, and employees about various aspects of Ontario’s labour and employment laws.

His role in helping Durham’s local government and its hospitals is one that fills him with pride. In many ways, the roots of this can be traced back to Trent, because, in his words, it “gave me the confidence to pursue achievements that I did not think were possible... I was also exposed to new experiences, culture, and diversity in both the student body and the faculty. It was a very rich experience.” He also credits his role as a student representative on the faculty hiring committee for the History Department with launching his interest in employment and labour law.

Beyond this, certain courses and members of Trent’s faculty left a deep impression on him. He credits the late

John Syrett for inspiring him to learn more about American history, and Eric Helleiner for encouraging him to take post-graduate courses—which, in retrospect, have certainly paid off! To Matt Wilson, both professors helped make his undergraduate program a memorable one, and pushed him to greater heights of academic achievement.

His appreciation of Trent’s role in his life extends to aspects beyond his career, however, as Trent was where he also met his wife, **Melissa Fryer-Wilson '99**. She also graduated in 1999 and now works as an elementary school teacher. Their family has grown since then and now includes three sons.

Matt Wilson’s education at Trent has shaped him in many ways. To future alumni, he offers some well-earned advice: “Be proud that you attended Trent University and feel confident in your abilities. With the educational foundation provided by Trent University, anything can be achieved.” ❖  
*Christina Vasilevski*

#### **DR. LINDA RUTLEDGE '10**

For alumna **Dr. Linda Rutledge '10**, the journey to Trent’s Natural Resources DNA Profiling and Forensic Centre was a somewhat circuitous one.

Part way through a Bachelor of Music from the University of Western Ontario, Dr. Rutledge found herself increasingly drawn to sciences, and after seven years as an undergraduate she ended up with honours degrees in music, zoology, and education, all from Western.

Dr. Rutledge then went on to teach biology and environmental science at the high-school level for a few years before heading back to graduate school: “I liked teaching but I knew I wanted to do research,” she explains.

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"Coming from a wildlife background I wasn't sure I wanted to work with goats," says Dr. Rutledge, but less than six months into the project, Dr. Rutledge is a convert: "This is a really exciting project and has real potential to benefit farmers locally and in developing countries," she avows. "I think goats just might save the world," she laughs.

After many different stops along the way, Dr. Rutledge can now truly say that Trent feels like home. "For anyone interested in wildlife research, it's hard to imagine a better set-up than the one at Trent. The combination of great faculty, great facilities, and the integrated connection with the MNR and other academic departments all at your fingertips is unique," emphasizes Dr. Rutledge. "And that's what makes Trent such an appealing university."

People can find out more about Dr. Rutledge's research at [www.easternwolfsurvey.ca](http://www.easternwolfsurvey.ca) and [goat.nrdpfc.ca](http://goat.nrdpfc.ca). ❖

### BRIAN COSTELLO'02

"Money can't buy you happiness."

This pretty much sums up how **Brian Costello'02** went from being an MBA-toting investment specialist to a Nursing grad splitting time between medicine and hospital administration.

"I was waking up miserable," he recalls of his first career. "And, by the age of 24, I had already had enough. I had come to the conclusion that you can only do so much for money."

So he quit. "I packed it in," he laughs. "Pulled the chute. Made the decision that a serious pay cut might actually lead to happiness."

And enrolled in Trent's nursing program. Which represents quite a change in direction for a business grad.

"The philosophy that I was working on was to make as much money as I could as quickly as I could. It was a

"I had done an honours thesis in fish physiology at Western and loved the experience. I knew my passion was research." Dr. Rutledge received an NSERC Industrial Scholarship to pursue her studies on the impact of logging on fish ecology in northern B.C., and graduated from the University of Northern British Columbia with a Master's in biology.

As for the transition to Trent, Dr. Rutledge was pleased to discover that the move that put her closer to family also gave her the chance to study under one of the country's leading experts in wildlife DNA, Dr. Brad White, director of the Natural Resources DNA Profiling and Forensic Centre. "My master's supervisor was mostly a fish ecologist, but when I talked about genetics research, Brad White was the first person he recommended." Dr. Rutledge received a doctoral scholarship from NSERC to pursue her studies at Trent, graduating in 2010 with a Ph.D. in environmental and life sciences.

While the opportunity to work with Professor White may have been the draw, having access to Trent's research facilities was an unexpected bonus. "People who come here for genetics get the finest training," states Dr. Rutledge unequivocally. "I've worked in other labs and I have no qualms about saying that the facilities and the faculty that we have here are world-class. We are spoiled with the equipment and infrastructure at the Centre, not to mention the tremendous intellectual resources." Dr. Rutledge also cites Trent's close ties with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) as setting Trent apart. "I couldn't have done my research

at any other place," she concludes. "I was fortunate to have MNR research scientist Dr. Brent Patterson as a co-supervisor of my Ph.D. Only Trent has that connection."

As a Ph.D. candidate, Dr. Rutledge researched the genetic make-up of the eastern wolf, a previously unidentified species that had been proposed by Prof. White and associate professor of biology Dr. Paul Wilson's preliminary research in 2000. She found convincing evidence that the species *does* exist, and Environment Canada recently contracted her to write a report on the species for the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC). Meanwhile, a generous \$20,000 grant from Mountain Equipment Co-op and another \$20,000 from the Species at Risk Research Fund for Ontario allowed Dr. Rutledge to continue her postdoctoral research into wolves and coyotes, until she found herself drawn into Prof. White's latest project on goat genomics.

Under the leadership of Prof. White, with a grant of \$50,000 from the Centre of Excellence in Goat Research and Innovation (COEGRI) and additional funds from both the Canadian Livestock Genetics Association and a coalition of regional purebred Saanen goat farmers, including project founders Lloyd and Barbara Wicks of Grasshill Farm, a team of Trent scientists are studying the Wickses' unique herd of Saanen goats, which produce higher volumes of milk than other herds and often give birth to triplets or quadruplets. With much of the globe dependent on goat protein for survival, the project's potential is enormous.

high-stress, no-sleep kind of existence. Meanwhile, deep down, I knew that I wanted to help people. And that I wanted to help organizations.”

Costello’s business acumen stems partly from his B.A. (Hon) from Trent, partly from his MBA from Brock, and partly from a burning desire to succeed.

Of course, he didn’t completely throw his business skills aside when he decided to go into Nursing.

Shortly after graduating in 2011, he took on a Risk Management and Patient Relations role at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre—a position that took great administrative knowledge as well as a keen understanding of litigation.

As he’s moved forward—he’s currently working with Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences—he’s brought his business and administrative methodologies with him.

“I balance my time between patient care and administrative responsibility,” Costello says. “Every day is different.”



brian costello

The medical side of his career is both challenging and rewarding.

“My patient work is fascinating and always varied. I often work with people who are, for one reason or another, currently facing legal issues. There is forensic research involved, fitness assessments for trial eligibility, as well as rehab patients that range from the not-so-violent to those that have committed the most violent of crimes.”

Meanwhile, he continues to flirt with investing.

“Oh, I still do some investment for myself,” he says. “I don’t know that I’ll ever completely turn my back on that part of my life.”

In fact, Costello is working toward helping Trent University students find their way in the business world by sponsoring the Business Administration Business Games team. His \$5,000 gift helped the team win several awards at the prestigious JDC Central, or “Jeux du Commerce,” undergraduate business competition in Halifax this past year.

He has also set up a \$20,000 endowment fund in honour of his grandparents that will help Trent students participate in business competitions and internships.

“I am truly blessed and grateful for taking a vast amount of knowledge, skills, and abilities from my time at Trent,” he says. “It has allowed me to give back and help to provide opportunities that will strengthen our core. This is one of my most proud accomplishments, giving to those who will help our community, province, and nation, for many years to come.”

Pausing for a moment, Costello admits: “Actually, I suppose looking at it this way, money can buy happiness. Or at least a future of happiness.”

Now that’s an investment we can all appreciate. ❖

## OLIVER COOPER '01

Sometimes it takes awhile to find your calling. This was certainly the case with **Oliver Cooper '01**, who took an Oshawa Campus sociology course out of curiosity at the age of 29 and ended up parlaying it into a successful career as a lawyer.

“I attended University of Windsor right out of high school and found that it just wasn’t a good fit for me,” he admits. “I ended up working for Coca Cola instead. Eventually, though, I began feeling like I was missing out on something—I reached a point where I realized I wasn’t fulfilling the promise and potential that I honestly believed I possessed.”

So Cooper followed the lead of a friend who had taken—and very much enjoyed—a part-time course at Thornton Campus.

“Really, I wanted to see if I would take academics more seriously this time around.”

It didn’t take long before he was enrolled full time and fully immersed in his studies.

“It just felt so right,” he recalls. “I was immediately comfortable in my courses—and with the diverse community of people who were all there for a shared purpose.”

The Oshawa experience pushed him to reach even further.

“I graduated with a degree in Sociology and Psychology in 2005, and then graduated with my degree in Law from University of Alberta in 2007. I then passed the bar in Alberta in July of 2011 and Ontario in October of the same year. It all happened pretty quickly.”

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## young PROFESSIONALS

—which is essential both inside and outside the courtroom,” he explains.

“The classes I took challenged common conceptions of a variety of ideas and definitely changed my world view. The instructors—particularly Professor Cosgrove in Sociology—trained me to look at things in a different way. In a more abstract way. They promoted critical thinking. All of these skills are important when you are examining and planning cases.”

According to Oliver, these skills are particularly important when applied to litigation.

“So much of it is building arguments,” he notes. “You need strong arguments to prosecute and you need strong arguments to defend. I definitely feel that my Arts degree training gave me the skills to deconstruct notions that otherwise might be taken for

granted and to build my own strong arguments—to build my cases.”

Oliver’s work—and life—have long Trent Traditions.

“I’m proud to be working with Robert McGillen, who went to school with my dad,” he says. “I think they were the second ever graduating class at Trent.”

His landing in Peterborough is a return of sorts to the area.

“I definitely have some roots here,” he notes. “My grandparents were from here. My father grew up here. We had family cottages in the area. It’s really a great place to live and work.”

None of which would have happened if he hadn’t taken that one single course.

“It took me awhile,” he smiles. “But I finally got to where I want to be. ❖

His passing of the Ontario bar coincided with his hiring at McGillen Keay Law Offices in Peterborough— quite an accomplishment for a person who, only a few years before, had given up on academics.

Looking back on his time in Oshawa, Cooper says that the Trent experience has influenced much of what he does on a day to day basis as a lawyer.

“Those in-depth and sometimes intense discussions build your ability to probe into the heart of the matter

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# Luminaries Shed Light on Trent

DAVE MCLEOD '90

"It's no longer just what you know; it's your capacity to solve problems, to think, to research, and to reinvent your knowledge base. Trent's student-focused, customized, collaborative learning experience is the new model for developing knowledge workers." This high praise comes from one of the world's leading authorities on social innovation and information technology, Trent alumnus **Don Tapscott '66**.

An internationally recognized cyber-guru, Mr. Tapscott is one of several distinguished Trent alumni and professors spotlighted in a national advertising campaign touting Trent as a leading Canadian university. The Luminaries campaign, which began in November 2012, includes print ads in prominent magazines and newspapers, and a website [www.trentu.ca/luminaries](http://www.trentu.ca/luminaries) that profiles all of the participants.

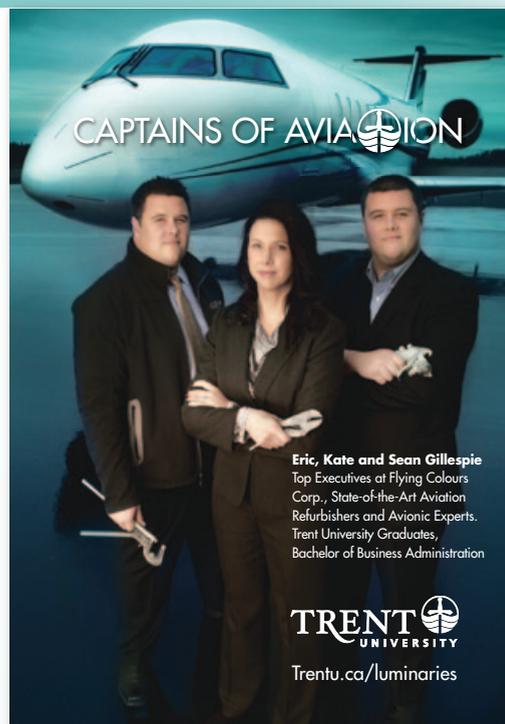
Other notable Trent alumni involved in the campaign include: best-selling novelist **Linwood Barclay**; **Lucie Edwards**, former high commissioner to Kenya, South Africa and India; **Eric, Kate and Sean Gillespie**, who built Flying

Colours Corp. into a world leader in aircraft refurbishing and maintenance; and **Dr. Suresh Narine**, director of the Trent Centre for Biomaterials Research.

As individuals, this group is as diverse as their fields of accomplishment; but they are united in their appraisal of Trent as an institution where young minds can find flourish.

Like award-winning writer **Linwood Barclay '73**, who found the support he needed to pursue his passion while studying English Literature at Trent. "I was fortunate to have professors who gave me the leeway to write what I wanted," says Mr. Barclay, whose recent book, *Trust Your Eyes*, is slated to become a feature film. He praises Trent's small class sizes and tutorials for providing students with an intimate learning experience. "At Trent, you can get to know your professors; you're not just a face in the crowd."

His sentiments are echoed by **Lucie Edwards '73**, who says, "At Trent, there are no rules or traditions that ordain what you can't do. There is a strong creative and permissive spirit, and advisors who help you figure out what you want to do." Ms. Edwards, who recently spent a term in residence at Champlain as an Ashley fellow, enjoyed a 33-year Foreign Service career in the Middle East, Africa and Asia. In 2009, the Department of Foreign Affairs recognized her contribution with the Lifetime Excellence Award.



*Eric, Kate and Sean Gillespie*

**Dr. Suresh Narine '91** points out that Trent provides students with extraordinary opportunities beyond the classroom. "Trent students have the opportunity, at an early stage in their academic careers, to be involved in projects of potentially significant impact on the environment and on commercialization of new business ideas, which could additionally lead to authorship, patents or other career opportunities," says Dr. Narine, who has been acclaimed for pushing the boundaries of biomaterials research. In 2011, he was named one of Canada's Top 40 leaders under the age of forty.

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*Linwood Barclay*

*It's no longer just what you know;  
it's your capacity to solve problems.*

# Luminaries



Maggie Xenopoulos and Paul Frost

**The Gillespies—Eric '99, Sean '99 and Kate '02—** all say that Trent was essential to their development as business professionals and provided a base for their careers at Flying Colours. "At Trent, we learned to be critical thinkers and problem solvers. That's important in our industry, where you need to be able to think on your feet and outside of the box," says Kate. The siblings, who graduated from Trent's Business Administration program, have helped turn their family business, Flying Colours into a multi-million dollar enterprise.

Dr. Maggie Xenopoulos, and her partner and colleague, Dr. Paul Frost, were chosen as luminaries because of their work in improving water quality. The biology professors were attracted to Trent by its reputation for studying water and the environment. The couple agree that Trent offers students a singular learning experience. "Trent offers undergrad students more interaction with teachers and unique opportunities for research," says Dr. Frost.

By showcasing achievers across a broad spectrum of disciplines, the Luminaries campaign demonstrates Trent's excellence in teaching and research. Visit the campaign website at [trentu.ca/luminaries](http://trentu.ca/luminaries). ❖



Lucie Edwards



Don Tapscott

# upcoming events

## march

- March 7 Trent University Night with the Peterborough PETES vs. Kingston Frontenacs
- March 9 **Open House, Peterborough**
- March 11-15 Trent Student Art Show at Alumni House
- March 16 **Open House, Oshawa**
- March 22-23 Team Trend Hockey Reunion

## may

- May 4 **Open House, Peterborough**
- May 11 **Open House, Oshawa**

## june

- June 5-7 **CONVOCATION**
- June 9 Oshawa Durham Chapter Event Museum tour of new railway exhibit, children's programming, garden reception and live music
- June 23 Peterborough Chapter Garden Party Event

## october

- October 4-5 Annual Head of the Trent Regatta/Alumni Homecoming Reunion.

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## Freddy Hagar—Made the Every Day Extraordinary

CAROL LAWLESS '83

As much as he is remembered for his weekly sherry parties at Champlain College and signature bow ties, Professor Freddy Hagar is most revered by students, colleagues, and friends as someone who believed in Trent and what it stood for.



"Freddy's life at Trent was similar to what he experienced during his years at King's College in Cambridge," explains Professor John Jennings, a long-time member of the history department at Trent. Professor Hagar's academic lineage extends to Harvard and Berkeley as well. He was educated at all three prior to his arrival at Trent in 1967. "Life at Cambridge was very collegial and you knew everyone, and that attracted Freddy to Trent. My life was thoroughly enriched having known Freddy," says Jennings. "He was very keen on tradition. Do you remember he used to wear the academic gown when he lectured," Jennings recalls laughing. "He loved ceremony. Freddy made everything memorable and we all loved him for that."

Friend and colleague and Trent's former Athletic Director Paul Wilson explains that, in addition to having a flare for spinning the everyday into something extraordinary, above all else Professor Hagar was a teacher, and that, in addition to his clever wit, drew students and colleagues to him. "He loved teaching," Wilson explains. Wilson describes Professor Hagar's career at Trent as more of an extension of a rich, and vibrant life. "Teaching wasn't a job for Freddy. It was his life. Trent wasn't just a university, either. It was Freddy's home. He wanted his students to experience life at Trent to the fullest, the way he had. That is Freddy's legacy."

In 1988, friends and colleagues of Professor Hagar honoured his retirement from the History Department by establishing the F.A. Hagar Travel Scholarship. It assists a graduate student pursuing further studies abroad in the fields of British or Indian History—two areas in which Freddy had extensive knowledge—or English Literature. When Professor Hagar died in November 2011, his legacy gift to the university further enhanced his scholarship so that more students will have an extraordinary experience. ❖

### What will your legacy be?

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## DR. CHARLES OMOLE '64

MEMBER OF TRENT UNIVERSITY'S ORIGINAL CLASS

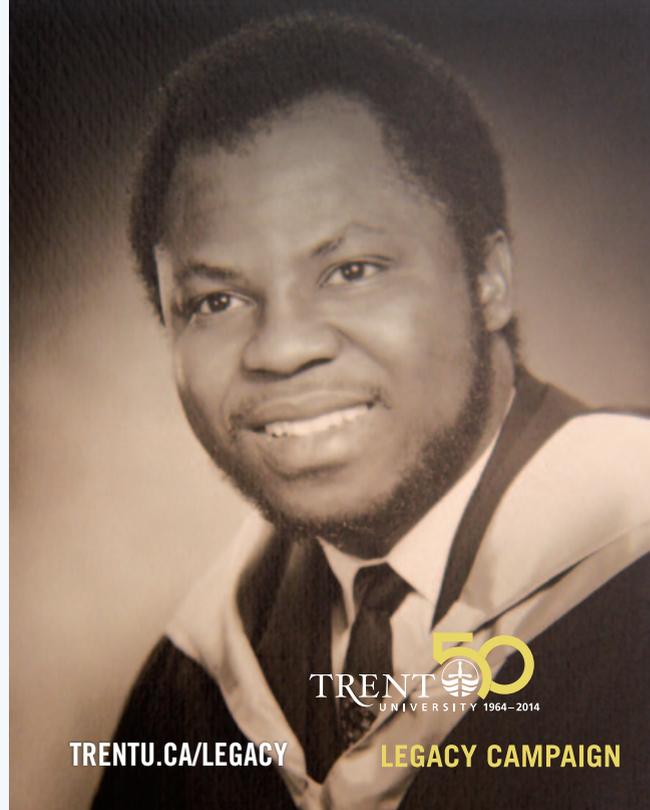
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OWEN KANE '08

# Trent in its Evening: Sketches of a Graduating Student

For a student who has grown up with Trent University on his doorstep, preparing to leave the place is surreal. Many in the Trent I knew have graduated or retired. The landscape has changed too—the Trent Lands Plan envisions a whole new setting altogether. But as I seek my path away from the University I become ensnared in a lattice work that extends from Trent, connecting its graduates to their futures.

One such labyrinth is the dreaded online Gates Scholarship application: I empathize with the protagonist of one B-class movie who is driven to a mental health ward while in the process of filling it out. But as I wallow in this and other grant applications I realize that the steps I take on a path towards graduate school have been prepared for me at Trent. For example, it is commonly known that when Trent graduates attend classes at other schools, they terrify their professors because of their inability to stop talking, venturing steadfast opinion and a fearlessness in expressing themselves regardless of making mistakes. This talkative energy can still be heard in places at Trent if a student knows where to look.

One place is the Champlain Council Chambers. When my American literature class, under the engaging wit of Professor Charmaine Eddy, moved there in the second semester a great change came over the class. People who had sat silent and attentive during the first half of the year in a recently built lecture hall suddenly found themselves possessed by the need to speak their mind and raise questions even in the middle of a lecture. My flat mate and Business major **Richard Love**, surrounded by broken original Trent chairs he rescued from a Trent dumpster, looks up from his leather-

work tools and books on mid-modern architecture to tell me the reason for this phenomenon. It is because Ron Thom designed the room precisely to stimulate conversation. It was a central intent of the plan the architect drew up in 24 straight hours of delirious envisioning.

Another hideaway of Trent community history is the Trend Café at Traill. Recognizing the force of this space, Lorrie Clark's Milton course decided as a group to move the class to the College so that we might spend time after class reading *Paradise Lost* aloud to each other.

When the Trend isn't full of literature students eating pizza and reading Renaissance English texts, it becomes a place of intersection for professors and graduate students in English, Canadian Studies, and Theory, Culture & Politics to exchange ideas. Many times I have joined Professor Emeritus Ian McLachlan to talk about future possibilities in academia and about his time at Oxford. I am treated to tales of Oxford life, exposing the balance between working-class industry and a town stuffed with university customs and etiquette. Another wiseman of the Trend is Professor Michael Morse, theorist and historian of music, who invites you to

his table to join in fast-paced banter on the topic of the day.

One conversation I joined was about writing. At the table were a Cultural Studies Ph.D. student, a graduate English professor who formerly taught business communications, and Morse himself. Discussion moved from one writing style to another, finding resonances between the undergraduate essay, the graduate thesis and the professional business proposal.

But as I am forced to leave these haunts I begin to take my place in a network of paths that have also left Trent. One crossroad can be found an hour and a half away, hidden in the wilderness of the Canadian Shield. Here, the spirit of the place takes the form of Professor Emeritus Andrew Wernick. Over a perfect English tea, I am offered advice about my next step towards graduate school, with stories of modern-day Cambridge, where Wernick lives for half the year as a fellow of King's College and Clare Hall.

Another crossroad was discovered during a trip to the University of Toronto to explore the possibilities of graduate school and attend the Northrop Frye conference. After the conference, I met with Trent alumnus and current Harvard English professor **Gordon Teskey** along



## Finding Faith

### *Spiritual Affairs/Trent Chaplaincy Offers Spiritual Guidance*

with two Canadian authors, Robert Bringham and Jan Zwicky, who are no strangers to Trent. The venue was the bar on the roof of the old Park Plaza hotel. A historic meeting place for U of T students and professors, it is haunted by the presence of Canadian writers whose cartoon caricatures are mounted on the wall. Toronto's literary past is revived in current company in a way it could never be in a classroom. Here, Teskey warns me through elegant allegorical anecdotes about the heavy workload a graduate student must chip away at in today's universities. In his narrative I detect what I will call a "nervous optimism" about the future of university life that I have also heard at Trent.

It is still possible to engage in the historical Trent experience. It includes intellectual excellence—for instance in the form of Professor Zsuzsa Baross with her upcoming conference in France, where she is to mediate between famous philosopher Jean-Luc Nancy and legendary French filmmaker Claire Denis. And it is still possible that you may be invited to your thesis supervisor's house for seasonal winter drinks and a showing of photographs pertinent to your study, as I was with Professor Jonathan Bordo. Or you might be invited to a sampling of scotch and haggis with former Trent staff, as I was with **Tony Storey '71**, with talk about the University over the years, English football, and life after Trent. All these experiences represent a continuing collegial practice that goes back well before Trent's past and extends into its and many other possible futures. ❖

Research studies such as those reported in the US publication "Cultivating the Spirit: How College Can Enhance Students' Inner Lives" reveal today's students' quest for deeper understanding. In Canada, the research of the Rev. Dr. Tom Sherwood at Carleton University has tracked the spiritual and pastoral needs of students. His findings, outlined at *CampusChaplaincy.ca*, will be compiled in a future publication. Sherwood associates present-day university students with a generation he calls the Echo Generation. This is the group of young people who are likely to describe themselves as being "spiritual but not religious." It is to this cohort that Trent Spiritual Affairs provides ministry.

For four years, the Rev. Glenn Empey has served as Coordinator, Spiritual Affairs and Chaplain at Trent University. The ministry is funded by grants from the Anglican, United, and Presbyterian Churches, with additional contributions from local Baptist Churches. The university contributes by providing office space and support.

Empey offers ministry to students in response to a wide span of needs. He says that while they are attending university, students are often confronted with new ways of perceiving the world through their studies and experiences. These challenge students' previous framework for understanding. Such situations include the dynamics of relationships, crises of faith that bring previous models of understanding into question, the traditional teachings of various faith communities on moral issues, gender identity, and sexual orientation. His experience with students parallels the findings of the research studies. Today's students are seeking responses to existential kinds of questions: what gives meaning to life, who am I, does God exist, is there life after death, how does one contribute to make a better world, to name a few examples.

The Trent community is diverse. Empey works with several Trent student religious groups recognized by the Trent Central Students' Association. While group activity levels vary from year to year, they represent major world faiths and include the Trent Student Muslim Association, the Catholic Council of Trent, the Association for Baha'i Studies, and the Trent Jewish Congress, plus a revitalized group for those of Christian denominations.

In recent years, these students, and others with no affiliation to any particular faith community, joined in three projects organized by Trent Spiritual Affairs to package food for those affected by the earthquake in Haiti and by the tsunami in Japan. During the three half-day events, more than 40,000 individual meals were packaged from bulk food provided by Kids against Hunger Canada. The overwhelming student response reflects the findings of the studies: today's students seek ways not only to understand compassion but also to put their compassion into action.

To learn more about how Trent Spiritual Affairs plays a positive role in the discovery, learning, and growth of Trent students and how to support this ministry, please contact Spiritual Affairs/Trent Chaplaincy: [glennempey@trentu.ca](mailto:glennempey@trentu.ca). Trent Chaplaincy is the Board of Directors that oversees ministry at Trent in partnership with the University. Trent Chaplaincy is a recognized Canadian Charity. ❖



THE REVEREND W. GLENN EMPEY

# IN MEMORIAM



## Dan Ridley '91

Family, friends, and fellow Champlainers are sad to announce the death of **Dan "Searing Licks" Ridley**. Anyone who passed by Champlain College or went to the Commoner in the early 90s is sure to remember Dan's kind heart, carefree attitude, and ability to play an electric guitar (on his lap!). An accomplished instrumentalist, he self-produced and recorded several albums that became respected in the industry and by other lovers of music. A calm demeanor, an ability to meet challenges head-on, and a willingness to mentor others served him as an investment advisor at Belmont Village Financial Group in Kitchener.

Cherished son of Pam and Don, much loved brother of Jalyynn, Dan will be forever remembered in the hearts of his extended family and friends. In his honour a fantastic memorial was held in Kitchener-Waterloo, full of fond memories and old friends.

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## Heather Ward (née Ritch) '80

**Heather Ward**, beloved wife of Layne Ward, passed away peacefully at the age of 52 on October 13, 2012, after a courageous battle with cancer. She is greatly missed by Bubba, Roxy, and Layne; her sisters Janet, Robin (with Ford), and Susan (with Tom); brothers Ian (with Cynthia), Brian, and Norman (with Petra), and the whole extended family of Wards, Ritches, and Taylors. Heather graduated with a B.A. from Trent and a specialized degree in horticulture from Guelph, before moving to British Columbia with Layne in 1997. Working at Cannor Nurseries, her interest for mason bees and native plants came to be known up and down the Island. Even at the end of her life, she excelled in ongoing studies at the University of Victoria.

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## Edward Laughlan

It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of Edward Laughlan at the age of 77, on November 8, 2012, at Cowichan District Hospital in Duncan. Edward was a long-time employee at Trent. Upon retirement, he moved to Vancouver Island. He was a loving and devoted husband to his wife Dorothy for 48 years; proud father to Jennifer (John Quish), Kevin, Owen (Shannon), and Sheila; cherished grandfather to Keenan and Emma Laughlan and Erin Quish; brother to Jim.

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## Pete Culverhouse '74

Trent alumnus **Pete Culverhouse** has succumbed to cancer while in France, where he was living. Pete was known at Trent for his band the Modus Boys and for his talent playing ball hockey.

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## Hugh Watson Cameron '66

**Hugh Watson Cameron** died on August 11, 2012 after a life of 65 years and a brief battle with cancer, which he fought bravely with his characteristic humour. Hugh leaves behind his wife Candace, his sons Jeffery (Lori) and Matthew, and his grandchildren Emily, Abbey, Ashley, Jacob, and Mason. He is also missed by his sister Mary Ann Ankerman (Elwood), his brother Kirk (Barbara), and his sister-in-law Cheryl Tabot.

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## Kathleen Anne Ross '85



**Kathy Ross**, Champlain College graduate, and Principal of St Peter's Secondary School, died at the age of 46 at her home in Peterborough

on December 20, 2012. Born and raised in Baie D'Urfé, outside Montreal, Kathy completed a B.A. in 1988 and a B.Ed. in 1989 through the Trent-Queen's Concurrent Education program. She started her career as a Grade 2 teacher in Mississauga. The next year she married **Graeme '86**, and the two moved back to Peterborough, to be joined by a son, David, and a daughter, Sarah.

Kathy worked at all levels of the Peterborough school system, from teaching at St. Alphonsus to being Principal of St. Paul Catholic Elementary School in Norwood and Vice-Principal of Holy Cross Secondary School in Peterborough. In 2006 she took up her post as Principal of St Peter's. In all the schools she worked she is remembered for her compassion and open-door policy. She made a point of talking to every student she passed by in the halls. She enjoyed travelling, spending summers at the cottage in Gananoque, and skiing holidays with her family. Kathy is remembered by her family and by her father Jack Keyes (Arlene), and her brother Michael.

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## Paul Delaney '64

If ever there was a champion of Trent, it was surely **Paul Delaney**. The university community must feel his loss very deeply. Paul died on October 19, 2012 after a short battle with cancer.

Paul and Trent were soul mates from the beginning. He decided to come to Trent in 1964 because it was new and bursting with possibility; Trent offered as much or more to Paul with its youthful energy and optimism as any established or proven institution. Paul's genuine and unaffected outlook would quickly find a home at Trent, and for the rest of his life his mind and heart were nourished by the university's openness, tolerance, and willingness to embrace everyone. No matter where life's adventures took him, all roads led back to Trent.

He graduated in 1968 as a history and politics major and went on to become a teacher. He was the first director of Sainte-Marie among the Hurons and then taught at a secondary school in Nigeria for two years with CUSO (Canadian University Service Overseas), before settling into an elementary school career in Ontario. He brought the world to his classroom and encouraged his students to be engaged and compassionate global citizens. He helped his students develop a lasting and meaningful relationship with Port Loko, a community in Sierra Leone, by raising funds to build a school and a well. He was recognized by TV Ontario as Teacher of the Year and was a recipient of the Governor General's Award for Excellence in Teaching History.

Paul held a deep affection for Trent throughout his life. As one of his many godchildren and a Trent grad myself, I witnessed this devotion many times. Through the years when I visited with Paul, he would often find some reason for us to make a trip to Trent. He would inevitably find someone that I



“just had to meet.” He would make the introductions, provide some catalyst for conversation, and then just stand back with that impish Delaney smile and take great pleasure in bringing people together. This was his true passion.

Shortly after his retirement from an exceptional teaching career, Paul was invited to be the Alumnus-in-Residence at Trent. He was an ambassador, a mentor, and very quickly became “Uncle Paul” to many of the international students. His natural interest in people made him a perfect fit for the role, and he forged enduring relationships that spread across the globe. The strength of these friendships will have a lasting impact and can only be a force for good.

In 2011, Paul was honoured with the Spirit of Trent Award. The *raison d'être* of the prize states that the university “wants to reward those who continue to shine the spirit of Trent in their corner of the world.” Paul was so very proud to be recognized by his beloved Trent, and he continued to carry the torch for his university to the end of his life.

At his funeral, I was awe-struck as we crowded on the floor near the altar (there not being enough room for everyone in the pews) at St. Mark's

Church in Midland. As we crammed together, sitting cross-legged on the carpet, I found myself surrounded by an amazingly diverse group of friends from so many varied chapters of Paul's life. I was most touched by the many former students who were there. Paul had taught them so many years ago, and here they were to honour him. I know that of all the tributes given to him that day, he would have been most proud of his students paying homage to their favourite teacher.

To witness the breadth of Paul's influence at this gathering was an unforgettable moment. Even after he had left us, he was still connecting people so that they could share each other's gifts. He had a steadfast belief that people's goodness and strengths would always win the day. Because of this conviction, those of us lucky enough to be in his orbit have stood a little straighter, tried a little harder, opened our hearts a little wider. We will be so very sad without him, but his example will help us carry on, and embolden us to nurture all the goodness that is possible in humankind.

A memorial service titled “Lessons from Uncle Paul” was held in the Great Hall at Trent on March 1st.

CELIA DYER '83

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## Lauri Anne Pugh '82

Surrounded by her family, **Lauri Anne Pugh** died on October 6, 2012, just shy of her 49th birthday, after a struggle with cancer that she faced with courage, grace, and humour. She was a dedicated and gifted teacher with the Peel Board of Education since 1987, teaching at Tomkin Road S.P.S., Tecumseh P.S., Streetsville S.S., and Applewood Heights S.S., where she touched many lives.

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# IN MEMORIAM

## Martha Ann Kidd, BFA, MFA, LLD

One of the shapers of Peterborough and Trent University, **Martha Ann Kidd (né Maurer) (Hon)** died on July 30, 2012. For most of her 94 years she worked in the fields of art, anthropology, and architecture, and is revered locally for documenting and bettering the city of Peterborough.

Though born in the United States, she considered Canada her home and Peterborough the community where she “put down her roots.” She came here after marrying Ken Kidd, Curator of Ethnology at the Royal Ontario Museum and Founding Chair of the Anthropology Department at Trent. She had met Professor Kidd at the University of Chicago in 1942, where he was a Guggenheim Fellow. Working with him, she researched, photographed, illustrated, and recorded a number of significant archeological excavations.

She is the author of many scholarly essays and co-author of *A Classifications System for Glass Trade Beads for the Use*

*of Field Archaeologists*, still a major text in its field. Arriving in Peterborough from Toronto in 1964, she immediately became involved in the local heritage movement, finding and preserving photographs and documents showing the historical development of the city. In the early 1970s she joined with a number of like-minded volunteers with the aim of establishing Peterborough in the Canadian Inventory of Historic Buildings—a national photographic record of the architectural and structural characteristics of 100,000 buildings across Canada. She wrote innumerable articles for virtually every local publication extolling the city’s significant buildings and streetfronts, and fought to save much of Peterborough’s nineteenth-century downtown commercial architecture. Her success can be seen in the survival of the Market Hall, and surrounding historic buildings.

Martha Kidd was a founding member of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory

Committee, serving four terms on the committee. She wrote two books from this concern: *Peterborough’s Architectural Heritage* (1978), containing short histories of significant buildings within the original town boundaries; and *Historic Sketches of Peterborough* (1988), providing literary stories of over 60 of Peterborough’s most interesting buildings.

Martha Kidd was given an Award of Merit from the City of Peterborough, a star on Peterborough’s Walk of Fame, and was named by former mayor Sylvia Sutherland as one of the people who has contributed the most to the city over the last century. Kidd also received, among many awards, a Community Service Award from Heritage Canada, the Kenyon Citation of Merit, and an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Trent. Martha is also remembered as a world traveller, especially in her later years. A celebration of her life and accomplishments was held in September 2012.

## Annie Greig Belfry

**Nan Belfrey**, as she was known to many at Trent, died peacefully on September 18, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Harold A. Belfry, she is remembered by her children Peter and Susan, as well as her daughter-in-law, Lisa, son-in-law Pieter, and granddaughters Leslie and Allison.

Nan served for many years as administrative assistant to Founding President Thomas H.B. Symons. She went on to become acting executive director of the Anigawncigig Institute, which specializes in curriculum development for native adult education through direct consultation with First Nations and native organizations. Susan, Peter, and family would like to offer special thanks to the staff of Windsor Court Retirement Residence and its 3rd floor staff.

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## Trent Professor Emeritus Maurice Boote

Maurice Boote, founder of Trent University’s Economics Department, passed away at his home on October 2, 2012. Prior to his arrival at Trent in 1964, Professor Boote taught at McGill, where he received his Ph.D., as well as the University of New Brunswick and the University of Alberta. Boote served for many years as the Economics Department chair, retiring in 1987. At his request there was no service.

Those wishing to remember him may contribute to the Maurice J. Boote Scholarship, established by his colleagues and friends. The scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student entering the fourth year of the Honours program in Economics at Trent.

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## Trent Professor Emeritus Dr. Roy Edwards

Roy Edwards, Professor of Biology, died at the age of 90 on October 5, 2012. Roy joined Trent in 1964 to teach zoology, and went on to become chair of the Biology Department from 1979-1983. He served as acting Vice-President (Academic) in 1983-1984, and participated fully in the collegial governance of Trent. Roy leaves behind his wife, Joyce, children, grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

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## Peter T. Demos, Trent Honorary Degree Recipient

**Peter Demos (Hon)**, Professor Emeritus of Physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Trent Honorary Degree recipient, died on September 18, 2012, at the age of 93, at his home in Belmont. A devoted husband, he met Elizabeth (Betty) Jean, his wife of 62 years, at PCVS high school and cared for her over the course of a long illness late in her life, until her death in 2003.

Peter Demos has been recognized by an MIT award in his name for graduate students who demonstrate “spirit, perseverance, and intellectual qualities.” He holds a Trent honorary degree (1981) and the Peter Robinson Award (2000). Demos is remembered fondly by his large family: children Theodore, John, and Ellen; sister Georgia Davis; grandchildren Jessie Demos Wicker, Sara Hathaway Demos, Sasha and Calvagh Demos McManus, Aimon and Alpha Bustardo; three great grandchildren; and many loving Canadian and American nieces and nephews.

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## Harvey Robinson Eakins '73

Harvey Eakins died in North Bay on September 26, 2012, at the age of 58, following a year's struggle with brain cancer. Harvey is loved and remembered by his partner Jo Anne Hambly, his brother Rick, Sister Georgia Ghandery, and many nephews, nieces, and grandnephews and grandnieces. He is also lovingly remembered by his Callander family—mother Joan Hambly, and sisters Fail and Leigh.

Though born and raised in Toronto, Harvey felt most at home on the Canadian Shield, spending mornings on the deck with a cup of coffee at the family cottage on Lake Chandos, near Apsley, where he had spent his childhood summers. Upon graduating from Trent with a B.Sc.

in 1978, he worked for ten years as a fisheries technician in Algonquin Park and throughout northeastern Ontario, following which he worked as a fisheries biologist, and then a data analyst biologist. Combining a skill in computers with his outdoors expertise, he joined the Mitig Forestry Services as a GIS technician in 1997. When not working outdoors, Harvey loved playing outdoors, with interests in backyard mechanics, open-wheel and Le Mans racing, stained glass, scuba diving, photography, and poker.

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## Wolfgang Zschape '69

We are sad to be informed of the death of Wolfgang Zschape, husband and love-of-her-life to Dorit Zschape. Wolfgang died on August 1, 2012.

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## Jill Max '77

**Jill Max** and I met the first week of first year at Trent in 1977. It did not take us long to become friends. Jill was an Economics major and her degree led to a very interesting and challenging career. She was always grateful for the education and the experience of attending Trent University. She was a generous supporter of the school, both financially and as an alumna since graduation.

Jill was an exceptional woman. She was never content with less than her best effort no matter what the task. She was a loving wife to her husband, Michael Taylor, a doting mother to her beautiful sons, Christopher and Matthew, a devoted daughter to her parents, Ruth and Jack, a caring big sister to Jenny and Jody, a highly valued colleague at the Royal Bank of Canada, and a true friend to many, of whom I was luckily one. She was sincere, honest, and steadfast.

Jill rose to the position of vice-president with RBC in Toronto, where she lived all of her life. She became seriously ill in the winter of 2011. The courage and inner strength she displayed were remarkable. Sadly, she was unable to overcome her illness despite the best possible treatment and care. She passed away at Mount Sinai Hospital, surrounded in love by all her family, on the sunny afternoon of her son's birthday on July 27, 2012.

TRISH MORAN (HARRIS) '77

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## Daniel Saraga '94

It is with great sadness that Trent marks the passing of **Daniel Saraga**. Daniel died surrounded by his family on September 14 at the age of 37. He leaves behind his loving wife, Meredith; two sons, Jacob and Jeremy; and a third child, Jonathan, just born in Toronto on the afternoon of December 29, 2012. Daniel graduated from Trent with a degree in Business Administration, and is remembered by his brother, **Abisaac '98**, as being influenced greatly by professors Peter Lapp and Bruce Ahlstrand.



# sunshine sketches

1980

**Lisa Blond** and **Dave Booth**, Champlain College alumni, were married on June 30, 2012, in the loving presence of their children, parents, and siblings, at their home in Peterborough. A celebration is planned for the summer of 2013. Lisa and Dave welcome contact from fellow Trent alumni, and can be reached at [lisablond.booth@gmail.com](mailto:lisablond.booth@gmail.com).



2002

**Trisha Pearce '02** and **Jeff Langevin '05** are proud to announce the birth of their son, Noah Richard Langevin. Noah was born on July 28, 2012, at 10 lb. 6 oz. Trisha and Jeff are both current Trent University staff members.



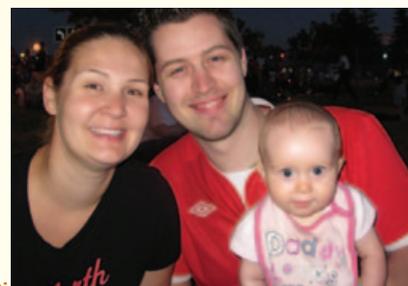
**Alyssa Heffernan '02**, Trent's new Aquatics Supervisor has a life-long connection with the Allan Marshall Pool at Trent. As a child she took swimming lessons at the pool and later worked in a number of jobs connected with the pool while she attended Trent to complete an Honours Bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology. Alyssa worked as the aquatics supervisor at the Peterborough YMCA before returning to Trent Athletics.



## INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MANITOBA CHAPTER OF TRENT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Left to right: **Shawn Hodgins '79**, **Glenn Brown '76**, **Damain Rogers '92**, and **Michael Fox** (Professor, ERS/Biology) held the first meeting of this chapter on August 14, 2012, on the Seal River, northwest of Churchill, Manitoba. They were part of a canoe trip organized by Wanapitei CANOE, which is co-owned by Trent emeritus professor Bruce Hodgins

**Sonia Sohail '02** graduated from Trent with an Honours BBA and currently works for KMPG LLP-Toronto as a Program Coordinator in Taz, International Executive Services. She lives in Toronto with her husband, Omar, and daughter Shanze. Sonia would love to get in touch with her Trent friends. She can be found on Facebook under the name Sonia Omar or by email at [soniasohail@me.com](mailto:soniasohail@me.com).



2003

**Heather '03** and **Patrick O'Brien '03**, along with big sister Shannon, are pleased to announce the birth of Sean Patrick O'Brien. Sean arrived safely on May 20, 2012. Also delighted are grandparents **Richard '74** and **Jan Foy '74** and **Roy '75** and **Nancy O'Brien '75**.



It was at ISW when **Courtney McLaren Jarman '03** (née Risinger) met Andrew Jarmin, an international student staying at Lady Eaton for the year. He returned to Lampeter the next year to study at the University of Wales, and they travelled back and forth across the pond to see each other. During Courtney's last year at Trent, Andrew came back to Canada for Christmas, and surprised her with an engagement ring. After graduating, Courtney worked for a year in Wales, while Andrew tackled the Canadian immigration process. Finally, in January 2010, Andrew arrived in Canada as a permanent resident. Over the next two years they bought their first home, got married, and in November 2011, welcomed their daughter Isla Carys.

**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).

## 2004

**Matt Chlebus '04** married Victoria Aceti Chlebus on August 4, 2012, in Sault Ste. Marie, with 310 of their closest friends and family (and a wedding party of 20). Trent alumni in attendance were **Curtis Roach '04, Thomas Mack '04, Ashley Matthews '04, Rahim Nanji '04, and Bryan McNamara '08**.

Matt graduated from Trent with a B.Sc. in biochemistry and molecular biology, then earned a M.Sc. in physiotherapy at McMaster. He currently works as a physiotherapist at Group Health Centre in Sault Ste. Marie.

**Daniel Lustig '04** graduated from the Honours B.Sc. program in biochemistry and molecular biology. "I had an amazing four years at Trent. I discovered two things there: my passion for research (working in Dr. Rafferty's lab) and my life calling to work as a health-care professional (which started when I joined the Trent University Emergency First Response Team)."

Daniel has since completed a M.Sc. at U of T through the Institute of Medical Science. His research focused on investigating the mechanisms of a disease known as ectodermal dysplasia.

Daniel feels his experience at Trent has opened many doors. He is very pleased to announce his acceptance into the Medical School at the University of Ottawa (class of 2016).



## 2006

**Dean Howley '06** has been providing commercial lending advice to entrepreneurs as an account manager with the Business Development Bank of Canada for the past two years. He started this position on his return from the **Justin Chiu '76** Internship in Hong Kong, which he spent with Trent alumnus **Timothy Shah '06**. Dean currently lives in Whitby, Ontario, where he spends much of his spare time running, cycling, and in team sports. Dean would love to hear from alumni colleagues. He can be reached at [deanhowley@trentu.ca](mailto:deanhowley@trentu.ca).



## 2007

Upon completing his B.Sc. at Trent, **Caleb Hunt '07** was offered a full-time job at the University. He now works as an adaptive technologist in Trent's Disability Services Office. Before Trent, he attended Fleming College for three years.

## 2008

Twenty-three-year-old **Steffanie Porter '08**, who is in her seventh year of remission after being diagnosed with a cancerous bone tumour in May 2006, holds a special place in her heart for the Terry Fox Run. On September 16 last

year, at Nicholls Oval in Peterborough, she took part in the 31st annual run. She has also participated in the Relay for Life, helped with the organization of the Terry Fox Run, and talked about her struggle with the disease during her time at Lindsey's IE Weldon High School. Porter graduated in June 2012 from Trent with a Bachelor of Arts in English.



Helina Betre, B.Sc.  
Candidate

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