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## message from the editor



Visiting my grandparents in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, has always been a very special time for me. When I think about those visits, a plethora of childhood memories flood my senses: the aroma of Opa's coffee (the same for Oma's green-bean soup) or the unique smell of the water when washing the dishes or taking a bath (the city adds lots of chlorine to the water). I can still see the emerald green tiled bathtub with the black-and-white sheer curtains pulled back with black cords; the crystal chandelier in the dining room; the simple brown countertops in the kitchen; the lush, caramel velvet curtains in the living room; the purple-and-

pink shag carpet in the rumpus room; the special occasion dishes; and the red woolly stockings hung under the fireplace mantel every Christmas. I can hear the sound of CBC classical music on Opa's radio, the wind blowing through the wind chimes in the backyard, or the needle of Oma's sewing machine clattering away. This was my happy place (still is), and I loved it just the way it was. Then the look of that world changed ... literally.

We did not live close to Swift Current when I was a child, so we were able to visit only a few times each year. During one of those visits, I walked into the bathroom, and to my shock (and dismay), a white plastic surround covered the green tile; my black-and-white curtains were gone, replaced by pastel green sheers. There was a new stand-alone vanity where the sink once was and wainscoting graced the walls. She had even replaced the clothes hamper! "What has she done?!" I thought to myself. "How dare she not consult me? Does she not

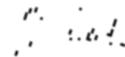
know this is also 'my' house?" To my horror, that was just the beginning! On future visits, there was always something new, something different: new counter tops and sink with faucet in the kitchen, a new light fixture for the dining room, glaringly white and gold Christmas dishes, and dark green, patterned stockings for the fireplace.

I remember being a little upset each time my Oma, wanting change of her own, decided to update/modernize her house between our visits. I couldn't figure out why this bothered me. At home, I would rearrange my room every six months. I loved to update my surroundings, keeping things new, fresh, and exciting; it was invigorating to me. I was even perfectly content when my mother would rearrange our house for "better flow." So if I was fine with changes of my own, why wasn't I happy about my grandmother's?

It dawned on me that I did not want anything in my

grandparents' house to change because for me it was the constant in my life: a stability that was, for me, a tangible way of remembering my childhood. I believed that I should be allowed to adapt and grow, but I wanted my Oma and Opa to remain exactly the way I envisioned them as a child ... and that included their home. I finally realized that change is inevitable, but balance is the key. Everyone should be encouraged to embrace the new while still learning from, and remembering, the old.

In this issue, you will see examples of how Luther has its own traditions while continually looking for new ways to stay current and offer our students the best education and services possible. A blend of the old and the new ... the best of both worlds.



**Michelle Clark (U'04)**  
Senior editor of the *Luther Story*



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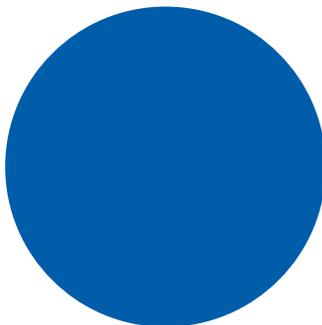
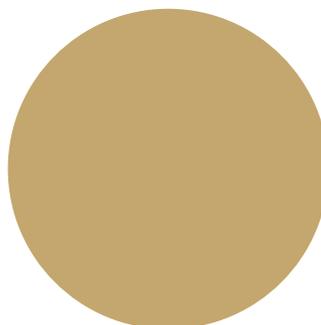
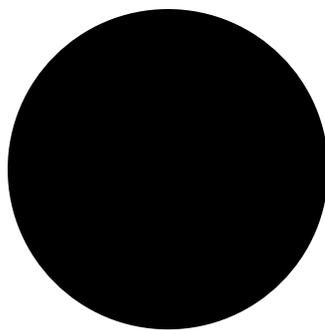
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Top: Rev. Dr. Roland Miller,  
LCUR Academic Dean, from 1977-1991.

Left: Soren Oberg (HS'88)

Right: Bob Davis, L.I.T. Director,  
Dean of Men, a coach, and teacher at  
LCHS from 1960-1968.

Cover image: Kim (Anderson) Semenchuk, Kirsten (Ermel)  
Boyce, Corinne Stavness, all 1996 graduates of LCHS.

# message from the pulpit



It is hard to believe it was just last summer that I was starting in the position as Chaplain at Luther College's University campus. I am sure I experienced many of the same emotions that our students experience before their first day at university: Will I fit in? Will I find friends? Am I ready to do the work required of me? What will my day-to-day look like? The learning curve is steep, the pace is fast, and the excitement is high.

Shortly after I began at Luther, I found an article by Rev. Paul Raushenbush in the *Huffington Post*, entitled "7 Reasons To Hang Out With Your College Chaplain (Even If You're Not Religious)." It is my understanding that the Chaplain at the University campus is a chaplain to everyone, and therefore it is my job to be a Lutheran pastor, aware of the many paths and journeys that students, faculty, and staff are on. My role is to support, challenge, and help all individuals grow,

while lifting up my own tradition and encouraging understanding of other traditions. This said, I wonder if the same seven reasons the author of the article has given to hang out with your College Chaplain might also be a call for all of us to stop and reflect on where we find ourselves now. Maybe the excitement, energy, and curiosity of academic pursuits can inspire and serve us well beyond our time in the institution.

Inspired by Raushenbush's seven reasons, I offer the following seven reasons to live in your journey beyond academia as if you still have a College Chaplain by your side:

**1. Chaplains are interested in the big questions.**

Are you still interested in the big questions? Are you still inquiring and using your education and critical skills to assert yourself in life?

**2. Chaplains have your back.**

Have you found a community to back you up as you go? Where do you find support?

**3. Chaplains go on fantastic retreats.**

Have you fallen into a rut? Do you take the time to see life from different angles and perspectives? When do you go on retreat and explore what else there is?

**4. Chaplains always make sure there is food at events.**

Eat well! Everything is just better when you eat well.

**5. Chaplains can help you find your "place of peace."**

Where is your place of peace? Has all of your striving and working resulted in a balance of engaged chaos and peace? Who are you with now?

**6. Chaplains can help you understand your Quad mates and other university students.**

How much has the place where you live changed since your graduation day? Do you understand your neighbours and strive to get to know them because they can help you learn and see the world in a different way? Do you have a real community?

**7. Chaplains can direct you to different activities.**

While I cannot, as Chaplain, direct everyone to different activities, maybe these questions will inspire you to remember the growth and learning you experienced when you were a student. Maybe it is time to come back and take a few classes!

Thanks be to God for Luther College as we continue our work with the students who grow and learn with us. May we find communities that continue to grow and learn always.



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

## message from the president



In 1974, a rather timid, earnest, religiously conservative and completely un-hip undergraduate entered Luther College at the University of Regina for the first time. He learned so much, was impressed by even more, and has not forgotten what that education meant to him. Key to his learning experience was Dr. Roland Miller, featured in this issue. The article on Dr. Miller is a good one, so I will not spoil it with my ramblings here, but it should be no surprise that I was that undergraduate – the clue was ‘un-hip’ -- and though I didn’t realize it at the time, I was learning the value of a strong liberal arts education.

This past week, we had a speaker on campus who summarized very well some of the main features of a liberal arts education. He spoke of a broad academic curricula exposing the student to many disciplines. Quoting a report of the Yale faculty of 1828, he noted that a liberal arts education

lays the foundations for all the professions, rather than teaching the skills specific to any one of those professions. Finally, he noted that a liberal arts education places a high value on the student-to-student and student-to-faculty interactions wherein so much of the intellectual and interpersonal skills are learned.

As someone closer to the end of my career than the beginning, I value even more highly now my liberal arts education from Luther College. I learned so much from Dr. Miller . . . but I promised I would not spoil the feature story following. A liberal arts education is often regarded solely from the perspective of the students, but as a faculty member I have also learned so much from our students, including the two university alumni featured in our alumni pages. And when I think of the multitudes that **Phoebe Voigts (HS’76)** has influenced, through her work with Saskatoon youth in choral performance, I know that the liberal arts education tradition continues amongst our alumni, no matter where their vocations have led.

The beauty of the liberal arts tradition is that it is a dynamic one. Yesterday, a former Luther College student, now a professor in the University’s Faculty of Education, spoke to an all-college meeting at

our University campus about how we need to consider our response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report, released late last year. He challenged us to consider that response within the context of our Christian faith and educational privilege. One of our professors, himself a distinguished researcher, thought it was the best lecture he had heard on this campus. What I know for certain is that there are very few places where I could have heard such an inspirational lecture, with such meaning for me, and obviously for others. I also know that this was a lecture that could not have been given a scant few years ago.

Finally, let me draw together these various thoughts by pointing to a future event planned by the parents and faculty of Luther College High School. On May 14, the High School campus will be hosting a ‘wellness’ day, enabling opportunities for the high school community to learn about wellness in all its manifestations: physical, emotional, spiritual, and social. We will learn from experts, we will learn from each other, and we hope to have some fun along the way. While this is not part of a formal curriculum, in so many other ways such a day exemplifies the liberal arts education that continues at both our campuses of Luther College. Those of us who are able to participate in this

education, either as student or facilitator, are truly blessed.



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

# Alumni PROFILES

By Melanie Tiefenbach (HS'89)

## JAYDEN SOROKA (HS'02)

Jayden Soroka (HS'02) has worked for more than a decade as a producer, director/assistant director, editor, and animator/motion graphics artist in everything from Hollywood feature films and national television commercials, to all forms of digital content. As a seasoned filmmaker with a passion for motion graphics and visual arts and an insatiable appetite for storytelling, Jayden is living his dream.

"I have always been in love with video. The imagination runs wild because you can create everything from scratch through animation and motion graphics." Using these tools, Jayden says, takes storytelling "to another level."

After completing two years of film school at the University of Regina, Jayden began his career as a Training Assistant Director on television series and films in Saskatchewan, going on shoots and ensuring all aspects of the production ran smoothly. It was not long, though, before Jayden moved to the creative side of the business and began making documentaries.

In 2006, one of his documentaries was recognized with a highly regarded Golden Sheaf Award at the Yorkton Short Film and Video Festival, for "Best of Saskatchewan." This success led him to start his own company, 306 Productions, a service-house that produces commercials and documentaries. After a few years, Jayden continued his development as a filmmaker by opening Pixelbox Studio, a post-production house responsible for all forms of content creation and production for television and web.

An avid outdoorsman, in 2009 Jayden relocated to Whitehorse, Yukon, to work.

He immediately fell in love with the land and the people. "The Yukon is a mecca for those things that Canada is best known for. I can walk out my door and in a minute beauty and solitude are accessible." Since moving to the North, he has worked on a variety of projects, but the past year was his busiest professionally. His production company won a major bid to produce a series of summer and winter promotional commercials for Yukon Tourism. Pixelbox hired over seventy Yukoners to work as crew and cast for twelve television commercials.

"This was a huge, huge project for us. But it's fun," explains Jayden. It's this mentality and his work ethic that have catapulted him to great success within his industry and his community, including the Whitehouse Chamber of Commerce awarding him the 2015 Young Entrepreneur of the Year award.

Jayden is very excited about a documentary he and his partner, Vivian Belik, are currently working on. The duo created a company called Flat Tire Films to produce a feature-length documentary about Mincome, a ground-breaking Canadian social experiment that took place in Dauphin, Manitoba, in the 1970's. Over the course of three years, 4,000 residents who were near poverty received a guaranteed income from the federal and provincial government. The recipients were closely monitored, as were the impacts to both them and their community. It was the largest experiment of its kind in the world.

Jayden's documentary project aims to recreate this experiment by following three Canadian families for a year to tell their stories and what it means to them to be given a reprieve from the stress of poverty.

"I always wanted to tell stories for people who can't tell their own story. I want to give people who don't have a voice a platform, a place to speak from [so] that they'll finally be heard – that's what it's about."

To learn more about Jayden's documentary project, as well as his memories of Luther, please visit [www.luthercollege.edu/high-school/lutherstory](http://www.luthercollege.edu/high-school/lutherstory).

**"[Luther] gave me a really strong platform in film, to grow in my career."**



## PHOEBE VOIGTS (HS'76)

**Phoebe Voigts (HS'76)**, Founding Artistic Director of the internationally known Saskatoon Children's Choir (SCC), grew up singing. "Lutherans sing," says Phoebe. "We sing Bach." Phoebe's first source of musical inspiration was her mother, the late Winnifred Voigts, who was an accomplished organist, choral conductor, and music educator. At Luther, Phoebe's love and appreciation of music was further fostered by her experience in Carl Cherland's choir, which had a "significant influence" on her decision to pursue music at University. "It was certainly something I wanted to be in my life."

After graduating from Luther College High School in 1976, Phoebe attended the University campus and pursued further studies at the University of Alberta, the University of Manitoba, and the Royal College of Church Music in Croydon, England. After her post-secondary training, she became a Music Specialist with the Saskatoon Public School Division and worked as a teacher there for more than thirty years. Phoebe was a frequent presenter at music education conferences and the recipient of many awards, including the YWCA Women of Distinction Award in Arts, the Saskatchewan Music Educators Award for Outstanding Achievement, the Saskatchewan Choral Federation Pro Musica Award, and the Rotary Golden Wheel Award. She was also named the Children's Champion 2011 of the Child and Youth Friendly Saskatoon.

In 1996, Phoebe founded the SCC, with the modest intention of starting a community choir in which her children and nieces could sing Bach. Much to her surprise, it grew into something bigger, more successful, and more impactful than she could ever have imagined or hoped for – a world-class choir of choristers aged seven to seventeen, with a reputation for commitment to artistic integrity and creativity. In 2011, Phoebe retired from teaching to focus more time and energy on the choir, which had itself become a full-time job.

For years, Phoebe understood that music held the power "to connect with all people," but it was during the SCC's first

international Kathaumixw festival in 2000 that she caught her first glimpse of the power this connection might hold. "There were choirs from all over the world and yet we had these groups of youth singing together and there was absolutely no language barrier. It was something inspiring to witness."

That festival marked the moment that Phoebe realized the choir could in fact effect meaningful change in the world, and that involvement in humanitarian efforts and projects was not just a possibility, but an obligation. "It very quickly became clear to me that the SCC was in a unique position in that they could connect with audiences in a way that adult groups couldn't always do. We started to work with different projects to have our focus be on not only artistic excellence, but also humanitarian work. We couldn't do everything but we could do *something*."

That *something* includes benefit concerts at home in Saskatchewan and abroad, where proceeds are donated to various groups in need, and partnering with organizations such as the Lutheran World Federation. And the benefit of these humanitarian efforts reaches beyond those on the receiving end; being an SCC chorister is, for many, an enriching, eye-opening experience, the personal reward of which lasts well into adulthood. "The relationships the choristers build are significant during these projects. Their life decisions are influenced by those experiences. The SCC has entered its twentieth year this year and as so many alumni are coming back for our anniversary celebrations, it's incredible to see how many are involved in both music and humanitarian activities. They are remarkable."

To learn more about SCC and its 2016 concerts and projects, as well as Phoebe's memories of Luther, please visit [www.luthercollege.edu/high-school/lutherstory](http://www.luthercollege.edu/high-school/lutherstory).



**[Luther] is a school where the students have a very strong feeling of being welcomed, nurtured, encouraged, and challenged. You are part of a heritage at Luther."**

# Alumni PROFILES

By Amber Peters (U'06)

## KEVIN MILLER (U'10)

**Kevin Miller (U'10)** is the first (and only) lawyer in his family – a situation that he describes as “unusual.” “Most kids that go into law have a lawyer somewhere in the family mix: a parent, an uncle, or aunt.” In spite of the lack of familial example, Kevin knew that he “always wanted to do law.”

After high school, Kevin attended Luther College in the pre-law program. He took his first history class with Luther History professor, **Dr. Yvonne Petry (U'85)**, and shortly thereafter declared himself a History major. “Law is a lot like history in many ways: reading cases, reading the history of how law has developed, and so on. Writing a history paper is actually similar to writing a legal brief. And I always liked doing research.” He graduated in 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts, with a Major in History (with Distinction) and a Minor in Psychology and Political Science, and attended law school at the University of Saskatchewan. After completing his law degree in 2011, he moved back to Regina, Saskatchewan, and was hired on as an Associate Lawyer at Miller Thompson LLP that same year. On June 15, 2012, he was called to the Saskatchewan Bar. He continues to practice at Miller Thompson, primarily in the areas of Civil & Commercial Litigation, Builders' Liens and Estate Administration.

For Kevin, completing a liberal arts degree at Luther prepared him for the various challenges that a career in law would present. “As a lawyer, you are constantly needing to learn about something you knew nothing about the day before. You have to become an expert in an area so that you can do your job. In my experience, obtaining a liberal arts degree is similar: you are learning in a wide variety of areas;

learning how to critically think and how to learn. Your perfect research skills, and research is incredibly important in law.”

While a successful legal career and planning a September 2016 wedding with his fiancée and Luther alumna, **Rosemary McCallum (U'10)**, means a busy schedule, Kevin remains an active volunteer and maintains that giving back to his community is a priority. “People who have the ability to make a positive contribution to the community have an obligation to do so. If you're able to help others, you should.”

Kevin has always been drawn to pro bono work. Even as a student in law school, he was involved with Community Legal Services for Saskatoon Inner City Inc. (CLASSIC), a community-based legal clinic. As a practising lawyer at Miller Thompson, Kevin continues to do pro bono work when he is able. When Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan (PBLs) approached Miller Thompson about collaborating to set up a Small Claims Clinic, where lawyers volunteer to give free legal advice to help citizens determine if they have a claim worth going forward in Small Claims Court, Kevin was happy and eager to be involved. Together with his firm and PBLs, Kevin worked to get the clinic up and running, which after two years has helped many residents. Kevin continues to work with the clinic, where he donates much of his own time and legal expertise.

Giving back to people, who have not been as fortunate in life, often leaves Kevin with feelings of gratitude. “I've been very fortunate in my life. I've had a great deal of support and I'm so grateful to my parents and to the many communities I've been



involved in over the years... I hope to always be able to give back to the communities who gave me so much.”

To learn more about Kevin's community work as Vice Chair on the Carmichael Outreach Board of Directors as well as his memories of Luther, please visit [www.luthercollege.edu/university/lutherstory](http://www.luthercollege.edu/university/lutherstory).

**“Thanks to the great people [who made] up the community, I had a great experience at Luther. The staff, along with the faculty members, helped to create a very supportive learning environment.”**

## CAMERON NORMAN (U'96)

**Cameron Norman (U'96)** can trace the roots of his success as a professor and entrepreneur back to a chance meeting with the late Dr. Paul Antrobus, a Luther Psychology professor, at his high school graduation. After this introduction, Cameron knew he had to take a class from Paul at university, and this decision would inevitably shape the course of his future. "I thought I would do business [at university]," Cameron says, "but within a couple of classes [with Paul] I knew I found my calling." After switching his major to Psychology, he completed a Bachelor of Arts with Honours at Luther College in 1996, followed by a Master's in Psychology at Wilfrid Laurier University, and finally a Ph.D. in Public Health Sciences at the University of Toronto (UofT), where he was hired as a professor.

Teaching was important to Cameron; he saw it as an avenue through which he could give back to society. But in addition to his duties as a professor (teaching, research, and service), he also began taking on contract work, doing community-based research for non-profits, health care, and social groups, mainly within the health and human services fields, to help them be more efficient. He eventually left teaching to focus on consulting, which included completing post-doctoral research in Systems Thinking and Knowledge Translation as well as a Master of Design (MDes) degree in Strategic Foresight and Innovation from OCAD University.

Much of Cameron's consulting work utilizes psychology and complex systems. Complex systems is a branch of science that looks at what occurs when diverse entities interact, the greater system that those interactions produce, and how that greater system interacts with its particular environment. "There is a reason that we cannot just come up with a recipe on how to train people in the workplace... You can't take the same things from one environment, drop them into another, and expect them to provide the same results. Context comes into play."

With increasingly diverse societies and an ever-changing world, organizations are finding that key elements of the work

they do, such as programming or training (and/or its delivery), are not as successful as they once were. Through CENSE Research + Design, a social innovation design consultancy based in Toronto, of which Cameron is the Principal, Cameron is able to help organizations design or redesign their programs by analyzing why something may not be working and what shifts to the services delivered may be needed to ensure its relevance. He combines this information with his knowledge of complex systems and background in design to help his clients (re)construct their services/programming and then deliver it effectively.

"[At CENSE], I'm essentially a social innovation consultant. I'm often working with organizations who know they want to do something different, but aren't sure what they need to do to get there. I do research and consultation with different groups within the health and human services sector that enables me to create something new. It's a unique way to make a contribution to society."

In addition to his work through CENSE, Cameron has also returned to teaching. He is an adjunct Professor at the Dalla

Lana School of Public Health at the UofT, where he is also the President of its Public Health Alumni Association and part of the Thought-Leader Program with the Tamarack Institute for Community Engagement.

Moving forward, Cameron hopes to continue to encourage people to think about systems. "We are in an age where everything is getting interconnected, but we can't just think about our own world. We have to bring systems and design together."

To learn more about Cameron receiving the Canadian Community Psychology Award in 2014, as well as his memories of Luther, please visit [www.luthercollege.edu/university/lutherstory](http://www.luthercollege.edu/university/lutherstory).

**"When I was at Luther I knew it was special, but it's only having spent most of my adult life as a student and a professor that I've come to truly realize how special my education there was."**





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By Michelle Clark (U'04)

# Shukran (Thank You)



Left: Luther Faculty in 1979-80.  
Back Row (L-R): Dr. William Stahl,  
Dr. Paul Antrobus, Dr. Philip Engstrom;  
Middle Row (L-R): Dr. Richard Hordern,  
Dr. Bruce MacDonald, Dr. Art Krentz;  
Front Row (L-R): Dr. Morris Anderson,  
Dr. Roland Miller

Right: Della Sandness (U'92)  
and Roland at his surprise farewell  
on April 1, 1993.



*On September 1, 1976, Rev. Dr. Roland Miller became a member of the small handful of staff at Luther College at the University of Regina. It was a position he says he was grateful for, as it offered a “special opportunity” for him and his wife, Mary Helen, to continue their Christian service, and provided him with “a great gift of space and the freedom to take initiative and to do new things.” In his seventeen years at Luther, Roland helped to strengthen the College academically, establish a robust affiliation with the University of Regina (UofR), and build a foundation for Luther’s relationship with the Muslim community of Saskatchewan.*

After twenty-three years of missionary service overseas for the Lutheran church, Roland and Mary Helen moved back to North America in January 1976, when he was offered a six-month visiting Scholar appointment at Harvard University. When that appointment ended, Roland applied for a position teaching religious studies at the University of Regina. At the time, Roland recalls, “there were half a dozen religious studies classes being taught by various individuals but there was no program [at the university] you could put your finger on.” What Roland didn’t know was that the University of Regina was considering the development of a religious studies program, and had forwarded his application to then Luther President, Dr. Morris Anderson, and Dr. Arthur Krentz, Dean, with the thought that someone at Luther could lead the initiative. In the fall of 1976, Roland, who has a Ph.D. in Islamic Studies, started teaching at Luther as “Professor of Islam and World Religions.” At the time, Islam was a special topics class. Roland worked with Champion’s Fr. Isidore Gorski to turn the handful of religious studies classes into a major academic program for the University and its federated colleges.

In 1977, Roland became Academic Dean. With only one year under his belt at Luther, he admits that his first goal as Dean was “to survive.” As Dean, he strove to be strong but sensitive; useful; mindful of faculty and student needs; and available to students as a counsellor, a duty he took very seriously, and one that often worked to the advantage of the new religious studies program. President **Bryan Hillis (U’78)** recalls that there was more than one undergraduate who went to Roland’s office for counselling, undecided as to their major and emerged as a religious studies major.

Roland was dedicated to his students and continued to teach throughout his time as

Academic Dean. “Religion is everywhere in human life and I wanted to help the students understand the primary importance of religion in human life without turning them off because it was religion,” Roland says. Dr. Hillis recalls that Roland’s classes were “always among the most dynamic of the religious studies classes I took as a student here at Luther. Long before the days of PowerPoint or even widespread use of transparencies, Roland would paint pictures for us in words of religious practice and belief that still form some of the best notes for my own teaching.”

Luther grew as a centre for academic creativity and leadership on campus as a result of Roland’s vision and initiative. In addition to the religious studies program, he helped establish a summer centre for international languages wherein eight of the ten major world languages were taught in an immersion setting. The centre attracted teachers and students from all over the world with classes taught at Luther. When the summer program began to burst at the seams, Roland led a group in preparing a Language Institute plan. The plan enabled the University to access government funding and build what we know today as the Language Institute.

As another indication of Roland’s academic leadership, when the Luther Lecture was established in 1977, it was Roland who personally contacted the first Luther Lecturer, Jaroslav Pelikan, then Graduate Dean of Yale University. Roland recalls: “I happened to know him and I called to ask if he would inaugurate a new lecture program. I’ll never forget the silence on the other end [of the phone]. I started to think it would not work, when I heard – ‘I don’t have to come to Regina...[silence]...but I guess I will.’” The Luther Lecture was one of the first academic lecture series on campus and paved the way for future lectures.



Roland lecturing in the Luther Library, now known as Thorn Hall.

Roland understood the power and opportunity that lies in Luther’s unique position as a federated College. He worked to create global awareness amongst students and faculty in the College and the University through his experience in different countries and cultural worlds, and by initiating international projects. He also worked toward building the size of Luther’s faculty and student body. Despite the heavy load of teaching and administration, Roland felt it was his duty to continue his own research in Islamic Studies, to become friends with the Muslim community in Regina and through that friendship to promote respectful relationships between Christians and Muslims. Widely published, he is known as the main western authority on the Mappila Muslims of Kerala. In his scholarly work, he also served the church’s mission program, and he tried to interest Luther students in service locations.

**Mary Jesse (U’81)**, Luther alumna and Registrar from 1982–2015, remembers her first encounter with Roland as a student in his Introduction to Islam class. “His first lecture was on the Unity of Allah, and his delivery, including several impassioned quotations from the Qur’an, was spellbinding. I recall thinking ‘I thought he was a Lutheran, but he is clearly Muslim!’ This is just one example of how he communicated his profound respect for Islam and his deep friendship with Muslims to his students.” Former student **Scott Pittendrigh (U’90)** notes that “a primary concern of Dr. Miller was the interface of Christians, Muslims and the gospels, and how Christians could seek understanding of a world dominated by Qur’anic language and concepts, and the weight of the history of the crusades. In a world increasingly divided by religion-based conflict, Dr. Miller impressed upon his students the imperative to build upon centuries of Christians’ efforts to communicate effectively with their Muslim brethren.”

Roland notes that throughout his career at Luther, his wife, Mary Helen, provided him with a steady hand and companionship. “Even though she had her own career in refugee and immigration work, our home was always open to Luther faculty, staff, and

**“I recall thinking ‘I thought he was a Lutheran, but he is clearly Muslim!’ This is just one example of how he communicated his profound respect for Islam and his deep friendship with Muslims to his students.”**

students.” Roland will always remember “the delightful people” whom he and Mary Helen met during their time at Luther: the incredible students, many of whom he still corresponds with; the outstanding professors with whom he became close friends; the wonderful administrators – presidents and business managers; the efficient office staff, including Naomi Matthes and Linda Parker Howell; and the marvelous people of the university, who welcomed him as a colleague. The relationship between the University of Regina and its federated Colleges has always been vital to the success of the entire university community. On just his third day on campus, Roland recalls walking unannounced into the office of Dr. Lloyd Barber, President of the University of Regina, and saying “I want to know what makes this university tick and I want to hear it from you.” Dr. Barber’s reply was simple: “It is a people place.” Understanding the importance of these five simple words, Roland strove to build bridges between the UofR and its federated College by establishing deep and meaningful relations with fellow colleagues and College administration. Thanks to the efforts of

people like Roland, Luther found its place as an important and well-respected federated College at the University of Regina, a relationship that remains strong today.

“Compassion and rigour best describe Roland Miller’s approach to life and are core principles that guide my teaching,” says **Dr. Brenda Anderson (U’88)**, a professor of Religious Studies and Women’s & Gender Studies, who had the privilege of studying with Dr. Miller in her undergraduate degree and through to her doctoral work. “Compassion and rigour have infused the ethos of Luther College so that I see these ideals in the work of my Luther colleagues as we do our best to model this approach to our students today.”

Roland’s leadership and passion helped to foster relations and interactions, build academic bridges, and truly impact the lives of everyone he met. Shukran, Rev. Dr. Roland Miller.

# THE LUTHER COLLEGE STORY CONTINUES

By Dr. Richard Hordern, Past President of Luther College



*After writing *The Luther College Story, 1913-2013* for the College's centennial, I have been pleased to hear from people offering further information about our history. Beginning with this issue, these updates will now appear in the *Luther Story*.*

## Luther's First Graduation

I had trouble finding evidence of our first graduation. People were asking whether the Luther graduates of 2013 would be participating in the school's 100th graduation. It was assumed that we had graduates at the end of our first academic term (June 1914). But I found that, when we first opened, we did not have any students sufficiently advanced to "graduate" from Grade 12 that year. The highest ranked student was Grade 8. There were also students enrolled in "practical programs" such as business and agriculture, but were they ready to "graduate"?

I found that it was common practice in church schools to have "Closing Exercises" at the end of each academic year. This was a combination church service and academic exercise. I had a clear reference to Luther's Closing Exercises of 1918. I felt it was certain there would have been Closing Exercises in 1914 so I concluded the Class of 2013 could claim to be participating in Luther's 100th Closing Exercises, and the Class of 2014 would be participating in the 100th anniversary of Luther's first Closing Exercises. But there was no evidence that we could use the term "graduation" – until now.

I was pleased to be contacted by Sherri Tomiak, who provided the answer. She wrote that her great-grandfather, Fritz Reibetanz, appears in the photo on the front cover of the book. She also reported that she had his diploma from 1914.

Reibetanz had arrived in Canada from Europe in 1912 and settled with family at Disley, Saskatchewan. He worked as a desk clerk at the Disley Hotel and then joined the first students at Luther Academy. He was then twenty years old, an age typical for our early students who had not had educational opportunities when they were younger.

The diploma measures 18 x 12 inches and is a generic printed product with no special "Luther" symbol or logo. Instead, there is a crest for the provinces of Canada underneath an imperial crown. It is definitely "Canadian," which is notable at this time when the new immigrants were torn between their German background and their newly adopted home of Canada. In June 1914, the German and Austrian homelands of Luther's first students and faculty were coming closer and closer to war with their adopted country of Canada. It is significant that no German appears on this 1914 diploma. Luther Academy wanted its students to be proficient in English so they could be successful in Canada.

The Diploma certifies that Fritz Reibetanz completed the requirements for the "Commercial Department" and is dated June 26, 1914. Thus Luther did have its first "graduation" in 2014, our Class of 2013 was the College's 100th graduating class, and the Class of 2014 graduated on the 100th Anniversary of our first graduation and Closing Exercises.

Another surprise was that the diploma was signed by H. (Henry) Schmidt as "President" and Kaspar Morgenroth as "Principal." A longstanding tradition at Luther remembers Schmidt as the school's first "Principal," but here he uses the title "President." His appointment was, in German, Direktor, and the question was how to render that in the Canadian educational context where the head of a school was often called "Principal." It appears that we should correct Schmidt's photo that is hung by the present-day Principal's Office, where Schmidt is listed as the first "Principal."

Morgenroth had been appointed by the Board as "Second Professor" (second to Schmidt), which I felt approximated "Vice Principal," but on the diploma he uses "Principal." Morgenroth left Luther after a year and was replaced as "Second Professor" by Carl Allwardt.

I appreciate hearing from alumni and friends who can contribute historical details and/or memorabilia for the Luther College Archives. Please do not hesitate to contact me at richard.hordern@luthercollege.edu or write c/o Luther College at the University of Regina, 3737 Wascana Parkway, Regina, SK, S4S 0A2. The College Archives are located at the University campus where a climate-controlled vault is supervised by our librarian, **Carla (Hancock) Flengeris (U'oo)**. To purchase a copy of the history book, please call 1.306.585.5144.

# FOUNDERS' DAY DINNER 2015

The Founders' Day Dinner is a time each year when Luther College pauses to honour the individuals whose contributions allow the College to pursue its mission and fulfill its vision. The evening is named in recognition of all those people, past and present, who have participated in the establishment and growth of the College.

On Thursday, November 19, 2015, over 130 friends, alumni, faculty and staff of the College gathered in the Merlis Belsher Heritage Centre at Luther College High School (LCHS) to celebrate the College's donors and supporters. The evening began with Pastor Sean Bell, Chaplain of Luther College's University campus (LCUR),

welcoming everyone. Following a delicious meal, Dr. Bryan Hillis, President of Luther College, provided an update on the state of the College. Musical entertainment was provided by Jerry Wang, a Grade 12 student at LCHS, and Melissa Morgan, Pfeifer Memorial Chair of Music at LCHS, including an arrangement of "Fly Me to the Moon" by Bart Howard, which they dedicated to the late Richard Nostbakken.

The pinnacle of the evening was the recognition of the thirty-five donors entering a new cumulative lifetime giving level and the presentation of the 2015 Distinguished Service Award posthumously to Richard Nostbakken. Dr. Mark Anderson,

Principal of LCHS, shared his memories and anecdotes of Richard, and presented the award to Richard's wife, Anne Nostbakken, sons **Jonathon (HS'94)** and **Soren Nostbakken (HS'97)**, and daughter, **Kristine Carleton (HS'91, U'00)**.

Every gift to Luther makes a difference, and every donor matters. The annual Founders' Day Dinner is one way of showing our donors how deeply thankful Luther College is for their dedication and support.

For more pictures of the Founders' Day Dinner 2015, please visit our website at [www.luthercollege.edu/high-school](http://www.luthercollege.edu/high-school) under Giving > Our Donors > Founders' Society.



**Founders' Society recipients in attendance:** Jim & Cheryl Toth, Gary Diver & Yvonne Petry (U'85), Harold & Jean MacKay, Dennis & Beth Hendricksen, Dennis E. Fenwick, Carole Bryant, Paul McLellan, representing Alliance Energy, and President Bryan Hillis (U'78).



**President Bryan Hillis (U'78) with Heritage Society recipients Tamara Emsley and sons Derrick (HS'08) and Kalen (HS'07) Emsley.**



**President Bryan Hillis (U'78) and Dr. Lloyd Carlsen (HS'50, HSU'51), the President's Society recipient in attendance.**



**President Bryan Hillis (U'78) and Mike (HS'88) & Michelle Fritzler, the 1913 Society recipients.**



**President Bryan Hillis (U'78) and Ken Sexton, representing the Tree of Life Foundation, the Martin Luther Society recipient in attendance.**



**The Nostbakken Family:**  
**L-R (On Stage):** Christina Winter and Leif Nostbakken  
**L-R (Middle Row):** Levi Carleton (hand on Liv Carleton), Kristine Carleton-Nostbakken (holding Vero Carleton), Ann Nostbakken (hands on Mila Carleton), Jonathon Nostbakken, Soren Nostbakken (holding Elsa Nostbakken), and Andrea Nostbakken  
**L-R (Front Row):** Bec Carleton and Freya Nostbakken

# Soren Oberg (HS'88)

By Amber Peters (U'06)

With the middle name “Luther,” **Soren Oberg (HS'88)** was destined to be part of the Luther College family. Given this name by his father, Larry, who was interning under teachers such as Bob Waters and Dick Stark at the High School teaching Math and Science, Soren knew at a very young age that he would be going to Luther. Ultimately, when his friends attended high school at Thom Collegiate and O'Neil, Soren attended Luther College High School, which for him was “a wonderful combination of traditional education and curriculum but with a very progressive faculty.”

Soren loved that Luther married the study subjects such as math and science with religion and languages, including Latin and German. In his words, the faculty were “very eclectic and brought to life the subject areas” – something he feels was incredibly unique for Regina, and even Saskatchewan, at that time. “The faculty did not just show up and leave each day; they were the leaders of the Luther community.” Luther provided Soren with his first real eye-opening experience of the world around him – a choir that travelled around the world, international students living in the dorms, basketball teams that travelled from other provinces and countries – all of which offered a new perspective and allowed him to take risks and try new things.

After graduating from the High School in 1988, the former SRC President received an A.B. cum

laude in Applied Mathematics from Harvard College and an MBA from Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. Soren is now a Managing Director at Thomas H. Lee Partners in Boston, a private equity firm, a role he took on in 1993. Examples of his current or past Board directorships include Ceridian Corporation, Cumulus Media, CompuCom Systems, Inc., Grupo Corporativo Ono, Prime Risk Partners, Systems Maintenance Services, Inc., and West Corporation. Soren also serves as a founding board member of the Canada Wide Virtual Science Fair and is active in various private and non-profit institutions. He is most proud of his board work with BELL (Building Educated Leaders for Life), which provides after-school and summer educational and cultural programs in lower income communities.

Soren currently lives in Boston with his wife, Caroline, and their four boys: Walker (thirteen), Tait (eleven), Cole (nine), and Tanner (seven). As a parent who regards quality education as a priority, Soren always looks for the “DNA of Luther” in other initiatives and schools for his children. Most would agree that in this ever-changing world, certain components are fundamental to a good high school education. Soren believes that Luther does a very good job of holding on to those fundamentals, while also adapting to change and introducing new initiatives as culture and society evolves. “Schools always want to be



Soren Oberg (HS'88)

progressive but [often] leave behind the fundamentals that made them successful in the beginning. Luther has never sacrificed the Christian context or the very traditional curriculum or even the daily chapel.”

Over the years, Soren has supported the school that gave him the “self-confidence to tackle anything.” He was pivotal in helping plan the 2008 Homecoming; served on the Luther College Board of Regents from 2011-2015; and made significant contributions to the 2005-2007 High School Campaign as well as the more recent *A Time to Build* Campaign. Soren says that institutions as holistically complete as Luther are a rarity. Because educational organizations like Luther College are the exception, rather than the norm, Soren donates generously to the College and is passionate about encouraging others to do the same.

“Giving back to Luther College is important to me because it satisfies my desire to help sustain the College and its unique position in the education

landscape of the province. Saskatchewan has the most giving and generous people in the world, but a formalized culture of giving is not that well-developed in the province’s educational institutions when compared to other parts of the world. Institutions such as Luther are preserved in large part by the generosity of time or treasure of alumni and other related parties. We need to remind alumni about establishing a culture of giving and that we shouldn’t leave it to others; giving should be a part of us if we enjoyed our time at Luther.”

Soren is truly appreciative of his four years at Luther, which is evident in his generosity and support of the College: “I am hopeful that my gift of time and financial support can in some small way repay Luther College for what it has provided to me – academic preparation, leadership challenge, sense of community, extra-curricular diversity – and ensure the continued abundance of opportunity offered by the College.”

# A Time To Build Report to Donors

## YOUR IMPACT

Almost **\$11 million** raised to date

Over **565 donors** supported this campaign

**122 donors** made their **First Gift** to the College during the campaign

**Alumni** have donated over **50%** of the money raised so far

**Parents** of our current students have donated over **\$500K** to this campaign

**100%** of our **Board Members** made gifts or pledges to the campaign

*“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:*

*... a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them ...*

ECCLESIASTES 3: 1-5



**Dr. Bryan Hillis (U'78) and Gavin Semple (HS'63) during construction of the Semple Gymnasium.**

### FROM THE PRESIDENT, DR. BRYAN HILLIS (U'78)

Four years ago, when Luther College High School (LCHS) launched the most ambitious capital campaign in its history, we chose the motto *A Time To Build*. The Board of Regents knew the time had come to ensure that LCHS would remain the very best academic institution it could be. We knew our viability hinged on the basics – a functioning facility to accommodate the needs of students, staff, and faculty. We knew that our school, which prides itself on a rich history of achievements and high standards, no longer had a building that reflected the excellence that is the essence of Luther College.

The *A Time To Build* Capital Campaign sparked a period of growth and renewal for LCHS. Together, we have transformed our facilities. The remarkable new Semple gymnasium is a first-class fitness facility. The beautiful new Student Commons – the heart of our community activities and events – is used every day. At the heart of our campus and its chapel life is a rejuvenated gym and stage, now called the Merlis

Belsher Heritage Centre, which continues to serve our Luther community in so many ways.

The cost of our new facilities was \$13,500,000 with another \$3,800,000 required for upgrades to the existing facilities. We have chosen to fundraise for the new facilities only. Unprecedented support has enabled us to raise \$10,900,000. We are hopeful that continued support will allow us to retire the remaining debt in the coming months and years.

On behalf of LCHS and the students who benefit from Luther's unique and powerful mission, we thank the many donors who made gifts of all sizes in support of the Campaign. Our alumni have been exceptional in their generosity, spirit, and love for their College. We are also very grateful to our Board and campaign volunteers for their tireless dedication, for leading by example and inspiring others to give.

In summary, we thank everyone who has been involved in this campaign for their continuing belief in the importance of the type of education LCHS provides, namely an education in a Christian context, where every student is challenged to the fullest extent of their ability . . . intellectually, physically, spiritually, and emotionally. With your help, we know we can continue to provide this high standard of education well into the future, providing our world with confident, insightful, and engaged leaders.



Students benefiting from the new fitness center.



One of the new classrooms is multi-purpose and can convert into a concession.

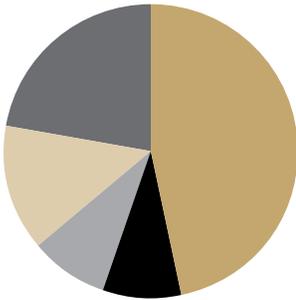


The Semple Gymnasium is in use all year round – shown here for girls volleyball.



Students using the new Student Commons area.

## WHAT YOU HELPED TO BUILD



- New gym, weight room & locker rooms (\$8.1 M)
- Student Commons (\$1.5 M)
- New stage & green room (\$1.5 M)
- New classrooms (including film studies & band room) (\$2.4 M)
- Electrical, mechanical, HVAC, fire & accessibility upgrades (\$3.8 M)

## EVERY GIFT COUNTS

Gifts of every size played a vital role in nurturing the growth of the *A Time To Build* Capital Campaign.

- 2 Gifts Over \$1,000,000
- 2 Gifts \$500,000 - \$999,999
- 9 Gifts \$100,000 - \$499,999
- 14 Gifts \$50,000 - \$99,999
- 11 Gifts \$25,000 - \$49,999
- 29 Gifts \$10,000 - \$24,999
- 44 Gifts \$5,000 - \$9,999
- 115 Gifts \$1,000 - \$4,999
- 338 Gifts Gifts up to \$999

## CAMPAIGN TIMELINE

- April 2012:** The Board of Regents votes to approve a facilities renewal plan and embark on a fundraising campaign.
- June 2012:** The kickoff of the public phase of the campaign is held in the old gymnasium.
- July 2012:** Demolition of the old stage begins.
- February 2013:** New stage completed and opened in time for L.I.T.
- September 2013:** Renovated locker rooms and connecting hallways to heritage gym opened for returning students.
- October 2013:** Merlis Belsher (HS'53) pledges \$2.5 million to the building campaign.
- October 2013:** Gavin Semple (HS'63) pledges \$1.75 million to the building campaign.
- November 2013:** Anonymous donor pledges \$500,000 to the building campaign.
- December 2013:** Total gifts and pledges to the campaign surpass \$9 million.
- January-April 2014:** President Hillis travels to Toronto, Kelowna, Calgary, California, and Hong Kong to visit alumni and solicit donations.
- September 2014:** Ribbon cutting / grand opening.
- October 2014:** Total gifts and pledge to the campaign surpass \$10 million.
- November 2014:** Founders' Day Dinner held in the new Student Commons.
- January 2015:** Parent-organized "Black & Gold Gala" raises over \$40,000 for furnishings for the new Student Commons.
- February 2015:** First L.I.T. held in the new Semple Gymnasium.
- May 2015:** Spring appeal letter raises money for new bleachers in Merlis Belsher Heritage Centre (old gymnasium).
- October-November 2015:** Student Calling Campaign – Current Luther students phone alumni to raise money for A Time to Build.
- March 2016:** Planning for the donor wall is underway!

## DONOR WALL – COMING SOON!

Planning is underway towards the installation and unveiling of a donor wall located inside the new west entrance of LCHS. The display will recognize the support of our many alumni and friends who contributed financially to the *A Time To Build* Capital

Campaign. The donor wall will be a constant reminder of the generous spirit that exists within the Luther community and a tribute to the transformative ways in which our supportive community advances the College's mission of providing the highest quality education in a Christian context.

## WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

We are grateful for the many ways our alumni and friends give back. But we still need your help to finish off the campaign. If you would like to make a gift, please call our Chief Development Officer, Maureen Harrison, at 1.306.791.9175.

# 64TH LUTHER INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT 2016



Seniors girls basketball team

## By Kaitlyn Kasha, Grade 12 Luther College High School student

The 64th annual Luther Invitational Tournament (L.I.T.) not only saluted the time-honoured traditions of the past, but also celebrated the creation of exciting new opportunities. The theme for this year's L.I.T. was space and Star Wars. In a matter of days the hallways of LCHS

were transformed into scenes from the seven films. Once again, the talented students of LCHS contributed amazing pieces of artwork to be hung in the Semple gymnasium. The Merlis Belsher Heritage Centre featured artwork from previous years. In a wonderful co-mingling of new and old, both gymnasiums were used for games throughout the weekend. Many other students dedicated themselves for weeks leading up to the tournament, organizing, planning, and ensuring the success of the weekend.

The special guest was Debbie Ward, long-time player, coach, and supporter of high school sports in the province. Ms. Ward's presence at the tournament and especially her moving speech at the banquet for the teams was very relevant, considering the exciting addition of a Senior Girls tournament. For the first time since 1953,

four girls' teams from Regina, Saskatchewan competed for the Challenge Cup. In a thrilling final on Saturday night, Luther's own Senior Girls Lions won against the LeBoldus Golden Suns with a score of 76-57. On the boys' side, seven other top teams from across Western Canada joined the Luther Lions in three days of electrifying basketball. The boys' final pitted the John Taylor Pipers from Winnipeg, Manitoba against the LeBoldus Golden Suns from Regina, Saskatchewan. The Suns, for the second time in a row, took the title with a final score of 88-74. The tournament concluded with the annual video and presentation of awards. Luther's own Angela Bongomin was awarded the Most Valuable Player for the girls' tournament. Honouring the past and celebrating the present, the 64th annual L.I.T. was a success of galactic proportions.

## ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME

L.I.T. wouldn't be complete without the annual alumni game. We had an excellent turnout this year with thirty-two players on the courts! Team Gold won the alumni game, 87-74. Fifty players and fans enjoyed brunch following the game. Thank you to everyone who came out! More action shots can be found on the LCHS Facebook page "Luther Invitational Tournament."



## HOMECOMING 2016 — September 30 & October 1

High School Alumni! Is it YOUR year for Homecoming? Classes of 2006, 1996, 1991, 1986, 1976, 1966, 1956 and 1946, we want to see you again! Mark your calendars for September 30 and October 1, 2016. You're invited back to Luther to reminisce with your classmates and friends from long ago. We are looking for a small group of volunteers who are members of these class

years to help the Alumni Office plan this year's Homecoming. We are asking if these "class representatives" can spare a few hours of their time for a conference call and some emails! Class reps will suggest ideas, provide feedback as planning gets underway, and will help recruit other alumni back to Homecoming.

If you would like to volunteer, or have a classmate in mind that you would recommend, please email Angela at [angela.bethune@luthercollege.edu](mailto:angela.bethune@luthercollege.edu) or call 1.306.757.7393.

# FAREWELL ALANNA KALYNIUK



At the end of March 2016, we said farewell to Alanna Kalyniuk, who was Registrar at Luther College High School for six years. She comes from a large family, with a niece and nephew who attended Luther. A committed Christian, Alanna is best described as a person who gives compassionately and without hesitation: assisting and supporting staff and students, working on the Occupational Health & Safety Committee or wherever she perceived a need. She was willing to take anything on – something Luther values highly. She showed a strong work ethic and attention to detail.

In her role as Registrar, Alanna was constantly looking for ways to improve the student record systems. She forged an important link between the school and its international students, and made significant contributions to students obtaining correct transcripts, especially international students. She worked with determination and tenacity to ensure students from other schools received credit for prior courses, particularly from international institutions. She has gone on to pursue an administrative position with the City of Regina. Thank you, Alanna. You will be missed.

# SECOND ANNUAL BLACK & GOLD GALA



Kayla MacKay and Kim Mack, two parents on the Gala Planning Committee.

The second annual Black & Gold Gala cocktail reception featured local musicians, unique auction items, delicious beverages and hors d'oeuvres, and much more! The fundraiser, organized once again by parents on the Gala Planning Committee, raised nearly \$25,000, which will go towards paying for a new sound system in the Merlis Belsher Heritage Centre.

The January 23 event was all made possible by volunteers – parents who came together over six months prior to the big night to

begin planning and preparing. Building on the success of the first Gala, the format was similar to the 2015 event, with the Wine Pull, as well as live and silent auctions with fabulous items, including a one-of-a-kind Luther quilt by Cyndi Sigurdson, a past parent to three Luther students.

“It’s such a great event and so nice to see the Luther community come together,” says Jill Anderson and Kim Mack, planning committee co-chairs. “From the parents and faculty and staff to the sponsors and

## THANK YOU TO OUR PARENT VOLUNTEER GALA PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Jill Anderson; Kim Mack; Jason Cossette; Anne DiMaano; Bev Klatt; Rubina Surtie; Antoinette le Roux; Kayla MacKay; Darann Sauer

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS WHO HELPED MAKE THE GALA A SUCCESS!

**MAJOR SPONSOR:** Virtus Group

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**SUPPORTING SPONSOR:** Stantec

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**CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION SPONSOR:** Janice & Randy Beattie

volunteers – the support is fantastic. As a parent it’s a great way to volunteer and get involved with the school; the planning committee had a lot of fun putting the event together. And everyone who attended seemed to enjoy themselves so we consider the night a success!”

# A TRIBUTE TO MR. BOB DAVIS



Lorne Schemmer (HS'54, HSU'55), Bud Walker, Dale Belsher (HS'63), Craig Francis, Jon Francis (HS'64), Bill Urton (HS'62), Ken Bradley (HS'61, HSU'63), and Don Vinge (HSU'52) at L.I.T. 64.

*During L.I.T 2016, Luther College High School (LCHS) hosted a reception to honor Mr. Bob Davis. Bob Davis was the L.I.T. Director, Dean of Men, coach, and teacher at LCHS from 1960-1968. The initiative to honor Bob began with Jim Hansen (HS'67), who contacted classmates to return for L.I.T. 64. Eighteen alumni and former faculty from that era returned, including Mr. Lorne Schemmer, Mr. Don Vinge, and Mr. Dick Stark. Norm Minor (HS '65), one of Mr. Davis' students, wrote the following tribute.*

As we remember back over our lives, we more clearly recognize that we got to here on the backs of individuals who influenced us in different ways. Bob Davis was one of those very influential people for me and many others at Luther, especially those involved in the athletic program. Mr. Davis left a positive footprint in our lives. He gave us an ethical compass. He was a leader who 'walked the talk.' It was clear what he expected of us. Acknowledgement might come in the form of a nod or a quick smile. When we did not meet expectations, we got the message without feeling embarrassed. At all times, Mr. Davis let us keep our fragile adolescent dignities in place.

I was in Grade 9 trying out for the senior football team when Grade 9's were supposed to play on the junior team. I was taking a beating in the practices and feeling pretty low. Leaving the locker room Mr. Davis saw me come down the hallway and simply said, "Hang in there kid, you're going to make it." What a difference that made for me.

So many former student athletes have similar stories. **Dale Belsher (HS'63)** talked about Mr. Davis's positive influence as Dean of Men when Dale lived in the dorm. **Pete Francis (HS'64)** remembered Coach Davis cutting him from the senior basketball team in Grade 10, sending him to the juniors. "He did it quietly, gracefully, and respectfully. He took me aside in the old equipment room. It was a blessing in disguise as I got much needed playing time. I left feeling like I had a great opportunity rather than disappointment."

**Walter Yeo (HS '64)** wrote, "Attending Luther profoundly affected my life in many ways. A significant aspect of that was Mr. Davis. In him I saw a man with a young family who was knowledgeable, skilled, and disciplined. I was a beneficiary of his work ethic, and he was a role model of what it was to be a true professional." **Murray Wallace (HS '63)** wrote, "It is difficult to find a way to suitably acknowledge the mentoring and encouragement Mr. Davis provided to me. He was a powerful role model. One of his strengths was his even handling of us; there were no favourites. He was a solid and encouraging presence." It was such a privilege to come back to Luther and spend time with Bob and Susie Davis. Although Bob says, "I was just doing my job," I say "Thank you Mr. Davis" for a life's work well done.

*Norm Minor (HS'65) was recently inducted into the University of Calgary Athletic Hall of Fame. In his acceptance speech, Bob Davis was one of three people he thanked for getting him there.*



Norm Minor (HS'65) and Bob Davis at L.I.T. 64.

# ABORIGINAL INITIATIVES

Student diversity and services is one of five strategic initiatives outlined in the Luther College, University of Regina (LCUR) Strategic Plan 2014-2019. The following is a brief overview of two Aboriginal programming and reconciliation initiatives currently being supported by LCUR as they fit within LCUR's larger commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation process:

**1) Project of Heart (POH)** teaches about the history of the residential school system in Canada using an artistic approach to commemorate the people and families who were, and still are, affected by this system. POH was originally created by University of Regina (U of R) graduate student, Sylvia Smith, as part of her Master of Education program as a way to address the lack of teaching tools on Indigenous history in the school system.

Over forty participants from the Regina and university community participated in a seven-week workshop led by Jenna Tickell, a graduate student in the Women's and Gender Studies Program at the U of R. The participants focused on researching a residential school closest to their locale; for the group at Luther, this meant learning about the Regina Indian Residential School, located near today's Paul Dojack Centre. The process culminated in participants painting tiles representing the children who died or who attended the school; these will later be used to create an artistic piece that will stay at Luther. Participants also committed to activist goals, including petition-signing towards the memorialization of the children buried in the school cemetery.

The program was such a huge success that LCUR hopes to support another workshop in 2017.

**"I was given the opportunity to participate in an engaged learning component and I jumped at the chance because I knew that getting out and doing something would be more interesting and rewarding to me than hours of research on the computer. Although there were many options, I chose to participate in Project of Heart because Aboriginal history is a very significant yet often ignored part of Canada....This was a way for me to participate in acts of reconciliation and acknowledge past wrongdoings. Project of Heart allowed me to be part of a group with a shared goal and to have practical experiences be a foundation of my learning."**

*Mirella Matenda, POH participant and first year Campion student enrolled in RLST 100.*

**2) Canadian Roots Exchange (CRE)** is a national organization that trains Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth to form Reconciliation Teams with a purposes to teach about the effects of colonialism on Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities in Canada. Two years ago, Luther formed a steering committee that included members from the Aboriginal Student Centre, faculty members from the University of Regina, Luther College at the U of R, and Luther College High School, including **Joel Beres (HS'99, U'07)**. Luther's commitment has been to provide financial and counselling support to the four students who have formed the first CRE team on campus: Lindsay desRoschers, **Austin Josephson (HS'10, U'15)**, Lee Prosper, and Giselle Yee.

The efforts of this team have been outstanding. They have organized, on average, two events per month, reaching out to high schools in Regina and surrounding areas and as well as to numerous university classes. One of the events was a very well-attended evening of presentations and dance honouring murdered and missing Indigenous women on November 21, 2015.

**"Canadian Roots Exchange has given me the unique opportunity to join forces with Indigenous and Non-Indigenous youth from all over Canada who strive to bring about positive change in their respective communities.... Working with students from Elsie Mironuck School and seeing how their teacher is teaching Indigenous history in the classroom gives us hope for the future. We want to hear the thoughts and ideas of youth, giving them a voice.... By working with teachers, students, elders, and professors, we are building a larger community within our own community. I am extremely grateful for Canadian Roots Exchange. Having taken a minor in Indigenous Studies in University and having a strong understanding of Indigenous ways of knowing, I feel I can share my knowledge with others and strengthen minds and worldviews for the better.... I strongly encourage youth to join Canadian Roots Exchange and become involved with one of the best volunteer organizations in Canada."**

*Austin Josephson is an alumnus of Luther College's High School and University campuses.*

# WRITING ACROSS THE DISCIPLINES



Scott J. Wilson

Luther College at the University of Regina (LCUR) seeks to provide its students with the best education possible: to send them off with a degree in hand, but also

the skills that will set them up for career success. Given that the main components of virtually any university degree are reading and writing, Luther has restored and reinvented the Writing Across the Disciplines (WAD) program, originally implemented by Camilla McCabe, a Luther professor who passed away in 2006. The program seeks to create a culture at LCUR where students are aware of the importance of writing in all their classes. “The goal is to make students better writers and readers,” says Scott J. Wilson, the WAD Coordinator and Luther English sessional lecturer. “At Luther, we want to focus on and be well-known for quality writing instruction, and that means creating an environment where the teachers at the College are focusing on teaching writing more proficiently and making it a priority in their classes.”

The decision to restore WAD comes in response to student need. Wilson says that instructors are finding that an increasing number of students entering university are not prepared for the reading and writing standards expected of them in post-secondary education. WAD provides an opportunity for students to receive more writing-intensive instruction throughout their degree, in all of their courses and not just in their English courses. If students are not tasked with writing-intensive assignments, and provided feedback on those assignments, students are “kind of guess[ing] at what works and what doesn’t. That’s something we want to change.”

Operational for just over a year, the program has been used in over twenty Luther classes. Currently, WAD is mainly delivered through collaboration between Wilson and professors and sessional lecturers at Luther from non-English courses that lack a natural, built-in focus on writing. Wilson works with the professors on pedagogy, redesigning their syllabus, and developing new (and/or revising old) presentations and assignments that aim to get (more) writing into these courses. He also helps the instructors improve their writing instruction, as well as the quality and quantity of the feedback given to students on writing assignments. “The program can give [instructors] a language to talk about writing with students. That helps empower [them] to feel confident with how to give feedback and teach writing.” Wilson said that he also discourages what he calls “high-stakes assignments” – papers often due at the end of a semester worth a high percentage. “I encourage instructors to schedule more scaffolded assignments that require students to hand in a large project in stages. This helps the students build to something. It ensures that they begin working on a project earlier in the semester and that they receive instructor feedback at each checkpoint so that they know what they are doing well and what needs to be improved on.”

Wilson also delivers in-class lectures and workshops to demonstrate why quality writing is important. Furthermore, if an assignment does not go well, a professor can request that Wilson conduct a debrief with students to give them direction and advice in terms of skills to work on for future assignments. Students can also meet with Wilson one-on-one by referral from a professor. “We are trying to get the students to see the value of all three stages of writing: planning, drafting, and revising instead of rushing a first draft and then submitting.”

Ultimately, unlike a writing centre, WAD aims to integrate elements that assist students develop the tools they require to become better writers directly in the classroom. “Ideally,” Wilson says, “we will see instruction in classes that lessens the need for people to use a drop-in centre. Writing centres are about teaching students to better their writing and so is WAD, but WAD is more about working with instructors to be able to improve the writing assignments and instruction in the classroom. It confronts the issue from the outset, rather than being reactive.”

Although WAD is a relatively new program, the response from students and instructors has been positive. Moving forward, Wilson hopes to build on an important piece of feedback from third- and fourth-year students, who indicated a wish that WAD instruction had been provided to them earlier in their university education.

Though the program would continue to be available to students at any point in their degree, Wilson anticipates that in the future the attention may shift to first year students, possibly through integration with the Luther Bundles Program, a grouping of Luther courses pre-selected by Luther’s academic advisors for first-year students aimed at easing the stress of trying to choose the right courses.

WAD is yet another example of LCUR responding to the needs of today’s students and working to give Luther students an edge over their peers. “Luther has done a great job at recognizing that there are some issues with student writing skills and in terms of writing instruction,” says Wilson. “However, WAD is one positive step towards responding to and correcting these important issues.”

# GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK AND WIN A \$500 TRAVEL VOUCHER!



Dr. Morris Anderson teaching at Luther College High School, circa 1950's-60's

For the month of May, Luther College will be conducting a survey to gain feedback on how we can better communicate, connect, and engage with YOU, our alumni.

Simply fill out the 5-10 minute online survey by **May 31, 2016**, and you will be entered into a draw for a chance to win one of three \$500 travel vouchers. Thank you to Marlin Travel - Regina for donating one of the travel vouchers.

All information will remain confidential. Find the survey at [www.luthercollege.edu/high-school](http://www.luthercollege.edu/high-school) (High School alumni) or [www.luthercollege.edu/university](http://www.luthercollege.edu/university) (University alumni) under "Alumni & Friends."

Thank you in advance for your feedback, and good luck!



First ever Muckby game at Luther College at the University of Regina. Getting hosed off in the inner courtyard.

# SEND US YOUR LUTHER PICTURES!

Do you have pictures of your time at Luther that you would like to share with the Luther College archives?

We would love to see them! Ron Holloway, LCUR Resident from 1971-1976, sent in new-to-us pictures of Muckby from 1972 (see above image and images on back cover).

Digital copies of pictures can be emailed to [lutherstory@luthercollege.edu](mailto:lutherstory@luthercollege.edu) or printed copies can be sent in the mail to Luther College at the University of Regina, 3737 Wascana Parkway, Regina, SK, S4S 0A2, ATTN: Michelle Clark

Please be sure to include a photo caption with the year and names, and photo credit for each picture, if you have this information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Clark at 1.306.585.5144 or [michelle.clark@luthercollege.edu](mailto:michelle.clark@luthercollege.edu).

# on campus

## HIGH SCHOOL

### EXTERIOR SIGNAGE FOR THE MERLIS BELSHER HERITAGE CENTRE

The “old gym,” or the Merlis Belsher Heritage Centre as we call it now, looks great inside and out thanks to the new signage that was installed on the exterior of the building. The heritage gymnasium was renamed after alumnus **Merlis Belsher (HS’53)**, who donated \$2.5 million to Luther College High School for the *A Time To Build* campaign.



### CHRISTIAN ETHICS 30 TRIP TO MEXICO

From February 14–23, 2016, eleven teachers and three staff members travelled with CREAR (Convergencia de Resistencia) to Cuernavaca, Mexico, as part of a special Christian Ethics 30 class. The focus of the itinerary was on Mexican history, liberation theology, and social justice issues facing Mexico. Students visited local communities, dialogued with community members, and visited a number of NGOs,

historical sites, and action projects. Students learned about migration issues, food solidarity, poverty, migration, free trade, and issues facing indigenous people. Students also participated in a home stay in a local neighbourhood, spent nights at a retreat center run by Franciscan nuns, and went on a number of great outdoor experiences such as hikes and swimming. The learning experience was transformative and left participants eager to engage in social justice pursuits in their own community.



### ENCOURAGEMENT FOR LA LOCHE STUDENTS

Like many students in schools across the province, Luther students were shocked and saddened by the shooting in La Loche, Saskatchewan, in January. In response, teachers and students created, signed, and mailed encouragement cards to the La Loche Community School in solidarity and support.



### STUDENT CALLING CAMPAIGN

Were you one of the Luther College High School alumni who received a call from our Student Calling Campaign? Four current Luther students – Simon Xu, Prashanth Pillay, Erik Mortensen, and Philomina Jose – made over 3,400 calls from October to December 2015! Our phone campaign would not have happened without these great students who asked for donations, had great conversations with our alumni, and updated our alumni database. We are very grateful that they did this work as a part-time job, and in total, raised \$8,800 for the *A Time To Build* campaign. Special thanks to Jacob Gleckman, the call center supervisor. If you would like to update your contact information with the Alumni Office, please visit our website or call 1.306.737.7399.



### ALUMNI HOCKEY

Thanks to our Luther Lions hockey game for joining forces with alumni to play an

Alumni Hockey Game back in December at the Jack Staples Arena in Regina, Saskatchewan.



## UNIVERSITY

### NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

Luther College at the University of Regina is pleased to welcome Jessica Bastinaase as our new Academic Services Specialist and Kevin Schwab as our Interim Financial Analyst.



Jessica completed a Bachelor of Arts (major in Fine Arts with a concentration in Art History) from the University of Regina in 2015. Before coming to Luther, she worked within the education department at the MacKenzie Art Gallery, conducting tours and leading gallery programs for students, as well as working as a Curatorial Assistant, developing exhibitions and conducting research on art and artists.



Kevin completed a Bachelor of Administration Degree (with a double specialization in Accounting and Finance) from the University of Regina in 2004. He worked for five years with the Provincial Government (the Saskatchewan Municipal Board) as a Sr. Financial Business Analyst before coming to Luther.



### LUTHER INFORMATION NIGHT

The Luther College Information Night was held on November 24, 2015. Forty-five parents and students from a variety of Regina and area high schools attended the event to learn more about Luther's academic services, residence, and community. A big thank you to everyone who attended!

### GERRY HILL NAMED THE SIXTH SASKATCHEWAN POET LAUREATE

Luther would like to congratulate Gerry Hill on being named the 2016-2017 Poet Laureate for Saskatchewan. Gerry, who retired from Luther in 2015 after teaching English for nineteen years, will serve as spokesperson for writers, and help draw attention to the vibrant arts community that exists in Saskatchewan and, in particular, the importance of writing and poetry in the maintenance and progression of culture. He will also attend a handful of government events, including the Saskatchewan Book Awards Gala held on April 30, 2016. Gerry is a two-time winner of the Saskatchewan Book Award for Poetry and has published several poetry collections. He was also the Poet Laureate for Luther's 100th Anniversary celebration in October 2013.

### LUTHER PROFESSOR ATTENDS UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE IN INDIA

Dr. Roger Petry, a professor of Philosophy at Luther College at the University of Regina for the past seven years, was one of approximately 700 people from twenty-two nations invited to attend the inaugural "Education as a Driver for Sustainable Development Goals (ESDG)" in Ahmedabad, India from January 11-13, 2016. This conference followed on the heels of an important United Nations (UN) summit in September 2015 wherein the UN identified and adopted seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), including, poverty, hunger, and responsible consumption and production. The adoption of these goals will guide the UN agenda from 2015-2030; in effect, these seventeen goals will guide the agendas of governments across the globe for the next fifteen years.

Petry is also the co-coordinator of the Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development in Saskatchewan (RCE Saskatchewan). In his role with RCE Saskatchewan and the UN University (UNU), Petry has done much work documenting and analysing sustainable consumption and production experiments. He was brought to India by the UNU as its envoy on SDG Number Twelve: Responsible Consumption and Production.



### HIJAB: WHO WEARS IT AND WHY?

On January 28, 2016, Luther Peer Chaplaincy, together with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at in Canada, presented a religious and cultural exposure opportunity entitled "JeSuisHijabi – Hijab: Who Wears It and Why?" The goal of the event was to increase dialogue between different groups on campus and dispel myths in light of the terror attacks that occurred in Paris, France in early 2016 and the subsequent hate attacks on Muslim women around the world. The gathering was a result of the national awareness campaign that Canadian Muslim women have launched to open dialogue and help Canadians better understand Muslim women's identity. The panel was led by Shazia Rehnan of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at and Debra Schubert, one of two Muslim Peer Chaplains at Luther College at the University of Regina.

### ALL COLLEGE

#### WELCOME NEW BOARD OF REGENTS

Luther College would like to welcome three new members to our Board of Regents: **Janet (Fehr) Bjorndahl (U'79)**, **Beth (Ramsey) Drozda (HS'84, U'87)**, and **Rev. Daranne (Mills) Harris (HS'95)**. Janet, an alumna of the University campus, is an IT Analyst in Regina, Saskatchewan; Beth, an alumna of both campuses, is the Senior Human Resources Consultant for Access Communications; and Rev. Daranne, an alumna of the High School, is Vice President and Chief Mission Officer for the Bethany Care Society in Calgary, Alberta.

# class notes

**Lindsay Braul (HS'09)** has returned to Luther College High School to teach Science 10.

**Brenda Beckman-Long (U'88)** recently published *Carol Shields and the Writer-Critic* (University of Toronto Press, 2015). A much-needed reappraisal of Shields's novels, this book contributes to the scholarship on life-writing and autobiography, literary criticism, and feminist and critical theory. Beckman-Long is an assistant professor of English at Briercrest College and Seminary.

**Katie Bergman (U'11)** recently published her first book, entitled *When Justice Just Is: Confessing Brokenness, Cultivating Joy, and Creating Space for Authenticity in the Justice Movement*. This work of non-fiction explores Katie's reflections on her geographically sprawling pilgrimage to pursue justice without being crushed by it through her work with anti-trafficking and humanitarian agencies in Cambodia, Mexico, Canada, and the U.S. She hopes her book will start a conversation about the trials and triumphs of seeking justice while offering inspiration and solidarity especially amongst social service professionals. Aside from promoting her book, Katie works as a Cultural Integration Youth Outreach Manager for a program in inner-city Winnipeg. She has also recently accepted a position as Director of Communications and Operations with the Set Free Movement. This is a faith-based, international non-profit organization that focuses on prevention of



**Travis Blanchard**

human trafficking and after-care for those who have survived human trafficking. (Editor's note: Luther welcomed back Katie on February 10, 2016 to give a talk about her book.)

**Travis Blanchard** (lived in the University campus Residence from 1996-1997) graduated from the University of Regina (U of R) in 2003 (Business Administration) and worked in Accounting for many years. He is currently completing some further education through Athabasca University (General Studies) as well as the Advanced Local Government Program at the U of R – from home in small-town Saskatchewan. Once he is finished this year, he might contemplate further education back in Regina. He lived in Luther as an undergrad in 1996-1997: "It's a bit blurry as it was a long time ago, but I look back now and realize the people you meet and experiences last a lifetime. I recommend Luther College Residence to anyone. I remember joining a floor hockey team with members from Luther – that was very fun! Also, the Cafeteria was well-run."

**Troy Casper (HS'94)** was awarded the Baseball Saskatchewan Grassroots Coach of the Year for 2015. Included with this award



**Mrs. Gail Fry, Lyndsay Duncombe (HS'96), and Dr. Mark Anderson**

was an all-expense-paid trip to Toronto for the Blue Jays National Coaching Clinic. Troy is currently a faculty member of Luther College High School, teaching physical education.

**Lyndsay Duncombe (HS'96)** was a special guest during Chapel at the High School campus in January 2016. Lyndsay is currently a reporter and producer with CBC in Washington. Students asked many great questions of her as she shared the differences between Canadian and American media.

**Carolina (Oster) Glauster (HS'01)** was ordained on July 18, 2015 at Church of the Cross in Victoria, British Columbia. Carolina graduated from Luther College High School in 2001 and completed her seminary studies at the University of Chicago Divinity School and Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago.

**Scott Hoyer (HS'85)** was honoured by the British Columbia Hockey Hall of Fame when he was presented with the Larry Ashley Award. The award is presented to a trainer,

equipment manager, or medical person associated with the game of hockey who was either born in BC or who has given at least ten years' service to the province. Hoyer is currently with the Western Hockey League's Kelowna Rockets, whom he worked with from 2000-2006, before returning in 2013. He spent two seasons working in the National Hockey League with the Edmonton Oilers as their strength and conditioning coordinator, as well as an assistant athletic therapist.

**Brie Jedlic (HS'95)** coached the Team Saskatchewan women's curling team at the 2016 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Grande Prairie, Alberta, in February. Brie is married to Chad, and has four children – Lily (eleven), Zoe (nine), Stella (six), Marlow (four). She has an MA Sports in Kinesiology– Sport Psychology from the University of Western Ontario and is a Mental Trainer, with Good to Great Mental Training (self-employed). Brie is involved in gymnastics, swimming, and diving at the provincial level, in rowing at the national and international



level, and is a five-time member of the Canadian Women's National Rowing Team.

Luther College received material for our archives from Doreen Kerr, the wife of **William Kerr (HS'43)** who passed away in July 2015. She sent us a Luther sweater, a Luther sweatshirt, a Luther graduation cap, and some exams, yearbooks, and calendars from Bill's time here (see image above).

**Serena La Posta (HS'08)** returned to the High School to speak in Chapel about her work in India. Since graduating, she tells us, "I am in the French education program at the University of Regina, which I will complete in spring 2017. In addition to getting married in 2013, life since high school has taken me on various adventures: I've had the opportunity to volunteer

with the Missionaries of Charity in India, to travel in Europe, which included meeting some of my family in Italy, to live in Quebec City for a year, and to work with various organizations dedicated to sustainable agriculture. Luther provided me with a wonderful springboard from which I have developed and continue to flourish."

**Barry Lane (HSU'70)** is a Saskatchewan author who published a book called *Canadian Pacific: The Golden Age of Travel*. The book covers the romantic history of rail travel and the shipping line that linked Canada to the rest of the world. Barry said the book was his legacy for the country.

**Andrea Ludwig (HS'88)** was part of a group nominated for a 2016 Juno award in the category of Classical Album of the Year: Vocal

or Choral Performance for the album *Responsio* by Peter-Anthony Togni, featuring Jeff Reilly with Andrea Ludwig, Charles Daniels, John Potter, and Suzie Leblanc. Upon hearing of Andrea's Juno nomination, Board of Regents member Meredith Cherland and former choir director Carl Cherland recalled how "in 1976, 5-year-old Andrea came to weekend rehearsals of the Luther College Choir with older sister Renate and older brother Chris. She sat on Renate's lap while they sang. Ten years later she sang in the choir herself. We are thrilled to see her achievements."

**Neil McArthur (HS'90)** was just appointed the Director of the Centre for Professional and Applied Ethics at the University of Manitoba. The Centre is one of the leading international research

centres for work on ethics, and he is very proud to be taking it over.



Neil McArthur (HS'90)

**Rachel Mielke (HS'98)** is a recipient of the EY Entrepreneurial Winning Women award. The Entrepreneurial Winning Women Program is a national competition and executive leadership program that identifies and connects a select group of women entrepreneurs with the advisors, resources,

and insights they need to become market leaders.

**Tim Moriarty** (lived in the Luther College Residence from 1994-1999 and previous staff member) lives in southwestern Ontario and is the Power Trader for Bruce Power. He has a wonderful family with a wife and two young children. Tim says there are too many great memories of living and working at Luther College during his time at the University of Regina. Lasting friendships and good times!

Congratulations to **Dr. Joann Mundin (nee McIlwrick) (HS'90, U'94)** who was recently married. Joann continues to work in private medical practice in Calgary, Alberta, but also teaches regularly in the Bahamas. She divides her time between homes in both Calgary and the Bahamas.

**Alyssa Ramsay (HS'06)** performed at the Regina Musical Club 2015 Recital in Regina, Saskatchewan on January 10, 2016. After high school, Alyssa went on to complete an undergraduate degree in cello performance and eventually a Master's degree at Université de Montréal. She has since graduated from other graduate performance programs at the Glenn Gould School in Toronto and the Mount Royal Conservatory in Calgary. She is currently working as a freelance musician in Toronto.

# class notes

Luther College President **Dr. Bryan Hillis (U'78)** and his wife, Dr. Joanne Hillis, recently visited with alumna **Dr. Gail Reitenbach (HS'77)** in Sante Fe, New Mexico while attending the annual conference of the Lutheran Educational Conference of North America.



Dr. Bryan Hillis (U'78), Dr. Gail Reitenbach (HS'77), and Dr. Joanne Hillis.

Former High School faculty member, **Stewart Wilkinson**, directed the Saskatchewan Youth Choir for a second year, with a concert in Regina in February. The choir is comprised of twenty-seven singers between the ages of fifteen and nineteen, and includes two from Maple Creek, two from Swift Current, one from Eston, and one from Prince Albert, with the others all from Regina. In fact, sixteen singers are current or former Luther students – a tribute to the outstanding training offered by Ms. Melissa Morgan and Mrs. Deborah Nelson. The Saskatchewan Youth Choir is an initiative of the Saskatchewan Choral Federation, intended to provide a choral experience which could lead to the opportunity to sing with the National Youth Choir.



Stewart Wilkinson

**David Zerr** (lived in the University campus Residence from 1971-1976) sent us his memory of the late Paul Antrobus: "I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Paul Antrobus when I received a new copy of the Luther Story. I lived in the residence from 1975–1979 and was part of the very first group of young people to live in the new building. Although I was enrolled in a different faculty, Luther became my home, and the faculty and staff and students were like family to me. With mentors like Paul Antrobus, Jim Dale, Don King, Morris Anderson, Ryan Sommerfeld, Gerry Weinbender and many others, like Mrs. Czeperny, Elizabeth "Mama" Hussley and Judy Kohut in the kitchen, there were always words of encouragement or even a hug if necessary. I made many lifelong friends there, and Paul Antrobus was always one of my favourites. He was a free spirit, who even after his 2005 accident continued to care for others with his helping nature. It's just who he was. His was a life well-lived with service to others. I cannot think of a better lifelong goal to aspire to. Thank you, Paul."

## OBITUARIES

**Rev. Allan Carl Harlos** passed away on January 28, 2016 at the age of eighty. Allan was born on March 27, 1935 in Southey, Saskatchewan. He attended school at Luther College High School in Regina, Saskatchewan, from 1949–1952 (Grades 9–11), Concordia College in Edmonton, Alberta,

and Lutheran Seminary, Springfield, Illinois. He taught English in China, and was a minister for two years in South Africa and one year in Australia.

**Robert Marcus Popp (HS'85, U'90)** passed away on January 28, 2016 at the age of forty-nine. Rob graduated from Luther College's High School campus in 1985 and received a Bachelor of Arts in French and Anthropology from the University campus in 1990. Rob worked at Ranch Ehrlo for many years. He was a kind, caring, and gentle person who was always willing to lend a hand. Rob was a regular singer in the Luther Bach Choir and helped with youth counselling at the High School campus. He also rowed with the Regina Rowing Club for a couple of years and helped out at regattas and delivered firewood long after he was an active member. He accomplished so much with his caring counseling, guided by his strong faith in Christ.

**Joan (Schwindt) Lindstrom (HS'49)** passed away on December 12, 2015 at the age of eighty-three. Joan was born in her parents' home near Parry, Saskatchewan, and was raised on the family farm by her parents Ted and Clara Schwindt and her sister **Norma (HS'43)** and her brother Lorne. She graduated from Luther College High School in 1949. Joan married Wendell Lindstrom, and they had two daughters, Lori Dawn and **Lee Patrice (HS'80, U'93)**.

**Joyce Wood** (attended Luther College High School

from 1945 to 1948, Grades 9–11) passed away on December 10, 2015.

**Edward Christ Roske (HS'52)** passed away on July 1, 2015 at the age of eighty-two. He was born to Paul and Hilda (Hodel) Roske on July 26, 1932 at Serath, Saskatchewan, the youngest of four children. He graduated from Luther College High School in 1952.

**Hildegard (Hilda) Kontz**, parent of **Reginald Kontz (HS'68)** & **Eva Davis (HS'75)** and grandparent of **Austin Davis (HS'07)** & **Tanner Davis (HS'11)**, passed away on January 22, 2016. Hilda was born in Modosh, Yugoslavia, on April 28, 1927. After enduring many trials and tribulations during and following WWII, Hilda immigrated to Regina, Saskatchewan, in 1949. She and Michael were married in Grace Lutheran Church on July 8, 1950. Hilda retired from a long career as a teacher at several elementary schools with the Regina Public School Division in 1986. She was an active member of the "Harmonie" German-Canadian Club, St. Paul's Lutheran Church and, more recently, Trinity Lutheran Church. She and Michael were both long-time supporters of Luther College High School.

**Dr. George William Arthur MacLean (HS'57, HSU'58)** passed away suddenly on December 31, 2015 at the age of seventy-six. George was born in Regina, Saskatchewan, on April 27, 1939. He graduated from Luther College High School in 1957 and attended

one year of university at Luther in 1958 before attending and convocating from the University of Saskatchewan. He was a respected psychiatrist and psychoanalyst, distinguished author, watercolourist and passionate adventurer.

**Lorna (Mattick) Mearns** (attended Luther College High School in 1943 for Grade 10) passed away on November 17, 2015 at the age of eighty-eight. Lorna, the youngest of five children, was born near Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan, on May 30, 1926 and was raised on a farm near Edgeley, Saskatchewan. She attended Vernon Country School and later Luther College in Regina, Saskatchewan. While working in Regina, she met her husband, Doug, at a baseball game where he was a player with the Regina Red Sox. They were married in 1947. Lorna worked for a number of years as a secretary for various companies in Regina, Saskatchewan, and also enjoyed curling, bowling, and playing bridge, which she continued to do for much of her life. They moved to Saskatoon in 1969, where Lorna worked for several years as a hostess for Welcome Wagon.

**Lorne Wettstein** (attended Luther College High School from 1961 to 1964, Grades 9–11) passed away on February 3, 2016 at the age of seventy. Lorne was born on August 14, 1945 and was raised in Regina, Saskatchewan. In his early years, he would travel with his father on sales trips throughout the province before he started school at Wetmore Elementary School. After high school, he went on to attend college and university in both Calgary and Winnipeg. He started his career in sales at Hotel Saskatchewan in Regina, Saskatchewan, which he described as the best sales job he ever had. Years later, he became Managing Director of Martin Luther Nursing Home, which was one of the highlights of his career.

**Obituaries Disclaimer:**  
**Contributions and submissions are subject to editing.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT LUTHER COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

**FINE ARTS NIGHT - MAY 17, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.**



Enjoy a festival of creativity! There will be visual art and photography displays, dramatic performances and more, all produced

by our Luther students. This is a fantastic opportunity to see the artistic community at Luther!

**FILM NIGHT - JUNE 16, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.**



It's showtime! Film night features student produced short films.

For more information, please visit  
[www.luthercollege.edu/high-school](http://www.luthercollege.edu/high-school).



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

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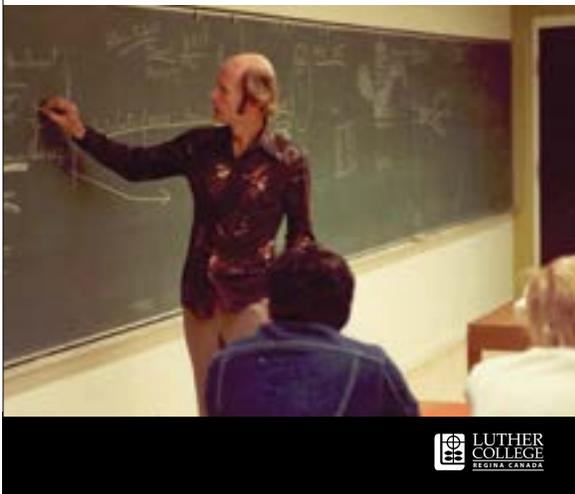


2015 DSA Recipient, the late Richard Nostbakken.

Applications for the Luther College Distinguished Service Award are now being accepted. The award is granted to individuals who have shown dedication to, and support for, Luther College and its mission. The deadline for nominations is June 30, 2016.

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# 2016 LUTHER LECTURE



## “Faith in the Face of Empire: A Palestinian Christian Perspective”

featuring Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, a Palestinian Pastor and co-recipient of the 2015 Olof Palme Prize

Monday, September 26, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Rex Schneider Auditorium, Luther College at the University of Regina

For more information, please visit [www.luthercollege.edu/luther-lecture](http://www.luthercollege.edu/luther-lecture).

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1. Jayden Soroka (HS'02) at work in his office at Pixelbox.
2. Debra Schubert, LCUR Muslim Peer Chaplain, Zarqa Nawaz, and Shazia Rahmani.
3. Cameron Norman (U'96) in class.
4. First game of Muckby at LCUR in 1972. Picture sent to Luther by Ron Holloway (man in the brimmed hat).
5. Picture of the new Merlis Belsher Heritage Centre signage at night.
6. Rink where the first Muckby game was played in 1972 at LCUR. Picture sent in by Ron Holloway.
7. Cards for the La Loche community by LCHS students.
8. UN Conference in India from January 11-13, 2016 attended by Dr. Roger Petry.
9. Wendy Sauer, a parent volunteer, working the "Wine Pull" activity at the Second Annual Black & Gold Gala.
10. Donors and special guests at the Founders' Day Dinner 2015.
11. Rev. Dr. Roland Miller providing a student with academic counselling in 1984.
12. Alumni Basketball game during L.I.T. 64.

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