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Thirty years of co-operative education at the Mount! This exciting milestone has been achieved through the dedication and commitment of co-op employers, students, faculty, staff, and alumnae. The co-operative education program provides our students with access to the workplace in private, public, or non-profit sectors. Students are able to inject their knowledge and enthusiasm into the workplace and take away practical skills and experiences to aid in making informed decisions about their careers.

As alumnae, you are able to play an important role in the development of co-op students by hiring and supervising co-op students in your organizations. In 2008, approximately 25 per cent of co-op supervisors were alumnae from the Mount and 90 new employers hired co-op students. Our co-op employers rate Mount co-op students as exceptional and have established long term relationships with the program. Currently, the co-operative education program has relationships with employers from coast to coast in the areas of Business Administration, Information Technology, Public Relations, and Tourism and Hospitality Management.

In keeping with the Mount's vision, as presented in Destination 2012, we have developed a plan to create the best university experience and prepare our students for global citizenship. To support this vision, the co-operative education program encourages students to engage in university life and become a volunteer in their communities, whether they are on work term or studying on campus.

On behalf of the Mount community, I am very pleased to recognize the achievements of the graduates from the co-operative education program. Members of the Co-op Team have served in leadership roles on provincial, regional, and national boards and committees to advance and promote co-operative education, and have been recognized nationally for their efforts. We are extremely proud of the quality and success of this significant initiative.
Honour for Canadian Studies Coordinator

Dr. Della Stanley, Coordinator of Canadian Studies, was honoured at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Association for Canadian Studies in Quebec City. She is the 2008 Recipient of the Canadian Studies Award of Merit. This award is sponsored by the Royal Bank of Canada to acknowledge the work of those who have contributed to the development of Canadian Studies in Canada. The award was first made in 1983 and has been granted to such well-known Canadians as Desmond Morton, Victor Rabinovitch, Thomas H.B. Symons, and Frances G. Halpenny.

Carlson Named MVP

Jason Carlson, a senior business administration student, has been named the 2009 CCAA Men's Basketball Player of the Year. This is the first time that an athlete from the Atlantic conference has ever received this honour.

From his post position, Carlson guided the Mystics to a season record of 20-1, and a number one National Ranking.

One of the tri-captains for the Mystics, Carlson provides excellent leadership on and off the court and has been a mark of consistency throughout the season. Jason contributes to his sport as a coach as well as donating his time to several basketball camps and organizing the Spring and Summer league at the Mount.

McGregor Receives Award

Dr. Sue McGregor, Professor and Director of Graduate Education, received the TOPACE International Award for distinguished consumer scholarship and educator, at the Consumer Citizenship Network conference. Pronounced topaz (Tower Person Award for Consumer Education), this juried award recognizes people who are “strategic centers of action” who exhibit outstanding achievement, recognition and international cooperation. The conference involved participants from over 30 countries and was held at the Technical University of Berlin.

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In the spring of 2008, the Mount acquired the church property adjacent to campus. The Rectory for Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church has undergone an extreme makeover and now houses offices for all the staff of University Advancement. “We are delighted to have a space that is so open and inviting,” states Jone Mitchell, Associate Vice-President, Advancement. “Plus the entire staff is now physically located in one area, making it easy for our alumnae and donors to find us.”

Brought in on time and on budget, the renovations were undertaken by Mount's Department of Facilities Management. According to Bruce MacNeil, Director, Facilities Management, “Changing what was essentially a residence into a professional office space was an exciting project for all the staff involved and we are very proud of the work done by the employees at the Mount.”

The basement level of the church building, also affectionately known as ‘the garden level’, is undergoing renovations and is transforming into offices to accommodate the increased research activity on campus. This office space should be completed in June 2009.

Advancement House is located at 8 Melody Drive. Alumnae and friends are invited to stop by for a visit.

The Mount community is mourning the loss of Dyrick McDermott, BBA '94, Athletics Recreation Assistant and Women’s Basketball Coach, who passed away suddenly in April. Dyrick was passionately devoted to all of the Mount's student athletes and, in particular, the women's basketball teams that he coached since 2001.

Dyrick entered the doors at the Mount as a student and basketball recruit in 1989, graduating in 1994. The following year he began his career as Head Coach of the women's varsity basketball team at the University of King's College. He found his way home to the Mount in 2001 and started to work in the Athletics Department. His dedication to the athletes was regionally and nationally recognized when he was named ACAA Coach of the year six times and received CCAA Coach of the year for women's basketball in 2007.

Over the years, Dyrick made many profound contributions to his teams, volunteer coaching and his work at the IWK. Basketball, physical fitness and students were his passions. His on-going relationships with players, even after graduation, demonstrated that many valued him as more than a Coach.

He was a respected mentor and friend, who was there for students and shared many lessons about integrity, hard work, and fairness. He is survived by his wife Jeanette and children Chloe and Hayden.

Memorial donations can be made to the Dyrick McDermott Memorial Endowed Leadership Award. To donate, please call 902.457.6470 or 1.888.678.2586 (toll free in Canada/US/Bermuda) or donate online at www.msvu.ca.

Advancement’s New Home

On January 15, 2009 the Department of University Advancement moved into new digs on campus. Alumnae and friends can now find alumnae relations and development in Advancement House.

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The following is an excerpt from a letter from Michelle Camara, Bachelor of Arts student, Class of 2011. Camara was the recipient of the Alumnae Association Endowed Entrance Scholarship, a scholarship established for the child of an alumna. What follows is a message from her mother Karen who graduated from the Mount with her Bachelor of Child Study in 1981.

...I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere gratitude for being the recipient of the Alumnae Association Endowed Entrance Scholarship. The generous money has been vital to my attendance at the Mount. The campus, the people and the program fit me so well. I had always heard the great stories my mom shared about her days at the Mount and it is awesome to be making my own memories now. Second generation friendships have been born since my mom has stayed in close contact with some of her friends from the Mount who now have a daughter in her freshman year as well. I view it as the sequel to their story. This scholarship means so much to my mother and I.

Thank you, Michelle

When Michelle received early acceptance from Mount Saint Vincent University in the fall of 2007, I was extremely proud of her. I knew that not only would she be receiving a terrific education, but she would also meet some of the friendliest people in the world! I was elated to hear that Michelle received the Alumnae Association Endowed Entrance Scholarship. This proves that the Mount truly values the importance of their relationship with their past graduates.

Thank you, Karen

Mount President named Top 50 CEO

Mount President and Vice-Chancellor, Kathryn Laurin was named one of Atlantic Business Magazine’s 2009 Top 50 CEOs in Atlantic Canada. Since joining the University in 2006, Laurin has spearheaded the development of the University’s strategic plan, Destination 2012 and continues to drive its implementation. She was also recognized for her role in directing the Mount’s $16-million capital campaign that will help bring a new Teaching, Learning and Research Centre, as well as scholarships and an endowed chair in learning disabilities.

The Top 50 were announced at a gala dinner in Halifax on May 14, 2009. Candidates are nominated by the magazine’s readers and judged according to their corporate, community and industry involvement, the growth of their organizations and their response to managerial challenges.
Make a gift to the Mount today and assist us in creating the best university experience for all members of our community.

Proposed Alumnae Garden

**Build Tomorrow Together,** is a $16 million capital campaign, and only the third capital campaign in the Mount’s 135-year history.

We are currently at 64% of our Campaign goal!

We are over the $10 million mark!

**Kudos to the Alumnae Association**

During the Annual Dinner for Mount Alumnae & Friends, Lara Ryan, BPR ’92, President of the Alumnae Association, beamed with excitement when announcing a second pledge in the amount of $30,000 that the Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association made to the *Build Tomorrow Together* campaign. This brings the Alumnae Association’s total gift to the University’s Capital Campaign to $50,000! The Association’s first pledge of $20,000 will be completed one year ahead of schedule.

This is a great jumpstart for the Alumnae Campaign and once again this demonstrates the strong commitment that the alumnae have to the Campaign.

Ryan says, “This gift makes the Alumnae Association an ‘Investor’ in *Build Tomorrow Together.* Investor – what a powerful message for the community…Mount alumnae are invested in the future of Mount Saint Vincent University students!”

The $50K will be an installment towards the rooftop garden of the new Teaching, Learning, and Research Centre.

With the financial support from individual alumnae, the Association hopes to name this unique space the Alumnae Garden. The rooftop garden is just one of many spaces in the new building for students to gather to study and/or socialize.

Many thanks to the Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association for their ongoing dedication to Mount students!
GOALS

1. Expanding Our Campus  
$12 Million

The new five-storey state-of-the-art Teaching, Learning and Research Centre will replace the “temporary” 30-year-old Seton Annex and the two 90-year-old houses which are home to our professional and mission-driven programs, and for the University’s groundbreaking applied research. Students will benefit from more independent and team study space and innovative academic technology.

2. Enhancing Academic Excellence  
$2 Million

The Mount will create a Chair in Learning Disabilities to develop “best practices” programming so that the teachers of tomorrow will gain the skills they need to ensure all children are able to realize their academic potential. To maintain its position as a leader in Flexible Education and Distance Learning, the Mount will invest in leading-edge tools for e-learning and remain at the forefront emerging technologies. The Mount’s already enviable academic holdings will be expanded through Library Acquisitions, ensuring that scholarly materials are available electronically and in print.

3. Ensuring Student Success  
$2 Million

The Mount is committed to the accessibility of a university education. In the past few years the Mount has more than tripled the amount of money for scholarships and bursaries. However, there is still more to do. Raising scholarship funds is an important part of our campaign, so even more students realize their academic goals.

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Beacon Securities
Endowed Scholarship

Mount Saint Vincent is proud to recognize the generosity of Beacon Securities Limited: Lonsdale (Lonny) W. Holland, Chairman; Jane M. Smith, President; and Daniel Holland, Executive Vice President. In recognition of the University’s capital campaign, Building Tomorrow Together, Beacon Securities Limited established the Beacon Securities Endowed Scholarship to support female undergraduate or graduate students in their pursuit of higher education. We are very grateful for their commitment to the Campaign. They have been very kind to share some thoughts and insights in regards to their involvement with the Building Tomorrow Together capital campaign.

Beacon Securities has been actively involved in supporting the community for a number of years. What is the connection that leads you to supporting women in our community who pursue a higher education?

In fact, Beacon has been supporting the community since our founding in 1988. Holland has often been heard to say that one of the major influences in his life was his mother. His mother was a strong and independent personality who, being widowed at an early age, keenly understood the value of the dollar and hard work. “She would often say, take care of the pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves.” Holland recalls, “My mother taught me three important lessons. She would say play fair, try your best, and share”. He feels fortunate in life and feels a deep responsibility to give back.

Through your generous gift to the Building Tomorrow Together campaign to establish the Beacon Securities Endowed Scholarship fund – what compelled you to give to this campaign?

Beacon focuses its giving in the communities where our business is focused. Clearly, there is a commitment to the Mount as Smith served on the University’s Board of Governors. “Lonny has always been very supportive of my involvement with the Mount as I worked on various committees and eventually became Chair of the Board”. Beacon has also hired from the Mount. Terry Milne, BBa’00, started with the company as a co-op student and continues to work there today. Holland was introduced to Sister Francis dall’Assisi, historian and President of the Mount from 1954-1965, and felt that she was “an outstanding woman.” So the connections are many: personal, volunteer, and graduates.

Why did you decide to award these scholarships to women who are fluent in both French and English?

Holland is passionate about encouraging and promoting the bilingual nature of our country. Born in Montreal, formative years in Winnipeg and back to Montreal, he came to appreciate the value of Canadas two official languages. It certainly played a role in his career in the investment business as it has his son Daniel. Both have spent a portion of their career overseas and the “second” language was a facilitating factor.
This year marks Mount Saint Vincent University’s Co-operative Education Program’s 30th year. This program exemplifies every quality of the Mount itself – beneficial, collaborative, personalized and accessible.

Co-operative Education is first and foremost about relationships. The Mount is extremely fortunate to have many supporters of the program far and wide. One of those is Nova Scotia Business Inc. (NSBI). Many former co-op students and Mount alumnae alike work within its walls today. They all share in mentoring and guiding co-op students during their time there to ensure the most robust and meaningful experience possible.

The Mount’s Co-operative Education Program is a story of tenacity and success. All programs were originally designed to meet the standards set by the Canadian Association for Co-operative Education (CAFCE). Today, 100 per cent of the University’s programs are accredited by CAFCE. Since the mid-80s, the Mount has been represented on the board of the National Accreditation Council of CAFCE which sets standards for co-operative education programs in Canada, and on CAFCE’s National Board of Directors.
Beginning with business students in 1979, the program has evolved to include the current complement of Business Administration, Information Technology, Public Relations, and Tourism and Hospitality Management. Ann MacGillivray, Associate Professor, Business Administration & Tourism and Hospitality Management, was teaching in the BBA program when co-op was first introduced. She also later served as the business faculty co-op advisor from 1985-89. MacGillivray recalls how quickly the co-op ‘trial’ caught on. “The students were so eager for co-op and were excited about the possibility of being away from home. They were so focused on what they had in mind career-wise and co-op just reinforced that.”

Today, the co-op team has six staff members, led by Sonya Horsburgh, BBA ’91, Manager, Co-operative Education, who received the Albert S. Barber Award from CAFCE in 2008 – its highest honour. Horsburgh served as president of CAFCE from 2004 to 2005.

Horsburgh and her team work closely with co-op students and employers to provide valuable opportunities to enhance students’ educational experiences at the Mount. On average, 80-100 students graduate with the co-op distinction on their diplomas annually.

So, what’s next for co-op? A new home is in sight. The construction of the Co-operative Education Centre is an integral goal of the Mount’s current capital campaign – Building Tomorrow Together. The move from Seton Annex to the new Teaching, Learning and Research Centre will mean enhancing the technology of the co-op process. With many employers outside the region, the ability for students to interview using video conferencing technology will improve the delivery of co-op services for students and employers alike.

As degree programs at the Mount continue to grow and change, co-op will evolve with them. As new degree programs develop, they will be evaluated to determine if co-operative education will be a part of their future.

In order for co-op education to thrive in the next thirty years, employers must continue to show their unwavering support. A huge component of this involves the commitment of alumnae, and in particular, former co-op students. In 2007, 37 per cent of co-op students were being supervised by alumnae and/or co-op alumnae on their work terms. This is a true testament to the co-op experience and that the Mount community continues to give back.

### CO-OP ACCOLADES

- **4** nationally accredited co-operative education programs
- **3** CAFCE Service Awards (Horsburgh, twice, and Mausi Reinbold, BTHM ’90)
- **2** Albert S. Barber Awards (Horsburgh and Shani Pearson)
- **2** CAFCE Presidents (Horsburgh and Pearson)
- **2** CAFCE Atlantic Chairs (Scott Daniels, BBA ’03 and Pearson)
- **1** CAFCE Co-op Student of the Year (Andrea Baldwin, BPR ’98) and a couple Honourable Mentions
- **1** CAFCE Research Award (Daphne Lordly, MAHE ’93)
- **1** Partnership Recognition Award, Veterans Affairs Canada
- **1** Research project spearheaded for the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission

**3 Decades of Success**

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**What employers are saying…**

For the past two years, Mary-Eleanor Walker has managed the NSBI Annual Report – a significant project involving many of our staff, our clients and contract service providers – from concept to final product. I am pleased to tell you that under her leadership and guidance, NSBI’s Annual Reports have received international recognition for both years! This recognition is a testament to the quality of Mount Saint Vincent University graduates and your co-op program.

You should be very proud! NSBI strongly believes in co-operative education. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you.

Stephen Lund, President & CEO Nova Scotia Business Inc. (NSBI)

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**What our alumnae are saying…**

Mary-Eleanor Walker, BPR ’06, Communications Officer, Editorial, NSBI and former co-op student, is paying it forward.

I have supervised four co-op students during my time at NSBI and feel it has been a tremendously rewarding experience. With each mentoring experience, I am reminded of the invaluable lessons co-operative education had for me.
And here’s where some co-op students are today.

Claudette Porter, BBA ’92
Controller, Nova Scotia Power, Halifax

Work Terms:
• Halifax Cable • ACOA Moncton • Doane Raymond Chartered Accountants

“Co-op provided me with the opportunity to apply skills learned through my education into real life situations. It also provided me with the knowledge of how to work in a professional environment and to develop the skills necessary to transfer knowledge between different industries and workplaces.”

Ron Pottie, BAA (IT) ’99
Senior IT Engineer, McKinsey & Company, New York

Work Terms:
• Maritime Trading Company • Private Business Networks

“Versatility in opportunities through co-op was one of the key areas I’ve been able to draw from since graduation. With my firm, I’ve had the opportunity to work with many emerging technologies. I’m a believer that to evolve professionally in the technology field, one must be able to adapt and evolve as technology does. Through the co-op program I was given opportunities to think and move outside the box and wasn’t confined to focus on only one specialized technology. This has proven an invaluable skill in my professional career.”

Andrea Baldwin, BPR ’98
Immigration Lawyer, Stewart McKelvey, Halifax

Work Terms:
• Health Canada • Campbell Soup Co. Ltd. • Dow Canada Ltd. • Honeywell Ltd.

“Being a co-op student provided me with many opportunities to develop personally and professionally. Because of the wide range of co-op employers who hired Mount PR students, I had the opportunity to move to a new Canadian city every four months. Being involved in co-op gave me the opportunity to interview with 40 to 50 professional employers before I even graduated. Even though I now practice law, I credit my public relations education—enriched by my co-op experience—for developing many of the fundamental skills, such as persuasive writing, that I use everyday in the practice of law.”

Jan Kurtz, BTHM ’90
Manager, Human Resources, David Atkins Enterprises Productions (the entity responsible for delivering the Opening, Closing & Victory Ceremonies, Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games), Vancouver

Work Terms:
• Lord Nelson Hotel • Four Seasons Hotels, Toronto • MSVU Conference Office • New Brunswick Department of Tourism

“Co-op allowed me to gain practical knowledge of various industries as well as 16 months of work experience before entering into the workforce. During this time I was recruited on campus to work at Walt Disney World Resort at the Canadian Pavilion at Epcot Centre as part of their management training program. The co-op program at the Mount was an excellent experience and would highly recommend to any future student.”

On Friday, September 18, 2009, the Co-op Team is celebrating this exciting milestone with the Co-operative Education Symposium: Celebrating 30 Years of Success.

Co-op alumnae, co-op students, employers and members of the Mount community are invited to join us to hear from a keynote speaker about generational differences in the workplace and concurrent presentations for both students and employers.

Stay tuned for more information from the Co-op Team this summer and email us at co-op@msvu.ca for more details.
As I wind down my term as president of the Alumnae Association, I’d like to reiterate that it’s been an honour to represent the alumnae perspective at the University.

It’s been a privilege to have this unique perspective of the University over the past few years and to be involved in decision making processes and celebrations. I applaud President Laurin, the administrative team, the faculty, the Board of Governors and the students in their efforts to make sure that all members of the university community have the best university experience.

I encourage you to support incoming Alumnae Association President Sheldon Miller, BBA ’99, and his board as they continue to engage alumnae in the University. The implementation of Destination 2012 and the Building Tomorrow Together capital campaign will continue to demand focus of the Association and will provide lots of exciting opportunities for alumnae to be involved.

Mount Saint Vincent is an amazing school with a unique and exemplary history of helping to develop students who go on to personal success and become engaged citizens. Like all universities, we face challenging times. As alumnae, our support and commitment is critical to continued student success.

I’ve enjoyed reconnecting with so many of you and I look forward to seeing you at Mount events in the future. Although my term is finished, the MSV Golf Classic and Alumnae Weekend are already on my calendar. I hope they are on yours as well.

Best wishes for a happy and safe summer. I hope to see you soon.

Lara Ryan, BPR ’92

As the MSVAA President’s Message

Alumnae Board Goes to Class

“It was an experience! The kids were better than I anticipated,” says Sheldon Miller, BBA ’99, after spending the morning teaching grade 9 students at Sackville Heights Junior High School.

Miller was one member of the Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association board of directors to participate in ESIS: Economics for Success. ESIS, a program run by Junior Achievement, is highly interactive and specifically designed to help students develop a positive attitude towards education, while recognizing the financial costs of living on their own.

Laden with giveaways for the students (Alumnae Association branded rulers and pencils), the board members spoke about their own educational and professional background while delivering the program.

“It was an opportunity for us to talk about the Mount in a setting where students are starting to think about education,” explains Lara Ryan, BPR ’92, President of the Alumnae Association. “As alumnae we are the University’s best ambassadors and any chance we get to promote the Mount, we’ll do so.”

“I don’t know of any other Alumnae Association participating in this program,” boasts Ryan. “It’s unique to the Mount.” Members of the Alumnae Association board of directors volunteered to adopt a school as part of the board’s initiatives in the area of student recruitment and retention.

President and CEO of Junior Achievement of Nova Scotia, Lynn Coveyduck, BPR ’94, is grateful for the involvement of the Alumnae Association board. Miller and Ryan were joined by fellow board members Tanya Baggio, BBA ’95, Jill Devanney, BSc ’03, BBA ’06, Deanne MacLeod, BBA ’92, and Alison Stark, BBA ’95 for this initiative.

“Thanks to the Mount’s Alumnae Association,” Coveyduck says, “students now have a better idea of the importance of school, budgeting and planning for the future thanks to their volunteerism.”

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More than 180 guests joined together in celebration at the Mount’s Annual Dinner for Alumnae & Friends on March 5, 2009. As attendees gathered and mingled, anticipation grew for this year’s keynote speaker, Simon Kennedy, BPR ’91, Deputy Secretary of the Cabinet (Plans and Consultations), Privy Council Office. Following an exciting announcement by the Alumnae Association and a delicious meal, Kennedy took to the stage, delivering a timely and informative talk on the role of public policy in Canada’s success. Proceeds from this memorable evening make it possible for the Alumnae Association to support students and the University in many ways.

Next year’s dinner is slated for Thursday, March 4, 2010, so mark the date!

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When the Obamas welcomed their new pooch, Bo, they had a powerful training tool at their fingertips thanks to Mount alumna, Adina MacRae, BPR ’00. MacRae is president of The Clicker Leash Co., a Halifax company specializing in pet-friendly training tools. It was hand-picked by a Los Angeles-based PR firm to be part of the First Puppy Gift Box.

The company’s flagship product, the Clicker Leash, was selected from over two hundred other dog-centric items to be gifted to the Obamas. First used with large animals in zoos and aquariums because of its efficiency and non-violent nature, clicker training has gained popularity among dog trainers since introduced in the early 1990’s. The Clicker Leash was among gourmet, homemade meals, organic treats, canine aromatherapy candles and crystal necklaces.

MacRae, a former co-op student, had work terms with the Department of Community Services and two terms with Corporate Communications Limited (now Colour).

“My co-op experience taught me the importance of detail and creativity as well as the need to hone my writing style and message to reach target audiences. This is the most important tool I am currently using from my public relations backpack,” she says.

She credits her PR degree and co-op education with giving her the opportunity to enter the corporate world immediately employable. Later, when MacRae decided to follow her passion for dogs and leave corporate life, she turned to the Mount again. The Centre for Women in Business provided MacRae with advice and counseling on how to turn her new dog training product into a viable business.
Janice Graham-Migel, BSA ’78, BEd ’79, MAEd ’83, is a tremendous example of an alumna with a life-long connection to the Mount. Besides completing three degrees at the Mount, she taught in the Department of Office Administration, was a researcher with the Institute for the Study of Women, served on the Board of the Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association (1999 - 2007), was a member of the Board of Governors (2005 - 2007), and Co-Chaired the Metro Chapter Annual Dinner for several years. Over the years, she also supervised several Mount students as part of their practicums and internships in schools.

Graham-Migel is currently a school guidance counsellor at Ridgecliff Middle School in the Halifax Regional School Board where her responsibilities include coordinating a Comprehensive Guidance and Counselling Program. In contrast to the traditional way of guidance and counselling, this Program is designed to assist the personal, social, educational and career development of students by shifting its focus from a position to a total school program that requires a professionally qualified counsellor for full implementation. The Program is based on a needs assessment and ongoing evaluation and has an advisory committee consisting of the school guidance counsellor, teen health centre coordinator, administrators, teachers and staff, students, parents and community members.

She is presently in the third year of piloting a program at the junior high school level based on the framework of the senior high school “Options and Opportunities” (O2) Program – where Janice is once again giving back to the Mount. The program is a partnership with Ridgecliff, the Mount and the Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC). Grade 8 and 9 students learn portfolio development, resume writing, and visit the campuses of the Mount and NSCC where they ‘test drive’ various diploma and degree programs. Not already busy enough, Graham-Migel is President of the School Counsellors Chapter of the Canadian Counselling Association and she also recently completed a PhD in Educational Administration at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto.

“My academic studies, as well as my teaching and research experience at the Mount, prepared me well for my work in Education over the years. It was a privilege to serve as a member of the Board of Governors and to be able to give back to the Mount through my volunteer work as a Board Member of the Alumnae Association.”

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Greetings from Oxford!

Jake Yorke, BSc ’08, Rhodes Scholar
Alumnae Relations, University Advancement is pleased to announce a new program offering our alumnae reduced rates at 60 hotels across Canada and in the United States which are managed by Pacrim Hospitality Services Inc. (PHSI).

“We are delighted to partner with Pacrim Hospitality Services Inc. in offering this program to our alumnae,” says Jone Mitchell, Associate Vice-President, Advancement at Mount Saint Vincent University. “Pacrim is a leader in the hotel management field and is a great supporter of the University. This program is an extension of our relationship which will benefit our alumnae.”

This new service for alumnae is in addition to the ongoing affiliation with Pacrim Hospitality Services Inc. It will guarantee a minimum discount of 10% off the best available rate at every hotel in the Pacrim portfolio, regardless of the season or the location. Along with great rates being offered, a portion of the room rate will be donated back to the Mount to support alumnae relations activities. The program features easy online booking at www.mountalumhotels.com and a toll-free number (1.866.908.7666) for immediate reservation assistance and confirmations. All alumnae need to do is request the Mount’s Alumnae Rate.

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“Pacrim Hospitality Services Inc. enjoys a long-standing relationship with Mount Saint Vincent University as a supporter of the Tourism and Hospitality Management Program. We are now pleased to have a partnership with the Mount Alumnae for the provision of hotel services throughout Canada,” Glenn Squires, CEO of PHSI said. “We are confident that the alumnae will appreciate the savings and the convenient reservations booking system this program offers.”

Pacrim Hospitality hosts the annual Pacrim Invitational Golf Tournament. The net proceeds from this annual event are designated to the Tourism and Hospitality Management program at Mount Saint Vincent University to be used to provide assistance to students, through an endowment, and to support various program needs.

Winner of the 2008 Pinnacle Award as Canada’s Hotel Company of the Year, Pacrim Hospitality Services Inc. is one of Canada's largest, privately-owned hotel management companies. Pacrim Hospitality is based in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and has for more than a decade, expertly managed hotels in partnership with many of the world’s most recognized brands. For more information and a complete listing of properties, please visit www.pacrimhospitality.com

We trust that our alumnae join us in welcoming Pacrim Hospitality Services Inc. as a new partner offering services to our alumnae.

For information: www.msvu.ca/alumnae
For reservations: www.mountalumhotels.com or 1.866.908.7666

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The Mount established the following:

Pacrim Hospitality Services Inc. Endowed Award for Excellence in Tourism and Hospitality Management is presented to a student graduating from the Tourism and Hospitality Management program with the highest aggregate.

Pacrim Hospitality Services Inc. Endowed Travel Award for the Tourism and Hospitality Management degree, to assist students enrolled in the Bachelor of Tourism and Hospitality Management program who took up residence outside of HRM to complete their co-op work term.

Pacrim Hospitality Services Inc. Endowed Leadership Award to provide assistance to a senior student enrolled in the Bachelor of Tourism and Hospitality Management program who has demonstrated leadership qualities and potential to contribute to the profession in the future.

Pacrim Hospitality Services Inc. Endowed Scholarships. Two scholarships – one to a full-time student entering the program directly from high school and one scholarship to a student from NSCC entering directly upon the completion of the NSCC Tourism and Hospitality Management Diploma.

The Pacrim Tourism and Hospitality Management Enhancement Fund to enhance scholarly activities and to provide funding for program needs for the Tourism and Hospitality program.
Alumnae Weekend Schedule 2009

**September**

**Friday, September 18**

**9:00 am**
Wine Tour in the Valley – Join sommelier Sean Buckland for a day filled with a tour of three wineries in the Annapolis Valley, lunch at the Tempest in Wolfville, and plenty of onboard fun.

**5:30-7:30 pm**
Martini Night at Vinnie’s

**Saturday, September 19**

**12:00 noon**
50th Class Jubilee Luncheon
Academy and College classes of 1959 are invited to join Kathryn Laurin, President and Vice-Chancellor, Mount Saint Vincent University, and Sheldon Miller, BBA ’99, President, Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association for a golden jubilee celebration.

**2:00 pm**
Come out to watch the Mystics play UNBSJ men and women at Mainland Common

**6:30 pm**
Alumnae Weekend Dinner at MacAskill’s

**Sunday, September 20**

**9:30 am**
Ecumenical Service in Our Lady of Wisdom Chapel, Evaristus Hall

**11:00 am**
Farewell Brunch. Gather to say goodbye to new friends and old. Special guests at the brunch are the Classes of 1954 and 1949.

**12:00 noon**
Get ready to cheer for the Mystics Soccer teams. Catch the women’s match between the Mount and Saint Thomas University at Mainland Common

**2:00 pm**
Men’s Match at Mainland Common

**Celebrating a Special Reunion?**

Campus Tours by request. Art Gallery open 1:00 - 5:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Alumnae rates available at the Holiday Inn Express (a Pacrim Hospitality Services Inc. property). Call 1.866.908.7666 (toll free) or book online at www.pacrimparticipates.com/mount-alumnae/

For more information about Alumnae Weekend 2009 call 902.457.6433 or 1.888.678.2586 (toll free), email alumnae@msvu.ca, or check out our website at www.msvu.ca/alumnae for more details.
I am very pleased to share with you this report of donations to Mount Saint Vincent University in 2008/09.

While preparing this report last year, we were certainly unaware of the challenges our individual and corporate donors were about to face in 2008. These challenging times have forced us all to work and live differently. Although we are confident that we’ll get through this, we want our donors and supporters to know that we are thinking of you, we appreciate your support in 2008 and, regardless of where the economy goes, we will continue to work diligently to ensure your gifts are used wisely and responsibly. In spite of the economy, we are moving forward, ensuring our students have the best university experience. We are able to move forward, not for what you are able to give now, but because you have stood by us in the past. For this, we thank you most sincerely.

This report includes the names of individuals, companies and associations who made a gift(s) between April 1, 2008 and March 31, 2009. The Fiscal Giving levels are noted in the table, recognizing all our donors. The pie chart, on page 22, indicates the areas, programs and initiatives that were supported.

We look to the future with great optimism and thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Jone E. Mitchell, CFRE
Associate Vice-President, Advancement

Thank You

Each and every gift to MSVU, whatever the size, makes an immediate difference. We want to show our appreciation for your generosity. Our giving circles recognize all our donors. Thank you for being a part of our success.

Fiscal Giving Recognition

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Mystics’ Society

Recognizes alumnae who have made their first gift to the University within two years of graduation.

1873 Society

The 1873 Society, which marks the year the Mount was founded, honours those who have notified the University of their intention to include Mount Saint Vincent University in their estate planning. The University recognizes with gratitude those alumnae and friends whose commitment to the Mount extends beyond their lifetime.

Can’t Find Your Name?

It’s possible that your gift fell outside the parameters of our reporting period (April 1, 2007 - March 31, 2008) or you had previously requested to remain anonymous. If you have questions, or are concerned that your name was missed, please contact University Advancement at 902.457.6764 or email debbie.mcintosh@msvu.ca.
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Greg Grice
Michael Jackson
Susan Patten ....................1997
Rosemarie Sampson .........1968
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Evelyn Burnham ..........1982
Julie Carroll ...............1963
Glenna Conrad ...............1988
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Craig Ennis ..................2000
Shirley Forde ...............1962
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Cheryl Hodder
Kathryn E. Laurin
Bruce Mansour .............1993
Jone Mitchell
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Elizabeth Parr-Johnston
Suzanne Reynolds ..........1966
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& Norman Uhl
Sarah & Gordie Veinot
Reed Weir
Donna Woolcott

Chelsey Briggs, BA '09

We have made every effort to ensure the accuracy of this information.
If you are aware of any errors or omissions, please call University Advancement at 902.457.6764 or toll free at 1-888-MSV-ALUM.

DONOR REPORT

Calling All Alumnae

Have you spoken to a Mount student this year? Each year, Sunday through Thursday between October and the end of March, student callers reach out to Mount alumnae, and friends. Contributions made through the Annual Giving Program help support a wide variety of projects across the University. Your generosity allows the Mount to attract top students, offer quality programs, and maintain our reputation as one of Canada’s top academic institutions.

Working in the Call Centre is very rewarding and I feel like I’m able to make a difference through my job. Also, talking to alumnae has given me a number of ideas about where my own degree might take me. As a student caller I both contribute to, and benefit from, the Mount community.

Chelsey Briggs, BA '09
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Jill Flinn................................ 1957
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Heather Fraser-Davey ............ 1968
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Janice Graham-Migen .............. 1983
Mary Grant ............................. 1969
C. Gail Granville ..................... 1968
Elizabeth Guinan ..................... 1958
Stephanie Hale ........................ 2003
Gwen Haliburton ....................... 1959
Gwendolyn Hampe ..................... 1959
Heather Hanson ........................ 2006
Mary Jane Harkins .................. 1972
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Jean Hartley ............................ 1947
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Mark your Calendar...

Black Tie Dinner & Bingo

November 25, 2009

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact University Advancement at 902.457.6270
Supporting a Journey - A Thank You to Donors

**Rachelle Payne, speaking at the 2008 Scholars’ Luncheon on November 20, 2008**

This scholarship means so much to me, and to my family who should also be rewarded for the constant support they have given me throughout my journey. To all recipients, scholarships represent and reward the hard work of students who are passionate about learning and acquiring knowledge. More profoundly, they represent trust - the trust that you, the donors, have invested in us, the students. A trust that is past from generation to generation to shape the world in which we live, and shape it well.

For this we thank you and offer our trust in return. Thank you to you and to Mount Saint Vincent University for guiding us in our educational journey - a journey that will last our entire lives, yet one that we will cherish each and every moment.

**Rachelle is a first year student pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree and a recipient of a Presidential Scholarship.**

**The 2009 Scholars’ Luncheon is scheduled for November 26, 2009.**
Preserving our Beautiful Campus

Mount Saint Vincent University has one of the most heavily treed campuses in the Atlantic Region. It has had the status of arboretum, which means having a diverse collection of trees and shrubs that encompass the property. Overlooking the ocean below, the Mount campus is undeniably beautiful.

The Gift Tree Program has been a tremendous success through the years. Approximately 100 trees have been planted on campus, adding to its beauty and charm. But with the success of this program, space to continue planting gift trees on campus is limited, at best. We are very excited therefore to introduce a new Gift Program.

We want to take advantage of our exceptional campus by creating welcoming and comfortable outdoor spaces. This includes creating sheltered social squares, to provide protection from the elements; increasing the number of benches, to sit and enjoy; and installing bike racks, to encourage health and wellness by taking a bike to school and work.

Another new strategy is to restore an urban forest on campus hit hard by Hurricane Juan in 2003. A series of footpaths run through this wooded section of land between Rosaria and Seton. With appropriate planning, such as the installation of park benches and removal of tree debris, we can create an environment to study, reflect, and enjoy the abundance of wildlife that surrounds us.

The new program will work much the same way as the gift tree program. The donors will be provided with a list of items and their purchase price. There will be the opportunity to choose from a list of available spaces on campus to locate the item and the wording that will appear on the plaque to be mounted. The gift will then be maintained and enjoyed for years to come.

Although the Gift Tree Program will no longer exist, we want to ensure donors that all existing gift trees will continue to be nurtured and well maintained.

For more information on the new Gift Program, please call 902.457.6270 or email lori.scott@msvu.ca.

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### The 1873 Society...Be a part of the future

The 1873 Society is a special group of alumnae and friends of Mount Saint Vincent University who have honored the university by making a provision for a future gift. A planned gift can have significant tax advantages, making a bequest a win-win for your loved ones and for future generations of students.

We are planning a tomorrow filled with promise and opportunity...and we’re Planning Tomorrow Together. Thank you for considering becoming a partner in the Mount’s success now and well into the future.

**For more information, please contact:**

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We are very pleased to announce that we are once again able to offer secure online giving. This option offers alumnae and friends the option to make a gift or pledge payment directly online using a simple, secure form. It’s as easy as clicking on the ‘donate now’ button on our website. Your gift will be processed promptly by University Advancement staff and a tax receipt issued.
The Sisters of Charity Motherhouse is now being dismantled. The building hasn’t served the Sisters’ needs for many years and in early 2008, it was announced that the most viable option was deconstruction.

This was the third Motherhouse for the international congregation based in Halifax. When the building was opened in 1959, it was the largest structure east of Montreal. It was designed to accommodate 900 Sisters and Academy students with a gymnasium, an auditorium and a chapel the size of a parish church. The Motherhouse served the broader community in many different capacities as it was renovated and space was repurposed over the years.

Congregational Leader Sister Donna Geernaert, BSc ’64, said that dismantling it “was not an easy decision, but it reflects our recognition of deteriorating conditions in the building and changes in the real estate market in recent years. Decisions around the Motherhouse building and property need to be practical ones, based on what’s best for the future of the Congregation.”

The Sisters of Charity contracted Shannex to construct a new building just across the road from the Motherhouse, at the top of the hill above campus. Approximately 100 retired Sisters are now living on five floors of a comfortable, attractive new home called Caritas Residence. The ground floor of the building is a totally separate space called the Sisters of Charity Centre, housing the “head office” of the Congregation: Leadership Team, finance, communications and advancement offices, and the congregational archives.

Though a few significant elements from the Motherhouse were incorporated into the new building, most of its contents were donated or sold. Proceeds from the sale of the more than 12,000 auction items will help support Sisters’ projects here and internationally.

The Casavant organ is now installed at St. Agnes Church, Halifax. Stained glass panels are now located at the Sacred Heart Boys’ School, Saint Benedict Parish and in private collections. Pews went to various churches and even a restaurant in Bedford. The green plush auditorium seating found new homes with Dartmouth Players, the Yarmouth Regional Arts Council, and Evergreen Theatre in Margaretsville. Paintings were donated to various collections including the Musée de Kent in Bouctouche, NB (home town of artist Sister Agnes Berchmans) and the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia. Furniture and hundreds of other pieces were donated to Parker Street Furniture Bank, Habitat for Humanity, Metropolitan Immigrant Settlement Association and other non-profits. Some items went as far as Ghana, in a container filled with furniture, books, linens and physiotherapy equipment.

The Motherhouse building is being dismantled in a way that is both environmentally sensitive and economically sound. Materials will be reused to the extent possible. The Motherhouse has played a part in thousands of lives over its 49-year lifespan. Sisters remember its early years when they were novices, and the many Congregational celebrations. Others reminisce about their time there as students, staff or retreat participants. They found support and comfort at the dePaul Centre, in the Chapel, in visits with individual Sisters.

What many people remember is the camaraderie, the warm welcome, the caring environment. That hospitality and caring is still there, on the Halifax property and everywhere else a Sister of Charity lives and serves. The Sisters of Charity mission – their spirit, their work, their service to others – doesn’t depend on a building.

Motherhouse Memories

The Congregation is creating a commemorative piece to reflect some of the many happy stories and memories. Please share your best memory of the Motherhouse with the Sisters. Keep your story to less than 500 words, include any photos by July 15, if possible.

Please email your Motherhouse memory to communications@schalifax.ca or call the Sisters of Charity Communications Office at 406-8119 to make other arrangements.
1947

JOY (LAKE) HANLON, ACAD ’47, BSc ’50
In October 2008, Joy and friends met at the Mount Motherhouse for a luncheon. The ladies — who had mainly graduated from the Mount between 1950 and 1952 — came from all over the US and Canada for the event. They had a wonderful time and hope to make this an annual event. Attendees included: Marie (Martin) Jones, BA ’51, DipEd ’52, BEd ’55; Sheila (Dunphy) Huck, BA ’51, BEd ’52; Sister Irene (Evelyn) White, BScHE ’50; Dr. Joan MacLeod, BA ’50, DipEd ’51, BEd ’56; Jean (Curran) Knickle, BSc ’51; Denise MacLeod, BA ’62, MA ’69, BEd ’03; Dr. Mary Cossitt, BA ’51, DipEd ’52, Florence Whitby, BSc ’51, BLS ’52; Sister Margaret Molloy, BA ’49, DipEd ’52, BLS ’52, Marie (Todd) Murphy, BA ’50, BEd ’51, DipEd ’52; Dr. Mary Grant, BA ’52, BEd ’63, MA ’03; Sister Greta Conrad, BScHE ’50, and Joy. Joy passed away on January 5, 2009.

PETER ZWICKER, BBA
Peter Zwicker is an active politician in the historic UNESCO Town of Lunenburg. He was recently re-elected to serve as Town Councillor and serves as Deputy Mayor. Peter turned 50 in June 2008, and he has rekindled his interest in music with his band DNR. In March of 2008, Peter received certification from the Project Management Institute. Peter invites his friends to contact him at peter@zwickco.ca.

1964

YOLANDA SETT, BSA
Since leaving the Mount in 1964, Yolanda has worked as a Vincentian Volunteer with the Sisters of Charity mission in Guatemala. She would love to hear from her old classmates. Yolanda can be found on Facebook.

BARBARA SMITH, ACAD
Barbara would love to reconnect with her MSV Academy classmates (1961 – 1964). She is hoping to create an online photo album of her times at the Mount, and would love to share and receive pictures.

1974

ANN FOTHERGILL-BROWN, BA
Ann is living out a 35 year dream of running a Bed & Breakfast. Her business, Newboro House, is located in Newboro, ON, and may be found online at www.newborohouse.com.

1981

CYNTHIA FRY, BHEc
Cynthia married Donald McIntosh in Bermuda on April 17, 2008. They renewed their vows on March 6, 2009 amid family and friends, including their bicycle team, at Bicycles Plus in Bedford, NS.

1983

CHRISTINE WEEKS-McLEAN, BCS
Christine was recognized with a 2007 Public Service Award of Excellence for her work in promoting quality child care in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. She currently is working as a Child Care Services consultant with the province.

1984

DEBBY GLADSTONE, BA
Debby is working for Total Fall Protection, a safety company in Dartmouth, NS. She and her son, Jacob, reside in Halifax. She invites fellow alumnae to contact her by email at dgladstone@hotmail.com.

1987

ELLEN (REDDEN) Mclaughlin, BA
Ellen Redden married Brendan McLaughlin on March 20, 2008 in their home with a small group of friends and relatives in attendance. Ellen McLaughlin can be reached at 8 Halfmile Lane, Timberlea, NS B3T 2K1.

1988

WENDY (CHAPMAN) McVEIGH, BHEc, CertGer ’93
Wendy McVeigh was recently awarded the 2008 Premier’s Award of Excellence for her work in Continuing Care. She currently works as District #1 Manager of Continuing Care for the NS Department of Health. She lives in Tantallon with husband Chris and son Matthew.

1989

MICHAEL BENNETT, BBA, BEd ’01
For the past 7 years, Michael has worked on faculty at the School of Business at the Nova Scotia Community College. He operates several small informational websites in his spare time. He and his wife Pam, BScHE ’94, live in Middle Sackville and recently adopted 2 baby girls, Ava & Sofie. Michael can be reached at Michael.Bennett@nscc.ca.

1990

CHARLENE FEKESZAZY, BBA ’90
Charlene, Marketing Director, as a member of the EastMed team was recognized as Marketer of the Year by Progress Magazine. The EastMed story was featured in the November 2008 issue of the magazine.

1992

KAREN (CASEY) HUTT, BBA
In September 2008, Karen Hutt was elected Board Chair of Junior Achievement of Nova Scotia. This appointment furthers Karen’s commitment to the organization, where she’s served as a volunteer since 2001. Karen is currently the Director, Power Origination and Asset Management with Emera Energy.

DAWN (HAYMAN) MALLYON, BPR
Dawn was recently promoted to Director of Marketing for Hitachi ID Systems Inc., a global identity management software company. Dawn can be found on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

1993

KELLI HARLOW WATSON, BSc, BA ’96, BEd ’00
Kelli married Master Corporal Bradley Watson on April 26, 2008 at Saint George’s Round Church in Halifax. Kelli is currently teaching at Sylvan Learning Centre in Dartmouth. The happy couple reside in Cole Harbour, NS. Former classmates may contact Kelli at kharlow05@hotmail.com
Do you know the face?

This issue’s *Do you know the face* is a little different. It was inspired by new alumna Laura Hambleton, BA (Hon) ’09. Hambleton completed a research project for Professor Jane Gordon’s Women’s Studies Methodologies course in the fall of 2008. She explored the Mount archives to learn more about student life during WWII. Here’s a snapshot from that time. Hambleton earned an A+ for her efforts and Dr. Gordon praised her “well-written, organized and original work.”

You knew the face?

Response from Nancy (Carson) MacLeod, BCS ’81

The woman (second from the right) with her face turned is Glenna Mendelson and the woman to her right is Mary Morin. I believe the third woman from the left is Pat Clement, originally from Montreal.

Can you help us identify anyone else in this, or the class photo above, please contact the Editor, *Folia Montana* at alumnae@msvu.ca.
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2001

ALLISON GERRARD, BPR
Allison recently graduated from Dalhousie University with a Master of Public Administration. Allison is the media relations manager for Dalhousie’s Medical School. She can be reached at allisongerrard@hotmail.com.

2002

KRISTA (MacKAROUS) HETHERINGTON, BAA (FS), CertCR ‘04
Krista and daughter Ashlyn would like to extend their appreciation to everyone who has lent support following the passing of her husband, Jamie, on June 8, 2008. Krista is grateful for the cards, calls, hugs and support that her Mount family has shown them throughout this difficult time.

AMANDA LINDSAY, BPR ’02, CertMktg ’02
Amanda has accepted a new position as Manager of Corporate Relations & Special Events at the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia.

2005

CYNDI (ROWLINGS) CAVE, BPR ’05, CertMktg ’05

DAVE McGRATH, BPR
In October 2008, Dave was promoted to Director – Marketing and Strategic Development at Vector Aerospace. He has been employed with Vector Aerospace in Vancouver, BC since September 2006. Old friends and classmates are invited to contact him at dave.mcgrath@vectoraerospace.com.

MORGAN McWADE, CA, BBA
Morgan successfully passed the UFE on December 5, 2008, receiving his Chartered Accountant designation. He placed in the top of his class and achieved a place on the Dave Hope Honour Role.

2006

TARA MacDONALD, BBA
Tara established Charlie Mac Productions, a Nova Scotia-based film company. The company launched a vodcast on January 30, 2009. This vodcast, which appears on YouTube, showcases a range of film and video content.

2007

MICHELLE BAIKIE, MEd
Michelle is pursuing her Master of Philosophy in Educational Research at the University of Cambridge in England.

MICHAEL KYDD, BPR
Michael was recently recognized with a Special Recognition award for his volunteerism with the Canadian Cancer Society (Nova Scotia Division). Michael is also a member of the Board of Directors of Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association.

2008

LAURA NEWCOMB, BAA (CYS)
Laura recently accepted a position as a youth worker at the Nova Scotia Youth Facility, in Waterville, NS. She is doing well and is excited to be working in her chosen field.

CHARLINE WAHRMANN-TAYLOR, BEd
Charline is one of the Mount’s newest alumnae, graduating in 2008 with her BEd in Association with Saint Joseph’s Teachers’ College in Jamaica. Charline was the class valedictorian and the recipient of the Senate’s Medal of Distinction.

Helen Domshy, BSc ’61, came out to cheer on the #1 ranked Mount Mystics men’s basketball team at the CCAA National Championships in Prince George, BC
The Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association has made a donation towards Alumnae Association scholarships and bursaries in memory of the following alumnae.

1930s
Gwendolyn (Harnish) Campbell, ACAD ’30
December 24, 2008
Rose Ellen (Sullivan) Macneill, BA ’36, DipEd ’37
February 5, 2009

1940s
Joy (Lake) Hanlon, ACAD ’47, BSc ’50
January 5, 2009
Lilian Jones, ACAD ’42
October 18, 2008

1950s
Sr. Pauline Deal, BA ’57
January 27, 2009
Colleen (Williams) Meagher, BSc ’54
October 10, 2008

1960s
Dorothy Bezanger, BA ’64, BEd ’65
June 15, 2008
Sr. Rita Curran, BSc ’61
December 6, 2008
Sr. Elana Killilee (Paul Mark), BA ’67
January 12, 2009
Sr. Elsie Martin, BA ’63
September 2008
Sr. Mary Schutte, BA ’64
November 6, 2008

1970s
Mary (Caborn) Brothers, BBA ’79
April 4, 2009
Stephanie (Limpert) Leggat, ACAD ’70
December 24, 2008
Rev. Gordon MacLean, BA ’78
December 11, 2008
Sheri Maureen Shankel-Woolfrey, BHEc ’76
December 2, 2008

1980s
Patricia Heit, CertGer ’85
May 23, 2007
Barbara Miller, CertGer ’88
December 22, 2008
Arleigh Watson, BA ’81
October 25, 2008

1990s
Heather Bell, BOA ’92, BBA ’94
October 22, 2008
Shirley (Davis) Coffin, BEd ’91
MEd ’97, MEd ’01
February 16, 2009
Dyrick McDermott, BA ’94
April 16, 2009
George Poitras, BA ’97
February 15, 2009

2000s
E. Marilee (Cooper) MacNeill, MEd ’00
June 1, 2008
Linda Palmer, BEd ’06
November 1, 2008
Gregor Sperry, BEd ’05
April 30, 2009
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