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The University of Winnipeg Collegiate Convocation 2025



Each May, The Collegiate community comes together to celebrate the achievements of the newest graduating class. A ceremony that traces its lineage back to the first convocation hosted by the Collegiate over 150 years ago, this special day represents the bittersweet end to four-year journey packed with memories that every student will carry with them beyond the boundaries of Wesley Hall. Assembled at the Winnipeg Convention Centre, proud families, friends, and educators watched as each student savored their moment on stage before receiving their diploma from Dean Osaed Khan—a moment that lasts mere moments, but one borne of countless late-night

study sessions, early-morning rehearsals, and a great deal of determination. Taking the stage to speak on behalf of The Collegiate Alumni Association was Quinn Cove, Vice Chair of the Association and proud graduate herself (Class of 2014). Her words echoed with warmth and wisdom as she addressed the newest members of this ever-growing community.

“To the proud parents, dedicated teachers, and most importantly, to the extraordinary graduates of The University of Winnipeg Collegiate, congratulations! This is a day you’ll remember for the rest of your lives. You have put in the hours, challenged yourselves, grown through adversity, and today, you walk across this stage not just as students, but as alumni of a remarkable institution.”

As Quinn reminded us, graduation is not a farewell, it’s an invitation—an invitation to remain connected to a network of thinkers, leaders, creatives, and change-makers who once sat in the same classrooms, walked the same halls, and crossed the same stage.

“Our alumni network isn’t just about the past, it’s about your future. Whether you’re heading off to university, starting your first job, travelling the world, or still finding your path, we will be here for you. To support you. To mentor you. To celebrate with you. And one day, you may find yourself doing the same—offering advice, opening a door, or simply being the encouraging voice someone else needs. This chapter may be closing, but the Collegiate community is one you never graduate from.” says Quinn.

To the Class of 2025: you have left your mark on The Collegiate. Now, as you step into your next adventure, know that you carry with you not just memories, but a lifelong place in this community.

Congratulations!



The 2025 Student Faculty Award



At the end of the spring semester, there comes a moment when Collegiate faculty assemble to reflect on an important question: which graduating student best represents the spirit of this incredible institution? Any of the 101 graduates are worth considering for this honour, but the individual in question is often someone who is not only academically talented, but a dedicated volunteer within the larger Collegiate community—a leader who empowers their classmates and supports the yearly initiatives that define the Collegiate experience.

This choice determines who will receive the prestigious Student Faculty Award, which is presented each year to a grade 12 student at convocation in celebration of their cumulative efforts during their Collegiate career.

This year's recipient is Hiumi Badalmuhandiramlage.

The award was presented by beloved faculty member Evan Maltman, whose heartfelt remarks captured what so many in our community already knew to be true about this remarkable student.

“It is with immense pride and admiration that I stand before you to present this year’s Special Student Faculty Award to someone who has left an unforgettable impression on our school through their dedication, integrity, academic excellence, and most of all, their big heart.” says Maltman.

Early in his speech, Maltman was quick to note that this award is not chosen by a rubric or checklist. Instead, recipients of this award are the product of conversations shared between faculty who have a mutual desire to recognize the students they have watched grow and flourish in ways that transcend the classroom.

“We sit around a table and we talk, not just about grades or involvement in sports or council, but about presence, growth, and spirit.” says Maltman. “Truthfully, no matter what criteria we look at, we’d be hard-pressed to find a box this student did not check.”

Indeed, Hiumi’s academic record is nothing short of extraordinary. She has consistently been at the top of her class since grade 9, But her achievements are not the result of natural ability alone. They are the outcome of her tireless effort, quiet resilience, and a deep commitment to personal growth.

Beyond academics, Hiumi has been a dynamic force in everyday life at the Collegiate, serving on the Student Council, competing in basketball, soccer, and badminton, and acting always as a steady, encouraging presence among her peers. To her friends and teachers, she is the student who shows up early, leaves late, cheers the loudest, and lifts up others along the way.

“She’s that rare kind of person who is both deeply respected by staff and dearly loved by her peers. We’ve watched you grow into a remarkable young woman. Your commitment to The Collegiate, your academic excellence, your kindness, they are unmatched. I hope my daughter grows up to be just a little bit like you.” says Maltman.

Closing out his speech and presentation of the award, Maltman finishes with a passage his grandfather shared with him during his convocation, “If saying goodbye is hard, it’s because you spent your time well.”

Congratulations, Hiumi. You have truly spent your time well.

Message From The Chair

I'm writing to you as I enter the final week of production for Season 4 of CTV Comedy's '*Acting Good*', a Manitoba-born series that I've had the honour of Script Supervising since Season 1. It always amazes me how many people in the film industry I work with on a day-to-day basis who attended the Collegiate. What's even more wonderful is that, regardless of how much time former students spent at the school, we all see each other as Collegiate family.

I bring this up as another class has just graduated – the Class of 2025! The Collegiate Alumni Association participated in this year's Safe Grad festivities and the Convocation, with speeches given by Vice Chair Quinn Cove. Both events were a resounding success, and a picture of Quinn, alongside our Development Officer Patricia Nosal and Former-Grade 12 rep (and new graduate!) Ayla Embury-Hyatt is included in this newsletter. I want to personally thank Ayla for all her hard work and dedication to the Alumni Association over the last two years, and wish her the best of luck as she continues her studies. We are cheering for you!

And to the Class of 2025, who are now receiving the Wesley Times for the first time as alumni – Congratulations on all your achievements! You'll soon discover, as I have in the film industry, that the Collegiate has a wide reach across many communities, and you are forever part of our family. Please be sure to keep us up to date on all your accomplishments so we can celebrate together. Wishing all Collegiate Alumni a happy and healthy summer, and looking forward to connecting again in the Fall!



Message From The Dean



Dear Collegiate Alumni,
Convocation is always a powerful reminder of who we are at The Collegiate—a community anchored in tradition, but always sailing forward. This year, I shared a simple word with our graduates: anchor. It represents the strength they've found here, the people who have grounded them, and the values that will guide them wherever they go. As we celebrated the Class of 2025, we saw a group ready to lift anchor and set sail—full of integrity, curiosity, and

courage.

This has also been a season of celebration beyond the stage. Our Collegiate soccer team brought home the Zone Championship banner, a testament to the spirit and determination that echo through our halls. In the classroom, on the field, and across the world—our students continue to inspire.

To our alumni community, thank you for being part of that foundation. You are the legacy that lives on in every graduate who walks across the stage, and the anchor that reminds them where they come from.

With gratitude,

Osaed Khan, Acting Dean of The Collegiate

Alumni Spotlight: Sam Goszer (2007) & Jared Carrington



Sam Goszer and Jared Carrington standing in front of their residential tower at Donald and St. Mary in downtown

For Sam Goszer and Jared Carrington, their journey to becoming key players in Winnipeg's real estate scene began in a Grade 10 classroom at The Collegiate at the University of Winnipeg. What started as a high school friendship has evolved into a thriving business partnership, one that's leaving a lasting mark on the city skyline.

Sam joined The Collegiate as a legacy student, following in his father's footsteps. "It helped that a lot of my buddies were going there," Sam recalls. Jared's path to The Collegiate came through his sister, Jillian, who was already enrolled. Looking for a more challenging academic environment, Jared found exactly that and more. Despite growing up in different parts of Winnipeg, Sam in the south end and Jared in Oak Bank, their decision to attend The Collegiate created an opportunity for their paths to cross. "The Collegiate draws students from all over the city," says

Jared. “You get exposed to people and perspectives you might not otherwise encounter.”

After graduation, Sam pursued post-secondary studies at the University of Winnipeg and earned his law degree from the University of Manitoba. Jared initially considered dentistry, he worked his way through university managing downtown Winnipeg nightclub Whisky Dix, before discovering a passion for real estate.

At 25, Jared bought a piece of land with two dilapidated homes and began what he calls “a crash course” in development, dealing with zoning issues, building codes, and unexpected hurdles like squatters. “You don’t know your blind spots until you hit them,” he says. That first project ultimately became a 16-unit apartment building, and the foundation for what would become Carrington Real Estate.

Meanwhile, Sam had built a career as a practicing lawyer. The two lost touch for a few years, until fate stepped in at a Winnipeg Jets White Out Party in 2018. Reunited by chance, the two reconnected instantly. The very next day, Jared reached out. He had started Carrington Real Estate and knew exactly who he wanted as a partner: someone he trusted implicitly.

“I knew Sam had the legal background and a similar appetite for risk,” Jared says. “We already had that foundation from our time at The Collegiate.”

Since then, the pair have tackled one project after another, growing Carrington Real Estate into one of Winnipeg’s most dynamic development firms. One of their most ambitious undertakings has been the 14-storey residential tower at Donald and St. Mary, a previously stalled project they revived. The finished building will house 160 rental units and feature a downtown location for The Keg Steakhouse & Bar on the main floor.

“This was a big risk,” Sam notes. “We inherited design decisions and economic models from a previous developer. But with the right team, we made it work.” Their portfolio continues to expand. In 2023, they broke ground on Station Place, a 16-storey development on Jubilee Avenue with 156 units and 10 townhomes, aligning with the city’s focus on densification and access to public transportation. And most recently, on June 13, 2025, they launched their newest project at 159 Provencher, a 94-unit complex designed to blend seamlessly with the neighborhood’s character.

“Some design choices were guided by the city,” Sam explains. “We wanted it to feel like a natural part of the community, not just a new building.” Jared adds,

“That’s my favorite part, getting back into the market, getting creative, and imagining what’s possible.”

Today, Carrington Real Estate has over 1,800 residential units in development, with a strong pipeline for the years ahead. Sam and Jared attribute much of their success to mentorship and community, and to the values instilled during their time at The Collegiate.

“High school is a fun time, but The Collegiate gave us more than that,” Sam reflects. “It gave us a network. A lot of relationships started there. We wouldn’t have met otherwise.”

Jared agrees: “It’s one of the most important parts of my Collegiate experience—the connectivity. That network still supports us to this day. Sam is the perfect example.”

They also credit mentors who helped them navigate the industry early on. “We didn’t have credibility yet,” Jared explains. “But people like Geoff, who had been where we were, showed us the ropes, everything from financing and supply chains to walking construction sites.”

As the city grows, Carrington Real Estate is committed to helping shape its future, through bold design, community-focused development, and the same collaborative spirit that brought Sam and Jared together in the first place.

“There’s so much exciting change happening in Winnipeg,” Jared says. “Housing is fueling that momentum, and we’re proud to be part of it.”

What began as a friendship at The Collegiate has grown into a powerful partnership, and a testament to how shared roots can lead to remarkable growth.



Carrington Real Estate Ground Breaking Ceremony on July 13th, 2025 at 165 Provencher Boulevard



Like many of her fellow seniors, Collegiate student Jaeda Cochrane-Murdock is now reflecting on the past four years of school. Having started her journey at the Collegiate in Grade 9 during the fall of 2021, her experience at Wesley Hall has been positive thanks to her peers and people on campus.

“I’ve built a lot of connections with people I wouldn’t normally have engaged with outside the Collegiate,” says Jaeda. “My friends and teachers have also helped me grow a lot during this time. Having started as a freshman, I remember feeling that I had so much work to finish before graduating—and now that I’ll be wrapping up my final term in the next few weeks it feels as though time has flown by.”

An active member across the Collegiate campus, Jaeda has immersed herself in numerous teams and clubs throughout her high school tenure.

“I’ve played on the volleyball and basketball teams, clarinet in concert band, and I joined the Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour (BIPOC) club in grade 12,” says Jaeda. “As part of the club, we hosted cultural days for students from different national backgrounds to showcase their food and traditions from around the world. We also organized potlucks and Kahoot tournaments for people to test their cultural knowledge against one another.”

As a Model School student, Jaeda is part of a unique cohort at the Collegiate. Based on her exemplary skills in the classroom, she was chosen by public school educators to receive a full four-year bursary that covers the cost of her tuition and school supplies.

This investment in her education puts her and other promising students on a path that will help them be successful in completing their post-secondary education at UWinnipeg. Since beginning in 2009, a total of 144 students have graduated from the Collegiate as part of the program. At this year’s graduation ceremony for the class of 2025, 13 other Model School students joined Jaeda on stage to receive their diplomas.

“The Model School has an important place at the Collegiate,” says Jaeda. “The program helps many inner-city kids who have the knowledge needed to succeed in school but lack the necessary funds to enroll. The Model school helps students thrive by inviting them to use their academic skills at the Collegiate and gets them thinking about what they can achieve at university after graduating.”

A dedicated member of the campus community, Jaeda was also presented with the Job Yellowhead Award in 2024 in recognition of her volunteer efforts and support of indigenous culture at the Collegiate.

Beyond school, Jaeda spends her time working at the University's Wii Chiiwaakanak Learning Centre, which provides educational and cultural programming rooted in Indigenous knowledge to the surrounding downtown community. During the summer, Jaeda takes on a counseling role as part of the STEAM Camp (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math)—helping lead attendees between activities and meals during the day.

“The atmosphere and cultural presence is a big part of what drew me to the position,” says Jaeda. “In addition to all the science programming, we pick medicine and berries with the campers and sew ribbon skirts together as staff members.”

Jaeda will begin her undergraduate degree in September this year at UWinnipeg, where she hopes to graduate in 2029 with a degree in physics.

Giving Back



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For the last 17 years, the Graham C. Lount Family Foundation (GLFF) have used their generosity as donors to make an incredible difference in the lives of students at both the University of Winnipeg and the Collegiate.

A fixture of the local philanthropic scene in Manitoba since 2001, the GLFF made its first gift to the University of Winnipeg Foundation (UWF) in 2008, choosing to support the Duff Roblin Scholars Fund with a gift of \$10,000—a new award at the time that was championed as part of the first Duff Roblin Award Dinner which raised funds for indigenous graduate fellowships at the university.

Looking to expand the scope of their giving in 2017, the GLFF chose to direct their support towards the Wii Chiiwaakank Learning Centre with a combined gift of \$27,500. A key part of the university's communal outreach effort, the learning centre provides free educational and cultural programming for the surrounding neighbourhood rooted in Indigenous knowledge in order to develop and strengthen pathways for Indigenous students on their way to post-secondary institutions; a commitment that echoes the LFF's mission to "promote the healthy development and personal growth opportunities of vulnerable children and youth residing in the Greater Winnipeg area."

"We extend our sincere appreciation to the Graham C. Lount Foundation for its generous and ongoing support of the University of Winnipeg Collegiate Model School," says Ian Elliot, Director of The Model School. "The Foundation's commitment to the program is deeply valued and has played a vital role in bridging the graduation gap for equity-deserving students and opening doors to academic and post-secondary opportunities for those who might not otherwise have access."

After receiving their first gift from the GLFF in 2018, the Collegiate's Model School program has become the focus of the organization's charitable interests at UWinnipeg. Since 2009, the Model School has sought to provide talented indigenous, refugee, and inner-city students with full-ride bursaries that cover the cost of tuition and school supplies in order to help set them on the path towards completing their post-secondary education at UWinnipeg. In full support of this initiative, the GLFF gifted a total of \$92,500 over the last 6 years. As part of their ongoing 2022 pledge to the program, the GLFF recently elected to extend the amount from \$65,000 to \$75,000 in 2024 to curb rising operating costs amid inflation.

"It has been a privilege to partner with the University of Winnipeg Foundation over the years," says Tamara Burman, Executive Director of the Graham C. Lount Family Foundation. "The Collegiate's Model School speaks directly to our values—ensuring that young people from all backgrounds can access the tools and support they need to succeed. We're honoured to play a small part in that journey."

Jaeda Cochrane-Murdock, as you read above is one of those students at The Collegiate who has benefited from the important role the Lount Family Foundation has played in the vitality of our Collegiate community.

From the outset, the GLFF has always looked to build upon existing programs already engaged in making a positive impact on campus. With their 20th anniversary as donors on the not-so-distant horizon, the UWF is proud to recognize and thank the GLFF for their involvement in ensuring these critically important programs find success each year.

Alumni News

Mike Del Buono (Class of 2005), founder of Burnley Place Hospitality, and chef Emily Butcher opened [Nola](#) at 300 Taché Ave, in 2021. This year, they have made [Canada's 100 Best Restaurants](#). Del Buono said, "it's a privilege to be included on the national restaurant guide for the first time. It's a very cool honour to be recognized. I'm just so happy for the team; it's such an amazing recognition for all the hard work they've put in," ([Winnipeg Free Press](#)).

Pablo Schor (Class of 2005) and his brother Ari Schor opened [Beba](#) in Montreal in 2019, this year, they ranked No. 7 on [Canada's 100 Best Restaurants](#). Best known for their Argentine-Jewish culinary tradition. Both brothers grew up in Winnipeg, and took different routes post graduation, to [read more about their journey find the article here](#).

Lisa Haydey (Class of 2008) graduated from Robson Hall Law School at the University of Manitoba and she was awarded the [Gold Medal in Law](#). Lisa completed an Honours degree in Psychology and a Masters in Physiotherapy from the University of Manitoba prior to law school.

Richard Raber (Class of 2011) PhD dissertation has been selected as the winner of the 2025 Indiana University Graduate School Distinguished PhD Dissertation Award in Humanities and Fine Arts. Furthermore, Richard has received scholarly training at [Indiana University Bloomington's](#) History Department as well as funding from the [Social Science Research Council](#), [The Fulbright Program](#), and multiple Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowships.

Ila Barker (Class of 2013) presented at the [Vision Guest Conference and Trade Show](#) titled: 'Making Your Own Music – Skills of songwriting on May 14, 2025. In addition, Ila will be performing at the Fire & Water Music Festival, which features independent music during the August long weekend in Lac du Bonnet.

Robyn Boulanger (Class of 2017) is the first recipient of the [Celebrating Women in Sport Scholarship](#), awarded by [True North Sports + Entertainment](#) and the

Winnipeg Jets. A proud Indigenous athlete and coach, Robyn is recognized for her leadership, advocacy for Indigenous representation in sport, and commitment to advancing equity in the sporting community.

Ryleigh Todd-Moore (2024), was featured in the [Winnipeg Free Press](#) for creating beadwork, shell jewelry, and ribbon skirts under their brand, [Littlest Kookum Beading](#)—drawing inspiration and teachings from their grandparents and culture. For Todd-Moore, this creative work is not just art but a form of cultural resistance and reclamation, infusing each piece with care, intention, and ancestral tradition.



Anna Kovacs (Class of 2012) is a dedicated Grade 1–2 primary school teacher who recently led her young students in a meaningful lesson on the importance of philanthropy and community giving. As part of their learning, the class participated in Lemonade Stands for Hope, a heartfelt initiative in support of [CancerCare Manitoba Foundation](#). The students learned not only about entrepreneurship but also the value of compassion and making a difference. Thanks to their hard work

and enthusiasm, they exceeded their original fundraising goal and proudly raised over \$1,500 to help bring hope to Manitobans affected by cancer.

Upcoming Events & Announcements

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OUR THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM), WILL BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER.

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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