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We have had a lot of fun working on this, the Lethbridge issue of *Wider Horizons*. I am especially excited about our cover story featuring the lives and experiences of two soon-to-be graduates, John Manyok and Samuel Mathon.



John and Sam came to the college as mature students looking for post-secondary education to open doors to new opportunities, as so many students do. However, John and Sam's experiences before coming to the college set them apart. They are some of the "Lost Boys of the Sudan," a term used to describe the 26,000+ young boys who left or were taken from their homes in southern Sudan to train as soldiers in what would end up being a 22-year-long civil war. The details of their journey from the time they left their villages at the age of nine or 10 until they arrived at the convocation stage nearly three decades later can be found starting on page 6.

As I had the pleasure of talking in January and February with Sam, John, their instructors and a few other Lost Boys who have attended the college over the years, I was filled with a lot of different emotions. I felt such admiration for the discipline, courage, good humour and resilience Sam and John displayed over the years, and I was also filled with an incredible sense of pride. I was proud of Canada for welcoming them as refugees and giving them a safe haven after a coming-of-age that was filled with violence and heartbreak. And I was proud of the college, for its role in providing first the ESL and Upgrading courses they needed to get started, and then the General Studies program that would allow them to move beyond manual labour to professional careers where they can give back to their community.

This is a true Lethbridge and Lethbridge College story. And I look forward to seeing it play out again with the recent arrival of

Syrian refugees in our community who have, like John and Sam, come to Canada looking both for safety and opportunity.

As Scott Lehbauer, the college's chair of Developmental Education and the English Language Centre, explained to me, there are many amazing stories like John's and Sam's on campus. The English Language Centre served 452 students from 49 countries this past year – and more than 300 of them are in a government program that includes refugees, newly-landed immigrants and permanent residents. According to their stats, more than 90 per cent of them plan to continue with their post-secondary education.

Also in this issue, you may notice the name of a new writer – Meagan Williams. She is a talented second-year student in the college's Digital Communications and Media program who has been doing her practicum with the Communications department of the college. While we know Meagan, like so many college students who take part in practicum experiences, will benefit from the hands-on learning that has happened this semester, our department has also benefitted from her enthusiasm, her big ideas and her passion for great stories.

Meagan, John, Sam and all soon-to-be Lethbridge College grads – we wish you all the best of luck after graduation and, as we like to say, welcome to your future.

Cheers,

Lisa Kozleski
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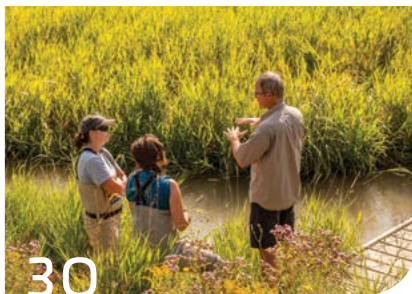
The City of Lethbridge has a rich and rollicking history – but it's the people who truly distinguish it. And whether through athletics, music, agriculture, entrepreneurship, performance, design and, in one case, putting up the most fantastic display of holiday lights each winter, Lethbridge College is proud to call many of these remarkable residents our own.

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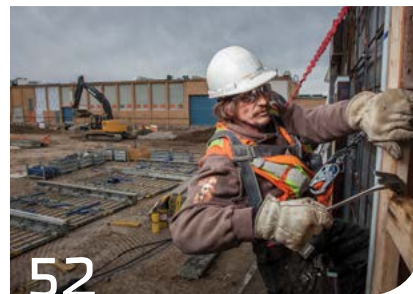
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**Lethbridge
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One of the jobs of college president is to showcase the campus to visiting dignitaries and other friends of the college, and that's what Lethbridge College President and CEO Dr. Paula Burns was doing on Jan. 13 when Environmental Science instructor Henry Komadowski (Renewable Resource Management 1975) invited the tour group into his second-year Fishery Sciences lab to see hands-on learning in action. The laboratory is adjacent to the Alfred Hubbard and Family Wildlife Collection in the Cousins Science Centre, which is a must-see sight for many visitors to campus.



Dr. Burns watched as the students, who are enrolled in Renewable Resource Management, Natural Resource Compliance, Conservation Enforcement and Ecosystem Management, used their notes, textbooks and keys to help identify the different kinds of fish that are found in Alberta. The students will use this skill in their future professions, Komadowski says, whether they work as technicians, biologists, naturalists, park interpreters, conservation enforcement officers or even archeologists and paleontologists.

Photo by Gregory Thiessen



Happy 40th anniversary to the daycare at Lethbridge College! The Hands On Early Learning Center provides 40 spaces for children aged 19 months to school age – most of whom are the children of students, although children of staff may attend if space is available. In January, the college and the daycare were pleased to announce their partnership on a \$2.7 million Canada-wide research project funded by the Lawson Foundation and focused on outdoor play discovery and learning.



Current research shows a serious gap across the country in accessible and affordable training and the tremendous benefit outdoor play has on children's development. Lethbridge College Early Childhood Education instructors Joanne Keilty and Cheryl Hatten will be among the professional collaborators who develop curriculum, deliver the face-to-face program in the Lethbridge community, participate in writing the articles for publication, and present at a national conference.

Photo by Gregory Thiessen



From civil war in Sudan to the
classrooms and convocation
stage at Lethbridge College:



LOST BOYS FOUND MEN

PART 1

LOST BOYS, FOUND MEN

Introduction

It seems like a simple question:
“So...how old were you when all of this started?”

But the answer is complex, much like the lives John Manyok and Samuel Mathon have led since being forced by violence to leave their villages in south Sudan in the late 1980s, fighting as child soldiers in a bloody civil war, and making their way to refugee camps, to Canada, and eventually to the convocation stage at Lethbridge College. How old were they?

“To be honest, many of us, we don’t know our age,” says Manyok. “We were so young when we left. So I think I was nine or 10 at the time, but I don’t know for sure.”

“He left a year before I did,” adds Mathon. “I think I was about 10.”

Manyok and Mathon are two of an estimated 26,000 children – mostly boys – of the Nuer and Dinka ethnic groups who were displaced or orphaned during the 22-year-long Second Sudanese Civil War. Called “The Lost Boys of the Sudan,” they travelled by foot for more than 1,000 kilometres through the bush and across the deserts, first to Ethiopia and then back to southern Sudan and on to Kenya, searching for safety. Just 10,000

boys are estimated to have survived the years-long threats of soldiers, wild animals, illness and starvation they endured during the conflict.

But Manyok and Mathon did survive. As they prepare to convocate from Lethbridge College, they look back at the remarkable journey that began with the abrupt ending of their childhoods in two small villages in south Sudan and brought them to this ceremony in a sunny Canadian city almost 30 years later.

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don’t know our age.”

{ John Manyok }

Samuel Mathon (left) and John Manyok walked for more than 1,000 kilometres after they were displaced during the Second Sudanese Civil War.

Africa

It was the promise of education that convinced Mathon's family to let him leave his home in 1988.

Soldiers in the north, supported by the northern government, and in the south, fighting in the newly-formed Sudanese People's Liberation Army (SPLA), had been dying in the civil war for more than four years, and cities, towns and villages throughout south Sudan had been ravaged by violence.

"Our local leader, he was a very smart guy," says Mathon. "Our leader says, okay, how are we going to get more soldiers? So he went to the village elders and said they wanted us to be trained and to go to school. That was the trick. There was no school. It was a lie."

The southern Sudanese rebel leader John Garang did have plans at one point to educate the young people of south Sudan, with the idea that they would be the doctors, lawyers, engineers and economists needed to build a new and independent country. But in the end, only about 600 children travelled to Cuba in 1985 for their education.

The vast majority of the children, including Manyok and Mathon, never saw schoolbooks, and instead many were given weapons. Manyok says it was the promise of army training and a gun – and the hope to come back and protect his village of Ciir from attacks from the Murle tribe – that convinced his family to let him go. "War is war, right?" says Manyok. "People are going to die, right? People aren't going to come back. We didn't have a choice."

After leaving their hometowns in the late 1980s, the boys walked more than 1,000 kilometres to Ethiopia. Manyok went from his home village near Bor to the Pinyudo refugee camp, while Mathon walked from his home village near Wau to the Dima military training camp. There, they lived with thousands of others, mostly boys and young men who were also far away from their families. By 1989, they started receiving military training and then, as Mathon says, "we fought, we fought and we fought."



When Manyok and other boys arrived at the Pinyudo refugee camp, volunteers photographed them and recorded information about their home villages, families, experiences during their displacement and more.

The different bands of boys moved throughout the region, propelled by politics and changes in regimes. Manyok occasionally encountered different uncles during his time away from his village, and one of them took him to a different military training facility in Ethiopia. Mathon at one point was taken in "by a girl captain who said I could pretend to be a bodyguard to her, and I left with her to another city. She tried to save my life and take me away from the front line." In both instances, the boys likely avoided injury or death by making these moves.

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back. We didn't have a choice."

{ John Manyok }

"At first it was a like a dream," says Mathon. "You didn't know what was happening. You just keep shooting. We were lucky enough."

There were many hardships along the way: a two-month period with almost no food; battles with automatic weapons where, as Manyok describes, "if you are lucky you were not being shot;" and friends dying of dehydration, starvation, animal attacks, illness, gunshot wounds and more. Both men still suffer at the memories of injured and lost friends.

"For your friend to die and you be the one to do the funeral..." Manyok says.

"To be the one to bury them..." Mathon adds.

"I was 10- or 11-years-old, and it happened to me," continues Manyok. "We had walked seven days from my hometown. And one of our lost boys was attacked by a lion and killed. We lost a lot of young men in the Pinyudo camp. And we would try to bury them but when we came back the next day to bury another, we would see the body we had buried the day before had been taken by an animal."

"This is not a good memory for me."

"All in all, this is something that is really painful," says Mathon. "But we have to remember that we have freedom. We have a nation. And whoever died sacrificed for our nation."



Boys return from a refugee camp in 1991 in Ethiopia, where thousands of Lost Boys fled during the civil war. © UNHCR/Wendy Stone

As time went on, the groups of boys set their sights on walking to the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya. "Anyone who went to Kenya, they went to school," Manyok says.

Manyok came to the Kakuma camp in Kenya in 1992 but returned to Sudan in 1993 because he connected with a cousin, who was a captain of a post, and went to stay with him. "I should have stayed with the other guys [in Kenya.] But my goal the whole time was to come back to my own village and see my mom, and I thought my cousin and I could go home and see her. When we were in Ethiopia, my mom was told I had died. My goal was to go and see her."

But Manyok and his cousin got drawn back into the fighting and then were slowed down by a flood, and Manyok never made it to see his mother. He arrived back at the Kenyan refugee camp in 1995 and would live and work in different parts of the region for five years. Eventually, he was able to apply to the United Nations in Kenya to come to Canada as a refugee and in 2000, the application was accepted. "I was 21 or 22," Manyok says.

Mathon arrived in the Kenyan refugee camp in 1998. One of his uncles was also at the camp and would be the first in the family to leave as a refugee to Canada. Once in Calgary, the uncle contacted a local Catholic church, which sponsored the application for Mathon and five relatives to come to Canada.

"It was 2001 when I came here, when I was about 20 or 21 years old," says Mathon.

The civil war in their homeland would continue for four more years, making it one of the longest civil wars on record. About two million people died during the conflict as a result of war, starvation or disease, and four million people in southern Sudan were displaced at least once, and often several times. The civilian death toll is one of the highest of any war since World War II. In 2011, six years after the signing of the peace treaty that ended the civil war, South Sudan became an independent state. Civil war broke out again in December 2013 and fighting is again underway.



Canada

Mathon remembers a woman at the Calgary church who was particularly helpful and encouraging after he arrived in Canada. Her name was Antoinette.

"She said, 'Sam, you are going to go to school!'" Mathon recalls with a smile. Instead, he went to Brooks, Alta., where he worked at Lakeside Packers for eight years.

Manyok arrived in Toronto and stayed there with other Sudanese refugees until January 2002. He had heard about job openings in Brooks, and so came to Alberta. The two Lost Boys found each other on the factory floor and became friends. Mathon had at one time travelled through Manyok's village during the years he was displaced, but the two had not encountered each other until they arrived in Alberta.

The work they did at Lakeside Packers was gruelling. "Working in a meat plant is one of the hardest things you can do," says Manyok. "That job is just not an easy job." Manyok stayed in Brooks until 2005, when he got a job in Fort McMurray. He left in 2009 after seeking four weeks of time off to visit his mother in Africa but being denied. "I hadn't seen my mom in 23 years," Manyok said. He ended up travelling to Africa for 14 days and spent 11 of them with his mother, a reunion which he simply describes with a smile as "very good."

After Manyok returned to Alberta, his employer "wasn't happy" and Manyok lost his job. He reconnected with Mathon, who had started taking ESL classes at Lethbridge College.

"I realized the best thing I can do is go back to school," Manyok says. "I was making money, but nothing changed. It was a tough decision to go back to school. But education is the key to everything."

Mathon agrees. "It is very hard going to school while you are in your late 20s," he says, adding that he wishes he had started school as soon as he had arrived in Canada.

"Learning the language is one of the things we struggled with," adds Manyok. "But we had many of the teachers supporting us."



"It can be hard to explain our life experiences to others who have grown up in a peaceful country."

{ John Manyok }

Over a seven-year period, Mathon and Manyok moved from the ESL program to the Upgrading program at Lethbridge College, which offers learning opportunities to students through to a Grade 12 equivalency, and finally enrolled in the General Studies program.

It hasn't always been an easy experience, especially connecting with other students.

"The experiences we had can make it difficult sometimes with people here in Canada," says Manyok. "I came here with goals. I wanted to learn. I got some negative feedback from some people, but that didn't affect my goals. It can be hard to explain our life experiences to others who have grown up in a peaceful country. We overcame all of these issues. We have lost so many family members."

While relating with other students was sometimes challenging, Manyok and Mathon have made deep and lasting connections with their instructors.

"We could not have done this without the support of our professors," says Manyok. "They know our weaknesses and show us how we can improve our weaknesses. They encourage us. They are like our parents."

"Our instructors gave us so much encouragement, even when we wanted to quit," adds Mathon. "We would like to thank them all."

Social sciences instructor Keith Dudley, whom Manyok and Mathon call "Uncle Keith" as a sign of respect for his age and position, is grateful for how much the two have contributed to the classroom over the years.

Dudley says their humour and their resilience, particularly in his "Sociology of the Family" class, was especially valued. "They were willing to talk about all of the traditions of their homeland – engagement, dating, dowry and bride price," Dudley says. "They were very willing to talk about what was going on in their personal lives" and that has added so much to class discussions.

Left: The two soon-to-be grads became familiar faces at the Buchanan Library and the Learning Café during their time at Lethbridge College.

Right: In Jennifer Davis's class, Mathon (left) and Manyok are active participants.



Psychology instructor Jennifer Davis agrees. “I first ‘met’ John in an online class I teach on child development,” says Davis. “The experience and insights he brought to that class were truly mind blowing for many of his classmates, and for me. It expanded everyone’s ideas of childhood far beyond anything the textbook or other online materials could have provided.”

Davis has taught Manyok and Mathon in two additional classes since then and says their presence has made a real difference on campus, and not just for the increased diversity they brought to the classroom.

“Sam and John force the class to think beyond Lethbridge, beyond southern Alberta, and even beyond Canada, to how these principles apply in the broader world, and it focuses their attention on the existence and importance of that broader world.”

Their instructors hope the two will continue with their studies at university – and that is the goal Mathon and Manyok have both set.

“I hope to continue my education and go to university to pursue a degree in social work,” says Mathon, who has also worked as a volunteer at Lethbridge Family Services during his time as a student, putting his Arabic, Swahili and Dinka language skills to use as a translator. “I love

“Our instructors gave us so much encouragement, even when we wanted to quit. We would like to thank them all.”

{ Samuel Mathon }

working with people and would like to help. One day I would like to be working with the [United Nations]. Also I think in the future, I might get into politics.”

Manyok, too, has chosen to go into social work as a way to give back. He has applied to the University of Calgary’s Social Work program, which is offered at the University of Lethbridge. “If that doesn’t work out, I might do addictions counselling at the University of Lethbridge,” says Manyok.

Davis says she hopes they pursue that dream. “Personally I think they should go on to university,” she says. “I wish them all the best in their future. Wherever they go from here they will be successful.”

Conclusion

When Mathon was a child, he dreamed of being a soccer player, or maybe a lawyer in a big city.

When Manyok was a child, he dreamed of one day being able to defend his village.

During the years Mathon was in the bush, “my dream was to keep fighting for my freedom and for my land.”

During the years Manyok was in the bush, “things were totally different. The question was what could you do to help the people who are dying right next to you. At the time, I was thinking ‘how can I stop this from happening?’”

For the last seven years, Manyok and Mathon have shared a common dream: education. On April 22, part of that dream will come true when they become college graduates. Their families – Mathon has three daughters and Manyok has two sons and a daughter – will be there to celebrate.

The two Lost Boys have big dreams for their children.

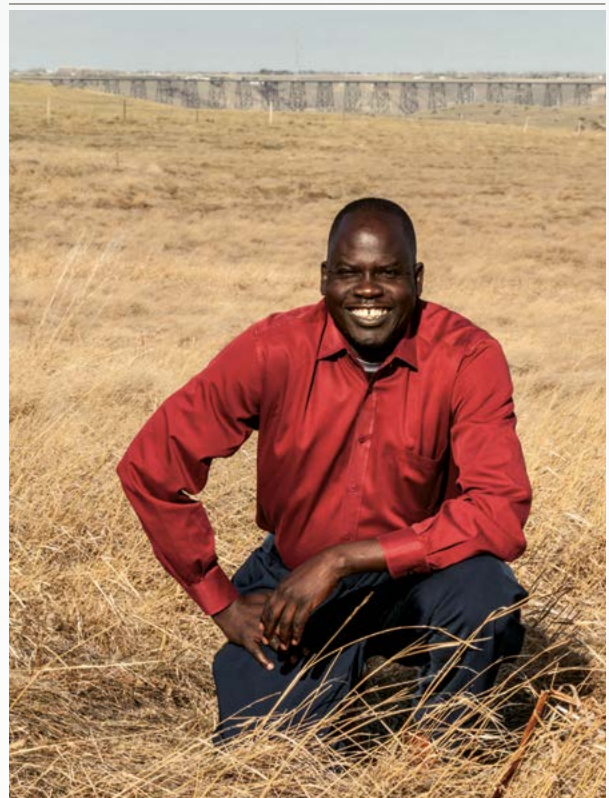
“I feel happy my children will have opportunities I never had,” adds Mathon. “They come home with Canadian children who are their friends. They speak English very well. My daughter corrects me!”

“My children know where I come from there was no education, that I started school when I was more than 32,” Manyok says. “But they know what it is to be a doctor (the dream of his daughter) and they know what it is to work a trade or be an engineer (the dream of Manyok’s older son.)

“They dream of education.”

“I feel happy my children will have opportunities I never had.”

{ Samuel Mathon }



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OTHER LOST BOYS WHO HAVE ATTENDED LETHBRIDGE COLLEGE:

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{ John Manyok }

Both Mathon (left) and Manyok (right) would like to continue their studies after they graduate this spring. They are considering pursuing degrees in social work.



Tales of the WINDY CITY

Mapping some of the Lethbridge College people who live, work, study, perform and create in southern Alberta's sunniest (and breeziest) burg

The City of Lethbridge has a rich and rollicking history – but it's the people who make it really remarkable.

The city counts as its own famous artists, actors, athletes and flying aces as well as playwrights, poets, politicians and even the first premier of the Yukon, Chris Pearson. These residents seem to exhibit both the pioneering spirit of the city's earliest days as well as the discipline and determination of the builders and dreamers who worked tirelessly to advance the city.

"Lethbridge is a community that cares," says Mayor Chris Spearman. "We see it time and again when our residents step up to volunteer and donate to important events and causes. We see it in the generosity and entrepreneurial spirit of our business community and we also see it in a shared commitment - across all groups - to work together. This unique quality sets Lethbridge apart and allows us to achieve amazing things."

"Lethbridge is a community that cares."

{ Mayor Chris Spearman }

Lethbridge College is proud that many of these residents have connections to the college. These leaders are advancing the city in their own ways – whether through athletics, music, agriculture, entrepreneurship, performance, design and, in one case, putting up the most fantastic display of holiday lights each winter.

The stories on the following pages come nowhere close to including every great Lethbridge College story from our city – it is just a fraction of the terrific tales to be told about the college's students, grads, staff members, instructors, partners and friends. If you know of a great Lethbridge College story to share, email WHMagazine@lethbridgecollege.ca. We'll be collecting 60 extraordinary stories for Lethbridge College's 60th anniversary in 2017.

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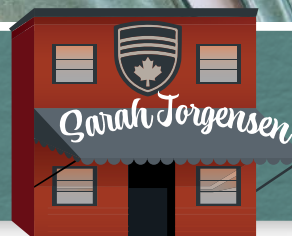
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A tactical approach to
serving the community

Sarah

JORGENSEN

{ Information Specialist (Office Assistant) 2000 }



Jorgensen says having her own business is a dream job. "I love working with first responders. I want to be there for them and offer the products they need. I try to find out what works best for them in their work."

As students stride by Sarah Jorgensen in Centre Core, the clothes one of them is wearing catches her eye. "Those came from our store," she says with a smile. "They are so comfortable."

The student was wearing a uniform purchased at Lethbridge Tactical, the business Jorgensen opened in 2012. For students in the college's Emergency Medical Technician and other programs, the start of the semester isn't complete without a trip to Jorgensen's northside store.

As Carole Mickey (Office Assistant 1987), program assistant in the Centre for Health and Wellness, explains, back-to-school supplies for first responder students include a uniform, duty boots and a duty belt. And the college directs them to Lethbridge Tactical to find everything they need. "Many of them pick up other items too," says Mickey, "their flashlights, multi-tools, weatherproof notebooks and other tidbits. She also supplies for many of the first responders in the region."

Jorgensen's journey to entrepreneurship came in a roundabout way – although the college played key roles at many points of the trip. Right after high school, she briefly enrolled before leaving to work at the mall. It didn't take her long to realize she wanted more out of her professional life, so she researched and realized that the college's Office Administration program would lead to a "real job" in just a year.

"And it did," she says. "I was immediately hired for reception work and worked at a number of different office jobs. I was working as a receptionist at a legal office when I was promoted to a legal assistant, and I caught the legal bug and took a few Criminal Justice courses in 2004."

Jorgensen says while she was glad to have good work, as time passed she began looking for something that was more of a calling. "I always had an idea for a business I wanted to do," she explains. "My husband (Shaun Jorgensen, Criminal Justice 2004) was working in law enforcement and I knew there was a need for this industry. So when G.I. Jen's closed, I jumped on it" and opened Lethbridge Tactical. The business was a runner-up in the 2012 Chinook Entrepreneur Challenge and has been growing steadily since.

Jorgensen has returned to the college again, enrolling in Business Administration – Marketing classes in January to "learn more and bring it back to the business and grow more." And while Jorgensen says she has enjoyed all of the different courses she has taken, she looks back to her Office Administration program as a vital one for her success over the years. "That one program just got to me," she says. "It was the right program for me at the right time. It got me into the work force. And it gave me the opportunity to go."

Story by Lisa Kozleski | Photo by Rob Olson

Carole GEMER

{ Business Education 1963 }

A behind-the-scenes builder who “has a feel for what sports are all about”

It was the late 1950s in Lethbridge, and Carole Gemer’s good friend was trying out for track for a new track team. Gemer decided to go along.

“I had asthma, so I always had a hard time running,” says Gemer, who was in high school at the time. “So they said, ‘okay, can you throw?’ So I tried – and I could. I loved throwing. I concentrated on shot and had some potential there, and had even more potential in javelin.”

That spur-of-the-moment decision made with her friend that day would eventually lead Gemer to provincial and national awards for throwing events in track and field, training for Canada’s Olympic team, meeting her husband George Gemer, and travelling the globe as a manager for club, provincial and national track and field teams.

In a way, it was also responsible for her very brief basketball career with the first women’s basketball team at Lethbridge College. The women’s team – then called the Koalas – was coached by Dr. Gary Bowie. “I was training and competing in track but wanted to be part of something at the college,” Gemer remembers. “And Dr. Bowie gave me the opportunity to do that, even though I was not a basketball star.” Gemer had never played basketball before. “And I remember thinking ‘I am not a runner, I am a thrower’ but I could outrun the girls on the team. I don’t think I ever made a basket though,” she adds with a laugh.

What was then called Lethbridge Junior College had opened up its first building on the current campus, the Kate Andrews building, the fall Gemer started school. “At that time, we had to

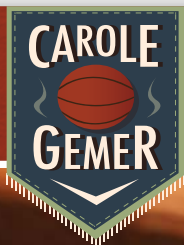
wear skirts to school,” she recalls, “and when it got cold, they found out the heat in the building didn’t work. So we had to have special permission from Dean Cousins to wear pants until they fixed it. And as soon as the heat was back on, we had to go back to skirts.”

The year Gemer graduated, she also received the Alberta Track and Field Association’s Outstanding Athlete Award. After college, Gemer worked as a bookkeeper while training, until a torn ligament in her knee cut her Olympic dreams short. She would get to the Montreal, Barcelona and Sydney Olympics in a different way – working as the chief of information and protest and later as the assistant manager of Canada’s track and field team.

Her behind-the-scenes work as a builder can be witnessed in two other Lethbridge athletic institutions: she was involved in the founding of both West Wind Gymnastics and what is now Lethbridge College’s 10/4 Mile Road Race. Gemer was inducted into the Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame as an athlete in 1988.

“Carole was on the team that went on to win the Alberta Junior Women’s Basketball Championship,” says Bowie. “It was a special group, and Carole was an integral part of it. She gave what was needed at the right times, and I could depend on her to get out there and do what we needed her to do on the floor. She has a very good philosophy and feel for what sport is all about. She was a great athlete, and is a great lady.”

Story by Lisa Kozleski | Photo by Rob Olson



Dr. Gary Bowie, Gemer’s former basketball coach, says “It was a pleasure to watch her in her track career over the years, and all of the different things she got involved with in our sports community.”



Armond DUCK CHIEF

{ Business Administration 2015 }

Strings and ropes:

Business Administration alumnus reaches for top of the charts

The gritty worlds of rodeo and playing music often collide in the life of steer wrestler and Juno-nominated country musician, Armond Duck Chief. Long days on the road and weekends spent in dusty arenas and grimy bars seem to complement each other quite well, and chasing gold buckle dreams and writing about his experiences in rodeo have created a winning formula for this country-crooning cowboy.

Apart from tackling steers from horseback and self-managing his music career – which includes recent performances at the third annual Opokaa’sin Masquerade in February and at Bridging Cultures at the college in March – Duck Chief also works as a youth mentorship counsellor in his Siksika Nation community. Leading by example, Duck Chief is building on his education received at Lethbridge College by taking night classes at the college and working towards his bachelor’s degree through Athabasca University.

Duck Chief firmly believes in constant learning and higher education, something he tries to instil in those he mentors. Working with youth has always been a passion for the country artist, explaining he feels a responsibility to the future of his tribe.

“I think it’s the energy that they (kids) have. It’s rewarding to help a youth who is going through tough times. If there’s

anything I can do, you know help them in one way or another, it gives me a real sense of pride,” smiles Duck Chief.

Having three children of his own also keeps him pretty busy too, laughs Duck Chief. Tracy Wolf Child (Business Administration 2014), Duck Chief’s long-time sweetheart and soon-to-be wife, proudly produces a picture of their family taken at the Indigenous Music Awards in Winnipeg in September 2015. The evening brought great pride to Duck Chief, who closed the show with his own songs after winning the Best Country Album of the Year and Best Songwriter of the Year categories.

Jacqui Black, manager of the Indigenous Music Awards, says artists like Duck Chief who connect with people through their words and music, are ensuring its future in the Canadian landscape. “Over the last 10 years the Indigenous Music Awards has always had a consistent mandate to encourage, to support and to celebrate our artists,” says Black. “Their success is their success. We humbly offer them a stage.”

Duck Chief says he is looking forward to the possibility of playing for the thousands of people who come to the lead up of the Junos. Days of concerts and festivities will expose more people to the sound of this soulful Alberta cowboy, pushing his rodeo anthems out to a bigger audience. Taking home the award for Aboriginal Album of the Year wouldn’t be too bad either, adds Duck Chief.

Story by Meagan Williams | Photo by Rod Leland

Duck Chief (below performing at the college’s Bridging Cultures celebration in March) says his 14-year-old daughter Saydee was thrilled with his Juno nomination, “especially since Justin Bieber is also nominated and might be there.”





Henny Bruised Head

{ Blood Tribe Agricultural Training Initiative 2015 }

CHELSEA LOW HORN

{ Blood Tribe Agricultural Training Initiative 2015,
Office Assistant 1999 }



Legacy in the land: Bringing farming back to the Blood Tribe

Sprouting from a need to fuel her beloved horses with the right nutrition, Henny Bruised Head enrolled in the unique agricultural initiative between the Blood Tribe and Lethbridge College in January of 2015.

Bruised Head joined a movement spearheaded by the largest reserve in Canada to actively take steps forward to secure the future of their land and people with one program and the help of Lethbridge College. The Blood Tribe Agricultural Program (BTAP) is an initiative that is teaching the Kainai people best practices and skills for farming land and livestock, ensuring it will be around for generations to come.

“With poor feed you could lose a good horse. It affects them in all kinds of ways, physically and mentally. So now when we go to buy feed, I can tell by just looking at it if it’s going to be any good for our horses. The farmers around here are like, ‘oh you’re so fussy,’” laughs Bruised Head.

After successfully graduating from the four-month Blood Tribe Agricultural Training Initiative (BTATI) last spring, Bruised Head and classmate, Chelsea Low Horn (Day Rider), were excited to further their education and enrolled in the college’s two-year agricultural sciences diploma program. Learning how they can improve the land and give back to their community keeps these determined women moving forward on the path to higher education.

“Just being in the BTATI program alone, in our first month, people were coming and asking if they could join,” says Bruised Head.

Now in its second year, the BTATI program welcomed a new group of trainees in January who are learning the ways of the land at Lethbridge College. With a graduation rate of around 83 per cent in its inaugural class, Aloyuisius Black Water, chairman of the Blood Tribe Land Management department, attributes the program’s success in part to the commitment of the many stakeholders and Blood Tribe community members who came together to launch the BTATI program.

“I really commend not only our Chief and Council for supporting this project but also give thanks to our farmers as well. They’re giving the hands-on training and learning to these students,” said Black Water.

Bruised Head and Low Horn spoke to the latest group of BTATI students about their experiences and successes in the program. Bruised Head explains how her experience has sparked curiosity and interest in the community members around her and was glad to see so many familiar faces amongst the new BTATI group.

Black Water hopes this program will show his community what a positive initiative the BTATI and BTAP programs have been on the reserve. Being able to point to the successes graduates have had in changing their lives and those of the community around them is something he hopes lives on in the Kainai land and continues to prosper.

Story by Meagan Williams | Photo by Rob Olson

College grads concoct new
and exciting designs for
city's newest brewery

Theresa Yauck DAVID COCKS

{ Interior Design and Merchandising 2001 }

{ Engineering Design and Drafting Technology 2001 }



Yauck and Cocks say the hands-on opportunities they had at the college gave them a unique set of skills which allowed them to excel early in their careers.

After years of designing and tinkering, the opening of a new building is reason to lift a glass for architects and designers. That drink tastes a little smoother though when served inside a brewery you designed.

"I started by researching the brewing process and how beer is made," says David Cocks, the lead architect on the design of Lethbridge's Coulee Brew Company brewery, lounge and restaurant. "The design really was meant to follow the process of how the beer is brewed, served and eventually canned and bottled."

Coulee Brew Company returns the beer industry to Lethbridge for the first time since the Sick's Brewery (the original brewer of Old Style Pilsner) closed in 1989. And two Lethbridge College grads, Cocks and senior interior design technologist, associate Theresa Yauck, led the way in designing the building for Lethbridge-based FWBA Architects, giving it a truly hometown feel.

"We thought, 'what do we want unique for southern Alberta?'" says Yauck. "What kind of materials are indigenous to this space? What do we have around us? What kind of wheat, barley, what do the farmers bring to the table?"

The end result is a rustic, raw look. "The reclaimed wood came from barns from just south of Pincher Creek," says Yauck. "Same with the metals in the middle of the restaurant and up near the bar," adds Cocks. "Those were all taken off old barns and things in the area."

FWBA Architects has been a proudly-Lethbridge company for 88 years, making it the oldest architecture practice in western Canada. Cocks and Yauck have each spent more than a decade with the firm, and both say Lethbridge College gave them a unique set of skills which allowed them to excel early in their careers.

"I found that the college program offered really great technical skills," says Yauck. "So I was a very strong draftsman."

"A college practicum was actually how I started with the office," says Cocks, who went on to finish a master's degree at Dalhousie University. "The great thing about the college, contrasting it to university, is we didn't get nearly the same sort of hands-on experience at university."

More than two years after design began, the pair are now taking a look around the finished building. Part-industrial brewery, part-comfortable lounge and restaurant, Coulee Brew Company was a unique challenge. Admittedly different than most of their projects, it allowed them the flexibility to brew up new and exciting designs. "The client brought a lot of ideas to the table, so it just sparked a bunch of creativity on all our parts," says Yauck.

"Everything was supposed to be real and hands-on, sort of a brutalist feel to it, where it was just raw materials," adds Cocks. "So, that was exciting and you can see it everywhere."

Story by Paul Kingsmith | Photo by Rob Olson

Tera-Beth Ann

GAUSVIK

{ Fashion Design and Sustainable Production 2016 }



New grad “actualizes amazing ideas” while building her fashion business

For Tera-Beth Ann Gausvik, the best moment of her work in the college’s Fashion Design and Sustainable Production program comes at the end – when she finishes a garment or project and can sit back and look at it.

“The struggle in learning the process and then putting it into action leaves you with a ‘wow I can do this’ moment,” says Gausvik, who first came to the college in 2004 after high school and then returned in 2013 for training in a career where she could use her creativity. “The most satisfying aspect is the realization that I am skilled and capable of designing and producing marketable products, and fulfilling my dreams and goals of being a fashion designer.”

She had that feeling when she finished a Jaws-inspired swimsuit (complete with a shark-bite cut-out on the side) as an assignment for a class. “We were told at the beginning that we would be making a swimsuit, and I thought, okay, this is going to be fun,” she says. “I was on a bit of a movie marathon that weekend and happened to see Jaws and I could just envision the bite being taken out of a swimsuit.” The shiny, sharked-skin fabric was already in her stash – purchased from a graduating student last year. And the finished piece is creative, memorable and truly one-of-a-kind.

Designing these kinds of garments was the inspiration for the online, Lethbridge- and Vancouver-based business, 2DiamondGirls Design, which Gausvik started with her birth

Gausvik says after turning ideas into real creations often left her with a feeling of “that wasn’t that hard; I can’t believe I stressed so much.”

mother last year. Together they have created items for individual clients and small boutiques, and recently shipped a round of cocktail dresses for a bar in Vancouver.

Gausvik is eager to build the business more once she graduates – and she’ll be using some of the tools and skills she learned from what she describes as “world-class instructors” when she does.

“The instructors also have a genuine passion for teaching and helping students to succeed,” says Gausvik, who made a particularly strong connection with instructor Brenda Brandley. “Brenda encouraged me to use my creative skills, assisted in techniques and offered suggestions in a helpful fashion,” Gausvik says. “She is an excellent instructor who takes a personal interest in all her students.”

Brandley says Gausvik was a memorable student.

“Tera-Beth demonstrates a unique design style that is strong and creative,” says Brandley. “She continually strives to develop her practical skills so that she can actualize her amazing ideas and she has grown so much over the course of her time in the program. I love to see what ideas she has and how she works through the design and construction process to create her finished product.”

And the finished product – that, of course, is the part that Gausvik likes best.

Story by Lisa Kozleski | Photo by Rob Olson

Scott GROVES { Nursing 1994 }

The Groves-Wolds: Lethbridge's own destination holiday house sparkles and shines

The skilful art of strategically hanging 14,000 twinkling lights programmed to a soundtrack of epic proportions is not for the faint of heart, but for one fearless family man, it's been his legacy to Lethbridge.

What started out as a fun way to spend quality time with his family has developed into an eight-year-long adventure for Scott Groves. The proud owner and creator of the must-see

14 Street South house during the holidays, Groves proves time and determination are all you need to produce a light show spectacular.

The catalyst for the house that Groves lit came from disappointment at their annual Christmas light drive-by tour, and Groves decided to motivate others by making his own display. Fast-forward to Christmas 2015 and Groves has a radio channel, 106.1 FM, where visitors can sit in their vehicles and watch as the house lights up in time with the beat of music. Groves dedicates several hundred hours each year to the project, including an hour of time for each 10 seconds of lighting visitors see.

Creating critically-acclaimed Christmas lighting isn't all this father of four does. Groves is a registered nurse of almost 20 years, spending the majority of his career at the Chinook Regional Hospital's ICU ward. Groves' wife Nancy also works in local health care as an aide, while one daughter has completed the first year of her LPN program at the college and the other is enrolled to start that same program this fall.


Designing and making the light show is a family affair; Groves' son Caleb takes particular glee in helping his dad. Caleb suffers from mild to moderate autism and looking at Christmas lights has always been something the pair loves to do together. Groves says his son was the initial inspiration for their annual pilgrimage searching for neighbourhood Christmas displays.

Next-door neighbours Craig and Susan Evanoff were thrilled when their neighbours moved to the area two years ago from Tudor Estates. Susan Evanoff chuckles when she describes the scene outside her home during the holidays. A sea of the smiling children and families brings her and her husband great joy.

"We really enjoy having them as next door neighbours," says Susan Evanoff. "We don't have any kids so it's nice to live so close to such funny and lovely kids."

When Groves reflects on his time dedicated to spreading holiday cheer, he's content with his past efforts but always wants to do more, including more sequences and more lights, making the display bigger and brighter every year. With the Lethbridge Christmas light market squared away, Groves says he has a special holiday wish for Santa this year – to go viral on YouTube.

Story by Meagan Williams | Photo by Gregory Thiessen



Groves estimates visitors have donated around \$8,000 to the Chinook Autism Society, the charity that benefits from donations people give on their visit to the Groves' home.





Randy DUNLOP



{ Bachelor of Applied Arts honorary degree 2016 }

Dunlop says his father was a catalyst in terms of giving back and supporting the community and he took those lessons to heart.

Following his father's footsteps: Car dealer's giving nature a case of learning by example

Hot summer days and fast cars go hand-in-hand for many young men. In that respect, Randy Dunlop is not unique. It's how much time he spent around vehicles that sets him apart.

"As a kid I always worked at the dealership in the summertime," remembers Dunlop. "I always had a love of the automotive industry."

His father, Doug, started Dunlop Ford in 1964, which gave young Randy a crash course in car sales. He closely watched not only the way his dad ran his business, but the way he served his community. "You want to imitate your father, because to most kids, your father is 'the guy.' He was a catalyst in terms of giving back and supporting the community."

Dunlop took the lessons to heart. After learning the dealership business – both from his father and on his own while working in Vancouver – he and his brother, Gary, took over operation of Dunlop Ford in 1993. They added heavy truck sales to the operation in 1998, opening what is now Dunlop Western Star. Through it all, community support – particularly for Lethbridge College – remained a mandate. "We've always had the philosophy that we've been here for over 50 years," says Dunlop. "And we want to give back to the community that has supported us."

Dunlop's involvement with Lethbridge College took on a very personal connection after his father passed away in 2002. Randy and Gary donated \$50,000 to create the Doug Dunlop Memorial Award, a permanent endowment for apprentices in either the Automotive Service Technician or Parts Technician programs. "We thought, what better way to give him some recognition than to have a scholarship awarded with his name on it that help support the people who helped make him successful," Dunlop says.

His support of the college continues to grow. A member of the Lethbridge College board of governors, in 2011 Dunlop spearheaded a \$1 million donation from the Lethbridge Auto Dealers Association to help build the new trades and technologies facility, and two years later was part of the "Power of Five" donation in which five local philanthropic families donated a total of \$1 million.

In recognition of the support Dunlop has shown the college and the community over the years, he has been named Lethbridge College's Honorary Degree recipient at this year's Convocation ceremony.

And through all the success and all the donations, it's the same love which consumed his summer days as a child that drives him today. "The car business is always changing and no two days are the same," says Dunlop. "That's an exciting thing. I don't have any trouble getting out of bed in the morning to come to work."

Story by Paul Kingsmith | Photo by Rob Olson



{ Recipe by Chef Stephen Klassen }

Nut & citrus tilapia

WITH SAUCE
PROVENÇALE

Every semester, students in the Lethbridge College Culinary program showcase their skills using the region’s best locally-grown or produced food at various lunches, dinners and celebrations. From Broek Pork to Broxburn tomatoes to produce and eggs from Galimax Trading (whose part-owner, Cornelius Mans, is a 2013 Business Administration grad of the college), a foodie doesn’t have to look far to find outstanding ingredients that are being grown, raised or produced close to home. For this recipe, the college’s chefs initially considered a 100-mile diet offering, but realized with the college’s Aquaculture Centre of Excellence raising tilapia in the college’s backyard (quite literally), a 100-metre recipe could be possible. The mix of citrus and pistachio provide great flavour to this mild fish.

Ingredients

NUT AND CITRUS TILAPIA (FOUR PORTIONS)

250 mL	chopped pistachios
125 mL	Panko crumbs
30 mL	melted butter
1 each	zested and juiced lemon, lime and orange
to taste	salt and pepper
30 mL	canola oil
4	tilapia fillets

SAUCE PROVENÇALE (FIVE CUPS)

2 medium	finely chopped onions
3 cloves	finely chopped garlic
50 mL	olive oil
10 whole	peeled, seeded and diced tomatoes
5 mL	tomato paste
250 mL	finely chopped black olives
15 mL	chopped fresh basil
to taste	salt and pepper



Method

NUT AND CITRUS TILAPIA (FOUR PORTIONS)

1. Preheat oven to 200C/400F degrees.
2. Combine: pistachios, Panko, butter, lemon, lime and orange in a mixing bowl. Stir and set aside.
3. In a sauté pan, add the oil and the tilapia. Cook until golden brown on one side.
4. Place on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Place the fish with the seared side up.
5. Spoon the nut mixture on top of the fish.
6. Put into preheated oven for five to seven minutes until the fish is cooked.
7. Enjoy with your Provençale sauce and quinoa salad (recipe online at widerhorizons.ca).

SAUCE PROVENÇALE (FIVE CUPS)

1. Sweat the onion and garlic in olive oil.
2. Add the diced tomato and the tomato paste. Stir well and cook for a few minutes.
3. Add the chopped olives, season, and cook until thick.
4. Add fresh basil. Adjust the seasoning.
5. 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. And to see a video of this recipe being prepared by Chef Stephen Klassen (Culinary 2001), go to widerhorizons.ca.

WH Recipe by Chef Stephen Klassen | Photo by Gregory Thiessen



Second-year DCM student Cole Swier interviews news and sports figures for television, radio, online and print distribution in the Digital Journalism stream.

Second-year DCM student Olusoga Idowu works behind the scenes creating content to be shared on television, radio, print and online in the Media Production and Advertising stream.

Logan Moncks practices her pre-game interview skills. The first-year Business Administration student from Cardston averaged more than 17.38 points per game in the regular season.

Student trainer and practicum student Sara Witkopfk, the team's first responder.

{ Office Intrigue }

The Val Matteotti Gymnasium

Todd Caughlin (Recreation Management 1987) has spent more hours than he can count in a gym, whether as a volleyball player for the Lethbridge College Kodiaks in 1986 and 1987, as head coach of the Kodiaks men's volleyball team from 1993 to 1997, and for the last 20 months, as the Manager of Athletics,

Residence and Recreation Services back at Lethbridge College. But despite that familiarity, he still gets excited when it's game night for any Kodiaks sporting event. And as the women's basketball team knocked off one opponent after the other all season, leading to its perfect 21-0 regular season record this past



CAA national championship banners. The women's basketball team brought one home in 1990 and another in 2004.

ACAC championship banners. The Kodiaks men's and women's basketball teams were provincial champs in 2015.

Members of the Red Deer Queens, who gave the Kodiaks one of their closest games all season, went on to lose 68-59 later this night.

Second-year DCM student Nevin Sereda calls the game.

Amanda Lee, a second-year guard from San Francisco, double dribbling with purpose.

season, Caughlin's smile only grew wider. He was in the gym for the women's Jan. 22 game against the Red Deer Queens to provide a glimpse of some of the people working in the Val Matteotti Gymnasium – athletes as well as Digital Communications and Media (DCM) students putting their classroom theory to the test.

For more information about Kodiaks Athletics, go to gokodiaks.ca or email todd.caughlin@lethbridgecollege.ca; for information about the Digital Communications and Media program, go to lethbridgecollege.ca/dcm or email mediadesign@lethbridgecollege.ca.

WH Story by Lisa Kozleski | Photo by Rob Olson



Q & A

{ with Jena Murray }

After designing and creating an outfit for Montreal Fashion Week and interning for Anna Sui in New York City during her days as a student, Jena Murray (Fashion Design and Marketing 2014) graduated and got to work, building a business from the ground up and successfully launching an Indiegogo campaign last year to support her work. Her company, VEENA, is a social enterprise and sustainable girls' wear brand that aims to help girls build courage and find strength in who they are. VEENA offers organic, fair-trade-certified products and values sustainability, transparency and ethical production practices. Murray works with a factory in India that follows the Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) and also indirectly supports orphanages, old age homes and a school for deaf and blind children. Murray took some time after returning from a work trip to India earlier this year to talk to *Wider Horizons* about the global work she is doing to build her girls' wear brand and business from her Lethbridge home.

Wider horizons: How and when did you decide to create VEENA?

Jena Murray: Prior to graduating, I had been preparing a business plan. Once deciding to push forward with VEENA, I began to look for ways to set up an overseas supply chain. I knew sourcing and manufacturing were the areas that I needed the most help with. I began looking through different profiles on LinkedIn and that's when I came across a company called Source My Garment. They seemed to have all the experience and answers to the difficulties of starting my own line. I sent them a message and began working with them a few weeks later. I consulted with Adila from Source My Garment to create the VEENA mission and begin designing my first season. She connected me to an organic and fair-trade-certified manufacturing facility called Assisi Organics in India for production.

WH: Tell us about your travels. What has that experience been like?

JM: Over the past two years I have had the opportunity to travel to India as part of VEENA. During the first trip I worked with underprivileged girls in the Punjab state to teach them both jewelry making and English. We created VEENA WARRIOR bracelets that came with a card describing the exact girl who made it. The profits from this project were used to purchase donations for the All India Pingla Ashram during my most recent trip to India. I was able to donate new lunch mats to the school and also prepare donation bags for each of the 170 students that contained school supplies and hygiene products. After volunteering, I travelled to my factory, Assisi Organics, in the south of India. I was able to meet the individuals responsible for the creation of VEENA designs. I toured the sewing and production floor, the printers, the dyers and



weavers. Assisi Organics is a fully fair-trade and GOTS-certified manufacturing facility. I look forward to a long future with Assisi and feel reassured in the work they do and ethics they uphold. This was the highlight of my entire trip; time seemed to stand still and I knew that was exactly where I was meant to be in that moment. I often get emotional thinking about the journey I've had this past year. I am extremely fortunate to be able to live out my dream of developing VEENA as a social enterprise. There is no better feeling than seeing your designs come to life.

WH: Do you still draw on any skills or knowledge that you learned as a student at the college?

JM: I continually draw on skills and knowledge that I gained at the college. I am always referring to previous textbooks or samples to reference things such as stitch type, textile information, hem finishes, techniques or grading rules.

WH: What are some of the challenges you are facing at this point in your career? What brings you the greatest satisfaction?

JM: Currently I am facing the most challenges in terms of marketing and sales. I need to make the VEENA name known and work on expanding my consumer base. There is a ton of competition in the e-commerce space and it is pivotal that I stay relevant. I am most satisfied with the VEENA product. I feel confident in the apparel and know that it can occupy a gap in the market. I also feel passionate about the VEENA mission to help girls embrace who they are and feel good about themselves.

For more information about the Fashion Design and Sustainable Production program at Lethbridge College, call 403.320.3267 or email fashion@lethbridgecollege.ca. For more information about Murray's business, check out eyesofveena.com.

WH Story by Lisa Kozleski
Photos courtesy Jena Murray, Assisi Organics and Source My Garment



Ron Hammerstedt, an Environmental Sciences instructor, worked with the City of Lethbridge Parks department to coordinate the installation of an Enviro-Span culvert across a creek in the Six-Mile Coulee area behind the college last year.





Enviro SPAN

Researcher studies eco-friendly culvert system designed by college instructor that minimizes habitat impact, maximizes economic opportunities

Lethbridge College researcher John Derksen and his students are studying an environmentally friendly, modular culvert system suitable for use in parks, trails and ecologically sensitive areas. Results of their study so far show that the system, which was designed by Environmental Sciences instructor Ron Hammerstedt, can be installed with minimal impact to the natural environment and to local species and habitat.

“This project will provide significant benefits beyond the study itself,” says Gina Funicelli, dean of the Centre for Applied

Research and Innovation at the college. “It offers experiential learning environments for students, cost-effective and environmentally-friendly walking paths for the Lethbridge community and economic opportunity for industry.”

Hammerstedt, who has a background in biology and forestry, devised the system to fill the need for an alternative to traditional steel arch culverts. The product, developed through his company, Enviro-Span, is made of a strong and flexible plastic that is more durable and longer lasting than steel.

Hammerstedt and Derksen are collaborating on the project with the City of Lethbridge. Last year, working with Parks Manager Dave Ellis, they coordinated the installation of an Enviro-Span culvert across a creek in the Six-Mile Coulee area, along the southwestern edge of the city.

“We looked at the spot where they wanted to put in a new crossing, and it was about the right width for our culvert to accommodate it,” says Hammerstedt. Prior to installation of Enviro-Span, there were only some makeshift, substandard crossings put together by trail users. Construction of proper bridges in the area would have been very expensive.

“We know people use it,” says Ellis, “but it’s a very narrow segment of the population. It’s important to us to open that up and let the general public have access. In order to do that, it needs to be safe and accessible. Our goals are cost avoidance and opening up the area to the public. This is a future benefit for a small investment.”

The Enviro-Span installation has been praised by Bill Halley, Technology Development Advisor for Alberta Innovates – Technology Futures. “The City of Lethbridge has shown it can embrace innovative ways to solve practical problems,” Halley says. “The support of innovation, grounded in a strong collaborative regional network is, I believe, a model for other regions.”

Derksen and Hammerstedt are exploring additional applications and installation possibilities for Enviro-Span, and they hope their efforts demonstrate to industry and investors, through research, its value as an earth-friendly system.

“The Enviro-Span project typifies a level of cooperation we have become accustomed to in Lethbridge,” adds Halley. “There is no doubt in my mind that support for entrepreneurship is growing stronger in southern Alberta. This is evident in the changing culture towards innovation and the emphasis on applied research so ably supported by Lethbridge College.”

Lethbridge College’s Centre for Applied Research and Innovation facilitated the collaboration and obtained funding for the project through a Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) grant totalling approximately \$30,000. With partner contributions – both cash and in-kind – the total project is valued at around \$200,000.

Dr. Michael Long, Director of Applied Research at Lethbridge College, is excited about the successful commercialization of a product developed by a faculty member and studied by an on-campus researcher. So far, the research is encouraging.

“Our research to date confirms that the installation of the crossing has had negligible impact on suspended solids, the main monitoring parameter for crossing installations,” says Derksen, “and it appears not to have any impact on fish movement in the stream after installation.”

Another area of impact related to the project is student learning. Derksen and Hammerstedt both teach Environmental Sciences students and say they can benefit by taking knowledge of the new technology into the workplace. This real-world application of learning is also appealing to future students.



“You attract students to colleges and universities that have unique programs or that do unique things, or are known for doing a little bit more,” says Hammerstedt.

College students also have the opportunity to conduct applied research, utilizing technologies like Enviro-Span.

“The beautiful thing with applied research projects is that students develop unique skill sets they might not get in the classroom,” says Long. “This is appealing to prospective employers. When students go into the field, they may have awareness of a product they can find potential application for. It’s good for business, good for the environment and good for the community.”

Long points to benefits like applied research and the introduction of new technologies as important factors in the growth of small- and medium-sized enterprise.

“Part of the mission of a community college is to provide a trained labour force for large corporations, but there is a greater focus on small- and medium-sized enterprise development,” Long adds.

Enviro-Span is manufactured in the United States and licensed to Canadian distributors. Currently, there are

between 50 and 100 people in Canada engaged in distribution of the product, and numbers are expected to increase significantly in the near future. In addition to existing industry opportunities in southern Alberta,

Hammerstedt and Enviro-Span are getting interest from businesses and organizations throughout Alberta and Canada, as well as in the U.S. and abroad. Hammerstedt believes there are potential applications for provincial and national parks, and for the protection of wetlands.

Across campus, collaborative projects like this draw praise for providing value to students, professionals and the community.

“There’s an impact at the local, regional, provincial and federal levels,” says Long. “The message to investors is, ‘This is the success that has come from the money you’ve invested in us.’ We want funders to recognize and to come to us for the quality of work we can do for them.

We want students to see what extras they get from the college, and we want faculty and employees to be proud of work that’s done here.”

“There is no doubt in my mind that support for entrepreneurship is growing stronger in southern Alberta. This is evident in the changing culture towards innovation and the emphasis on applied research so ably supported by Lethbridge College.”

{ Bill Halley }

WH Story by Zyna Taylor | Photos by Gregory Thiessen

College students have the opportunity to conduct applied research at Lethbridge College, using technologies like Enviro-span, and several were present during the day of the installation. Researcher John Derksen (left) answers questions for students as the installation was underway.



Where are they now?

ON THE MARK: with **Sherri Gallant** Communication Arts 1986

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



Sherri Gallant graduated in 1986 from what was then called the Communication Arts program at Lethbridge College. She says that the college courses and her work on the *Endeavour* each week set her up nicely as a way to hit the ground running. After a short stint at the Lethbridge and District Exhibition in advertising and promotions, she was hired by the *Lethbridge Herald* as a reporter. She became the first female city editor in 1997.

In 2002, Sherri was a runner-up for a National Newspaper Award for exposing a self-proclaimed 9/11 hero as a fugitive. He showed up in Lethbridge saying he had worked as a Manhattan fireman for seven years and was on stress leave after losing 11 crew members in the collapse of the twin towers. While doing a little extra research, Sherri discovered that this “hero” had never been a fireman and was wanted in Oregon for parole violation on other fraud-related charges. He was arrested and sent back to the U.S., putting an end to his charade.

In 2011, Sherri was looking for a new challenge and was concerned about the continual rounds of layoffs at the Herald. She felt she would rather leave on her own accord than be laid off after 25 years and so switched industries and started work as a Senior Communications Advisor with Alberta Health Services.

Part of the job includes being the editor of the monthly *South Zone News*, working with media on AHS stories, supporting AHS staff with internal communications, and facilitating community engagement.

The same year she started to work with AHS, Sherri won the college’s “Career Virtuoso Award,” which is given to a graduate who has shown a steady rise toward success in his or her field and is recognized by industry peers. Sherri says she was “pretty bowled over” by the honour.

For those thinking of a career in journalism Sherri offers this bit of advice: “If you love to write and take photos, if you have a curious mind and believe everyone has a story to tell, don’t be deterred by the current job market. There is always work for talented people – especially writers. Online opportunities are fertile now as well. Follow your heart.”

To read more interviews by Mark, visit his blog greetergrammer1.wordpress.com.

2016

HONOURING EXCELLENCE

Every spring, as Lethbridge College grads prepare to move from the campus to their new careers, they have inspiring examples to emulate in the four winners of the college’s Honouring Excellence alumni awards. This year’s winners – Daryl Kenna, Lisa Ford, Kimberly Schmidt and Rob Parsons – are among the many accomplished alumni who credit their time at Lethbridge College as one of the secrets of their success. Their stories are being shared under their graduation years. We are proud to call them ours, and to celebrate their success.



2015

Luke Wahl

Criminal Justice

Luke is one of four young men who is raising money to bike across Canada in June 2016 to support BASIC (Biking Against Slavery in Canada). The money raised will go to a survivor fund to support Canadian organizations working to get victims out of sexual exploitation and into rehabilitation. Their funds will also support an anti-sexual exploitation organization. The group will be leaving Vancouver on June 6 and will arrive in St Johns, NF, approximately 10 weeks and more than 7,000 kilometers later on Aug. 14. Three members will be riding, while one drives the team support vehicle. Throughout the trip the group will hold events to raise awareness and money for this cause. The group can be reached at basicride16@gmail.com.

Celebrating the successes of our alumni in their careers and throughout their lives.

2014

Kayla Whissell

Criminal Justice - Policing

Kayla, who had been working as a research assistant for the Blood Tribe Police Service, underwent her DEPOT training and is now a police officer with the Blood Tribe Police Service. When she was a student at Lethbridge College, she was a member of the Street Team – a group of students who visited local high schools to talk about their experiences as students at the college. Kayla has fond memories of her time at the college: “Coming to Lethbridge College has been such a rewarding experience. The hands-on experience of my classes has helped me develop, grow and prosper as a police officer. I thoroughly enjoyed my experience at Lethbridge College.”

2013

Chantal A. Lortie

Practical Nursing

Chantal is currently working as an instructor at Lethbridge College on a casual basis. She also works casually in Alberta as an LPN for Homecare and in British Columbia as a team leader managing health care aides at homecare and at three long-term care facilities. She told the alumni office “my passion is teaching and so this year I’ve enrolled myself into Vancouver Community College to begin working towards my provincial instructor diploma.”

Katy Lucas

Communication Arts - Broadcast Journalism

Katy has been named the director of marketing, communications and public relations at the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association. She enters into the position with a wealth of information about the sport of rodeo, having travelled the rodeo trail with her father, four-time Canadian champion tie-down roper Joe Lucas, as an amateur rodeo and team roping jackpot competitor herself and, most recently, as Miss Rodeo Canada 2015. Katy says she intends to

Rob Parsons Welding 2010

RISING STAR AWARD



In 2011 Rob Parsons’ life changed forever when a motocross crash cost him the use of his legs. He broke his tibias, fibulas and femurs, punctured his lungs and severed his spinal cord. But, his mind kept racing. Parsons looked for an adaptive race car program. Finding none, he created his own. He built and now races his hand-controlled 600-horsepower competitive drift car, while also running his charitable organization – the Chairslayers Foundation – which gives other disabled drivers a chance to feel the thrill of drifting. Parsons has held clinics around North America, and to support this work, he (and his car) moved last year to Long Beach, California. In a career highlight, he earned the chance to race his car competitively at a Formula D event, finishing in the top 16 out of 60. Rob continues to show perseverance and a desire to help others while demonstrating innovation and an extreme passion for life.



The Rising Star award is presented to alumni who, within 10 years of graduation from Lethbridge College, have become driven innovators in their professions. Nominations for these awards are accepted year round. More information and nomination forms are available at lethbridgecollege.ca/alumni/nominate.

January 27 : @rodeocountry

Pro Rodeo Canada appoints Katy Lucas to spearhead their marketing & communications. Congrats, Katy!

{ Rodeo Country Radio }



use her knowledge of rodeo, coupled with her education in Communication Arts and experience as a freelance journalist to help the organization grow. The Canadian Professional Rodeo Association, with headquarters in Airdrie, Alberta, is the sanctioning body for professional rodeo in Canada. The CPRA sanctions over 50 events annually with a total payout exceeding \$5.1 million.

2010

Mike McKinnon

Communication Arts

Mike is the new press secretary for the Hon. Marlin Schmidt, Alberta’s Minister of Advanced Education. He had previously worked in radio news in Medicine Hat and in television news in Lethbridge and Regina.

2010

Tansley Struthers

Interior Design Technology

Tansley, a senior design consultant at Superior Cabinets in Saskatoon, has been selected as a 2016 National Kitchens and Baths 30 under 30 recipient. Tansley was selected from hundreds of nominations throughout North America through a rigorous selection process recognizing her as an outstanding professional in the industry under the age of 30. She has been designing custom kitchens since 2010, and quickly became a sales leader at Superior Cabinets, steadily increasing her sales and close ratio every year, while decreasing her warranty numbers to below corporate targets. She was recognized at the Kitchen and Bath Industry Show (KBIS) in Las Vegas in January.

2009

Dustin Patzer

Business Administration – Accounting

After completing his studies at Lethbridge College, Dustin went on to earn a bachelor's degree at the University of Lethbridge and a law degree from the University of Saskatchewan. He is now practicing law in Lethbridge. Dustin shared this update with his instructors: "Where does one go when one is done high school when one is nothing more than a glorified headsmasher/jock (see football player) and one has then spent the next four years in minimum wage go nowhere jobs while continuing to headsmash in the beautiful Okanagan? Well, if you are anything like me, your parents grudgingly convince you to go to Lethbridge College's Business program. But, funny thing, after numerous years of dead-end jobs and headsmashing,



college doesn't seem to be the drag that high school was. In fact, with the amazing teaching staff who genuinely care about your personal success and give you the personal time you need, all of a sudden you're getting good grades and enjoying school. I can honestly say that my time at Lethbridge College created in me a passion for learning and for academic success." Dustin adds that despite his additional degrees, he considers the college to be his true alma mater.

Kimberly Schmidt **Multimedia Production**

2008

COMMUNITY LEADER AWARD



Kimberly Schmidt lives in Regina, Sask., and works as the Regina Police Service's social media officer. An avid volunteer, she dedicates time to groups such as the Regina Queen City Kinettes, Help Portrait Regina, the Saskatchewan Co-operative Youth Program and a local dog rescue group in addition to numerous committees and events at her work. She is known by her peers as an "Energizer bunny" for her go-getter attitude and boundless energy. Schmidt spearheaded the first-ever Help Portrait Regina event, and has been awarded the

Kinette of the Year award both by her club and in her entire zone, and earned the Maple Leaf Award of Distinction from Kin Canada in 2014. A former Lethbridge College Kodiaks curling team MVP, Schmidt continues to show heartfelt dedication and devotion to her community and is always looking for more ways to get involved.



The Community Leader award is presented to alumni who have made contributions to their communities through their work or personal interests. Nominations for these awards are accepted year round. More information and nomination forms are available at lethbridgecollege.ca/alumni/nominate.

2008

Josh Fankhauser

Agriculture – Plant and Soil Science

Josh was featured in an in-depth article in *Country Guide*, Canada's oldest farm publication. The article focused on his dedication to data analysis and how the rigorous analysis of numbers from the field helps Lamb Farms achieve its business objective. The article states that Josh's mission is to see where a precision seeding tool has a fit on their grain, oilseed, pulse and forage farms near Claresholm – but also makes it clear he loves tinkering with broken-down equipment as much as with numbers. Lamb Farms is a fourth-generation, mixed farming operation that includes about 6,500 acres of annual crop land, another 3,500 acres of hay and pastureland, and a 600-head commercial cow-calf herd. Most of their operation, just east of the foothills, is dryland farming, although they have about 1,000 acres of irrigated land mostly dedicated to producing forage crops.

Nick Kuhl

Communication Arts – Print Journalism

After graduating from Lethbridge College, Nick worked at the *Leduc Rep*, the *Grande Prairie Daily Herald-Tribune* and the *Airdrie City View*. He then started working at the *Lethbridge Herald* in April 2012. He was named city editor on Aug. 1, 2015. Nick told *Wider Horizons*: “One of my favourite parts about working at a newspaper is the potential to cover something different every single day. I also enjoy the challenges and expectations of collaboratively putting together a daily project that will end up reaching thousands of people.”

2005

Kelly Waldron

Information Specialist – Office Assistant

Kelly was featured in many media stories early this year as she worked to promote the 2016 STARS Lottery in Lethbridge. Kelly was just hours old when she was flown from Lethbridge to Calgary on Dec. 1, 1985, and became the very first STARS patient. Kelly weighed just 2 pounds 13 ounces when she and her twin brother were born at 26 weeks. She spoke at the official launch of the STARS Lottery in Lethbridge and told the *Lethbridge Herald* that “STARS and I, we were born on the same day.” Kelly credits STARS with letting her graduate from high school in 2003, earn her diploma at the college, travel the world, work as one of four partners in a bookkeeping firm and get married in October 2014.

2004

Anna M. Olson

Rehabilitation Services

Anna obtained her degree in Disability and Community Rehabilitation from the University of Calgary and then went to El Salvador for 1.5 months to community build and build houses. She has become the vice president of her neighborhood association, is a board member for a non-profit organization and recently became a Rotarian. She has worked in many different roles in the disability sector from direct support worker, team leader and now advocacy coordinator.

Two students and a baby: Love, chemistry and Lethbridge College

When Omar Kadir (General Studies 2005) and his future wife Sandy walked in to their chemistry lab on the first floor in the corner classroom of the Andrews building in 2003, they were unaware that this would be not only a room of learning, but also a room of love.

Meeting your future spouse while learning about molecules is not exactly the stuff of wild romance, laughs Sandy.

“Omar was always late, I remember that well,” she adds. “He actually told our instructor he always was late because he wasn’t used to the weather in Alberta.”

Omar had moved from Surrey, B.C., to Alberta on a baseball scholarship with the Prairie Baseball Academy. Sandy was taking her prerequisites for dental hygiene and was also on the Kodiaks volleyball team. The sporting duo then made the big move to Champaign, Illinois, a couple of hours south of Chicago, where Omar would play for the University of Illinois baseball team and Sandy would graduate from Parkland College as a dental hygienist.

Now sitting in their westside home, the Kadirs dote lovingly on their almost two-year-old son, Makail Andrews Kadir. Giving Makail the middle name of the place where his parents met all those years ago seemed like a great way to pay homage to their time at Lethbridge College when they were just two doe-eyed kids in love.

Story by Meagan Williams | Photo submitted



February 12 : @CanEmbFinland

Composer and sound artist Carmen Braden with musician and multimedia artist Casey Koyczan at #ArtArctica

{ Canada in Finland }



2003

Casey Koyczan

Multimedia Production

Casey is an audio-visual artist. He and his collaborator, Davis Heslep, teamed up with Yellowknife composer Carmen Braden at a three-day gathering in Helsinki in February, which aimed to showcase “diverse perspectives on the Arctic nature and people.” An article in Edge Online, the Yukon-based

online news source, stated that Koyczan and Heslep were excited about the opportunity to share their own piece of the North with an international audience. The duo gave an audio-visual performance combining songs and spoken-word poetry by Casey, a musician better known on stage as the Bushman, with Heslep’s video projections. The performance was based on concepts of northern aesthetics and anecdotes of living in the north.

1999

Reginald D. Ellet

Community Services and Therapeutic Recreation (Gerontology)

Reginald's update to the alumni office stated: "I have a lot of experience working in related health care employment. The college education in Therapeutic Recreation has provided me many opportunities in recreation therapy. I have a great job in my field here in Calgary and my boss, co-workers and residents in the nursing home treat me with kindness, respect and fairness. Thank you Lethbridge College for all that you have given me."

1997

Carmen Hellawell

Information Specialist – Administrative Assistant

Carmen's instructors at Lethbridge College remember her as someone who shone during her time as a student. She is currently working as executive assistant to the chief of police at the Lethbridge Regional Police Service.



1994

Jeff Rowden

Criminal Justice – Policing

Jeff was named Deputy Chief of the Prince Albert Police Service last fall. According to an article in the *Prince Albert Daily Herald*, Jeff started working at the Prince Albert Police Service in 1994 in a variety of positions, from uniformed officer to a plain-clothes detective to, most recently, the inspector in charge of the criminal investigation division. The article notes that as a believer of lifelong learning, Jeff has taken a number of courses to receive more training in senior policing management and leadership and recently completed a Master's degree. *Photo courtesy Kristen McEwan, Prince Albert Daily Herald*

Darryl Kenna Business Administration

1993

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS



Kenna's latest venture is as a consultant and owner of The Epiphany Group in Lethbridge, but his highly-decorated financial career has taken him down many paths. In 2001, Kenna and Gord Laurie created Laurie, Kenna and Associates – an award-winning, large, multi-agent corporation of Sunlife Financial Canada. In April 2015, Kenna moved on to form The Epiphany Group, a business consulting service for financial advisors. Away from the office, he is a dedicated community member. His annual Friends and Family Golf Tournament raises money for local

charities and he has also established the Gord Laurie Foundation in memory of his friend and business partner. The foundation supports educational, recreational and cultural needs while supporting "non-traditional" charities in southern Alberta, contributing over \$125,000 to causes like Meals on Wheels, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Lethbridge Pregnancy Care Centre and Streets Alive. He has volunteered with the Lethbridge Junior Achievement Program and Lethbridge Ball Hockey while sitting on the Board of Directors for the Lethbridge Symphony Orchestra and other community organizations. He is also a long-time donor to Lethbridge College, supporting student awards and scholarships while offering guidance to graduating students about the finance industry. Darryl is continually growing his career, all while making significant contributions to his community.

1993

Bernadine (Bernie) Wojtowicz

Nursing

Bernie started working as the Nursing Education in Southwestern Alberta (NESA) Chair at Lethbridge College on Jan. 1 this year. Bernie completed her Master of Science in Nursing in 2012 through the University of Lethbridge and is currently enrolled in PhD studies. Bernie's practice experience spans a variety of mental health settings, including rehabilitation, acute inpatient, and the community mental health system where she held positions of leadership, management and education. Most recently, she has taught mental health theory and practice courses, professional seminars, and research methodology in the NESA BN programs at the University of Lethbridge. Raising community awareness and reducing stigma about mental health and illness has been a primary focus of her nursing career.

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The Distinguished Alumnus award recognizes college graduates who have distinguished themselves in their chosen careers, made significant contributions to their communities and demonstrated service to the college and its students.

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.

1992

Collin Mooney

Criminal Justice - Policing

Collin was appointed executive director of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) in January. Collin has been with CVSA for the past 13 years and has been the Alliance's deputy executive director since 2010. After joining CVSA in 2003 as director of training programs and later as the organization's director of enforcement programs, Collin was promoted to the position of deputy executive director, where he has served the Alliance for the past six years. Collin has 27 years of experience in the transportation safety industry, all of which have been dedicated to large truck and bus safety. Collin's public safety career began in Canada with the Saskatchewan Highway Transport Patrol working in various locations within the province. He also spent more than a decade as a transport officer with the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Branch of Alberta Transportation (now Alberta Justice and Solicitor General).

1991

Murray W. Sackmann


Recreation and Leisure Services

Murray sent the Lethbridge College alumni office this update: "Since completing my program, I have been employed by the City of Saskatoon, Leisure Services, in various capacities for the past 24 years. I also keep active as a national level volleyball official, working at all levels including CIS and CCAA. Go Kodiaks!!!"

Douglas F. Barker

Recreation and Leisure Services

Douglas caught the alumni office up with his life since graduation: "I took a job as an economic development officer for Coteau Hills Rural Development Corporation in Saskatchewan three days after graduating [and worked there] from 1991 to 1998. From 1998 to 2003, I got involved in an agriculture project and worked as marketing manager

 February 3 : @troyreebglobal

Huge congrats to @LisaFordGlobal on winning Career Virtuoso Award from @LethCollege. So deserved for all the careers she has championed.

{ Troy Reeb }

Lisa Ford Communication Arts

1984

CAREER VIRTUOSO AWARD



Lisa Ford is the station manager and news director for Global Saskatoon. After graduating from Lethbridge College, her career took her through Swift Current, Sask., and Red Deer, before a life-changing move to Saskatoon. She joined the original on-air team at STV, now Global Saskatoon, in 1987, at just twenty-four years of age. Twenty-nine years later, she is an iconic symbol at the station, having served as news director for more than two decades, while adding station manager to her duties in 2012. A strong advocate for women, Ford was one of the

first women to insist on continuing to report on-air while pregnant, laying the ground work for future journalists despite facing protests by some viewers. A winner of the Radio, Television and Digital News Association of Canada Lifetime Achievement Award, Ford's career has been a steady rise towards greatness and she is continually being recognized for her hard work and dedication.



The Career Virtuoso award is presented to alumni who have made significant contributions to their professional fields through their diligence, talent and dedication. Nominations for these awards are accepted year round. More information and nomination forms are available at lethbridgecollege.ca/alumni/nominate.

and then general manager. In 2003, I moved to Edmonton to work as a business development manager for a large industrial coating company, Park Derochie Inc., where I worked during summer months while attending high school. In 2010, I became a partner with Park Derochie Coatings (Saskatchewan) Inc. and moved to Saskatoon where we purchased an existing coating business. I was the VP/

general manager until 2013 when I became president. From 1991 until 2005, I was actively coaching various levels of hockey including coaching my two daughters. I currently spend a lot of time in the winter months traveling and during the summer months hang out on Lake Diefenbaker. I am enjoying my three grandchildren ages three months, 1.5-years-old, and 3-years-old."

We have received so many great updates from our alumni as well as more and more articles from newspaper and magazine clippings featuring Lethbridge College grads. In fact, we have more updates than we have space to print.

1983

Laurette LaPlante Environmental Sciences Parks Management

Laurette contacted *Wider Horizons* after reading the winter 2016 issue featuring “polar bear jail warden” Bob Windsor. Both she and her husband, Perry (Fish and Wildlife 1982), attended the college and their son Kade is currently enrolled in the Renewable Resource Management program. Laurette also played volleyball for the Kodiaks while she was a student. She sent in this update: “Perry is now the Alberta Provincial Manager of Ducks Unlimited and just celebrated his 30-year service award. He started in fundraising in 1985 and worked his way up. He completed his college then went on to earn a degree from the University of Lethbridge. I am currently the coordinator of events at Western Communities Foundation, the giving arm of Western Financial Group. Not exactly in my field but it is a great job. I worked for over 20 years with the Alberta Professional Outfitters Society marketing Alberta as a hunting destination to U.S. hunters and the knowledge I learned in college was a great help for that.”



1981

Cinda Chavich Communication Arts

Cinda is an award-winning writer who works as a food columnist and feature writer for Y.A.M. Magazine/Page One Publishing and is a successful full-time freelance journalist, author and photographer for newspapers, magazines and online publications around the world. Last year, Cinda published a new book with TouchWood Editions titled *The Waste Not, Want Not Cookbook*. The book focuses on the work Cinda has been doing lately to educate readers and cooks about the global issue of food waste, and its impact

on the environment. She recently spoke on a food waste panel at the national Zero Waste Conference in Vancouver, did several sessions with authors at LitFest, the annual non-fiction literature festival in Edmonton, offered ideas about how to reduce food waste at home on several CBC radio programs (including the new CBC radio food show *The Fork*), and was interviewed by other journalists writing about food waste in Canada and the U.S. She also wrote about the topic of food waste last spring for *Maclean's* magazine. To read more about Cinda's work, check out her website, tastereport.com.

Rick Dewsbery Criminal Justice - Policing

Rick currently oversees operations of the Lethbridge Integrated Traffic Unit with the Lethbridge Regional Police Service and is preparing for retirement in the next few years.

1979

Wendy Stander Recreation Management

Wendy retired from the federal public service after 27 years.

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1968

Delma E. Christien General Secretary

Delma sent in an update to the alumni office last summer, saying she's had a varied career over the years. She worked in Lethbridge right after graduation and then got married and had a family. They moved to Brooks where she set up a new office, staffed it and “then was very much family oriented.” In the 1980s, she started her optical career working in sales, optical training and owning a business. In 2005, after two months of retirement, she got involved as an office temp in a real estate office, which evolved into an invitation to apply for work in a non-profit. “So many changes over the years but loved the college training - education stays with you,” she wrote.

Additional alumni updates are published online at learn.lc/spring2016watn. To submit your update, go to lethbridgecollege.ca/alumni/update or email WHMagazine@lethbridgecollege.ca.

College grads recognized as some of 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:

Whitney Bullock (Business Administration – Accounting 2007) and
Ashley Walker (Business Administration – Marketing 2006)

The co-owners and creators of Pink Tie Events, a local event décor and management company, were recognized for working to strengthen southern Albertan women in business and reaching outstanding success of their own. Now in their fifth year, they have been a part of over 1,000 events in the area, offering multiple levels of customized products and services to each one. Six months after opening Pink Tie Events, Whitney and Ashley won first place in the Chinook Entrepreneur Challenge. Since then, they have collected many other awards, including being voted “Best of Best” Event Planner by community peers for 2012-15.



Jordan Schellenberg (Criminal Justice 2009)

The president/director of services and co-founder for Youth One, a locally-owned and operated organization that offers new, fresh and exciting youth programs, was recognized for his years of work to improve the lives of local youth. Three years ago, Jordan joined Boys and Girls Club as the director of youth programs. In April of 2014, Jordan, along with three others, formed a grassroots organization dedicated to giving youth a central community of support which would be completely funded by the community. Youth One provides youth with a multitude of free programs, activities and supports services, all in the hope of building healthier futures for the youth attending.



Courtenay Shular (Project Management 2006)

The owner and registered massage therapist at Unwind Massage and Spa was recognized for her entrepreneurial spirit, hard work and dedication to her clients, all of which have contributed to her company's continued growth. In 2009, Courtenay started Unwind Massage and Spa out of her home, transforming the entire bottom level into a tranquil space for relaxation and healing. She tailors her services to clients' needs and goes above and beyond to ensure her clients' health and well-being are taken care of. Since starting her business, Courtenay has shown a love of learning all that she can about the human body, and has taken 20 courses focused on techniques to improve and expand her spa business.



Cory Medd (Business Administration 2000, “Rising Star” Distinguished Alumni Award 2009)

The owner/operator of Lethbridge's Two Guys and A Pizza Place was recognized for his entrepreneurial success. In 2002, Cory and a friend opened Two Guys Pizza in a small takeout storefront on 3 Ave. S. Ten years later, with 30 employees, Cory moved the business in to a larger dine-in building on 11 St. S. featuring a dining room. The business now employs more than 65 people. He has also won numerous other awards both locally and internationally, including twice being named “Canada's Best Pizza Chef” by *Canadian Pizza Magazine*.



Wider Horizons also recognized Obed Maurice, Jena Murray, Katt Panic, Sharon Rempel and Jason VandenHoek for their inclusion on the Top 40 under 40 list in the Winter 2016 issue.

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*.



From left: Pam, Jessica, Justin, Brenda, Bill (Jessica's husband) and Greg

Greg Harbers, his wife Brenda, and their children Jessica, Pam and Justin, all have a connection to Lethbridge College. Greg still applies the knowledge he gained from the Ag Mechanics course to run a successful dairy farm. Brenda worked for two years in day care before taking Early Childhood Education to, as she puts it, “be better equipped to

What was important to Brenda was that not only did she gain book knowledge, but she was also able to use that knowledge in the form of a practical application.

care for the children.” She says it was a fun time and the small classes gave her the opportunity to really get to know everyone. What was important to Brenda was that not only did she gain book knowledge, but she was also able to use that knowledge in the form of a practical application. She worked in daycare until 1991 when it was time to raise her kids and help her husband on their Monarch-area dairy farm.

Jessica went the ag route like her dad and took the two year Animal Science program at the college. She loved the hands-on experience and smaller class sizes when she was a student. After completing her diploma, she transferred to the University of Lethbridge where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Studies. She now works as an agronomist for Richardson Pioneer.

Pam followed in her mom's footsteps and went into Early Childhood Education at

IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR:

The Harbers Family

Greg Harbers

Ag Mechanics 1976

Dairy farm operator

Brenda (Dodds) Harbers

Early Childhood Education 1984

Daycare operator until 1991

Jessica (Harbers) Siemens

Animal Sciences 2012

Agronomist at Richardson Pioneer

Pam Harbers

Early Childhood Education 2013

Pursuing her education degree

Justin Harbers

Enrolled in the Heavy Equipment

Technician Apprentice program

Working at Nieboer Farm Equipment

Lethbridge College. She loved her teachers because they cared about her education and says there was a sense of community in all her classes. Her experience at the college inspired her to pursue an education degree. She is currently in Spain teaching English as a second language. As a rather cool side note, both Pam and her mom had Cheryl Oakes as one of their instructors. Brenda says she's not sure if Cheryl Oakes would remember her as she was not able to talk to her when she was teaching Pam, but the two agreed that she was a great teacher who put a lot of effort into her classes.

Justin just finished his first period in the Heavy Equipment Technician Apprentice program at the college. He is currently with Nieboer Farm Equipment where learning on-the-job is a valuable part of his four-year education.

WH Story by Mark Campbell | Photo submitted



INTELLIGENT YQL

Did you know that Lethbridge is one of 146 communities around the world who have been recognized as Intelligent Communities?

The **tecconnect** centre for entrepreneurship and innovation.
Lethbridge College's Trades and Technologies Renewal & Innovation Project.
The University of Lethbridge's AGILITY program.
The City of Lethbridge eApply system.

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News and notes

GIFT AND PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



KB Plumbing and Heating invests \$100,000 in college's future

KB Plumbing and Heating, a partner of Lethbridge College in numerous projects over many years, is once again showing its commitment to the college with a \$100,000 multi-faceted gift. The gift is pledged to benefit three major areas. The first supports the college's new trades and technologies facility. A classroom in phase two of the facility, opening in 2017, will be named the "KB Plumbing and Heating Classroom." The second component to the gift is to benefit new student awards in three areas:

- Three annual \$500 awards for plumbing, the very first awards created for the brand new Plumbing Apprenticeship program.
- One annual \$1,000 award for engineering technologies alternating between the Engineering Design and Drafting program and the Civil Engineering Technology program.
- One annual \$1,000 award for the Administrative Office Professional program, in recognition of the invaluable role played by office staff in KB's operations.

Finally, this gift includes KB Plumbing and Heating's commitment towards The College Home partnership. KB is one of the longest-running partners in the history of the project, donating to five of the six completed homes to date. KB Plumbing and Heating has also taken a hands-on role as a partner in the construction of the new trades and technologies facility as the mechanical contractor - the company's largest ever project. KB Plumbing and Heating opened in 1983, growing from a one-person shop to an industry leader with more than 30 years of service. Employing 120 people, KB is Lethbridge's largest local mechanical contractor, offering both residential and commercial plumbing, HVAC, fabrication and welding services.

January 22 : @Leth_Herald

@LethCollege trades to benefit from \$100K gift from KB Plumbing

{ Lethbridge Herald }



WH Story by Lisa Kozleski | Photos by Gregory Thiessen



First in Canada: College signs AGCO agreement

Lethbridge College is the first post-secondary institute in Canada to sign an AGCO Advantage Partnership agreement with AGCO Corporation and Hanlon Ag Centre Ltd. The multi-faceted, non-exclusive partnership was signed in January and announced in March. AGCO is a global leader in the design, manufacturing and distribution of agricultural equipment. The AGCO Advantage was developed in the United States and is currently implemented at eight different colleges in the U.S. and, as of this year, at Lethbridge College in Canada.

The partnership includes support of the program by AGCO Corporation providing components used as training aids at no cost to the college's Ag and Heavy Equipment apprenticeship and certificate programs. AGCO will also provide factory training for the instructors and training materials associated with current AGCO products, giving students the opportunity to learn about the state-of-the-art technologies used on AGCO equipment. The partnership was first suggested by Lethbridge-based Hanlon Ag Centre Ltd., an AGCO dealer and long-time partner of Lethbridge College.

The partnership highlights the strength of Lethbridge College's apprenticeship and training programs as well as its agricultural programming. AGCO's commitment now allows the college to offer all four years of Ag Equipment apprenticeship training in a cost effective manner. The partnership highlights the flexibility now available in the brand new trades facility, which houses the Crooks School of Transportation.

Gift of \$75,000 will create Randy Jespersen Classroom

A very special gift was announced at the Board of Governors holiday reception – \$75,000 to establish a classroom in the new trades and technologies facility in honour of board chair Randy Jespersen (Business Administration 1973). The gift, which will be used to create the Randy Jespersen Classroom, was made by Jespersen's brother, Kent Jespersen, to recognize his brother's pursuit of excellence and leadership as board chair. The Randy Jespersen Classroom will be located in the second phase of the new trades and technologies facility, which is currently under construction and will open in 2017. Jespersen, who has served as chair of the board of governors since 2010, is the retired president and CEO of Terasen Inc. (now FortisBC).

\$50,000 gift from DMT Mechanical Ltd.

DMT Mechanical Ltd. is helping build the futures of students with a \$50,000 gift to establish a classroom in Lethbridge College's new trades and technologies facility. DMT is a prime mechanical contractor, co-owned by Neil Nunweiler, Don Romaniuk and Lethbridge College graduate Darren Guenther (Civil Engineering 2000). In addition, DMT took a leading role in developing, promoting and delivering Lethbridge College's brand new Plumbing Apprenticeship program, which welcomed its first students in January 2016. Students will begin learning in the DMT Mechanical Ltd. Trades and Technologies Classroom in September 2017 when the second phase of the new trades and technology facility opens its doors.

WIDER HORIZONS NEEDS YOUR HELP



The fall issue of *Wider Horizons* will focus on some of the fabulous faculty and stellar staff members who have been a part of the college community over the years. Alumni and friends of the college are asked to contact us for help on two stories. First, there will be a story about "The Class that Changed My Life," so if you had a class that fits that description, please contact us. Second, we are also looking to write profiles of some of the great faculty and staff members who are or were among the most influential or memorable during your time as a student. We're looking for those who really defined a program or department, who went the extra mile for their students, who were leaders in their professions or who simply made your college experience great.

If you have a suggestion for either story, please contact Lisa Kozleski by email at lisa.kozleski@lethbridgecollege.ca, by calling 403.320.3202 ext. 5778, or by writing Lisa Kozleski, Communications, 3000 College Drive S., Lethbridge, AB T1K 1L6. Thanks.

COLLEGE NEWS AND EVENTS



Lethbridge's MP tours college

Lethbridge College President and CEO Dr. Paula Burns took the city's Member of Parliament, Rachael Harder, on a tour of campus on Jan. 13. The tour started in the Cousins Science Centre, moved on to the Aquaculture Centre of Excellence, made its way to the new automotives classrooms in the recently-opened first phase of the new trades and technologies facility, and concluded with a delicious lunch prepared by students in the Garden Court Restaurant. Along the way, Harder met with college faculty, staff and students and learned about the college's work in agriculture, applied research, aquaponics and trades, as well as the college's \$2.173 million Community College Innovation Program Grant from the Natural Resources and Engineering Research Council in support of aquaponics research.

January 13 : @RachaelHarderMP

Visited Lethbridge College. Exciting how college works with industry to provide real-world skills to their students

{ Rachael Harder }



Tiffin Conference celebrates its 17th year

Lethbridge College hosted the 17th annual Tiffin Conference on Jan. 21 at the Lethbridge Lodge. The event was sold out once again, drawing more than 350 agricultural producers, business people, students and industry experts for a day of information sessions and guest speakers. This year the conference focused on the role of red meat in the agriculture industry. The featured speaker was noted futurist Bob Treadway, who has spent nearly three decades analyzing trends in hundreds of industries to forecast how future environments will affect those in the field. Lethbridge College students benefited directly from the conference as students in Agriculture Sciences and the Blood Tribe Agricultural Training Initiative were in attendance. Many students helped with pre-conference preparations and some introduced speakers.

Groundbreaking Aboriginal course celebrates completion

A unique program offered specifically to First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) students celebrated its first completed class in March. Lethbridge College's Power Line Technician/Power System Electrician program is designed to enhance career opportunities in the utility electrical field. Participants receive extensive hands-on and theoretical training related to overhead and underground distribution installation, making Lethbridge College graduates attractive to potential employers. In September 2015, Saamis Aboriginal Employment and Training Association (SAETA) and Lethbridge College announced a partnership to support a Power Line Technician program intake specifically for the Aboriginal community. Thirteen students graduated from the program during the first intake.

College welcomes canoLAB 2016 to campus

Some of the top agricultural minds from western Canada and the United States gathered at Lethbridge College in February to grow their knowledge of the canola industry. Organized by the Canola Council of Canada, canoLAB 2016 includes two days of hands-on, interactive diagnostic workshops featuring live plants and insects. Approximately 120 people, separated into groups of 20, took part in eight sessions focused on everything from soil testing to canola grading to insect identification. This is the first time this major conference has ever been held on the Lethbridge College campus. While it is not a college-organized event, agriculture students benefitted from the experience, including being treated to a smaller version of the seminars.



College represented at custom harvesters convention

Lethbridge College's agricultural programming and collaborative industry partnerships were hot topics at December's Association of Canadian Custom Harvesters Inc. convention in Lethbridge. More than 150 people from across North America attended the two-day convention at the Coast Hotel and Conference Centre, where representatives from the college had the opportunity to speak about Lethbridge College's 50 years of providing agricultural education in southern Alberta, as well as to celebrate the recent gift of \$100,000 from Taylor Harvesting Ltd., a family owned and operated farming and custom harvesting business.

February 22 : @Lo_Stew

2nd yr Lethbridge College Ag Science students participating in mini CanoLAB today @canolacouncil

{ Laurie Stewart }



College students get competitive learning experience

Taking a page from the *Dragons' Den* playbook, Lethbridge College students got competitive in a unique challenge in making deadline-driven creative pitches. The college and teconnect teamed up to provide students from both the Multimedia Production program and the Digital Communications and Media program with a two-day experience. Students traveled to teconnect where groups of four to five students had five hours to create a "brand package and a communication strategy package" for Lethbridge College graduate Obed Maurice's (Business Administration 2002) company – including items such as a new logo, a website mockup and an advertising plan. Students pitched their ideas with a winner being named at the end.

Business Administration students shine at trading challenge

Business Administration instructor Lewis Callahan and students Evelyn Savolianen, Rick Van Den Broek, AJ Kambeitz, and Erica Tieland participated in the University Trading Challenge (UTC) in November at the University of Lethbridge. The event included a month-long activity in portfolio management, and ended with a full day of live competition in the U of L trading room. The UTC event has been held since

2011 in North America and the United Kingdom. The University of Lethbridge is the first Canadian university to host this event. Participating teams came from the University of Lethbridge (Lethbridge and Calgary campuses), Lethbridge College, and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology in Oshawa, Ontario.



Empire Homes next partner in College Home project

The Canadian Home Builders' Association Lethbridge Region (CHBA) announced to its members the builder for the College Home Project at the yearly Bridge Builder Banquet. The fourth year of this unique partnership sees Empire Homes, a local custom home builder, proudly stepping up to lead the project for 2016. In early 2013, CHBA and Lethbridge College announced the beginning of the College Home Project where CHBA builder members partner with trades and suppliers to build 10 homes over five years with the proceeds from sales donated to the Trades and Technologies facility at Lethbridge College.

February 10 : @atbfinancial

Meet Colby Stone: volunteer firefighter, #lethbridgecollege student, #HomeIcHero. Watch us surprise him with \$5,000 at learn.lc/hihcs

{ ATB Financial }



NESA instructor nominated for provincial award

Congratulations to Melanie Hamilton, NESA Instructor, on her nomination for the CARNA (College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta) Award for Nursing Excellence (Excellence in Education). Although Hamilton was not the recipient of the award, she was one among nine other nominees for this provincial nursing education award.

STAFF HONOURS AND AWARDS

Employee recognition award winners honoured

The college celebrated the work of its employees in February at the annual Employee Recognition evening at the Garden Court Restaurant. Along with retiree and long-service award presentations, five employees also took home very special honours. Cindy Warner, Library Services Specialist, Buchanan Library and Betty Vander Lee, Food Services Manager were named Creating Community award winners. Heather Gordon (Practical Nursing 2011), Lab Tech, SPHERE earned the Lifelong Learning honour. As well, Emily Mulingtapang, Manager, Bookstore and Jean Schnarr, Business Systems Analyst, Registrar's Office were awarded Service Excellence awards. Congratulations to all!

Faculty member publishes on status of international education leadership

A Lethbridge College faculty member has had a paper that he co-authored published by the Canadian Bureau for International Education. Scott Lehbauer, chair of both the English Language Centre and the School of Developmental Education, released a new brief reviewing the current status of international education leadership and gaps identified in this area of the international education sector. The published study also made *Academica's* prestigious daily list of the ten most relevant, interesting and important stories affecting university and college professionals.

NISOD Excellence Award for David McMurray

This year's Lethbridge College winner of the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Awards, which recognizes men and women who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment and contribution to their students and colleagues, is Dave McMurray. McMurray, who was working as a research officer in the Centre for Applied Research and Innovation when he was nominated for the award, is noted for being a positive, enthusiastic and energetic conduit for applied research at the college. He has helped instructors acquire grants for funding, connecting the dots that can sometimes be missed in the process, facilitated communication between researchers and partners and ensured proposal requirements to maximize potential funding success. McMurray's dedication to the success of those around him, infectious good nature and natural joy for learning are vital components that enhance the success and enthusiasm of everyone with whom he engages.

Wider Horizons nominated for two awards

Congratulations to the marketing and communications staff involved with the publication of *Wider Horizons*. The magazine was named a finalist for two Alberta Magazine Publishers Association awards. The Motion Issue (Fall 2015) was nominated for Editorial Package, led by editor-in-chief Carmen Toth, editor Lisa Kozleski and designer Dana Woodward. As well, Gregory Thiessen earned a nomination in photography for his submission, *Alberta: Strong and Free*, in the Spring 2015 issue.

CSRL contributes to major health care planning paper

Lethbridge College's Citizen Society Research Lab has contributed data to a paper on advance care planning, published by researchers from the University of Calgary, University of Alberta, Queen's University and The Health Quality Council of Alberta. The poll was a follow-up to a similar study which took place in 2013, and is the second of a three-step research process which will be completed in 2017. The CSRL conducts research for its own purposes (students and faculty coursework), as well as for a number of community organizations, public sector service providers and commercial partners.

Bikers surpass \$5,000 scholarship goal

Biker Buddies for General Studies and Exercise Science held a scholarship fundraiser in Centre Core on Jan. 29. Approximately 50 participants cycled for five hours and covered more than 150 km. Cyclists came from both the college and Lethbridge communities and ranged from 10 years old to 65+ years old. Thanks to all of your pledges, we raised \$6,645.05 (plus two Jamaican dollars). A very special "thank you" goes out to the Lethbridge College Students' Association, the cyclists, pledgers and supporters who made this an exciting, energetic and educational event. And thank you to the call centre for your patience in allowing us to stay musically "pumped" throughout the event.

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



Women's basketball team celebrates provincial medal

The Lethbridge College Kodiaks women's basketball team finished its season with a bang, cruising to a 91-61 win over Lakeland College in the ACAC provincial bronze medal game in March in Vermilion. It was a redemption effort for the Kodiaks, who saw their undefeated season and shot at a trip to the national championships come to an end with a 72-69 loss to NAIT in an ACAC semi-final one night earlier. Logan Moncks had a tremendous game for the Kodiaks in the bronze medal match, scoring 25 points. Four other Kodiaks, Emma Lowry (15), Jackie Tollestrup (15), Sunder West (14) and Leah Ekubazgi (11), also scored in the double digits. The game was a match-up many had anticipated taking place with the gold medal on the line; however, Lakeland, which was also undefeated coming into the tournament, was upset by St. Mary's in the semi-final. The win brought to an end the Kodiaks season with a stellar 23-1 record.

Three members of the Kodiaks women's basketball were recognized as ACAC south division all-stars at the end of the season. Emma Lowry, who tied for third in ACAC scoring with 17.1 points per game, and Sunder West, who led the division with 5.6 rebounds per game, were named first team all-stars. Logan Moncks, who tied Lowry for the team lead in points per game, was named to the second team.

Men's basketball team returns to championships

The Kodiaks men's basketball team took part in provincial action in Olds in March. A 95-79 quarterfinal loss to the top-ranked team from the north division, the Keyano Huskies, ended the Kodiaks medal hopes. In the consolation bracket, the Kodiaks faced the Grande Prairie Regional College Wolves but lost a heartbreaker, 91-90, to end their season. The Kodiaks said goodbye to two players who have completed their college athletic careers this season. Travis Butt, a former ACAC all-star, played five full seasons with the Kodiaks. Chaz Johnson finishes his five years of post-secondary eligibility. He played the last three seasons with the Kodiaks. Both helped the Kodiaks win an ACAC championship in 2015. Johnson was also named to the ACAC south division all-stars first team after finishing fourth in points per game (20.1) and second in both assists and steals per game in the south division this season.

Indoor track team brings home a dozen medals at provincial championships

The Lethbridge College indoor track team mined a dozen medals, while both the men's and women's teams placed second in the team standings at the ACAC indoor track championships in Calgary in February. The women's team finished second in the overall ACAC standings with 57 points, behind only MacEwan University, which won the championship with 89 points. Individually, the Kodiaks were led by Rachel McKenzie, who won three bronze medals in the 1000m, 1500m and 3000m and was also part of the silver medal 4x400m relay team. Veteran Caylee Vogel also had a strong meet, earning a pair of bronze medals in the 300m and 600m while also running as part of the silver-medal relay team. On the men's side, the Kodiaks earned a team silver medal with 63 points, behind the ACAC champions from Concordia, which had 82 points. Lethbridge won three individual silver medals, from Evan Brown (600m), Moses Chesseret (1000m) and Boaz Korir (1500m). Andrew Harding earned two bronze medals in the 1500m and 3000m, while the 4x400m relay team earned a silver medal.



February 27 : @ACAC_Sport

600m ACAC medallists. Congrats.
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{ ACAC }



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AWARDS AND RECOGNITION



Cody Gray wins Lethbridge College's Extreme Career Makeover 2

Fort Macleod's Cody Gray, 34, was named the winner of the college's Extreme Career Makeover 2 contest in March. Gray receives two years of tuition and books at Lethbridge College, as well as accommodations in residence for both years. A hard-working father, husband and community volunteer, Gray has spent nearly 16 years in the same profession, but he wanted to expand his education and train for a new career. He intends to apply for the Engineering Design and Drafting Technology program. Gray was one of six finalists in the contest that drew more than 360 applicants. The top six shared their stories via video, while friends, family and the public voted for their favourites. A panel of Lethbridge College judges then selected the winner from the top two vote-getters. Jaimie Griffiths, 40, from Camrose, Alta. was named runner-up in the contest and receives two years of tuition at Lethbridge College. The other members of the final six – Chris Carleton of Lethbridge, Rianna Randall of Osler, Sask., Stephanie Savage of Lethbridge, and Mandy Tobler of Fort Macleod – were given \$1,000 student awards.



Kodiaks' Heggie named ACAC south division coach of the year

In his fifth season leading the Lethbridge College men's basketball team, Ryan Heggie has been named ACAC south division coach of the year. He was announced as the winner at the ACAC awards dinner in March in Olds. Last season, the Raymond native coached the Kodiaks to an ACAC championship. However, he lost many key members of that team over the off-season, and it was expected the Kodiaks may struggle to once again be an ACAC contender. Instead, Lethbridge College won 15 games, lost only six and tied for the second-best record in the south division.

"It's hard to find a coach who puts in the time and effort that Ryan does," says Todd Caughlin, Manager of Kodiaks Athletics. "He is truly committed to get the most out of his student athletes day in and day out and to do it in the right way. Earning this recognition from his fellow division coaches supports that. Ryan has committed to the goals of the department and truly exemplifies what every athletics manager wants in a coach. He is there for his student athletes and the department."

Heggie is a former Kodiaks player and garnered all-Canadian recognition in 1984-85 as Lethbridge was ranked as high as second nationally. He then played at the University of Lethbridge and was part of the Pronghorns Canada West championship team in 1985-86, before playing professional basketball in Europe. Heggie became Kodiaks head coach in August 2011.



 March 9 : @jimmcnally

Congratulations to Cody Gray, winner of @LethCollege Extreme Career Makeover 2 #ecm2

{ Jim McNally }



“As a member of this board for 27 years and as the prime mover in the formation of the Lethbridge Junior College he made education opportunity possible for generations of southern Alberta youths. As a man he made us all a little better just because he was with us.”

{ Lethbridge Public School Board }

“[O]ne whose entire life was dedicated to the uplifting of humanity. The many years he devoted to the numerous activities in which he always played a leading role have left their mark not only on the city of Lethbridge but indeed on the province of Alberta... It can truly be said the heritage he has left behind for this and future generations to enjoy is indeed a monument to his efforts and loyalty to his fellow citizens.”

{ Lethbridge Mayor Frank Sherring }

Gilbert Paterson

“The original idea of the junior college which Lethbridge has today can be attributed directly to Mr. Paterson.”

{ Dean W.J. Cousins, Lethbridge College }

Such were some of the tributes at the passing of Gilbert Paterson in 1964, a man who dramatically changed Lethbridge. In addition to his other work in the community, Paterson was the visionary and driving force behind the idea for and creation of the Lethbridge Junior College, which today has become Lethbridge College. Paterson realized that without a post-secondary institution, Lethbridge risked losing its youth as they left the city for other educational opportunities and jobs.

Kate Andrews, who grew up on the same street as Gilbert Paterson, described him as the “idea man” and noted that Paterson was the “pilot light or the flame from which we all caught the spark.” One of the greatest strengths of the college from its origin has been that both the city and the rural area felt the college was their school. This belief was carefully constructed and resulted from the partnership of Paterson and Andrews because, as Kate Andrews noted, “He represented the city – I represented the country. I feel it’s the only way an educational venture of this kind can be successful.” And it most certainly was successful.

For his community-minded work, Paterson was awarded an honorary degree of doctor of laws by the University of Alberta, received an honorary life membership in the Alberta Teachers’ Association, and had both the Gilbert Paterson Elementary and Junior High School (now Gilbert Paterson Middle School) and the Paterson Building at Lethbridge College named in his honour.

Gilbert Paterson had a deep interest in education, community and the future citizens of Lethbridge. He came west as a young man and attended Calgary Normal School to become a teacher. He taught for a while in Champion, Medicine Hat and Bow Island and served in the First World War. After the war, Paterson attended the School of Law at the University of Alberta. He practiced law in Lethbridge for decades, mostly in the Rice and Paterson law firm.

But it is for his influence in the educational field for which he is best remembered. His passion for education and dedication to create enduring educational legacies lives on in Lethbridge through the institutions he helped create.



Story by Belinda Crowson, Galt Museum and Archives
Photo courtesy Galt Museum and Archives



Grads on our Grounds

{ with Chuck Wynder }

It's been three decades since Chuck Wynder came to Lethbridge College in the Carpentry Apprenticeship program, and he still remembers some of those first lessons. As a transfer student in the second year of his four-year program, he spent his first year at the college focused on framing. "Third year was concrete and fourth year was finishing," says Wynder, who graduated in 1988. "Anything you do in carpentry goes back to your time at the college. Yeah, you learn new skills on the job, but it doesn't matter what aspects of the trades you are doing, it all goes back to those basics."

Wynder works as a lead hand for Stuart Olson, the construction manager for the college's new trades and technologies facility, and his work in late February was with concrete. "Right now, I'm doing shear walls," he explains. "They prevent lateral movement between the two levels. Walls have a tendency to wobble and waver in the wind, so we put up shear walls for lateral strength."

The work is satisfying for several reasons. First, there's the size of the project. "This is what I do best," he says. "I like the big jobs. I like the action, the cranes, the equipment... everything is big." He also is pleased that the work he is doing will be seen once his part is finished. "Normally concrete work is buried underground or behind walls. But a lot of the concrete here is architectural – it's exposed," he says. "It's a lot of work, but it's all going to look nice by the time it's done."

WH Story by Lisa Kozleski | Photo by Rod Leland

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{ Chuck Wynder }





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