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As a dual Canadian and U.S. citizen, I love celebrating both Canada Day and Independence Day, Family Day and President's Day, Labour Day and Labor Day, and especially Thanksgiving in October and November.



However, I do always get a bit melancholy on the fourth Thursday of the 11th month each year, and the first American Thanksgiving that I worked at the college was no exception. I mentioned this sadness in passing to a colleague and one year later, the morning of the next American Thanksgiving, I arrived at work to find my desk covered with orange crepe paper, turkey decorations and wishes for a very happy Turkey Day. My colleagues had stayed late the night before to decorate my desk, and each had brought in some part of a traditional Thanksgiving meal that day for our department's lunch – pumpkin pie and all.

Having worked in a variety of settings for more than 25 years, I know that these kinds of colleagues are exceptional (and clearly very awesome). And yet stories like this, about people who go above and beyond, who have big ideas and even bigger senses of humour, are quite common in the halls of Lethbridge College.

This issue of *Wider Horizons* is dedicated to the people who made and make the college the great place it is today – whether they are founders, builders or presidents; retired or current faculty and staff; or alumni and students from any generation. When we put out the call last summer to compile a list of 60 great Lethbridge College people, the list we returned with numbered in the hundreds – with more than 60 faculty and staff members alone.

In this issue, you will find the whittled down, completely unscientific list of 60 great Lethbridge College people in a story that features illustrations by Brent Bates, a graphic designer in the college's Marketing department. We also hope you enjoy the feature on Lethbridge College love stories – including the tale of Dick and Yvonne Kerber, alumni from the college's first graduating class whose romance is as evident today as it was more than 50 years ago.

We'd love to hear your own stories – whether you met the love of your life at college, or simply have a story to share about a remarkable Lethbridge College person. Drop us a line at WHMagazine@lethbridgecollege.ca or share your story on our social media using the hashtag #LC1957. Help us celebrate our 60th by sharing your memories of the people who made – and still make – the college the place it is today.

Thanks for reading!

Lisa Kozleski
Editor

P.S. We had the thrill of swapping our cover photo when the undefeated Kodiaks women's basketball team won the national championship shortly before we went to press. The team was phenomenal to watch all season (okay – truth be told, they've been fun to watch for YEARS). Their level of skill and sportsmanship is inspirational. Congratulations to the team, the coaches, the fans and the families on a spectacular season. It was a pleasure to cheer you on.

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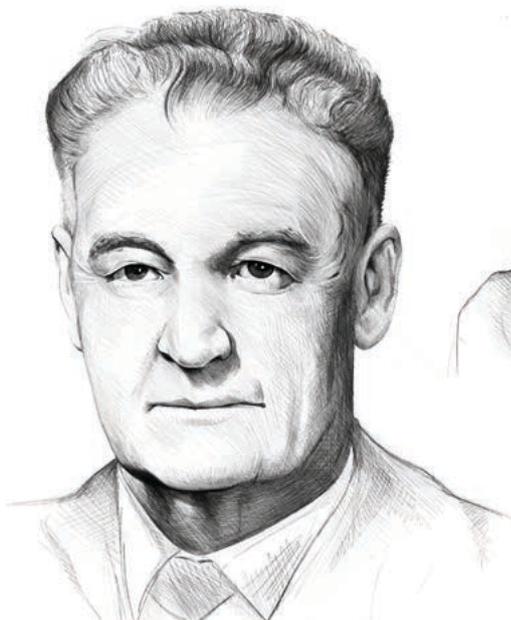
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PEOPLE MAKE THE PLACE

Whether they were founders, builders, alumni, faculty, staff or students, it is people who made Lethbridge College what it has been for the last six decades, and it is people who make it what it is today and what it will be in the decades to come.

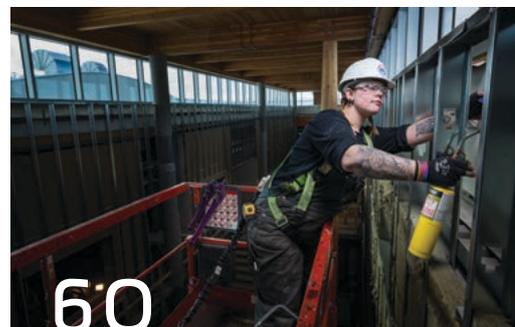
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Beef Wellington: Sundried tomato pesto provides an update on this classic, 60s-era recipe to link the Culinary program's past and future.



Q&A: Wanda LeClair, an experienced welder and Lethbridge College alumna, now teaches the skill to others, focusing on under-represented groups.



Grads on our grounds: College grads put their hands-on learning to the test as skilled tradespeople working on the new trades and tech facility.

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Lethbridge College President and CEO Dr. Paula Burns joined Dr. Leroy Little Bear, MP Rachael Harder, Dr. Mike Mahon and other distinguished guests to help cut a one-of-a-kind cake at the Founders' Day Weekend Kick-off Barbeque in January celebrating the university's 50th anniversary. The college and university's ties go back all 50 years, and until the opening of "U-Hall" in 1972, university classes were held at Lethbridge College's campus.



U of L alumna and Sugar Bakeshop owner Amy Whipple spent 40 hours making the cake that was modelled on University Hall, the Arthur Erickson-designed landmark on the west-side campus. Planning for the baking project started in November, according to media reports, and in the end, Whipple used 31 pounds of butter, 91 cups of sugar, 130 cups of flour, 156 eggs and five pounds of fondant to create the confectionary masterpiece.

Photo by Gregory Thiessen



In the gloomy, grey days of January, students spent a week brightening up campus with a special way of saying thanks. Specifically, they were thanking the 1,500 donors who support everything from major campus building projects – like the new trades and technologies facility – to student awards – which make education possible for anyone with the desire to learn, regardless of the ability to pay.



Videographer Jim McNally captured the week-long drafting of the 693 Post-It thank you notes. After some thorough editing, he and the Marketing team transformed the week into a two-minute video (which can be seen at learn.lc/2017donorthankyou). The college unveiled the video at a special donor appreciation evening in February. Donors were also able to see the board of Post-It thank you notes that evening.

Photo by Gregory Thiessen



News and notes



Lethbridge College women's basketball team caps undefeated season with national championship

The Lethbridge College women's basketball team completed a second consecutive undefeated regular season in 2016-17 and then added a conference championship and a historic national title at the CCAA national championships in Edmonton in March. The exceptional play during the season and playoffs marked the Kodiaks squad as one of the greatest athletic teams in Lethbridge College history.

"I told the girls, 'once you win, it can't be taken away from you,'" says Brad Karren, Kodiaks head coach. "They are national champions forever, and that is not an easy thing to do. But they have done it and I'm so proud of them."

The Kodiaks dominated the competition during the ACAC regular season while compiling a 21-0 record, defeating opponents by more than ten points in all but two games. At provincials, which they hosted on their own home court, the Kodiaks steamrolled past Lakeland in the opening round and overcame their semifinal demons from a year earlier with a convincing 66-50 victory over the SAIT Trojans. In front of a raucous, capacity crowd, the Kodiaks assured a memorable

85-54 win over the St. Mary's Lightning, capturing the 13th ACAC championship in program history.

The team then travelled to NAIT to take on the best teams in Canada at the 2017 CCAA National Championships. Entering as the third seed, Lethbridge rolled past first round opponent British Columbia's Douglas College before facing their toughest test of the season in the semifinal against Quebec champion Nomades de Montmorency. After the Kodiaks jumped out to a 19-point lead in the second quarter, the Nomades caught fire and eventually tied the game at 70, setting up an exhilarating final two minutes. In the end, the Kodiaks hit a pair of clutch jumpers and prevailed 74-70, setting up a national title match with Montreal's Dawson College Lady Blues.

In the national final, the Kodiaks overcame early nerves and rode Sunder West's 23 points to an 81-57 victory, claiming the fourth CCAA women's basketball championship in program history after previous wins in 1989, 1990 and 2004.

WH Story by Jamin Heller | Photo courtesy of CCAA

Want to keep up on all of your Lethbridge College news between issues of *Wider Horizons*? Check out our news and events webpage (lethbridgecollege.ca/news) for the latest stories and all of the college news you need. And don't forget, you can read past issues of *Wider Horizons* at widerhorizons.ca.

KODIAKS NEWS

In addition to sending both women's and men's basketball teams to the national championships, the Lethbridge College Kodiaks collected a number of provincial and national honours during the 2016-17 season, including:

Women's basketball

- CCAA national champions
- ACAC provincial champions
- Undefeated season (27-0)



Logan Moncks

- CCAA All-Canadian
- CCAA tournament first team all-star
- ACAC Player of the Year
- ACAC south division all-conference first team



Sunder West

- CCAA championship MVP
- ACAC tournament MVP
- ACAC south division all-conference first team



Emma Lowry

- CCAA tournament first team all-star
- ACAC championship tournament all-star team
- ACAC south division all-conference first team



Head coach Brad Karren

- CCAA Coach of the Year
- ACAC south division Coach of the Year

Men's basketball

- CCAA national championship fifth-place finish
- CCAA national championship Fair Play Award
- ACAC provincial silver medalists



Chris Maughan

- ACAC championship tournament all-star team
- ACAC south division all-conference first team



Robert Myles III

- CCAA tournament second team all star
- ACAC championship tournament all-star team



Cory Richardson

- ACAC championship tournament all-star team
- ACAC south division all-conference first team

Indoor track

- Five ACAC medals
 - Gold in the men's 4X400 – John Krause, Moses Chesseret, Boaz Korir and Dayton Jans
 - Silver in men's 600 metres – Dayton Jans
 - Bronze in men's 300 metres – Dayton Jans
 - Bronze in women's 300 metres – Kayla Enders
 - Bronze in women's 3,000 metres – Emily Spencer

Men's volleyball

- ACAC south division all-star team



Dax Whitehead

- eighth in the conference in kills per set (3.08)
- third in hitting percentage (51.1 per cent)
- 12th in digs (146)



Veteran coach returns to lead Kodiaks soccer programs

Former Kodiaks women's soccer coach Sean Carey has returned to Lethbridge College to lead both programs. Carey had been head coach of the women's team for two seasons in 2009-10 and 2010-11 and has a long history of coaching soccer at all levels in southern Alberta. "It's very exciting, and there's a lot of good memories from my two years here," says Carey. "There's a solid foundation here with the soccer program. It's come a long way in the last few years and it makes it really appealing. It's going to be fun and I'm relishing it."

Warm Paws

Lethbridge College students, employees and community members have made the fourth annual Kodiaks Warm Paws campaign a success and donated a total of 873 items of winter clothing to six local charities in December. This donation brings the total to more than 2,370 items donated during the last four years.

@journey_hanna



I love the kodiaks. They made my dreams come true to be a part of this experience. national champions of Canada. @LC_Kodiaks

{ Hanna's Journey DS }



COLLEGE NEWS

Bringing home the hardware

Wider Horizons and Lethbridge College represented at the CASE District VIII 2016 communications awards competition, bringing home a gold award in feature writing for the “Lost Boys” story written by Lisa Kozleski and a silver award for photo series for the “Whistling while he works” photos taken by Rod Leland.



Lethbridge College recruiters win Instagram contest

Lethbridge College recruiters Jessica DeCoste, Greg Goodwin and Kelsey Solway spent a solid three-month span on the road late in 2016, traveling throughout B.C., Alberta and Saskatchewan. By snapping and sharing some outstanding photos during their travels, Jessica and Greg were also winners of the Educational Liaison Association of Alberta Instagram contest.

College opens new regional campus in Pincher Creek

Lethbridge College is expanding its services in southern Alberta by opening a new regional campus in Pincher Creek. The campus officially became part of the college community in late December 2016, with the signing of a collaborative agreement between the college and five community partners in Pincher Creek. The partner organizations will work together with Lethbridge College to identify and serve the educational needs of the local community and to establish and deliver programs and services throughout several community locations. A previous regional campus in Pincher Creek operated until 2013, but this new campus will utilize a different format, working directly with partners on community-driven initiatives that will meet the needs of learners in the Pincher Creek area. The college is actively exploring opportunities to partner with more communities to expand its network of regional campuses.

Parent Preschool Program earns provincial honour

The Parent Preschool Program, a unique and innovative partnership that includes faculty and students from the Early Childhood Education program, has earned a major provincial honour. It has been named a winner in the “program category” of the Child Care Professional Awards of Excellence, awarded by Alberta Human Services. Congratulations!

As Lethbridge College is on traditional Blackfoot territory, an Elder is invited to smudge before important events, including Convocation, to cleanse the space and prepare for the celebration. This photo, taken at Convocation 2016, shows Elder Peter Weasel Moccasin, Marcia Black Water (General Studies 2004) and Dr. Paula Burns during the smudging.



Winter 2017 Open House BY THE NUMBERS

110
TOURS OF CAMPUS

4 PROVINCES REPRESENTED

+400
VISITORS ATTENDED

191 PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS REGISTERED

100
FINANCIAL AID & STUDENT AWARDS CONSULTATIONS

OVER 125
FACULTY, STAFF & VOLUNTEERS SUPPORTING THE EVENT

Watch for details about our fall Open House in the next issue of Wider Horizons.



surRENDER offers a look at Lethbridge College's virtual reality

More than 120 students, staff and community members experienced the cutting-edge technology used to train the next generation of interior design technologists during the “surRENDER” open house on campus in December. About 80 of those visitors entered the virtual reality experience space and 30 people had the chance to immerse themselves into the custom home (while the remaining visitors were able to watch the experience on the big screen). The Interior Design Technology program has introduced a virtual reality experience into the program to be a leading force in the design and architectural illustration industry. Students were thrilled to be able to feature their designs, digital illustrations and animation at the event, which was generously sponsored by Alvin Reinhard Fritz Architect Inc. and Electrical Solutions Inc. Stay tuned for more developments involving virtual reality applied research opportunities at the college.

Popular agriculture conference celebrates 18th year

More than 350 agricultural producers, business people, students and industry experts gathered to learn about issues important to the red meat industry at the 18th annual Tiffin Conference hosted by Lethbridge College in January. Featured speakers included Dr. Jude Capper, a livestock sustainability consultant based in England, and Anne Wasko, a livestock marketing consultant with Gateway Livestock in Taber.

College Home partnership

The college and the Canadian Home Builders' Association – Lethbridge Region were pleased to welcome back Stranville Living Master Builder as the lead builder for the fifth and final year of the College Home Project. “Opening up the build to smaller contractors, many of whom are college alumni who want to give back, is very heartening and is a perfect way to complete the five-year College Home partnership,” says Lethbridge College President and CEO Dr. Paula Burns.

“It’s terrific to have a builder like Stranville Living see the value of this partnership and return to lead the project for a second time.”

The Dean and the Delegation

Dr. Edith Olson, Interim Dean of the Centre for Applied Arts and Sciences, joined a delegation led by Lethbridge Mayor Chris Spearman in February to visit Anyang City and Anyang County, Henan, China as well as Haebaru, Okinawa, Japan. “This is a tremendous opportunity to return the visits that our sister-cities have paid to us previously,” Olson said before leaving on the trip. “I look forward to the opportunity to explore a new culture, the ability to build relationships with our international partners and an educational exchange of ideas that will benefit the entire college community.”

@thenickyoungsterg7



No mountains, no problem. Coulees? A ski bum makes do. #skiing #skibumlife #lethbridgecollege #getoutside #sunset #atomicski

{ Nick Anderson-Young, Renewable Resource Management }



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Unique partnership benefits local students

Ten students from Lethbridge Collegiate Institute spent a week in January in a job-shadow program that saw them spend four-and-a-half days at Southland International, a local service, sales, rental and leasing heavy equipment dealer, and a half day at the college in the new trades and technologies facility. "It's a very interesting, unique partnership," says Sheldon Anderson (Automotives 1987), chair of the Crooks School of Transportation. "I believe it's the first time anything like this has been done. Our main goal is to raise the positive profile of the trades for high school students."

"I believe trades are an excellent career to pursue, and we hope this new facility inspires students to see the possibilities that exist in a career in the trades."



February 11 : @LethCollege

Thanks to everyone that joined us for today's 11th annual @WinterWalkDay! We couldn't ask for a prettier place to go for a stroll. #yql



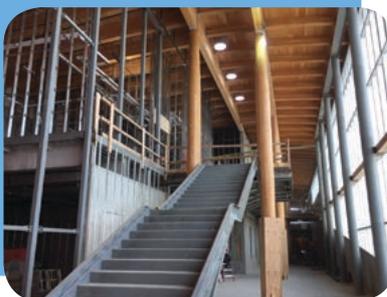
{ Lethbridge College }

January 17 : @radiopat258

Tour of Phase Two of new Trades & Technologies Facility at @LethCollege. Building will be ready to open to students this September. #yql



{ Pat Siedlecki }



FAST FACTS



655

Total number of blood donations made in the college's name in 2016 – which is 109 per cent of the college's 600 donation goal. Donations are still and always needed. Call 1-888-2-DONATE (1-888-236-6283) for clinic information, eligibility information or to book an appointment

\$8,198.95

Total funds raised on campus during November, which was donated to support men's health causes. The Hairy Cousins Gang, a group of instructors and staff from the college whose efforts included a chili cook-off, raised \$4,512. The Lethbridge College Students' Association raised a record-setting \$3,686.95. Thanks to all who participated and donated.

1,000

Total donations made as part of the Buchanan Library's annual Food for Fines campaign, which urges those in the college community to bring in a donation of a non-perishable food item, gift cards or cash for the LCSA Food Bank, in exchange for having their overdue library fines forgiven. Student Reuben Senft brought in the 1,000th donation to Food for Fines in December and was awarded with a gift basket.

Our second 20 years

With Lethbridge College turning 60, it seems appropriate to look back and reflect on the history of the college. For this installation, we focus on the second 20 years – the community college years – and hope our stories will inspire people to share their memories.

In 1982, the college started a Hall of Fame. The first inductees were the three founders: Gilbert Paterson, Kate Andrews and Jim Cousins. In following years, candidates were selected from the community to honour those who had accomplished great deeds in public service, academics, business, the professions and more. Some of the honourees included Val and Flora Matteotti, Sven Ericksen, Andy Anderson, R.C. (Cleve) Hill, Keith V. Robins, Les Talbot, James Carpenter, Senator Joyce Fairbairn and Ralph A. Thrall, Jr.

Flora Matteotti's reflection in the April 25, 1988, *Lethbridge Herald* at the time of her induction likely reflected the beliefs of many of the hall-of-famers: "It is important to never lose sight of your dreams. It is equally important to see education as a key paving stone on the road to making your dreams become a reality."

When the college started in 1957, it was a tiny institution with only 38 students. By 1985, the school body had increased to 3,000 full-time students with another 17,000 people participating in Continuing Education programs. More space was needed and the College Centre – now known as Centre Core – with hallways connecting to the various buildings, was the answer.

The addition brought many new important spaces to campus, including the Kodiaks Cave, which gave students a place to relax, have a snack and maybe play a game or two. Many a student remembers time hanging out with friends between classes in the Cave.

The College Centre allowed the college to preserve and create legacies. In the 1960s, Donald and Hugh Buchanan donated the Buchanan Collection to the college on behalf of their parents, Senator and Mrs. W.A. Buchanan. The collection included 47 art pieces mainly of Canadian works, many of which focused on western landscapes. The expanded library created an appropriate space to showcase this collection.

The core of the new building showcased a statue of a coal miner, a tribute to Lethbridge's first profession. Corne Martens, the artist, was asked by the *Herald* to reflect on his proudest accomplishments. In response, Martens spoke of his work and what a thrill and honour it was to build the coal miner statue for the college. He pondered that maybe his great-great-grandchild would one day see the statue. Educational opportunities, time with friends and art that would stand the test of time – the second 20 years of the college contributed greatly to the community.



If you have a memory of the second 20 years of Lethbridge College's history that you'd like to share, email WHMagazine@lethbridgecollege.ca or post your story and photos on the college's social media channels:

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[i @lethcollege](https://www.instagram.com/@lethcollege)

We can't wait to hear from you.

WH Story by Belinda Crowson, Galt Museum and Archives
 Photos courtesy Galt Museum and Archives

PEOPLE MAKE

Whether they were founders, builders, alumni, faculty, staff or students, it is people who made Lethbridge College what it has been for the last six decades, and it is people who make it what it is today and what it will be in the decades to come.

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A SAMPLING OF 60

If you gathered up the 4,000 students, 35,000 alumni and thousands of people who have worked at Lethbridge College over the years, a couple of things would happen. First, you'd likely have a VERY good party. And second, the story swapping that would occur would be nonstop.

There would be stories about the early days, of the hard work and dedication called on to establish Canada's first publicly-funded community college. There would be tales of what it took to build

the programs that the college is known for today. There would be different accounts of sporting successes over the decades – of overtime wins and banners brought back to the Val Matteotti Gymnasium – and likely lots of laughter about times spent together after class (most often in The Barn).

There would be talk of teachers who made a difference, and colleagues who helped shape careers. There would be reports on rising stars, and inspiring accounts of the current students who are sure to be the leaders of tomorrow.

There would be stories for, from and about each of tens of thousands of people who have a connection to the college, stories that would illustrate how people truly make a place. The following pages offer just a sampling.

We encourage you to share your Lethbridge College stories by emailing WHMagazine@lethbridgecollege.ca or posting it on social media using the hashtag #LC1957.

We can't wait to hear them all.

Stories for, from and about people who made and make the college what it is.



THE PLACE



Kate Andrews

Founder, first board chair

{ 1957-1967 }

Van Christou, one of the founders of the University of Lethbridge, vividly remembers the first time he met Kate Andrews, one of the founders of Lethbridge College, in person.

“She had called me to have a meeting with her at her office,” says Christou, who was working as an orthodontist at that time in 1960 and was the chair of the education committee for the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce. “She was sitting in her chair, smoking with her long cigarette holder, behind her desk in a cloud of smoke. She had me sit down and started telling me about how the college kept getting turned down for further accreditation because they didn’t have a good enough library. And she asked if I would do a fundraiser.”

Although he was quite busy at home, at work and in the community, Christou said yes. On his way back to his office, he

stopped by about a half dozen businesses to ask for help to support the new college. Within three days, he returned to Andrews’ office with \$48,000 in his pocket. “Kate nearly fell out of her chair,” says Christou with a smile. “She thought it would take a year to raise \$40,000.” After that, Christou says, “we became very close friends, very rapidly.”

This interaction between two of the city’s most important advocates for education summarizes much about the college and its formidable founder in those early days: Andrews never hesitated to ask for what was needed for the college; the community provided incredible support for the college as it began to plant roots in the city; and few could say no to her requests.

Christou did say no to her – once – a few years later. They were on a plane ride to Edmonton where Andrews planned to make a case to the Premier for a university to be added to the college. “We were on this plane, and she was smoking her cigarettes. Kate was a great talker, and she talked almost the whole way up about this plan. Somewhere over Red Deer, she paused and I said ‘Kate, don’t you think we’re barking up the wrong tree?’”

Christou, who had been serving on the Senate of the newly-formed University of Calgary, knew the University Act would make Andrews’ plan to add a university to the college nearly impossible to achieve. Andrews was furious with him for not supporting her plan. But in the end, Christou’s assessment proved right, and the provincial government, led by Premier Manning, created two separate, distinct institutions in the city.

FOUNDERS & BUILDERS

Gilbert Paterson

{ Founder }

Gilbert Paterson was at the heart of the movement to establish a college in Lethbridge. He saw the community college as the great educational institution of the future. “An institution as complex as a junior college, particularly the first public one in Alberta and under some

definitions in Canada, one which would have to be developed over largely unchartered paths, can never be built by one man,” former Lethbridge College Communications instructor Georgia Fooks wrote in the 1978 History of the Lethbridge Community College. “But this one... began as the dream of a single man. Not only did he envision a college, but he helped bring it into reality.”

James Twa

{ First Director of Vocational Education }

A great deal of credit for the broad course offerings at Lethbridge Junior College in its early days went to James Twa. When Twa was hired in 1962, he was expected to do everything that was going to be done in technical and vocational education at the college. No one was sure what this would be.

“It was a real turning point in the history of the college and university,” says Christou. “It would have taken so long to change the University Act,” and if delayed, establishing a university in southern Alberta may never have happened. “Both the college and university are better off for it – the city of Lethbridge is better for it,” says Christou of the events that unfolded on that smoky plane.

“When we first saw the stakes driven into the ground on the site of the present college, Dr. Andrews said to me, ‘Isn’t it thrilling?’”

“Kate was a very strong, very powerful woman,” says Christou. “She was a great leader for the college.” And she never stopped advocating for the college. “When we first saw the stakes driven into the ground on the site of the present college, Dr. Andrews said to me, ‘Isn’t it thrilling?’” the college’s first dean, Jim Cousins, wrote after her death on Jan. 9, 1967, just nine days after the University of Lethbridge came into being. “It was – and as long as the institution stands, Kate Andrews’ contribution will be remembered.”

Or, as Jerome Robbins, the board chair who succeeded her, had placed under her photo in the college’s board room, “Without her this would not have been.”



The only thing they knew was that the federal government had announced funding for technical-vocational programs. Twa accepted the challenge, although he later said if he had truly understood the task, he would have said it was impossible. Twa was praised for inventing and innovating as he helped build the vocational program.

Buck Cunningham

{ “Godfather” of the college’s Environmental Sciences program }

Buck Cunningham built the college’s widely-respected Environmental Sciences program. Kerry Edwards (Renewable Resource Management 1983), a Conservation Enforcement/Natural Resource Compliance instructor, recalls meeting Cunningham when he first came

to campus as a student. “He interviewed every student who came in the door,” Edwards says. “He wanted to make sure the student was the right fit for the program. And he had hired an amazing staff. They were all well-educated and experts in their fields. He had a vision to have this be the best Environmental Sciences program in the country. He definitely laid the foundation for a very strong program.”

W.J. “Jim” Cousins

Lethbridge Community College Dean
{ 1957-1963 }

“There are people who dream
and there are those who catch
a vision and are able to breathe
life into it.”



COLLEGE PRESIDENTS

Carl B. Johnson

{ Principal, 1963-1967 }

Carl Johnson led the school during the time that the University of Lethbridge came into being. While initially a time of turmoil, as founders had a vision of having both a university and a community college as part of the same institution, in the end, the splitting of the college and university ushered in a new era in educational opportunities that perhaps could never have existed within the old structure.

Dr. Charles D. Stewart

{ 1967-1975 }

Dr. Charles Stewart was praised for his ability to galvanize people and for convincing them that the college was important, and he was known as a good financial manager who was not only able to eliminate the deficit the college had acquired in its early years but create a surplus without shortchanging the quality of education.

Donald W. Anderson

{ 1976-1979 }

Donald Anderson came to Lethbridge after serving 38 years as Principal of the Kingston campus of the St. Lawrence College of Applied Arts and Technology. During his tenure, long-term institutional plans were developed, architectural reports were drawn up, and funding was in place for the trades and technologies wing, as well as the second phase of residences.

“There are people who dream and there are those who catch a vision and are able to breathe life into it. William James “Jim” Cousins, the first person to hold the position of chief executive officer at Lethbridge College, was one of the latter.”

So starts the history of Lethbridge College presidents written to celebrate the college’s 35th anniversary. Cousins, a Welsh-born history teacher at Lethbridge Collegiate Institute, was the first person hired to work at the college – to teach history – and was later named the college’s first chief executive officer.

Cousins accepted the position with no release time for administration and no extra salary. In fact, since he was on the same salary grid as the other teachers and had less experience than some of them, he made less money than three of the teachers who worked for him. According to the college’s history, “The Board felt the honour of the position was sufficient payment for the job.”

“My work mostly was public accountability,” Cousins would later say. “I had to tell them what the college was about. I had to sound as if I knew a lot of things even if I didn’t. ‘We were the first that ever burst into that silent sea’ because we didn’t know where to start or what to do.”

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The *Lethbridge Herald* praised his appointment to the position: “The work of the chief executive officer of an established college or university is probably about 75 per cent administration and 25 per cent public relations – all of it, of course, within an academic framework. In a new institution, especially a community college, good public relations are probably even more essential.

“The personality of the chief officer, the enthusiasm he shows toward his task, and his ability to win the respect of the students, the loyalty of staff and board members, and the cooperation of the public will have a great deal to do with the success or failure of the college. For these reasons, we applaud the nomination of Mr. W.J. Cousins as acting dean of the new Lethbridge Junior College.”

G. Les Talbot

{ 1979-1990 }

Les Talbot’s leadership provided direction during an era of facility and educational expansion. During his time as president, the campus developed from a series of unrelated buildings into an attractive and unified campus, and the academic programs expanded to meet the needs of the community.

Dr. Donna J. Allan

{ 1990-2005 }

Dr. Donna Allan was the first woman to hold the position of President at Lethbridge College, and the second woman in the province of Alberta

to hold that position at technical institutes, universities and community colleges. She was a passionate advocate of lifelong learning, as she continued to further her formal education throughout her life and encouraged others to do the same.

Dr. Tracy L. Edwards

{ 2005-2012 }

Dr. Tracy Edwards left a legacy of advocacy and innovation after her seven years as president, an era which saw the college renamed and rebranded, the Cousins Building renovated, the environmentally-friendly Kodiak House opened, and community and industry support of the college expanded.

In addition, she helped lay the groundwork for the launch of the much-needed new trades and technologies facility, which will open this fall.

Dr. Paula Burns

{ 2013-present }

Dr. Paula Burns is known as a collaborative leader who invests her commitment, passion and energy to advance education and to support and create a safe and respectful learning environment for all students and staff. Like others who held the position, she is a lifelong learner and appreciates the many opportunities she has to interact with students, employees, industry partners and the community at large.

Buster Burke

{ Accounting faculty member, 1983 to 2001 }

“Buster Burke was one of my favourite teachers when I came through college,” says James Reimer (Business Administration 1990), Accounting and Business instructor. “After I graduated and started teaching some accounting classes part-time, Buster became my mentor. He did everything he could, literally, to help me be successful as an instructor. It was his influence that created the passion in me to become the business instructor I am today.”

Elio Girardi

{ Electronics Technician 1976,
Audio-Visual coordinator, 1989 to 2016 }

“In my time as both a student and employee at Lethbridge College, I found Elio to be the most supportive person on campus,” says Ryan Robinson (Communication Arts – Broadcast Journalism 2006), Audio-Visual technologist. “He was always willing to lend a helping hand even if it wasn’t his area of expertise.”

Joan Smith

{ Development officer, 1984 to 2006 }

“I had the privilege of working with Joan since I started at the college in 1989, and we worked on the wine festival and the dinner dance for years. She has such a great personality, always was so elegant – with beautiful high heels – and has a laugh that is contagious,” says Betty Van der Lee, Food Services supervisor.

FACULTY AND STAFF (RETIRED)

D’Arcy Kavanagh

Communication Arts faculty member
{ 1984 to 2012 }

When I retired in 2012, I decided to make it a complete break from the college. I’d move on to new experiences and leave the college behind. And I did. But the college, as it turned out, didn’t leave me.

On a daily basis as I run errands, play musical gigs, do book signings or walk my dog, I encounter former college students, ex-instructors and current staff. We exchange updates about our lives and swap tales about the college. We’re not family but it almost seems that way.

One day in particular shows how connected college people are. The 2016 Tour of Alberta bike race was in town and I went early to the Galt Gardens to explore the vendors’ tents and see the competitors before they raced.

I had barely arrived when former student Jessica DeCoste (Communication Arts – Advertising and Public Relations 2012), spotted me and sprinted over to say hello. We hugged, she asked about my latest book – she had bought the first two, I believe

– and then she told me how much she loved her new job as a recruitment officer for the college. Then she jogged back to her table where she was promoting college programs. A few minutes later, I bumped into a former instructor and good friend, Ian Hepher. Later I encountered Fred Neale, another instructor and friend. Then I visited with a couple of other college grads. I went to the beer gardens. More familiar faces from the college. My wife Lynda, (Communication Arts – Advertising and Public Relations 1988), a college grad and former Distinguished Alumna, joined me. It was like old home week.

Some people say our high school days create the strongest bonds. I think our college days have a more profound influence because that’s when students face fears and create futures, and when instructors and staff likely have the most memorable working experiences of their lives.

You can leave the college for sure. But the college definitely never leaves you.

Al Rudolph

{ Criminal Justice team leader, 1981 to 2004 }

"You always knew where you stood with Al; there was no misunderstanding or room for interpretation when it came to Al. He had a very gruff exterior but those of us lucky enough to see another side knew a very different person. He left a lasting impression in my life when he hired me, a young

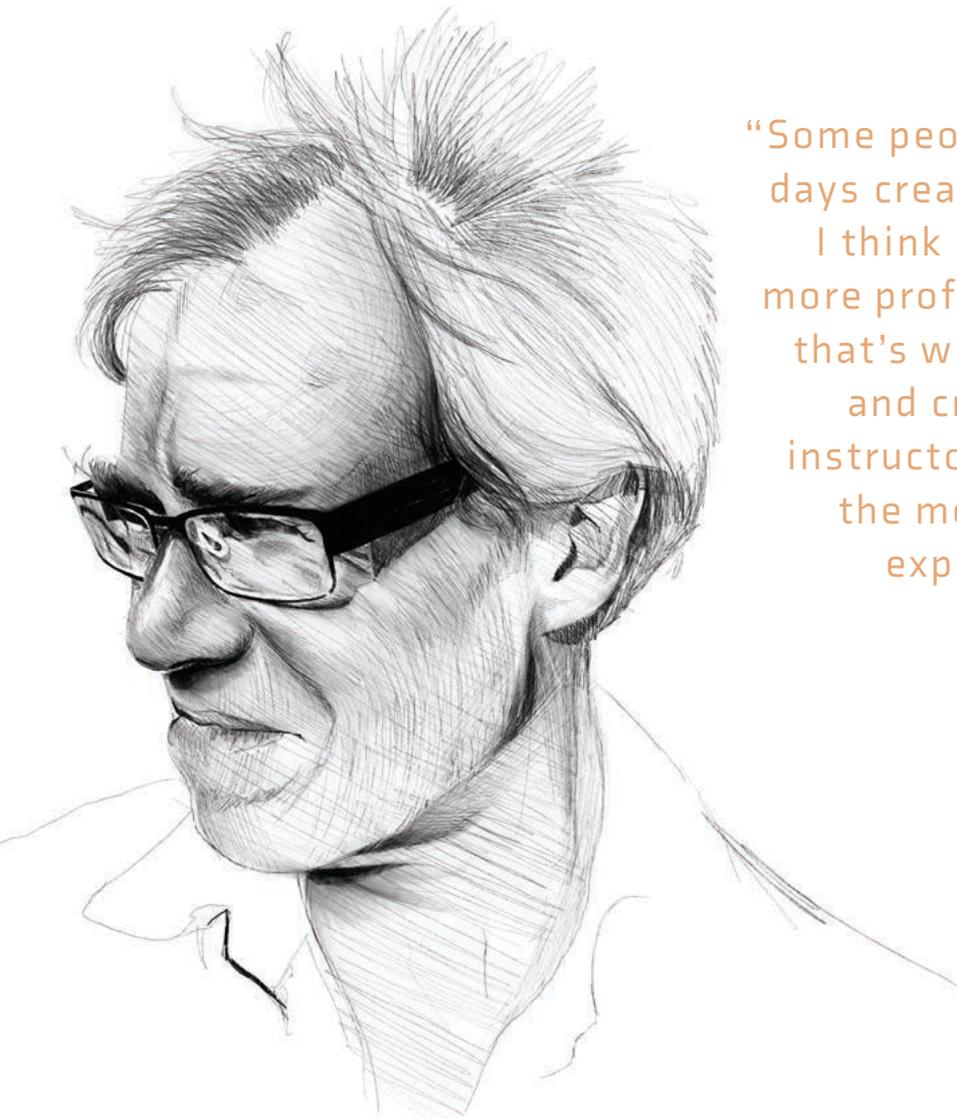
30-something woman, to come and teach in the Correctional Studies program," says Barb Mantello, chair of the School of Justice Studies.

Jim Manis

{ Multimedia Production faculty member, 1996 to 2015 }

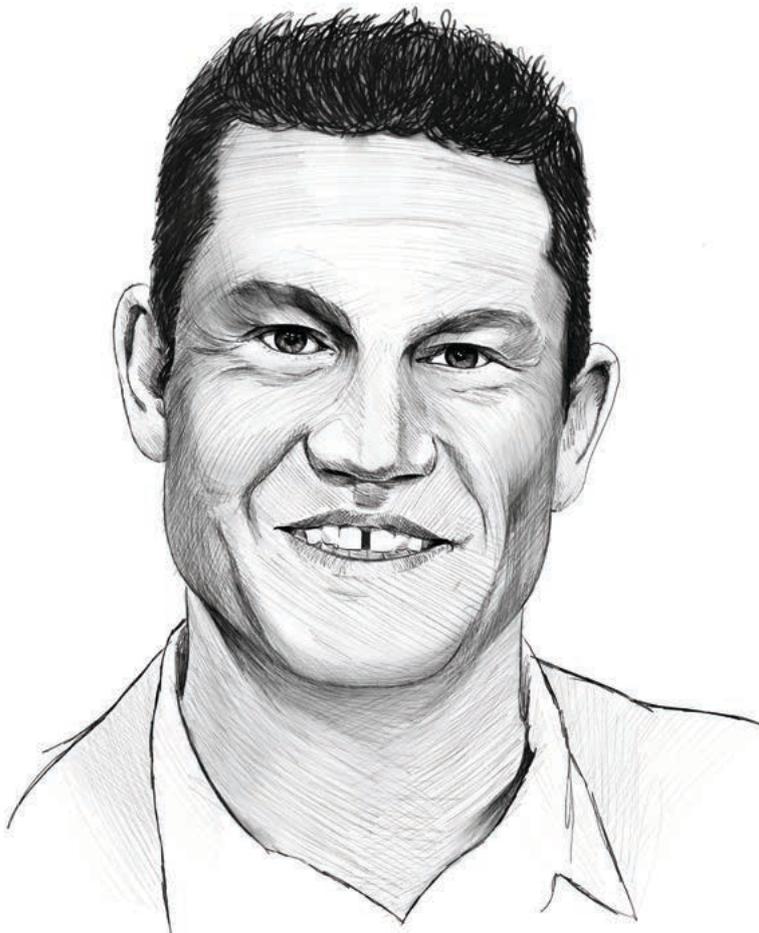
"Jim Manis was a champion of students and their creative ability," says former college instructor Leanne

Elias (Multimedia Production 1998), who now teaches at the University of Lethbridge. "As someone interested in linguistics, he approached every new programming environment as a challenge and would work tirelessly to help students troubleshoot and create stellar projects. As a colleague, he kept us laughing! Never one to take himself too seriously, he hid his outstanding intelligence behind a veneer of self-deprecation."



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WH Story by D'Arcy Kavanagh



Dave McMurray

General Studies instructor;
researcher/writer in the Centre for
Teaching, Learning and Innovation

At our brainstorming session for this special issue last year, employees, students and alumni suggested the names of nearly 60 current faculty and staff members (as well as many whole departments and teams). The enthusiasm for the people who work at Lethbridge College is clear, and it was difficult to choose who to feature. In the end, we opted to celebrate the faculty and staff who were honoured at the annual college employee recognition event in February, although we know that whole issues of the magazine could be – and have been – devoted to the talented employees at the college.

WH Story by Dave McMurray

FACULTY AND STAFF (CURRENT)

Erin Howard

{ Curriculum and Instructional
Design specialist }

Erin Howard was nominated for the Above and Beyond Award because of her knack for collaborating with work groups to look into a problem or issue being encountered, seeking further understanding in a thoughtful and respectful way, and introducing a potential solution that is brilliant. “When Erin talks, everyone listens! We listen because we appreciate her creativity, intelligence and courage in taking risks.”

Above and Beyond 2017

Erica Cormack

{ School of Public Safety program administrator }

Erica Cormack’s Lifelong Learning Award notes that she inspires others and demonstrates a passion and enthusiasm for lifelong learning. “She has impressed me with her work, compassion, ethical behaviour, knowledge, managerial and person skills, and her commitment to lifelong learning. Her professional interest and belief in ... lifelong learning make her an outstanding Competency-Based Education program manager.”

Lifelong Learning award 2017

Linda Dalton

{ Admissions specialist }

Linda Dalton’s Service and Innovation Award cites her efforts to make each applicant experience a positive one. “Linda enjoys working with applicants and is excited to see them arrive on campus and eventually cross the stage at convocation.” She creatively creates accommodations for students who need unique support and streamlines the admissions process by learning details about each of the programs she supports.

Service and Innovation 2017

The sun's not even up and I'm pedaling my bike towards the college. It's early January and the air bites at the exposed skin on my face. I'm on my way to teach an 8 a.m. history class on Western Civilization and I couldn't be happier.

Arriving at the college, I carry my bike up three flights of stairs to my office. I quickly unpack before heading to class. I love chatting with students while I get set up and I'm always amazed at the diversity of backgrounds, interests and experiences they bring. To actively engage with them about the past pushes me to keep learning, to keep asking questions.

After class, I walk to the food court to grab a coffee. On the way, I encounter Cardine and Ryan who make sure that the campus is kept running and in tip-top shape. We stop for a few minutes to chat and I usually end up laughing.

When I arrive at the food court, I'm greeted by Steph, Peg, Tisa and Jody, who are some of the hardest working people that I know. Not only do they serve hundreds in a day, but they do it with grace and efficiency. I walk away richer, having learned more about gardening or grandkids.

I'll teach one more class of 60 before heading back to my office. When I arrived earlier in the day, no one was here,

but now things are bustling. Jackie, Andy and the rest of the Educational Enhancement and Educational Technologies teams exude creativity, humour and passion. In my short time with them, I've been pushed to think outside of the box and today is no exception.

Later, I leave my office and walk down a floor to the Liberal Arts hallway. Between Brad, Marda, Shaylene and others, I'm drawn into deep conversations about history, politics, literature and religion. I need this.

As I ride home, I think about the day's countless other conversations and encounters. For me, the college is a learning community and everyone who I met has given something of themselves to me. I hope that I've done the same.

Winner of the 2016 NISOD Excellence Award.

“For me, the college is a learning community and everyone who I met has given something of themselves to me.”

Murray Bartley

{ Criminal Justice instructor }

Murray Bartley's Leadership and Creating Community Award cites the appreciation others have for his philosophy that “everyone is a leader. Not only does he encourage his students and peers to adopt this mindset, he clearly demonstrates this during his interactions with others. Murray is a compassionate, loyal and trustworthy individual. He is not afraid to do what is right.”

Leadership and Creating Community award 2017

Wendy Weninger

{ Chair, School of Human Services }

Wendy Weninger, winner of a Leadership and Creating Community Award,

was praised for being committed to creating community within her area. “She is approachable, trustworthy and diligent. She has initiated activities that have brought people together, such as soup days. Wendy is technically very competent but of key importance, she cares. She cares about her programs, faculty, staff, students, industry partners and Lethbridge College.”

Leadership and Creating Community award 2017

Sherry Divins

{ Human Resource specialist }

Sherry Divins, who won an Above and Beyond Award, is described as always being warm, cheerful and knowledgeable, and was praised for taking the time to assist students in their learning by providing solutions when unpredictable

changes occur. “The excellent service Sherry provides is definitely a reflection of not only her personality but also her work environment. It is a pleasure working with Sherry!”

Above and Beyond 2017

Janet Yorke

{ Nursing 2004, Practical Nursing instructor, Centre for Health and Wellness }

Janet Yorke, who also won an Above and Beyond Award, is described as someone of great integrity who took a risk in accepting the temporary role of assistant dean because it was an opportunity to learn more about the centre and college in general. Her colleagues say she is innovative in her research and works collaboratively with college departments to better serve the students.

Above and Beyond 2017

Knud Petersen & Alvin Tietz

{ Founders of Lethbridge College's
women's soccer program }

In 1994, Knud Petersen and Al Tietz volunteered to establish the college's first women's soccer team with help from athletic director Tim Tollestrup. They financed the program themselves the first few years with help from Ron Sakamoto, a friend and multiple Grammy winner. During its first year, the team was undefeated and finished the season as national champions.

Rachel McKenzie

{ Nursing 2017, women's cross country and
indoor track }

In 2017, Rachel McKenzie won gold at every cross country conference race she competed in, including provincials, and she finished her Kodiaks career with 12 provincial and national medals for her two sports. Her coaches call her a true champion and ambassador of Lethbridge College who excels in the classroom as well as on the race course or track.

Tim Tollestrup

{ Long-time athletic director }

Tim Tollestrup developed from local basketball playing legend (including a stint on the national team) to the Kodiaks men's basketball coach to Director of Athletics. During his 20 years in that role, he turned the Kodiaks program into one of the ACAC's best, winning CCAA national championships in basketball, soccer and cross country running.

KODIAKS

Charlton Weasel Head

General Studies 1999
Community Leader Award 2017

"I would recommend any young athlete coming out of high school to go to college first."



Grady Taylor

{ Criminal Justice student, men's basketball }

During the 2014-15 season, Grady Taylor made his way onto the Kodiaks' roster, his first full campaign as a student athlete, and he did not disappoint. During the playoff run to the ACAC championship and the CCAA bronze medal, he was instrumental to the team's success. He is a consistent shooter and the ACAC profiled him this spring, calling him the "Daddy of Dunk."

Pierce Van Gaalen

{ Engineering student, men's basketball }

Pierce Van Gaalen walked onto the men's basketball team in the fall of 2013 and was a key part of talented teams that earned an ACAC bronze in 2014 and gold in 2015, as well as the CCAA bronze that same season. Van Gaalen's coaches say he is a versatile athlete who can play multiple positions, is a great defender, and plays a consistent style that coaches look for.

The 2016-17 women's basketball team made its own history by finishing with a remarkable 27-0 record and a national championship. Read more about their accomplishments on pages 6 and 7.

While he was still playing basketball for Kainai High School, coaches at a half dozen colleges tried to recruit Charlton Weasel Head to play for their teams, but the athlete chose to stay closer to home. "While I was here, Lethbridge College gave me the opportunity to be a positive ambassador for athletics and for First Nations students," Weasel Head said. "My community and the surrounding area could come and see me play, and having their support was huge for me."

Weasel Head says he could not have done it any other way. "Starting at Lethbridge College gave me the chance to build more values in my life, to have more chances to improve teamwork, to understand who I was, to communicate and show respect. I would recommend any young athlete coming out of high school to go to college first."

For his work as a role model who continually finds ways to better his community, Weasel Head, who is currently the acting principal at Kainai High School on the Blood Reserve as well as athletic director and coach of the Kainai Warriors basketball team, has received this year's Lethbridge College Community Leader Award.

During his three years at the college, Weasel Head was well-known for his prowess on the basketball court, including being named a three-time ACAC all-star and earning all-Canadian honours in 1998. He also had an all-star career during two seasons at Brandon University and was inducted into the Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame in 2008. After earning his diploma, Weasel Head went on to receive his Bachelor's degree from Brandon University and his Bachelor and Master of Education degrees from the University of Lethbridge.

"Charlton's success in college and university basketball has inspired many youth from our community to complete their high school studies," wrote Annette Bruised Head (Renewable Research Management 1998), acting deputy superintendent of the Kainai Board of Education. "In his role of teacher, Charlton's journey of triumph has been a great source of pride for the Kainai community as a whole."

Weasel Head's family has many connections to the college. His wife, Stacey, graduated from the college's Business Administration program and is currently taking continuing education classes in accounting. Several of their children have been students here, and one more will be starting this fall.

"I love what I do as an educator and supporting students, but time with my family is the priority."

"Family is extremely important to me," he said. "I love what I do as an educator and supporting students, but time with my family is the priority. My parents attended residential schools, I went to a residential school for two years," he added, and providing the support to help heal some of the intergenerational effects of residential schools is a priority. "If not for family, there's no way I or my kids would be able to do what we do. Family supports us as we work to accomplish our goals. They help us stay grounded and humble and continue down that path of education."



Wayne Anderson

First class of Lethbridge Junior College

“We were the first basketball team – me and Jim Giacchetta and Leslie Lavkulich and Fiori D’Andrea – we played teams all around the south.”

GREAT GRADS 1957-58

Fiori D’Andrea

Fiori D’Andrea was the first president of the students’ union at Lethbridge Junior College. Student union fees were nominal – just \$2 a year – but activities were abundant and included a student newspaper called The Torch. Although D’Andrea planned to study medicine, he ended up earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Film and Television

Production from Montana State College and a Master of Arts in Education from San Jose State University. From 1971 to 1987 he brought his knowledge and skills home to work at Lethbridge College.

Elizabeth Day

Elizabeth Day was the valedictorian of the first graduating class. At the ceremony, she said: “We want to thank

those who worked so hard to bring the junior college into being, and for planning such a fine school... Some day we shall be doctors, school teachers, optometrists, engineers, economists, dental secretaries, diesel engineers and experts in the field of commerce. Wherever we came from, whatever we are, and whatever we shall do in the future, we shall always be proud to say we attended the first year of the Lethbridge Junior College.”

Wayne Anderson recalls his Lethbridge Junior College student ID number as easily now as he did nearly 60 years ago. The number – 570001 – reflects the year he started and the fact that as his last name came early in the alphabet, he was the first student listed on the official rolls.

Like many students in the first class to attend Lethbridge College, Anderson came to the new school with plans of becoming a teacher and the support of his local school district.

“My family didn’t have a lot of money, and the bursary helped pay for the tuition,” he says. “I originally wanted to be a phys ed teacher. I had played on the basketball team in high school and loved it.”

Anderson ended up playing on the first college basketball team as well – which was a highlight of his year at the then-junior college.

“It was, to me, a good starting point,” he says. “I ended up having a good time and playing basketball with the fellas. We were the first basketball team – me and Jim Giacchetta and Leslie Lavkulich and Fiori D’Andrea – we played teams all around the south.”

Anderson admits that despite the good times, in the end he “blew things” at the college. Instead of continuing his studies, he went to work in the soil sciences and came back to the college in 1966 to continue and eventually completed his education. By the time he finished, the college and university had split and he was awarded a Bachelor of Arts in Science and Geography degree from the new University of Lethbridge.

“...he ended up designating myself and two other students to develop a coat of arms for the college. He ended up choosing my design.”

“My mother was quite disappointed when I didn’t make that first year at the college,” Anderson says. “I wanted to complete it and go back and make amends for what I had blown.”

He went on to a successful career working at the research station until he retired. Today he works with the Commissionaires in Lethbridge.

Anderson fondly remembers his year at the college, including interactions with the Dean of the college, Jim Cousins.

“Dean Cousins was great,” Anderson said. “He was really interested in the students, and he ended up designating myself and two other students to develop a coat of arms for the college. He ended up choosing my design” and it could be found on doors and documents for years.

Anderson says if he had to give advice to students starting college 60 years after he did, it would be simple. “Don’t do it my way!” he says with a laugh. “That’s the tough way. Perseverance was the main driving force in my case – but don’t do it the hard way if you don’t have to.”

Jim Giacchetta

Jim Giacchetta was the only student who came to the college during the first year to take a vocational course; he was enrolled in automotives. Even though he took Automotives 20, 30 and 40, the college was not able to certify him. College founder Gilbert Paterson had assumed that if the college wanted to offer a course and if there were people to teach it and take it, it could be done. However, the Apprenticeship

Board had firm control in the province and was reluctant to certify students in new programs. It wasn’t until the college moved to its permanent campus in 1962 that the vocational program started to grow.

Dr. L. M. (Leslie) Lavkulich

Leslie Lavkulich was the first graduate from Lethbridge College to receive a PhD. He had attended McNally School, came to the college and went

on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from the University of Alberta, a Master’s degree and finally a doctoral degree from Cornell University in New York. At the college’s 10 year anniversary, he was working as a professor of soil science at the University of British Columbia and was invited back to speak at convocation. He told the 300 students and guests that they were “celebrating the 10th anniversary of a dream come true.”

Scott Barton

Recreation Management
Administration 1985
Lethbridge College Career
Virtuoso Award 2017

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Scott Barton is the kind of mentor who is happy to share his knowledge and experience with his team.

“One of Scott Barton’s great gifts is that of mentorship, and he does it in a humble and unassuming way,” wrote Kurtis Pratt, director of legislative services for the Town of Raymond in his letter nominating Barton for this year’s alumni awards. “All who have had the pleasure of associating with him would attest to the wealth of knowledge that he freely shares to help others find success in providing the best support to local government officials and in turn, their citizens.”

For the past 24 years, Barton has served as chief administrative officer for the Town of Raymond and has also added the same job title for the Improvement District #4 Waterton Lakes National Park. After receiving his Lethbridge College diploma, Barton went on to earn his certificate in Local Government in Municipal Administration from the University of Alberta and his Master’s of Business Administration from Athabasca University.

An advocate for regional administrative cooperation in southern Alberta, Barton has contributed to the formation of policy and legislation at the local, provincial and federal levels. His excellence in his field has been recognized repeatedly as he has received the Alberta Centennial Medal, the 30 Year Distinguished Service Award from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal from the Governor General of Canada and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

GREAT GRADS 1958-86

Barbara Duckworth

{ Journalism 1974 }

Barbara Duckworth has been working for newspapers in Alberta and British Columbia ever since she graduated from the college. “I moved to Calgary in 1976 and worked for a community weekly, for communications at the University of Calgary and later for beef magazines. I have been an agricultural journalist

since 1977 and joined the Western Producer in 1988. I eventually became the national correspondent in charge of livestock reporting. The Western Producer gig has taken me across North America, Australia and Europe covering all aspects of the livestock trade. Most recently I received an award with the International Association of Farm Journalists for a series about farming practices in the Netherlands. This

summer I am heading to the British Isles on a fact-finding tour about the impacts of BREXIT and agriculture trade.”

Karla Guyn

{ Renewable Resource Management 1986,
Distinguished Alumnus 2006 }

Karla Guyn was recently named the CEO of Ducks Unlimited Canada, the first woman to hold the position in the

While he has had the opportunity to move and expand his career, Barton remains committed to Raymond, helping to grow the community and its amenities through a variety of infrastructure and development projects. He is also devoted to mentoring the next generation, working with the Province of Alberta's Municipal Internship program and maintaining close ties with the college where he has twice worked as an instructor in a variety of programs.

“He sees potential in others that isn't always evident to themselves and then fosters that potential in an environment where it might be realized.”

“Scott has had a profound impact on my life and career like very few others have,” wrote Ethan Gorner, Raymond's director of planning and development. “He sees potential in others that isn't always evident to themselves and then fosters that potential in an environment where it might be realized. ...Scott mentored and taught me everything about municipal administration. ...He would often say that in spite of the various rules, policies and programs, which all have their important place, that the most important thing to remember is that it's all about the people – the folks we serve every day.”



organization's nearly 80-year history. Earlier this year, she wrote for the organization: “I was one of those lucky kids who knew what they wanted to do from a very young age. I knew I wanted to be a biologist my entire life, and I never deviated from that. Wildlife, conservation and the outdoors had captured my imagination. ...[A]s I assume the role of CEO, I accept it with great humility and responsibility. For 78 years Ducks Unlimited Canada has

sent a message to the world that we are an organization that leads by example. That provides solutions. That marches steadily forward... We have what it takes, and I couldn't be more proud to help uphold this legacy.”

Barry Jewett

{ Nursing 1974 }

Barry told the Alumni office “I started nursing in renal dialysis, did some

ICU/CCU, some general nursing, but the most challenging and rewarding was the 31 years spent in emergency. I did a lot of preceptoring of nursing students, paramedics and EMTs and worked as an army medic before being deployed to Afghanistan. Now I have been retired for the past four years. I have never regretted the time at Lethbridge or the Nursing program.”

Shelly Hall

{ Communication Arts –
Advertising/Public Relations 1993 }

Shelly Hall has worked in Communications in Edmonton since graduation. She has worked in both the private and non-profit sectors, everywhere from the world's largest mall to North America's largest Fringe Festival. Shelly made the decision to leave corporate marketing in 2006 when she accepted a marketing and

event coordinator contract with the Old Strathcona Foundation. While working on Whyte Avenue, Hall discovered a local microbrewery. Within a short few weeks of discovering Amber's Brewing company, Hall had another marketing and events contract and her love affair with craft beer began. Her journey in craft beer continues with the Yukon Brewing Company, and in 2016, she started Stilettos 'N Beer, a craft beer consultation and event specialist company.

Lowa Beebe

{ Information Specialist
(Administrative Assistant) 1996 }

Lowa Beebe is from the Piikani Nation in southern Alberta. She currently works as the public relations liaison with Assembly of First Nations, Alberta Regional Office, and handles all the PR for the Alberta Regional Chief Craig Mackinaw. She had previously worked as the finance operations manager

GREAT GRADS 1987-06

Miles Grove

Renewable Resource Management 1989 and Conservation Enforcement 1990
Lethbridge College Distinguished Alumnus 2017

Miles Grove has accomplished a great deal during his decades-long career in conservation enforcement – rising through the ranks to his current position as superintendent of Fish and Wildlife Enforcement branch within the Ministry of Justice for Alberta.

But Grove never forgot where it all started, and he has continued to give back to Lethbridge College and its students in countless ways over the years. For his professional success and for serving as a mentor for youth considering this career path as an outstanding ambassador of the college, he was named this year's Distinguished Alumnus.

"Always willing to share his experience with our students, Miles has provided insight into the profession," wrote Terry Kowalchuk in his letter nominating Grove for an alumni award. "He has also worked closely with college faculty to ensure effective linkages are in place between our programs and officer recruit training. His commitment to our students and programs is tremendously appreciated."

After leaving the college, Grove began his career as a Fish and Wildlife officer in 1991. Among his many career

accomplishments is helping to develop and then serving as steering committee chair for the Western Conservation Law Enforcement Academy, which is the recruit training program for all new resource law enforcement officers in western Canada and is the first of its kind across the country.

Now living in Edmonton, Grove has maintained close ties to the college, including chairing the Conservation Enforcement Advisory Council, working with faculty to ensure effective connections are in place between the curriculum being offered at the college and the officer recruit training program, and participating in Open Houses, as he actively advocates for the college and the School of Environmental Sciences.

"Miles is a strong proponent of the value that education plays in a student's career path," says Kerry Edwards (Renewable Resource Management 1983), an Environmental Assessment and Restoration instructor, in his letter of support. "He always has the best interest of the student in mind and continually goes above and beyond to promote the Lethbridge College experience."

for Eagle Law Group, a First Nations owned law firm. Beebe is a sought-after speaker, facilitator and writer on topics ranging from social media to spirituality to indigenous issues, including the inquiry into missing and murdered Aboriginal women. She says her Blackfoot heritage taught her early in her life that volunteering is not chosen; it is a way of life.

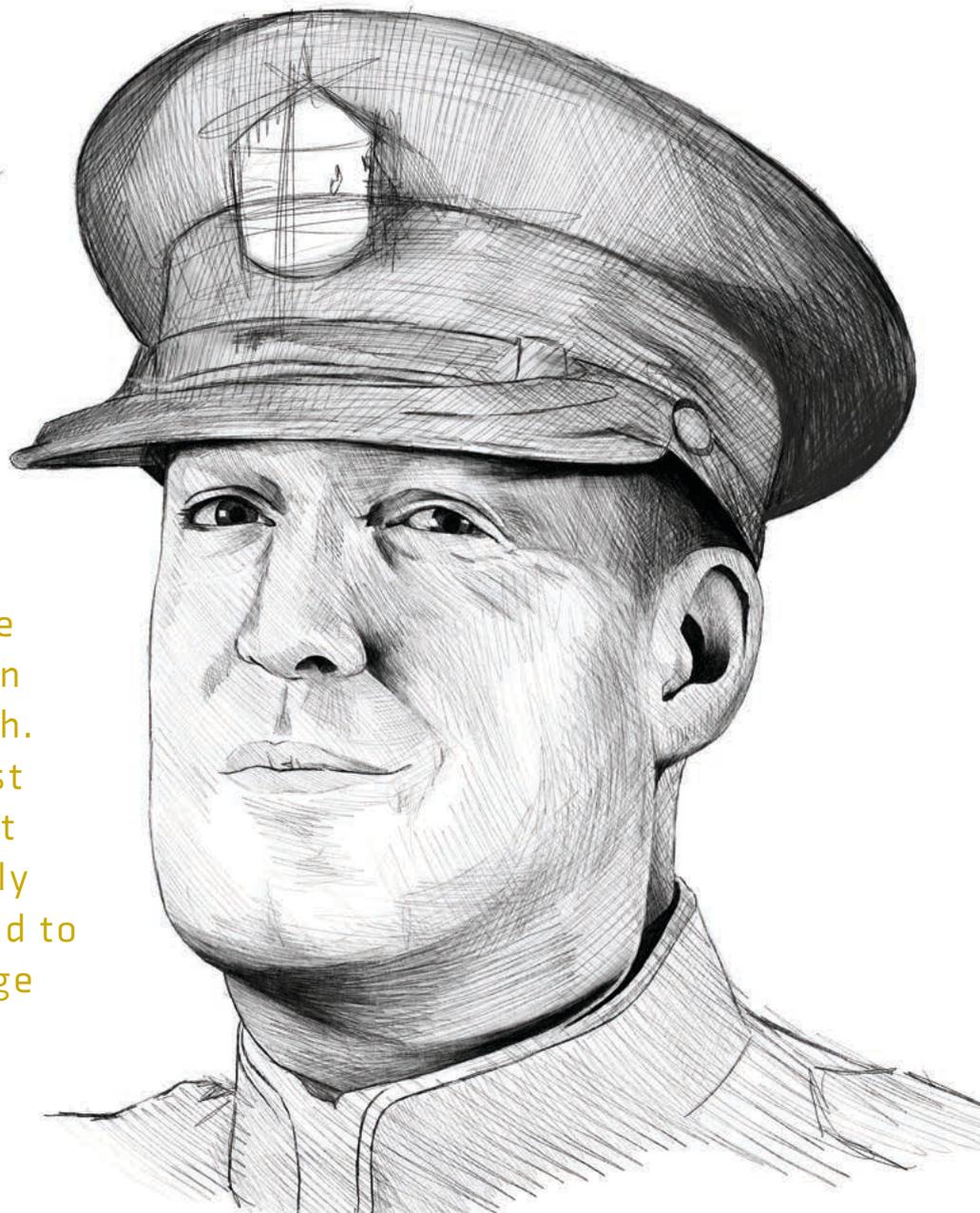
Laurie Hockridge

{ Recreation Management 1996 }

Laurie Ann Hockridge was one of the most dominant post players in ACAC women's basketball history during her Lethbridge College playing career. Standing an imposing 6'7", Hockridge led the ACAC in scoring during the 1988-89 and 1989-90 seasons, earning her ACAC first team all-star selection in

both years as well as CCAA All-Canadian status in 1988-89. She was the CCAA National Championships MVP in both the 1988-89 and 1989-90 seasons as she led the Kodiaks to consecutive CCAA National Championship titles. Hockridge established many ACAC records during her career, including the single season shooting percentage mark, which still stands today, and the single season scoring record, which has since been eclipsed.

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Mary Majoni

Nursing Education in Southern Alberta (NESA) 2016

When Mary Majoni got a summer job in 2015 working at a large correctional facility, she initially wondered what in the world she had said yes to, and she didn't think she could do the job.

"I never thought about how nurses must be there to provide care in correctional facilities, and I quickly learned a jail is really a jail," says Majoni, who came to the college from Toronto for the nursing program. "At first I thought, how could someone do something like this and expect

"The best part of my work is just being able to help patients out."

someone else to be nice to them? But in the first few weeks, I would tell myself, I said 'Mary, you provide health care services. That's all you do. You are not there to judge a person.' Once you get to a point where you know how to separate your job and not be judgmental, you don't have any issues providing care."

Majoni returned to work full time at the correctional facility after graduation, and she has been loving the challenge and satisfaction of the work ever since.

"The best part of my work is just being able to help patients out," she says. "At times you might get a patient who might be going through some stuff. I can listen, tell them it's OK, let them know if they need someone to talk to, we can call someone to talk to. If there is anything I can do in my power – if there are people who are wanting to kill

GREAT GRADS 2007-16

Jessica Walker

{ Early Childhood Education 2012 }

Jessica Walker received a provincial award for her passionate and dedicated approach to the care and development of children in December. She was one of three individuals from a field of 31 to receive the award. Walker operates a day home in Cochrane and received the Child Development Professional Award of Excellence. "Seeing a child accomplish a goal they were working so hard to

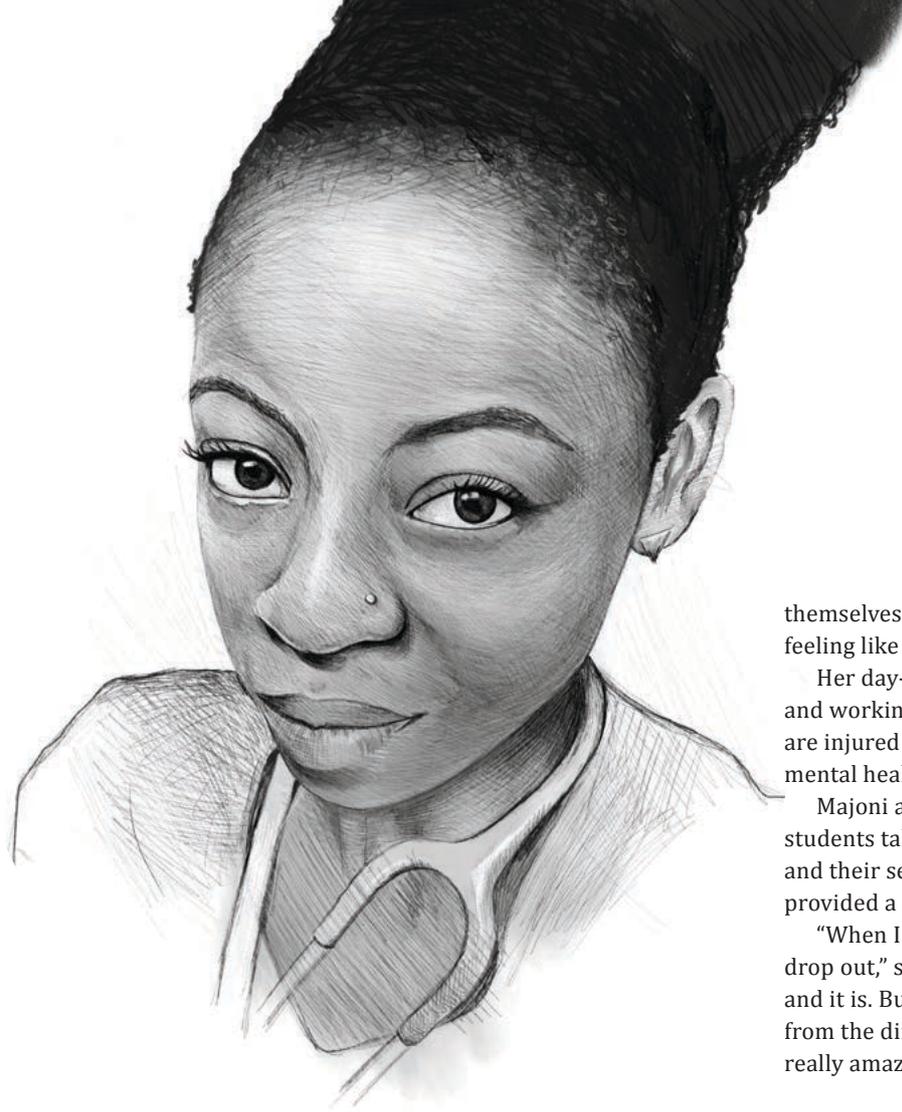
achieve brings me so much joy, the child's face lights up and their excitement and enthusiasm is contagious, I cannot get enough of that feeling," she said in an article in the *Cochrane Eagle*.

Zach Palmarin

{ Business Administration 2012 }

Zach Palmarin opened Tranquility Float Centre, Lethbridge's first flotation therapy business, in March. He created the centre with a vision to bring more peace and

balance to others, and to aid people in their journey to be stronger and happier. "Floating is a very simple yet powerful practice for healing the mind, body and spirit," he says. "The float tanks are filled with 1,100 pounds of Epsom salt, and the water is heated to skin temperature. The tanks are sound-proof and light-proof, making for little-to-no external sensory input. This unique environment allows for deep relaxation and can have tremendous benefits," including stress and pain relief, improved athletic performance and more.



themselves – and I can get to a person first, I go home feeling like I totally saved a life today.”

Her day-to-day work involves distributing medications and working in the infirmary, dealing with patients who are injured or ill, and also those dealing with pregnancy, mental health issues, addiction or overdose.

Majoni adds that the NESAs program, which involves students taking their first two years at Lethbridge College and their second two years at the University of Lethbridge, provided a great foundation for her career.

“When I started, it was so difficult and I wanted to drop out,” she says. “Everyone says nursing is so tough, and it is. But really, once you start, the support you get from the different instructors and the people you meet is really amazing.”

Jennifer Cearns

{ Cook Apprenticeship 2016 }

The Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board named Jennifer Cearns the 2016 Top Cooks Apprentice. “In addition to working full-time and taking care of her young family, Jennifer was a student in the Weekly Apprentice Training for Cooks program at the college,” says her instructor, Chef Rob Sonnenberg. “Jennifer was extremely hard-working. She would come to the college two hours before her class started to study (often

encouraging others in the course to join her). She was driven to understand the science behind cooking and always wanted to know all the answers.” Cearns works for the Good Samaritans Society at Linden View in Taber.

Emily Ritchie

{ Agriculture Technology – Animal Science 2015 }

Emily Ritchie won the inaugural Young Speakers for Agriculture Contest at the 2016 Calgary Stampede and was

asked to speak at the Royal Winter Fair in November in Toronto about the successes and struggles facing those in the agriculture industry. “I spoke on what the next generation of farmers and ranchers brings to the table in agriculture,” she said in an article in *Western Wheel*. “I spoke about the enthusiasm and the passion that I see in young producers right now – just seeing the different challenges we are up against.” Ritchie works for the Canadian Cattlemen’s Association as the youth leadership co-ordinator in Calgary.



Tiana Weasel Moccasin

First year, Early Childhood Education

“I want to show them that I care and how far I’ll go to show them that I value our culture and history.”

SOON-TO-BE-GRADS

Mallory Kristjanson

{ General Studies 2017 }

Mallory Kristjanson is a single mother who earned academic honours while working as a part-time paid employee and completing extra research work for the Citizens Society Research Lab. She also conducted research on FNMI issues for the college’s Institutional Planning and Reporting team.

Sarah Phillips

{ Business Administration 2017 }

Sarah Phillips spent a number of years working before deciding to come to the college and left a good job with growing responsibility to open doors for her future. Her instructors appreciated that she often shares her experiences in class for the benefit of all.

Justine Schmidt

{ Child and Youth Care 2017 }

Justine Schmidt overcame many challenges before finding the CYC program. She says she appreciated that her instructors genuinely care about students as individuals, and that her classmates were like-minded, compassionate people who want to make a difference.

For one week in March, Tiana Weasel Moccasin got a glimpse of what her future may hold – on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. Weasel Moccasin was joined by 337 other young women between the ages of 18 and 23 from coast to coast to represent her federal riding and communicate her vision for Canada at a historic national initiative called Daughters of the Vote.

The initiative was organized by Equal Voice, a national, bilingual, multi-partisan organization dedicated to electing more women to all levels of political office in Canada. The event overlapped with International Women’s Day (March 8) and was designed to mark the 100th anniversary of women’s formal political engagement in 2016 along with Canada’s 150th birthday this year.

Weasel Moccasin is a Kainai High School graduate, powwow dancer and was the 2016 Miss Blackfoot Canada. She says she was thrilled at the opportunities she had in Ottawa, including talking about the three issues she discussed in her application – the fentanyl crisis on First Nations reserves, the need for expanded FNMI education in all schools, and missing and murdered Aboriginal women.

“We got the chance to speak with female leaders from the House of Commons, talk about your three main issues, learn how to run for office, find your courage, learn about indigenous rights and so much more,” she says.

The young women also learned about Canada’s political

institutions and those women and men serving in them, with the goal of becoming equipped and inspired to participate in the formal political sphere in the years and decades to come.

“I really wanted to show my people that I care and that I want the issues to be heard and their voices to be heard,” says Weasel Moccasin. “I want to show them that I care and how far I’ll go to show them that I value our culture and history.”

Weasel Moccasin speaks passionately about the fentanyl crisis and the need to advocate for effective support systems to help children and youth in unstable environments. “There are children who are orphans now because of this drug,” she says. “Families have been torn apart because of it.”

She also advocates for the expansion of teaching Aboriginal history in all Canadian schools. “I feel it’s important for Aboriginal history to be recognized,” she says. “I don’t want people who are a minority to feel they don’t have a voice.”

The issue of missing and murdered Aboriginal women is the final topic she would like to see addressed. “This is something we face on a daily basis,” she says. “I worry for families who aren’t able to find their loved one out there, and I want to help address this.”

“I don’t want people who are a minority to feel they don’t have a voice.”

Nina Knight

{ Health Care Aide 2017 }

Nina Knight was a mature student and juggled school and parenting with grace. Her instructors said her drive, personality and passion for the course put her at the top of the class.

Amy Russell

{ Ecosystems Management Bachelor of Applied Science 2017 }

After earning a BSc in Biology, Amy Russell came to the college to enhance

her hands-on skills with this new applied degree program. She developed her senior project from a college NSERC-funded grant on the aquatic impacts of the EnviroSpan Modular Culvert system.

Danielle Crawford

{ Ecosystems Management Bachelor of Applied Science 2017 }

Danielle Crawford is one of the first two graduates of the Environmental Management and Restoration stream of this new program. She came to the college as a mature student and earned

her Environmental Assessment and Restoration diploma in 2015.

Aurora Eggert

{ Agriculture Science 2017 }

Francoise Fabre

{ Culinary Careers 2017 }

Aurora Eggert is the first recipient of the Meszaros International Scholarship and took an extra semester so she could go through Convocation with her mom, Francoise Fabre, who came to the college from France to enrol in the Culinary program.



Sundried tomato pesto and spinach BEEF WELLINGTON

In honour of Lethbridge College’s 60th anniversary, our chefs have again looked to the Culinary program’s past for inspiration and updated an old favourite with a modern twist. Beef Wellington – a decadent combination of beef slathered in a foie gras or mushroom mixture and baked in a pastry crust – would have been part of the college’s culinary curriculum in the 1960s, when the dish was made popular by Julia Child, who included the recipe in her influential 1961 cookbook *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*. Beef Wellington was also a favourite of Presidents Kennedy and Nixon and was featured in the 1968 *The White House Cookbook*. Chef Stephen Klassen (Culinary Careers 2001) provides a modern update by exchanging the foie gras for sundried tomato pesto, prosciutto and spinach – adding both colour and more complex flavours to this favourite dinner dish.

Ingredients

FOR THE SUNDRIED TOMATO PESTO:

4 cups.....	fresh basil leaves
1 cup	rehydrated sundried tomatoes
2 cups	olive oil
1 tbsp.....	walnuts or pine nuts (optional)
3	garlic cloves
1 tsp.....	salt
½ cup	grated parmesan cheese

FOR THE BEEF WELLINGTON:

750 g.....	beef tenderloin
2 tbsp.....	canola oil
150 g.....	sliced prosciutto
2 cups	cooked and drained spinach
2 cups.....	sundried tomato pesto
3 sheets	phyllo pastry (covered)
As needed	salt and pepper
As needed	melted butter



Method

1. Prepare the sundried tomato pesto by washing the basil leaves and draining them well. Place the basil, sundried tomatoes, nuts, garlic and salt in a blender or food processor. Blend to a paste, but not so long that it is smooth. Add the oil and blend some more. The pesto should have a slightly coarse texture. Transfer the mixture to a bowl, stir in the cheese and set aside.
2. Preheat oven to 400F/200C.
3. In a sauté pan, add the canola oil and let it heat up. Season the beef tenderloin with salt and pepper, and then add the beef to the pan. Sear on all sides until it is nice and brown, and then remove from the pan.
4. Place one sheet of phyllo paper on a cutting board and brush it with melted butter. Repeat until all layers of phyllo are used.
5. Wrap the beef tenderloin with prosciutto and place it on the buttered phyllo sheets.
6. Top with the sundried tomato pesto, and then top with the spinach.
7. Wrap the beef with the phyllo, making sure everything is covered and ends are tucked in. Brush the top with melted butter.
8. Place on a parchment-lined tray and place the tray in the oven until it is golden brown.
9. Cook to desired doneness. For medium rare, cook for approximately 15 to 20 minutes until the internal temperature of the beef reaches 130F/55C.
10. Let it rest for five to 10 minutes before slicing. Serve with potatoes, vegetables and a red wine sauce, if desired. Enjoy!

To sample some of the delicious creations from student chefs at Lethbridge College, book a table in the Garden Court Dining Room by calling 403.320.3230. To see a video of this recipe being prepared by Chef Stephen Klassen, go to widerhorizons.ca.

WH Recipe by Chef Stephen Klassen | Photo by Gregory Thiessen



Need to cite a website? See Andrew Derksen - he's got insight for your rewrite.

Diane Fjordbotten, Learning Café coordinator, stands ready to assist with science, math or study skills.

Peer tutor Carlos Mena helps students better understand content in their courses.

Pull up a chair and chill in our recharge lounge.

{ Office Intrigue }

The Learning Café

Terri Rollingson's (Communication Arts – Broadcast Production 1989) smile is the first of many that students will find in the Learning Café at Lethbridge College, and she is always ready to answer questions. The Learning Café is the place students can go to develop the skills, strategies and

behaviours needed to succeed in their coursework and professional lives. Terri and an experienced team of academic strategists work together to provide support for students in writing, research, math, sciences, online learning, time management, test taking and so much more.



Academic strategists Marianne Martin, Will Northgrave, Amy Mack and Silvana Campus help with math, science, writing and study skills.

Collaborate with classmates easily using whiteboards on walls, on wheels and on tables.

Terri Rollingson has worked at the college for 12 years, eight of them in the Learning Café.

Private and semi-private spaces can be booked for group work or quiet study.

Students can collaborate with classmates easily using whiteboards on walls, wheels and tables, and they can use the computers here anytime the Learning Café is open. Peer tutors are also on hand to provide assistance with specific course content. The coulees views, comfy couches

and knowledgeable staff members make it a welcome place for individuals or groups of students to work. For more information, stop by the Café, call 403.382.6952 or email learningcafe@lethbridgecollege.ca. **WH** Story by Lisa Kozleski | Photo by Rob Olson

LETHBRIDGE COLLEGE

LOVE STORIES

Yvonne Kerber didn't know right away that Dick Kerber was the "the one" – but sometimes it takes a while to be sure.

The two had known each other for what seemed like forever, riding the same bus to Coalhurst High School for four years. And when the time came to decide what to do after high school, the new college in Lethbridge – and the bursaries that were offered to encourage students to work as rural school teachers – attracted them both.

"The rural school boards were desperate for teachers," recalls Dick. "There had been waves of immigrants arriving and the baby boom had started. They needed teachers. So they provided bursaries to prospective candidates to attend the new college."

The leaders of the rural school boards, including the college's first board chair Kate Andrews, had worked closely for years with Lethbridge school and city leaders, including college founder Gilbert Paterson, to make the dream of a post-secondary institution in southern Alberta a reality for the young people in the growing region. Sometimes, that work meant approaching students individually to encourage them to be in that first class.

"I remember E.C. Miller, the superintendent of the county, came walking out to where I was working in the field one day," says Yvonne. "He said 'Wouldn't teaching be easier for you?' My parents jumped at the opportunity."

Dick was one of a handful of the 38 students in that first graduating class who had a car – "a '49 Chevy that did the job." He commuted from his family's vegetable farm near Park Lake every day to the Lethbridge Collegiate Institute, where the college held its classes until the first building opened in 1962. Yvonne, who stayed with friends in Lethbridge during the week, would catch a ride home with Dick on Fridays after they finished their classes.

The students in that inaugural class knew they were part of something special – and that the expectations of them were quite high. "From day one," Yvonne says, "we were told quite often that we would be watched and that there would be pressure to an extent to succeed," both for their sakes and for the future of the college.

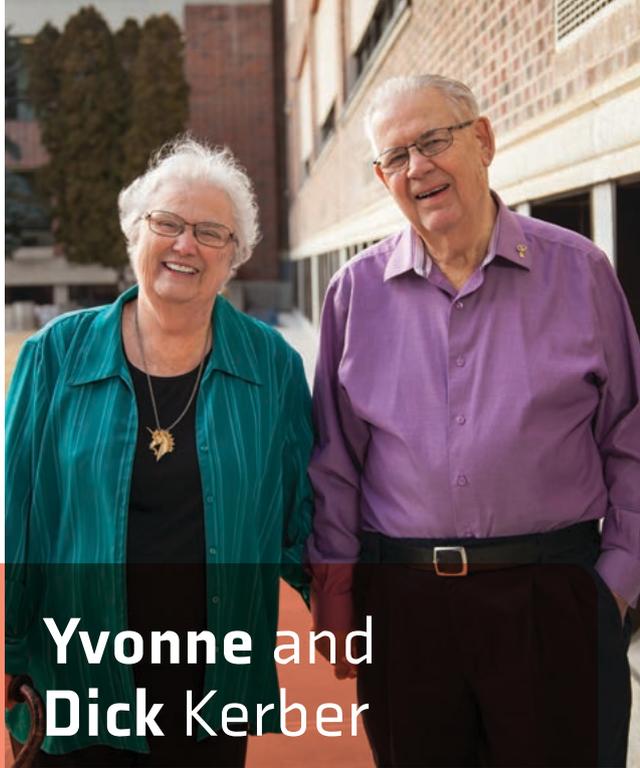
"We saw it as a real opportunity and we were determined to make it," says Dick.

Whether they met in the classroom, on the court or carpooling to class, some Lethbridge College alumni leave with a partner for life as well as a diploma





Yvonne and Dick Kerber were in the first graduating class at what was then called Lethbridge Junior College. Classes in the first years were held at the Lethbridge Collegiate Institute.



Yvonne and Dick Kerber

They took university-level courses in English, history, psychology, biology, chemistry, music and physical education – all of which were directed toward careers as teachers. Jim Cousins, the first Dean (a position now known as President) of the college, called their graduating class “charter members of the Guinea Pig club,” by virtue of their status as students during the formation and opening of the college.

“Dean Cousins’ door was always open. He was so approachable – almost like a father figure,” says Dick. “We had a student lounge, such as it was, with chesterfields where we could sit and talk and even study, and he would often drop by in the lounge to talk with us. He loved to talk politics and if we were in sports, he talked about that, too. He was very sociable and probably as good of a person as they could have found for the founding of the new college. He was a great PR man.”

After graduation, Dick and Yvonne continued their education, first at the University of Alberta, Calgary, then with summer school at the University of Alberta’s campuses in Calgary and Edmonton, and eventually with night classes at Lethbridge Junior College.

And that’s where their love story picks up speed.

“After earning our certificates in Calgary, we taught for a year – in Picture Butte and Coaldale,” recalls Yvonne. “That first summer school in Edmonton, well, we both got lonely. We knew other people, but...”

“I said we were both busy studying all the time but we were still kind of lonely,” adds Dick.

“And I was having trouble with my Philosophy class, and Dick and his friends really helped a lot,” says Yvonne.

“Philosophy drove her crazy, and I loved it,” says Dick. “So over coffee, we would talk philosophy.”

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{ Dick Kerber }

“They invited me to join their informal study group,” Yvonne adds. “They had a few real characters. And once I realized I didn’t have to agree with these guys (the philosophers), I was okay.”

Their first real date turned out to be an eye-opener for Yvonne. “I thought, ‘There’s more to Dick than I thought when we were just friends.’ I could see that he did have ambition and was focused.”

And even then, “we took our time,” says Dick – about two years, in fact, before they married. Their wedding day was a Saturday at the end of June in 1962. Both of them finished teaching on the Friday before exchanging their vows. For their honeymoon, they took a month-long road trip throughout the western United States.

Three daughters and five grandchildren later, they are as happy as they’ve ever been. They made good on their pledge to support the rural school districts that offered them the opportunity to attend Lethbridge College. Dick went on to earn his Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Alberta while Yvonne earned hers from the University of Calgary. Later, she also earned a diploma in Early Childhood Education at the University of Lethbridge.

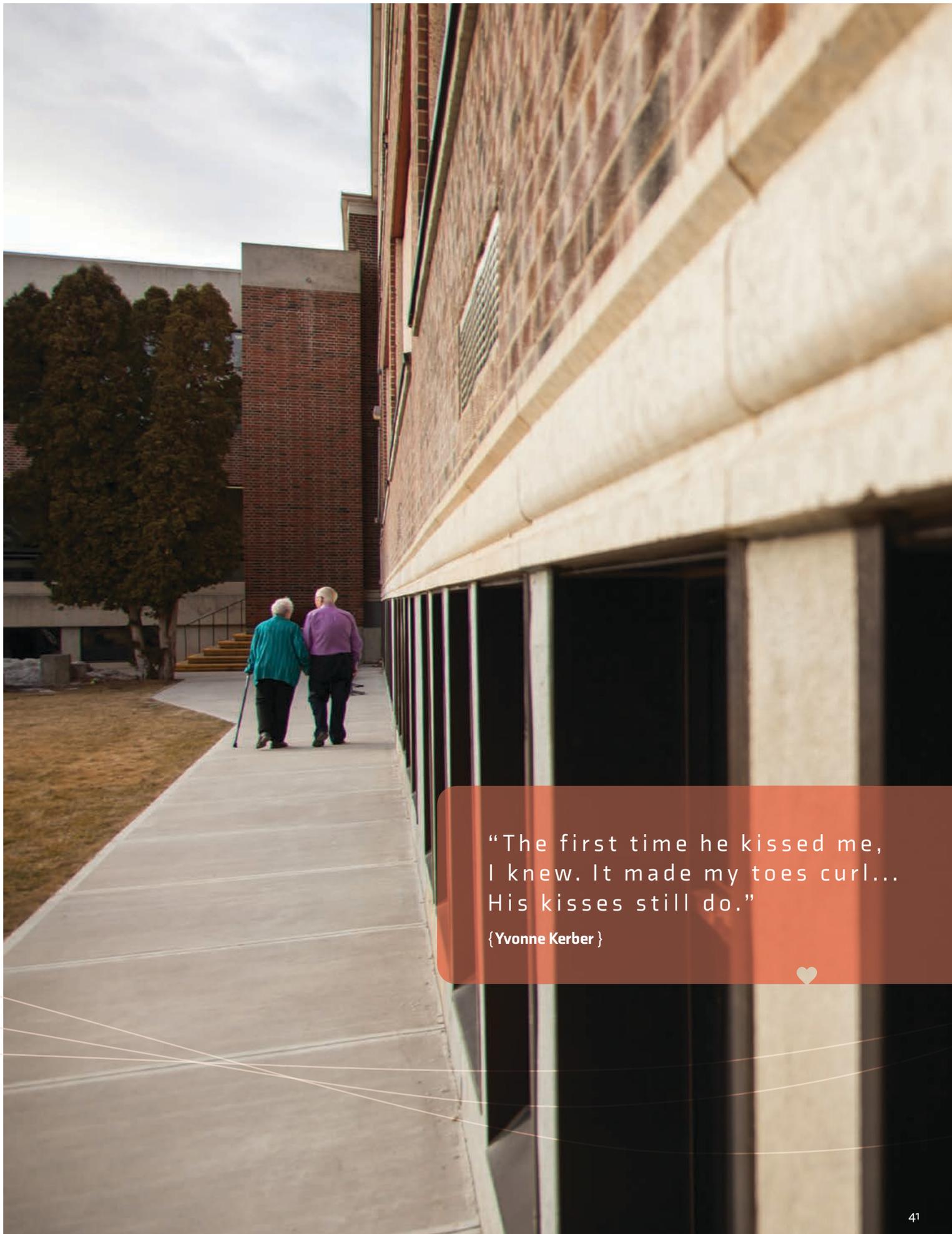
Yvonne taught for six years in rural schools before having children, and after she returned to work, she spent 10 years teaching kindergarten in Lethbridge and 10 years working for Lethbridge Family Services before finishing her professional career teaching kindergarten again in Picture Butte. Dick spent all 32 years of his career in rural schools, 25 of them as a principal at Readymade School, Sunnyside School, John Davidson Elementary School in Coaldale and Huntsville School in Iron Springs.

They have also maintained close ties to the college over the years, helping to monitor Lethbridge College Students’ Association elections. They also support the Ecumenical Campus Ministry program and international students, including a homesick international student from Bolivia who became like another granddaughter to them during her two years at the college, sharing meals and holidays in their welcoming northside home.

And after almost 55 years of marriage and a near-lifetime of knowing one another, they still look at each other with love in their eyes. It may have taken a while, but when they knew, they knew.

“The first time he kissed me, I knew. It made my toes curl,” Yvonne says. “His kisses still do.”

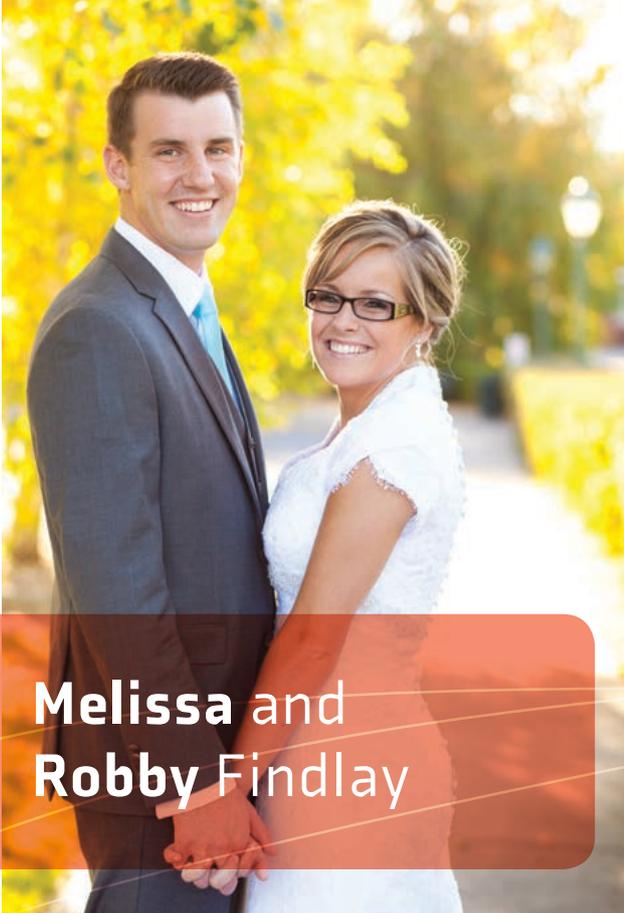
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{ Yvonne Kerber }





Melissa and Robby Findlay

This story has a very happy ending and is definitely my favourite fairy tale of all time. It starts with me in my first year of my Nursing degree. My (now) husband was in his first year of General Studies and playing basketball for the college. It was the end of our first semester and I had sat down next to a friend from my nursing class to write a final exam.

Not long after I sat down, this very handsome guy came and sat down next to us. He had gone to high school with my friend and recognized her in the crowded auditorium as a familiar face to sit next to for the test. She quickly introduced us and I, despite being totally focused for the test, definitely noticed his good looks. After the test I didn't see this guy until the next semester started in January. This time, however, it seemed that every time I turned around he was there! He even skipped class a few times to turn on the charm in the library while I was trying to study (I tried to play hard to get but his flirting was hard to ignore in the best of ways).

We quickly became friends and after a few years we finally started dating. As soon as we started dating we both knew it was meant to be and we sealed the deal on Aug. 22, 2014, and have been happily married since. Thank you Lethbridge College for helping me find my best friend and love of my life.

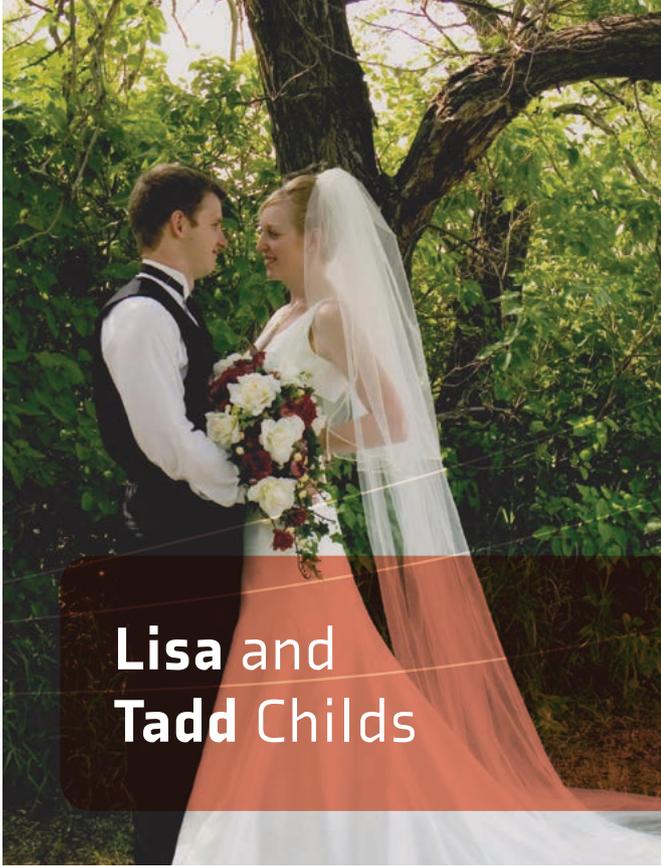
Story submitted by Melissa Findlay (NESA 2014). Melissa now works as a Registered Nurse at the Emergency Department at the Chinook Regional Hospital, while her husband, Robby (Business Administration 2016), is finishing up his business finance degree at the University of Lethbridge with plans to go on to law school. Photo courtesy of Kinsey Holt Photography.



David Opinko and Manisha Sachandeven

Manisha and I first met during the fall 2013 semester of Communication Arts (now known as Digital Communications and Media). Although it certainly was not love at first sight, we became closer as classes continued, getting to work together on several projects. It was in April 2014 that she said yes, and we enjoyed our entire second year as a couple, intentionally annoying our classmates with our love as much as possible. On our second anniversary, April 4, 2016, I asked Manisha to marry me. Again, she said yes! Now approaching three years, we're still madly in love, and we now live together in Cranbrook, B.C. Thanks to our experiences at Lethbridge College, we were able to find the loves of our lives. We're still working to set a date for the wedding. We haven't done a lot of travelling yet, but are planning to do part of our wedding in her native home of New Delhi, India.

Story submitted by David Opinko (Communication Arts 2015). David now works as a news reporter at the Summit 107 radio station in Cranbrook, while Manisha (Communication Arts 2015) works as a photographer and as the assistant manager at the Eclipse clothing store. Photo courtesy of Robin Atwood.



Lisa and Tadd Childs

Tadd and I first met when we were both beginning our college life at what was then Lethbridge Community College in 2002. We were living in the college residence at the time but had not met. My roommates were taking Criminal Justice and over time had introduced me to a few of their classmates. One of these classmates (Tadd) just happened to live down the sidewalk from us. I would visit my sister in Pincher Creek most weekends but once I met the boy down the sidewalk, my visits with family started to taper. We eventually started dating. During my final practicum in 2005, Tadd proposed to me at the Old Firehall in Lethbridge. We were married in 2007 with many Lethbridge College alumni in the wedding party.

**“I had “My College Sweetheart”
inscribed around the inside of
Tadd’s wedding band”**

I had “My College Sweetheart” inscribed around the inside of Tadd’s wedding band. We will be celebrating 10 terrific years of wedded bliss this upcoming June. We currently reside in Wetaskiwin with our three wonderful children. Tadd and I have Lethbridge College to thank, not only for educating us in our career paths and introducing us to many lifelong friendships, but most importantly being our match maker.

Story submitted by Lisa Greenwood Childs (Practical Nursing 2005). Lisa now works as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the Wetaskiwin Primary Care Network. Tadd (Criminal Justice – Policing 2004) is employed by the Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security as an Alberta Traffic Sheriff with the Wetaskiwin Integrated Traffic Unit.

MORE LETHBRIDGE COLLEGE LOVE STORIES

Trish Provost

(Massage Therapy 2011)

I met my hubby back in 2008 when we both received acceptance into the FNMI program. Since then we have a five-year-old and are enjoying all the new adventures and memories together!

Matt Kennedy

(Criminal Justice – Corrections 2003; Bachelor of Applied Arts – Justice Studies 2006)

I met my wife at LC back in 2005 as I was wrapping up my education and she was just beginning it.

Katelyn Guignard

(Digital Communications and Media 2016)

My husband and I met in the Digital Communications and Media program in 2014 and we got engaged after our first year and married in May of last year! We both got jobs in our field and that’s our story in a nutshell!

Martina Groeneveld Emar

(Communication Arts – Advertising and Public Relations 1993)

Duane Emar and I met in Communication Arts and started dating shortly after graduating! We’ve been together for 24 years and married for 17. Raymond Burgess met his wife in the program too!

Did you meet the love of your life at Lethbridge College? If so, we’d love to hear your story, too. Feel free to email us at WHMagazine@lethbridgecollege.ca or share on social media (@LethCollege) using the hashtag #widerhorizons. We can’t wait to hear from you.





{ with Wanda LeClair }

It was almost by chance that Wanda LeClair stumbled into her passion. A desire for a career change and a meeting with a Lethbridge College advisor led to a job-shadow opportunity with a welding company, and the rest is history. She took both her pre-employment and apprenticeship Welder training at Lethbridge College before launching her career. Now, she is using her training to give back, instructing a series of diverse courses, including two programs designed for under-represented learner groups. Her initial Welding for Women course taught basic skills to a group of four women, while she also instructs the Canadian Mental Health Association's Stepping Away Trades Training Program, working to instill skills in a group of local teenagers. A true life-long learner, LeClair took time to talk with *Wider Horizons* about why it's important for her to inspire a new generation.

Wider Horizons: Why did you feel it was important to teach a class specifically for women?

Wanda LeClair: I had been instructing a Basic Welding course for the college, and the administrator said that a lot of women would call in and be interested in taking a welding class, but were reluctant to sign up. So, we thought, 'I'm a woman, I'm a welder, let's run one.' The course description would include, "delivered by our own female welding instructor, Wanda LeClair," with the intent to capture that audience.

WH: What was the reaction from that first class?

WL: If you look at the pictures, you can tell that the girls had such a good time. One of them sent me a message that said, "I can't thank you enough for helping me get the confidence that I needed to do what I'm doing right now." She has now set up her own shop at home.

WH: It's a younger group, all teenagers, in the Canadian Mental Health Association program. What do you try to instill in them?

WL: I want them to know that when you try something new and you practice it, you get good at it. I would like them to think, "I'll try something else because I did good here and I know I can do it again." To me, it's building character, it's building: "Who am I? What am I good at? What do I like?" When they come up against adversity and obstacles in life, I'd like them to say, "I never knew how to weld either but then I took the course and I built two things."

WH: What sort of outcomes did you hope for from the program?

WL: It's more for special interest, but it opens doors depending on where they want to go. It might take them to a mindset of, "I really like this and I want to try it on the



pre-employment level.” Or, maybe they’re just going to go home and buy a little welder, or use the one in the shop that they didn’t even know was a welder. The course is project-based, so one young lady built a welding table, and now she can go home and she can weld. Another built a rack for her cowboy boots, which is something, that if she chose to, she could turn around, make and sell. So, they don’t just weld and that’s the end of the story in those eight weeks.

WH: You took both Pre-employment Welding and your Welder apprenticeship at the college. What was that experience like?

WL: I love the instructors here – they are my mentors to this day. If I have questions, I go to them and they’re very supportive and helpful. I’m hard on myself, I’m a perfectionist, so I would sometimes be less than happy with my end result, but I just kept working on it.

WH: And that’s the lesson you now pass on to your students?

WL: Absolutely. I think, as people, we set the bar high and have high expectations of ourselves. I think a lot of people are hard on themselves when they’re welding, saying, “ah, that looks like crap,” and I say, “look, I’m speaking your language, I know where you’re coming from, give it time and just practice.” I still do the same thing in my teaching, because I want to put them in the best possible position to succeed. So I ask my students, “what do you want?” And if their answer means I have to do some homework, that’s a good thing. It means I’m still learning.

For more information about the Welder apprenticeship program, call 403.320.3366 or email tradeslc@lethbridgecollege.ca. The Welding for Women course is offered by the Corporate and Continuing Education centre. To learn more, call 403.320.3288 or email training@lethbridgecollege.ca.

WH Story by Paul Kingsmith | Photos by Rob Olson

Criminal Justice graduate returns to collaborate on applied research project with college and Medicine Hat domestic violence program

FULL CIRCLE

Since graduating from Lethbridge College nearly 20 years ago, Dr. Chad Nilson's academic road has taken him from his native Saskatchewan, through the United States, Europe and South America, and back again.

Most recently, it brought the renowned expert on community safety back to Lethbridge College as the head of a collaborative research project evaluating Medicine Hat's Safe Families Intervention Team domestic violence program.

"I still remember exactly how I felt while walking those hallways as a 17-year-old," says Nilson. "Coming back and seeing some of the same staff and instructors shows stability and a sense of community ownership."

After finishing high school in Prince Albert, Sask., Nilson entered Lethbridge College's policing program.

"I didn't know if being a police officer was really my track," he recalls. "I was more interested in what I could contribute to the broader understanding of public safety."

"As a student Chad was very inquisitive and liked to think outside the box, challenge the

status quo and really ask a lot of questions," says Barbara Mantello, one of Nilson's instructors at the time and current Chair of the Lethbridge College School of Justice Studies. "You could see from the path he's been on in post-secondary education and beyond that he is still committed to that."

After graduating from the program in 1999, Nilson's studies took him to university in the United States, from Great Falls in Montana, and on to a Master's degree program at Radford University in Virginia, which in turn led to a stint studying Venezuela's justice system.

"It was at that point that I started to have a better understanding of the connection between research methodology and actual practice," says Nilson. "I understood the role of science in ensuring the government's response to crime and public safety actually met the needs of clients."

This prompted him to change academic gears and pursue both a Masters and PhD in Political Science at the University of New Orleans in Louisiana.





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{ Dr. Chad Nilson }

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{ Rose O'Donnell }





"[The switch] allowed me to develop some tools and expertise focusing on the public policy side," explains Nilson. "If you look at the criminal justice system, it is the government's response to when families break down, when behaviour breaks down. So, my political science training allows me to think a bit broader and understand where we can actually make a difference, where we're wasting our time, all the while making sure that evidence and science and good measurements guide policy, not just morality, not just tradition and not just institutional legacy."

Since then, Nilson has consulted with post-secondary institutions, government, Indigenous communities and social service agencies to produce over 100 evaluation reports and several peer-reviewed and industry-based publications. Today, he is a Community Engaged Scholar at the University of Saskatchewan, and Vice President of Research and Evaluation at Global Network for Community Safety. While his work has made Nilson an in-demand scholar and researcher, it was a personal connection that brought him back to the familiar surroundings of Lethbridge College.

"We'd been talking about how we could work collaboratively in creating safer families in our community through early intervention, before it reaches the threshold of criminal charges or a violence level that creates safety concerns."

{ Chief Andy McGrogan }

A critical part of community-engaged scholarship is involving key stakeholders in all aspects of the research or evaluation project. Nilson often meets with key stakeholders in the projects he takes on in his campus office.

Medicine Hat's Safe Families Intervention Team (SFIT) was formed in 2014 by the city's police service and the Medicine Hat Women's Shelter Society to improve the community's response to domestic violence.

"We'd been talking about how we could work collaboratively in creating safer families in our community through early intervention, before it reaches the threshold of criminal charges or a violence level that creates safety concerns," says Medicine Hat Police Chief Andy McGrogan.

"There was a link missing between what we do at the shelter and the calls being responded to by the police," says Rose O'Donnell, Director of Program and Services for the Women's Shelter Society.

The SFIT team includes a full-time Medicine Hat Police constable and two women's shelter society outreach workers to provide support, safety planning and information on services to victims of domestic violence. O'Donnell says the more proactive approach to handling cases is reflected in the numbers: between April 2013 and March 31, 2014, the society saw 60 cases. Between April 2015 and March 2016, that number had grown to 575.

"As (the program) developed, we discussed how we could measure our successes," recalls Chief McGrogan. "That's why [in 2015] we asked the college if they were interested in doing a review of the program to see what our outcomes might be."

"We proposed a research project to assess the program and make recommendations," said Gina Funicelli, who was Lethbridge College's Dean of Applied Research and Innovation during this project. "It was an opportunity to provide the evidence our community partners needed to sustain the program while also building our own research capacity to develop similar projects in future."

When it came time to find the right person to run the project, Barb Mantello, chair of the School of Justice Studies, knew just who to ask.

"[Chad] has had quite a journey and we maintained contact through it all," she says. "When this opportunity came up I thought maybe he would know of someone who could do the research and when we approached him, he said he would actually be interested."

Nilson teamed up with David Maze, an instructor in the School of Justice Studies and a former police officer, to look at existing data including police reports, case and SFIT client files, as well as gathering information from current and former clients and staff through surveys and in-person interviews. After the project, the team prepared a report highlighting the strengths of the SFIT program and included several recommendations to support improvements, such as increasing efforts at early intervention.

“The most important takeaway is that it demonstrates that police can work effectively with other services to help people before they are in crisis.”

{ Dr. Chad Nilson }

“The most important takeaway [from the review] is that it demonstrates that police can work effectively with other services to help people before they are in crisis,” says Dr. Nilson. “SFIT has demonstrated that police and women’s shelters can do things differently instead of following the status quo and when they do that they are more effective.”

“We knew from our numbers and outcomes that this was working, but we hadn’t set up a system to validate [our approach] with our clients,” says Rose O’Donnell of the women’s shelter society. “This evaluation showed us that we are on the right track.”

In addition to validating the SFIT program’s approach and recommending improvements, the evaluation will also contribute to the long-term sustainability of the program itself.

“It’s imperative we’re able to demonstrate the value of this program through measured results,” says Medicine Hat Police Chief McGrogan. “Times are tight

and dedicating resources to programs can be difficult in our current financial structure. This evidence-based research really gives us the credibility we need to push to continue the program.”

While working on the evaluation project, Dr. Nilson took the time to provide workshops on community-engaged research and evaluation to Lethbridge College faculty, which highlights a broader shift in how police and other public safety agencies use information to guide their decision making.

“I can frankly say that in 27 years as a police officer, the idea of applied research or having academics enter the policing world to try to advise police was never on my mind,” says Maze. “Now, after having done my own university studies and having had this experience working with Chad, evidence-based policing and applied research are critical to the success of public safety initiatives in the future.”

The shift has also changed the way institutions like Lethbridge College deliver programs to prepare students for the new reality of the field.

“We have a Bachelor of Applied Arts in Justice Studies degree and have added a course so our third-year degree students will learn about program evaluation and then can apply some of that knowledge in their fourth year,” says Mantello. “The faculty here are unique as they are all practitioners who have come out of the industry. The majority have their Master’s (degrees), but they don’t have the research experience so we’re looking to build capacity internally to help conduct this kind of research.”

For Nilson, coming back to the college was about more than just helping advance the field in which he has forged his career.

“I wanted to give back to the college,” says Nilson. “It was really exciting and it is an honour to be asked to come back with the knowledge I’ve acquired over the years. That meant a lot and I hope I’ve made the college proud and contributed something to the students and faculty. Lethbridge College gave me my start and I’m very proud of that.”

For more information about applied research opportunities at Lethbridge College, call 403-320-3202 ext. 5787 or email appliedresearch@lethbridgecollege.ca.

WH Story by Jeremy Franchuk | Photos courtesy Jon Horn

FACTS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ITS COSTS

\$7.4 BILLION

It's estimated that each year, Canadians collectively spend \$7.4 billion to deal with the aftermath of spousal violence.

50%

Half of all women in Canada have experienced at least one incident of physical or sexual violence since the age of 16.

3,491 • 2,724

On any given night in Canada, 3,491 women and their 2,724 children sleep in shelters because it isn't safe at home.

On any given night, about 300 women and children are turned away because shelters are already full.

300

1,181 • 4,000

1,181 cases of missing or murdered Aboriginal women in Canada between 1980 and 2012, according to the RCMP. However, according to grassroots organizations and the Minister of the Status of Women, the number is much higher, closer to 4,000.

6X

Aboriginal women are killed at six times the rate of non-Aboriginal women.

Sources: Department of Justice, Statistic Canada, Royal Canadian Mounted Police

FIND SUPPORT AND SERVICES

Albertans affected by family violence can get help through the government and community organizations located across the province. More information can be found at humanservices.alberta.ca or by calling one of the numbers listed below.

If you are in immediate danger, please call 911.

Emergency shelters and housing

Call the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters toll-free at 1-877-934-6634.

Financial support for Albertans fleeing abuse

Funding is available to help people get to safety, set up a new household or start a new life. For more information, call the 24-hour contact centre toll-free at 1-866-644-5135 or go to albertasupports.ca.

Family violence and your tenancy

If you have signed a tenancy agreement with a landlord and are facing family violence, there are steps that you can take to end your tenancy with no financial penalty. Call 1-877-644-9992 toll-free for more information.

Sexual Assault Centres

If you have experienced sexual violence, call 780-482-HELP (4357) if you live in the north, 403-266-HELP (4357) if you live in the south, or contact the sexual assault centre nearest you for help and information.

Family Violence Info Line

Talk to trained staff over the phone toll-free 24 hours a day, seven days a week in more than 170 languages by calling 403-310-1818.

Source: Government of Alberta Human Services

Where are they now?

CELEBRATING THE SUCCESSES OF OUR ALUMNI
IN THEIR CAREERS AND THROUGHOUT THEIR LIVES.

ON THE MARK: with **Casey Scheidegger** Exercise Science 2010

Mark Campbell (Communication Arts 1975) shares the stories of fellow Lethbridge College alumni



Not a lot of people in the world can say they defeated world and Olympic curling champion Jennifer Jones – but Lethbridge College alumna Casey Scheidegger can.

She and her rink did just that in the quarterfinals of the Meridian Canadian Open in North Battleford, Sask., in January, the fourth Grand

Slam of Curling event and third “major” of the 2016–17 curling season.

Casey says her quarter final win against such an esteemed team was “pretty incredible.” She says that her foursome was fairly relaxed going into the match, and she adds that Jennifer Jones missed a couple of shots and her team fortunately made them when they had to. It was the team’s first Grand Slam title in their first-ever Grand Slam event.

Casey, who hails from Diamond City, fell in love with curling at the age of 11 when she was part of the junior program at the Lethbridge Curling Club. Casey has a passion for not only curling but for athletics in general. That helped in her decision to take the two-year Exercise Science program at the college.

“Going to the college was one of the best choices I ever made,” says Casey. “It’s such a great transition from high school to college. It was an awesome experience with a fun atmosphere. It was kind of a comfort thing.”

While going to college, Casey worked at the same junior curling program where she learned the sport. She loved the aspect of teaching kids and that became the inspiration to pursue her teaching degree. After graduating from the college in 2010, she enrolled in the education program at the University of Lethbridge. Many of her college courses transferred easily to the university, and so she was able to complete her teaching degree in four years rather than the usual five.

Casey, who currently teaches junior high in Carmangay, is married to Duncan Koning and they have an 11-month-old son, Kayden. She wholeheartedly recommends Lethbridge College as your first post-secondary experience. As she puts it, “You’ll make friends and get an education.”

To read more interviews by Mark, visit his blog at greetergrammer1.wordpress.com. Photo courtesy Anil Mungal of Sportsnet

2016

Hope Grier-Stewart

General Studies

Hope sent this update to the alumni office: “I graduated the college in April 2016 with 20 transferrable courses to the University of Calgary. I started school at the University of Calgary in September 2016 and I miss the college! I will be graduating again in 2019, hopefully with my Bachelors in Social Work! #kodiakforlife!”



2015

Rachel Crow Spreading Wings

Communication Arts

Rachel started reporting for KFBB (ABC Fox Montana) in Great Falls in April 2016. She grew up in Basin, Montana, and said she was happy to be reporting in her home state and was looking forward to being part of the community and showing her boys what being a Montanan is all about.

2015

Kevin Hong

Business Administration – Marketing

Kevin wrote: “I am currently engaged to one of my college classmates who graduated at the same time as me. I work for a great company that takes care of the students’ healthcare benefits and I also help overlook other post-secondary schools in southern Alberta. Lethbridge College is one of them.”

2014

Francesca Adams

Business Administration – Marketing

“I am working in property, which is something I’ve always been passionate about!” Francesca wrote. “Without my program in Marketing and transfer to Robert Gordon University in Scotland, this wouldn’t have been possible!”

2014

Carrie Stevenson

Engineering Design and Drafting Technology

Carrie applied to work at Brown Okamura and Associates Ltd. the summer after she graduated and has been working there ever since. She says the courses in her program prepared her well for the work, and she loves her job.

2013

Amy McNeill

Massage Therapy

Amy told the Alumni office that she has been getting more active and is preparing for her first half marathon in August. She added that she is also looking at continuing her education in the medical field and considering becoming a unit clerk.



2012

Nadine Dalheim

Bachelor of Applied Arts – Correctional Studies

Nadine sent this update in to *Wider Horizons*: “I worked as a probation officer in my last year of college and decided I wanted to work with kids. I now work at Onion Lake with family services. I am the supervisor for prevention services and have five staff members. I love my job. I am thrilled that my oldest, Chelsea, was accepted to the online Corrections Diploma/Degree program at Lethbridge College. I honestly can say that my time at Lethbridge College was amazing and the program has prepared me very well for what I am currently doing and what I have done in the past. I am thrilled that Chelsea will be taking the same program and I know that she is going to get an excellent education. I can't wait till we can both wear LC Corrections hoodies together!”

2005

Kimberly Big Swan Dashper

Bachelor of Applied Arts – Justice Studies

Kimberly sent the Alumni office this update: “I completed my applied degree while working as an intern with Alberta

Grads, supporters named to women's economic security councils

Thirty-two Indigenous leaders with diverse backgrounds – including four with ties to Lethbridge College – make up the province's newly appointed First Nations Women's Economic Security Councils. The council provides advice and recommendations to the Government of Alberta on how to improve economic security for Indigenous women and communities.

Among those named to the council are:

Tanya Eagle Speaker (Fashion Design and Merchandising 1998)

Tanya Eagle Speaker is a business entrepreneur who owns and manages the Eagle Spirit Embroidery and Gift Shop. A devoted volunteer in the Kainai community, she has served with the Kainai community kitchen, the Kainai Pow Wow Committee and the Blood Tribe Youth Pow Wow Club.

Beverly Hungry Wolf (Honorary Bachelor of Applied Arts degree 2011)

Beverly Hungry Wolf, a member of the Kainai nation, is an accomplished educator who has taught across western Canada and the United States. She is a chair of the Elder's Environmental Advisory Committee and also speaks at schools on-reserve.

Treena Tallow (General Studies 2003)

Treena Tallow, a member of the Kainai Nation, is an advisor of Aboriginal addiction and mental health for the Aboriginal Health Program in Alberta Health Services. She is also an applied suicide intervention skills training assistant.

Tanya Pace Crosschild (past member of the Pita Pawani Learning Society at the college)

Tanya Pace Crosschild is the chief executive officer of Opokaa'sin Early Intervention Society, an Indigenous children's charity in southern Alberta. A member of Kainai Nation, Tanya is a champion of children's rights and an advocate for Indigenous issues.

February 15 : @ErikHMikkelsen



Excited to announce that I have accepted a position as the Community Relations Coordinator at @GlobalCalgary! #YYC I'll see you in a month!

{ Erik Mikkelsen Communication Arts – Broadcast Journalism 2015 }

Government - Alberta Works Fraud Department in 2005, which then turned into a one-year project as Aboriginal Employment Counsellor in 2006. From there, I became the full-time support and financial services coordinator and now am a career employment consultant. I have been with the Alberta Government for 11 years now – almost 12. I do still remember my time at Lethbridge College with all the instructors who supported me while

I was completing my program such as Ian Hefher, Barb Mantello, Earl Neillson and Hugh Richards. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed. I still remember fondly how passionate they were about Criminal Justice and how open and easy they were to speak with and help with my assignments. I do commend the instructors at Lethbridge College as they help many students go on to their career goals as I continue to carry on what I have learned.”

2005

Michael Matejka

Civil Engineering Technology

Michael manages the capital works program, asset management and special project delivery for the City of Cranbrook's Department of Infrastructure Planning and Delivery. He is also the executive vice president of JCI Canada, which is part of the largest worldwide network of young active citizens.

2005

Tahlon Sweenie

Professional Golf Management

Tahlon, the head golf professional at the Jasper Park Lodge Golf Club, has been nominated to the 2017 PGA of Alberta Board of Directors. Tahlon started playing golf at the age of 11 in what was one of the best junior programs



in the province at that time. At the age of 17, he received a sponsored membership at the Edmonton Petroleum Golf and Country Club where he worked the following season and decided that he wanted to pursue a career in golf. During his 17 years in the golf industry, he has gained in-depth knowledge and progressive experience in all areas of golf operations.

Grad credits the college for the keys to success in life and love

Jamie Pfau (Criminal Justice – Policing 2006) wrote: "I just can't believe it has been over 10 years since I graduated from the Criminal Justice - Policing program. Although I am not a police officer, I feel the skills and knowledge I learned while in the program are useful in my daily life as a treatment foster parent. While in college, in the first class of my first year, I met Kevin Pfau (Criminal Justice – Policing 2006). We were good friends for the first year, and then started dating our second year. I am very happy to say that we have been together now for over 11 years, and married for seven. We moved to Winnipeg after college to start a life together, and for the last five years, we thoroughly enjoy raising our four children, none of whom are biologically ours, but very much have our hearts. About a month ago, I graduated with my honours degree in Psychology. It was a challenge to raise kids while being in school, but Kevin was such an amazing support. I am happy to report that Kevin is now back in school, getting his Social Work degree. I can say that we often reminisce about Lethbridge College and the instructors, staff and amazing Criminal Justice program. It certainly shaped us, instilled a strong work ethic and helped shape our values and morals. Not to mention, the physical education program was a jump start for me to lose and keep off over 80 pounds. If not for this program, we never would have met or became the people we are today. I am eager to tell my friends and loved ones about the experiences I had in college, and encourage all to attend!"



{ Submitted by Jamie Pfau, Criminal Justice - Policing 2006 }

2004

Matthew Lepp

Communication Arts – Broadcast Journalism

"After completing broadcast journalism, I went to Vancouver Film School. When I returned I started work on the Heartland television series and I've been there for nine years. I started as producer's assistant and am now the interactive producer for the series. I'm also an independent producer and I'll be producing my first feature film, *Ice Blue*, this spring for a fall 2017 release."

2002

Faye Geddes

General Studies

Faye studied history at the University of Lethbridge after graduating from the college and in the summer of 2003, she accepted the position of library manager at the Raymond Public Library and has been there ever since. She says: "It is my dream job. I love that I can promote literacy to my community and help educate people one-on-one. I continue to train and educate myself so that I can be an effective library manager. I have also been a session leader at a number of sessions for the Southern Alberta Library Conference and conducted workshops at various southern Alberta communities other than my own."

2001

Karen Bergen

Nursing

Since graduation, Karen has worked as a Registered Nurse in various areas and has received additional certification in geriatrics and palliative care. Three years ago, she also opened up a bike shop - Brok'N Spoke Bike Shoppe in Fort Macleod. She wrote: "I fell in love with biking after taking a cycling tour in Nova Scotia four years ago. This year I sold my bike shop to Alpenland (in Blairmore). I love nursing!! And enjoy continual education through various courses."



December 9 : @LC_Alumni

What a way to end the week! #LCAalum Kyle Reindl (Criminal Justice '06) & his pal Comet were here today showing us their skills! #happyfriday



{ Kyle Reindl Criminal Justice – Policing 2006 }

New baby? New job? New hometown? Tell your classmates all about it at lethbridgecollege.ca/alumni/update. Be sure to include your name, your area of study, the year you completed your program and a little bit about what you have been doing since you left Lethbridge College.

1998

Laura Ford

Fashion Design and Merchandising

Laura reported that she has been married to her RA from the college for 17 years. They have two boys and one dog and are living in Castlegar, B.C. She works as a fashion blogger for her own blog Kootenay Look Book. Laura had her own custom clothing and alterations business for 15 years and now concentrates on promoting fashion and style in the Kootenay region of B.C.

1998

Jean Old Shoes

Criminal Justice – Policing

Jean sent the Alumni office this update: "I moved to Spokane, Wash., and worked for the Kalispel Tribe of Indians at their four diamond resort and casino, the Northern Quest Casino. I was a black jack dealer, tribal inspector and security ambassador. I was employed with this amazing establishment for 13 years. I moved back to southern Alberta to take on the responsibility of being a caregiver for my elderly mother, which was a promise I made to my mother years ago. I've been married for 14 years and have two wonderful children. My daughter is 11 years old and my son is 3 years old. I am truly blessed. I am a full-blooded Native American and my tribe is Kainai/Blackfoot."

1997

Darren Duperrier

Environmental Science – Watershed Management

After completing the two year Watershed Management program at the college, Darren continued his education at the University of Lethbridge and earned a post-diploma BSc. in Environmental Science. He spent 14 years working for environmental consulting companies, obtained his professional agrologist designation (PAG) and was hired at Pengrowth in 2014 as the environmental advisor for all of northern Alberta and northeast British Columbia operations.

1996

Andrew Schuchardt

Communication Arts – Print Journalism

Andrew sent the Alumni office this update:

Criminal Justice alumni receive commendations

Three Lethbridge College alumni have received commendations from Lethbridge Police Service in recent months. In November, Const. Marco Pagliericci (Criminal Justice – Policing 1999) was recognized for saving the life of a person who was overdosing on fentanyl. "In the end, all I was doing is my job," he said in an article in the Lethbridge Herald. "Any one of us, any of my colleagues, would have done the same." In January, Const. David Warner (Criminal Justice 2003) and a colleague were responding to a call about someone breaking into a vehicle and ended up saving the life of a person who had overdosed on drugs. "These two officers, without a doubt, saved the man's life," said LPS Chief Rob Davis in the Lethbridge Herald. "If they had not been there to administer CPR, the man would have passed on." Warner also added that he and his colleague did what any officer would do in that situation. And in February, Const. Denton Michelson (Criminal Justice – Policing 2001) was recognized for going above and beyond to help a young woman who was taken to hospital as a result of acute mental health issues. The family of the girl wrote to the police to thank them, saying: "If it wasn't for Constable Michelson going above and beyond doing his job, showing compassion and understanding, recognizing that this was a girl in extreme distress, the whole outcome could have been an absolute nightmare. I will never forget this officer for all he did for my daughter."



"I have been up to a lot since '96. Worked in my industry for five years at the Lethbridge Herald, then had my own graphic design business and was an instructional assistant at the college for a couple of years as well. Finally moved on and got into IT recruitment where I have been for the last 14 years or so."

1995

Shane Peterson

Business Administration

Shane earned a Bachelor of Science Degree with a minor in Psychology from the University of Calgary and has been living there since 1996. He recently completed the Occupational Health and Safety Certificate program through the University of Alberta and has worked as a child and youth care counsellor, a return to work specialist with CP Rail and other positions before working with Suncor Energy.

1995

Pamela Shearer

Rehabilitation Services

Pam wrote: "I worked as a special needs assistant for Palliser School Division and Lethbridge School District #51 for eight years. I then became the owner and teacher of the very successful and privately owned Kids and Kapers Preschool here in Lethbridge for 11 years. I recently closed my business and returned to School District #51 to open the Early Learning program at École Agnes Davidson School and teach the pre-K program there. Over the course of my 21-year career, I have had the pleasure of working with over 100 special needs students and have taught over 1,000 preschool students. It is the best job giving these students their best start in the world of education!"

1994

Billy Lu

Engineering Design and Drafting Technology

Billy told the Alumni office that after graduation, he moved to Calgary to design top drives with Tesco from 1996 to 2003. Since then, he worked for a variety of companies before June 2015, when he was hired at Saxon Drilling Services (now Schlumberger) and transferred to Houston, where he works now.

1994

Gary Milton

Environmental Science - Watershed Management

Gary wrote: "I have been an environmental consultant since graduation and have worked on impacted sites all over western Canada and the Northwest Territories. I started as a technologist and have worked my way to a point that I am now a project manager and the Suncor PM managing all our Suncor projects. We also do work for other major oil companies, provincial utility companies and government agencies."

1992

Leanne Kerik

Communication Arts - Advertising and Public Relations

Leanne sent the Alumni office this update: "I'm currently living in Sundre with my husband and two teenage girls. I am working at a job I love where I get to work with children and help them to be their best selves. My focus was advertising and public relations, so while I'm not in my field, I'm certainly using my PR skills. My daughter is now hoping to go to Lethbridge College for nursing."

1992

Lidia Pater

Business Administration

Lidia wrote: "I live in Lethbridge, and I am very thankful to live in Canada. In 1986, I escaped from communist Romania with

the help of my ex-husband. We arrived in Lethbridge and I went to college, first for ESL, then for the Business Administration program. I published a book in 2012 about my escape and my reconciliation to my husband after 14 years. The title of my book is *Praying for My Next*. It is sold on Amazon or any book store."

1989

Dawna Cerney

Engineering Design and Drafting Technology

Dawna is an associate professor and former department chair at Youngstown State University and is the co-editor of the Papers in Applied Geography. She teaches primarily Environmental Geography and Field methods courses and her research includes the evaluation of landscape level change as a function of natural hazards, climate change and human activities. The majority of her research focuses on Waterton Lakes, although she has done research across North America.

1987

Debbie Johnson

Professional Cooking

After graduation, Debbie worked in restaurants for a few years and then went to McGill University where she earned a B.Ed. degree. She has been teaching cooking for 22 years now and during that time, she earned a diploma in pastries and desserts and then went back to McGill where she received a Master's degree in education. She says it's "been a busy career, and loving it!"

1987

Edward Travaglia

Law Enforcement

Edward lives in Magrath with his wife of 26 years, Roxy. He works at ConocoPhillips Canada at Surmont Operations 65 kilometres south of Fort McMurray, working a 14-day-on, 14-day-off rotational schedule. He and Roxy have three grown children: Ally, Ciana and Nick.

1986

Clark Spencer

Engineering Design and Drafting Technology

Clark told the Alumni office that throughout his design career, he has had the pleasure of doing some "pretty cool stuff," ranging from G8 summit aircraft parking to agricultural research and development, as well as Suncor interchange design, mine drainage, dam raising and more. He works with people new to the business and finds seeing projects he has been involved in all over Canada and the United States very satisfying. He says: "I owe all of that to my better half for providing us the flexibility to go where we were needed. Ironically I met her at the college 30 years ago."

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1983

Peggy Carey

Recreation Management

Peggy worked at Lethbridge YMCA and the Fort Macleod Recreation Department. She got married, moved to Stavely and coached junior high basketball and a fastball team. Her son, Ryan, graduated from Lethbridge College in 2011 and is working as a journeyman carpenter. Her daughter, Jamie, graduated from the college in 2013 in Ag.Tech and is working as a crop consultant for Alltech. Her son, Blake, also graduated from the college in 2013 from the wind turbine technician program.

1983

Tammy Kaleta

Fish and Wildlife Technology

Tammy sent the Alumni office this update: "I was employed in my field for about 18 years. After having children, I started a secondary income making signs in 1986. After getting laid off of the government in 1998 I've been designing and making signs and promotional items full-time since. I volunteer in my field as the chair for the Lesser Slave Watershed Council and have chaired the local Ducks Unlimited committee for 25 years. Loving life! Lethbridge was an awesome start!"

January 25 : @LethCollege

A big thanks to @LC_Alumni Jeff Bronsch-@datadrivenag, for his donation of soil mapping equipment to our Agriculture programs! #westcdnag



{ Jeff Bronsch Agricultural Technology 1988 }



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1983

Shelley Mcewen

Communication Arts – Advertising and Public Relations

Shelley told the Alumni office: “When I graduated, I worked for 3.5 years at two smaller newspapers (a weekly and a bi weekly) as a reporter. I then moved to Regina to be a writer in the legislative building for the premier of that day. Following that, I worked for a cabinet minister before going to work in communications at the department of social services. After a budget cut, I took time off to raise my son and twin daughters before returning to work for the federal government in 2004. I worked at PFRA until 2012 before going to my current job at the RCMP.”

1982

James Sinclair

Construction Technician

James started working at Kawneer in the spring of 1983 and has been there ever since. He told the Alumni office that he and his wife settled in Lethbridge, raised four children and says they are “now on the slippery slope to retirement. I would never have secured employment at Kawneer if it wasn’t for my training at Lethbridge College. I still work with fellow Lethbridge College alumni in our field of business. I am pleased that Kawneer has supplied aluminum curtainwall framing, windows and doors for the new trades and technologies building.”

1979

Diane Johnson

Environmental Science

Diane sent this update to the Alumni office: “I worked in enforcement for three years. Then I realized that the government was not ready for female enforcement officers so I switched to conservation in the office until I retired in 2014. I worked in four regions within Manitoba conservation. I got married in 1993. We purchased 80 acres at that time, where we live with our four horses, two dogs and two cats.”

1979

Wendy Stander

Recreation Management

Wendy told the Alumni office she is enjoying retirement after a wonderful career as a public servant working for Service Canada. She said she used many of the skills learned at the college throughout her lifetime. “Best school ever.”

Peter Balagus Environmental Science 1979

“Upon reading the current Wider Horizons publication (Winter 2017) and the review of the 60th Anniversary of the college, I noticed that the Barn came in 11th of memorable places. It was the social hub for students in my day (1978-79) of cabarets, concerts and small-town gigs on a regular basis. It was where students and instructors would gather after classes (not necessarily at the end of the day) for a beer and “bullshit” session, but generally of previous professional biologist lives and course-related content. ...I’ve lost contact with all my graduating crew (including friends Stan Clements and Gaylen Armstrong) but we were a motley group of various backgrounds and aspirations, all said and done.

“Since graduating from the community college (at the time) at Christmas 1979, I worked in forestry for about two years, then began a string of seasonal and then professional environmental consulting wildlife resource-related work (my personal aspiration) as a wildlife ecologist now going on to 26 years – all because of the college. The University of Manitoba gave me the academic background to apply what I wanted and needed to learn at the college for my career development.

“On the particular day of my recent visit [to campus], I found myself giving back to the college. I’m a taxidermist by hobby and I’m donating my collection of 24 mounts of birds-of-prey to the college. As well, I’m donating boxes and a cabinet of wildlife artifacts I’ve collected over the years of field-related work that I’m sure the instructors will make good use of in the lab component of the wildlife courses – artifacts I wish I had access to in ‘my day.’ LCC was recommended to me by a Manitoba Regional Wildlife Technician (an alumni himself) back in the mid-1970s. I will always be a reference for the college. It’s been an incredible journey. Thanks LCC.”



1977

Raymond Lavoie

Environmental Science

Raymond told the Alumni office: “I worked in provincial parks for about 40 years. I was a park officer for 10 years and then I was a maintenance foreman and technician for the remainder of the time. I worked in about a dozen parks doing wildlife management, environmental protection and recreation administration as well as infrastructure maintenance. I retired in 2008 but worked another four summers on seasonal maintenance.”

1974

Judith Sparkes

Nursing

Judith wrote: “I am proud to be a registered nurse who still loves her job! I have a part-time job in a remote clinic on northern Vancouver Island. Most of my career was spent in the emergency room of Nanaimo hospital and remote nursing seemed to be a natural progression of that role. I have three children, all grown up of course, so I have lots of spare time to enjoy my large garden and travel the world by bicycle with my soulmate of the past 12 years.”

College grads recognized as some of the Chamber's Top 40 Under 40

College grads continue to populate the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce's list of the Top 40 under 40. Receiving recognition the last four months are:



Chris Broughton (Business Administration - Management 2007) was recognized for excellence in human resources and his dedication to help others within his field. Chris is the manager of human resources and safety manager in Alberta at Meridian Manufacturing Inc.

David Cocks (Engineering Design and Drafting Technology 2001) was recognized for excellence in his profession and work within our community. He is one of three principal architects at FWBA Architects, the oldest continuing architectural practice in western Canada.

Jess Fehr (General Studies 2005) was recognized for her dedication to arts, culture and athletics in the community. Jess Fehr is the fund development coordinator for the Southern Alberta Art Gallery, a not-for-profit contemporary art gallery in downtown Lethbridge.

Matt Gillin (Business Administration - Marketing 2012) was recognized for his grassroots entrepreneurial success and continued growth. Matt is the owner of Candie Co Clothing, a clothing brand based in Lethbridge. In nine years, Matt has progressed from selling t-shirts out of his locker as a 16-year-old, to running a marketing and merchandising company.

Shelly Kanyo (Fashion Design and Marketing 2007; Interior Design 2003) was recognized for excellence in the design profession and for her dedication to getting involved in the Lethbridge community. She is the founder and designer of Shelly Kanyo Studio that has held The Lethbridge Fashion Weekend (LFW) annually since 2007.

Jenelle Wensley (Multimedia Production 2010) was recognized for her award-winning work and entrepreneurial spirit. Jenelle is the owner of IdealFilmCreations, a video production company that works with clients whether they are hoping to promote their business or remember their wedding.

ALUMNI IN THIS ISSUE

This issue of *Wider Horizons* contains the names, stories and quotes of more alumni than any other issue in our 10-year history (more than 50 at the very least!). Such a list would be too long for this space, so we encourage you to check out our "People make the place" story, which begins on page 12, and "Lethbridge College love stories," which begins on page 38, to get the latest news of some of the more than 30,000 alumni living, working and making a difference around the world. And if you have a story idea about a great Lethbridge College alumnus, email us at WHMagazine@lethbridgecollege.ca.

1973

Dale Parkhill

Business Administration

Dale retired after working at NBTel/ Aliant/Bell Aliant for almost 35 years and did contract work for eight years after that, until April of 2015. He worked in the IT department after taking Business Administration with a major in data processing at the college. He said his time now involves his wife of 33 years, his three grown children and two grandchildren.

1966

William Gordon

College and University Preparatory Upgrading

William sent the Alumni office this update: "I was part of the first second-year university transfer program at the college in 1965-66. I then went on to the University of Alberta and completed a degree in secondary education. I taught from 1968 to 2006 with both Edmonton Public Schools and Elk Island Public Schools. After retirement, I worked part-time with Elk Island Public Schools as a counsellor in its Outreach Schools until 2012. Now fully retired from teaching, I continue to speak professionally to community organizations, school systems and other organizations."

1959

Garda Davies

Medical/Dental Secretarial

Garda wrote: "I worked for a short time at the Medical Arts Clinic and then at the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital in medical records. After the birth of our children, I did not return to work, except for a brief period when I was asked to return to medical records at the hospital so people could go on holidays. After our youngest started school, I went to work at Medicine Hat School District No. 76. This position in the schools allowed me to be home with our children during the summer holidays, Christmas and Easter. I went to work full-time in 1981 with the district as an administrative assistant until retiring in 1996. I am now retired, but still maintain an educational role by speaking at conventions, conferences and communities on topics such as The Power of Kindness, Maintaining Personal Balance, and Organizational Excellence. I am also an active member of Rotary International and am currently the President of the Rotary Club of Fort Saskatchewan, and Vice-President of the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association."

Are you a multi-generational Lethbridge College family? If at least three members across one or more generations attended Lethbridge College, let us know by emailing WHMagazine@lethbridgecollege.ca. We'd love to profile you in *It's a family affair*.

IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR:

The Carey Family

Ryan, Jamie and Blake Carey chose to attend Lethbridge College for many reasons: the campus was close to home, it offered small class sizes and the programs they were interested in had good reputations. "Each of us is very thrilled with what our programs had to offer and we loved the small classroom environment," Jamie says. The fact that their mom, Peggy, was an alumna before them likely played a role in their decisions, too.

Jamie says they all have so many memories from their college days—too many to list them all. She does say, however, that the lifelong friendships they made clearly stand out. She personally appreciated the hands-on, real-life opportunities her classes offered. Sharing the college experience with her siblings was a highlight as well.

Peggy (Hester) Carey (Recreation Management diploma 1983)

Peggy attended Lethbridge College on a basketball scholarship. After finishing her diploma she worked with the YMCA in Lethbridge as a recreation summer program coordinator. She now works with her husband, Brent, as a partner at Carey Farms Ltd.

Ryan Carey (Carpenter apprenticeship 2012)

Ryan works as a red seal journeyman carpenter with Urban Timber Reclaimed Wood Co. He has always had a passion for building and reclaiming anything he could get his hands on. He has a crafty eye for design. His sister, Jamie, and his fiancée, Nicole Reynolds, call him the "Martha Stewart" of carpenters. Nicole is also a Lethbridge College alumna; she graduated with a Business Administration – General Management major diploma in 2011.

Jamie Carey (Agriculture Technology – Animal Science diploma 2013)

Jamie works as a crop consultant/agronomist for Alltech. She absolutely loves her job and the family says they couldn't imagine her doing anything else. Agriculture is definitely her passion, whether she is in the field or working with animals. Jamie's fiancé, Dillon Casebeer, is also a graduate of the Ag Tech program in 2013. They met at school!

Blake Carey (Wind Turbine certificate 2013)

Blake works as a technician at Vestas Canadian Wind Technologies. He thoroughly enjoys his job. He has been able to travel to lots of places and is currently working to get his Level 3. He is the only one in the family that is not afraid of heights.

WH Story by Megan Shapka | Photos submitted



Grads on our Grounds

{ with Jessica Murray }

Jessica Murray is a passionate advocate for the trades. “I think that the trades offer incredible opportunities for people,” says the 2013 graduate of the college’s Upgrading program who now works as a first-year plumber for KB Heating and Air Conditioning. “I absolutely love how hands-on my job is. It provides a challenge every day. I get to learn how to troubleshoot and problem solve. I get to work a lot with my hands as well as my head. It’s just a perfect combination for me.”

Murray, who has been accepted into the college’s Plumbing apprenticeship program starting this fall, spends her days working on pipes in the welding shop for the welding gases or running pipes for water supplies and heating and cooling units within the college’s new trades and technologies facility, which is set to open this fall. “I find it absolutely incredible to be a part of this project,” says Murray. “This is going to be a great resource for so many people for years to come, including myself. I’m loving being a part of a project that allows my city, as well as my province, to grow.”

As a woman working in the trades, Murray says she makes a deliberate effort to support and build up other women working in what are still largely male-dominated

fields. She says there have been days when she has been told women don’t belong in the trades, and “days where I’ve felt so beat down. I am super lucky to have many other supportive co-workers, friends and family who really help me to see that I can do this – and I can do it well. I take all of those negative comments and use them to fuel myself to move forward and to be the best that I can be.”

WH Story by Lisa Kozleski | Photo by Rod Leland

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{ Jessica Murray }





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