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The 2024 Graduates at their Convocation on May 16th, 2024

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## University of Winnipeg Collegiate Convocation 2024

Written by: Patricia Nosal (Collegiate Class of 2014)

Convocation is a time of reflection, a moment for us to pause and be grateful for everyone who supported the graduate's journey. From parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, mentors, and teachers—these are the individuals who invested the time and effort in their education and future, shaping them into the proud people they are today. It is an emotional time for parents to see their child cross the stage, for they are taking part in one of the many rites of passage associated with adulthood. From this moment onward, the path splits. With the classroom halls that once bound their cohort together behind them, each of these graduates will forge their own direction. However, while many will never cross paths again, as graduates and members of the Collegiate community, they have become part of a larger collection, one where generations of graduates forge new friendships through their shared experiences at Wesley Hall.

Having experienced much of high school through the lens of a world rocked by a global pandemic, the Class of 2024 remained ever resilient over the last four years. An incredible 82% of our graduating class have applied to both local and international post-secondary institutions. It should come as no surprise that when asked, most of these talented graduates expressed their interest in perusing degrees in diverse professional fields including medicine, engineering and business in addition to general arts and science.

Every year, Collegiate faculty members choose a recipient for the Special Faculty Award, which is then presented to a student who truly embodies the spirit of The Collegiate. This year's recipient is a natural leader, artist, musician, and member of the school's Youth in Philanthropy Club. A student who always conducts himself with kindness and integrity, Adam Shapiro is the winner of this distinguished award.

Most of you reading this newsletter are graduates, and like me, I imagine that you still think of those who helped support you during your academic career at the Collegiate. Undoubtedly, most of the people who spring to mind are members of the Collegiate

faculty—teachers and staff members who work tirelessly to shape the knowledge and memories of thousands of students into an experience they will carry with them for the rest of their lives. In her convocation speech, Dr. Karen Zoppa said “I would like to honour our faculty, and the culture they sustain with their devotion and expertise. It is my sincere hope that this culture will be nurtured for the foreseeable future.” It is not the walls of the Collegiate that make it remarkable, it is the people within the halls that leave a lasting impression.

You attended The Collegiate, you know it is a special place for many, fostering academic excellence, independence, and a sense of belonging.

I am asking those of you reading: If a faculty or staff member made a difference in your life at The Collegiate, please let me know. If possible, I would like to pass along your message to the many faculty and staff members who worked to make a difference in the lives of our alumni. Please send me any stories, messages of appreciation, or letters to [pa.nosal@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:pa.nosal@uwinnipeg.ca) or call me at 204-988-7509. I would love to share the impact the faculty and staff have on the lives of our Collegiate Alumni!

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Adam Shapiro (Collegiate Class of 2024) Recipient of the Special Student Faculty Award & Faculty Member Stacy Katz (Collegiate Class of 2005).

## Alumni Association News

Written By: Bob Stuebing (Collegiate Class of 1965)

This is the second Convocation Issue of the Alumni Newsletter, and so we welcome another 113 graduates to membership in the Association. These students entered The Collegiate during peak COVID times which challenged their resilience and adaptability to learning. But they persevered and made an effort to carve out their own community within these challenging times, and we are thrilled to have them join our community at The Collegiate Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association included a survey of the post-secondary intentions of the 2024 class with the Grad Gown Forms, to which 101 graduating students responded. A total of 83 have applied to one or more post-secondary institutions while 18 had not yet applied or intended to take a gap year. Of the 83, 60 had received acceptances, and of the 60 who have received acceptances, 32 have committed to a post-secondary institution while 28 were still undecided. But what is significant is that, of the 32 who have committed to a post-secondary institution, only 13 have committed to the University of Winnipeg while 9 have committed to the University of Manitoba, 3 to Red River College Polytechnic and 6 to other schools.

Prior to formation of the Collegiate Alumni Association, the Collegiate Advisory Committee surveyed the Alumni, and received 252 responses. Of those, 195 named the post-secondary school which they attended. 104 (53%) attended the University of Winnipeg while 62 attended other Manitoba schools and 29 went out of province or international. Of the 104 who attended the University of Winnipeg, 48 went on to post graduate study at other schools. The conclusion was that 47% of Collegiate graduates had no connection to the University of Winnipeg other than through the Collegiate, and a further 25% had a diluted connection. It was based on this data that the Advisory Committee determined the need for a stand-alone Collegiate Alumni Association.

The 2024 survey shows results consistent with the first survey. This serves to validate the original survey and further supports the need and importance of the stand-alone University of Winnipeg Collegiate Alumni Association. The Collegiate

Alumni association intends to collect the same data from future graduating classes, and as the years progress, we will have definitive data.

As an Association, we celebrate the entire 2024 graduating class, but we particularly note the 2024 graduates who will attend professional schools/faculties such as engineering, pre-med, music and pre-vet, as well as those who choose to attend other universities and colleges for other reasons. For those graduates, the Collegiate will always be an important step in the educational journey, and we expect that the Collegiate Alumni Association will assist in maintaining their bond to the Collegiate at the University of Winnipeg.

In the May edition of the Wesley Times, I noted the Association needed more connection from (rather than to) the Alumni. While the association will continue to work on that, it may be that we will only achieve the hoped for Alumni vibrancy and participation over time as we add 100 plus new members every year. And at the last Association Board meeting, we discussed, and plan to implement, strategies to promote the connection with new graduates. We intend to include the current student body on the distribution of our newsletters and magazine, we will invite the grade 12 class to our December seasonal reception, and we will pursue other in school programs to enhance the relationship between the students and the Alumni.

Also at the last Association Board meeting, we set the date for the second Annual General meeting which will be held on Monday, September 23rd. The preliminary notice will be emailed on or before August 9th and the formal notice with the agenda and supporting materials will be emailed on or before August 23rd.

The AGM will mark significant change to the Association's Board. Jennifer Janzen has decided to resign as the faculty nominee as she carries a very heavy extra-curricular role in addition to her day position as an exceptional history teacher. Jennifer participated on the Collegiate Advisory Committee prior to formation of the Collegiate Alumni Association, and her work on both the Advisory Committee and on the Association Board has been invaluable. Stacy Katz (2005), currently a Voting Director and the Vice Chair, will take on the position as the faculty appointment on the Board.

While I take personal satisfaction in the progress of the Alumni Association over the past two years, I am fast approaching, if not already past my "best before

date.” Accordingly, I will not stand for reelection as a Voting Director. With Stacey’s move and my retirement, the Members will be asked to elect two new Voting Directors at the September AGM. The Board initiated a search and has identified two very qualified alumni who are prepared to stand for election. Their bio sketches will be included with the preliminary notice which will also call for input on the nominations from the Members at large.

The Board has designated Josh Hood (2017) as the next Chair, and I am committed to assisting Josh in an ex-officio capacity. But the Board will also have to select a new Vice Chair from among the Voting Directors, as Stacey will not be eligible for that position when she becomes a Non-Voting Director.

Another very significant change is that Kevin Clace has tendered his resignation as Dean of the Collegiate as he has been recruited to serve as [Superintendent/CEO for Prairie Rose School Division](#) effective August 1, 2024. Kevin has been a guiding force in the formation of the Collegiate Alumni Association, and I want to record my personal appreciation for his support and guidance. Pending the appointment of Kevin’s replacement, Associate Dean Osaed Khan will serve as Acting Dean of the Collegiate and with that as a Non-Voting Director of the Collegiate Alumni association.

Finally, the Association will experience the natural transition as Sarah Seniuk, the grade 12 student Non-Voting Director, has graduated and Ayla Embury-Hyatt, currently the grade 11 alternate to Sarah, will progress to the grade 12 position. Gwami Dhlamini, who has just completed grade 10 and is going into grade 11, will become the alternate student director.

Notwithstanding the changes, the Association Board of Directors has, and will continue to have, significant depth of talented and committed Directors, and the Association’s progress will continue unabated.

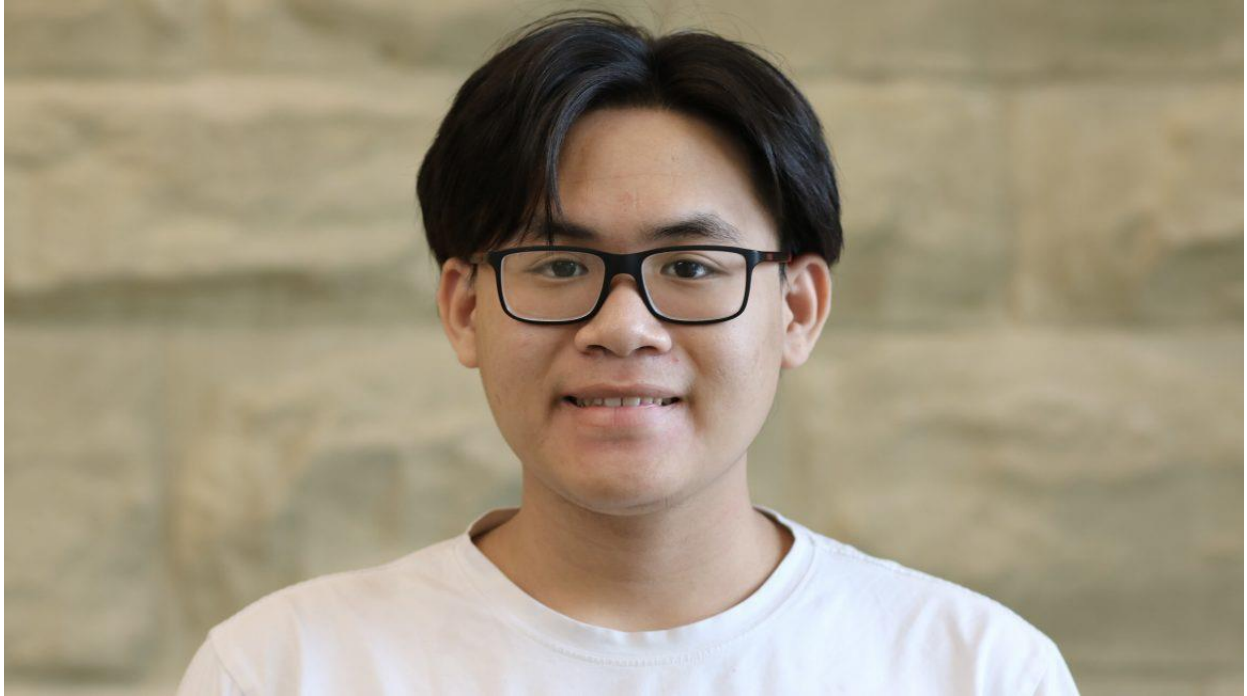
One of the important roles of the Collegiate Alumni is to support the Collegiate tangibly, and so we acknowledge Ken Rosenberg’s continuing support in the “Giving Back” article in this newsletter. Ken is a credit to the Collegiate and the Collegiate Alumni Association, and his tangible recognition of the importance of the Collegiate and what the Collegiate did for him is commendable.

I am particularly pleased to report that the Alumni Association has now achieved its \$300,000 goal for the Endowment Fund. At the current 4.25% university of Winnipeg Foundation distribution rate, the Endowment Fund will generate \$12,750 cash flow for the Association annually to cover its costs of operation. As such, the long term financial stability of the Association is assured. The Association extends a huge Thank-You to those who contributed to this very important endowment fund.

But there is no magic in the \$300,000 capital amount, and so I encourage all alumni who are so inclined to contact Patricia Nosal at the Foundation at (204) 988-7509 or by email to [pa.nosal@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:pa.nosal@uwinnipeg.ca) to make a donation. The higher the capital balance in the Endowment Fund, the higher will be the annual distributions, and the Board of the Association may direct any operating surplus to the Collegiate for either scholarships or highest need. It would reflect very well on the Collegiate Alumni Association if it were to show up in the University of Winnipeg Foundation Annual Report as a donor to the Collegiate.

Finally, this will be my last “Alumni Association News” column as Joshua Hood will take over the column commencing with the fall magazine. So my parting comment is to thank everyone who assisted and worked to create the Alumni Association, and following the inauguration in September 2022, to expand the critical mass of the Association. The names are too numerous to list here (and I have thanked most of you in previous columns in any event), but to all of you, and you know who you are, a sincere thank you. Together, we have created something important, and there is no doubt in my mind that the Collegiate Alumni Association will continue to grow and flourish in the years ahead.

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### **Pham Tran Phu An**

Written by: Patricia Nosal (Collegiate Class of 2014)

As always, there are many students who deserve to be recognized for their academic achievements. Pham Tran Phu An is one of the many graduating students to have received external scholarships. A natural academic and talented student, Pham has been awarded the University of Toronto's [International Scholar Award](#), valued at up to \$225,000. Pham Tran is an international student from Vietnam who came to The Collegiate in search of a better education.

When Pham Tran Phu An was in grade nine living in the suburbs of Ho Chi Minh City, he met his literature teacher Ms. Lan. His teacher had a passion for teaching and encouraged Tran to step out of his comfort zone. She taught him how to become a better student and the confidence to follow his dream for a better education. "In Vietnam everything is different, and the teaching style is very disappointing," Tran said. "They don't value research and they don't value critical thought. But here at the Collegiate, my ideas are valued and are part of my learning process. Every day I feel like I am learning something new, which motivates me to do better." ([Collegiate.UWinnipeg.ca](http://Collegiate.UWinnipeg.ca)).



Inspired by Ms. Lan's storytelling, Tran is planning to focus on creative writing while attending the University of Toronto. Although the journey might be filled with roadblocks and bumps, I will take any opportunity that is given to me and I look forward to this new challenge." Congratulations Tran! What an incredible feat moving to a new country, obtaining one of Canada's most prestigious academic scholarships. It is heartwarming the difference a teacher can make in the lives of their students.



Tekla Hunter (Class of 2024) & Osaed Khan (Acting Dean of The Collegiate), awarded the Governor General's Medal to the full-course graduate achieving the highest standing in Grade 12 during Fall/Winter Session.

**Dean's Corner**



**Dean Kevin Clace**

Dear UW Collegiate Alum,

It is with mixed emotions that I share news of my departure from the University of Winnipeg Collegiate. I have recently accepted the position of Superintendent/CEO with Prairie Rose School Division. The decision to leave comes with heartfelt gratitude and a deep appreciation for the amazing journey I have had as an educational leader at the Collegiate.

The UW Collegiate holds a special place in my heart as a truly unique and unparalleled institution in Canada. I cannot adequately express my gratitude for the incredible faculty, staff, students, parents, and alumni who have made my six years here so enriching and rewarding.

Rest assured; the Collegiate will continue to thrive under capable leadership. I am pleased to announce that effective August 1st, Mr. Osaed Khan will step into the role of Interim Acting Dean, supported by Mr. Cameron Cerasani as Acting Associate Dean. Mr. Khan has been a dedicated faculty member since 2009 and has served as Associate Dean since 2022. Mr. Cerasani, who joined in 2018, has excelled in teaching Math, Physics, and Outdoor Education. I extend my best

wishes to both Mr. Khan and Mr. Cerasani as they transition into their new roles within the senior leadership team at UW Collegiate.

Thank you once again for the privilege of serving this exceptional community. I look forward to seeing the continued success and growth of the UW Collegiate in the years to come.

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### Alumni Spotlight



Connor Ward, Collegiate Alumni, Class of 2005

## **Alumni Spotlight: Connor Ward**

Written by: Patricia Nosal (Collegiate Class of 2014)

Now that convocation week has ended, students and their families are no doubt looking forward to long summer days, filled with pool parties, road trips and barbeques. Those most interested in the latter might be surprised to see a new sauce hit their shelves this season created by Collegiate alumnus, Connor Ward. A class of 2005 graduate, former competitive snowboarder, wakeboarder, and now co-owner of [Westside Premium Craft-Sauce](#), Connor created the brand with his cousin and collaborated with Ergin Gooriah in 2021. With a lineup of sauces ranging from Caribbean Jerk to Peanut Thai, Connor's latest marinade creations are handcrafted and preservative free.

Before entering the culinary world, Connor's family worked in the hospitality industry, owning and operating hotels in Red Lake, Pine Falls, Emerson, and Winnipeg. Inspired by his family's success, Connor and his cousin Kal Smith, purchased a struggling local inn south of Winnipeg in Altona, which they worked to restore and reopen its doors. In 2019, they purchased a second hotel in Winnipeg that came with a restaurant attached—the Hat Tricks Sports Bar and Grill.

“One of the ideas we had was for a weekly wing night, only we wanted to separate ourselves from the rest of the pack by producing all our own sauces, in-house,” says Connor. ([Winnipeg Free Press, Sanderson, 2024](#)).

In early 2021, Connor and his other business partners discovered that the global craft sauce market was worth well over \$2 billion. They started to sell their custom sauces in FoodFare and by the summer, Westside Sauces had branched out into other major chain retailers, including both Sobeys and Safeway.

Currently, Westside Sauces are produced in Warren, Manitoba and shipped to retailers across the province. However, Connor plans to expand the business into Ontario and Saskatchewan, and eventually bring his unique flavours south of the border to the United States.

Although The Collegiate is academically focused, we have many alumni that go on to entrepreneurial ventures. We love to see our graduates succeeding in the many avenues of life!

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## Alumni News

Ryleigh Todd-Moore (Class of 2024) received a Ewaaskoziig Anongoonhs (Bright Star) Award at the [Indigenous Achievement Awards](#). This annual event celebrates the achievements of Indigenous students, faculty, and staff.

Diana Fraser (2019) expanded her brow business 'Diana's Beauty Bar' to operate within Myuz MakeUp Artistry and Esthetics at 1438 Corydon.

Navjashan Brar (2019) received a [Futures Fund Scholarship for Outstanding Leadership](#). This \$10,000 scholarship awarded annually to ten students from across Canada. Nav is a third-year business student at the University of Winnipeg and has extensive volunteer and leadership qualities.

Yasaman Mohaddes (Class of 2015) graduated with her Juris Doctor at the University of Calgary. She will begin her legal career as an articling student with Blake, Cassel & Graydon LLP.

Emily Kroft (Class of 2015) recently attended the World Water Forum held in Bali, Indonesia. She works at the International Institute for Sustainable Development.

Quinn Cove (Class of 2014) graduated with her Masters of Business Administration from Smith School of Business at Queen's University

Hanna Henriksson-Rebizant (Class of 2014) graduated with a Master of Architecture from the Bartlett School of Architecture at the University College London, England. Bartlett is ranked the number one in the world for Architecture.

Alexia Cholakis (Class of 2013) graduated from New York University College of Dentistry. She will begin her Prosthodontics Residency at Louisiana State University in New Orleans.

Jacob Brodovsky (Class of 2010) was the recipient of a [2024 Canadian Folk Music Award](#). Held in St. Johns, Newfoundland. Brodovsky, recently won English Song Writer of the Year for his latest album, I Love You and I'm Sorry.

Mike McGarry (Class of 2010) spoke at the [TedxWinnipeg](#). Mike's TEDx talk was on the enormous volume of hardwood that end up in landfill every year. He is the co-founder and operations manager for Urban Lumber, a company that works to divert urban tree lumber into high-quality hardwood lumber and products ([UWinnipeg.ca](#)).

Noam Gonick (Class of 1989) is a critically acclaimed filmmaker and artist. He presented a curated collection of recent and rarely seen short films, video installations, teasers and pitch videos during Pride week at the University of Winnipeg. ([Deep Cuts + Future Projections](#)).

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### **Giving Back**



Ken Rosenberg, Collegiate Alumni, Class of 1974

Written by: Matthew Samyn

Supporters of The University of Winnipeg Collegiate have long held that part of its success as a secondary school stems from the willingness of its faculty and staff to treat those enrolled as young adults—affording them the same level of respect and holding them to the same heightened expectations called for by their older peers attending the University. This spirit, coupled with the school’s unique curriculum is exactly what drew both Ken Rosenberg and his younger sister Roberta to Wesley Hall in the early 1970s and 1980s.

Despite being separated by a decade in age, Ken and Roberta’s experience at the Collegiate shared a great deal in common. Moving from Shaftesbury High School in 1973, Ken wanted his senior year to be different. “The freedom you were given as a Collegiate student ed my experience as a student.” says Ken. “My friends and I felt like we were part of a community, the atmosphere was different from most schools at the time. For Roberta, before she passed away, the Collegiate was one of the last places that she was able to fully experience as a healthy young adult. I’ve always felt the school was a special place for her. She was an artistically minded, and civically engaged person who loved the people she learned from and learned with at the Collegiate.”

After Roberta’s passing in 1989, Ken and his brother Lewis sought to keep her memory alive through their charitable initiatives at Assiniboine Park. A place she loved. “Growing up in Tuxedo, she regularly went to the Park and enjoyed its many gifts such as the Zoo, it’s playgrounds and Art-in-the-Park. Giving to the Zoo’s capital campaign in her honour was one way of preserving her memory and legacy. The Roberta Rosenberg Dean’s Continuing Scholarship is another heartfelt way of remembering her as an adult — someone who was passionate about sharing her creativity and sense of community with her friends, family, and peers during and immediately after her time at the Collegiate.”

Established by Ken in the summer of 2020, the scholarship that bears Roberta’s name is part of a larger collection of scholarships designed to recognize the academic skill of Collegiate students entering their second, third or fourth year of study. Under the umbrella of the Dean’s Continuing Scholarship fund, memorial awards like this help the community honor past students, loved ones, and family members while also

providing support for the promising academic careers of students attending the Collegiate today.

When asked about the role that alumni play in the Collegiate community, Ken comments that, “As alumni, many of us come to a point later in life where we want to help better the institution that was there for us during our formative years. Roberta’s memorial scholarship is my way of helping make the Collegiate a stronger institution, to support these students now in the same way that many of our school’s previous donors helped me. The Collegiate has been built in part by Alumni and I’m happy that Roberta’s memory as a student here will benefit the school for years to come.”

To make a gift to the Roberta Rosenberg Dean’s Continuing Scholarship, visit the University of Winnipeg Foundation’s [online donation web page](#).

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### Faculty Spotlight



Faculty Member: Jennifer Janzen



## **Faculty Spotlight: Jennifer Janzen**

Written by: Joshua Hood (Collegiate Class of 2017)

When I think about teachers at the Collegiate who had a lasting impact on my personal life, one of the first names that comes to mind is Jennifer Janzen. Starting at the Collegiate in 1999, Jennifer has been extremely innovative in her course material, sharing her passion for history and geography with thousands of students over twenty-five years.

“I think partly it’s my parents, because we travelled a lot, and we did crazy travel,” Jennifer remembers. “My dad took our family from Winnipeg to Mexico in a car. We drove! 5 days! We stayed for a month, and then we came back. This is one of the first big holidays I remember, 7 years old. And this is at a time when there was nothing but the radio. And books. You just looked out the window, and you saw the world...So, then my desire to see the world and get to know other people...I just find people interesting.”

Jennifer didn’t think she was going to become a teacher. In fact, it was her father who encouraged her to go into education. And it was through teaching that Jennifer found a way to share her passion with others.

“It’s because I really like learning,” she explains, “and I’m really interested in always doing something new. I wouldn’t say I’m artistically creative, but I am creative in how I teach and present information. I really like to do that, and that’s something that the job has really offered me, an outlet for my artistry of that kind.”

It wasn’t easy for Jennifer to become a teacher at the Collegiate. In fact, she spent a year and a half knocking on the door of then Dean Michael Fox to apply for a job.

“I went into his office, and I gave him my resume, and I said ‘This is me, and I’d like to work here,’ and it was like, ‘There’s no openings.’ And then I would come back, like three or four months later – ‘Hi, it’s me again, just wondering if anything’s changed,’ and I just wanted this job. It was just something that was stuck in my head, and I just pursued it.”

Travel is something Jennifer has incorporated into her time at the Collegiate. She did an exchange program with teachers from Peru, and in my graduating year of 2017, I enjoyed an educational tour of Hawaii with her and science teacher Michael West.

“I think about school all the time,” she says. “Especially teaching geography and history, there isn’t a picture you can take that doesn’t fit into one of those two categories...I go on any vacation, I’m always taking pictures for my classes and learning something, and even if I don’t use it, it’s always informing me.”

Jennifer has had a lasting connection with so many of her students. While grabbing lunch with her at the Forks, a former student recognized her immediately, and introduced us to their young family, making sure Jennifer knew the impact her lessons had on their life.

“One of the things that I think I’ve learned over the years teaching here is that you can never predict what’s going to happen with people,” she shares. “You see somebody in Grade 10...and you’re like, ‘Oh my gosh, what’s going to happen to this kid?’ And then you find them, years later...one of them was my dentist, who walks in. So that has been really fun to see how people grow and mature, and what they end up doing.”

Jennifer’s time at the Collegiate has been extremely successful. In 2015, she was awarded the Governor General’s History Award for Excellence in Teaching for a project I got to be involved in – a play written by local playwright Debbie Patterson called “Shadows of Manitoba’s Past.” I still have the t-shirt! Innovative projects like these are Jennifer’s specialty, and they have created unforgettable experiences for so many Collegiate alumni.

It was Jennifer’s connection with the school and its students that made her one of the driving forces behind the Collegiate Alumni Association. She is heavily involved in the Association’s work and wants to keep connecting with her former students.

“I’m inviting people in all the time,” she says. “The door’s open. I’m very excited to see anybody. Again, I guess it is this connection to people and how interesting they are to me, and I just thought that there’s so much talent in our school, and people go on to such bigger and more amazing things, that they should be celebrated...I just think if people can have an opportunity to give back to their high school, and for it not to be something that you left and you never go back to, because high school really impacts

your life...and we all know teachers impact people's lives in huge ways. So, I just want to keep the positive going."

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## Upcoming Events & Announcements

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OUR SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM), WILL BE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 AT 5 P.M. CDT.

If you would like to attend our AGM, please reach out for more information. Otherwise, the preliminary notice will be sent out by August 9th.



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## From The Archives



Photos of students found in Trics-Tic Yearbook of 1977.

Do you recognize yourself or someone you know in these photographs? We would love to hear from you! Please update your Alumni profile or if you would like to be featured in our next newsletter please let us know at [collegiate@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:collegiate@uwinnipeg.ca).

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## GRADUATION

Twelve years of tedium.  
A dozen years of drudgery.  
And now the day draws near, more breathlessly,  
anticipated than the ooze of  
Ketchup from a bottle,  
of graduation.  
Freedom.  
Farewell king teachers of unparalleled wisdom  
Sweet mentors from whom we've learned almost as  
much of life as from reruns of  
the Brady Bunch.

We look now to greater challenges than mere  
high school has had to offer.  
New frontiers await us, hurdles to be jumped,  
mountains to be climbed.  
No longer finishing homework on the bus;  
No more staying home on weekends to  
write essays;  
Never again cramming late for exams;  
We are free of the ball-and-chain of school!

Free to follow our dreams and fulfill our  
fantasies;  
Free to get jobs that pay well, and get  
married, and have families;  
Free to buy homes and worry about  
payments and mortgage rates and bank loans;  
Free to get laid off and hate gov't  
and pay taxes;

Free to worry about our kids and go  
through menopause and get old;  
Free to have grandchildren and look  
through old yearbooks and reminisce.  
About our carefree high school days,  
when all we had to worry about  
was finishing homework,  
and writing essays,  
and cramming for exams.

And now graduation looms up before  
us like a shadow on our  
bedroom wall.  
And we know it shouldn't frighten us,  
yet we desperately wonder if  
we could fail our exams  
and stay in school for another year.  
And we realize that this ball-and-chain  
called school is really a security blanket  
that no one wants to face the  
shadowy uncertainty of  
life-after-high school.

So we register for University and put off  
life for another four years,  
And hope that everything will be  
different when we have a degree.

- Monica Dufault

A Poem found in the Yearbook 'Tric-Tic' 1982 by Monica Dufault