

Collegiate Alumni Association



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Resident Collegiate students, Wesley College, 1931 (UW Archives)

The Collegiate Turns 150!

In 2023, The Collegiate will celebrate its 150th anniversary, an incredible milestone for one of the oldest schools in Manitoba! Prior to Wesley College officially opening in 1888, preparatory classes started in 1873 within the Wesleyan Institute, run by the Methodist church in Winnipeg. Classes continued as Wesley College merged with Manitoba College to become United College. When The University of Winnipeg received its charter in 1967, the high school was renamed The Collegiate at The University of Winnipeg, maintaining a presence in historic Wesley Hall to the present day. In 2007, The Collegiate expanded into a fully-realized high school with grades 9 through 12. Scholarships and bursary programs continue to provide accessibility to a wide range of students - locally, provincially and internationally.

In comparison, our new Collegiate Alumni Association was launched on September 14, 2022 and is now five months old. Our journey is just beginning and we are honoured to be working towards the creation of a vibrant, connected alumni community for the next 150 years and beyond. Plans are in motion to mark this important anniversary in the coming year. We look forward to celebrating the rich history and legacy of The Collegiate with you! In the meantime, have a listen to [Hallowed Halls](#), a podcast about The Collegiate's past and present, hosted and produced by 2014 alumnus Isaac Wurmman.



The bustling stairwell of Wesley Hall today.

We hope you enjoy this inaugural edition of the Collegiate Alumni Association Newsletter, which aims to nourish school pride, celebrate accomplishments and tell our Collegiate story.

Alumni Association News

A message from Bob Stuebing (Class of 1965), Collegiate Alumni Association Chair on behalf of the Board of Directors:

We estimate that over the last 150 years, The Collegiate graduated an estimated 15,000 students. The record of accomplishment by Collegiate alumni is impressive to say the least. Clearly, the Collegiate is a special school and it follows that the Collegiate Alumni Association is a special Association.

Prior to the Association's inaugural meeting last September, the University of Winnipeg Foundation worked with a Collegiate Advisory Committee to assess the appropriateness of a stand-alone Collegiate alumni association. Based on an alumni survey, only half of the Collegiate graduates had an exclusive post-secondary relationship with the University of Winnipeg, so the conclusion was an emphatic "yes."

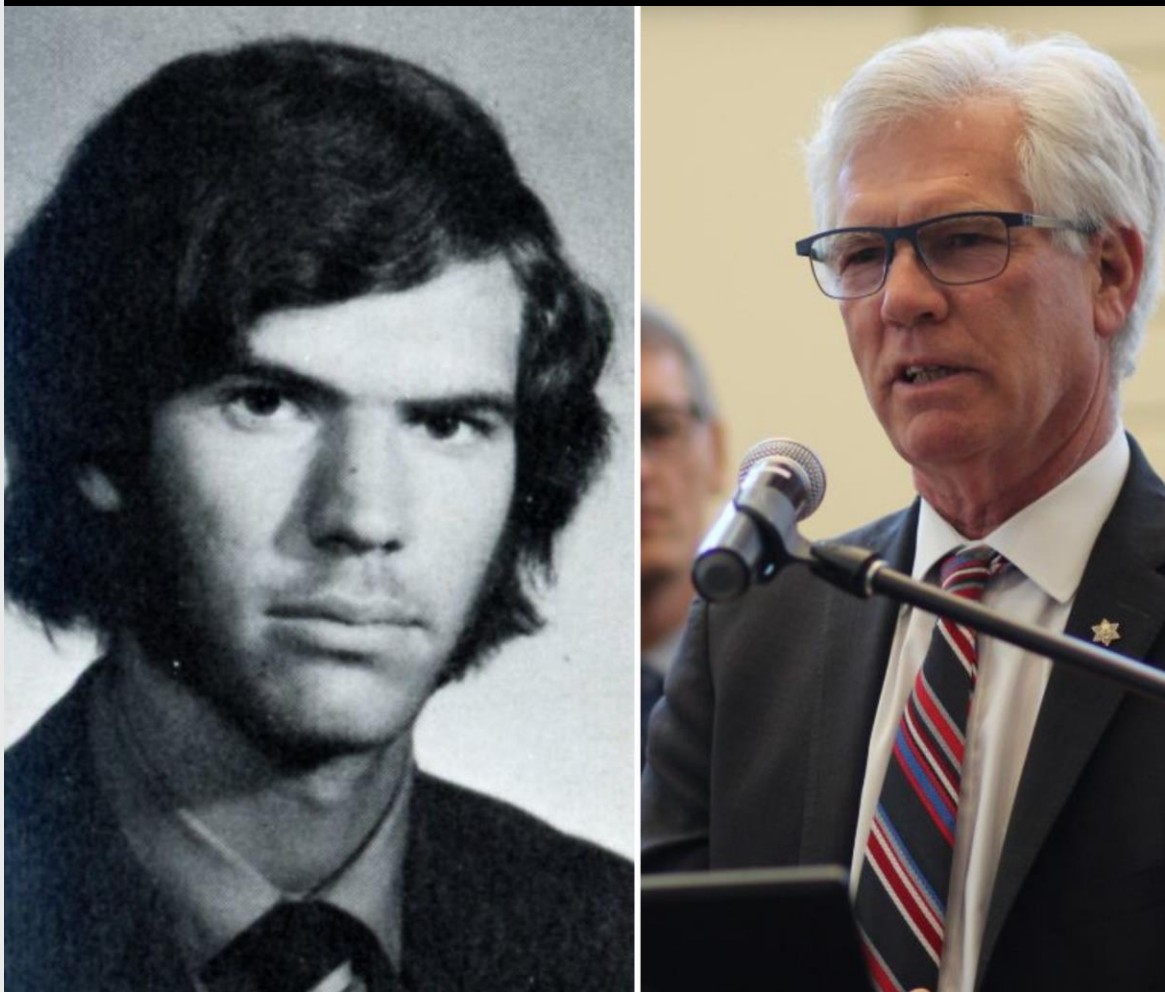
While the Association's activities have not been overly visible to date, the planning is in full swing. Going forward, you will receive three newsletters and one, more comprehensive, magazine annually. We are establishing stand-alone Collegiate Alumni web pages and contemplating two alumni receptions annually. Commencing in 2024, the spring reception, which will be scheduled with the Collegiate's convocation, will include reunions for classes with five year intervals. We are contemplating special events, mentoring programs for current students, enhanced protocol for alumni visits to the Collegiate, and more. We are discussing how to better celebrate our distinguished alumni, and our newsletters and website will include alumni notes so all our alumni will have current information on their cohort's activities.

From a financial perspective, the University of Winnipeg Foundation has generously agreed to fund the Association's activities through our start-up years. But we have already established an endowment fund with the Foundation, and very shortly will commence a campaign to raise a minimum of \$300,000. It is intended that the income from the endowment fund will fund the Association's activities going forward. We anticipate the Alumni Association will be self-sustaining within one year.

In summary, the Directors of the Association are excited about the future of the Collegiate Alumni Association and what the Association will bring to its existing membership and the students who will become members in the future. The Collegiate administration and faculty, the Foundation and the University administration share that

enthusiasm. We hope you will share it, too! We welcome you to contact the Board with any questions you may have by emailing collegiatealumni@uwinnipeg.ca. Watch your inbox for exciting alumni announcements to come!

The Honourable Jim Carr (Class of 1970)



L: 1970 Collegiate Yearbook. R: The Honourable Jim Carr speaks at UW in 2019 (UW Archives)

The University of Winnipeg community mourns the loss of The Honourable Jim Carr, Member of Parliament for Winnipeg South Centre, who passed away at the age of 71 on Monday, December 12, 2022. Jim graduated from The Collegiate in 1970 and served as the University's Executive Director of External Relations for several years in the 1980s.

A dedicated business and community leader in Winnipeg for more than three decades, Jim was widely respected for his integrity, passion, and unwavering commitment to improving the lives of Canadians. He was elected the Member of Parliament for Winnipeg South in October 2015 and appointed Minister of International Trade Diversification.

Jim was re-elected as MP for Winnipeg South in October 2019 and appointed the Prime Minister's Special Representative for the Prairies. Prior to his political career, he spent decades as an active volunteer with a number of local, provincial, and national organizations. He was the founding co-chair of the Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Council and served on boards for the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, Canada West Foundation and Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice. In honour of The Honourable Jim Carr, campus flags were flown at half-mast on Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

Alumni Spotlight



Robyn Maynard (Class of 2004) is an award-winning, best-selling author and scholar whose work focuses on abolition and Black liberation. Robyn's recent book [*Rehearsals for Living*](#) is on CBC's Best Canadian Non-Fiction 2022 list and a 2022 Governor General's Literary Award for non-fiction finalist. Robyn and co-author Leanne Betasamosake Simpson headlined UWinnipeg's Axworthy Distinguished Lecture in November 2022.

Alumni News

1960s

- **Carol Matas (1967):** [2023 Silver Birch Express Award Nominee](#) for grade 3 – 4 fiction book *Who's Looking? How Animals See the World*.
- **Dr. Susan A. Thompson (1967):** Featured in [CBC News article](#): Celebrated 30th anniversary of being sworn in as the 40th mayor of Winnipeg and the first woman elected to the job.

1980s

- **Lawrence Isaac Pinsky (1983):** [Appointed to King's Counsel](#) in recognition of outstanding contributions to the practise of law.
- **Ari Posner (1988):** [2022 Canadian Screen Award Winner](#) for Best Original Music, Animation for *Let's Go Luna! The Way of the Gaucho*.

2000s

- **Connor Ward (2005):** Co-owner of The Basement Speakeasy and Comedy Lounge, which was featured in a [Winnipeg Free Press article](#).

2010s

- **Jacob Brodovsky (2010):** New Record *I Love You and I'm Sorry* featured in a [Winnipeg Free Press article](#).
- **Taryn Grant (2012):** Silver medalist in women's water-ski jump at the 2022 World Games and [2022 MasterCraft Pro winner](#).
- **Ila Barker (2013):** Song *Intuition* licensed for Travel Manitoba's Explore MB Campaign.
- **Cassidy Mann (2013):** Named one of five Indigenous artists who are "changing our sonic landscape" by [The Globe and Mail](#).
- **Cameron Fraser – Monroe (2017):** [Ballet Kelowna's Artist in Residence](#) for the 2022-23 season.

2020s

- **Anja Krueger (2021):** [2022 Canada Summer Games Silver Medal](#) in Women's Sprint Triathlon.

Do you have an update or news you would like to share with your Collegiate community?
Email us at collegiatealumni@uwinnipeg.ca.

Upcoming Events

Insights Into Psychedelic Medicine

Featuring Alumnus
Dr. Jordan Sloshower
(Class of 2002)



Alumni Perspectives Webinar – Insights Into Psychedelic Medicines

March 21, 2023 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. CDT

Featuring Collegiate and UWinnipeg alumnus Dr. Jordan Sloshower, resident physician at the Yale School of Medicine, practitioner and researcher in psychedelic-assisted psychotherapy. This free webinar is part of the UW Alumni Council's Speaker Series. To register, visit the [UW Alumni Council website](#).

The Archives



Coffee House 1981 (UW Archives)

Do you recognize anyone in this photo of students gathering for Coffee House entertainment in 1981? The Collegiate continues its Coffee House tradition to this day, featuring the artistic talents of students, faculty and staff.

[Share your story](#) and help us take a trip down memory lane by sharing your photos and memories.



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