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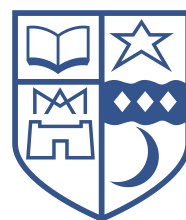


Message from the Director General

More than 60 members of the Marianopolis College community took part in Heritage Day on November 8. Students, alumni, faculty, staff and members of the Congrégation de Notre-Dame heard historian and former Marianopolis Professor Sister Patricia Simpson discuss Marguerite Bourgeoys' stalwart dedication to education. Heritage Day was a powerful reminder that the College is proudly and firmly rooted in the visionary order of Sisters that founded Marianopolis. They, like Marguerite Bourgeoys, imagined and created a lasting educational community that stresses excellence for all.

In this issue of *Alma Matters* you can learn about two of the many gifted people who went on to achieve individual excellence after Marianopolis: the new president of Ubisoft's Toronto studio, former Health Science student Jade Raymond '94; and the world's youngest bishop, former Commerce student Bishop Thomas Dowd '89. Reading about them will remind you that our heritage is a strong foundation.

It would be easy to think that a heritage is something of the past, a forgotten relic to be dusted off on rare occasions. Not so for Marianopolis: every aspect of daily life at the College – from the teachers who spend their lunch hours helping students in impromptu study sessions, to the care with which our building is being renovated – is linked to the vision of the iconoclastic women who founded Marianopolis. The impressive statistics we boast (consistently, a majority of Marianopolis graduates gain admission to their preferred program in their first-choice school at the world's top universities) are a direct result of this rich legacy that is very much alive, remembered, active. ◇



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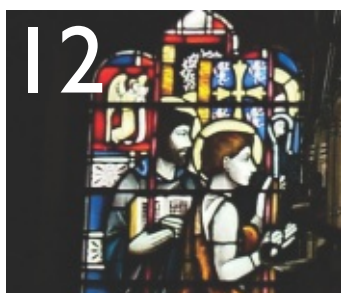
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New and now



New Student-for-a-Day Program Launched

Olivier Bastien '04

The Student Recruitment and Admissions Office launched an ambitious new Student-for-a-Day program this fall semester, and it promptly filled to capacity. Over 250 high school students from all over Quebec registered through bemarianopolis.ca for a chance to experience life as a Marianopolis student before making their choice of CEGEP by the March 1 application deadline. Visiting students met with Marianopolis Silver Key student ambassadors and members of the Admissions staff for an orientation session and received a list of the day's classes before embarking on their first experience of college life. The students easily integrated into the community with many of the visitors making new friends and meeting up with friends already at Marianopolis. Some even stayed late into the day to attend afternoon classes and speak one-on-one with future teachers.

The Student-for-a-Day program continues in the winter semester in February. Register online: bemarianopolis.ca. ◇

New International courses open to all students

The College will be offering two new international courses this summer. Mainly targeted for students of the Social Science program, they are still available to students of all programs as complementary or option courses.

Environment, Development and Sustainability in Costa Rica with Prof. Jean-Michel Cohalan '98.

This intensive summer field course takes students to Costa Rica to experience first-hand the concept,

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applications and challenges of sustainable development. During the course, students will hear from university professors and local experts in the fields of environment and development and will embark on a multi-day field trip through Costa Rica's diverse ecosystems to explore a variety of sustainable development initiatives as well as assess the continued environmental challenges facing the country. The course begins May 29 with travel taking place from June 1-16.

Global Perspectives on Trade and Society in Holland with Prof. Bruno Delorme.

Outsourcing, financial turmoil, deregulation: these concepts underscore the importance of developing a global mindset to better understand the events shaping today's society. This course will study differences in worldviews, values and behaviour as well as verbal and non-verbal communications to better analyze and appreciate global trade perspectives. Immersion in a foreign country will enable students to apply the classroom theories first-hand, thereby making them more informed citizens of the world. The course begins June 18 with travel taking place from June 22-July 7.

Compulsory information sessions will take place January 17 for Costa Rica and January 19 for Holland. A deposit of \$1,000 must be provided before January 30. As we cannot yet confirm whether the enrolment will be sufficient to hold the courses, please enroll in other courses as normal. In the meantime, please contact the professors about course specific information and Academic Advisor Patti McDonald for further information regarding registration and your program profile. ◇

New and now

The College congratulates this year's recipients: Eric Abramovitz, Ronald Baxter, Rémi Dumoulin, Kaitlin Elvidge, Sean Fielding, Louise Fournier, Arieh Gomolin, Katherine Haentjens, Hepzibeth Lee, Qian Lee, Xin Yao Li, Ashley Lustig, Anna Frances Meyer, Melissa Palumbo, Emilia Segura, Yu Xin Shen, Lathika Sivanathan, Cynthia Snell, Vera Wagner and Xin Qiang Yang.



New merit scholars

Kathryn Haralambous

Ten additional merit-based academic scholarships will cover 100 percent of the tuition for students studying at Marianopolis this year, as part of the Director General's Merit Scholarships program begun last year by Director General Len Even. "From now on, Marianopolis will offer 20 full scholarships a year, a free college education for excellent students," he said. Incoming students in all programs were selected to apply for the awards. If the students maintain their grades, the awards will be renewed in the second year, with the 10 awards that were given last year continuing into a second year. ◇

Opening the door to financial resources

Pamela Sherwin

In addition to assisting many students in financial need with tuition costs, textbook loans, and emergency funds, Marianopolis College helps students apply for financial awards from external sources. Listed below are descriptions and upcoming deadlines of some awards. Students interested in applying should meet with Pamela Sherwin in room A-123A.

Mensa Canada offers one prize of \$1,000 and one or more prizes of \$750. These scholarships are awarded to students enrolled in a full-time, post-secondary school program who are at least 18 years of age by the application deadline. Applicants must submit an essay describing their career aspirations. *Deadline: January 31, 2012*

Toyota Earth Day Scholarships offers 20 prizes of \$5000 each for students who are in their final year of CEGEP and will be attending a Canadian university in the fall. Applicants should be strong academically and demonstrate leadership in their commitment to the environment and to community service. *Deadline: January 31, 2012*

The Terry Fox Humanitarian Award consists of 20 prizes of \$7000 that are renewable for four years. They are bestowed upon CEGEP students in satisfactory academic standing who are continuing their studies at either the CEGEP or university level. Voluntary participation in humanitarian and community work, as well as sports/fitness activities, are among the eligibility requirements. *Deadline: February 1, 2012*

CA (Chartered Accountants) Scholarships consist of 50 prizes of \$500. These scholarships are awarded

to students who have completed at least one full year of CEGEP in a program leading to university studies in accounting or administration. Applicants must be excellent students who are involved in extracurricular activities and in their community. *Deadline for first semester: November 15, 2011, Deadline for the second semester: February 28, 2012*

Miller Thomson Scholarships are 100 prizes valued at approximately \$3000 each. Québec applicants should be in their final year of CEGEP with plans to attend a Canadian university in the fall. Applicants must demonstrate academic achievement and contribution to school and community. *Deadline: March 1, 2012*

NEADS (National Education Association of Disabled Students) Scholarship offers 12 scholarships of \$3000 each to students with a permanent disability who demonstrate academic achievement, volunteerism/employment, and community participation. *Deadline: March 1, 2012*

CMA Chartered Management Accountants Scholarships are 30 prizes of \$500 awarded students who are graduating from CEGEP and are planning to pursue full-time Commerce (accounting or management) studies at a Québec university. Eligibility criteria include academic excellence and participation in extracurricular activities. *Deadline: March 15, 2012.*

Note: Two Marianopolis students won CMA Scholarships in 2011!

If you know of other foundations, corporations or associations offering awards that might benefit our students, please contact Barth Gillan in the Development Office at b.gillan@marianopolis.edu or 514.931.8792 ext. 205. ◇

Giving back



After the performance (L-R) Caroline Smart Emblem '57, Barbara Handfield Barbeau '59, Elyse Desforges enjoy a few moments with Annamaria Popescu '79.



Gala organizing committee



VIP cocktail

A magical night in celebration of Marianopolis

Joanne Rossy '86

My two years at Marianopolis were among the best of my school experiences, and it is such a pleasure to be re-associated and working alongside the school and volunteers to ensure its continued success. Events such as Luminocity are important as they gather together the entire community to celebrate Marianopolis and to support the College.

The name Luminocity was selected as an ideal metaphor for Marianopolis students shining upon our beautiful city of Montreal. In 2009, the Gala celebrated the College's centennial year and launched a fundraising effort to benefit student financial aid and scholarships through The Marianopolis Millennium Foundation. Early in 2010, an opportunity to host one of the first private events at the *Maison Symphonique de Montréal* was suggested and volunteers and staff unanimously agreed that a musical gala was an exciting idea.

Luminocity II was held on September 22, 2011 at the Montreal Symphony Orchestra's new home at Place des Arts, and the evening showcased talent from Marianopolis and included well-known Montreal performers. Guests eagerly entered the new venue with great anticipation to enjoy an evening that featured a tour of the concert hall and a scrumptious pre-concert cocktail party in the elegant Foyer Allegro sponsored by Catering By George. Architect Matthew Lella '84, presented an overview of the design aspects of the magnificent *Maison Symphonique*, and opened our eyes to details that may not have otherwise been noticed. Global TV's Richard Dagenais '78 was the Master of Ceremonies and the eclectic musical program included talented performers who were all very excited to take to the new stage: Les Petits Chanteurs de Montréal, JazzKidz, Les Boréades, Annamaria Popescu '79, James Gelfand '78, Billie's Bouncers, Marianopolis students, and the Ensemble Luminocity, combining students, alumni, and members

of MSO. It was a brilliant concert, and the varied program demonstrated the acoustics of the beautiful new hall.

The Gala continued with a post-concert *cocktail dinatoire*, where guests feasted on delights and libations thanks to our many generous food and beverage sponsors and bid on the lavish items offered in the silent auction. The evening was a success with \$70,000 raised for The Marianopolis Millennium Foundation. ◇

Students swept away at Luminocity

Tony Kangrui Liu '12, science

As a big fan of both classical and jazz music, I was very excited about the completion of the *Maison Symphonique de Montréal*. When I learned about the Luminocity Gala concert by reading *Alma Matters*, I immediately jumped at the opportunity to attend. In fact, having attended the annual ArtsFest concert in April, I knew I was going to find the same astonishing level of performance and a variety of styles.

Indeed, it did not disappoint. I especially enjoyed the performance by Annamaria Popescu: it was my first time to experience Bizet's *Carmen* live. How amusing was it afterwards, when James Gelfand turned the famous piece into jazz! The musical theatre show by *Les Boréades* was something else I discovered for the first time that evening, and, for once, I actually enjoyed baroque!

I believe that my generation in particular needs encouragement to discover classical music. It is an art that can express emotions unlike any other, but it requires one to develop an appreciation of the genre. For non-music students, the best way to do this, in my opinion, is to listen to different styles and experience classical music live. That's why I started the Marianopolis Classical Music Club, and why I believe Luminocity was such an amazing event. ◇

Events such as Luminocity II would not be possible without the dedication and heartfelt work of a very special group of volunteers. Under the direction of Robert Vézina and with the help of Marianopolis staff Barth Gillan, Christianne Meloche and Anneliese Papaurelis '88, they created a memorable and successful event.

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Many thanks to our event volunteers who were ensured that the evening went smoothly: Rana Alrabi '96, Nikita Ber '10, Rebecca Brosseau '10, Eric Guntermann '04, Jeffrey Latchman '97, Gregory Millar '95, Marie-Claire Paré Holland '63, Lisa Raposa and Devina Singh.

To get involved in upcoming events, contact Barth Gillan 514.931.8792 ext.205.

Annamaria Popescu '79
accompanied by Olga Gross '80.



The JazzKidz.



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Board appointments showcase new talents

Elisabeth Livingston

Marianopolis is thrilled to count seven new faces among its volunteers. Joining the College's Board of Governors from among faculty, staff and students is professor Vanessa Sasson; admissions officer Mathilde Moley; student congress president Sass Wodoslawsky '12 and vice-president Jeffrey Lee '12. The board is also pleased to welcome two new governors from the extended Marianopolis community: Davis LLP attorney Hubert Sibre '85 is a former Marianopolis student congress vice-president who has served on the boards of Collège Laval and the Fondation du Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal. He brings a key mix of expertise in law, finance and business solutions to his role as treasurer and chair of the finance and audit committee. Donat Taddeo is the parent of a recent graduate who joins the board as vice-chair. Recently retired as the Université de Montréal's vice-rector of development and alumni relations, he holds extensive experience in higher-education, philanthropic, government and administrative roles, notably as founder and director of the MUHC Foundation and a significant tenure at Concordia University. Governors taking on new positions this year are Peter Malouf as chair and Terrence Quinn as secretary.

Newly elected to the Alumni Association executive is Ellen Zararis Borden '96, a business and life coach, entrepreneur and president of RawGoodies.com. She is eager to collaborate with colleagues on the Association and lend her talents and contacts to help organize opportunities for alumni to network and reunite.

Marianopolis gratefully acknowledges this year's outgoing volunteers. The Board of Governors extends sincere thanks to former chair John Ryan, faculty member Leonard Shenker and staff member Diane Quart for their stalwart leadership and sound counsel. The College also bids farewell to Jackie Di Bartolomeo '10 for her enthusiastic work on the Alumni Association. ♦

Annual giving

Thanks to the generosity of alumni, parents*, faculty and staff, students and friends of the College, almost \$369,000 was raised in last year's Annual Giving campaign. This allowed The Marianopolis Millennium Foundation to increase its support for scholarships and student financial aid, to ensure ongoing investment in campus facilities and education resources and to provide enriching activities for students and to grow its endowment for the future. Donations are greatly appreciated and help to enrich the Marianopolis experience for every one of our students.

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Rising star plays to win

“We don’t stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.”

George Bernard Shaw

Rosalie Dumont '11

Jade Raymond '94 is a trailblazer in the world of video games. After graduating from McGill University with a major in Computer Science she worked for Sony as a programmer. She went on to work for Electronic Arts to produce The Sims Online and is now the Managing Director at Ubisoft Toronto.

RD: You are one of the most high-profile women in the world of video games and the producer of Assassins Creed which has sold over 31 million copies worldwide. When you were studying at Marianopolis College, did you already know you wanted to work in the video game industry?

JR: I've known I wanted to create video games since the age of 14. I chose to focus on Science at Marianopolis because I wanted to go on to study Computer Science at McGill University.

RD: What kind of a student were you at Marianopolis?

JR: I've always been a pretty good student, I guess. In high school I had a 99 percent average. So, when I moved to Marianopolis, the big shock for me was that in some classes I wasn't getting the high scores I was used to. I remember getting a 76 percent on an exam in my first Calculus class at Marianopolis and thinking it was the end of the world.

RD: What was your favorite game, growing up?

JR: It's tough to pick favorites, especially when you make games. Depending on the phase in my life and how old I was, and what games came out at the time, I had many favorites. I used to play a lot of Super Mario. I can't say it's the best game of all time, or even my favorite, but I have a lot of great memories playing it with my younger sisters, trying to beat each other's scores.

RD: Society gives the impression that there are far more men playing video games than women. Surprisingly, more than forty-two percent of all players are in fact women (Entertainment Software Association). Is this statistic reflected in the amount of women in the gaming industry?

JR: Statistics say there are as many women playing video games as men because it mostly considers the more casual games including online games. There is a higher percentage of women playing and making those types of games. But if you look at the people making and playing “core” games, it is probably still 80 per cent men.

RD: What does a day in the life of the Managing Director at Ubisoft Toronto look like? Does it require a lot of travel and time spent playing video games?

JR: I don't spend as much time as I would like playing video games but I do travel a lot for meetings. There is a lot to do not only in the studio but also worldwide because Ubisoft is a global company. My schedule is booked solid with every minute scheduled to keep all of the plates spinning.

RD: What part of your job do you love most; the people part or the virtual interaction with computers?

JR: I don't work alone in front of a computer all that often. Once you get to a certain position, it's not about what you're doing on your own. It's more about what you achieve with

teams and people. My favorite part of my job is collaborating with people to create new innovative products. I'm motivated by the products we're building at Ubisoft Toronto and how we are pushing the medium forward.



RD: With the mobile app market booming and so many people playing games on Facebook and other online platforms, what does the future hold for the gaming scene?

JR: Games are becoming more mass market, more people are playing and the definition of video games continues to evolve. Companies are using “Gamification” as a marketing tool to attract customers. If you think of Nike for example, and what they have done with their online “game” where you go online and measure how much you walk in a day with your shoes. The idea of play is something innate; there is a market for every kind of game.

RD: Many people relax by playing video games after a long day at the office, when you are not at work, what do you do with your family to relax?

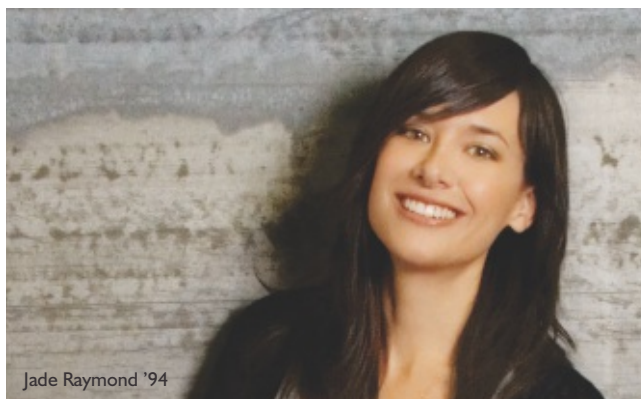
JR: I relax by eating good food with my family! The reality is I'm a managing director of a company and a mom too so I don't have time to do much else.

RD: What advice do you have for parents who are frustrated by the amount time their children spend playing games?

JR: Everything needs to be done in moderation. It's important for kids to be social, interact with other kids, do their homework and get outside and be physical. But, a good thing about games these days is that they are encouraging active play with games like JustDance on Nintendo Wii and Kinect for Xbox 360. They're getting up, exercising and learning.

RD: Do you think that video games have the power to change the world? How?

JR: That's a big statement, but I do believe that any creative medium has the ability to inspire and challenge people. Games are becoming much more complex and convey deeper messages. As the medium matures, increasingly meaningful stories and interactivity enable games to move people. We all have had an experience where we read an amazing book that made us think about the world in a different way. Games have this same narrative ability, but are, in a way, more touching because of the active participation of the audience and now multiplayer games help people to experience and realize things together. ◇



Alumni



Bishop Thomas Dowd '98

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Ancient Message, Modern Messenger

A new milestone in a life of service

Magdalena Bacz '93

Newly-ordained bishop Thomas Dowd '98 “feels great” about his new role. “The Catholic Church,” he explains, “is a family that renews itself with each generation.” On September 10, 2011, this renewal was made visible through the appointment of the 41-year-old blogger as pastor of the English Montreal Diocese. Asked about being second youngest bishop in the world, Bishop Dowd humorously replies, “I’m behind schedule: Christ started at 30.” He refers to his journey simply as “a call”, one that “has always been there with greater or lesser degree of seriousness”: from childhood dreams of ranching and space travel, through an education in international business and finance, while working in industry, and finally, in his work as parish priest, hospital chaplain and Concordia lecturer. Regarding his two years spent studying Commerce at Marianopolis, Bishop Dowd quips, “You shouldn’t let your studies get in the way of your education,” and recalls as pivotal the opportunities he received to gain experience, broaden his horizons and encounter peers from a variety of faith backgrounds. He also makes specific mention of a “little seminar” offered by Student Services in the area of time management, which he says changed his life and provided him with clarity for his work, in terms of ordering priorities and scheduling obligations.

Bishop Dowd’s greatest challenge in his new role is facing up to the crisis of faith in Western civilization. This, he believes, is not so much a crisis of faith as “a crisis of hope, stemming from a lack of meaning and purpose,” as embodied most poignantly by last summer’s London youth riots. “Bringing out the Christian message of hope in a context of pluralism” is Bishop Dowd’s answer to this challenge. In this outreach, his familiarity with modern media (he is the first Canadian “Blogging Bishop”) is a great asset. The Church itself, he explains, “is at the same time old—rich in tradition and faithful to Christ—and ever-new, as witnessed by the dynamism of World Youth Day.” His specific message for today’s young people: “Youth is a time for preparation, yet it is also the opportunity to *carpe diem*, to seize the day.”

Bishop Dowd’s blog can be found at www.bishopdowd.net. ◇



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Michael Solomita '93

Marketing headache cured Alum makes his pitch on *Dragon's Den*

Shelley Barton

How does a Marianopolis grad successfully beat 4000 applicants across Canada to secure one of 80 coveted spots on CBC's top-rated TV show *Dragon's Den*?

Michael Solomita '93 has always been a big fan of the show and often thought, "I can do that!" He realized that although he didn't have a new invention to promote on the show, in 2010 Roxon medi-tech Ltd., the company he had taken over from his father seven years ago, had secured the Canadian distribution rights to a new home-care product called the Cefaly, a revolutionary medical device that uses electrical stimulation to alleviate and prevent migraine pain.

After asking himself: "What is the fastest and cheapest way for me to market this product?" Michael decided to audition for a spot on *Dragon's Den*. A strategic thinker, Michael drove to Quebec City for the audition, correctly assuming there would be fewer competitors as *Dragon's Den* doesn't enjoy the same degree of popularity there. Only eight people showed up and Michael was first in line. A few weeks later he was called by CBC to tape an episode.

Looking back, he feels that this was one of the most terrifying experiences of his life. While public speaking and crowds don't bother him, the notion that what he said would be broadcast to millions of people was terrifying. Michael's episode of the show aired on September 28th and not only did he convince the "Dragons" to invest in his company, they did not ask for a percentage of Roxon but instead accepted Michael's offer of a percentage of sales from the Cefaly. The resulting publicity was well worth it as the following day Roxon was inundated with orders and inquiries. More importantly, a significant number of distributors such as pharmacies and home-care companies called wanting to stock the product. In Michael's words, "it couldn't have worked out better."

Michael attributes his Marianopolis experience with teaching him to work harder and put greater thought into how to succeed. "I think Marianopolis was a big turning point in my life and education. Coming from Rosemount High, I always had it easy when it came to learning. It was only once I started at Marianopolis did I realise that I really needed to step up my game to get good grades. In many ways, Marianopolis taught me more about learning than university did."

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On campus



The winter activities course with Anne Jeannet gets students moving outdoors. (L-R) Bozan Xu '12, Evan Godon-Platonow '12, Zhong Hao Li '12.

New experiences lead to active lifestyles

Tracy Gallacher, Chair, physical education

Engaging students in activities which will carry over into healthy lifestyles is the focus of Physical Education at Marianopolis. Participants study how physical activity, nutrition, stress reduction and time management are interrelated, and how choices made now will impact their physical and mental health in the future.

Students can choose from a variety of activities taking place within and outside the campus walls. *Urban Yoga* with Maggie Collins provides students with a unique opportunity to visit local studios offering different styles of yoga. Some students love the introspective style of Kripalu, and the “moving with grace” of Anusara, others thrive on the powerful flow of Ashtanga and the challenges of “acro-yoga” and hot yoga, but all come away with a deeper understanding of yoga and a desire to continue this enriching lifelong practice.

Tracy Gallacher and Monica Giacomini combine their expertise in *Intro to Outdoor Education* to increase students' awareness of the natural world. After a series of preparatory lectures, the class travels to the Laurentians for a three-day experience where they learn camping and survival skills. Students canoe, start a fire without matches, study edible and medicinal flora and explore animal tracks and signs. Josée Perron's *Outdoor Activities* takes students on outdoor adventures in Montreal's great urban green spaces. Students rollerblade around Old Montreal, take part in a 35 km bike ride and learn orienteering. In the winter months, ice skating, tobogganing and snowshoeing focus on having fun in the beautiful outdoors while getting a cardiovascular workout.

We guide students towards a healthy lifestyle that includes teamwork, mutual respect, personal growth and stewardship for the environment. The importance of optimal health is universal: whether you have a career in science, business or the arts, it helps you achieve your goals. ♦

L to R: Alexa MacLean '12, Jeffrey Lee '12, Felicia Mazzarello '12, Jenna Omassi '12, Harley Nadler '12 and Jordan-Nicolas Matte '12.



Students take the world stage

Jenna Omassi '12, arts and science

There are now 102 clubs at Marianopolis, ranging from new clubs such as the Young Executives Business Club and Harry Potter Club, to well-established groups like the Chinese Student Association and the Model United Nations Club, also known as MariMUN. It is through participation in these clubs that students meet friends, learn about themselves and the world and most of all, have fun.

The MariMUN team joined over 800 students from across North America at the Secondary Schools United Nations Symposium (SSUNS) hosted by McGill University in November. Returning with 16 awards, the delegation celebrated their most successful participation at any conference.

They will attend the McGill Model United Nations conference (McMUN) in late January, the university-level sister conference of Secondary Schools United Nations Symposium, as well as participate in World Model United Nations (WorldMUN), hosted by Harvard University in Vancouver in March. In their participation at these conferences, MariMUN delegates have an opportunity to compete at an international event, make friends from across the world and represent Marianopolis on a global stage.

MariMUN was started in 1972 and attracts approximately 200 members each year. To help finance activities, the club relies on several sources of funding including bake sales and an annual fundraiser. The International Affair, held on November 4, featured a meal of international foods, live entertainment, a silent auction and creative “mocktails.” Over 1600 dollars was raised through the various endeavors, and the club will resume fundraising efforts in January. Alumni and Parents can support clubs like MariMUN through a tax-deductible gift to the Marianopolis Millennium Foundation. ♦

On campus



Vince Guzzo shared his secrets of success with students on campus this fall.

Entrepreneurship, Ambition and Success

Elhanan Moryoussef '12, health science

Being inspired to start a club was not what I had in mind when I attended the Leadership Development Evening last April, an annual business conference bringing together current and future Marianopolis students. There I met business professor, Bruno Delorme, who gave a workshop about entrepreneurship. After the conference we had a discussion that evening about business principles. It was then that he gave me the biggest encouragement I've ever received in my life: "Elmo...you should be *teaching* this to other people!"

In August, Chris DeBiler '12 and I laid the groundwork for a club that gives students an opportunity to network with and learn from successful business leaders. We invited speakers ranging from students to CEOs. The Young Executives Business Club had the privilege to arrange speaking engagements with the men behind highly-regarded companies such as Guzzo Cinemas, Parasuco Jeans and "The 3Macs." Vince Guzzo, Dominic Parasuco and Daniel Thompson '80, inspired students with their stories of grit and perseverance in the face of adversity, stressed the importance of fighting for what you want and shared stories about the sacrifices made in order to make dreams a reality.

The club will build on the momentum established and plans to invite representatives from HEC Montreal and John Molson School of Business, encourage club members to share summaries of their favourite business books, hold a semester-long simulated stock market competition and continue to provide students with an unparalleled opportunity to network with business leaders.

Follow us on our YouTube channel: YoungCEOsBclub. For more information or to speak at an upcoming event, please contact Anneliese Papaurelis '88 at a.papaurelis@marianopolis.edu or 514.931.8792 ext 202. ◇



Leehi Yona '14 arts and science, was this year's recipient of the Arts Trip Award, a bursary funded by private donors to sponsor a student in financial need who shows an interest in learning about the arts.

Global citizenship 101

Jordan-Nicolas Matte '12, international studies

From the very beginning, Marianopolis College has made it a priority to provide exceptional learning opportunities, and has recently put much effort in developing international trip opportunities for students in a variety of programs. This past year, students benefited from teacher-led excursions to Amsterdam and Boston and this spring international courses open to all students in all programs are being offered in Costa Rica and Holland.

In the first two weeks of June, a group of twelve social science students led by professor Jean-Michel Cohalan '98 took part in the International Relations and Human Rights humanities course in Amsterdam. They attended lectures at the University of Amsterdam and in their free time, students discovered the historical city and attended a criminal trial at the International Criminal Court in The Hague. In the words of professor Cohalan: "This intensive course in the field truly allowed students to immerse themselves."

Every November, during the Thanksgiving long weekend, the Annual Arts trip gives students an opportunity to experience the wealth of artistic and cultural diversity just south of the border in Boston and New York City. This year, almost 40 students travelled to Boston and Cambridge where they visited the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, MIT and Dartmouth College. The outing's objective was to expose students to the great artistic dynamism of New England and was organized by art professors Selena Liss and Megan Spriggs.

Life-long learning takes place outside the classroom, and these trips show how much Marianopolis is committed to encouraging students to discover the world and become global citizens. This would make Marguerite Bourgeoys, our historic founder and intrepid voyager, quite proud indeed. ◇

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Events



The class of 1965: (seated, l to r) Carole Ann O'Connell, Josephine Jaworska Whiting, Claudette Cloutier, Maureen Cleyn Pallett, Nadia Turbide, Claudia Grassby Rogers, Lorraine Burke Kind and Sheilagh Litchfield Johnson (standing l to r) Ellen Tetrault Cooke and Anne Senecal Islam.

Shared heritage and cherished memories

Anneliese Papaurelis '88

The Golden Jubilee Class of 1961 celebrated their graduation with a September weekend filled with activities: beginning on Friday with a sleepover at Irene Zibkowski Godbout's home in the Eastern Townships, a pizza party at Beate Cloetta Muller's in the West Island, and wrapped up on Sunday with a tour of the Westmount campus and a luncheon hosted by Marianopolis College. Sharing memories took on a new dimension with (handcrafted) student handbooks, pictures and poems shared around the table.

The Class of 1962 is beginning to make plans for their upcoming 50th anniversary celebrations. The weekend of September 29-30 is the tentative date for the gathering. Volunteers for the organizing committee are sought. Help is needed in reaching out to former classmates and ensuring that all have updated information. Please contact Anneliese Papaurelis '88 at 514.931.8792 ext. 202 or a.papaurelis@marianopolis.edu to get involved.

On Sunday, May 29, 2011 the Marianopolis class of 1965 held their biannual reunion at the Willow Place Inn in Hudson. Ten members attended and enjoyed a leisurely luncheon filled with memories and laughter. All members of the class of 1965 are invited to get in touch and attend upcoming get-togethers. Please contact Ellen Tetrault Cooke at ellentetraultcooke@gmail.com.

Deciding that 50 years was too long to wait for a reason to get-together, the class of 1971 held a 40th celebration at the college on September 24, 2011. Ten class members enjoyed a tour and luncheon at the college and lamenting the absence of the 20 alumnae listed as "missing" in the school records, they are reaching out to fellow classmates for future reunions. Please contact Shelley Barton at 514.931.8792 ext. 209 or s.barton@marianopolis.edu to update your coordinates. ♦



Alumni Association Director Jeffrey Scott Latchman '97 and Lisa So '11 connected at the wine and oysters event on November 23. Like the Marianopolis College Alumni Association Facebook page to hear about events before they happen and see pictures from past gatherings.

Making connections

Anneliese Papaurelis '88

Organized by Charles Bierbrier '95, the Alumni Association's first wine and oyster tasting on November 23 was a great success. About 25 alumni and friends gathered at Philémon Bar in Old Montreal to learn about wine from sommelière Rachel Kerswell and enjoyed fresh oysters and tapas. Event sponsor Ellen K. Borden '96 provided a *Raw Goodies* gift basket of health and beauty items that was won by Andreas Hoppe '83 and his wife Rita Demanins '83.

All alumni are invited to the 2012 Groundhog Day Pizza Extravaganza on February 2, the Alumni Association's largest annual event with 200-300 alumni, faculty and staff in attendance. Gourmet pizza from Pendeli and Il Focolaio will be back by popular demand, and by Bierbrier Brewing, Barefoot Wine and Metro Fletcher are providing refreshments. Funds from the silent auction help support alumni initiatives such as the annual giving matching campaign, student clubs and ArtsFest art contest. This year's auction will include hockey tickets, custom-made hockey equipment, Lasik MD vision correction, VIA Rail travel and much more.

On February 23, all alumni and students are invited to a games night at Marianopolis featuring familiar favourites such as Monopoly, RISK and Bingo. There will be prizes and refreshments courtesy of the Alumni Association. Bring a friend and your lucky Bingo marker! For more information and to RSVP, please contact Shelley Barton at s.barton@marianopolis.edu.

Planning for spring reunions in Ottawa and Toronto is underway. Would you like to get involved and meet alumni living in these cities? For information about these and other alumni events, please contact Anneliese Papaurelis '88: a.papaurelis@marianopolis.edu or 514.931-8792 ext. 202. ♦

News and notables

Ruth Phaneuf Parker '61 is happy to announce that the food anthology she co-edited, *Crave It: Writers and Artists do Food*, was released last spring. The book sold so well that it is now in its second printing and can be ordered through the web site now and through Amazon in late 2012. Ruth is living in Toronto with her husband Richard and has two children and four grandchildren. redclawpress.com.

Marian Siminski '67 is the musical director of the Lakeshore Light Opera Inc. The company's next production is a double-bill to be presented in March of 2012 featuring Gilbert & Sullivan's *HMS Pinafore*, preceded by a short 40-minute one-act production of *Cox and Box*. On January 27, 2012 they will present a concert in conjunction with The Montreal West Operatic Society and The McGill Savoy Society featuring excerpts from upcoming productions. llo.org.

Elena Cerralaza '80 along with Marianopolis alumni **Megan Horvat '12**, **Lance Keizer '04**, **Cameron MacLeod '04** and **Benjamin Kepes '11** is a member of the Montreal West Operatic Society. Their 2011 production of Gilbert & Sullivan's *Trial by Jury* was performed at Westmount's Victoria Hall, the Montreal West Town Hall, the Haskell Opera House in Stanstead, the Piggery Theatre in North Hatley, the Rialto Theatre in Montreal and the Loyola Chapel at Concordia University.

Carolyn Whitzman '82 is a senior lecturer in urban planning at the University of Melbourne. She was in Montreal this past summer teaching a travelling studio, a "working laboratory" for design, thought and production involving the exploration of complex, real-life issues in collaboration with McGill University, University of Melbourne and Women in Cities International, a Montreal based organization. The studio is called Gender Inclusive Cities and it uses what was learned from the Gender Inclusive Cities Project, a three year UN trust fund grant to eliminate violence against women. Now in its third year, the Project has been working with four cities in India, Argentina, Russia and Tanzania to create better local government policies and programs to prevent gender-based violence.

Dominique Deckers '82 is involved with a non-profit organization called *Ton Avenir en Main (TAM)/Seize Your Future (SYF)* which provides a leadership development program that aims to cultivate tomorrow's leaders in today's young women. On September 26, 2011 the organization held a fundraising evening at the McCord Museum to honour current female leaders and encourage the young women who will be following in their footsteps. Along with Dominique, Marianopolis alumni **Rick Shousha '79** and **Kathy Fazel '88** were among the guests and current Marianopolis

students **Kimberly Papp**, **Evelyne Shousha**, **Yu Xin Shen**, and **Xiya Ma** participated as volunteers.

Mark Scherzer '83 has worked in the entertainment industry in Los Angeles for the past 20 years. He's written for a number of TV shows, including the sitcoms *Hang Time* and *USA High*. Mark recently co-authored a book called *Hire Me, Hollywood!* He speaks at colleges and universities about how to land a job in show business and build a successful career. He is also the author of an innovative wellness program used in schools called *PowerUp!* Mark currently lives in New York City. hiremeguys.com, ironwillkids.com.

Robert A. Frances '84 is president and CEO of PEAK Financial Group, one of the largest independent financial groups in Canada. He is currently the international chairman of Young Presidents' Organization (YPO), an elected position he will hold until June 30, 2012. Robert was named Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2011 in the Quebec Service Business category. "The skills I learned at Marianopolis have helped me to lead in my other mandates with the same level of passion and involvement that I have devoted to my company." He and his wife Mary are the proud parents of four children. When not fulfilling his professional duties, or spending time with his family, Robert's passion is playing, writing and recording music.

Jonathan Leighton '84 is a writer and independent consultant specializing in science, ethics and humanitarian issues. He has just published his first book, *The Battle for Compassion: Ethics in an Apathetic Universe*. In this work he synthesizes recent thinking from science, philosophy, psychology and economics with his own reflections on freedom, identity and morality. What matters, where are we heading, and what would it really take to shape a gentler future? Jonathan has a bachelor of arts degree from Harvard University and a doctorate from the University of Basel (Switzerland). He currently resides in Switzerland.

Jordanna Fraiberg '91 is at work on her second young adult novel, *Our Song*, a follow-up novel to *In Your Room* which was published in 2008. She took a hiatus from writing to devote her attention to motherhood following the birth of her first child, Eva Lola LeVine, in 2010. Jordanna has also been working as a freelance copy editor for film and television and was a creative consultant on the fourth season of the acclaimed CBC series *Being Erica*.

Jarrold Goldsmith '94 completed a bachelor of arts (honours) from McGill University in anthropology and music and a master in archaeology from the University of Alberta. He has travelled extensively pursuing both archaeology and music but only recently has he decided to finally devote

his attention to his lifelong passion for music. Jarrod is the leader of a unique saxophone quartet called Sax Appeal. The ensemble provides live background entertainment at formal functions. Jarrod has lived in Ottawa since 2003 and currently works for the federal government. saxappeal.ca.

Claudia Fiorentino '95 and **Adam Lally '95** married on September 2, 2006 and are proud to announce the arrival of their first child, Reese Shane, on June 19, 2011 (Father's Day). Mom and Dad are thoroughly enjoying parenthood. Claudia is currently on maternity leave from her career in marketing while Adam works as a real estate broker in Montreal.

Rebecca Reich '96 graduated from McGill University with a bachelor degree in electrical engineering and later with a master of science in media, arts and sciences from the Media Lab at MIT. The focus of her career has been in the areas of audio, acoustics and electronics for such companies such as Analog Devices Inc. (Boston and Copenhagen), Octasic Semiconductor (Montreal) as well as The National Research Council (Ottawa). Rebecca currently works with Mitacs Inc., a national, not-for-profit research organization. She lives in NDG with her husband and 2-year-old son.

Vatche Bartekian '97 completed his bachelor of science degree with a major in

Faculty highlight



Dr. Dolores Chew, professor social science and liberal and creative arts, was part of a delegation that travelled to the United Nations (UN) in New York in June to plead that Canadian Abousfian Abdelrazik be removed from the 1267 List, a UN blacklist that was created by the 1267 Committee of the Security Council. Individuals and groups who are "listed" by the 1267 Committee are given no warning and no opportunity for a hearing. They are subject to a travel ban, an arms embargo and an asset freeze. The delegation fighting on behalf of Mr. Abdelrazik included representatives of community groups, grassroots organizations, unions, religious groups and social justice organizations. Dolores was invited to participate as a member of Montreal's South Asian Women's Community Centre. The delegation met with German diplomats as Germany is currently chair of the UN's 1267 committee. On November 30th, Abousfian Abdelrazik was delisted.



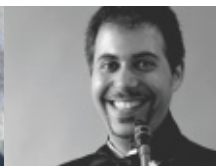
Mark Scherzer



Robert A. Frances



Jonathan Leighton



Jarrod Goldsmith



Reese Shane Lally



Rebecca Reich

biochemistry in 2000 and a master of science in administration at Concordia University in 2006. Since 1998 he has worked as a lab analyst, clinical research associate, operational manager and an oncology study manager in various pharmaceutical companies including Phoenix International Life Sciences, Covance Canada and Pfizer Canada. In 2007 he opened his own company, Vantage BioTrials Inc. with his two brothers. The company is an expert service provider of clinical trial management services to companies in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical device and nutraceutical industries. Vatche has recently been chosen for membership in the prestigious ranks of Stanford Who's Who as a result of outstanding work in the pharmaceutical industry.

Rish Handa '97 recently joined the firm McCarthy Tétrault LLP as a business and technology lawyer. He has a bachelor of science degree from McGill University and has studied law around the world, including The University of British Columbia, The University of Sydney (Australia), McGill University, and The University of London (U.K.). He is currently completing a doctorate in intellectual property law. Away from law, Rish is a hockey goaltender and an avid journeyman. In the last few years, he has travelled to the four corners of Europe, including recent treks through the Balkans and the Arctic.

Erdem Moraloglu '97 is considered by many to be the most successful Canadian designer on the international stage. His dresses are sold in some of the best stores

in the world, in over 30 countries and worn by Hollywood royalty. Known simply as Erdem, he has quickly risen to fame in five short years. He received the inaugural British Fashion Council/Vogue Fashion Fund prize last year, worth £200,000 which allowed him to expand his company to 15 employees and produce four collections a year. Erdem earned his bachelor of arts at Ryerson University in Toronto and attended the Royal College of Art in London England where he currently resides.

Alain Bestowros '98 is an assistant professor of hematology and oncology at the University of Montreal Hospital Center (CHUM). He earned his medical and law degrees at McGill University and University of Montreal respectively. Alain completed a fellowship in medical oncology at the BC Cancer Agency in Vancouver. His efforts have recently led to significant improvement in working conditions for medical residents throughout the province of Quebec. Shifts of 24 hours will be eliminated because they were found to violate the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Also a newlywed, he and Dr. Yasaman Shayan, a training paediatrician will celebrate their first year anniversary in the summer.

George Stougiannos '99 and his wife Sonia are very proud to announce the birth of Penelope Stougiannos, eight pounds eight ounces, on September 6, 2011 at St. Mary's Hospital in Montreal. Mom, Dad and big brother Gabriel are all very happy!

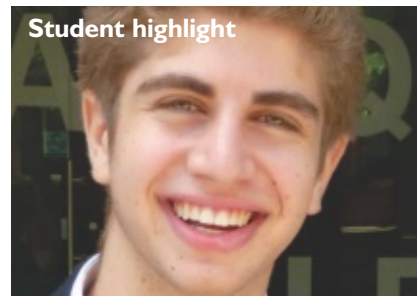
Melinda Chen '00 recently founded her own consulting company, MChen Consulting, to help clients develop international markets and source products globally. Melinda received her bachelor of commerce at Concordia in 2002 and her master of business administration from Queen's School of Business in 2007. She welcomed her first child, William, on August 20, 2011 and is enjoying motherhood.

Marie McDonough '01 graduated from McGill University in 2004 with an undergraduate degree in art history. She earned her master's at the University of Chicago and recently completed her doctorate in English literature also at the University of Chicago. Marie currently teaches contemporary literature at Boston University. She is working on a book manuscript entitled *Intimate Pedagogies: U.S. Social Movements and the Ethics of Reading* about reading, ethics, and American social movements from the 1950s to the present. Marie fondly remembers English and humanities professor **Zsolt Alapi** as being the person who first convinced her that literature was an incredibly intellectually exciting and rewarding field of study.

Rui Dong '01 graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College in 2005 with a bachelor

of arts in computer science and economics. She is a vice president in the energy trading group of D.E. Shaw, a Wall Street firm. Rui married Thor Johnson in August of 2010 and they are expecting a baby girl in April 2012.

Student highlight



Eric Abramovitz '13 is a first-year clarinet student in the professional music program at Marianopolis and has been awarded first place in the Woodwinds category of the 72nd Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal/Standard Life Competition. The prize includes a \$10,000 Standard Life Scholarship, a professional audio recording and the privilege of playing in concert with the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal as well as other institutions throughout Canada.

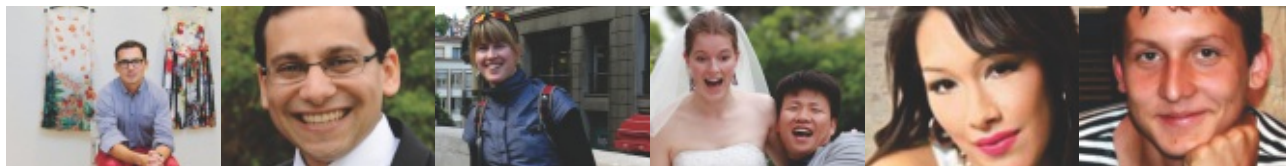
Elise Acheson '02 obtained a bachelor of science at The University of British Columbia in cognitive systems before moving to Scotland where she obtained her master of informatics at Edinburgh University, specializing in machine learning. She now lives in Edinburgh working as a software developer for the geographic information systems company Environmental Systems Research Institute (esri). In her spare time she competes in triathlons and enjoys cycle-touring and skiing throughout Europe.

Priya Maloni '03 graduated from Concordia University with a bachelor of science specializing in clinical exercise physiology and earned her master of science in physiotherapy from The University of Toronto. While pursuing her degrees, she volunteered extensively both at home and in Bangladesh in pediatric and spinal cord injury rehabilitation. Wanting to be part of the emergency response to the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti, Priya joined Healing Hands for Haiti, a non-governmental organization, whose efforts focused on creating a rehabilitation clinic in Jacmel, Haiti to help individuals injured in the earthquake. Priya now lives in Fond des Blancs, located 3-4 hours from Port-au-Prince, and works at St. Boniface Hospital on a spinal cord injury program incorporating clinical, rehabilitative, psychosocial and vocational programming. In Priya's words, "I am not sure how long I will stay but I enjoy what I do and love where I live. There are lots of difficulties and challenges but I feel

Student highlight



Kirsten Crandall '12 is a second year arts and science student at Marianopolis who was recently presented with the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award. The Award is a self-development program that encourages youth to be active, to participate in new activities and pursue current interests. It equips them with the skills to make a difference in their communities, in their country and in the world. The Award requirements are divided into four main areas: skill, athletics, service, and outdoor expedition and there are three award levels to achieve; Bronze, Silver and Gold. David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, presented Kirsten with the Award at the Chateau Frontenac, in Quebec City, in September 2011.



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that each day we are moving toward something that will positively impact the country and its people.”

Megan Millward '04 is completing a master of art in comparative literature at Fudan University in Shanghai, China. In 2008 she was the winner of one of six annual three-year Quebec-China scholarships and she is the first non-Chinese student in their comparative literature program. In May of this year she married entrepreneur Neo Zhang. They will settle in Montreal where Megan plans to teach Mandarin and work in the international, cultural and educational arena.

Melina Soochan '05 graduated from McGill University with a bachelor of music in classical piano in 2008. She is a singer, songwriter and pianist and has recorded two albums and filmed three music videos, one of which is currently on rotation on Bravo Television and CJNT Montreal. Melina's music is a unique blend of pop, indie, jazz and blues and she performs regularly at the Montreal venues of House of Jazz and Upstairs Jazz Bar and Grill. Melina gives back to the community through her organization, Acoustic Nights Montreal, which is a bi-monthly showcase featuring up-and-coming musicians in Montreal. The goal of Acoustic Nights Montreal is to give

exposure to local artists of various genres. melinas-music.com.

Thomas Sychterz '05 earned his mechanical and aerospace engineering degree from Princeton University in 2009 where he was a goalie on the Princeton men's ice hockey team for four years. Shortly after graduating Thomas accepted a contract to play for The Diables Noirs, a European hockey team based out of Tours. The Diables Noirs finished first in the French League that year but a serious knee injury during the playoffs forced Thomas to hang up his pads. He is currently working in the building mechanics department at CIMA +, one of Canada's leading engineering firms.

Alice Yang Zhang '05 graduated from McGill medical school in 2010 and is currently an ophthalmology resident at the McGill University Health Centre. In November 2011, along with Marianopolis alumni **Sheila Xi Huang '03** and **Qianqian Wang '07** and local chapters of the Lions Club, she organized an eye care awareness campaign featuring a free screening eye clinic. The purpose of this annual clinic is to improve access to ophthalmic care for seniors, those with language barriers and those who do not have an ophthalmologist. Moreover, she and a

group of McGill medical students and residents coordinated a public education day at Place Vertu mall in Saint Laurent to provide information on common ocular diseases such as cataract, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, and macular degeneration.

Dmitri Nassyrov '07 is currently working on his master's thesis in materials engineering at McGill University. In May 2011 he successfully completed his bachelor degree in materials engineering during which he held internship positions at Rio Tinto (Sorel, QC), Neomet (Montreal, QC) and ICMAB (Barcelona, Spain). On June 5, 2011 he married Tatiana Nevarko. When he is not busy developing a solidification model for metallurgical slags, he enjoys traveling and giving performances with his balalaika.

Corey Omer '08 has been selected to clerk for the Honorable Justice Morris J. Fish at the Supreme Court of Canada beginning in September 2012. A Greville Smith Scholar, Corey will be graduating the McGill University faculty of law in December 2011 and has secured a position with the Montreal office of Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP following his clerkship. He is currently the co-chair of the Federation CJA under-25 FedNext Campaign and served as President of Hillel Montreal for 2010-2011. ◇

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We will miss...

Bernice Malone Gareau '38 passed away on June 10, 2011 in her 94th year. She was active in the London, Ontario community playing golf into her 90th year at the Thames Valley Golf Club. Bernice was one of the oldest living Marianopolis College alumnae. She will be sadly missed by her brother Joseph Malone, his wife Rita and her sister-in-law Jackie Cantwell as well as ten nieces and nephews.

Rita Michels Leigh '48 passed away on August 6, 2011 at the age of 85 in Calgary, Alberta. After graduating from Marianopolis with a bachelor of science Rita worked in Chalk River where she met her husband Charles. They subsequently lived in Great Britain and the United States. Upon returning to Quebec, Rita became Dean of Champlain College in Saint-Lambert. She will be remembered as a warm, enthusiastic and charitable woman who will be greatly missed by her three children, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Rita remained close to her Marianopolis classmates **Annie Derome Kew '48**, **Helen Lanthier '48**, **Marion Roche Kerans '48**, **Molly Chicanot Fullerton '48**, **Doreen Cohn Norris '48** and **Jeannine Papineau '48**.

Wanda Silickas Pundzius '51 passed away on July 15, 2011 at the age of 80 with her family by her side. She will be sadly missed by her husband of 57 years, Alphonse Pundzius as well as her three children, their families, her two grandchildren and many other friends and relatives. Wanda will be remembered as a wonderful wife, exceptional mother, and a loyal friend.

Daniel Artola '83 passed away on September 2, 2011 at the age of 47 of cancer. Daniel graduated from Concordia University in 1987 with a bachelor of engineering degree and went on to complete his law degree at the University of Ottawa in 1992. He returned to Montreal and established a very successful career in patent law and intellectual property. Daniel will be sadly missed by his wife **Virginia Myles '83** and his sons Ryan and Eric as well as his parents and many friends and relatives.

Maria T. Sweeney '86 passed away at the age of 44 after a short battle with cancer at the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal. After graduating from Marianopolis Maria went on to Concordia and the University of Hawaii for and master of art and a PhD in anthropology and archeology. She returned to Canada where she eventually became a senior executive with IBM. Maria is sadly missed by her husband, parents, siblings and

their families as well as many friends and colleagues.

Andrew Princz '90 died suddenly on June 24, 2011 of a heart attack in Quito, Ecuador at age 40. Andrew was well known as the Cultural Navigator with ontheglobe.com. He had explored over sixty-five countries on four continents and specialized in discovering little known cultures. He founded and edited the magazine *Diplomacy and Trade* and wrote and published a book entitled *Bridging the Divide*, about the influence of the 1956 Hungarian revolution upon the lives of families separated by immigration. Andrew also produced the guidebooks *Frommer's Budapest & the Best of Hungary* and *Fodor's Cuba*. He contributed regularly to CBC Radio's *Dispatches* and numerous daily newspapers. Andrew will be greatly missed by his parents, his sisters and their families, his cousins, aunts and uncles and his grandmother.

O'Linda Cuffaro '97 passed away on July 21, 2011 at the Montreal Neurological Centre after a long illness. She was 32 years old. Linda will be sadly missed by her parents and siblings as well as many relatives and friends. **Karyn Modugno '98** and **Hope Vouitsis '97** cared deeply for O'Linda and will miss her greatly. ◇

Scotiabank becomes latest major supporter of student awards

A special thank you goes to Scotiabank, which is entering into a new partnership to help support Marianopolis students. Scotiabank agrees that helping students is the most important priority for our society both now and in the future and are joining Marianopolis to provide financial support for scholarships and bursaries to deserving students.

The Marianopolis Millennium Foundation wishes to thank all of its donors who understand the importance of supporting excellence and helping us make sure that it is available to our students.

For information on how you or your company can build bright futures at Marianopolis, please contact Barth Gillan: b.gillan@marianopolis.edu or 514.931.8792 ext. 205.



Mark your calendar

February

- 2 Groundhog Day Pizza Extravaganza
- 6 Admissions information evening
- 7 Student-for-a-day program resumes until end of February
- 15 Winter concert
- 23 Alumni games night

March

- 5-9 Spring Break
- 12 *Prix d'expression musicale*
- March 29-April 4 Annual art show and auction*

April

- 2 Spring recital
- 6-9 Holiday
- 19 ArtsFest Concert
- 24 Spring recital

May

- 2 Spring recital
- 3 Last day of classes
- 3 Alumni networking cocktail

June

- 14 Convocation

***March 29-April 4 Women's Art Society of Montreal annual juried art show and auction to benefit the Marianopolis music program**

Leslie Cohen, social sciences and commerce professor is the President of the Women's Art Society of Montreal. The Society's annual juried art exhibit will take place from March 29-April 4 at Ogilvy's and this will be the second year that a portion of the proceeds of the sales of artwork will be donated to support fine arts at Marianopolis. For more information, please contact Leslie Cohen at l.cohen@marianopolis.edu.

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