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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are always talking about the people of Luther College, what they do and how much they contribute to this College. And let's be clear—this is no great revelation. Any CEO worth her or his salt will tell you that an organization is only as great as its people. But there is a particular combination of enthusiastic volunteerism and professional expertise that comes together at Luther College which contributes to its success. To illustrate the point, while avoiding singling out individuals, I want to draw attention to three main groups at our College: our faculty and staff, our Board of Regents, and our parents.

Our faculty and staff at both campuses are among the most dedicated of professionals. At the University campus this is so evident in the efforts our faculty and staff put into their work, ensuring that our students receive the best instruction available and that they have the counselling they need to succeed in their degree programs. These efforts at times border on volunteerism: our counselling staff devote the time necessary to ensure that all our students get timely counselling, and our faculty members commit extra administrative hours, despite dedicated teaching and research schedules, to ensure that the College's strategic plans move forward.

Similarly, our High School campus faculty and staff continually amaze me with the extra hours they devote. The professional expertise of our faculty is evident in that most faculty members have two degrees: one in education and another in the discipline they teach. They combine this expertise with extra hours in the gym, on the stage, or in a

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huge variety of extra-curricular activities—all to ensure that our students receive an education that is much more than the scholarly rigour of the classroom.

Members of our Board of Regents also demonstrate this combination of professionalism and volunteer enthusiasm. A volunteer Board of local experts and leaders, they devote scores of hours monthly to ensure that our College remains financially viable and strategically positioned. Lawyers, accountants, project leaders, spiritual leaders, communication experts, engineers, corporate executives, and educators—all use their expertise to ensure the continued success of

Luther College, with no compensation other than the knowledge that they have contributed to this success. At almost every meeting I learn something new from these dedicated professionals who volunteer of their expertise, their wisdom, and their time.

Finally, our parents contribute in so many different ways. Those who actively participate in our Parents' Association bring their concerns as parents but also their expertise as organizers and civic leaders. Other parents are dedicated volunteers, working at our All College dinner, the musical, L.I.T., and in so many of our extracurricular activities. Finally, there are parents who not only provide support for their students but also volunteer their professional expertise for our faculty and staff.

We thank all these people of professional expertise and great volunteerism for all that they have contributed to the community of excellence that is Luther College.

Bryan Hillis (U'78), Ph.D.
President, Luther College

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MESSAGE FROM THE PULPIT

The sign on my door reads:
Sean Bell – Chaplain.

Sometimes I'm tempted to change the sign on my door to read: Research and Development wing of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

I'm tempted to do this because in this chaplaincy ministry we hold central the freedom to talk about anything... to challenge everything. We are nimble enough to try new things and to consider our context with eyes looking from every angle. We are surrounded by people of many different perspectives, understandings, faith traditions, and countries of origin.

To journey through Lent, Luther College Chaplaincy did a unique movie/bible/book study in place of our regular Sunday evening worship. It was called "Chocolat" for Lent." (Author Hilary Brand wrote a devotional book on this movie which inspired the topic.) In the movie, we find many interesting characters attempting to live life in very different ways as new and interesting people come and go from a small French town. Many interesting discussions were held on the best way to be human... the best way to live, the

best rules to follow, and the rules that really need to be thrown out.

This study happened in the context of all the challenges that face our Luther College students. Studies show that mental health challenges and concerns are on the rise. The process of facing and embracing the truth about our Canadian history while finding ways to grow in relationship with

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our Indigenous treaty partners is ever before us. The shifting core question of what it means to be Luther College this year and into the future is, as always, ever before us. One thing is clear... more research and development is needed to engage the challenges of being fully human and to embrace the vocational calling of loving our neighbours as our selves.

Yet we are confident. We have great staff and faculty, and we have the courage to engage the reform that our current situation demands and to look to the future challenges that will soon be upon us. We write, publish, and engage the public. We work with Multifaith Saskatchewan. We continue to engage URPride in discussion and programs (most notably the Positive Space Network and the new "Queer Interfaith Discussion group"), and our multi-faith Peer Chaplains model self-care, respect for neighbours, and openness to discussion and learning about others' perspectives.

Thanks be to God for the excitement and call to further research and development of what it means to be human in the context of Luther College – a model of what Canada and the world could be.

Pastor Sean Bell
Chaplain,
Luther College at the University of Regina

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ALUMNI PROFILE

Written by Amber Peters (U'06)

RANDY HAATVEDT (HS'72)

A KIDNEY LOST, A FRIENDSHIP GAINED

Randy Haatvedt (HS'72) has never been one to take his blessed life and good health for granted. He made a remarkably self-sacrificing decision after hearing that a long-time “friendly acquaintance” was facing kidney failure. That decision resulted in the loss of one kidney, but the gain of a lifelong friendship.

Randy says that he and Pat Dardano—the organ recipient and a man he now considers “one of [his] closest friends”—weren’t “friends,” per se, prior to the transplant. While working in downtown Calgary in the late eighties, Randy would occasionally get a shoeshine from Pat.

The two men “quite enjoyed talking to each other” and developed a mutual appreciation and respect over twenty years of shoeshine appointments, which continued even after Randy left his job in downtown Calgary. Randy says he was aware that Pat had been ill, but did not know the details. In 2011, Pat revealed that a long-time illness, Wegener’s Granulomatosis, had resulted in severely reduced kidney function. Soon a transplant would be necessary to save his life.

“After I left the visit, something awoke in me. I thought, ‘I’ve had a good life. I am in good health and was there something I could do?’” After thinking seriously about organ donation for a couple of months, Randy made some calls and the rest is the best kind of history. Even prior to testing, both men had a strong sense that this was right. “We both felt that it was just going to work out. We had no reason to believe this, but we just had, at that early stage, a feeling that everything would be okay.” And both men’s intuition proved true; after approximately four months of stringent, rigorous tests—both physical and psychological—the transplant took place on July 11, 2012.

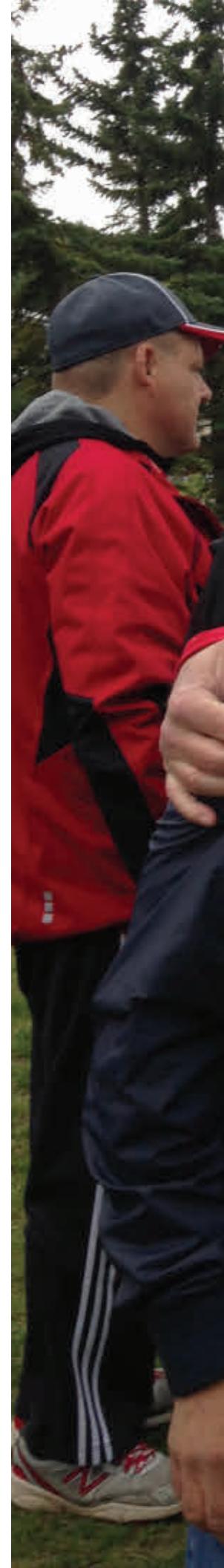
Going through such a physically and emotionally demanding experience together altered their relationship in a way that

Randy says was not expected: “Where before we were acquaintances, now we are the best of friends. [This outcome was] not the intent, but I love it.”

Giving back is clearly a priority for Randy, who now, with a healthy Pat by his side, works with the Kidney Foundation of Canada in Calgary on fundraising efforts and events. For many, giving back comes in the form of time, not organs, but that was not the path for Randy. “Why did I do this instead of something less physically invasive? I don’t know. It was a decision that I was at peace with. I never felt an obligation to do it. It was something I simply wanted to do. And in my case, I felt lucky because I had the pleasure of knowing and liking and respecting the person who would receive it.”

“Throughout the entire process, I wasn’t nervous at all,” reflects Randy. “I felt taken care of by the medical community. They wanted it to happen just as I did, but they weren’t going to risk my health.” And to others considering organ donation? “I would encourage them to look into it. It can be very fulfilling.” As a final reflection on his experience, Randy says, “I received a tremendous amount of satisfaction... more so than I thought I would before this process,”—a satisfaction that resurfaces whenever he watches his friend Pat enjoy family moments that might otherwise have never been.

Relationships marked by a close, lifelong and life-changing connection are not a new phenomenon to Randy, who after graduating from Luther College High School in 1972 moved into the Luther College at the University of Regina (LCUR) Residence. Although Randy lived in the LCUR dorms for only two years while taking some undergraduate classes through the University of Regina, he says that it was “one of the best experiences of [his] life.”





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KENNETH RING (U'81)

SERVING THE PEOPLE OF SASKATCHEWAN

Kenneth Ring (U'81) has always had a fascination with rules and how they operate in societies. "I was always interested in how people regulate themselves, and how society regulates itself—how it runs. What are the rules? Why do we follow them? That process piece was always important to me."

With this innate curiosity, a career in law was a natural choice. "Being a lawyer was always the goal," he says, but his passion for law was underpinned by an intention to use his legal vocation to help people and make a difference in his community. "I was interested in public law," Ken says. "Working for the Department of Justice, I realized that lawyers could have an influence on public policy."

Since graduating from law school in 1986, he has dedicated his legal career entirely to the field of public service and since 1999 has been the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel (LCPC) for the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan—the only position of its kind in the province, and one of only a handful of such positions in the country. "The uniqueness of holding this public position means that I get to practise law in a way that none of my other law colleagues do."

As LCPC, Ken works for the sixty-one members of the Legislative Assembly, who pass proposed legislation to bring it into law. Ultimately, Ken's role is to provide legal advice to the Assembly, and to produce the Annual Bound Volume of Statutes that is the definitive text of the statute law. He drafts legislation for private members to enable them to bring forward their thoughts and ideas publicly, and is also responsible for reviewing all regulations passed by cabinet—ensuring that the cabinet is not exceeding the power the Assembly has given to it.

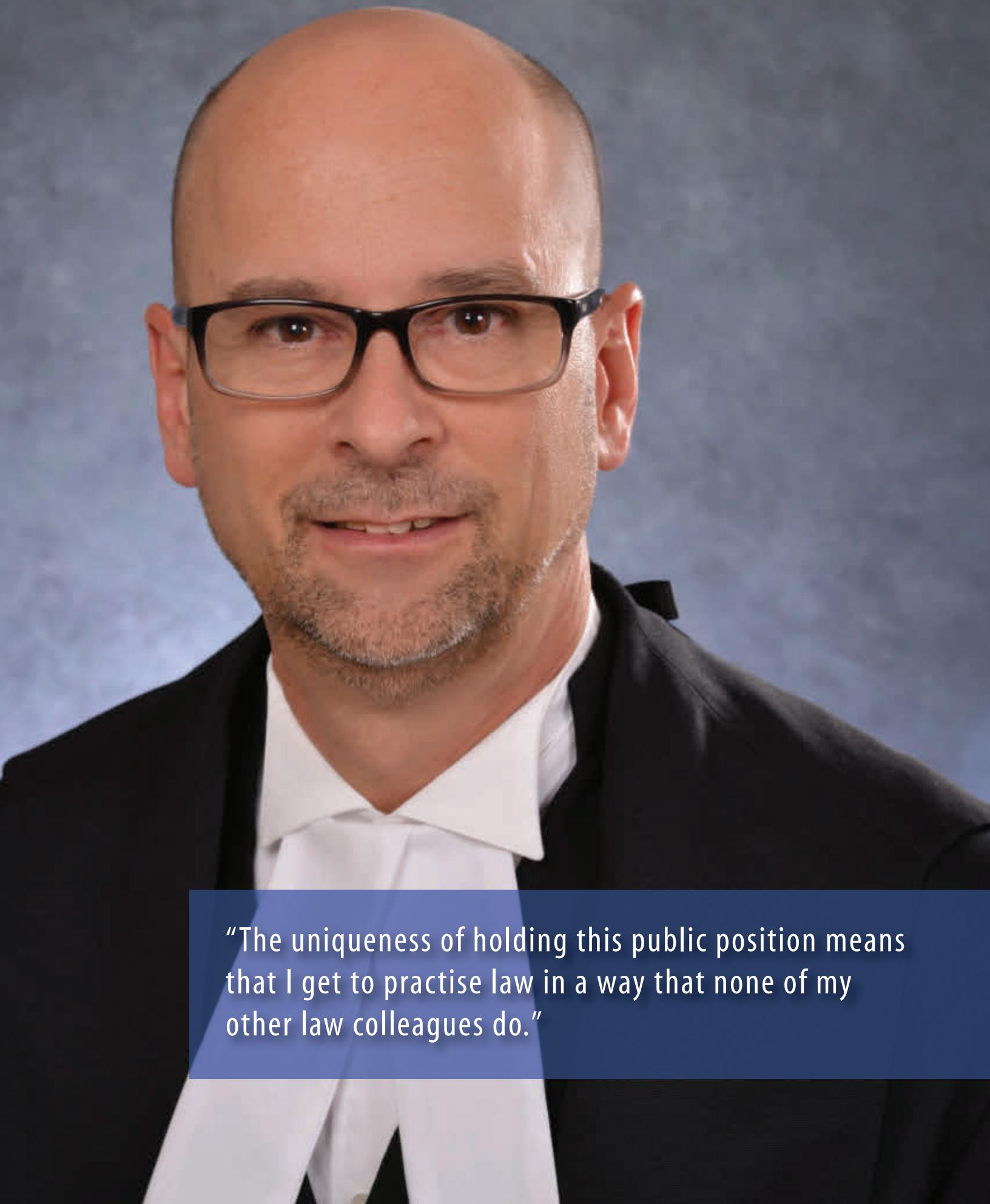
In February 2007, he was appointed Table Officer of the Assembly. As such, he is present for legislative assembly debates to ensure that the rules that apply to the formal debating process are being followed, and to give procedural advice to the Speaker and to members on both sides to reduce their chances of speaking out of order and being shut down by the Speaker. This role gives him the opportunity to engage in the procedural side of the formal debate process, as well as the legal outcomes it produces.

"I really enjoy providing advice to the Speaker," Ken says. "He's the elected of the elected; he is the choice of the sixty-one people that the million people in our province chose. I work for the members, but in another way, I'm really working for the people of Saskatchewan. It's an honour to occupy a public position and to serve the people of Saskatchewan."

While Ken feels honoured to work for his fellow Saskatchewanians, it is the Assembly, and the people of Saskatchewan who selected them, who are the true benefactors of Ken's legal expertise. The impact Ken has made in his career was recognized in 2008 when he was honoured with a Queen's Counsel designation.

What is clear about Ken is that the optimism, compassion, and work ethic that accompanied him and was further instilled during his time as an undergraduate at Luther has not dissipated in the least. His belief that working in the public service "is a noble profession," and that he's "helping everybody, rather than just a few people," has made his passion for serving others a motivating force every day.

To learn more about Ken's legal career and his memories of Luther College, please visit www.luthercollege.edu/university/lutherstory

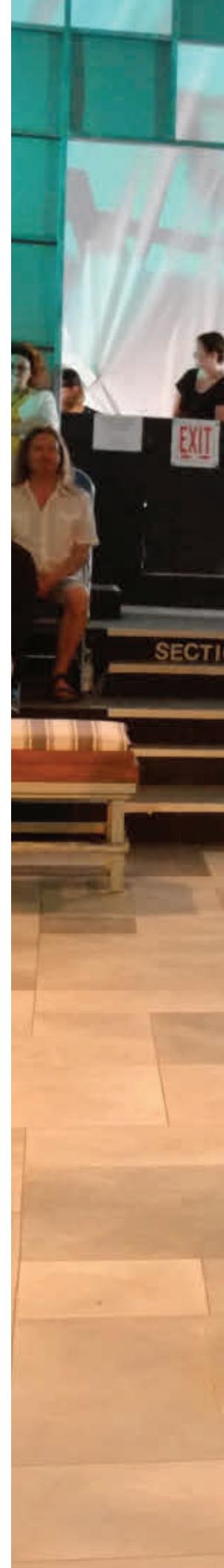


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WILLIAM BROOKS (U'00)



EMBRACING DIVERSITY THROUGH THEATRE

When **William (Will) Brooks (U'00)** accepted the position of Artistic Producer for the theatre company Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan in 2014, he did so with a sense of “coming home.”

After graduating from Luther College at the University of Regina in 2000 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Theatre Performance, Will spent a handful of years doing contract work as an actor—including many roles in Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan productions—and in nearly every position off-stage, including writing, directing, and stage management.

Prior to his appointment as Artistic Producer, Will had been working at Persephone Theatre in Saskatoon as the Youth Program Director. Will helped to grow the theatre school from ninety to 400 students and saw the inception of the new Youth Presentation Series as well as The Young Company. Will now has the pleasure of working with adult actors whom he taught as children at Persephone.

Will admits he was hesitant to leave Persephone, but ultimately couldn’t pass up the opportunity: “[Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan] is a company I really love and respect. It has an amazing history and a lot of potential. And it holds a special place in my heart: this was the company that gave me my very first role as a professional actor after graduation. I spent some of the best summers of my life there.”

Under Will’s direction, a current focus for the theatre is embracing and representing diversity in its work. “There is a major gender imbalance in theatre, but it’s even more extreme in classical theatre,” says Will. To create more gender-balanced casts, they employ methods such as gender-blind casting, a

tactic they utilized in 2016 when they did a play called *J.Caesar*, a version of *Julius Caesar* with an all-female cast.

Ensuring that women and diverse groups are adequately represented on-stage is something Will is passionate about, not only to provide those groups with equal opportunity in the workforce, but also because the words of Shakespeare—the great master playwright—“hold a great deal of power. By only giving those words to a select group of people, we limit that power to that group and [are] withholding it from other groups. It’s only right to be sharing that power. And when an audience views those people on the stage as having power, a very silent damage is being done if they themselves aren’t represented.”

Will says that diversity also provides for a higher production value. “A fascinating thing happens when an Indigenous artist gets to speak those words. They bring their perspectives and backgrounds to the words and to the characters they play.” This was demonstrated when in 2015 Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan partnered with the Gordon Tootoosis Nīkānīwin Theatre, an Indigenous theatre in Saskatoon, to produce an indigenized version of *Othello* wherein the script and storylines were adapted to include Cree language, traditions, and ceremonies.

Ultimately, Will views each play as an opportunity to have a conversation with his audience, and he is very mindful about what he is saying. He recalls that when working with children at Persephone he “carr[jed the] burden of teaching something.” And while “the obligation to teach is apparent when you’re working with kids,” Will contends that “this approach can and should apply to adult audiences as well.”

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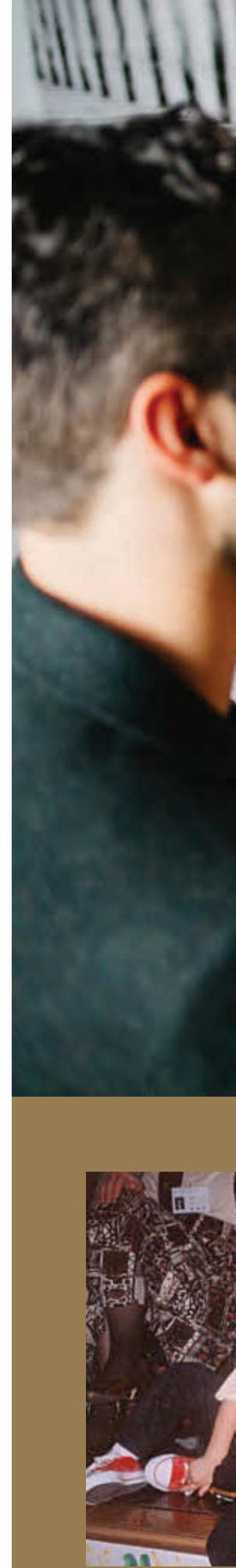


"I want to entertain them, and that's good and impactful but it's even more impactful to improve their community. And we can do that by putting people on stage that look like the people in the communities of our audience members. It provides a message of self-worth."

ALUMNI PROFILE

Written by Amber Peters (U'06)

TYNAN ALLAN WENARCHUK (HS'10)



LUTHER THE ROOT OF SUCCESS

For **Tynan Allan Wenarchuk (HS'10)**, life at Luther College High School (LCHS) didn't begin in grade nine. "I went to my first Luther Invitational Tournament when I was two weeks old," he says with a laugh. Like many alumni, his history with Luther is intertwined in family. His mother, **Heather Wenarchuk (HS'87)**, and uncles **Jeff Christiansen (HS'84)** and **Chad Christiansen (HS'91)** attended the school, his grandmother Barbara was the treasurer for many years, and his grandfather, Allan Christiansen, worked as Dean of Men, a teacher, Vice Principal, and Principal for thirty years.

Tynan's family—his grandparents in particular—are such a core part of the Luther community and its growth that they were recently honoured at the Founders' Day Dinner this past November. (More on that on page 11.) In spite of his busy schedule, Tynan made sure to be present at the event to celebrate his grandparents' contributions to Luther. His attendance was important, not only as a supportive grandson, but also as a nod to the place, the people, and the history in which his own success is rooted.

After graduating from LCHS in 2010, he moved to Calgary, where he completed an Honours Degree in Kinesiology, obtaining a Bachelor of Science in 2014. Tynan began working with executives of major corporations to improve their health and wellness—making tweaks to their lifestyle and diet which would allow them to maintain a high level of productivity in the various demands of their busy lives. Tynan observed a common theme: "One thing that limited all of them was their workplace environment; their culture seemed to work against them staying healthy and performing in their roles. Often, their issues related back to the people who worked with and for them. I started to look into workplace wellness... and that led me to the broader concept of company culture."

Tynan began spending his free time researching company culture and then started sharing recommendations, as aside, with his clients. When these clients began consistently reporting what a positive impact these recommendations had had in their workplaces, Tynan says, "It was a light-bulb moment. I knew I had to pursue this further." And, thus, Illuminate was born. Tynan is the Founder and CEO of the company, now in its third year, based out of Calgary, Alberta.

The company's mission is to build high-performing organizations by focusing on developing company cultures that intentionally care for and develop their people. Tynan finds his work extremely rewarding. Quoting Hebrews 10:24—*Let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good works*—he says, "I get to do that in this role. I can go into an organization, spur them on to love and good deeds, and show how that equates to business performance. It's pretty cool that God has called me to this!"

In 2017, he was selected as the G20 Young Entrepreneur Delegate for Canada and travelled to Berlin, Germany to take part in the Summit. As the current representative voice for young entrepreneurship, Tynan works on policy to lobby government, including Canada's G20 Leader, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, for the supports that young entrepreneurs such as himself need to be successful in their business ventures.

When Tynan isn't running his company, he is a musician, dancer, fitness instructor and missionary. Whatever role he's functioning in, Tynan's motivation remains steadfast: "We are body, mind and spirit! In my imperfect way, I hope to always bring good health, abundance, and the love of God."



"Luther is a place where you come to get serious about your future. It really is a place that won't settle for less than your best. So, if you've got dreams of doing something incredible with your life and want to get an early start on accomplishing that, Luther would be the place to go."

Isaac Becker (HS'11), Tynan Wenarchuk and Emilia Becker (HS'13) at one of their first L.I.T.s.

2018 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Each year, Luther College hosts a Founders' Day event to recognize the contributions of its valued donors, past and present, who have participated in the establishment and growth of the College. This year, Luther College honoured 21 new members into the Founders' Society, for various lifetime giving levels, ranging from \$10,000 to \$1,000,000. There are now 230 families, individuals, and organizations who are members of the Founders' Society.



Rev. Dr. Roland Miller



Back Row (L-R): Bill Stahl, Paul Antrobus, Phil Engstrom
Middle Row (L-R): Richard Hordern, Bruce MacDonald, Art Krentz
Seated: Morris Anderson, Roland Miller

ROLAND MILLER

In his seventeen years at Luther College at the University of Regina, Rev. Dr. Roland Miller helped strengthen the College academically, establish a robust affiliation with the University of Regina (U of R), and build a foundation for Luther's relationship with the Muslim community of Saskatchewan.

Luther grew as a centre for academic creativity and leadership on campus as a result of Roland's vision and initiative. Together with Father Isidore Gorski, he initiated and developed the Religious Studies program for the U of R and its federated colleges, established a summer centre for international languages, and was instrumental in the founding of the Luther Lecture.

He was known by so many students as a wonderful academic counsellor, friend and always an amazing teacher in difficult times. Miller also formed close and respectful relationships with the Muslim community in Regina through his research in Islamic Studies and his work between Muslim communities and between those communities and the U of R. Thanks to the efforts of Dr. Miller, Luther found its place as an important and well-respected federated College at the University of Regina and a friend of the Muslim community, two relationships that remain strong today. Dr. Miller has continued to write about Islam in India since his retirement, producing two milestone volumes on Mappila Muslims in Malabar.

"Our Distinguished Service Award recipients have

RECOGNIZING ROLAND MILLER AND BARBARA & THE LATE ALLAN CHRISTIANSEN

Three worthy people were honoured with a Distinguished Service Award at Luther College's annual Founders' Day celebrations on Thursday, November 16, 2017, at Luther College High School. This honour, established in 2011, is granted to individuals who have shown dedication to and support for Luther College and its mission through their ongoing loyalty, commitment, outstanding contribution, and service.



Allan & Barbara Christiansen

BARBARA & THE LATE ALLAN CHRISTIANSEN

For over thirty years, Allan and Barbara Christiansen served the students of Luther College. They were both beloved members of the faculty and staff, admired by students and colleagues alike.

In 1964, Allan began his career at Luther as the Dean of Men and a teacher of English and Christian Ethics. Allan went on to become the Director of Student Services and Vice-Principal before becoming Principal from 1991 to 1994. As chapel speaker, trusted guidance counsellor, and hockey coach, "Pastor C" as he was affectionately known, touched the lives of thousands of students. A pastor by nature, the name by which he was known could not have been a more appropriate description of the role he played in the lives of so many people. Allan retired in 1995 and passed away in July 1998.

Barbara served Luther College as treasurer from 1985 to 1998. Her office door was always open and welcoming. She supported students by attending extra-curricular activities and kept in touch with many after graduation. Pastor and Mrs. C were especially supportive of the international students—at that time, mostly from Hong Kong.

Pastor and Mrs. C were the heart of Luther College for decades. They developed relationships and connections with thousands of students, many of which continue to this day.



Barb and Al at Luther College in the early 1990's.

given selflessly to the College in so many ways."

President Bryan Hillis (U'78)

To nominate someone for the Distinguished Service Award, visit www.luthercollege.edu



LUTHER COLLEGE REFORM

2017 marked the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 theses to the door of the church at Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. The following images are event highlights from Luther College's year-long celebration.

JANUARY



Junker Jorg 1521, a portrait of Martin Luther by Diego Lasansky, and commemorative 500th Anniversary plaque are revealed at the High School and University campuses. Lasansky writes, "This is a visual interpretation of Luther while he was hiding in Wartburg Castle [in 1521]. I worked a beard into this image and gave his renaissance hat subtle jester-like features to add to the idea of his disguise."

Table Talk Speaker Series included six 20-minute talks on topics related to the Protestant Reformation or Dr. Martin Luther by Luther faculty and friends followed by discussion and fellowship. Here, Rev. David Kaiser performs his one-man show "Luther."



JUNE

Rev. Dennis Hendrickson led the Hymn Festival, a service of hymns, prayers, and scripture readings featuring the Luther Bach Choir, held at Christ Lutheran Church, which also included an organ recital by alumna **Sandra Kerr (U'92)**. (Photo by David Solheim)

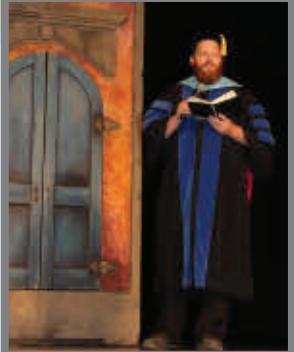
FEBRUARY & MARCH





ATION 500 CELEBRATIONS

OCTOBER 31



Re-enactments of Martin Luther nailing the 95 Theses to the door at Wittenberg, Germany, occurred at both campuses. The High School campus re-enactment was part of daily Chapel, with LCUR Chaplain Sean Bell playing the role of Martin Luther. The High School also unveiled artwork by faculty member Drew Hunter and a stained glass Luther rose donated by Drs. Meredith and Carl Cherland.

The University re-enactment took place during Tuesday Timeout followed by cake, coffee, and conversation in the Luther Student Lounge, where there was also a television live-feed of Reformation celebrations from Wittenberg, Germany.



Reformation 500

1517-2017

OCTOBER



The exhibition "#Herelstand. Martin Luther. The Reformation and its Results.," a collection of 13 posters sponsored by the Saskatchewan German Council, was available for viewing in the Luther Chapel at the University campus.

The Luther Bach Choir (LBC) performed in a joint Campion-Luther College Choral Concert featuring choral music of the Protestant Reformation and the Catholic Reformation. The LBC also performed a concert featuring music of the Reformation set by Bach, Brahms, and others on Palm Sunday in April, and a Bach Advent Cantata in December.

Dr. Nicholas Terpstra, professor and head of the History Department at the University of Toronto and former Luther professor, delivered the 41st Luther Lecture entitled "Reframing the Reformation: Religious Refugees in the Early Modern World."





Rick and Nancy Hordern at the Founders' Day Dinner in 2015.

SAYING THANKS TO RICK AND NANCY HORDERN

Luther College has reached another milestone: the retirement of Rick and Nancy Hordern. The name Hordern has been synonymous with the College for forty years, with Rick as a professor of Religious Studies at the University campus from 1978 to 2017, Academic Dean from 1993 to 1994, and President from 1994 to 2005. Nancy was First Lady from 1994 to 2005 and a tutor at the High School campus from 2003 to 2018. The following are parting words from fellow colleagues as we say "So long" but not "Goodbye" to Rick and Nancy.



Nancy and Rick Hordern at the University campus 25th Anniversary celebrations in September 1996.

"Teacher-scholar, College President, and friend, Richard Hordern has been a unique figure at Luther. I valued his special talents from the time he arrived. He established boundaries for his ministry, stuck to them, and performed with deep effectiveness—day in and day out, year after year, not needing or demanding praise—just doing the job; but he covered far more ground than people realized. Students appreciated him, not only because he had something to say but also because of the spirit he brought to it."

*Dr. Roland Miller, Academic Dean 1977–1991
and professor of Religious Studies 1976–1999, University campus*

"Those of us who knew Rick as a teacher, administrator, and colleague are aware of how much Rick and his work has meant to the College over the past forty years. The magnitude and quality of Rick's work is simply amazing. But in fact, anybody who values Luther College is indebted to Rick Hordern for what he did for the College during his time as President when he worked so hard in the 1990's through day and night to take our College through one of the most difficult financial and administrative crises the College had faced. We can never forget what Rick has done for this College and hope that he stays close so that we can continue to tap his memory, his expertise, and his deep love of what the College stands for."

Dr. Bryan Hillis, President, Luther College

"Nancy was (and is) greatly admired by colleagues and her students for her quiet consultations, her good humour, her discretion, her volunteerism (such as cheerfully taking on six-hour exam supervisions on a regular basis), and her humble love for young learners. She had the breadth of knowledge—about academic disciplines and essential learning skills—to meet students where their greatest needs were. Nancy innately understood and championed the idea that the skills Luther strives to nurture in students are not just for the elite or gifted student but rather are those skills essential to becoming well-adjusted, self-advocating citizens, and creative and critical thinkers able to effectively organize and communicate vital concepts. Therefore, she truly reveled in their successes, especially the moments when they experienced the epiphanies that often change or define the course of an education.

Most importantly, Nancy possessed an unfailing respect for students' dignity; she never doubted their worth or potential. Even when frustrated by a student's lack of progress, she was never judgemental of the person, but only unerringly motivated by what was most vital to the student's education. She understood how to diplomatically advocate for students who most needed it, but to do so by means that both supported her colleagues and challenged her students to take increasing responsibility for their own educations.

As is true with any impactful teacher, Nancy was guided by a servant's heart. The legacy she leaves with all of us at Luther is her daily example of what it means to "love your neighbour" in an educational context. Her genuine love for students, learning, and our school will be sorely missed. We trust God will bless her retirement as richly as she has blessed the Luther College community."

Dr. Mark Anderson, Principal, High School campus

On behalf of our grateful Luther College community,

Thank You, Rick and Nancy

for your generosity of spirit, patience, philanthropy, empathy, wisdom, and knowledge.



Morris Anderson with John at the Founders' Day Dinner in 2014

DONOR PROFILE

Written by Amber Peters (U'06)

JOHN PERSSON **(HS'61) (HSU'62)**

Community is a foundational element of Luther College. It is a defining characteristic brought into existence by generation after generation of incredible individuals and their families: students, alumni, faculty and staff. **John Persson (HS'61)** is a perfect example.

John and his family are a core part of the Luther community, weaving in and out of every facet of Luther life. John was a student at the High School, attending from 1957 to 1961. In addition to academics, playing basketball as a Luther Lion was an important part of his life. After graduating, John—along with many of his fellow Luther Lions—remained at the high school for an additional year to take university courses (mainly to remain together, John says), which were offered through the high school in those pre-university campus days. They continued to play basketball as a team for Luther University. “Being the smart alecks that we were, we named ourselves the Luther Vultures,” John recalls. “We thought we were pretty clever.” Little did he know that just over ten years later he would return, this time as a teacher.

John attended Canadian Bible College before heading to university in Regina and Saskatoon. He was two years into his Engineering degree when he realized that this was not where he was meant to be. What was he to do with all of the maths and sciences he had under his belt? Teach them, of course. He completed his first degree in 1967, married the love of his life, Wenda, and began his education degree, which he completed in 1969. After teaching for two years in Columbia, he returned to Regina at a perfect time.

John’s old Chemistry teacher, Mr. Paul Liefeld, had just retired, and the high school was recruiting a new science teacher. Under Principal Morris Anderson (John’s basketball coach in his student days), John began his twenty-five year teaching career with Luther, remaining there until his retirement in 2000.

“It was a great place to teach,” John recalls. “Many of us were in the same stage of life—getting married, raising kids. We were really a family.” All three

of John and Wenda’s children—**Megan (HS'89), Derek (HS'91), and Nathan (HS'99)**—attended Luther and took classes from their father—a practice not uncommon among Luther faculty. “It was exceptional not to have the kids of faculty go to Luther. Most teachers ended up teaching their own kids, but the atmosphere was very comfortable.” This parent-as-teacher paradigm continues to exist today, even in John’s own family: his son Derek currently teaches there, and Derek’s children, Kate and Will, are students. Following in his grandfather’s footsteps, Will is on the senior basketball team and wears number 14—the same number his grandfather wore those many years ago.

John feels honoured to give back to the school that gave him and his family so much. “I support Luther for many reasons,” John says. “As per their motto, Luther does provide quality education in a Christian context. Luther’s higher academic standards put their students in good stead for future academic endeavours.”

But, for John, the decision to be a donor has always been deeply personal. “Luther gave me and my children a solid education; later, it gave myself and my son Derek a teaching position; now my grandchildren are getting a good education there. Looking back, I was blessed with a good experience at Luther both as a student and a teacher.”

As an alum and as a retired teacher, John has returned to this place of his youth many times: to graduations as a proud parent three times over (and soon as a grandparent, the same number of times), and to innumerable school functions. While the College is thankful to John for his consistent financial contributions, it is that long history and deep connection for which the College is most grateful.

REMEMBER WHEN



This photo was taken in 1949-1950 to advertise Luther College in Lutheran magazines Canada-wide. It is a group photo of five of the six Krell siblings attending Luther College at the time. Never before had five members of one family attended in the same year, with all five students living in residence. From left to right: **WILLIAM KRELL (HS'51)**, **LILY (KRELL) PATERSON (HS'47 & HSU'50)**, **LEAH (KRELL) DIEMERT (HSU'50)**, **SOPHIE (KRELL) KNOCH (HSU'50)**, and **MARIE (KRELL) CHRISTIANSEN (HS'52)**. Their sister **VIOLET (KRELL) JACOB** submitted this photo to us. She also graduated from Luther College, in 1954. She and her daughter, **LORI JACOB (HS'80)**, established a scholarship from William Krell's estate to be awarded to a new Luther College student.

Thank you to **RUTH DEMPSEY (HS'70)** for sending us this photo of the "Luther Ladies" from September 11, 1963. This photo originally belonged to Rein & Ella Sommerfeld, long-time staff members of Luther College.

Pictured back row, left to right: **ELSA TSCHEPURNY** (daughter to Cecilia), **CECILIA TSCHEPURNY** (Manager of Food Services), Unknown, **MARY HARDIE** (School Nurse), **JEANIE WAGNER** (HSU'40; faculty member and wife of faculty member Fred Wagner), **ERICA TOEWS** (HS'62; daughter to Helen), **HELEN TOEWS** (wife of faculty member Cornelius Toews), **ELLA SOMMERFELD** (office and alumni staff member)



Front row, left to right: **BETTY ANDERSON** (wife of then Vice-Principal Morris Anderson), **MARJORIE TIEFENBACH** (wife of faculty member Arnold Tiefenbach), **EMILIE WALTER** (Dean of Women), **ERNA HUGET** (secretary), **AGGIE KURTZ** (wife of Rev. Walter Kurtz, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church), **SUSAN ANDERSON** (Morris and Betty's daughter), **ELSA SCHNEIDER** (wife of then Principal Rex Schneider), **MICKIE MANG** (wife of faculty member Lawrence Mang), **ROSELLA LIEFELD** (wife of faculty member Paul Liefeld).

'74

ED KINZEL (HS'74) sent us this photo from his days on the media committee for L.I.T. back in 1974!



IN MEMORIAM

With sorrow and remembrance, we share the names of these Luther College alumni, faculty, staff, donors and friends on their passing.

Grace (Burns) Walker (HS'41)

Glenn McEwen (HS'45)

Geraldine (Chase) Moen (HS'47)

Ann (Ahlquist) Rhudy (HS'48)

Rev. Reinhold Propp (HS'47, HSU'49)

Wilfred Arnold Dreger (HS'52)

Doug Stuart (HS'52)

Robert Brown (HS'53)

Lydia (Miller) Olafson (HS'54)

Jim Robinson (HS'58)

Lyle Sanderson (HS'58)

Elfriede (Wilms) Fisher (HS'59)

Janis (Fletcher) Staples (HS'63)

Jon Proctor (HS'63)

Grant Sudom (HS'66)

Doug Martin (HS'68)

Melissa (Cain) Wilson (HS'88)

Dale Hardy (former member of the Board of Regents)

Edythe Kinzel (friend of Luther College)

Alma Hillis (friend of Luther College)

Henry Forrieter (friend of Luther College)

ON CAMPUS

PRAIRIE CHIC SHINDIG

By Shane Lightfoot (HS'88), parent volunteer

On behalf of the parents of our current Luther College High School students, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to those who organized and hosted the Prairie Chic Shindig this past January. It was an amazing evening of food, entertainment and fellowship for Luther friends and family, teachers and staff. We continued with the Western theme this year. In addition to a few boots and hats, line-dancing, and calf-roping, a local artist was on hand to help attendees capture the fun with a custom caricature. Local bluegrass group Hummingbird Crossing provided a fitting soundtrack for the evening.

Each year, the committee supports a project that will benefit the entire school. This year they are happy to announce a total of nearly \$20,000 raised to support the continued development of the open-air courtyard. This area will provide an outdoor fresh-air sanctuary for students and staff to escape the stress and bustle of the classrooms.

This was the fourth year that parents have organized the fundraiser that has raised a total of \$120,000 for the school! Previous projects were furniture in the Student Commons, a new sound system in the Merlis Belsher Heritage Centre, and the updating of classroom computers and technology.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to make this event so successful—the committee, every volunteer, and every donor and sponsor. Our Platinum Sponsors were Virtus Group and CIBC. Without all of your continued support, we would not have been able to do this at all.

The Parent Committee is already planning for next year's event – a dance you won't want to miss.
Mark your calendars for November 3, 2018!

FALL APPEAL FUNDRAISING RESULTS

Thanks to you, our students have the classroom tools and program equipment they need in order to learn, grow and thrive in 2018! With your help, our fall appeal raised over \$52,052 (and counting)! These funds will go directly to enhance the student experience at Luther College High School. Because of you, our students will be stronger, healthier, safer, and more connected, involved and supported.

Your donations, in every shape and form, help us continue our tradition of excellence as an independent school. We would not exist without your support! Thank you for being a part of the Luther community and helping students receive a quality education in a Christian context.

CAIS AND THE ONGOING COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

Excellence has been synonymous with Luther College High School for the last 104 years.

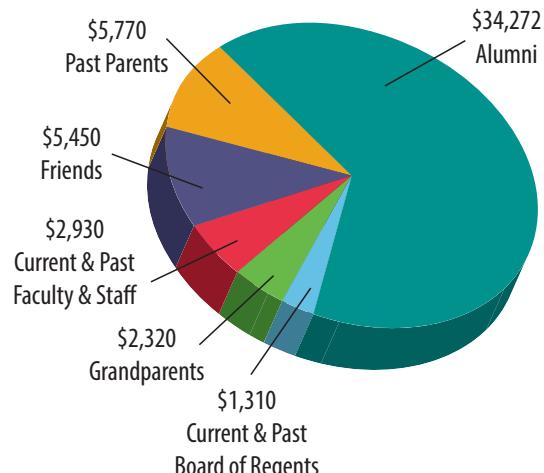


With that same focus, Luther College has pursued and achieved another target in excellence: CAIS accreditation. The Canadian Accredited Independent Schools (CAIS) is a community of independent schools who choose to meet and exceed rigorous National Standards that inspire continuous whole school improvement.

Read the recommendations and commendations from CAIS on our website at www.luthercollege.edu/high-school/about-luther/cais.

INAUGURAL "MINI MOSAIC" A HUGE SUCCESS!

The SRC's first multicultural event was an inspiring evening drawing 300 people! The "Mini Mosaic" (similar to the "Mosaic" multi-cultural festival held in Regina each year in June) had booths, entertainment, and costumes from twenty different cultures. It integrated both day and residence students as well as parents and friends, giving everyone an opportunity to learn about a variety of cultures and sample delicious foods in one dynamic evening. Organized entirely by the students, Mini Mosaic was hard work—but the SRC says it was worth it. They found inspiration in the coming together of so many, in the interest it sparked throughout the school, and in the camaraderie in such a relaxed environment. Some sponsorship from local businesses boosted the funds raised from the event for the Regina Open Door Society to \$1,500. The SRC hopes to make this an annual event.





ON CAMPUS

L.I.T. 66

Submitted by Mayson Sonntag, Grade 12 Student

Luther College High School's 66th annual L.I.T. had a theme of the 1980's. Running from February 8 to 10, and featuring teams from across the country, the energy and tension in the gyms was electrifying. In fact, this year's L.I.T. Final in the Semple Gym was completely sold out for both the boys' and girls' final games. The champions of these games, and the tournament, were the Cardston Cougars Boys team and the Magrath Pandas Girls team.

This year marked a milestone for L.I.T.. For the first time in its 66-year history, the tournament featured as many female teams as male teams. Girls first became involved in L.I.T. 6 years ago. The number of female teams in the tournament has grown from two to eight over the past two years. This means that this year, for the first time ever, L.I.T. 66 offered full tournaments both for boys and for girls. As with the boys' tournament, female teams came from top-ranking schools across Canada.

The special guest was Michael Linklater. Mr. Linklater competes on one of the world's top-ranked 3x3 men's basketball teams, and works as a dream broker for SaskSport Inc. with underprivileged children in Regina and Saskatoon. L.I.T. 66 was one to remember.



Special Guest Michael Linklater (center) is originally from Thunderchild First Nation.

CHOIR NOTES

In March, our senior choir participated in a choral festival as part of a mass choir to sing the Cherubini Requiem at Lincoln Center in New York City. When they returned, the AVE group (Advanced Vocal Ensemble) of the choir performed at the installation ceremony of Saskatchewan's 22nd Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Tom Molloy. Dr. Melissa Morgan, the Pfeifer Memorial Chair of Music, directs the Luther College Senior Choir.

FROM SASKATCHEWAN TO EL SALVADOR!

When the Christian Ethics 30 class sat quietly in the small church where Archbishop Oscar Romero was assassinated on March 24, 1980, they were asked to offer a word describing their experience of San Salvador: *faith*, said one; *love*, added another. Others offered *respect, change, compassion, healing, resilience, humanity, listen*.

**The students came to
listen in order to understand,
not in order to respond.**

This last—*listen*—is perhaps the one most heard over the nine-day visit in February, organized in partnership with Crispaz (Christians for Peace in El Salvador). The students came to listen “in order to understand, not in order to respond.” After several months learning about the history of El Salvador, nineteen students were ready to listen to Salvadorans: those working on environmental or justice issues, those ministering to young children and families caught between gang violence and poverty, and those who have been empowered to find missing migrants or begin a small business.

The highlight of the visit (notwithstanding an afternoon at the ocean!) was staying in the homes of villagers in the north of the country, swimming at the river, hearing their stories, playing with the children and dancing together. Language was not a barrier to love and joy. One student remarked, “There was hope in people’s eyes.”

The way in which such a trip unfolds requires much of each participant. Students say it has been the most formative learning experience of their time at Luther because it is immersive, challenging and reflective. Reflection continues back in the classroom as students ponder what they have heard and consider how the trip has changed as well as challenged them. The “call” of this reverse mission class is “to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8).

Now they know that, as a Salvadoran said, “When you go to El Salvador you leave a piece of your heart, and so there’s a hole which is not filled until you return.” That is why some in the 2018 delegation say, “We’re gonna go back!”

For more photos and stories about the El Salvador trip
visit lutherce30.wordpress.com.



If you live in Regina, do not miss the choir's performance
at the annual Home Concert,
May 25 at Christ Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m.

ON CAMPUS

FALL/WINTER ALUMNI EVENTS

Networking Lunches - October 2017

Seventeen alumni enjoyed a complimentary lunch, chance to network with fellow alumni, and learn about new LCUR initiatives. Thanks to **Troy Metz (HS'88, U'93)** for giving a professional development presentation at the lunch held at Crave.

Alumni & Staff Family Christmas Party – December 17, 2017

Twenty-seven alumni, staff, and their families enjoyed an afternoon of decorating Christmas cookies, button-making, colouring, and bead crafts.

Valentine's Day Date Night – February 14, 2018

Sixteen alumni (eight couples) who met at Luther as a day student or living in the Luther Residence were treated to a three-course meal with wine-pairings, musical entertainment, as well as a walk down memory lane with photo collages and tours of the newly renovated Luther Residence.

2017 FALL APPEAL RESULTS

Thanks solely to donations made by alumni and friends to the 2017 University fall appeal we raised **\$17,500**, surpassing our goal of \$10,000. As a result, three or four students at Luther College who have completed the Nonprofit Leadership and Innovation (NSLI) certificate will be placed as paid interns in Regina and area non-profit organizations this summer through Luther's pilot NSLI student summer internship program. Gilbert Niyoyita, a current NSLI Certificate student says "The NSLI internship will help me gain important experience while earning money for school. It will enable me to apply my knowledge and skills from the classroom in the real world." The hands-on experience and knowledge they receive will be invaluable to their future career and personal success. THANK YOU!

GIVING BACK TO THEIR ALMA MATER

Thank you to the following LCUR alumni who gave of their valuable time to return to their alma mater and share their experiences and expertise with our students:

- **Greg Fingas (U'01)** – Delivered a presentation in the pre-professional breakout session at the UR Orientation on September 5, 2017.
- **Erik Norbraten (HS'82, U'87)** – Tour of Bravo Tango on October 17, 2017, and presentation on March 27, 2018 for Luther sessional Annalisa Raho's Branding, Advertising, and Design, and Introduction to Graphic Design classes, respectively.

VSSN FORUM 2018

On March 16, 2018, the Voluntary Sector Studies Network (VSSN) at Luther College at University of Regina hosted a public forum that explored an important topic and question—Realizing our potential: How can universities contribute to community success? The event, which was free and open to the public, was attended by over 130 participants and featured local nonprofit and voluntary organizations looking to engage students, faculty, and staff in a wide range of community programs. The forum also featured a keynote speaker, Dr. David Renz, Director of the Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, who shared community-engagement experience and research; a local panel of community-engaged program leaders; and round-table discussions with the objective of sharing perspectives and learnings to build a community of practice around engaged learning, research, and service.

GOODBYE TO MARK ANDERSON

Dr. Mark Anderson, a professor of history since 2002, will be leaving Luther College at the end of June 2018 to accompany his partner, Carmen Robertson, to Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario, where she has been offered a position of Canada Research Chair. Mark will become the Director of Carleton's Latin American and Caribbean Studies program.

"We are proud of you, Mark! During the almost sixteen years you taught at Luther, you have been one of our shining scholarly lights, taught and designed many history and interdisciplinary classes with wonderfully positive student evaluations, took students to Peru, and traversed everything from Pancho Villa to cowboys and zombies. We hope you will continue to flourish wherever the future takes you, and that you may walk in beauty and wisdom. Godspeed and farewell!" *Dr. Franzvolker Greifenghagen, Academic Dean*

MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST SPRING 2018

The bi-annual Midnight Breakfast was held on April 19, 2018. This end-of-semester tradition includes faculty and staff cooking and serving breakfast to all of the students living in the residence one evening during final exams. It is a well-loved tradition, dating back to the 1980's, that provides an opportunity for faculty and staff to interact with the residents and for residents to create lasting memories of their time in the Luther College Residence.





Olga Schmeling, Floyd Faller, and Dr. Melissa Morgan



Don Morrison



CLASS NOTES

1930s, 1940s & 1950s

After writing about **HELEN (LEINWEBER) LAWRENCE (HS'33)** in the fall 2017 *Luther Story*, we were pleased to learn that her sister **Ruth (Leinweber) Sackman**, also an alumna, is living in long-term care in Victoria. She is 99 years old. She attended Luther College for her grade 8 year, from 1932-1933. There were two other siblings in the family who also attended Luther. Paul passed away in 1981 and Elsie, who attended in 1927-1928, passed away in 2002. Their father, Reverend Jacob Leinweber, was the Chaplain at Luther from 1932 to 1934.

During the Christmas season of 2017, our senior high school choir performed at the Broadway Terrace apartments, where many of our alumni now reside. Pictured here is Choir Director Dr. Melissa Morgan with resident **FLOYD FALLER (HS'47)** proudly displaying his Luther baseball crest, and his classmate **OLGA (WITTRICK) SCHMELING (HS'47)**.

MERLIS BELSHER (HS'53) was inducted into the Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame in February 2018. Each year one individual or business, a long-standing member of the Saskatoon region business community, is inducted into the SABEX (Saskatoon Achievement in Business Excellence) Hall of Fame.

1960s & 1970s

One of our alumni, **DON MORRISON (HS'65)**, sent us this photo of the church in Wittenberg where Martin Luther famously nailed the 95 theses, and where he is now buried. (Great shirt too!)

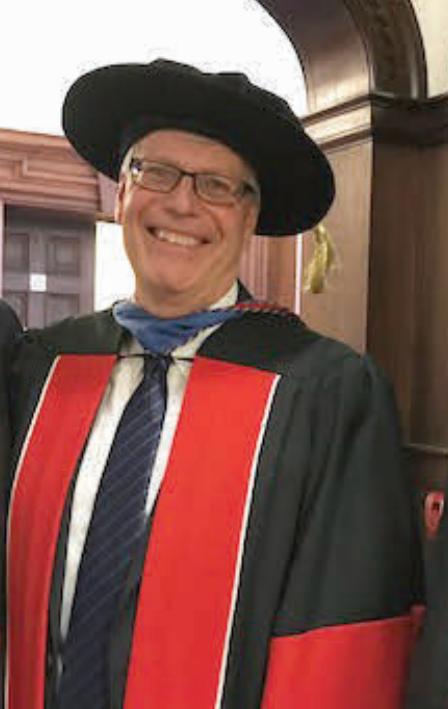
DOUG POTTS attended Luther College from **1973-75**. He now lives in Plantation, Florida. He says, "Unfortunately I did not graduate from Luther but spent two years living on campus. I believe I was the only American student and went by the nickname 'Yankee'. I remember an all-night process of getting the hockey rink ready, taking shifts with the firehose. Also I'm thinking the RCMP had a facility next door and walking out in a big field with snow up to my waist—brrrr! It looks like the school is still going strong and hope 2018 is a good one."

MERLIN THOMPSON (U'75) is a teacher mentor in the Werklund School of Education at the University of Calgary and pedagogy instructor in the Schulich School of Music at McGill University. In March 2017, Dr. Thompson was awarded Article of the Year by the American Music Teacher journal of the MTNA. His book *Fundamentals of Piano Pedagogy: Fuelling Authentic Student Musicians from the Beginning* was published by Springer Briefs in Education in September 2017.

1980s & 1990s

FRITZ LEUNG (HS'80), TOMMY WAN (HS'80) and GARY HO (HS'80) are all living in Canada. They are reuniting with friend and classmate **KESTER LI (HS'80)** after reading about him in the fall 2017 *Luther Story*.

JASON DITTMAN (HS'92) purchased MicroAge Regina in February 2017 after working in the business for seventeen years. MicroAge is a company that was recently recognized as one of the Top 50 Best Managed IT Companies in Canada.



Dr. John Meehan, SJ, President of Campion College
and Dr. Nicholas Terpstra.



Merlin Thompson



Marcia Mitschke

DR. EDEN (CARON) MCCAFFREY (HS'99) had her work featured recently in *The Globe & Mail*. This is an excerpt: "A social worker who has a doctorate in medical education, she specializes in treating children, adolescents and families. McCaffrey's tool kit includes cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) sometimes melded with art, music and play to help patients communicate. McCaffrey is also the Canadian program facilitator for Canadian Research and Education for the Advancement of Child Health (CanREACH), which trains primary care providers to deal with mental illness among children and youth in their practices."

NICK TERPSTRA (Luther professor of History from 1987-1998) received an honorary doctorate from Regis College at the University of Toronto on November 25, 2017.

2000s

SABINE (BOERSCH) DEVINS (HS'00) works as a copy writer/editor at an infographics agency in Germany. Last year, she contributed to a virtual museum exhibition about Luther and the Reformation called www.here-i-stand.com. It is available in German and English and includes an interactive micro site, posters to download and even instructions for 3D printers to create items for exhibit.

MATTHEW LEUPOLD (HS'07) is a Grade 6/7 teacher at Douglas Park School in Regina.

KIRSTEN BLIGH (HS'08). The *Luther Story* editors would like to note that her correct title is Assistant Director/Assistant Producer in VFX. Her title appeared incorrectly in the fall 2017 *Luther Story*.

OCEAN RUSSELL (HS'10) now lives in Saskatoon and works for Terra Communications as a web and graphic designer. Ocean graduated last year from Saskatchewan Polytechnic in Regina with Great Distinction.

JENNA TICKELL (U'13) is currently working on her Masters at the University of Regina looking at a little-known part of Canadian history—the Chinese-First Nations heritage fostered by racist legislation. Jenna is also the lead on Luther College at the University of Regina's third iteration of Project of Heart, an eight-week free program open to all ages that facilitates a safe space for reciprocal learning about the residential school system in Canada.

DANIEL CHERIAN (HS'16) is in the second year of his Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) program at the University of Regina.

MARCI A MITSCHKE (U'17, LUTHER RESIDENT 2010-2014) was selected and duly awarded lifetime membership in the highest leadership honor society attainable by a student doctor of optometry, the Gold Key International Optometric Honor Society, in March 2018. Individuals are selected by demonstrating outstanding professional and ethical attitudes through leadership and service to their class, College, and profession.

Share your news and memories with your classmates!

Submit your Class Notes to us at lchsalumni@luthercollege.edu or ualumni@luthercollege.edu.

CREATING AN INCLUSIVE AND ACCESSIBLE ENVIRONMENT

In May 2017, Luther College at the University of Regina received a \$25,556 grant through the Rick Hansen Foundation's Access4All Program, a Canada 150 Signature Initiative aimed at breaking down barriers for people living with disabilities. With the participation of the Government of Canada, this grant saw infrastructure improvements made to one of Luther's semi-accessible washrooms into a fully-accessible, all-gender washroom.

As one of only two projects to receive funding in Saskatchewan from the overall fifty-five Canada-wide projects, the fully-accessible, all-gender washroom provides independence and dignity for all university students, faculty, staff, and campus guests. "We want to help ensure that everyone at Luther has the opportunity to realize their full potential, and it begins with creating an inclusive and accessible environment for students and guests who study at and/or visit Luther College," says Dr. Bryan Hillis, President of Luther College.

An Accessibility Awareness Fair was held at the end of November 2017 to celebrate the project's completion and increase awareness of obstacles faced by, and programs available for, students with disabilities. The Fair included booths from the UoR Centre for Student Accessibility, UoR Student Success Centre, Neil Squire Society, and Saskatchewan Association of Rehabilitation Centres, as well as videos and accessibility checklist from the Rick Hansen Foundation.



Accessibility Awareness Fair



STAYING CONNECTED

No matter how many years have passed, we value our alumni! In the last few months, Luther College High School alumni have gathered together in Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Victoria and Vancouver.



Elaine Duncan (HS'69), Lynda Ast (HS'68), Don Morrison (HS'65) and Carolyn Anderson enjoying the Calgary pub night.



Demetrios Sironis (HS'95), Rob Fry (HS'06) and Janet Kuchinka (HS'57) at Calgary's Trolley 5 Brew Pub



Edmonton alumni tour the Art Gallery of Alberta. Left to right: Dr. Bryan Hillis (U'78), Russell Stanley (HS'13), Mel MacGregor (U'94), Makenzie MacKay (HS'13), Lorna Arndt (U'80), Anna Schroeder (HS'14), Marilee Cranna (HS'65), Lindsay Vandermeer (HS'05) and Chris Vandermeer, Catherine Bell (HS'79), Al Toews, Don Vinge (HS'52), and Luba Fedushchak (HS'59)



Alumni Hockey Game (2017)



RON BROWN (HS'57)

Luther College remembers the life of Ron Brown. Ron passed away on January 6, 2018, less than four months after working as a volunteer at Luther planning his 60th High School reunion. Ron and classmate **Robert Gordon (HS'57)** worked together for over a year to ensure a successful turnout. Ron was the key to that success because of his regular contact with the alumni office and his involvement in at least two previous reunions. Ron had a genuine interest in his former classmates and was the common thread in the fabric of the 1957 class. Ron was also a husband, a father and a geologist—one of the foremost authorities on potash mining in the world. Classmates who wish to donate in memory of Ron may do so by calling 306-757-7399 or online at www.luthercollege.edu. Donations will be directed to the *A Time To Build* capital campaign and the following inscription will be added to the donor wall: Members of the Class of 1957 in memory of Ron Brown. Robert Gordon adds, "Generosity is a gift without purpose – Ron was a generous man." Thank you to all who have donated.

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the
DATE**

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**Mark your calendars for August 2021
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will celebrate 50 years.**

All alumni (academic and residence) and their families
are invited back to LCUR to join in the festivities.



More details to follow in upcoming issues.

If you are interested in helping to act as a reunion leader for your decade/quad,
please email Michelle Clark at ualumni@luthercollege.edu.

from Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada

Luther College Choirs

in Concert



Directed by Dr. Melissa Morgan and Mrs. Deborah Nelson



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*Faith in the Face of Empire:
A Palestinian Christian Perspective*



Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb

Palestinian Pastor and
Co-recipient of the 2015
Olof Palme Prize

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When: Friday, May 25, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

Monday, October 1, 2018
7:30 p.m.

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at the Ramada Plaza Hotel

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

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School tours of Luther College High School, including dorms
Banquet and toasts in the Merlis Belsher Heritage Center (old gym)

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