

LUTHER

STORY



BOB STEADWARD (HSU'64)
FOUNDER OF
PARALYMPIC MOVEMENT

**NEW
SCHOLARSHIPS**
FOR LUTHER STUDENTS

HOMECOMING 2018
CLASS PHOTOS



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Luther College belongs to an association of twenty-seven Lutheran Colleges of North America. Two years ago the association decided that we needed to work, as a collective, on our identity as Lutheran Colleges in today's pluralistic and increasingly secular world. What common features could we affirm while recognizing that we are all individual colleges with individual histories?

I was privileged to join the other Lutheran university and college presidents in Chicago in June of 2017 to discuss drafts prepared by various scholars from our Colleges. The resulting document is called "Rooted and Open" and can be found at www.luthercollege.edu/Rooted-and-Open. This document affirms that Lutheran colleges like ours are rooted in the Lutheran Christian heritage and faith, giving us values and motivation to serve our students and the academic world. Our Lutheran heritage, shared and varied as it may be, gives us common language by which we can describe what we do as liberal arts institutions.

But lest we think of this as a confessional statement that ties us to some literalist truth, the document also talks about the openness of

our various callings, to serve others wherever they may be, of whatever faith, philosophy, or worldview. Martin Luther's concept of freedom informs our mission as liberal arts institutions and allows us to search with others for truth in all humility. In this way, our truths meet other truths and we are able to experience God's love and grace in working with others even as we continue to affirm the strength of our own traditions. This is not relativistic mumbo-jumbo, but a sincere searching for the truth while acknowledging our own limitations as both saints and sinners.

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Over the past year, our Board, faculty, and staff of our two campuses have studied this document. While it suits some better than others, there is widespread agreement that we see ourselves and Luther College in this document and find the language of 'rooted and open' helpful in describing the vision and

mission of Luther College. The result of this mission will be graduates who "are called and empowered to serve the neighbor so that all may flourish."

I think that this is important reflective work done by our College and especially so as we prepare for the writing of our next strategic plans. Do not expect anything too different from those plans: the high quality of education, the emphasis on community and service to our students, and the commitment to social justice will remain. But as we remain open to an ever-changing world, the way in which we meet that world and attempt to serve it out of our Christian vocations will take on contemporary emphases.

Thanks be to our Creator and Sustainer for continuing our Lord's work through Luther College and the other Lutheran Colleges who remain 'rooted and open' in our educational missions.

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

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MESSAGE FROM THE PULPIT

When I once searched for what Martin Luther had to say about hospitality and faith, I was surprised that the first Google “hit” came up with an article on Luther and beer. It seems that Luther’s wife, Katie, was the daughter of a master brewer – and that the Luthers were renowned for their good beer and hospitality!

But after that spirited detour, I found something a little more substantial in an article by Concordia professor Dr. Leopoldo Sánchez called *What Would Martin Luther Say about Today’s Migrant and Refugee Crises?*¹ According to Luther, hospitality is in fact “a mark of the church’s holiness.” Luther reflects on hospitality in his *Lectures of Genesis*, focusing on chapter eighteen, where the three unexpected visitors arrive at Abraham’s home on their way to Sodom (this is also the chapter where Sarah is told she will have a child in the space of a year).

Abraham and Sarah’s example of hospitality in Genesis 18 impressed Luther, who declared that the church should emulate them, and “show kindness and give assistance” to others and to be a place of “refreshment for the weary.”

One senses that Luther would have personally and intimately understood the value of hospitality from his turbulent journeys and his own experiences as an exile. He felt the church was to be a “refuge of the exiles and the poor . . .,” noting that many live in “misery, thirst, hunger” and that the rulers must “make room for such people.” Luther believed that both the state and the church ought to be concerned with the needs of the homeless and the fugitive.

We are reminded that each stranger bears the face of Christ – and how we treat them is how we treat our Lord.

It makes us wonder how Luther would respond to the refugee crisis we see today, where 65 million are displaced from their homes and 23 million are refugees. There are more refugees and displaced people now than ever in history – including the Second World War. What would Luther say about the actions of the nations that

have closed their doors or have mistreated refugees? What would he say about the actions of the United States in their deportations and kenneling of refugees?

What would Luther say to churches – the church that bears his name and others – who have not addressed these issues? Or who have kept silent? What stand do we take? Do we allow the building of walls and separation of families or do we open the doors and extend the table for the stranger?

For Luther, the church as a house of worship was to model the home of Abraham and Sarah: “Let our homes be open to exiles and let us assist and refresh them.” We are reminded that each stranger bears the face of Christ – and how we treat them is how we treat our Lord.

Pastor David Peterson
Chaplain, Luther College High School

¹ <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2017/10/04/what-would-martin-luther-say-about-todays-migrant-and-refugee-crises> I am much indebted to this article for many of the ideas here presented.

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ALUMNI PROFILE

Written by Amber Peters (U'06)

BOB STEADWARD OC, AOE, LLD (HSU'64)

FOUNDER OF PARALYMPIC MOVEMENT

Bob Steadward (HSU'64) knew as a young boy that he wanted to “accomplish something with his life.” What he did not foresee was the role he would play as champion for the Paralympic movement. “I had some exposure to disability in my life but never thought consciously of going into a field working with people with a disability,” says Bob.

Although he had a great love of sport and was active on a variety of teams, Bob initially decided to go into Dentistry after high school. His first roommate in university was a young man who relied on the assistance of leg braces and crutches after having contracted polio as a boy. “It never made any impact on me. He had a disability but that was no big deal. He was not any different than you or me.” Bob eventually realized that dentistry was not for him and he decided instead to pursue a Bachelor’s degree in Physical Education. It was during an internship that involved working with disabled athletes that Bob found his calling: making a difference in the world of Paralympic sport. “Once I got involved at a coaching capacity, the rest is history.”

By the time Bob completed his master’s and doctoral degrees, he had amassed ten years of experience working with athletes living with a disability, in both professional and voluntary capacities. During this time, he became increasingly aware of the significant accessibility gap that disabled people – and athletes – faced every day. “They were out on an island. Society was not accessible to them in so many areas of their lives. I wanted to do something about those physical and attitudinal barriers.” And so he did.

In 1978, Bob founded the Research and Training Centre for Athletes with Disabilities – renamed The Steadward Centre for Personal & Physical Achievement in 2000 – to provide a specialized training facility for disabled athletes, with accessible

and adaptable equipment and specially trained staff. The Centre now services over 1,000 disabled people a year and is a world-class training, research, and teaching facility.

But the Centre was not enough. In his volunteer work with disabled athletes competing at the international level, Bob recognized that many facilities were not accessible; further, the four organizations managing international competitive sport for disabled athletes were on the verge of collapse. Wrought with dysfunction, they were failing to meet the needs of athletes. Again, Bob stepped up. In the 1980’s he drafted a proposal for a new organization that would completely reorganize the structure and governance of competitive sports for athletes with disabilities. Thanks to Bob, the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) was born in 1989. He was elected founding President of the IPC and remains their Honourary President today.

According to Bob, however, a more difficult task was now before him. He knew that IPC’s success hinged on its integration with the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The IOC had supports that the IPC simply did not have: funding, media support, and host cities boasting beautiful – but not always accessible – sport facilities. Finally, after twelve years of persistence, in 2000 a formal Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the committees, requiring that all future Olympic host cities also host the Paralympics. This meant that cities would be obligated to ensure their facilities were accessible to all athletes.

“Today the Paralympics is the third largest sporting movement in the world. The profile and success of our athletes is incredible,” Bob says proudly. While clearly integral to that success, he remains in awe of it: “it is beyond my imaginative dreams.”

Bob after being awarded the 2002 Recipient of the International Olympic Order



REMEMBERING LUTHER:

“My time at Luther prepared me for sport, academics, and for life. I turned a corner there.”



ALUMNI PROFILE

Written by Amber Peters (U'06)

DENA ALLEN (U'99)

CONNECTING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CHANGE

"It was about grade ten when I knew I wanted to be in Public Relations," says **Dena Allen (U'99)**. "I was a good writer and I wanted to tell stories and connect people in a way that would make it a force for good." Unlike many of her university peers, Dena did not enter into her Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Communications degree with the desire to emerge as a journalist – "I didn't want to be on TV doing the evening news," she says. "I wanted to be able to focus on issues I cared about."

Dena pictured herself someday working for a non-profit organization, but her first step after university was to accept a position to teach English in Japan. This allowed her the opportunity to travel around Southeast Asia, and what she saw there served as the "pattern interrupt" and led ultimately to a career focusing on international, humanitarian, and development work.

"Nothing in my experience as a middle-class Caucasian girl growing up in Regina prepared me for what I saw in rural Cambodia, in parts of Thailand, in Vietnam. I had never seen poverty like that and it was a defining moment for me because I had just spent years educating myself and I felt like I was missing a foundational understanding of the world that would allow me to contextualize my privilege."

Back in Canada, Dena worked for the Canadian Red Cross in the organization's Northern BC and Yukon Region, another formative experience for her: "I saw types of poverty and challenges around HIV in First Nations communities that rivaled what I'd seen in southern Africa, when I spent two years in Namibia volunteering for Voluntary Service Overseas. It opened my eyes to the fact that these are issues that span the globe. It's not about 'us' and 'them' or 'here' and 'there'. These are social justice issues that strike to the core of all of us."

With a growing passion for social justice across the globe she completed her Master's degree in International and Intercultural Communications at Royal Roads University in BC in 2007. Shortly after, she joined Plan International Canada, working for four "life-changing" years out of their Bangkok office. "You're meeting twelve-year-old girls who are helping to end child marriage in their community. Or young boys who started gardens in their village to address food insecurity. They are combatting major social injustices and fighting for children's rights. They are so passionate. It was inspiring."

Back in Canada, Dena served on Plan International's global Emergency Response Roster and was deployed as a communications expert on three crises: the 2010 Pakistan floods, the 2014 Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, and the 2015 Nepal earthquake. Each deployment served as "a really powerful illustration about how important stories are," Dena says. "Being on the ground, talking to people who've been affected by these disasters and making that real for Canadians, I felt a deep responsibility to get it right – to showcase and speak to the strength, resourcefulness, humanity, and resilience of the people enduring the crisis. Telling that story is critical; it's what sparks the connection and that's what puts the machine of global support into action. That's what gets the help where it needs to go."

Today, Dena is VP of Communications & Public Engagement for Plan International Canada, working on children's rights and amplifying the effect that girls' empowerment has on combatting poverty. Clearly passionate about the power of communication to change the world, Dena has expertly melded her passion for social justice with her professional abilities. In a world that often leaves so many feeling disconnected, her ability to connect is now more important than ever.



Dena in Pakistan.
Inset (L - R): Bangladesh, Philippines, and Namibia

REMEMBERING LUTHER:

“The space [Luther] itself was always such an oasis. It was a resting place away from the hustle and bustle of the rest of the University and the pressures of being an undergrad. It was a calming, welcoming space that allowed me to focus and regroup and allowed me to do my best work.”





ALUMNI PROFILE

Written by Amber Peters (U'06)

DESIREE GIBSON (HS'02) (U'07)

SERVING THE COMMUNITY, ONE MEAL AT A TIME

Desiree Gibson's (HS'02, U'07) aspiration to do "some good in the community" has always guided her in her vocation. From medical technician to office administrator for the Reserves, to working with Native Health Services at the General Hospital, to her current position as Community Manager at REACH (Regina) or volunteering at Habitat for Humanity's ReStore, her heart clearly lies in the voluntary sector – both professionally and personally.

After graduating from Luther College High School in 2002, Desiree immediately went into service work. For ten years she worked for the Reserves with 16 (Regina) Field Ambulance, all while completing an undergraduate degree in Psychology, with a Minor in Indigenous Studies, at Luther College at the University of Regina. After convocation in 2007, Desiree spent a year in an administrative position with the Reserves before a brief introduction – in the form of a one-month work posting – at REACH, which she says gave her the opportunity to become acquainted with the organization and to see first-hand the difference it makes to so many individuals in the community. Her time there was cut short, however, when she accepted a position with Native Health Services at the General Hospital (Regina) – which she saw as an opportunity to put her Minor in Indigenous Studies to work.

Desiree was with the General Hospital for two years, working with First Nations patients who had been admitted to ensure that they received the care they deserved during their hospital stay and providing information about the various types of assistance and programs available through Native Health Services.

It wasn't long, however, before she once again felt the pull to do something more community-minded and when she saw a

job posting at REACH, she applied. "I really like what REACH has to offer [Regina residents] and I know that as a part of REACH, I'm making a difference in the community," she says. An umbrella association, REACH teams up with other organizations to run various programs aimed at ensuring that all Regina residents have access to nutritious and affordable foods. These programs rely almost exclusively on volunteers, and interviewing those volunteers and determining where they are best suited is one of the tasks Desiree enjoys most in her role as Community Manager. "I love getting to see all these good people who want to come volunteer their time. Without them, our programs would not be possible. This job is easy on the soul – you get to see all the good in the world."

Desiree attributes the success she's achieved in her current position to hard work and dedication, but also to the knowledge she has of REACH – a base that she says she obtained by "working from the ground up." Initially hired as a Food Security Worker, she gained first-hand experience of some of REACH's programs, including the Mobile Stores and the Good Food Box. She continued to work her way up through various roles, until finally landing the position of Community Manager. "Working in so many positions provided me a well-rounded perspective on the organization. I learned a lot in my various positions at REACH, and that helps me be more effective in my role now."

To anyone who has spent more than five minutes with Desiree, however, there is one other glaringly obvious reason for her success: her passion for helping others. Her infectious excitement for volunteerism and the positive impact it can have on people's lives is making such a difference not only for the REACH organization, but also for all Regina residents.



Desiree at a lunch fundraiser for REACH in August 2016.



REMEMBERING LUTHER:

“Small classes created a small community. We were a close-knit family. Even if you weren’t great friends with everyone, you still knew each other – students and teachers. I got to know everybody in a way I wouldn’t have at another high school.”



ALUMNI PROFILE

Written by Amber Peters (U'06)

MOLLY THOMAS (HS'05) (U'10)

TELLING STORIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

"I wanted to be a singer," laughs **Molly Thomas (HS'05, U'10)**. Now a successful freelance broadcast journalist based in Toronto, Ontario, Molly recalls that it was the 'performing' side of journalism that initially pulled her in. "I love people and being in front of people," says Molly, who currently works for three national networks: Context on YesTV, a faith-based current affairs show, CTV News Channel, and the Canadian Public Affairs Channel (CPAC).

Molly got a taste of journalism while still in high school at Luther College, volunteering at CTV Regina and doing everything from moving equipment during live segments to shadowing reporters. She was instantly hooked: "I was fascinated by the news station. I loved it."

After graduating in 2005, Molly attended Luther College at the University of Regina to complete her Bachelor of Arts in Journalism. It was during this time that her future as a journalist became tied to her faith journey. "The Lord told me during my prayers, 'I'm going to take you around the world.'" Initially, it seemed impossible to Molly that international news would be her path. She did not feel drawn to the developing world, and she even questioned how it was practically possible – living in "small" Regina, Saskatchewan. But God's message was "so clear" that Molly couldn't ignore it, and she made a few tweaks to open herself to the possibility.

At journalism school, she had an international beat, and began interviewing Regina residents with overseas ties and stories. She also applied for – and received – two scholarships that would take her to the developing world after graduation in 2010. The seven months she spent in Rwanda and Uganda served as a crucial trial period. "It gave me the opportunity to

get my feet on the ground and see if I could actually do it. It made me realize, I really do love the third world. I'm really interested in social justice issues."

Although a call from CTV Regina to be on the Morning Show once she was back in Canada didn't quite fit into her "global plan," she agreed to give it a go. "I had a chance to be on TV at home. It allowed me to invest in my community and volunteer." Even while working the morning news desk, Molly says that God presented her with opportunities to cover international stories. With her international passions, she decided to move to Toronto in 2014, where she completed a Master's degree at the Munk School of Global Affairs.

Today, Molly's heart beats for social justice stories. "How do we tell stories of vulnerable people around the world? What issue in the world is not being talked about, yet has such a massive significance to people's lives? And how can we bring these stories to the Canadian public? That's my responsibility as a journalist." Indeed, it is a responsibility that Molly acts on, pursuing stories in Iraq, Somalia, Turkey, Haiti, and most recently, Bangladesh, covering the Rohingya crisis.

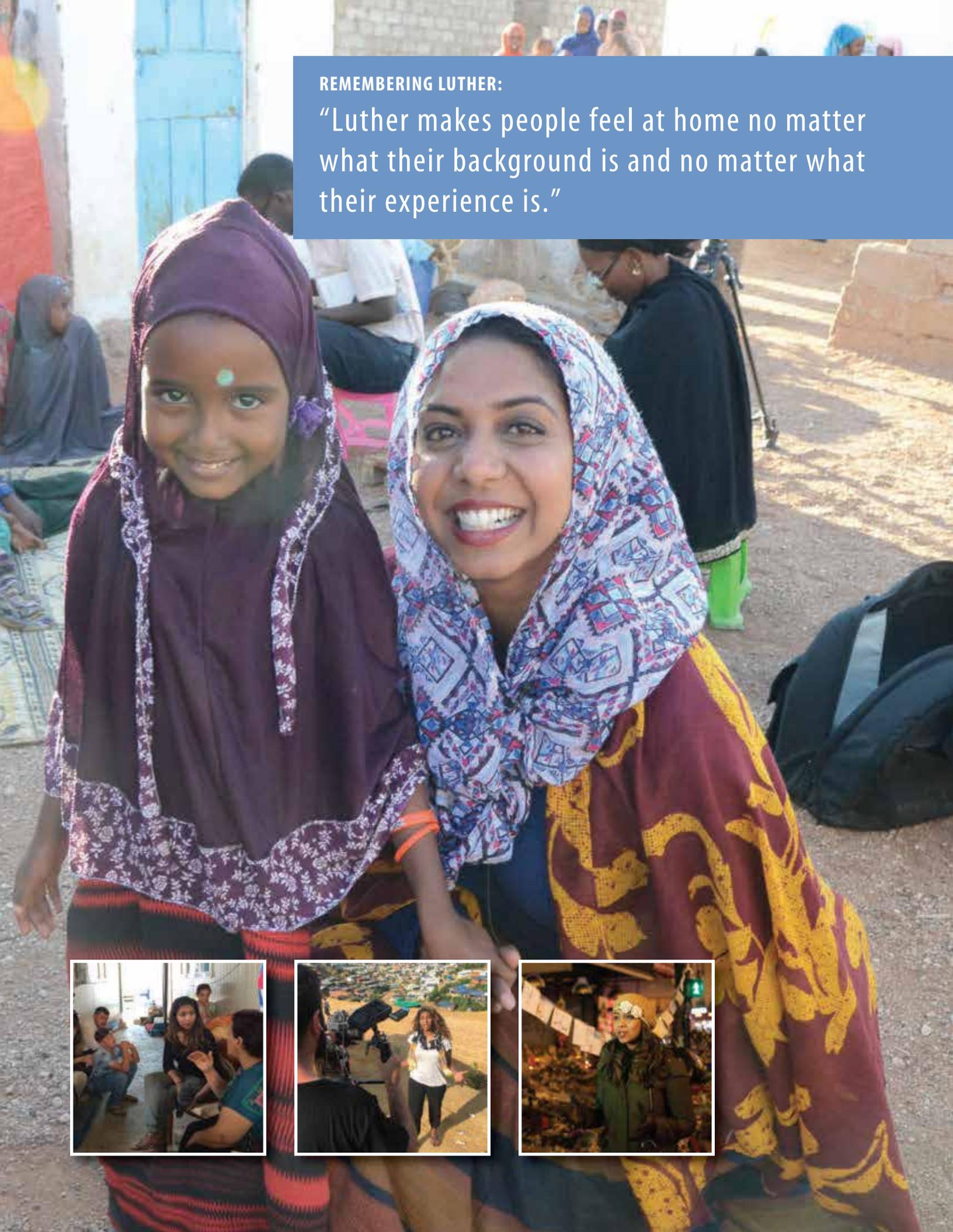
While the performing aspect of journalism was the initial draw, Molly's career today is motivated by something entirely different. "When you go into the field and do a story that can change people's lives – that can inspire Canadians to look at that issue again and ask, 'what is my role in that?' – there's nothing comparable to that. It's easy as a journalist to make it about you, but the story is never about me. Journalism is about people. The journalist is simply the tool that allows people to tell their stories to the world."



Molly in Somalia
Inset (L-R): Iraq, Bangea, and Paris

REMEMBERING LUTHER:

“Luther makes people feel at home no matter what their background is and no matter what their experience is.”



HOME COMING 2018

On Friday, September 28, and Saturday, September 29, we welcomed back over 160 alumni to their Luther College alma mater. This year's classes of honour were the 3's and 8's. As these photos show, each class is a group with a special bond and special memories (many of which were shared at Saturday's banquet).

Soren Oberg from the Class of 1988 said this: "Reconnecting at events like Homecoming brings us back to a time when we were our



CLASS OF 2008

(L-R): Whitney Getzlaf, Serena LaPosta, Alexis Robb, Brennen Schmidt



CLASS OF 1963

(L-R): John Preikschat, Sharon Gabert, Richard McWhinney



CLASS OF 1968

Top Row (L-R): Jason Leggett, Jud
Middle Row (L-R): Thomas Boxall, Brent Shirkey
Front Row (L-R): Becki Zerr, Cory Millar, Wayne Gw
Rachel Mielke, Erin



CLASS OF 1973

(L-R): Heather Stenerson and Diane Howes



CLASS OF 1958

(L-R): Shirley Blythe, Wesley Walters (Weslowski), Jim McHattie, Dick Southworth.
Missing from photo is Sharon Howe



CLASS OF 1993

Top Row (L-R): Craig Thorn, Trevor McLeod, Casey Phillips
Middle Row (L-R): Carla Carter, Renae Chambers, Darla Walters, Mahaila Scott, Kimberly Dubois
Front Row (L-R): Jonathan Denis, Cristin Wagner, Jennifer Embury, Marcie Ulmer, Kirstin Richter



HOMEcoming 2019

SAVE THE DATE

most powerful, our most optimistic, our most hopeful... this is why staying connected to Luther and each other feels so good and why it is so important to do. Everyday life, with jobs and kids and everything else thrown at us, has a way of eroding that power and optimism." He continued, "These reunions have a way of re-energizing us, re-charging us, reminding us that we are powerful and we do each have great potential. In many ways, we are refilled

with the Luther Spirit we heard so much about as students. Interestingly, the word *alumnus*, which I am sure all our Latin scholars will recall, is rooted in the verb *allere* which means 'to nourish.' That makes complete sense to me. Our connection as alumni continues to nourish us with optimism and hope the same way Luther College does for its students each and every day."

Luther College would like to send a special thank you to everyone who travelled to be here, and to those who organized and encouraged their classmates to attend. A special thanks to our banquet musicians, **Andrea Ludwig (HS'88)**, **Mike Angell (HS'88)**, and **Chris Dodson (HS'88, U'93)**. Thank you also to Hillberg & Berk for donating a gorgeous door prize earring and necklace set valued at \$800, which went home with **Erin Leggett (HS'98)**!



CLASS OF 1998
 d Kruger, Justin Freitag
 Jonathan Achtzehner, John Hunter
 William, Jeannie Skulmoski, Joanna King,
 Leggett



CLASS OF 1978
 Back Row (L-R): Greg Posehn, Christine Wellman, Kimberly Chase, Murray Carswell
 Front Row (L-R): Wanda Allison, Angela Schmidt, Jenny New



CLASS OF 1968
 Top Row (L-R): Reg Kontz, Greg Willows, Miles Forsberg
 Middle Row (L-R): Glennis Sigurdson, Karen Payant, Lynda Ast, Elaine Duncan, David Tanner
 Front Row (L-R): Mona Lindstrom, Joan Kruger, Marsha Ackerman, Gail Brown, Linda Magnusson



CLASS OF 1953
 (L-R): Harvey Lammer, Maxine Geddes, Merlis Belsher, Evelyn Rogers, Bill Schultz



CLASS OF 1988
 Back Row (L-R): Gerry Harris, Jeff Lynnes, Thomas Mortenson, Kent Foster
 5th Row (L-R): Dick Stark, Gord DeMars, Dave Martin, Soren Oberg, Greg Hutchings, John Hodgins
 4th Row (L-R): Randy Brooks, Mike Angell, Kevin Gooding, Shane Lightfoot, Noel Hendricksen, Erin Bayne, Mike Fritzier
 3rd Row (L-R): Mark Anderson, Charlene Howard, Dionne DeJager, Troy Metz, Kevin Linnel, Moe Mathieu, Larry Fry
 2nd Row (L-R): Angela Tillier, Rosaline Wood, Chris Dodson, Sara Hanson, Tera Gaudry, Kasia Park, Candace Sundbo, Andrea Tourney-Kiwaluk, Andrea Ludwig, Gail Fry
 Front Row (L-R): Lynn Parker, Erin Kennedy, Mark Moellman, Kerry Strong, Kristine Korven, Christine Graham, Candice Grotzky, Michelle Beveridge, Carl Cherland

SEPTEMBER 27 & 28, 2019

We are already thinking about next year's event, when we will celebrate the years ending in 4 and 9. If you are one of these alumni and would like to be invited and/or help us with organizing the reunion, please email lchsalumni@luthercollege.edu.

THANK YOU, DR. FRANZ VOLKER GREIFENHAGEN

On June 22, 2018, a special reception was held for Dr. Franz Volker Greifenhagen as his six-year term as Academic Dean came to a close. Taking over for Dr. Mary Vetter in 2012, Volker spent his years as Dean dedicated to students, faculty and staff, and the College — spending countless hours in back-to-back meetings, crisis intervention, student/faculty/staff counselling, putting out fires, preparing endless reports and proposals, and attending numerous evening and weekend events, all while still finding the time to teach a class or two.

So many innovative and successful pilot projects have happened under Volker's leadership: Voluntary Sector Studies Network and Nonprofit Sector Leadership and Innovation certificate,



Writing Across the Disciplines, and Project of Heart and Canadian Roots Exchange student programs, to name just a few. He was the first

Dean, and one of the first people on campus, to open events with a territory acknowledgement, and he made sure every graduate received a pocket book of the *94 Calls to Action*.

We will miss his opening every event with a Google joke, his secret handshake for the Dean's Honour Roll Recipients ("Learn, Love, Live, Luther"), and his fashion-forward accessories including a belt watch and Tim Horton's cup. Thank you, Volker, for your enthusiasm, fearlessness, determination, guidance, coolness, compassion, and humour, and for always holding our students at the forefront of every decision.

Following a much-deserved year-long sabbatical, Volker will return to his role as professor of Religious Studies in the fall of 2020.

NEW FACES AT LUTHER COLLEGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA

Dr. Yvonne Petry Dean

Yvonne has been a Luther professor of History since 1998, and was Assistant Dean to Volker Greifenhagen from 2012–2017.

Dr. Dorothy Lane Assistant Dean

Dorothy has been a Luther professor of English since 1993.

Dr. Nicole Hansmeier Professor of Biology

Nicole is a computational biologist and comes to us from Osnabrück University in Osnabrück, Germany. Her research focuses on systems-biology approaches to investigate human health and diseases.

Paul Simard-Smith Professor of Philosophy

Paul comes to us from the University of Windsor and his research focuses on Social Epistemology, the Philosophy of Language and the Philosophy of Law.

Colleen Strauch Manager of Recruitment

Colleen has Bachelor of Arts and Master of Education degrees from the University of Regina, and comes to us from Catholic Family Services, where she was an instructor.

Amy Dakue (U'12) Recruitment & Retention Specialist

Amy is a Luther alumna (Bachelor of Arts) and former resident, and comes to us from the University of Regina, where she was a Financial Aid Officer.

Angela Thorson Financial Analyst

Angela is a Chartered Professional Accountant, and comes to us from the CPA School of Business, where she was an online facilitator.

Daboo Alalibo Office Administrative Clerk (Financial & Residence Services Office)

Daboo has been with Luther since 2011 as a resident, Resident Assistant, and in the Housekeeping/ Maintenance Department.



New Kitchen

KITCHEN RECEIVES A FACELIFT

The Luther College Residence and associated food services at the University Campus are key contributors to the development of community and the enhancement of student life at Luther. With our residence receiving a facelift in 2015–2017, it was now time to update the kitchen that prepares all of the scrumptious meals for students, faculty, staff, and guests.

Thanks to a \$235,000 grant from Government of Saskatchewan's Strategic Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Program, which covered 50% of the budgeted project cost, upgrades to the kitchen included a new exhaust system, non-slip flooring, LED lighting, plumbing, and electrical work. A wall was knocked down and another moved to open up the kitchen for better flow, new stainless steel work tables were purchased for preparation of food, and stainless steel walls were installed in the wash bay.

The kitchen staff are loving the new layout.



Wash Bay



Some of the kitchen staff with Chef Moe (L - R): Rhonda, Grant, Bernie, Ethan, Moe, and Bri

THANK YOU!

Thank you only begins to describe our gratitude for your generosity. You have made a tremendous impact on the lives of Luther College High School students.

Highlights from 2017-18 include:

- The *A Time To Build* capital campaign has now reached the \$11.5 million mark.
- Over \$600,000 was awarded in bursaries and financial aid to qualified students who couldn't otherwise afford to attend.
- Over \$80,000 was awarded through merit-based scholarship to recognize student achievement in academics, leaderships, arts, and athletics.
- The Luther College Parents' Association raised over \$21,000 at the Prairie Chic Shindig, an event organized by their dedicated and hardworking fundraising committee.
- Our planned giving program continues to grow with over \$80,000 received in bequests and other planned gifts this past fiscal year.

As always we sincerely thank each and every donor who made a financial contribution to the school during this period. You made us a better school, and we are very grateful.

Sincerely,
Maureen Harrison
Chief Development Officer

HIGH SCHOOL D

\$1,15

TOTAL RECEIPTED DO



Fundraising Goal = \$13.5 million
As of June 30, 2018 = \$11.5 million
Left to Raise = \$2 million



IT TAKES ALL OF US TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, AND LUTH

DONOR REPORT

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NATIONS FOR 2017-18

A TIME TO BUILD

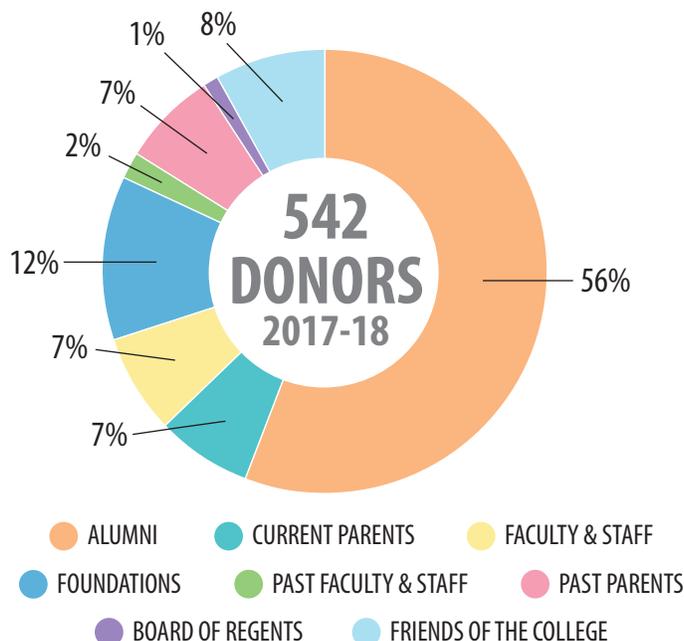
• \$635,139

ANNUAL GIVING

• \$282,154

SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES

• \$237,784



THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIFTS

Here are some examples of your donations in action:



CAMPUS ENHANCEMENTS

support how our students learn best.



BURSARY SUPPORT

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DR. MARY HAMPTON

Teacher, researcher, counselor, leader, trailblazer, colleague, friend – these words automatically come to mind when you hear the name Mary Hampton. For the last twenty-six years, Mary has embodied all of these roles at Luther College at the University of Regina (LCUR). She supervised numerous graduate students, worked to initiate Interdisciplinary Studies courses and the first Women's and Gender Studies position at LCUR, introduced Indigenous knowledge to Luther through the use of talking circles in classrooms, participated in organizing a conference on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, researched intimate partner violence, and provided leadership on RESOLVE (Research and Education for Solutions to Violence and Abuse)—through all of these efforts, Mary truly made an impact in the lives of many. The following are parting words from fellow colleagues as we wish Mary all the best in her retirement:

Mary has always been an inspiration to me personally. She combined cutting edge research with the best in teaching. She was a wonderful colleague to all of us, stepping up when something had to be done even if her schedule was extremely busy. Mary inspired not only me but hundreds, if not thousands, of students over her career who will carry on her legacy. I cannot thank her enough for all she has done for me, for our College, and for our students.

Dr. Bryan Hillis, President

I have learned so much from Mary through her approach and perspective in engaged and compassionate teaching, research, and service. As Academic Dean, I especially appreciated her insightful participation on search committees and at faculty meetings. I am so thankful that I have the gift of having Mary as a colleague.

Dr. Franz Volker Greifenhagen, Dean from 2012–2018

Dr. Mary Hampton has been instrumental in my development as a psychologist and community-based researcher. Without her support, encouragement, and mentorship, I would not have pursued graduate studies. Dr. Hampton is a passionate and driven professor who has worked tirelessly to implement change for vulnerable persons and to create healthy communities across Canada. I am forever grateful for her wisdom, knowledge, compassion, and kindness. Dr. Hampton has made an enormous impact on her students and her community. She has shaped the lives of so many individuals within the University of Regina and abroad. I am beyond thankful to Dr. Hampton for everything she



has taught me, and send her all the love and well wishes on this next stage of life.

Kim Zorn, former graduate student

I first met Mary when I arrived at the University of Regina in 2000. From this time forward Mary and I would meet for tea and laugh at the peculiarities of life and some of the challenges we faced. Over the last eighteen years, Mary has remained and remains a dear friend. It was Mary who supported me through the years of my working in the university, affirming my efforts and insights, and assuaging my doubts. Mary's love, compassion, wisdom, and knowledge have sustained me, and for this I will always be grateful.

Dr. Darlene Juschka, UofR Associate Professor, Women's and Gender Studies and Religious Studies

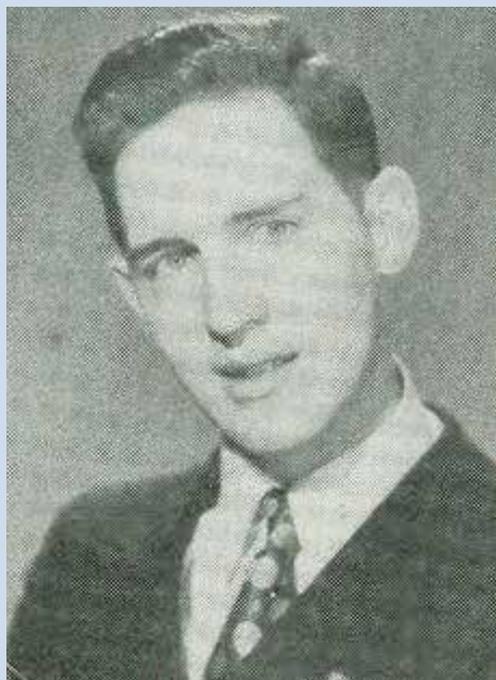
We frequently talk at Luther about how our goal is to care for the whole person – body, mind, and spirit. Mary has been foundational in building that ethos here. Her fierce gentleness focusses on always building people up to the point where they can believe in themselves enough to bring their own good energy into the world. She is real, and authentic, and has never minced words or wasted time if something needed to be said. Mary has been in our midst to remind us that we are much loved, that “We are not alone. We live in God's world.”

Dr. Brenda Anderson, Luther Professor, Women's and Gender Studies and Religious Studies

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LUTHER STUDENTS

Luther College is very fortunate to have so many donors, alumni and friends of the College, who believe in the vision and mission of the College and want to ensure the sustainability of the College by providing financial support. Many alumni give back to Luther by establishing new scholarships that directly benefit current students through an endowed gift as a means of saying thank you for the education and support they received when they were students.

Thanks to the generosity of the late **Rev. Dr. Walter E. Ellis (HS'53)** and **Dr. Eugene W. Seitz (HS'53)**, Luther College will be awarding the following three new bursaries/scholarships in 2019:



Rev. Dr. Walter Ellis

ALICE MAY AND VIOLET ANN WESTON BURSARY

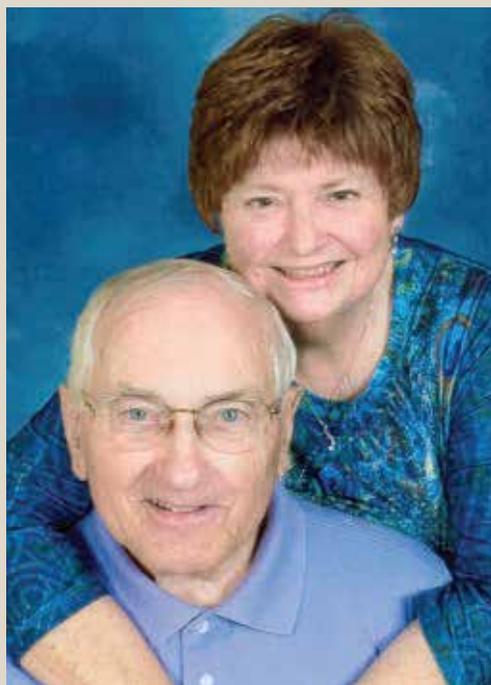
A lifetime learner, Rev. Dr. Walter E. Ellis (HS'53) graduated from Victoria High School and Luther College, Regina, in 1953, followed by degrees in Political Science from the U of A and UBC. Further studies in Theology and Sociology of Religion culminated in his doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh. Ordained in 1962 at Strathaven, he served congregations in Pennsylvania and Washington State and in five Canadian provinces and taught occasional courses in contiguous colleges or universities.

The Alice May and Violet Ann Weston Bursary, to be awarded annually at the University campus, was established with a gift by Rev. Dr. Ellis in honour of his two aunts, Alice May, a secretary to Regina lawyer George Thorn, and Violet Ann Weston, a nurse. Both Alice and Violet were residents in the College dorms. The bursary of \$1,500 will be awarded to an entering or continuing female Luther student living in the residence at Luther College at the University of Regina and enrolled in the liberal arts (i.e., Arts; Media, Art, and Performance; or La Cité) or sciences, with the intention of studying law, business, nursing, or a health-related program.

DR. EUGENE W. SEITZ SCHOLARSHIP IN SCIENCE

Dr. Eugene W. Seitz (HS'53) graduated from Luther College High School in 1953 and went on to obtain a Ph.D. in Microbiology, Biochemistry, and Food Science and Technology from Oregon State University. His thesis focused on the generation of flavor molecules via biotechnology. He worked for over forty-five years as an industrial scientist, with a strong focus on Flavor Science and Technology. He devised, developed and established numerous factory processes which manufactured flavor ingredients (flavorants) or which modified dairy and other foods into flavor building blocks.

The Dr. Eugene W. Seitz Scholarship in Science was established with a gift from Dr. Seitz. Two scholarships will be awarded annually: \$500 to a returning Grade 11 or 12 student who excels in science at Luther College High School and \$600 to a student enrolled in the Faculty of Science at Luther College at the University of Regina, with 60 or more credit hours, who demonstrates academic achievement as well as financial need.



Dr. Eugene & Debra Seitz

ON CAMPUS

ALUMNI CHAPEL 2018

Every year before graduation, we bring back an accomplished alum to speak to our students about how their Luther education will benefit them in the future. This year's speaker was **Catherine Bell (HS'79, U'82)**.

Catherine is now a Professor of Law at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. She specializes in Canadian Aboriginal rights law, property law, cultural heritage law, and interdisciplinary community-based legal research. She has been a visiting professor and scholar at various universities, and taught with the Program of Legal Studies for Native People at the University of Saskatchewan and Akitsiraq Law School in Nunavut. She also served as a lead faculty member for the Banff Center for Management Aboriginal Leadership and Self-Government Program. Professor Bell is published widely and has acted in collaboration with and as an advisor to First Nation, Inuit, Métis, federal and provincial governments, and organizations. Her current research concerns legal and ethical obligations of museums to Indigenous peoples; Métis constitutional rights; and the intersection of ethics, Indigenous law and intellectual property law in collaborative research.

WELCOMES AND FAREWELLS!

Sarah (Bangsund) Stone (HS'97) joined the faculty this year. She admits as a student that living outside the city limited her involvement to daytime extra-curricular activities like girls' choir led by Gail Fry. Sarah became a teacher because she loved doing the hard work of reflection in IB English classes. She taught for three years in Yellowgrass and thirteen in Milestone teaching English and History, Sarah was involved in community theatre, coached volleyball, spent a year in the Prairie Valley School Division office, taught a sessional education class at the U of R and made sure that small town gentlemen enjoyed studying English literature! Sarah is excited to have the opportunity to teach alongside her teachers (Anderson, Becker, Hall and Leupold). She has just finished helping to direct the musical under the tutelage of Nancy Ostime and is thrilled that every day is "homecoming day".

Brendan Stevens retired from teaching English at Campbell and has joined the Luther community to bring literary wisdom to grade ten students. Originally from Moose Jaw where he began teaching grade 7/8 and later high school French and English, Brendan was always a firm supporter of public education. He now calls schools like Luther "beacons of academic rigour". He gushes about his current job wherever and whenever he can, thankful for the professional autonomy given and the professionalism, which the entire staff gives in return.

Sarah Punshon knows a number of alumni from her days in the Regina Symphony and Youth Orchestra and can recall watching "The Wizard of Oz" and attending Candlelight. Happily for us she has just added her talents on

the violin to this year's musical! Coming to Luther this fall from Milestone, Sarah is the new Academic Support Coordinator and is currently working on her Inclusive Education Certificate, a qualification which focuses on making adaptations for a range of abilities.

Lindsay Haubrich is the new Receptionist at the High School. We also welcome our new nurse **Jan Ferguson**. Jan values the Christian foundation here and loves the Luther mix of local and international students. She has been warmly welcomed by all, but her transition has been made smoother by the efforts of the previous nurse, **Bonnie Gattinger**, and the Deans, **Mary Gurel** and **Tanner Brightman**.

In the Alumni Relations, Development and Communications Office, we welcome **Annette Summerfield** as our Alumni Assistant, following the retirement of **Robyn Stettner**.

WELLNESS DAYS

Physical activity is part of a well-rounded education. Not only is it a positive lifestyle choice, but it enhances mental, spiritual, emotional, and psychological well-being. This school year we are regularly scheduling wellness days where students will participate in a variety of activities: yoga, a cross-country run, a longer version of the Terry Fox walk, pickup basketball, a weight room workout, Zumba, volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee, soccer, biking, and football. Our goal is 100% involvement from all of our students and staff!

We continue to incorporate the IB (International Baccalaureate) CAS (Creativity, Activity and Service) model for all of our students. Luther has already implemented a Service Day, so the Wellness Days are another component to this model.

THE WIZARD OF OZ

2018 marks forty-five years of bringing a musical to life on the Luther College stage! A tradition that began in 1973 continued this year with a production of *The Wizard of Oz*. The whole cast was honoured to have Lieutenant Governor Tom Molloy at our Sunday performance, pictured here in the centre!

SOCCER CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the Luther Lions girls' soccer team on their City Championship! This is the fifth year in a row the Luther girls have been crowned City Champs! Pictured here with the team is coach Derek Frostad.



ON CAMPUS

EXTERIOR SIGNAGE

The next time you stop by the University campus, you will be greeted by new exterior signage: a building identifier at the main north entrance complete with LED night lighting and a building placard at the south entrance.

SPRING & FALL CONVOCATION

At Spring Convocation on June 7, Luther awarded a total of forty-six degrees and certificates to forty-five graduates. The Luther Medal of Distinction was awarded to **Kelti Smith (U'18)**. "While being awarded the Luther Medal of Distinction acts as a testament to my success," says Kelti, "I believe more so that the success lies in the Luther community for their constant support, encouragement, and dedication to their students." At Fall Convocation on October 19, Luther awarded twelve degrees and certificates to twelve graduates. Congratulations to all of our grads on their hard work and achievements.

RESIDENCE MOVE-IN/ FALL ORIENTATION 2018

The September long weekend marks the beginning of the new academic year, with some students moving into on-campus housing on the Friday before and/or attending orientation the Tuesday following. This year, students who were moving into the Luther College Residence on the Friday – many with the help of their families – also enjoyed a residence orientation, quad meetings, and supper together in the Luther Cafeteria. On Tuesday, ninety first-year Luther students participated in the UofR Orientation Day – they heard a keynote speaker, attended faculty-specific breakout sessions, took campus tours, and enjoyed an Orientation Day Social Event.

LUTHER CUP 2018

Luther faculty, staff, and students gathered on a crisp, sunny, fall afternoon on September 28 to play a children's favourite pastime, kickball, for a year of ultimate bragging rights, during the first annual Luther Cup. Is it a coincidence that the President's team won? We will never know.

LUTHER LECTURE 2018

On October 1, Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, a Palestinian Pastor, Founder and President of Dar al-Kalima University College of Arts and Culture in Bethlehem, and co-recipient of the 2015 Olof Palme Prize, delivered the 42nd Luther Lecture entitled "Faith in the Face of Empire: A Palestinian Christian Perspective" to a packed auditorium. Dr. Raheb spoke of how the Dar al-Kalima University College of Arts and Culture, which he founded, and his innovative artistic education in film, art, and drama has made it possible for young people to investigate their Palestinian identity, to nurture beauty, and to invest in a culture of life as tools for a creative resistance against suffocating confinement and towards nation-building in a Palestine still striving for recognition as a legitimate state.

GIVING THANKS LUNCH

The Giving Thanks Lunch, hosted by the Luther College and Campion College ministries, was held on October 4. This is an annual pre-thanksgiving weekend feast for staff and students to experience and enjoy a traditional Canadian Thanksgiving meal.

LUTHER COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT

Sixty-eight future students and parents joined us on October 4 to learn about pre-professional programming, scholarships, picking a degree, the benefits of registering through Luther, and more. Our keynote speaker was optometrist and alumna **Dr. Marcia Mitschke (U'16)**, who spoke about how her experience and preparation at Luther helped her through optometry school.

AWARDS CEREMONY

Every year Luther College hosts an awards ceremony in the fall to recognize the outstanding achievements of our students. On October 12, Luther College awarded over **\$110,000** worth of scholarships to 116 students. The awards ceremony also serves to recognize students with exceptional academic standing. Forty-seven students were named to the Dean's Honour Roll. To qualify for the Dean's Honour Roll, students must have obtained a minimum GPA of 85 percent.



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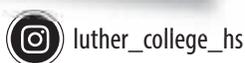


ALUMNI TOUR OF MOSAIC

On June 20, over fifty Luther alumni and family were treated to a private, behind-the-scenes tour of the new Mosaic Stadium. Interesting fact: Five Luther alumni played in the CFL: **Ron Cobbledick (HS'62)** (Saskatchewan Roughriders and '66 Grey Cup Champion), **Peter Francis (HS'64)** (Winnipeg Blue Bombers), **Rob Pyne (HS'68, U'74)** (Saskatchewan Roughriders, Winnipeg Blue Bombers, Calgary Stampeders and Edmonton Eskimos), **Patrick Neufeld (HS'06)** (Winnipeg Blue Bombers), and **Jade Etienne (HS'07)** (Winnipeg Blue Bombers).

SEND US YOUR MEMORIES & CLASS NOTES

Have a favourite picture/memory from your time at Luther? Want to update classmates about your adventures after Luther? Email lutherstory@luthercollege.edu to be included in upcoming issues.



LUTHER COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS

The Luther College Board of Regents is comprised of alumni and friends of the College, who generously volunteer their time and effort to guiding the mission and values of Luther College. Regular board meetings are held approximately six times during the academic year. In addition, there are several standing board committees that meet more frequently. These include: Academic & Administrative; Audit; Building & Facilities Renewal; Development; Executive; Finance; and Governance Committees.

The primary responsibilities of the Board of Regents are:

- To supervise the financial resources and assets of the College
- To ensure that the College remains faithful to its stated mission and values
- To develop long-range plans for the advancement of the institution and monitor the implementation of those plans
- To receive reports from the president, to review the performance of the president, and periodically, to select the president

Luther College would like to welcome a new member to the Board of Regents, Andrea Wagner, who is a Business Performance Improvement Consultant at SaskPower. We thank Bruce McDowell for his service to the Board of Regents from 2012 until June 2018. Bruce provided invaluable financial expertise and served as chair of the Board's Finance and Audit Committees. We also thank Pastor Craig Moeller for his service on the Board of Regents during 2017–2018.

Thank you Regents for sharing your time and gifts in service of Luther College.



Luther College Board of Regents 2017-2018

Back Row (L-R): Karl Tiefenbach (HS'73, U'76), Murray Knuttila, Jana Odling (HS'91, U'95), Janet Bjorndahl (U'79), Gregory Swanson, Karen Pflanzner, Daryl Nelson

Front Row: (L-R): Jody Hilderman, Lyndon Carlson, Meredith Cherland, David Solheim (Chair), Beth Drozda (HS'84, U'87), Jeff Christiansen (HS'84, U'90)

Missing: Laurel Garven (HS'06), Daranne Harris (HS'95), Andrea Wagner



Elisabeth Wagner



(L-R) Stephen Anderson, Phillip Anderson, Dick Stark, Morris Anderson, and Ben Anderson



CLASS NOTES

1950s

OTTO HUBER (HS'51) was inducted into the Saskatchewan Golf Hall of Fame in September 2018. Otto is known internationally as one of the most accomplished blind golfers in Canada.

MERLIS BELSHER (HS'53) was one of the 2018 recipients of an honorary degree at the University of Saskatchewan. This honour recognizes individuals who have achieved outstanding accomplishments. Merlis received the degree as an accomplished accountant, lawyer, entrepreneur, and philanthropist, committed to building communities. A University of Saskatchewan graduate, Merlis's leadership was instrumental in the development of the new Merlis Belsher Place multisport complex.

MAXINE (ARTHUR) GEDDES (HS'53) has three kids, and is now widowed. She has travelled and camped a great deal, and spends her retirement volunteering.

JANE (CARPENTER) BOOTH (HS'58) told us this "small world" story. Jane's daughter-in-law runs a daycare in Toronto, Ontario. She had the kids out at a nearby park and someone found a wallet. There was one card inside that said something about Luther College but when her daughter-in-law did some searching, she couldn't find a Luther College in Toronto. Her husband (Jane's son) immediately recognized the name Luther College as the school his mother had attended so they called the school, and were able to track down the wallet's owner!

1960s – 70s

LYNDA AST (HS'68) was a kindergarten teacher for thirty-one years. She lives in Calgary, Alberta.

MILES FORSBERG (HS'68) played for the University of Regina Cougars, worked for SaskPower, and was the Fire Chief in Regina, Saskatchewan. He is married with three children.

JOHN GREEN (HS'68) lives in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, and is retired from the Bank of Canada in Ottawa, Ontario. He is married to Deanne, and they've renovated a home and are active in church and in the Christian community.

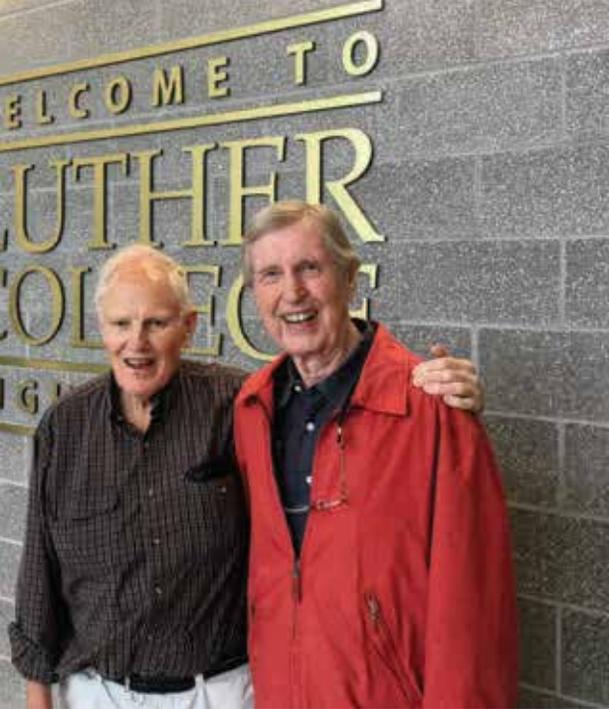
ELISABETH WAGNER (HS'71, U'74) performed in her play *Alice's Gift: The Life and Music of Alice Herz-Sommer* with actress Lina de Guevara as part of the Regina Musical Club season. *Alice's Gift* tells the remarkable story of pianist and Holocaust survivor Alice Herz-Sommer. The play was first performed in Victoria in 2016 and 2017, and will be performed there again this fall. More information on Elisabeth's projects can be found on the Bell'Arte Music Drama website. Elisabeth has retired from the BC public service and lives in Victoria, British Columbia.

RANDY HAATVEDT (HS'72, LCUR RESIDENT 1972–1974) and **HEATHER STENERSON (HS'73, U'76, HS FACULTY 1979–1981)** were married at the LCUR Chapel on October 6, 2018. Pastor Dennis Hendricksen officiated. The couple resides in Calgary, Alberta.

JAN (BRADSHAW) MILTON (HS'73) has two children, **SCOTT (HS'06)** and **LAURIE (HS'08)**, who are also Luther alumni. Jan has a Bachelor of Administration from the University of Regina and is an accountant and event planner.

STEPHEN ANDERSON (HS'76, U'81), currently living in Nova Scotia, visited Regina this summer with his father, former Principal and President of Luther College, Morris Anderson. Joining him was his brother **PHILLIP ANDERSON (HS'82)**, son Ben, and Mr. Dick Stark. They shot some hoops in the 'new' gym and visited their former home, the President's House, across the street from the High School.

WAYNE KALLIO, FORMER HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY MEMBER (1974–1984), has published two books: *Child of the Valley* and a book of poems entitled *Just for you, my friend and me*.



Dick Stark and Morris Anderson



James Trettwer



Kim Samkoe

1980s – 90s

MIKE PESTILL (HS'83) is the Executive Director of the Technical and Trades Branch of the Ministry of Advanced Education. He is also a Chartered Professional Accountant.

BRAD HEUCHERT (U'85, LUTHER RESIDENT 1981–1985) convocated from the University of Regina in 1985, got married, and moved to Manitoba, where he has been ever since. He tells us that “God has been good” and that he “went to school with the best people ever!!!”

CHRISTINE GRAHAM (HS'88) currently works for the federal government in Regina, Saskatchewan.

KEVIN LINNELL (HS'88) has a career as a manager at West Central Pelleting making feed pellets. He is raising a family of two kids in the small town of Wolseley, Saskatchewan.

ROBIN WETTLAUER (ATTENDED LCHS FROM 1989–1992) won a 2018 Public Association of Foreign Service Officers (PAFSO) Award. The PAFSO website says, “According to a senior British diplomat, Robin Wettlaufer, Canada’s Istanbul-based Special Representative to the Syrian Opposition since 2014, ‘symbolises Canadian grit, determination and sheer flair for peace-making.’ Robin is at the leading edge of Canada’s peace, stabilization and humanitarian efforts. She has amplified Canada’s contributions and enhanced the positive reputation Canada enjoys on the Syria file. When the Syrian Negotiating Committee re-organized, Robin – and her Swedish counterpart – skillfully managed to increase the number of female representatives on the Committee, achieving concrete results in a male dominated context. A talented woman in a high-level position, Robin is the embodiment of Canada’s feminist foreign policy.”

JAMES TRETTER (U'97) has published his story collection, *Thorn-Field*, through Thistledown Press, Saskatoon. The collection was a Saskatchewan Writers’ Guild John V. Hicks Long Manuscript Awards winner in 2016. James currently lives in and writes from Regina, Saskatchewan.

THOMAS BOXALL (HS'98, U'07) currently works as a Business Metrics Analyst for SaskTel in Regina, Saskatchewan. After graduation, Thomas joined the Canadian Armed Forces (Canadian Signal Reserve), rose to the rank of Master Corporal (MCpl), and did one tour of duty in Afghanistan from May to November 2004. Afterwards he left the military and worked for ISM Canada (an IBM Company) for six years as a Software Developer, where he worked on projects that spanned the globe. In 2014, he took a position as Manager of Application Development at Lexcom Systems Group Inc., where he helped develop Saskatchewan’s first smart infrastructure systems, used to remotely read Smart Meters and automate business processes.

JUSTIN FREITAG (HS'98) is married to his wife, Nicole, and they have a two-year-old son. Justin has his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education and both he and Nicole are teachers. They live in Regina Beach, Saskatchewan.

JEANNIE (THOMPSON) SKULMOSKI (HS'98, U'06) lives in Moosomin, Saskatchewan, where she is teaching and farming.

JASON LEGGETT (HS'98) married his high-school sweetheart **ERIN (ERHART) LEGGETT (HS'98)**, and they live in Airdrie, Alberta.

2000s – 2010s

KIM SAMKOE (U'01) received an R37 Method to Extend Research in Time (MERIT) Award from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) in August 2018. Dr. Samkoe’s R37 MERIT Award is entitled, “Paired-Agent Imaging for Resection during Surgery (PAIRS) for Head and Neck Cancers” and focuses on improving outcomes of patients with head and neck cancers by refining the surgeon’s ability to remove all residual cancer cells. If successful, this technology will ultimately allow clinicians to identify and remove residual cancer cells at the boundary where tumor meets normal tissue, thus maximizing patient survival and reducing life-long surgery-induced complications.



Amy Hillis



Brennan Schmidt



Top: Gordon, Colton, Aaron and Connie Fritzler
Bottom (L-R): Aimee Schulhauser; Nicholas Rheubottom



CLASS NOTES

INGA (VAN VLIET) HAMMER (HS'03, U'09) won a gold medal in the International Novice Jiu-Jitsu championship in Las Vegas in September 2018. She is a former wrestler for the University of Regina Cougars, and also competed on Luther College High School's cheerleading team.

AIMEE SCHULHAUSER (U'03) was the recipient of the 2018 YWCA Women of Distinction Award in the Entrepreneurship & Innovation category. Aimee is the owner and operator of Tangerine: the food bar, Schoolhaus Culinary Arts, and Evolution Catering & Fine Foods in Regina, Saskatchewan.

LAUREN (MILTON) DUBE (HS'08) has a degree in Linguistics from the University of Regina. She was married in 2017, and will graduate in December 2018 as a general and cardiac sonographer.

AMY HILLIS (HS'08) was recently named one of CBC's Top 30 Classical musicians under 30. According to CBC, as the "first-prize winner at the 2018 Eckhardt-Gramatté National Music Competition, she'll go on tour in October and November with pianist Katherine Dowling. Then, in 2019, she and pianist Meagan Milatz will tour the Maritimes, Quebec, and the Prairies as part of Road Trip! A Pan-Canadian Partnership, presented by Debut Atlantic, Les Jeunesses Musicales du Canada and Prairie Debut." Amy currently plays a Stradivarius violin on loan for one year from the Canadian National Arts Council.

ALYSSA KOHL (HS'08, U'13) is married and has a Bachelor of Health Studies. She works as a primary care paramedic.

ALEXIS (BEREZOWSKI) ROBB (HS'08, U'13) has her Bachelor of Science in Biology and is working on her Master of Health Administration degree at the University of Regina.

BRENNEN SCHMIDT (HS'08) launched a new book which he co-authored called *Cyber City Safe: Emergency Planning Beyond the Maginot Line*. Brennen recently joined Deloitte Canada as a Consultant within their Technology Strategy and Architecture Practice.

MICHELLE KORPAN (HS'09, U'13) is completing her Master of Law degree at Cambridge University and was offered The Right Honourable Paul Martin Sr. Scholarship, which covers her tuition, airfare, and living costs. The scholarship is typically given out to one or two Canadian students attending Cambridge each year, and Michelle is only the second student ever from western Canada. She will be attending the program from October 2018 to June 2019 and plans to focus on courses in the areas of criminal and public law.

AARON FRITZLER (HS'12) convoked from the University of Saskatchewan in the Faculty of Law. He received the Law Foundation Gold Medal for the highest GPA. Aaron is pictured above with his father Gordon, brother **COLTON (HS'10)**, and mother Connie.

NICHOLAS RHEUBOTTOM (U'13) is finishing his Ph.D. in Music Research at King's College London in the UK.

WEIKANG (NICK) XIANG (HS'14) lives and studies at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

JORDAN KOS (HS'18) and **BRANDON WATSON (HS'14)** participated in the 2018 Canadian Youth Championships in lawn bowling. Jordan won a silver in the U25 Women category, and Brandon placed fourth in the U25 Men category.

MAYSON SONNTAG (HS'18) won first place in Canada's prestigious 2018 National Music Festival in August 2018 along with the other members of the Fiearro String Quartet – current Luther students and musicians Eleanor Hector and Meika Sonntag, and musician Jonathan Craig Penner.

The Honourable **ROBERT LEURER**, a former member of the **LUTHER COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS (2011–2015)** and a judge of Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan, was appointed a judge of the Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan. The announcement was made in September 2018 by the Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada.

REMEMBER WHEN



class of '57

Remember the Class of 1957's "James Dean", otherwise known as **Gordon Flett (HS'57, HSU'58)**?

This photo was taken by **Ruth Robinson (HS'57)**.

Thanks to **Robert Gordon (HS'57)** for sending us a copy!

IN MEMORIAM

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

Marybell Undseth (HS'39, HSU'40)

James Beattie (HSU'44)

Nelson Thurm (HS'46, HSU'47)

Don Driver (HS'52)

Rev. Walter Ellis (HS'53)

J. Morley Billett (HS'55)

Sharrin (Hawes) Harper (HS'57)

Don Amell (HS'58, HSU'59)

James Williams (HS'58)

Glenda Gunn (HS'58)

Pam Lewry (U'85)

Carla Cullen (HS'84)

Darla Hansen (HS'86)

Don Kramer
friend of Luther College

Ron Dupuis
former Head of Maintenance, High School campus

SHARON (HARKER) MCBETH (ATTENDED FROM 1952–1955)

After a short battle with an aggressive cancer, Sharon/Sherry (Harker) McBeth passed away June 27, 2018, at the age of 79. Sherry enjoyed coming to the Luther reunions and reuniting with the other two Sharons in her class – Solomon and Mahara. We each graduated high school in 1956 but alas, not from Luther. No matter, Luther College stayed with Sharon/Sherry for her entire life.

— submitted by Sharon (Mahara) Penner



"Financially supporting Luther College is one thing I can do to ensure a brighter future for generations to come." —donor Carole Bryant

For information on leaving Luther in your will, please contact:

Maureen Harrison at 306-791-9175 (High School)

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CORRECTIONS

The editors would like to make the following corrections to the Spring 2018 issue:

- Ruth Dempsey's year of graduation is 1974 not 1970.
- In John Persson's Donor Profile, Colombia was spelled incorrectly.
- The 'unknown' woman in the "Remember When" photo is Susie Davis.



Hong Kong Alumni Dinner 2013

HONG KONG ALUMNI!

Mark your calendars for a visit from Luther College President Bryan Hillis in April 2019!

If you would like to be part of our alumni gatherings, email lchsalumni@luthercollege.edu.

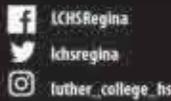
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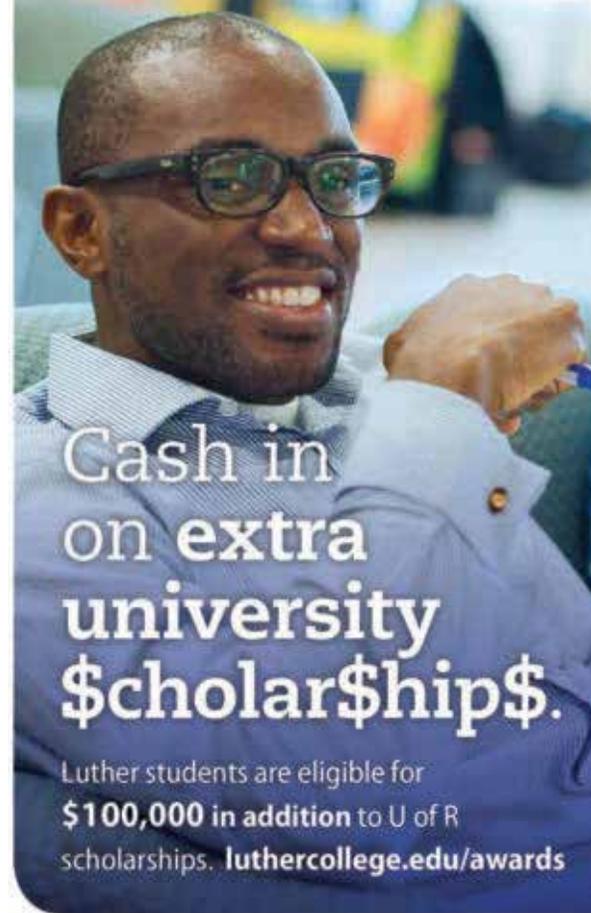




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More details to follow in upcoming issues.

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

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