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ON THE COVER:

Clockwise from top: Essex County Warden Nelson Santos, UWindsor President Alan Wildeman and Windsor Mayor Eddie Francis.

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DEAR VIEWER

There is a familiar question that most people have heard. It goes something along the lines of: If a tree falls in the forest, does it make a sound? The answer is that if someone was there to hear it, it surely did. If no one was there to hear it, we can't be sure. In the same way, the changes that the University of Windsor is forging will be undeniable if the community around us feels them. Without the community, there would be less certainty about whether we are having an impact, and whether we are on the right track for the future.

The University has many, many connections with Windsor and Essex County, and in this issue of View you will discover a sampling of what they are. Through our legal clinics that serve those in the community who otherwise would not have access to legal assistance, our social work programs that support people living in community housing, our medical students in hospitals, and our athletics programs and facilities that are available to other organizations, the connection between the University and the community is one of our indisputable strengths. Our research into strategies for saving energy, into understanding the complex physical and biological nature of the Great Lakes, into critical cross-border issues, and into the best practices for protecting intellectual property is relevant right here and now.

However, the real greatness of these connections lies in the extraordinary contributions that our students make. Undergraduate and graduate students are putting much of the vitality into our local outreach. Without our students, far fewer people would "hear" the University of Windsor. They are not only involved in community change – in many cases they are leading it.

Many of our alumni remain in the region and are a vital part of the fabric of Windsor and Essex County. Currently, there are in fact more than 30,000 local UWindsor grads. Alumni who are further afield, across Ontario, Canada and beyond, are often an integral part of their communities. Together, they are all our greatest ambassadors for the kind of university we are, a university of academic excellence where commitment to community is one of our greatest sensibilities. It is a sensibility that underscores the future of the University of Windsor.



Dr. Alan Wildeman

ALAN WILDEMAN
President and Vice-Chancellor

RESEARCH



IN SEARCH *of a lost* CIVILIZATION

What may have happened to the Ancient Pueblo Indians is one of the enduring archaeological mysteries of North America.

Now, however, a University of Windsor scientist is using artificial intelligence to help archaeologists solve the puzzle of the group, commonly known as the Anasazi, which disappeared more than 700 years ago.

Dr. Ziad Kobti, an assistant professor in Computer Science, is part of a four-member team that received almost \$1.5 million from the U.S. National Science Foundation to determine what may have happened to the Pueblos. “Archaeologists have some solid ideas about where they might have gone, but they don’t know for sure,” says Kobti.

Kobti is a part of the Village Ecodynamics Project, led by researchers at Washington State University, and his share of the funding is about \$186,000. As the main programmer, he uses a computer simulation technique, known as agent-based modelling, to predict where prehistoric people might have situated their homes depending on the natural and social environments in which they lived.

The Anasazi may have emerged around 1200 B.C. Native populations grew rapidly between A.D. 600 and 1200 in the Mesa Verde and Rio Grande regions of the American southwest, located where the states of Utah, New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado intersect.

The culture is best known for the stone and adobe dwellings they built along cliff walls. The villages, referred to by Spanish settlers as pueblos, were often only accessible by rope ladders and rock climbing.

Then, for unknown reasons, the area was depopulated by 1280 A.D. Archaeologists have various theories, such as prolonged periods of drought, global or regional climate change, disease, the emergence of new social, religious or cultural influences, raiding groups that created competition for resources, and even cannibalism, though none of them have been verified.

A UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR SCIENTIST IS USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO HELP ARCHAEOLOGISTS SOLVE THE PUZZLE OF THE GROUP, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE ANASAZI, WHICH DISAPPEARED MORE THAN 700 YEARS AGO. **BY STEPHEN FIELDS**

Using archaeological data, Kobti creates a virtual model of the 1,500-square-kilometre area as it may have existed in 600 A.D. Each agent represents a household with an average of six family members. Those households function as a unit and interact with one another and the programmer can introduce new influences, such as drought, or new animals to hunt.

“The agent has autonomy,” says Kobti.

“It can think for itself without being told what to do. It can hunt, plant crops, trade food and goods with other agents and make decisions about where to live. It follows a strategy for survival and you can test these strategies.”

Anyone expecting to see something akin to a video game, however, might be disappointed. The model Kobti created does not include actual visual representations of the agents, and the experiments he conducts produce a series of diagrams and graphs only a computer programmer could decipher.

By mimicking processes, such as population growth and resource usage, the computer can track the migration of agents and predict where the Native Americans may have moved. Those predictions can be compared with existing archaeological data to test their validity.

Kobti will conduct hundreds of such experiments. Each experiment represents a time period of about 700 years, which takes several days to complete on high performance systems.

The experiments are conducted on the SHARCNET (Shared Hierarchical Academic Research Computing Network), a consortium of academic institutions that share an infrastructure network of high performance computers designed to accelerate computational academic research and solve highly complex problems.

The process, Kobti says, has universal potential applications.

“We can do the same thing to help solve historical and archaeological mysteries right here in Essex County,” he says. ▀

ALUMNI PROFILE



RIPE FOR SUCCESS

LIFE THREW LEMONS AT PRERNA CHANDAK. SO SHE MADE LEMONADE CAPITAL. AS SHE TOLD THE *GLOBE AND MAIL* IN 2007, THE NEED TO SUCCEED AND THE DESIRE TO MAKE CHANGE HAPPEN IS WHAT MOTIVATES THIS 21-YEAR-OLD WHIRLWIND.

Chandak BComm '07, who is pursuing her certified financial accountant designation, has achieved accolades on a national level, and attention beyond Canada's borders.

"I never take no for an answer," she says. Chandak divides her time between Windsor and Toronto, though her companies also have offices in Vancouver, Halifax and London.

Last year, *Chatelaine Magazine* named Chandak one of 80 Amazing Women to Watch in Canada. The year before, she received the National Top 20 Under 20 award from Youth in Motion, a leader and advocate in delivering programs for youth.

Her message to budding entrepreneurs is that they're never too young to start by volunteering, meeting many people and making connections. Be open to the learning that's all around, she tells them.

Chandak followed her own advice in launching Lemonade, a micro venture-capital and business consulting firm that helps innovative small businesses and young entrepreneurs. At the time she started the company, she was working for RBC Dominion Securities while studying finance, accounting and economics at UWindsor, and volunteering thousands of hours as co-chair of the City of Windsor's Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee and other non-profit groups.

A self-starter and learner, she also learned HTML code and a month later designed her website (www.lemonadecapital.ca).

Her need-to-succeed instinct leads to making many acquaintances, asking questions and taking chances. "A lot of entrepreneurs don't, and that's shocking," she says.

Her company's name, she says, reflects the fact that it supports "lemonade stand-types of businesses." In an interview with CBC Radio, Chandak gave as one example, a 17-year-old DJ who sold t-shirts and wanted to set up a print shop in his parents' garage if he could fund the purchase of printmaking equipment and find some startup financing. Lemonade Capital provided it. The company

provides average loans of \$5,000 to entrepreneurs, aged 17-to-25, and offers mentoring, business consulting and personal development resources. The company also provides consulting services to small- and mid-sized businesses run by entrepreneurs of all ages.

On its website, Lemonade says its aim is to "handpick the brightest potential entrepreneurs with the most exciting and fresh ideas." Chandak says those ideas have been coming to her, thanks to media coverage, public relations and networking, though she hopes to do more outreach this year through youth associations, Junior Achievement and various Canadian universities.

However, Chandak – whom the *Globe* described as having a "mind for money [and a] heart for service" – says she isn't in business just for the benefit of others. Lemonade is the only for-profit company of its kind in Canada, she says, and "I want to see more businesses succeed, but I can't do it if I'm not in it for the money too."

She started out, however, as what she describes as a "social entrepreneur", logging about 800 hours of volunteer work in Mississauga, where she completed high school in three years. She continued to focus on empowering youth, women and the arts when she moved to Windsor and helped start up the Mayor's Committee on Youth.

Chandak, who is Indian, though she was born in Bahrain and grew up in Montreal before moving to Mississauga with her family, has also helped young immigrants start businesses. "Immigrant entrepreneurs face different challenges because they need information on resources and most countries do not make capital as readily available as Canada does."

Her philosophy on giving back to the community is reflected in her new jewelry company, Prerna – Inspired by Jewelry, which donates a percentage of sales to charities. Chandak pays its suppliers from India, Hong Kong and Australia above-market prices for their work. The company has been invited to present during Fashion Week in New York.

This time, it wasn't Chandak who designed the jewelry company's website. It was her mother, Preeti, who also learned HTML and helped Prerna launch the company in April 2008.

Like daughter, like mother. **▼**

BEING INFLUENTIAL

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By John Carrington

YOUR UNIVERSITY – *UWindsor alumni, donors and friends making a difference*

OUTSTANDING SCHOLARS. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES.

A French language and political science major with a minor in German, who came to the University of Windsor with no plans for a career, now says he is looking into a future full of opportunity.

Konrad Niec graduated from the French immersion program at Windsor's St. Joseph's High School. Because of his high marks he was accepted into UWindsor's Outstanding Scholars Program; then things began to happen.

He spent an academic year on exchange in Nice, France, and now speaks French so well he worked as an interpreter when the Ontario Premier and a Quebec-based company announced a wind farm project on Lake Erie, near Port Alma, Ont. He also tutors other students. "The Outstanding Scholars Program matched me with Professor Emeritus Jean-Pierre De Villers, and it has been amazing for me," Niec says.

"I get paid, but it's not really work. It is really fun. He forced me to talk with him on many topics, not just academics. He corrected me and that gave me a commitment to improve and the courage to speak," adds Niec.

"Keeping and improving your French when you live in the Windsor area is very difficult," he says. "There are so few opportunities to use it. With the Outstanding Scholars Program, I was speaking French and improving every day."



Outstanding Scholar Konrad Niec.

Working with Dr. De Villers, Niec also expanded his knowledge and enjoyment of French literature, discovering futurist ideas and existentialist writers. Because he had become fluent in Polish from his parents, he was able to translate Polish futurist poetry for De Villers. Now, with a command of three languages and an improving grasp on a fourth (German), he is thinking about international opportunities in journalism, business and government service.

The Outstanding Scholars Program at UWindsor began in 2002 and is unique among Ontario's universities. More than 200 top students are accepted in first year.

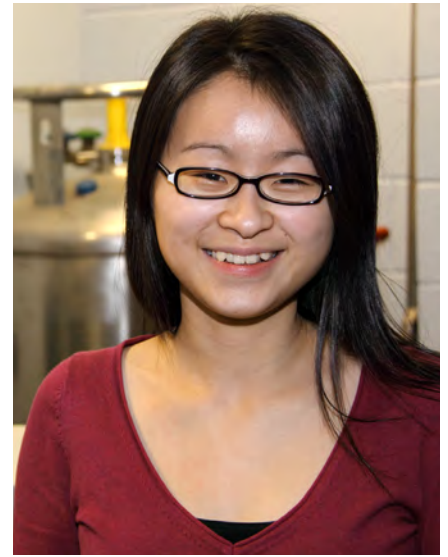
The program is geared to those students who have the potential to become leaders in their academic field during their four years at the University.

Along with their scholarship, students are mentored during their first year of studies. If they keep their marks up, they become eligible to undergo training at the beginning of the second year to work closely with faculty on various academic projects. Working in laboratories and on special projects, the Outstanding Scholars gain a deeper understanding of their subjects and the opportunities that can emerge from their studies.

For environmental engineering student Jingmiao Shi, the Outstanding Scholars Program provides opportunities



Third-year environmental science student Iva Peklova.



Environmental engineering student Jingmiao Shi.

to work closely with professors and graduate students -- and learning more about how her studies can actually be applied. "If it were not for the scholarship, I would only have my parents' support. That would not be enough to live and study in Canada," she says.

Shi comes from central China where, she says, there is not a lot of environmental engineering. "This will happen in the future, but with my degree from the University of Windsor, I may find jobs in other parts of the world first," she says. Shi worked last year on an air-quality monitoring project at Windsor airport, led by Professor Iris Xu. This year, she is working with Professor Edwin Tam on a brownfield classification project. Brownfield classification involves an analysis of contamination levels in previously developed properties to determine what future uses could be appropriate.

"It is exciting to learn how our team is working through the methodology to test a new assessment process," she says. "This kind of experience means I will have more to offer an employer than a student who has only gone to classes."

Iva Peklova is in the third year of the Environmental Science Program at UWindsor. Matched with Biology Professor Aaron Fisk, she works in his lab at the Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research. "The program has put me in contact with professors and graduate students, and helped me develop lab skills," she says. "I appreciate the money, but it is more than a job. Because of the program, I have better ideas for the thesis I will need to produce to graduate next year."

Peklova spent two years at Czech University in Prague before transferring to the University of Windsor. She juggles a heavy schedule of her studies, her lab work for Dr. Fisk and her practices, games and community service commitments with the Lancer women's basketball team. "I have learned to manage my time effectively. I have a very busy life here."

Music student Marc Funkenhauser says that the Outstanding Scholars Program is a major part of his education. Working with the concert producer and operations manager at the School of Music, he is one of the first to arrive and the last to leave a School of Music performance. "I have learned to tune instruments, set up microphones for different instruments, operate the sound board, work front-of-house and make arrangements necessary for off-campus venues such as the Art Gallery of Windsor," says Funkenhauser. "All this will be helpful if I decide to do a Master's degree in Performance or go into teaching or whatever I may do," he says. "The scholarship makes it possible to do the things I want to do to prepare for the future." ■



Music student Marc Funkenhauser.



UNITED *we* STAND

The idea of a school of higher learning as separate and distinct from the community stems back to Plato when he formed The Academy in 387 BC. This sacred sanctuary for learning existed outside the city walls of Athens. The term “town-gown” eventually was coined to describe what was often a fractious relationship. But there are positive signs that things are warming up. Increasingly, cities and universities are joining together in mutually beneficial partnerships to promote regional vitality as well as university development.

“ [We] should recognize that a university of today must contribute to changing the communities around it, and at the same time be willing to be changed by these communities,” said University of Windsor President Alan Wildeman at his October 2008 installation address.

The University of Windsor is married to the City of Windsor and the County of Essex as surely as if a judge had joined them. Each has the power to positively impact the other. And each has the responsibility to do so.

The University of Windsor Faculty of Law’s very foundation is built on providing access to justice for all. These words are brought



Law student Barbara Opalinski.

to life each day in the heart of downtown Windsor, where its Mediation Services office sorts out legal problems for those who cannot afford a lawyer. For example, when the bank was about to repossess one woman’s home when she was unable to afford the payments, she turned to Mediation Services. The organization sorted out the legal complications involved with the mortgage and provided medical documentation of her mental health problems, establishing that she had been a victim of elder abuse. The bank dropped its legal proceedings and she was able to keep her home.

“She was just so ecstatic. She was elderly so she didn’t understand all the legal terms because I was also dealing with her law firm,” said Barbara Opalinski, a third-year law student who worked on the woman’s file at the newly opened downtown Mediation Services office. “She

didn’t understand everything that was going on and she was just so excited that she could go on with her life.”

In fact, the woman is one of several hundred people helped by the office, which has a settlement rate of between 75 and 85 percent. Opalinski says she wonders what clients like this woman and others who benefit from the law school’s clinics – Legal



The University of Windsor contributes \$585 million to the local economy each year.

Assistance of Windsor, Community Legal Aid and Intellectual Property Law Network – would do without them. “They cannot afford what was asked of them and I always think, where would these people go if we weren’t here.”

Combined, the clinics provide an estimated \$1.2 million in free legal assistance annually, according to the University’s 2006/2007 annual report To Greater Heights. And they reflect the little-publicized, though all-embracing interaction between UWindsor and the broader community.

That is a phenomenon that Mayor Eddie Francis LLB 2002, for one, is acutely aware of. “Imagine the city without a university and that will speak to the issue of what the impact of a university is.”

The inter-relationship between UWindsor and the community is immense. For example, the University injects an estimated \$585 million into the local economy annually, though most observers say it is impossible to quantify its full value. At the same time, it is difficult to give a precise value to the critical contribution of the community to the University in, for instance, funding scholarships and bursaries to students, helping fund capital projects, providing jobs for graduates, and numerous other services.

It is a unique kind of co-operation that UWindsor president Dr. Alan Wildeman says he is keenly aware of. Discussing the relationship between town (community) and gown (university),

Wildeman puts the emphasis on the word relationship “because it’s really about creating an environment within which mutual interests, mutual challenges and mutual opportunities can be talked about.”

Volunteer internship and social work programs, industry partnerships, the new Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, and now talks with St. Clair College on establishing a health-sciences training centre – these are all examples of what Wildeman calls “breaking down the insularity” that exists at many universities. Observers, both on and off campus, cite other examples of how the university affects the community and vice versa.

They include an Odette School of Business course in which students have to work on a fundraising initiative with a not-for-profit organization, as well as the newly established Cross Border Transportation Studies Institute that is researching the critical trade links – of which Windsor is the major hub – with the U.S.

There are businesses posting signs welcoming back the University’s 16,000 students each fall and the local Italo-Canadian community which raised \$3 million to ensure the long-term stability of the Italian Studies program at UWindsor.

Essex County Warden Nelson Santos BA ’93 refers to the value of the University’s increasing collaboration with high school technology classes encouraging students to select UWindsor for their post-secondary education and to remain in the area after



graduation, benefitting the entire community. He also lauds the greater accessibility for county residents to the St. Denis Centre.

Indeed, after a new stadium next to the Centre was built, one study pegged the impact on the city of the 2005 Pan-Am Games held there at \$5.6 million in economic activity, about \$1 million of which went directly to local businesses.

Both the mayor and warden say that the University is a key to diversifying the economy. They echo the findings of a 1998 Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada report that calls university research a “powerful stimulant for economic growth and social development.” And an economic impact report at UWindsor found that in 2005/2006, \$19 million of its \$246 million in gross expenditures went to research.

One of the University’s major influences on the region is evident from its enrollment numbers. Dr. Clayton Smith, vice-provost of students and registrar, said that of the 1,872 first-year students enrolled at UWindsor, 83 percent are from Essex County. Of total enrollment, about 60 percent of students are local.

Smith says the number of first-generation students (first in their families to attend university) is significant, at 21 percent.

The reverse impact also holds, especially in the area of financial aid. Smith says 1,291 students entering the fall 2008 classes – about 70 per cent – received a scholarship or bursary – holding the

University true to its mission to provide accessible education to the local region. Although the numbers of local students has been growing, Smith thinks there is room still to strengthen UWindsor’s position as a regional university. He says this region has a 25 percent concentration of higher education at the university level, compared to 32.5 per cent in Ontario as a whole. “This leads us to believe that there is the possibility of growth of local students from the Windsor-Essex region.”

St. Clair College President Dr. John Strasser takes a similar approach. He says demographics are changing at the post-secondary level and in the competition for student enrollment, “it makes sense to partner with the colleges around you because you don’t have to do any recruiting.” Making it easy for students to attend school locally, through articulation agreements between the college and University and such initiatives as the proposed health-sciences training centre, means “I increase my enrollment base, my grant base, I don’t have to spend as much money recruiting people and in the end everybody wins.”

Strasser says the breaking down of boundaries between the college and University are especially important in the new global economy. He says modern business needs a “skills-knowledge balance” that the two institutions can deliver and this has led to growth in the number of students taking programs at both the college and University.

Both institutions also recognize the importance of research and industry partnerships to the area, Strasser says. That is why he has been talking to Wildeman about harnessing the “huge pool of very, very talented people” in the automotive industry and using them in other areas, such as aerospace and medical products.

Strasser adds that the college’s \$40-million Ford Centre for Excellence in Manufacturing has the ability to do research “so [we can] work with the University to accomplish that objective.”

In a related area, Michael Burton BComm ’72, the former Windsor-Essex Development Commission vice president who became general manager at the University-based Institute of Diagnostic Imaging in February), says: “In just about every pitch we do to investors, and particularly the ones that come to visit us, the initial pitch outlines the benefits of the area – and the University and community college are big parts of that.”

As outside investors become more interested, he says, the commission gets more specific with the resources available. For instance, its Green Collar Jobs Coalition is looking into innovative ways of storing wind power and the commission was able to tap into University researchers who have done work in that area.

The commission has also established partnerships with the University in other areas. Burton points to work with the School of Computer Science’s Dr. Akshaikumar Aggarwal in the Softech Alliance, a network for information systems and software companies to share ideas as well as to develop and improve their businesses.

Another example is the Odette School of Business's Virtual Incubator.

Odette Dean Dr. Allan Conway says the idea grew out of a school initiative to try to create an investment climate for entrepreneurship and will help diversify Windsor's economy. The payback to the University, he says, is that it may "kick-start" technological and research and development opportunities on campus. "We really have to create this climate for entrepreneurship within the community."

Burton adds that the commission helped obtain \$600,000 in provincial funding for the Virtual Incubator. It will help entrepreneurs turn their innovative ideas into businesses by providing them with legal, accounting, business planning and marketing expertise.

As well, the commission is collaborating with the Odette School of Business and other local organizations to establish a program that will attract immigrant investors to the Windsor region.

Burton says an estimated 9,000 immigrants bring with them a minimum of \$800,000 to invest in Canada every year, but most pick large centres, such as Toronto, Vancouver or Montreal as their destinations. The university-community collaboration aims to establish local ambassadors who come from different countries to act as business envoys in attracting some of the visa investors, Conway says.

Odette's Dr. Francine Schlosser and Law Professor Myra Tawfik also recently received \$77,500 from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council for their business and law students to deliver workshops, mentoring programs and public legal education clinics to help under-served immigrants set up their own businesses. Their students from the Centre for Business Advancement and Research (CBAR) and the Intellectual Property and Legal Information Network (IPLIN) are also aligning their services to provide co-ordinated legal and business advice to local businesses.

A new CBAR-IPLIN program (partially funded by the WEDC) will commence in fall 2009. This will involve entrepreneurial mentoring for post-secondary international and domestic student entrepreneurs.

Burton says he has seen more growth in the "commercialization" of University research. The efforts of Dr. Roman Maev, the industrial research chair at UWindsor whose groundbreaking work in acoustical imaging research led to the

spinoff company Tessonics, an outstanding example of that, he adds. Maev's work led to the establishment of the Institute for Diagnostic Imaging Research after he secured a \$5-million grant from the Ontario government in January 2008.

The University is tied to the community in many other areas as well. There is the Innovation Annex, where researchers will study advanced computer technology and its use and impact on society, including the Connecting Windsor-Essex network.

Recently, Dr. Peter Frise, executive director of automotive research and CEO of AUTO21 at the University, headed up a new committee with the development commission designed to help prepare young students to become "model citizens" by learning such traits as being punctual, reliable and taking initiative.

The arts community and the University also interact closely. University Players, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this season with a full line-up of six productions, enjoys an annual audience membership of almost 14,000.

The University and community complement each other in another very important area as well: advancing social justice issues. The city's strong labour history and record charitable contributions to the United Way, for example, has influenced UWindsor's tradition of social justice research and in the establishments such as the clinics at the law school.

The clinics are not the only way that the law school stands out as a vivid example of the town-gown connection. Access to justice is one of its themes. It manifests itself in many ways – from public lectures (the school hosted former prime minister Paul Martin Jr. and Canada's Auditor General Sheila Fraser in the same week last year) to its admissions policy.

Dean Bruce Elman says the law school looks beyond just grade point averages and school admission test scores to community involvement because "we want to make sure that we're getting people who are committed to the community, who understand that to be a lawyer is a privileged position, and that we have a role to play in the greater community to better the community."

In that respect, Dean Conway at the Odette School of Business says that students learn that "at the end of the day, the objective is to build a community, build a country." Conway says the school's namesake, the Odette family, are a model of successful business leaders, who also invested in local hospitals, the arts and the school itself.

The inter-connection between town and gown clearly extends



Dr. Francine Schlosser

to UWindsor's graduate community, as well. Susan Lester, director of Alumni Affairs at the University, says about half of UWindsor's nearly 65,000 graduates remain in the region, where they work in areas ranging from hospitals to governments to business. They also become involved in, and often lead, worthy causes and organizations such as the Windsor Symphony Orchestra.

Alumni also benefit the university by supporting its sporting events and lectures, participating in the co-op program, hiring students after they graduate and pledging financial support, she says.

Where does the university go from here?

Alan Wildeman, in his installation address as president, noted that, "It is not easy to align the concept of the ivory tower with the concept of economic return on investment, since we must not forsake the need for intellectual pursuits." He added: "The University of Windsor must play an ever-greater role in reaching into the Windsor-Essex County community around us... our industries, our social and cultural organizations, our health sector, and more."

Francis said the University has been moving in the right direction. The Windsor mayor points to the new \$24-million medical school and the upcoming 300,000-square-foot, \$110-million Centre for Engineering Innovation as "job generators" and examples of the important roles that both UWindsor and St. Clair College play in being able to "drive the knowledge-based economy" of the future.

He says the two institutions are playing "very important roles in a very critical time" and the types of programs they develop will lead to developing the skill sets needed to diversify the local economy.

His counterpart in Essex County, Warden Santos, says that post-secondary institutions are "key" to the "future potential" of the region. He adds that the agricultural sector offers plenty of opportunity for the University. With the largest concentration of greenhouse vegetable production in North America on its doorstep, Santos says the University can position itself on the leading edge of such areas as plant production and new technology in agriculture, from GPS monitoring to highly monitored greenhouse heating systems.

The University and its community are poised to break new ground in who they are and what they can be to each other, within and outside the region. This is a positive story, says Francis, and one that needs to be told more loudly and broadly. About that, there is growing agreement. ▀

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GLOBE AND MAIL, FEB. 8, 2008**

LANCER NEWS

Get the latest on the Lancers by visiting www.GoLancers.ca

By Elisa Mitton BComm '05

SCORE BOARD – *What's been happening with your teams, events and celebrations.*

LANCER HOCKEY GIVES BACK TO HURRICANE VICTIMS IN NEW ORLEANS

The Windsor Lancers Men's Hockey team hit the ice in 2009 with a renewed appreciation of all that life has to offer after a visit to New Orleans during the holiday break.

In December, the Lancers went to New Orleans to assist in a building project that affected areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina and, most recently, Hurricane Gustav.

Arriving on Boxing Day, the Lancers shared their time between Our Lady of the Sea Catholic Elementary school and Habitat for Humanity.

Considered one of the hardest hit areas by Hurricane Katrina, the school is in a relatively poor community and has received the least help from outside agencies. The team painted classrooms, replaced large numbers of broken windows, removed soiled ceiling tiles, and disconnected five damaged heavy-duty air conditioning units and hauled them away.

The school's pastor is hoping money will be made available within the next three months to begin total restoration of the school.

The last half of their visit was spent in Harvey, LA, working for Habitat for Humanity. The Lancers laid lawn

sod for nine homes, built fences and decks and completed any task the site leader assigned them.

Team members said the work was particularly rewarding because they were putting the final touches on the homes prior to the owners moving in.

"This project has been one of the most gratifying experiences I have ever participated in," said Lancer

captain Kyle Nishizaki. "To help out so many people in need, and to see the smiles that spread across their faces as they saw their houses being finished is something I am always going to remember."

"This experience surpassed our expectations and we have gained a greater perspective of challenges that others are dealing with," said Head

Coach Kevin Hamlin. "We worked on new homes with others next door that had green water marks as high as the eaves-troughs. To think families were forced to leave everything and evacuate was quite humbling."

"I am very proud of our team's efforts while in New Orleans," he added. "Our players have come home with a new sense of what is important in life."



Windsor Lancers Men's Hockey team captain Kyle Nishizaki.



LUMLEY RECEIVES PETRO-CANADA COACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

Lancer Track and Field Assistant

Head Coach Brett Lumley has received a 2008 Petro-Canada Coaching Excellence Award, the Coaching Association of Canada announced.

The awards were presented during Petro-Canada Sport Leadership sportif 2008, in Calgary in November. The Sport Leadership Awards ceremony took place November 7 at the Calgary Telus Convention Centre.

The prestigious awards recognize coaches whose athletes won medals at the 2008 Olympic Games, the 2008 Paralympic Games, the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, and at various other world championships.

“With a conference theme of ‘Executing Excellence,’ what better way to honour our coaches than with the



Lancer Track and Field Assistant Head Coach Brett Lumley

Petro-Canada Coaching Excellence Awards,” said Steven Keith, director of Olympic and Community Partnerships, Petro-Canada. “This year has been very successful and we are proud to recognize Canada’s coaches for their tremendous contribution to sport.”

Coach Lumley guided Stephanie Reid to a bronze medal at the Paralympic Games in the Women’s 200m in August in Beijing. Reid clocked a Canadian record of 28.85 seconds for her first career Paralympic medal.

“Being recognized with this award is a great reflection of Stephanie’s success and the hard work that was put in over the last year,” commented Lumley. “Thank you to the sponsor Petro Canada for honouring me with this award.”

FOUR LANCERS HONOURED AT WESPY AWARDS

In front of a capacity crowd, four Windsor Lancers were honoured at the 4th Annual WESPY Awards in October. The WESPY Awards recognize local athletes for their success and contribution to their respective sports, with proceeds going to the Windsor Firefighters Benefit Fund.

Lancer Banner Shield Award recipient Dranadia Roc took home the top female basketball athlete of the year award. Roc had an outstanding season for the Lancers as she distinguished herself as one of the top players in Canada.

She led her squad to a 14-8 record, the program’s best ever, and to its first-ever home playoff game at the St. Denis Centre. In the playoffs, she put on a tremendous show, leading her team to a berth in the OUA West Championship.

On the men’s side, Lancer basketball grad and DeMarco Award winner Ryan Steer was the top male basketball athlete of the year.

As co-captain of the Lancer Men’s Basketball team, Steer

was a dominating force for the Lancers all season long. He led the country in assists during the season, was an OUA First Team All-Star, and was the OUA’s Ken Shield Community Award winner.

Lancer Track & Field star Jamie Adjetey-Nelson was named the male track and field athlete of the year. After graduating in 2007, he competed for the Windsor Legion Track Club and was a nominee for that organization.

In 2007, Adjetey-Nelson captured a bronze medal at the Canadian Senior track and field championships in the pentathlon, and followed that performance with a ninth-place finish at the

FISU University Championships later that summer.

Of the major awards, Windsor Lancer track and field assistant coach Denise Hebert received the female Legacy Award. A teacher at Assumption High School, Hebert has coached at the high school level for the past 19 years and with the Windsor Legion Track Club for 21 years.



From left: WESPY Awards winners Dranadia Roc, Jamie Adjetey-Nelson and Denise Hebert.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



I am proud and grateful to be provided with the opportunity to serve our membership during the next two years. The University of Windsor is truly a great institution and, as alumni, we have the ability, through our life experiences and successes, to be the most effective advocates for our alma mater.

I had the pleasure recently of addressing a large group of alumni now employed as faculty and staff at the

University of Windsor. I asked them to reflect upon the importance of this University in their lives, to think about the impact that their alma mater has in the community of Windsor and globally, and to recognize their important role as ambassadors.

Our graduates, more than 90,000 in number, live, work and make a difference in 120 countries around the world. They are true measures of the value and greatness of our University.

All of us have the important ability to foster the continuing growth and stature of our alma mater through our associations and activities. My volunteer involvement has been an easy labour of love – allowing me to give back as a measure of gratitude.

Equally important to me – it provides me with the opportunity to be an advocate with pride.

I am certain that you share my sentiments and I would invite you to contact me or our Alumni Office if you have any suggestions or would like to become more involved in our efforts.

All the best in 2009,

TOM PORTER
Alumni Association President

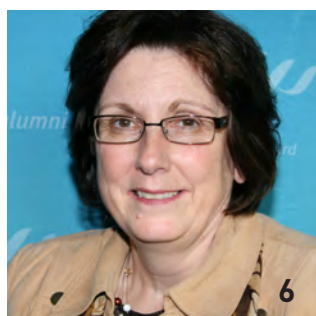
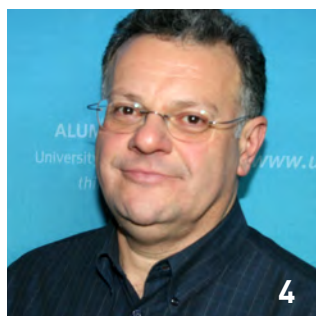
AGM WELCOMES NEW PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS TO ALUMNI BOARD



The Annual General Meeting welcomed **Tom Porter BA '74, LLB '78**, at left, to a two-year term as president of the Alumni Association – marking the end of the term for now past-president, **Jeff Flacks BHK '96, MBA '98**.

Porter is a partner in the law firm Mousseau DeLuca McPherson Prince, and he spent 12 years as a Windsor city councillor (1982-1994). Porter also served on a number of boards, including the Essex County Lung Association, Glengarry Non-Profit Housing Board, Essex Region Conservation Authority, Windsor-Essex County Development Commission and Community Care Access Committee. In addition, he and his family own and operate Windsor Squash and Fitness Club Inc. and the Jackson Health Centre.

Six new directors were elected to the board:



1. **Adam Hughes BA '90** - director of Information and Technology Services, the Region of Peel;
2. **Sarah Renaud BA '03, BSW '04** - crisis services worker, Windsor Regional Children's Centre;
3. **Jean Wright BA '71, DTE '72, BEd '72** - recently retired teacher, Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board; co-chair of the Women's Basketball Gala Breakfast, and a recipient of the University's prestigious Clark Award;
4. **Saverio Rinaldi BSC '77** – enterprise architect, Electronic Data Systems in Detroit;
5. **Don Bruner BComm '70** – former partner, Chrysler Shillington & Company, Chatham; inductee of the Alumni Sports Hall of Fame (Lancer Men's Hockey),
6. **Elaine Whitmore BScN '88** - executive director, John McGivney Children's Centre; a certified health executive (Canadian College of Health Service Executives), as well as many memberships, including the Rotary Club and the Windsor Club.

Retiring from the Board following completion of their terms are: **Terry Fink, Stuart Galloway BComm '87, Sheila Wright BA '61, Hugh Sheldon BA '76, Dave Bondy BA '72, MBA '74, and Bill Wright BA '70, LLB '73** (president 05/06).

IT'S A MATTER OF PRIDE – ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S ODYSSEY AWARD

THE ODYSSEY AWARD IS PRESENTED TO ALUMNI WHO, IN THE EARLY YEARS OF THEIR CAREERS, HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES WITH NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, OR THROUGH A SIGNIFICANT OR INNOVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT IN THEIR PROFESSIONAL OR PERSONAL LIFE. THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF OUR RISING STARS:



Julie Di Ponio-Roy BA '98

Julie Di Ponio-Roy is the owner and executive director of The Children's House Montessori Schools in LaSalle and Windsor. She opened her first school in 2001, adding two more since then. Di Ponio-Roy designed

the curriculum for autonomous development, lifelong study skills, self-motivation and a positive, helpful attitude. The schools employ 150 trained individuals with more than 400 students enrolled. Recently, the Windsor and District Chamber of Commerce honoured Di Ponio-Roy with the Business Excellence Award for Large Company of the Year.



Kriston Gene BA '97

After graduation, Kriston Gene completed an Educational Glass Program in Oakville, standing out among his peers. Today, Gene owns Tsunami Glassworks with his business and life partner, Eva.

Tsunami Glassworks, now in its fourth year of business, specializes in hand-blown glass, and architectural glass tile. The company wholesales to more than 100 galleries and showrooms across North America – and hopes to expand into international markets, as well as the hospitality and design area. The designs have been showcased in such publications as Canadian House and Home, Chatelaine, Elle Décor, Metropolis and Azure.



Shannon Hughes BFA '03

Shannon Hughes is the head of Dramatic Arts at the Kampala International School in Uganda, where she combines her passion for acting with a desire to help those in need. While working in Egypt

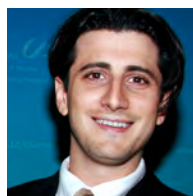
in 2005, she staged productions that highlighted personal stories of refugees to educate the audience and to help the refugees begin to heal. In Uganda, Hughes uses the arts to improve the quality of life for those less fortunate. Shortly after arriving, she joined a group of people in a shantytown to work with children and create community change through the arts, especially theatre. She says she hopes to change the world – “one group at a time.”



Pierre Jraiche BSH '96

Pierre Jraiche is a consulting actuary and business leader in retirement affairs. He moved up quickly in his profession, accomplishing in three to four years what typically takes an accomplished actuary

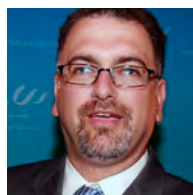
eight to 10 years to achieve. Jraiche has distinguished himself as a team leader, exhibiting outstanding capability and achieving remarkable results. Additionally, he is a sessional instructor with the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at UWindsor, teaching courses that are ideal preparation for the current Society of Actuaries exam.



Gregory Luciani BA '00

Gregory Luciani's business, TravelOnly, has grown from a grassroots travel agency into one of Canada's top-rated travel franchises. TravelOnly has created more than 450 new jobs across Canada,

currently recruiting 10 new agency owners a month. Luciani expects to have more than 2,000 agents within the next three years. TravelOnly has won several awards including Canada's Travel Agency of the Year in 2006 and 2007, The Vacation.com Travel Agency of the Year for North America in 2005, 2006 and 2007 and, in 2004, Canada's Top Job Creator and the 45th Fastest-Growing Company by Profit Magazine.



Chris Schembri BA '92, MBA '05

Chris Schembri oversees media planning and buying for AT&T's \$3.2 billion account. Now vice president of media services with AT&T, the

second-largest advertiser in the U.S., Schembri oversees media planning and buying, working closely with the company's media agency to deliver inspired messages that build on the company's existing marketplace momentum. In addition, he lectures in UWindsor's Executive Weekend MBA program and has been honoured by his students as Professor of the Year for the past three years.

DR. HUGH MACISAAC RECEIVES EXCELLENCE IN MENTORING AWARD

Dr. Hugh MacIsaac BSH '83 is a true mentor, bringing out the best in his students.

In recognition, Dr. MacIsaac received the **Excellence in Mentoring Award**

at the Alumni Association's Annual General Meeting in November. The award is presented to a faculty member who has demonstrated excellence by offering personal, academic or professional guidance to students, and is making a significant contribution to their all-around development up to and following graduation.



Professor and Invasive Species Research Chair in the department of Biological Sciences, his mentoring reaches into the lives of students through his expertise in the Great Lakes aquatic ecosystems, exotic species, invading species, spiny water flea, and zebra mussels.

He teaches undergraduate and graduate students at the Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research, and is a leading researcher in the field of aquatic invasive species.

In support of his nomination, a former student wrote:

“One of the strongest forms of support provided by Dr. MacIsaac was his facilitation of student collaborations with internationally renowned scientists. During my graduate program, he encouraged me to participate in several of these with researchers from Russia, Poland, the U.S. and Canada. He

continues his mentorship with me today through a variety of fronts, including joint authorship on publications and ongoing research. Because of his mentorship, I am much more prepared as an independent researcher, making significant contributions to my field.”

MEN'S HOCKEY SALUTES ALUMNI

The **Lancer Men's Hockey** team honoured its alumni on Saturday, January 17. Events included a family skate, an alumni game, and VIP box seats with food and drinks to watch the 08-09 team defeat the Toronto Varsity Blues. A pre-game tribute to the 1997-98 Queen's Cup Championship team marked the 10th anniversary of the title.



REUNIONS

25TH ANNIVERSARY FOR CLASSES OF '84

Get help planning your special class event. Contact Katherine Simon for financial and planning assistance and getting in touch with your classmates at **519-971-3618** or kasimon@uwindsor.ca

SIZE DOESN'T MATTER – REALLY!

Your reunion could be a class of 50 or a group of five. Let us know when you are getting together with your class. Whether a formal event or casual gathering, let us help enhance your event. Contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at **519-971-3618** or alumni@uwindsor.ca

REUNIONS IN THE WORKS

School of Dramatic Art – Drama in Education Class of '99

May 15, 16 and 17, 2009

Contact: Shawn Rocheleau, BA '99 at shawnwise@gmail.com

Faculty of Nursing - Class of '84

Contact: Giselle Baillargeon at gbail@mnsi.net

BA Class of '59 & BComm Class of '60 and friends

September 18, 19 & 20

Contact: Lou Pennachetti BA '59, BComm '60 at penlo@look.ca

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UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS AND REUNIONS

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ALUMNI – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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APRIL 2009

Toronto, ON
**WINDSOR LAW ALUMNI GALA
RECEPTION – TORONTO**
Thursday, April 2
Rosewood Supper Club
Contact Karen Momotiuk:
karenm@uwindsor.ca

Windsor, ON
**HIGH TEA DRAMA
SCHOOL OF DRAMATIC ART/
UNIVERSITY PLAYERS
ANNIVERSARY EVENT**
Sunday, April 5 - 4:00 – 6:00 pm
CAW Students' Centre, Commons Area
Contact Chris Knack:
uplayers@uwindsor.ca

Arlington, VA
ALL-CANADA ALUMNI EVENT
Saturday, April 18 - 6:00 - 10:30 pm
Hyatt Arlington
Contact Deepak Malhotra:
dmalhotra@wtsinternational.com or
301-622-7800 ext. 106

MAY 2009

Toronto, ON
TORONTO ALUMNI RECEPTION
Wednesday, May 20
Location TBD
Contact Katherine Simon, Alumni
Officer at kasimon@uwindsor.ca

AUGUST 2009

Windsor, ON
**WINDSOR ALUMNI & FRIENDS GOLF
TOURNAMENT**
Monday, August 10, 2008
Ambassador Golf Club
Contact Katherine Simon:
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1960s

James Barlow BA '66, president, Legacy 5 Consultants Inc., Kitchener, Ont.

Olwyn Coughlin BA '68, minister, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Tillsonburg, Ont.

James Henderson MA '67, co-ordinator, donor relations, Windsor-Essex Children's Aid Society, Windsor, Ont.

Lavern Pich BComm '63, retired, former dean Brantford campus, Mohawk College, Hamilton, Ont.

Victor Power BA '60, named a member of the Order of Canada by Governor General Michaëlle Jean, Jan. '09, Ottawa, Ont.

Byron Rourke BA '62, LLD '04, named a member of the Order of Canada by Governor General Michaëlle Jean, Jan. '09, Ottawa, Ont.

John Roushorne BA '69, MA '72, retired, executive director, Windsor/Essex County Humane Society, Windsor, Ont.

1970s

Catherine Andrew BSc '77, family physician, Cosmetic Dermatology and Sclerotherapy, Toronto, Ont.

Philip Bezaire BA '74, MA '75, retired, president and general manager, 3000nine Consulting Inc., McGregor, Ont.

Eileen Daunt BA '72, teacher, Senator Riley School, High River, Alta. and appointed to Senate, University of Lethbridge, Alta., July '08.

Charles Dettman BA '71, sales agent, Coldwell Banker Prime Properties, Rochester, NY.

Rosemary Heenan BA '70, retired, St. Clair College after 31 years, now a life coach, Heart Power Coaching, LaSalle, Ont.

Harry Henderson BSc '74, PhD '77, fluid technology manager, CITGO Petroleum Corporation, Houston, TX.

Warren Kennedy BPE '77, BEd '78, MEd '83, director of education, Greater Essex County District School Board, Windsor, Ont.

Ken Lambier BComm '79, application consultant, Auto Club Group, Dearborn, MI.

David MacKay BA '70, retired, George Brown College, Toronto Ont. Teaching ESL, Durham Board of Education, Pickering, Ont.

Gerald Martindale BMA '77, July '08, completed annual carillon concert tours, Europe and the U.S., Aug. '08.

Gordon Moorlag BMU '76, BEd '77, vice-principal, William E. Hay Composite High School, Stettler, Alta.

Sharon Pickett BPE '71, retired principal, Sacred Heart Catholic High School, Newmarket, Ont.

Neil Rutter LLB '78, president, Blenheim Capital Services LLC, Arlington, VA.

Nancy Tobis BSW '75, social worker, Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services, Milton, Ont.

Leslie Vivvian BA '73, Celebrant, facilitates "Rites of Passage" ceremonies, Calgary, Alta.

1980s

Gregory Aarssen MBA '87, LLB '01, VP, corporate affairs, AltaGas Ltd., Calgary, Alta.

Giselle Baillargeon BScN '84, registered nurse, cardiac catheterization lab, Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital, Windsor, Ont.

Thomas Bauer BA '85, assistant manager, Fogolar Furlan Banquet Facility, Windsor, Ont.

Douglas Bedard BA '81, Windsor artist, Caesar's Windsor's Artist Cafe, Windsor, Ont.

Roberta Bergman BEd '84, vice principal, East York Collegiate Institute, Toronto, Ont.

Alan Brown BComm '89, senior financial analyst, Anchor Bay Entertainment, Troy, MI.

Nancy Camack BScN '85, director, Clinical & Translational Research Administration, Ottawa Health Research Institute, Ottawa, Ont.

Udemezue Dennis BSc '81, MSc '82, CEO, Industrad, Abuja, Nigeria.

Tom Dixon BA '80, executive budget analyst, State of New Mexico, Department of Finance and Administration, Santa Fe, NM.

Denise Dwyer LLB '89, legal director, Legal Services Branch, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Toronto, Ont.

Deanne Fontaine BA '89, owner operator, Compudogs Consulting, Ottawa, Ont.

Eleanor Groh BScN '83, director, emergency services and medicine, Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital, Windsor, Ont.

Faheem Hasnain BHK '81, BEd '82, president and CEO, PDL BioPharma Inc., Redwood City, CA.

Hoi-Tak Ho BCG '85, senior internal auditor, Hong Kong International Airport, Lantau, Hong Kong.

Bill Hodgson BA '83, project manager information systems, Hudson's Bay Company, Toronto, Ont.

Jan Hodgson BA '81, BComm '83, senior director, HR, Ontario Power Generation, Toronto, Ont.

Bruce John BComm '81, centre director, Scotia private client group, Scotiabank & Trust (Cayman) Ltd., Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands.

Anthony La Civita BComm '88, BEd '93, insurance broker, All-Risks Insurance, Tecumseh, Ont.

James Laforet BComm '85, MBA '94, manager, contract billing & operational support, Union Gas, Chatham, Ont.

Mark Lefebvre BFA '88, clown doctor program, Fools for Health, Windsor, Ont.

CLASS NEWS

1990s

Varun Maharaj BComm '85, executive director, ANSA Merchant Bank Limited, Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago.

Tina McComb BHK '88, MHK '90, coordinator, gymnasium, fitness & intramurals, Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo, BC.

Susan Moroz BA '87, BEd '88, principal, Queen Elizabeth Public School, Leamington, Ont., named one of Canada's Outstanding Principals, Canadian Learning Partnership.

Brian Payne BA '89, vice president, supply chain management, Invescor Inc., Mississauga, Ont.

W. Stewart Prince BA '84, commercial manager, Ford global business unit, Autoliv North America, Auburn Hills, MI.

Mark Renaud BPA '88, BEd '89, MEd '94, principal, Christ the King Catholic School, Wallaceburg, Ont.

Anton Saad BAS '85, resident manager, Dar Al-Handash Consultants (Shair & Partners), Amman, Jordan.

Siona Sullivan LLB '83, sole practitioner, Siona V. Sullivan, Sullivan Injury Law, St. Catharines, Ont.

Shama Thomas BSc '86, product development manager, Progressive Insurance, Solon, OH.

Carole Valley-Pryce BSc '89, clinical site specialist, AstraZeneca Canada Inc., Mississauga, Ont.

Marena Woodsit BA '86, BEd '87, supply teacher, Dufferin-Peel Board of Education and president, Gene Woodsit Inc., and VP, Woodsit Realty, Leamington, Ont.

Laura Young MBA '82, BComm '82, VP, investor marketing, Barnes McInerney Inc., Toronto, Ont.

Lorne Abony LLB '94, CEO, Fluid Music Inc., Culver City, CA.

Thomas Atkinson LLB '91, director of enforcement, Ontario Securities Commission, Toronto, Ont.

Robert Bondy BComm '91, president, DMR Truck Inc., Newmarket, Ont.

Jennifer Brimmer BA '93, public relations, Windsor-Essex Children's Aid Society, Windsor, Ont.

Susan Brogno BHK '92, elementary teacher, Surrey School Board, Surrey, BC.

Susanne Brunet BHK '93, ergonomic consultant, Pinnacle Rehabilitation, Windsor, Ont.

Maltaise Cini LLB '90, attorney, Law Office of Maltaise Cini, Santa Ana, CA.

Kirk Clements BA '94, business analyst, Community Futures Alberta South West, Pincher Creek, Alta.

Ian Drago BHK '93, vice principal, St. Christopher Catholic Elementary School, Windsor, Ont.

Rita Dupon BA '93, research analyst, The Weather Network, Oakville, Ont.

Scott Foster BComm '91, national sales manager, payroll services, NEBS Business Products Limited, Midland, Ont.

Scot Gillam BEd '95, principal, educational services, Limestone District School Board, Kingston, Ont.

Rebecca Hertel BA '98, probation officer, Ministry of Children and Youth Services, Newmarket, Ont.

Greg Hill BFA '94, audain curator of indigenous art, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Ont.

Jennifer Jones BA '91, received peace medallion, YMCA, for organizing '08 Rotary Peace Summit, Apr. 25-27, '08, Windsor, Ont.

Leslie Lefebvre BComm '90, VP, global active equities, Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, Toronto, Ont., Nov. '08.

Gail Matheson MA '92, PhD '00, VP, HR, Edmonton Journal, Edmonton, Alta.

David McNeven BA '92, LLB '95, partner, Miller Canfield Paddock & Stone LLP, Windsor, Ont.

Susan Medeiros-Gould BA '95, employment specialist, Cascade Disability Management Inc., Owen Sound, Ont.

Mark Moran BComm '93, manager, audit services, BC Lottery Corporation, Kamloops, BC.

Patrick Persichilli BPA '99, BA '99, VP, Windsor Essex Development Commission, Windsor, Ont.

Connie Powers BEd '94, teacher, Al Sahwa Schools, Muscat, Oman.

Gracinda Ramos BSc '99, owner, Absolute Chiropractic Wellness Centre, Windsor, Ont.

Catherine Rivard BFA '98, currently national anthem singer for the NY Rangers, Madison Square Gardens, NY.

Michael Russell BA '94, CCR '94, military police detachment commander, Dept. of National Defence, Canadian Forces Base, North Bay, Hornell Heights, Ont.

Joseph Savoni BComm '98, certified general accountant, Popp Parete Russo LLP, Windsor, Ont.

Todd Shaw BComm '95, certified general accountant, Ventra Plastics, Windsor, Ont.

Janis Stammler BComm '98, financial analyst & certified general accountant, St. Clair College, Windsor, Ont.

Lilian Stupnyckyj-Smith BA '96, BComm '02, financial planner, RBC Wealth Management, London, Ont.

Joseph Swain BSH '99, MBA '08, owner, EXCEL Fundraising Consultants, London, Ont.

Scott Sylvestre BSc '95, owner, Kumon Math and Reading Centres, Forest Glade/LaSalle, Windsor, Ont.

Laura Tripp BA '97, LLB '99, crown counsel, Public Prosecution Service of Canada, London, Ont.

Peter Wilson BAS '94, program leader, Ford Motor Company, Chihuahua, NM.

Zaidil Zaludin BComm '91, senior manager, human capital management, Celcom Malaysia Berhad, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

2000s

Michelle Baker BSc '06, issues and legislative advisor, Ministry of Transportation, Toronto, Ont.

Sehr Bashir BA '04, BAS '08, field engineer/estimator, PCL Constructors Canada Inc., Mississauga, Ont.

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Nicole Daniels BA '03, law clerk, Richard C. Belsito, Q.C. Professional Corporation, Richmond Hill, Ont.

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Marianthi Evans BFA '04, co-star, *Max Payne*, Oct. '08, Hollywood, CA.

Ryan Flannagan BA '00, director, Office of Student Affairs, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ont.

Christopher Gillett BComm '04, associate investment advisor, GMP Private Client L.P., Vancouver, B.C.

Md. Mustafizur Khan BCS '03, BSc '04, technical system analyst, Rogers Communications Inc., Brampton, Ont.

Rachel King BA '02, stage manager, Cranked, Green Thumb Theatre Productions, Jan. '08, New York, NY.

Lisa Marie Lauriault BMT '03, BMT '04, group & private music instructor, Yamaha Music School, Toronto, Ont.

Dean Lenuik BA '04, MA '05, research associate, BCS Incorporated, Laurel, MD.

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Scott Moncur LLB '07, track and field coach, sprints/hurdles/middle-distance, Columbia University, New York, NY.

Ourlania Moschopoulos LLB '03, senior research analyst, Department of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, Gatineau, QC.

Jeremy Neff BA '08, teacher, POSEF Educational Foundation, Pohang, South Korea.

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Jennifer O'Brien BA '07, BEd '08, teacher, Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board, Brantford, Ont.

Bethany Rudd BComm '05, recruitment advisor, London Health Sciences Centre, London, Ont.

Joseph Schembri BCS '00, project manager, HSBC Bank, Mosta, Malta.

Sarah-Jane Siddall BComm '06, HR recruiter, Resort Municipality of Whistler, Whistler, BC.

Sean Sinclair BCH '06, PLM system administrator, General Dynamics Canada, Ottawa, Ont.

Daryl Stephenson BHK '08, re-signed with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, CFL, Winnipeg, Man.

Paul Villegas BA '01, parliamentary affairs officer, Dept. of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Ottawa, Ont.

Jennifer Wagner LLB '05, corporate secretary, Castillian Resources Corporation, Toronto, Ont.

Michelle Weglarz BA '03, BSW '04, MSW '06, social worker, Sandwich Community Health Centre Inc, Windsor, Ont.

Michael White BAS '06, mechanical engineer, Physical Plant Services, Queen's University, Kingston, Ont.

Births

Kristie (Brennan) Corchis BA '97, and William Corchis, a son, Easton Michael, July 9, '08.

Michelle (Swales) Fosten BHK '98, MHK '01, and **Chris Fosten** BASc '99, a daughter, Kathryn Michelle, June 22, '08.

Crystal (Stewart) McKenzie BA '06, and **Ryan McKenzie** BA '04, a son, Coen, Nov. 19, '08.

Carolyn Milligan BAS '00, and **Andrew Kilpatrick** BASc '00, a son, Liam Kilpatrick, May 18, '08.

Danielle (Breault) Stuebing BA '92, and **Jason Stuebing** BA '91, a son, Connor William, Aug. 28, '08.

Marium Tolson-Murty BA '96, BEd '03, MEd '08, and Aynk Murty, a son, Makai Karum, Feb. 15, '08.

Arshia Zaidi BS '94, BA '96, MA '99, and Fawad Naqvi, a daughter, Zoha Naqvi, Sept. 4, '08. Arshia is assistant professor, University of Ontario Institute of Technology, Oshawa, Ont.

In Memoriam

Harry Annan BA '48, Jan. 9, '08, Windsor, Ont.

George Armbrust BA '71, Dec. 9, '08, Windsor, Ont.

Marie Bookless BA '77, BComm '79, Nov. 13, '08, Macon, GA.

Irene Brock DPN '67, Jan. 27, '09, Sarnia, Ont.

Helen Budimir-Hussey BComm '90, MBA '92, Dec. 24, '08, Aruba.

Gertrude Caisse LLB '91, Dec. 31, '08, Calgary, Alta.

John Capo LLB '76, Dec. 2, '08, founding partner, Capo Sgro LLP, Barristers and Solicitors, Toronto, Ont.

Gordon Carlton BEd '77, Jan. 25, '09, Windsor, Ont.

Wayne Curtin BA '65, BPE '66, Dec. 14, '08, Windsor, Ont.

Leona Doerr BA '50, Dec. 29, '08, Ottawa, Ont.

Eli Drakich BComm '61, BComm '62, Sept. 20, '08, Toronto, Ont.

Louis Drouillard BA '63, BSW '72, Oct. 20, '08, Windsor, Ont.

Susan Dunlop BA '67, Oct. 23, '08, Windsor, Ont.

Gilbert Farrell BA '35, Feb. 2, '09, Ayr, Ont.

Anne Filipowski BA '89, Dec. 9, '08, Toronto, Ont.

Marja-Liisa Fletcher BA '70, June 11, '08, Ottawa, Ont.

Robert Gourlay BComm '61, Oct. 14, '08, Winnipeg, Man.

Walter Hodgson BSc '70, MSc '73, Feb. 21, '09, Oakville, Ont.

Michael Hosowich BA '49, July 7, '08, Windsor, Ont.

Edward Hyttenrauch BA '68, MEd '82, Oct. 18, '08, Windsor, Ont.

Bertram Ingram BA '68, Jan. 10, '09, Millbrook, Ont.

Ctibor Janek BA '76, Nov. 18, '08, Windsor, Ont.

Mary Krakana BA '75, Dec. 3, '08, Belle River, Ont.

Denis Landry BPE '71, Sept. 13, '08, Ottawa, Ont.

Alexander MacFie BA '76, Feb. 22, '09, Windsor, Ont.

David Madill BAS '63, Jan. 16, '09, Lakefield, Ont.

Victoria Maedel BA '80, Feb. 4, '09, Windsor, Ont.

Rhonda Maheux BA '94, Sept. 15, '08, Windsor, Ont.

Patricia Mallender LABt '46, Jan. 22, '09, LaSalle, Ont.

Norman Marsden BComm '69, Feb. 5, '09, Ottawa, Ont.

Gordon Mascaro BA '54, Oct. 18, '08, Windsor, Ont.

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Robert Matton BA '77, BEd '78, Sept. 17, '08, Hamilton, Ont.

John Maus DSC '85, Nov. 1, '08, Director, Ontario Cancer Foundation Clinic, Windsor Regional Hospital, Windsor, Ont.

Freida McAvoy Jan. 14, '09, former sessional instructor, research associate, School of Social Work, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ont.

Sharon McKrow DTE '72, Feb. 11, '09, Windsor, Ont.

Peter McLean BA '65, MA '66, Nov. 4, '08, Vancouver, B.C.

Norando Meconi BA '51, Nov. 1, '08, Windsor, Ont.

Daniel Meehan LLB '08, Dec. 20, '08, Ottawa, Ont.

Nancy Mooney BA '67, Feb. 3, '09, Windsor, Ont.

Henry Muroff BA '46, Dec. 31, '08, Windsor, Ont.

James Novak LLB '75, Jan. 11, '09, Toronto, Ont.

Madeleine Pageau BA '80, Sept. 15, '08, Windsor, Ont.

Lois Pratt BMA '77, Sept. 12, '08, South Buxton, Ont.

Peter Reddam BSc '84, Sept. 22, '08, Windsor, Ont.

Stephen Sauve BA '99, Jan. 17, '09, Ottawa, Ont.

William Sivell BA '49, MA '70, Dec. 3, '08, Windsor, Ont.

Robert St. Germain BSc '61, Sept. 27, '08, Windsor, Ont.

Judith Stapleton BPE '73, Feb. 13, '09, Kingsville, Ont.

Thomas Stokes Feb. 16, '09, Toronto, Ont., former Associate Professor, Philosophy, Assumption University, Windsor, Ont.

Keith Studman CBA '70, BComm '78, BA '79, Dec. 12, '08, Windsor, Ont.

J. Harry Toop PhD '77, Jan. 2, '09, Windsor, Ont.

Lorraine Vickery BA '74, Oct. 5, '08, Leamington, Ont.

Mary-Helen Zarlenga DTE '72, Nov. 7, '08, Windsor, Ont.

Weddings

Angela Arabia-Tzirivilas BA '96, and Constantino Tzirivilas, Aug. 30, '08, Toronto, Ont.

Trevor Dinham BHK '06 and Shannon (Drouillard), Oct. 11, '08, Windsor, Ont. Trevor is Alumni Officer, Communications & Marketing, University of Windsor.

Michael Iley MHK '05, and **Tara Arnold** MHK '05, June 14, '08, Kitchener, Ont.

Ryan MacDonald BComm '03, and **Trudy Mills** BA '04, Oct. 12, '08, Ocho Rios, Jamaica.


Jason McKinlay BSW '07 and **Samantha Corriveau** BSW '07, Jan. 12, '09, Mayan Riviera, Mexico.

Kristina Navarro-Velez BSN '99, and **Tristan Velez** BSc '98, MA '00, June 28, '08, Windsor, Ont. Kristina is a nurse, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA and Tristan is accounting manager, Heritage Partners Inc., Boston, MA.

Christina Rossi-Blake BFA '02, and **Alexander Blake** BA '02, July 26, '08, Kettleby, Ontario. Christina is an education programmer, York Region District School Board Heritage Schoolhouse Museum & Archives, Markham, Ont.

Karen (Tremblay) Scherer BA '01, and John Scherer, March 8, '08, Toronto, Ont.

Jordana (Fienberg) Smith BEd '07, and Brandon Smith, July 13, '08, Toronto, Ont.



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