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Cover photo: Students enjoying downtime in Tony's (The University of Winnipeg Archives, 1956–57)

Left photo: Students in front of Wesley Hall (The University of Winnipeg Archives, 1930)

Right photos (top to bottom): Collegiate 150 ribbon cutting ceremony on September 21, 2023; Dean Lorne Tomlinson and "Santa" (The University of Winnipeg Archives, Wesley Times, Feb 2, 1970); Alumna Liz Choi ([Ian McCausland Photography](#)).

# Collegiate Alumni Association Board Greetings

The Collegiate Alumni Association celebrated its first anniversary at the Annual General Meeting held on September 11. Looking back at our first year, we accomplished a lot. But we still have much work to achieve the level of alumni engagement contemplated by the Collegiate Advisory Committee prior to forming the Alumni Association.

The cornerstone of the Association's activity is the quarterly alumni communications. This fall magazine is our third communication following the inaugural newsletter last February and the June convocation edition. We are refining the content package, and would appreciate suggestions from the alumni for relevant articles. But among all the copy, I view the "Alumni News" section as central to our mission. This is the forum for alumni to update their classmates on where they are and what they are doing. And engagement among the alumni is one of the core purposes of the Association. So, I encourage all alumni to keep us updated by emailing [collegiatealumni@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:collegiatealumni@uwinnipeg.ca).

Sometimes you don't need the alumni newsletter to know what our alumni are doing. Sometimes, our alumni make the front page of the Winnipeg Free Press. And so, we congratulate Wab Kinew ('99) on being officially sworn in as Manitoba's Premier on October 18, 2023. We are proud of Wab's accomplishments to date, and we wish him well in his leadership of our province going forward.

In the June newsletter, we asked for suggestions for a name for the newsletter. From the submissions received, the Board has determined that, going forward, our newsletter will be called "Wesley Times." This has a historical connection as this was once the mast-head for the Collegiate newspaper. Brett Buckingham ('65) receives a \$100 gift card redeemable at Tony's for this suggestion. Appropriately, Brett was on staff at the Times in his grade 12 year.

Prior to the September 11 AGM, Alison August ('96) advised she would not be standing for reelection as a director, and Fatima Sherefa's term as Future Alumni Director ended at the AGM. We thank Alison for her work as a director and also, as the Association's secretary during our formative year. We thank Fatima for both her work as a director and her work on the Collegiate Advisory Committee leading up to formation of the Collegiate Alumni Association. Her perspective as a current student was important input for the board in its work.

**The most important attribute of a strong alumni is the propensity of the alumni as a group to give back to support their school.**

At the AGM, Quinn Cove ('14) was elected as a Voting Director, and Dev Sharma ('20) and Josh Hood ('17) were reelected as Voting Directors. Sarah Seniuk was appointed as the Future Alumni Director and Ayla Embury-Hyatt was appointed as the Grade 11 Alternate Future Alumni Director. The bios and positions of all board members are included below.

The Board is actively working on a seasonal reception for December 5 (see "Upcoming Events"), and has formed a committee (Jennifer Janzen, Stacey Katz, Josh Hood, Sarah Seniuk and Ayla Embury-Hyatt) to oversee the planning. The reception will be held in Tony's and Convocation Hall with entertainment and student led tours of Wesley Hall. The early comment from the committee is that the reception will be "spectacular!"

While the Board is pleased with the work to date, we anticipate more progress over the coming year.

We expect to fully develop the Alumni Association web pages so alumni can access information at their leisure. The pages will include Association documents such as financial statements and meeting minutes, distinguished alumni bio sketches, and following on the importance of "Alumni News" in the newsletters, an archiving of all the notes from the newsletters organized by class years.



We still need to raise another \$46,000 for the [Collegiate Alumni Association Endowment Fund](#) (before matching) to reach our goal of \$300,000. We expect the Association's operations will require \$10,000 to \$15,000 annually, and the income from the endowment fund should cover that. With your help, we can sustain a strong and vibrant Association for many generations to come. Alumni who want to support this campaign should contact Elena Anciro, Collegiate Engagement Officer at the University of Winnipeg Foundation by email at [e.anciro@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:e.anciro@uwinnipeg.ca) or by telephone at 204 789 1440.

Another important activity, which is ongoing, is building the alumni contact list. We currently have 2,200 good email addresses. This is about the same level as we had for the inaugural meeting notice one year back, but we have culled the bounce backs and added new, good addresses. We also have approximately 3,100 postal addresses, which may or may not be current. We intend to test this with a mail drop inviting the recipients to send in their email address. We don't have a definitive total for all alumni, but a reasonable estimate would be around 7,500. If you are talking to other classmates and alumni, do ask if they are receiving the newsletters, and if they are not, encourage them to update their information via our [online contact](#) form or by emailing to [collegiatealumni@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:collegiatealumni@uwinnipeg.ca).

Looking at our longer term plans, we do contemplate a significant capital campaign either for a scholarship fund or to support a capital project. The most important attribute of a strong alumni is the propensity of the alumni as a group to give back to support their school. The Collegiate alumni have demonstrated their generosity in the past (see "Giving Back"), and we expect future campaigns will be similarly successful. Significantly, the University of Winnipeg Foundation will identify contributions from Collegiate alumni in its 2022/23 annual report separately from the university donations. Annual donations from Collegiate alumni have been significant, and the Association agrees that this generosity should be highlighted.

Finally, a personal note. I am on record as having stated I never would have made it into university but for the Collegiate, and I specifically note the life changing impact Dean Lorne Tomlinson had on me. Jennifer Janzen alerted the Board that the February 3, 1970 edition of the Wesley Times was showcased in a display on the second floor of Wesley Hall. That led to including the paper in this magazine. The "In Memorium" edition brought back a flood of memories for me, and I am personally aware of other alumni who benefitted from Dean Tomlinson's guidance who share my sentiments. I encourage every alumni who attended the

Collegiate under Dean Tomlinson's tenure to submit their memories to [collegiatealumni@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:collegiatealumni@uwinnipeg.ca). We intend to include these in the next edition of Wesley Times as another tribute to a truly great educator.



**Bob Stuebing**  
(’65), Collegiate Alumni  
Association Board Chair



# Meet the Association Board



**Bob Stuebing**  
(‘65), Chair

Bob attended grade 11 at The Collegiate in 1962/63, and after working for a year, returned to the Collegiate, completing his grade 12 in 1965. He then attended United College and graduated with a BA in 1968 as a member of the first graduating class of the University of Winnipeg. While at United College, he met Eileen Roper whom he married in 1970, and they recently celebrated their 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary.

Following graduation, Bob worked with the CIBC for four years prior to attending the University of Western Ontario (now the Ivey School of Business) where he graduated on the Dean’s Honor List with an MBA in 1974. He then continued his career in banking with the Mercantile Bank of Canada (then controlled by CitiBank, N.A.) for two years after which he brokered large ticket, tax oriented equipment leases for three years. In 1980, he co-founded Dore, Sutherland and Stuebing Inc. with two partners. DSS was the first incarnation of what is today The MCAP Group and MCAN Mortgage Corporation.

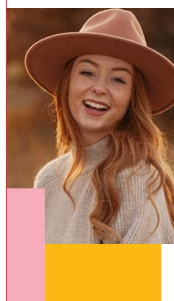
The MCAP Group is the largest non-bank mortgage banking company in Canada with over \$150 Billion in mortgages under administration. MCAP is owned (approximately) 78% by Caisse de depot, 14% by MCAN and 8% by management. MCAN is a mortgage investment company under section 130 of the Income Tax Act which is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (ticker MKP). Bob retired as the CFO of MCAN in 2006, but remained on the Board until 2013. During his tenure as a Director, Bob Chaired the Investment Committee and was a member of the Audit Committee.

Bob and Eileen believe strongly in the obligation to give back. Bob identifies the Ivey School of Business and The Collegiate as pivotal to the success he has enjoyed, and they are annual benefactors to both schools. Regarding The Collegiate, Bob says bluntly, “I never would have made it into university but for The Collegiate,” and he specifically acknowledges the life changing impact Dean Lorne Tomlinson had on him. This passion for The Collegiate led Bob to be an early proponent for a stand-alone Collegiate Alumni Association. He pitched the idea to Javier Schwersensky when Javier became CEO of the University of Winnipeg Foundation in 2020 and then underwrote the Foundation’s financial requirements to move forward. Bob was the Chair of the Collegiate Advisory Committee and is now the inaugural Chair of the Collegiate Alumni Association Board of Directors.

**Stacey Katz**  
(‘05), Vice Chair



Stacey graduated from The Collegiate in 2005 during which time Stacey was actively involved in the student council. Upon graduating from The Collegiate, Stacey received a Bachelor of Science and Education, as well as Post Baccalaureate in Education from the University of Winnipeg. Stacey was thrilled to be able to join the Faculty at the Collegiate and hopes to build a connection between the past, present and future of The Collegiate.



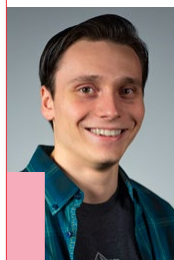
**Quinn Cove**  
(‘14), Secretary

After graduating from The Collegiate, Quinn earned her Bachelor of Commerce in Marketing from The University of Manitoba. She is currently the Marketing Specialist at Stantec and is completing her MBA at the Smith School of Business at Queen’s University.

**Javier Schwersensky**  
Treasurer/ Non-Voting Director  
The University of Winnipeg  
Foundation Representative



Javier Schwersensky is the CEO of the University of Winnipeg Foundation. He has been in senior executive roles in Manitoba’s non-profit sector for over 15 years, at The Manitoba Museum, the Winnipeg Humane Society and the University of Winnipeg Foundation. Javier holds a Master’s Degree in Corporate Communications from UCES University in Argentina, and a Bachelor in Science Degree (Magna Cum Laude) in Communications and Public Opinion from the University of Buenos Aires (Argentina). Javier is married to Elizabeth, has two children, and be warned that he lands 100% of his jokes 50% of the time.



**Joshua Hood**  
(‘17), Voting Director

Joshua Hood is a Writer and Producer based in Winnipeg. He is a graduate with honours of the Vancouver Film School’s Film Production program, specializing in Producing and Post-Production. Beginning with Shaw TV Winnipeg as a Producer/ Editor, Joshua has edited hundreds of hours of local television, produced dozens



of news-style stories, short and full-length documentaries, and acted as Showrunner for three seasons of his award-winning comedy series, Millworth. Alongside Joshua's passion for writing and producing, he is a vocal advocate for active and public transportation. Joshua was invited to the Canadian Urban Transit Association's Young Leader's Summit in 2019, and worked with transit professionals across the country to pitch an education program for children. Currently an active member of the Winnipeg Film Industry as an IATSE 856 Script Supervisor, Joshua is writing and creating original television projects representative of his community.

## Devyansh Sharma (‘20), Voting Director

During Dev's time at The Collegiate, he was student council president and graduated on the Dean's Honour List (Students of Highest Distinction). He is currently studying accounting and finance at the Toronto Metropolitan University's Ted Rogers School of Management.



## Ayla Embury Hyatt Non-Voting Director Grade 11 Future Alumni Representative

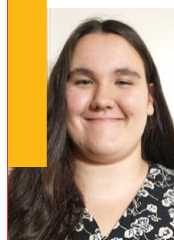
The University of Winnipeg Collegiate student Ayla Embury-Hyatt is presently

enrolled in Grade 11. She has always been active in school activities; in student council, she served as the representative for grade 10 and plans to run for deputy in her eleventh year. She developed a passion for volunteering at the age of 12 and has worked as a volunteer with numerous organizations, such as the Winnipeg Humane Society, the Assiniboine Park Zoo, and community nonprofits. She enjoys interacting with children and hopes to become a paediatric psychologist. She has always enjoyed music and has dabbled with the piano and flute over the years. She has also volunteered for two years and counting at the Winnipeg Folk Festival. She has an passion for acting and has worked as a background actor on numerous occasions over the past two years. She also enjoys playing badminton, volleyball, and soccer for pleasure, along with outdoor activities including camping. As a student who values her community, Ayla thrives on supporting her friends, fellow students and those around her.



## Sarah Seniuk Non-Voting Director Grade 12 Future Alumni Representative

I am a very studious person and enjoy learning and going to school. I enjoy learning most about all types of science from biology to chemistry to physics and psychology. I am a voracious reader and will often read more than 5 books in a week. I enjoy swimming in the cool water of Manitoba lakes. Every year my family and I make the trip to a provincial park campground. Whether we travel an hour from home, or 8 long hours to the mountains the first item on the list upon arrival is going to see the glittering lakes nearby. I am a person whose favourite place is outside in nature breathing in the fresh air and listening to the cawing of crows, and the whistling of the wind through the new leaves.



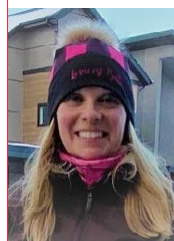
## Dr. Kevin Clace Non-Voting Director Collegiate Administration Representative

Dr. Kevin Clace joined the University of Winnipeg Collegiate as Dean of Collegiate in July 2018. As an academically-focused high school, the Collegiate provides students with a rich, diverse and challenging learning experience specifically designed to prepare them for University. Prior to joining the Collegiate Dr. Clace served as a principal for 15 years in rural Manitoba. Dr. Clace places emphasis on creating an academically challenging, diverse and respectful learning environment in which students assume responsibility for their learning and cultivate the knowledge and skills they require to be successful in their future education. As a student-centered leader, Dr. Clace is passionate about supporting students as they strive towards achieving their future goals.



## Jennifer Janzen Non-Voting Director Collegiate Faculty Representative

Jennifer Janzen has been teaching for over 30 years, and is a 2015 winner of the "Governor General's Award for the Teaching of History". At present, she is an instructor at the University of Winnipeg, teaching in the Geography department, as well as teaching Geography and History for the U of W Collegiate. Her passion for teaching centers around experiential learning and primary documents and using film to teach History. When she is not teaching, she enjoys cycling, cross-country skiing, composting and thinking about teaching.





# Collegiate 150 Celebration

By Matthew Samyn

The beginning of fall classes at the Collegiate is a busy time. Students crowd the hallways with handfuls of new textbooks while teachers in classrooms outline their expectations and important due dates for the coming year. These familiar rituals that mark the start of term are an exciting part of life at The Collegiate, but what sets this September apart from previous beginnings has to do with the longstanding legacy The Collegiate has built over the decades as a secondary school in Winnipeg.

The roots in downtown Winnipeg from which The Collegiate would grow were first planted in 1873 during the creation of the Wesleyan Educational Institution. Established a mere three years after Manitoba was accepted into Confederation, the institution would go through numerous iterations over the years—starting as a preparatory school lead by Dr. J.W. Sparling within Wesley College in 1888 before transitioning to become United College in 1938—a name it would keep until 1967, when it became The University of Winnipeg Collegiate.

This year marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary for classes at the Collegiate, and in the spirit of celebrating this milestone, the Collegiate community came together on September 21 to share in the occasion.

Prior to Elder Linda Chisholm offering her blessing and the commencement of the celebration, members from all corners of the Collegiate community stood talking and getting to know one another, excited to be a part of the day's events. This collection included faculty members, staff, local dignitaries, alumni, and Collegiate students who had been excused from their mid-morning classes to enjoy the outdoors and take part in the ceremony.

"As we gather today to celebrate our heritage and future, we stand on the shoulders of giants. We truly would not be where we are today if it was not for the many generations of Collegiate faculty, staff, students, administration and alumni," said Dean Kevin Clace to those sitting on the front lawn of the campus.



L to R back row: Mason Grusko ('11), Jacob Brodovsky ('10), Adam Williams ('14)

L to R front row: Stacey Katz ('05), Harshnoor Mann ('23), Shalina Abrar ('21), Katherine Sengmany ('21), Michael Sydney Gray ('78), Sara Gray ('76), Kristen Templin ('74), Brian Sackrisson ('54), Ron Finlay ('54), Willy Fung ('75), Edward Benjamin ('75), Devin Latimer ('82)

"Through its community-minded, student focused, and critical-thinking approach to education, the Collegiate has not only stood the test of time but emerged as a leader in education within our province. In my time at the Collegiate, I have learned that it is this special ethos, embodied daily by all members of our community, that has allowed the Collegiate to thrive through ongoing societal, educational, and institutional changes, while continuing to emerge as an outstanding educational institution."

Following Dean Clace's address were speeches from the MLA for Union Station (since appointed as Deputy Premier, Minister of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care on October 18, 2023), Uzoma Asagwara, Acting Deputy Mayor, Markus Chambers, Assistant Deputy Minister of Education, Mona Pandey, Manitoba Federation of Independent Schools Executive Director, Fred Pauls, and Vice Chair of the new Collegiate Alumni Association, Stacey Katz. Those who spoke noted the Collegiate's resilience as an institution, a school that has constantly adjusted and readjusted its image, programming, and approach to education in order to succeed.

The last part of the formal ceremony took place on the steps of Wesley Hall. Faculty members and alumnus Michael Sydney Gray ('78) were joined by Grade 12 Model School Student Aniya Monkman to cut a red ribbon held across the iconic double doors of the Collegiate—a moment which symbolized the common bond shared between Collegiate students of different generations and the history waiting to be made over the next 150 years in Wesley Hall.



L to R: Collegiate students River Shaw, Adam Shapiro and Nigel Zabala



L to R: Bonnie Talbot, Gerry Narynski, Jennifer Janzen, Michael Sydney Gray ('78), Aniya Monkman, Kelly Livesley, Dr. Karen Zoppa, Ian Elliot, Elder Linda Chisholm.

## Collegiate 150 Memories

Submitted by Nancy (Mackay) Gates ('66)

I attended United College Collegiate for grades 11 and 12 from 1964 to 1966. As a shy girl who commuted from Selkirk by bus, it was the best experience in preparing me for university and helping me come out of my shell. Friendships were easily made and the quality of instructors was top notch. I can't name them all but not a bad teacher in the bunch! Tony's or the Bay Paddlewheel for lunch or coffee or learning to play bridge with the lads in the university lounge. Wonderful memories!

## Collegiate 150 Online Clothing Store



Wear your Collegiate pride with our limited edition 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary apparel. The [online store](#) will be open until Monday, December 18, 2023.

**Don't miss your chance to mark this milestone in style!**

# Upcoming Events



## INAUGURAL SEASONAL RECEPTION

December 5, 2023

Come in from the cold and join us for a warm and festive evening at The Collegiate! We are pleased to invite you and a guest to our Seasonal Reception on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 5:30–8:00 p.m. CST in Convocation Hall and Tony's (Wesley Hall, 515 Portage Avenue).

Each guest will enjoy a complimentary drink, delicious hors d'oeuvres and performances by alumni and student musicians. Visit our [event page](#) to RSVP!



## INAUGURAL COLLEGIATE HOMECOMING & REUNIONS

Mid-May 2024

All alumni are invited and reunions for the following classes will be featured: 2019, 2014, 2009, 2004, 1999, 1994, 1989, 1984, 1979, 1974, 1969, 1964, 1959 and 1954. Date coming soon!



## CALL FOR CLASS LIAISONS

We are looking for Class Liaisons from our featured reunion years who will connect with their classmates, communicate reunion information, and help us discover the exciting news and updates of your class. This is a flexible volunteer position that can suit your schedule and communication preferences. If you are interested in helping us reunite your graduating class, email us at [collegiatealumni@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:collegiatealumni@uwinnipeg.ca)!



# Alumni News

## Manitoba's Premier, Wab Kinew ('99)

By Romer Bautista

Tuesday, October 3rd was a historic night for one University of Winnipeg Collegiate alumnus, as Wab Kinew was elected to become the next premier of the province of Manitoba. Mr. Kinew, the leader of the Manitoba NDP, is the first First Nations Premier in not only the province's history, but Canada's history as well. He is also the first University of Winnipeg alumni to hold the title of Premier.

Mr. Kinew attended the University of Winnipeg Collegiate from 1996–1999. Dr. Karen Zoppa, who was an instructor of Mr. Kinew in English and Religious Studies, has fond memories of the Premier as a student. "He was brilliant—quick to absorb and analyze, fearless." Mr. Gerry Narynski echoes similar sentiments. "I recall him being a very good student quite serious about his studies and he seemed quite grateful for the opportunity to study at a prestigious private school." Mr. Narynski also recalls a special moment that happened during Mr. Kinew's graduation ceremony. "My fondest memory is about his convocation. It was his turn to come onstage and he reached under his robe and pulled out a full Indigenous headdress and wore it as he crossed the stage." The Collegiate would like to send our congratulations to Mr. Kinew for his wonderful accomplishment!



Wab Kinew crosses the stage during his Class of 1999 Convocation Ceremony

**Taisi Tollasepp ('22), Julianna Generoux ('20), Logan Savard ('19), Jaimi Deleau ('12), Kate Bonnell ('09) and Alanna McAdie ('08)**

Featured in the Winnipeg Free Press article, [Snow White Hits the White Carpet](#).

**Sydney Beel ('21) and Sarah Beel ('21)**

Both received the Gold Medal for Achievement in a Major (3-Year) Neuroscience, the Chancellor's Gold Medal for the Highest Standing in Science (3-Year), and the Governor General's Silver Medal at the University of Winnipeg's 2023 Spring Convocation.

**Katherine Sengmany ('21), Jacob Brodovsky ('10) and Daniel Koulack ('83)**

Returned to The Collegiate as special guest performers at the Collegiate 150 Celebration on September 21, 2023.

**Robyn Boulanger ('17)**

Launched Zaagi'idiwin Sport Performance, an athletic platform that strives to combine Indigenous teachings with athletic training and coaching. Featured in the Winnipeg Free Press article, [Combining Indigenous Culture and Sport](#).

**Sidney Leggett ('17)**

Featured in the [CBC article](#), Indigenous students lead the way in new McGill course on Indigenous health care.

**Mischa Decter ('16)**

Co-owner of the newly opened Primo Deli, which was featured in the Winnipeg Free Press article, [The Delish Knish](#).

**Grace Fahnbulleh ('15)**

Silver medalist at the 2023 Canadian National Boxing Championships and competed at the Paris 2024 Africa Olympic Qualifiers.

**Michael Duboff ('08)**

Provided entertainment law expertise for the Globe and Mail article [Generative AI Copyright Lawsuits](#).

**Jason Gisser ('02)**

Named a finalist for the Canadian Corporate Counsel Association / Mondaq's In-House Counsel Up & Comer Award, which recognizes excellence among emerging in-house counsels in the private or public sector.

**Danny Greaves ('88) and Joel Serlin ('88)**

Performed with their Juno-nominated rock band The Watchmen on October 21, 2023 at Club Regent in Winnipeg.

**Martin F. Katz ('79)**

Named a Member of the Order of Canada in 2022 for his contributions as a producer and leading innovator to the Canadian film, television and media industries.

**Margaret Sweatman ('71)**

2023 Margaret Laurence Award for Fiction nominee for her novel, *The Gunsmith's Daughter*.

**Ruth Hastings ('68)**

Recipient of the [Duff Roblin Award](#), which recognizes Manitobans who are patrons of education and have demonstrated exemplary citizenship and a lifelong commitment to their communities.

**Barbara Bowes ('66)**

Launched her new book *Reflections of a Trailblazer* (Vidacom Publications) on October 18, 2023.

**The Honourable Robert Carr ('66)**

We are saddened to hear of Robert's passing on July 10, 2023. Read more about [The Honourable Robert Carr's life](#) in his obituary.

**Bob Stuebing ('65)**

Recipient of The University of Winnipeg Alumni Association's highest honour, the [2023 Distinguished Alumni Award](#).

**Velma Motherall ('41)**

We are also saddened to hear of Velma's passing on February 11, 2023. [Read more about Velma's life](#) in her obituary.

**Do you have an update or news you would like to share with your Collegiate community?**

Email us at [collegiatealumni@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:collegiatealumni@uwinnipeg.ca).



# Dean's Corner



The start of the 2023–2024 academic year is in full swing, and the hallways of Wesley Hall and Tony's are once again alive with the vibrant energy and activity of students. This time of year, is always brimming with enthusiasm and excitement, as returning students eagerly embrace the challenges and adventures of a new school year, while creating lifelong memories with friends in Tony's.

One of my most cherished moments every September is witnessing the arrival of our new Grade 9 students as they step into Wesley Hall for the first time, filled with a mix of awe, nervous anticipation, dreams for the future, and a touch of uncertainty. It never ceases to amaze me how quickly these new students grasp the unique privilege that comes with being a part of our Collegiate community.

Beyond the initial charm of Wesley Hall, the Collegiate's steadfast commitment to academic excellence, fostering student independence, and promoting a critical-thinking approach to education continues to nurture a learning environment that stands out as truly exceptional in Canada.

On September 21, 2023, Collegiate faculty, staff, students, esteemed alumni and distinguished dignitaries gathered on the front lawn of Wesley Hall to commemorate 150 years of academic excellence and the rich history that has flourished within the Collegiate's one-of-a-kind learning environment. Notable moments of our 150<sup>th</sup> celebration included a special indigenous blessing offered by Elder Linda Chisholm, live music provided by alumni, current students, and faculty, as well as connecting with the numerous alumni in attendance.

The profound place that the Collegiate holds in the hearts of our alumni was demonstrated by the gathering of alumni spanning an impressive eight decades, from 1954 to 2023. Witnessing alumni representation from every decade was an immensely touching and meaningful moment.

It was truly an honour to reconnect with our cherished alumni, to reminisce down memory lane, listen to the profound ways in which the Collegiate has influenced your lives, and discover the diverse paths your life journeys have taken. We take immense pride in our alumni, as you have made significant contributions to society and continue to play an important role in shaping the identity of the Collegiate. With this in mind, we invite you to share your unique Collegiate story with us.

Please consider reaching out to the Collegiate Alumni Association or join us for a tour of the Collegiate campus to reminisce and share your Collegiate memories.

Finally, to mark this significant milestone in our history, we are proud to announce the creation of the Collegiate 150 Scholarship. This special scholarship be offered to the top twenty new students entering grades 9–12 annually, who have the highest academic averages over 85%. I would be honored if you would consider partnering with us in the establishment of this special scholarship. If you would like to explore the opportunity of contributing to the Collegiate 150 Entrance Scholarship. I invite you to reach out to Collegiate Engagement Officer Elena Anciro at [e.anciro@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:e.anciro@uwinnipeg.ca).

## Return Home to The Collegiate



**The Collegiate's doors are always open for visiting alumni!**

If you would like to schedule a tour of Wesley Hall or Leatherdale Hall, meet the Dean, or connect with a specific faculty member, please reach out by email to [collegiatealumni@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:collegiatealumni@uwinnipeg.ca)

Recent alumni can also email faculty directly via the [faculty listing](#) on the Collegiate website.

# Retired Faculty Spotlight: Phyllis Webster

By Matthew Samyn

For anyone flipping through their old Collegiate yearbook, Phyllis Webster is an easy faculty member to spot. Often seen sporting one of her many hats with basket in hand, her consistent presence in the halls of the Collegiate helped guarantee numerous appearances across every edition of the “Tric Tics” yearbook from 1987 through to 2008.

A passionate educator defined by her love of teaching, her pet rabbit stories, and the Collegiate itself, Phyllis often looks back fondly on her career at Wesley Hall, “They were the 21 most spectacularly wonderful years of my life! What’s not to love when you’re surrounded by colleagues who were specialists in their field and would readily help both you and your students with difficult subjects, CBC broadcasters and journalists who I could invite to class, a great library, and a host of other beautiful spaces on campus that encouraged faculty members and students to be the best you could be.”

A spirited instructor who developed a penchant for travel early in her career, Phyllis began teaching abroad soon after finishing her undergraduate degree in British Columbia. The first and most memorable of her overseas assignments took place at an all-girls high school near Capetown, South Africa. “My experience in South Africa during the 1960s at the height of Apartheid had a lasting effect on me as an individual and educator,” says Phyllis. “Opportunities for students of colour were few and far in-between. When I returned in 2001, I was able to teach black South Africans—something I would not have been allowed to do some 35 years earlier.”

Spurred by her experience in Africa, Phyllis continued to travel and develop her teaching skills abroad, teaching in

both Australia and the United Kingdom before returning to Canada. After joining the Collegiate community in the late 1980s, Phyllis notes that she and her fellow faculty members were encouraged to travel as part of their professional development. “During breaks in the school year, the Collegiate was keen on having faculty members teach abroad. Learning how different countries approached education and bringing those perspectives back to our classrooms at Wesley was one of the most enjoyable and enriching parts of my tenure. Thanks to the Collegiate, I had the opportunity to go back to South Africa where my career began, learn Spanish and spend time at a school in Costa Rica. After retirement, I did the same in Argentina.”

As a literature teacher, it should come as no surprise that Phyllis helped create and mentor Mindscape, a literary magazine for art, poetry, and short stories. Phyllis was a dedicated member of the campus community, sitting on the Library Committee, the Collegiate Union, and the University Senate. “I was able to be the teacher I wanted to be,” says Phyllis. “We had the freedom we needed as faculty members to develop outside the classroom and take part in campus activities we felt were important. The Collegiate also grew a great deal while I was there—we went from hosting grade 11 and 12 students only to a fully-fledged high school with grades 9 through 12.”

When asked about her interests as a donor, Phyllis credits the Collegiate’s role as an international institution and its support of student individuality as the key factors that have influenced her generosity over the years. “The Collegiate remains focused on providing student-focused programming from basketball players to ballet

dancers. Few places offer the high level of support needed to cater to the diverse needs and interests found in our student population.”

As a pre-retirement project, she and her students helped raise \$3000 of the \$15,600 raised for a minesweeping dog named Wesley. A joint project that saw students and faculty members working together to fund the dog’s deployment—with one eager student raising money by way of improving his math grade from a B to an A, collecting pledges from his family, friends, and teachers after successfully completing his promise.

The most recent initiative Phyllis has supported is the Collegiate Alumni Association Endowment Fund. The endowment seeks to “create new alumni programs, events and activities designed to nourish alumni pride and enhance affiliation with the Collegiate.” As an early supporter of the fund, Phyllis comments, “I want alumni to have the opportunity to learn more about their beloved institution, partake in activities, and stay up to date on important developments. I still follow many of my past students online, and I think it’s important for those of us who have graduated or retired to stay in touch and give what we can to make sure our community stays united.”

Before closing, Phyllis says, “Wesley Hall is one of my favourite buildings and places to be. When I first began teaching, I told myself that the day I looked up at the front façade of the castle and did not get excited will be the day I should ask to retire, and though I eventually retired, that day never came.” After 15 years of retirement she still misses the excitement of the classroom, her colleagues, and beautiful Wesley Hall.





# Alumni Spotlight:

## Liz Choi ('01)

By Matthew Samyn



Liz with Kathy at her Convocation Ceremony

As a leading executive presence recognized across Canada's business community, Liz Choi knows her way around a boardroom. As a talented visionary who sits at the helm of the Education Canada Group, Liz has lent her "future think" skillset and executive leadership expertise to many organizations over the years, including CentreVenture Development Corporation, Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, YMCA-YWCA Winnipeg, Career Trek, and the Manitoba government's Immigration Advisory Council.

While Liz moves with confidence and grace amongst the executive ranks, things did not always come easy for her. After immigrating on her own from South Korea in 1997, Liz initially had a hard time fitting in at school. She felt isolated amongst her peers as a young teen and an international student whose parents lived half a world away.

Early on in her Canadian journey, Liz found herself residing downtown, just a short walk away from the Collegiate. She was initially drawn to its close location and was keen to learn more about what the institution had to offer. Following an initial site visit, she immediately felt seen amongst the school's diverse population alongside other international students challenged with similar life circumstances. As someone who grew up having to fend for herself, she appreciated the school's university-like approach and focus on independent learning. It was at that point she immediately knew the Collegiate was the right place to plant her educational roots.

Soon after starting grade 11, Liz met Kathy Cullen, the Collegiate's International Student Recruiter. "When I started at the Collegiate, Kathy quickly took me under her wing and became what I called my Canadian mother," remarks Liz. "She treated me like her own daughter, without hesitation, distrust or judgement. She was an incredibly kind and compassionate woman who not only looked after me, but many of the other international students as well—oftentimes going so far as to co-signing their apartment leases."

"She advocated for those who didn't have access to power, privilege or wealth, which in her world was primarily represented by newcomer students like me. She never saw me as one of her "international students" who came part and parcel with troubling stereotypes. She saw me for me and quickly became someone I could confide in, someone who helped me navigate the language and cultural barriers at school and work, and someone who ultimately shaped me into the woman I am today."

After graduating from the Collegiate in 2001, Liz would later begin her professional career at the University of Winnipeg as a program coordinator in the English Language Program, helping form partnerships with international institutes and recruit foreign professionals. She stayed in close contact and continued to create many lasting memories with Kathy over the years, both during her time at the University and beyond.

After Kathy passed away as a result of cancer in November of 2010, The Kathy Cullen (O'Connell) Memorial Scholarship was created to honour her legacy and support both local and international students from all grades attending the Collegiate. Eager to give to a fund that would aid students who had also emigrated to Canada, Liz's gift to the initiative marked her transition from alumna to donor—and as one of the earliest supporters of the fund, Liz has continued to give generously over the years—helping the scholarship reach its full potential as an endowment.

As a donor, Liz believes in using her power and privilege for good as a first-generation wealth creator. As a graduate of the Collegiate, she believes it's her duty to pay it forward supporting the institution that provided her with a welcoming place to land upon moving to Canada.

The Collegiate wasn't just an educational beacon for Liz—it was a safe space where she could foster connections with lifelong friends and establish a social safety net that supported her as an international student. By giving back, she has an opportunity to support the Collegiate's lasting legacy of welcoming and caring for young people with similar lived experiences.

As a lifelong learner who is always keen to broaden her education, Liz is currently enrolled in the Kellogg-Schulich EMBA program—adding to her B.Ed. and Master's in education from the University of Manitoba.

# Future Alumni Spotlight: Victor Chau

## **How did you find out about the Collegiate and why did you decide to attend?**

I had discovered The University of Winnipeg Collegiate through my brother, who praised it for its tight-knit community and dedicated teachers that are always willing to help. The academic challenge was a major draw for me, as I value a demanding education that helps promote and build your strong work ethic. With this unique school environment, with features like the RecPlex, offers something extremely special you won't find elsewhere in Winnipeg. I truly appreciate the freedom and responsibility it encourages, fostering efficient and mature work habits.

## **What are your favourite things about attending The Collegiate?**

If there's ever anything that I find challenging or hard, I can always go to my teachers and talk to them about it, even if we have problems outside of school. We always have the opportunity to talk to our teachers and really have a person that we can trust. Yeah, that's fantastic.

## **What is most challenging about attending The Collegiate?**

The work is definitely much harder, but you learn many valuable skills by getting put under pressure. You learn many new things as well and I also think that your time management becomes much better. I'm very proud of being able to balance out many more things and I'm able to work much better. I had taken debate, so it definitely had shown me better ways to speak and how to speak more, I guess, in a way. Talk first, like firmly, but also understand. It's really hard to say. I just really enjoy how much it's taught me.

## **The Collegiate turned 150 years old this year. Did you know this when you started classes in Grade 9?**

I had not found out until about the middle of the year, until one of my teachers had brought it up. I found that it was something really interesting, since the school has a very deep and rich history. It feels special to me. My school has been here for 150 years. You know, not many places in Winnipeg are able to say, yeah, my school has been here for that long, so I think it's one of the many things that makes the Collegiate so special.



## **What are your future goals?**

I've really found interest in business, but I've also found interest in becoming a dentist or orthodontist. It seems like a very interesting job and I see that with dentistry and being an orthodontist, you can really combine that with business, as well. So, it's something that I hope to do in the future, and it's something that I will try for sure to become.

## **What do you think about students meeting alumni and learning about their educational and career paths?**

I believe it holds great significance to reconnect with our alumni from previous years as they possess a wealth of knowledge and experience and wisdom that surpasses our own. Exploring and understanding their insights allows us to gain extremely valuable knowledge into the past, uncover the methods and accomplishments they achieved. By engaging our past is not only a means of honouring their contributions to our school, but also a way to broaden our understanding of their unique perspectives.

## **Is there anything else you would like to share with alumni regarding what it is like to attend the Collegiate today?**

One thing I hoped I would share to alumni is that I think the school has changed a lot, but I think it's changed in the best ways. It's more academically challenging, and we've grown and developed so much. You know, it's rare to find such a community so close and how much everyone supports each other within the school.

*Victor Chau is a Grade 10 student and will join the Collegiate Alumni Association in 2026. His favourite Tony's order is the clubhouse with fries.*



# From the Archives

## Tony's Through the Years

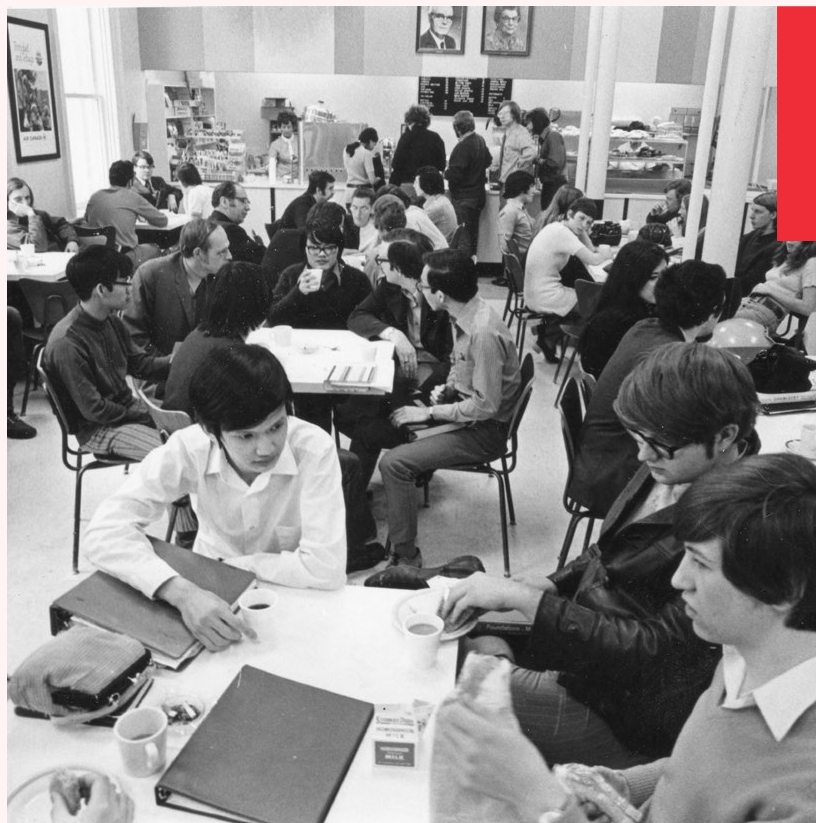
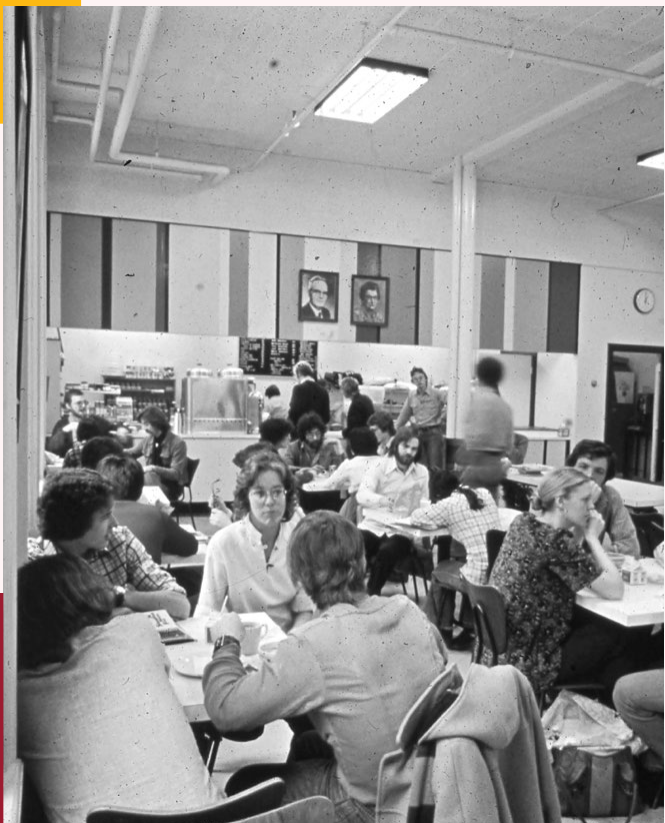
Tony's Coffee Shop, ran by Tony Kozyra, was the first canteen in the basement of Wesley Hall. In operation from 1939 until his death in 1965, Tony's legacy of community spirit and a good cup of coffee lives on today in Leatherdale Hall where the new "Tony's" stands.



The legendary Tony Kozyra serving students in 1957.



When Ashdown Hall opened in 1959, Tony's was moved to its third floor.



When Riddell Hall opened in 1963, Tony's was moved back to Wesley Hall until it was closed in 2007.



In 2017, the Tony's we know today officially opened in Leatherdale Hall. The building of Leatherdale Hall and Tony's was made possible through the generous support of alumni and friends of the Collegiate (photo published in Volume 72, Number 3 of *The Uniter*).

Thank you to Daniel Matthes and The University of Winnipeg Archives for providing these photographs and preserving the Collegiate's rich history.

If you see yourself in any of the archive photos we share, let us know and we will treat you to a coffee and snack at Tony's the next time you are in the neighbourhood! Do you have photos and memories share?

Email us at [collegiatealumni@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:collegiatealumni@uwinnipeg.ca).



# Giving Back: The Ultimate Alumni Connection



The Alumni Association recognizes Dr. Jim MacDonald ('64) as an alumnus who epitomizes giving back to the Collegiate. In 2005, together with the Collegiate and the University of Winnipeg Foundation, Jim established the Dean's Bursary Fund in Memory of Lorne Tomlinson. MacDonald credits the mentorship of the late Dean Tomlinson for inspiring him to achieve, which influenced his terrific career in asset management, as well as his leadership in the community as a volunteer and donor.

He provided seed funding with an unprecedented \$1.0 million gift, still the largest gift ever directed specifically to the Collegiate. But Jim went further. Giving his time, he then chaired the very successful Collegiate Campaign, which raised more than \$5.0 million for the Dean's Bursary Fund. "With all of us working together as partners," Jim says, "we can make tremendous progress in helping future students."

In the 18 years since its inception, the Dean's Bursary Fund has supported approximately 500 students who otherwise would not have had the means to attend the Collegiate, contributing over \$1.8 million to their tuition costs. A 2019 Dean's Bursary recipient wrote to Jim, sharing the impact of his gift: "Not only have you given me the chance to be part of this school and help me reach my ambitions in life, but you have also inspired me by setting such a great example of what it means to make a difference in someone's life. You have inspired me to want to do the same for someone else when I have the capability of doing so."

Jim's support for the Collegiate was first demonstrated when he founded a University of Winnipeg Collegiate Alumni Association in 1972 and served as president for the first five years. While that Association ceased operation due to a lack of funding, the experience provided critical background for the current Alumni Association. Specifically, the Association has solidified its working relationship with, and support from, the University of Winnipeg Foundation, and has established the Collegiate Alumni Association Endowment Fund, the income from which will support the operation of the Association in perpetuity. Jim was an early supporter of the Endowment Fund contributing \$10,000.

Beyond his support for the Collegiate, Jim has served the larger University of Winnipeg community. He was a founding director of the University of Winnipeg Foundation and held the positions of Vice Chair and Chair of the Investment Committee. He also sat on the University Board of Regents for nine years.

Jim's dream is that alumni and friends will give back a generous measure of what their education has given to them. His goal remains constant—turning more lives around through a University of Winnipeg Collegiate education. The Collegiate Alumni Association gratefully acknowledges the extraordinary support which Jim MacDonald has provided to the Collegiate over the years.

If you would like to support the Dean's Bursary, the [Collegiate Alumni Association Endowment Fund](#) or any other Collegiate fund, contact Elena Anciro at [e.anciro@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:e.anciro@uwinnipeg.ca).

**Thank you to the lead supporters of the Collegiate Alumni Association Endowment Fund!**

**Mr. Bob Stuebing ('65) and Ms. Eileen Stuebing**

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**Ms. Phyllis Webster**

"My final thought is for all the graduates at this fall convocation, and in fact, all convocations. Before you embark on the next part of your life journey, make an honest assessment of where you are today. Then, in five years, maybe ten or even twenty or more, look back and make another honest assessment of where you are. And then consider the impact of your experience at the University of Winnipeg and how that experience contributed to your growth and success. And then, when you understand what the School has done for you, give back."

*Bob Stuebing ('65)  
Fall Convocation Dinner Remarks  
on October 11, 2023*



# From the Archives

## Dean Lorne Tomlinson Tribute (1914–1970)

Lorne Tomlinson was a student at United College in 1931 and returned as a science teacher in 1944. In 1956, he was appointed Assistant Dean and in 1957, he was appointed Dean, the position he held until his premature passing on January 13, 1970. Dean Tomlinson was a rare individual who touched everyone he met and changed countless lives ... always for the better. The four pages that follow are a reproduction of the February 2, 1970 edition of the Wesley Times, the University of Winnipeg Collegiate newspaper, which was dedicated to Dean Tomlinson.

"In an attempt to honour his memory, the staff has decided to make this issue In Memorium. We would like to think that the deep sense of loss and sorrow experienced by this staff is universal as was the great respect and admiration that the Dean commanded."

*Wesley Times Staff Editorial, February 2, 1970*

"There was no one more concerned with providing those in the Collegiate Division with an environment where they could grow as persons."

*Dr. Charles Newcombe,  
Theology Professor (1948–1979)*

"His most enduring tribute is written into the lives of countless students who can gratefully attest to his help and what they owe to him."

*Wilfred Lockhart, President and Vice-Chancellor,  
University of Winnipeg (1967–1971)*

**Email your recollection of Dean Tomlinson to [collegiatealumni@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:collegiatealumni@uwinnipeg.ca). We will include all the recollections in the next edition of the Wesley Times.**

"He strengthened the timid,  
humbled the overconfident  
and always willingly walked  
the second or third mile with  
those in trouble"

*William Rutherford, United College Math and Physics  
Instructor (1946), Assistant Dean (1956–1970) and  
Appointed Collegiate Dean (1970)*



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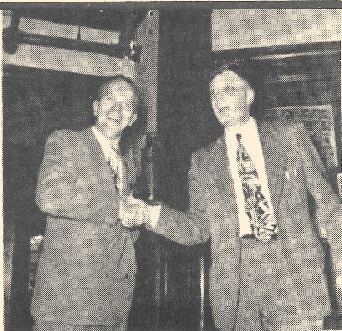
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## Genuine Concern

I remember many things about Lorne Tomlinson -- his quick wit, his intense loyalty to United College, his deep concern with eroding moral values, his ability to find some good even in the most troublesome student -- but I remember most that he was always able to hear even an unspoken plea for help.

His ability to ferret out the 'real' problem, and the time and energy he would devote to finding a solution marked him as a Christian gentleman.

Dean Tomlinson went out of his way to help me -- as he did for countless other students; he organized part-time employment, secured bursaries, arranged other financial help, and also provided the inspiration and paternal concern so necessary to a struggling student.

In later years, when I became a member of the faculty of the Collegiate

Division, I discovered that this same interest and concern was extended to the staff. This was especially appreciated by myself, being new to the teaching profession. On many occasions, his enthusiasm and expert advice enabled me to overcome my inexperience.

Lorne Tomlinson was above all else, approachable -- for which I will long remember him.

Jack Silver,  
Grade XI-B  
Collegiate Division  
United College,  
1961-1962

## FRIEND AND COMRADE

The editor of this paper, being aware of my long association with Lorne Tomlinson as colleague and friend, has asked me to reminisce about the Dean's earlier days at the Collegiate.

At one time he and I shared office 305 in Wesley Hall. In addition to a full teaching load, he had just been appointed Athletic Director for United College, and I had just taken over from him responsibility for all audio-visual equipment. For years he devoted every noon hour either to helping me repair the College's audio equipment (which in those days required an overhaul after every usage), or in meeting with representatives from the Students' Athletic Council. He gave freely of his technical expertise in electronics to helping me with my difficulties in my new job; while, in pursuit of his own duties, traveling once or twice weekly to the Fort Garry campus to watch the College teams play in the Inter-Faculty leagues. Great was his rejoicing when quarterback Mike Kachmar led our six-man team to a football victory, or Doug Sly slipped in a winning goal against a hockey team from 'the farm'.

In sports, basketball was his first love, and his favourite team had to be that which went to the finals of the Senior B championships of the Province of Manitoba in 1949-50. A picture of this team is still in his office. He has been in attendance at every one of their games over the season.

His zeal in doing a complete job as Athletic Director was typical of his approach to all his duties. In lighter vein I recall the year when, on the Grand picnic train, he playfully armed himself with a ball bat and jovially rapped a few heads, all in the spirit of good clean fun, as we collected a satchelfull of water pistols. These weapons had been smuggled on board with the diabolical intent, no doubt, that some (possibly including one or two faculty members) would be subjected to an early pre-bathing shower.

At one time an ardent Blue Bomber fan, he faced a real conflict when an important play-off game was scheduled on a school day. In that particular game Neil Armstrong made the most sensational catch of his career. Incidentally, Lorne Tomlinson had arranged to be on hand to see it be the simple expedient of taking the late Dean C.N.Halstead to the game on the ticket normally used by his wife!

In his early years as Dean his belief that students should enjoy the extra-curricular activities they were prepared to work for was sorely tried. One, Jerry Musker, was determined that the school have a football team and that he be the coach. Somehow Jerry succeeded in obtaining equipment for about twenty-five players and started training his team. The Dean went right along with him as Jerry arranged exhibition games against some of the city High Schools and in towns such as Carman and Kenora. Some athletic directors found it difficult to realize that their opposite number, with whom they had been making all arrangements, was a student in our school. No doubt the Dean suffered many anxieties over this team, but he stuck to his principles

and let Jerry carry on for the two years he was in attendance here. Incidentally, the players from that team were represented among the pall bearers at the funeral.

As the Dean became more experienced in his new position he became more aware of and more sensitive to the personal difficulties many students were encountering. He brought a depth of sympathy and understanding to those with emotional difficulties seldom matched even among professional in the field. He arranged financial support and employment for many needy students. He found a suit coat for a prize winner who didn't have one to wear to the closing exercises. He devised techniques and systems for helping those whose study habits were weak. He strengthened the timid, humbled the overconfident, and always willingly walked a second or third mile with those in trouble.

While sharing interviews with him, both with the students and often with their parents, I marvelled at his sympathetic approach, his insight, his understanding, his encouragement, and when it was necessary his incisiveness in solving problems. I will stand forever in his debt for what I have learned from him.

-W. Rutherford



## Education Majesty

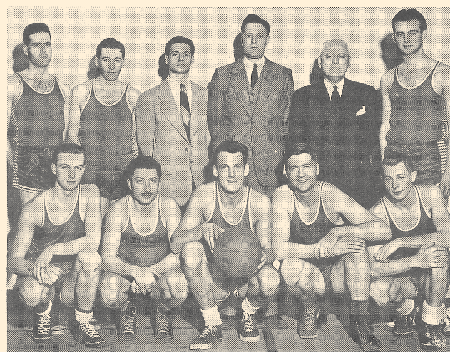
Lorne Tomlinson, who spent his life as a teacher and an educational administrator, was proud of his profession and served it with distinction and ability. Many will remember him not only as a school master but as one to whom they could turn after having exhausted the patience of the other members of the collegiate faculty. While they might fear his thunder, the students always knew that the Dean would listen and frequently mete out something better than an even handed justice.

The distinguishing marks of this man were compassion and humanity. Numerous students and friends of this man, when burdened by life's difficulties and frustrations, gained through him the strength and help to sustain them. His office served as a council room and his home a refuge for many a hard pressed pilgrim. Any student who suffered from real trouble - academic ineptitude, personal difficulties, sickness or bereavement - found in the Dean, one who was willing to assist, to intercede, and to give support and comfort. There was no one more concerned with providing those in the Collegiate Division with an environment where they could grow as persons. He wanted the strong to develop their own capabilities; he wanted to protect the weak from the more insidious temptations of the world until they had gained the emotional maturity to cope with them.

He was a person who believed that education is something more than a matter of the mind. For him it involved a man's total being. It had the power to transform and to change - to make the blind see, the deaf hear, and the lame walk. He was persuaded that education is to inform, "Draw out" and to mould character.

Because of Lorne Tomlinson's compassion, his humanity, his concern for our growth in both mind and soul we will remember him.

- Dr. C. Newcombe.



BACK ROW - IAN MCMILLAN - WILLIAM BELL - EDDIE POLLOCK (COACH) - MR. L. TOMLINSON (MANAGER)  
FR. W.C. GRAHAM (PRACTICE) - DOUGLAS LAWRENCE  
FRONT ROW - NOAH DOWMAN - BEN KROSS - RICHARD TETAMANT (CAPTAIN) - JACK PETERSON - TOM BUFFIE





## 'Master of Science'

For the past 15 years, it has been my privilege to work with the late Dean Lorne Tomlinson as a friend and colleague. Entrusted as he was with the operation of the Collegiate Division, our numerous exchanges came as we consulted in the areas of his responsibility. One impression of him is uppermost and dominant—his deep interest in and his unmistakable concern for the welfare of his students. He had once been a student in the division of which he was Dean and, perhaps, the memories of those earlier years kept him esensitive and alert to the problems of those who now turned to him. Teaching was his life's vocation and career and, even when burdened with administrative duties, he was still a teacher and, in particular, that kind of teacher who could identify himself with his students, both in success and failure.

I like the title given him when he taught for a period at Ravenscourt school—he was described as 'Master of Science'. The Dean possessed an inquiring mind—always alert for new developments in his own field of studies and always projecting his interest into so many practical areas. He was the right person to consult before you succumbed to the purchase of a new car, radio, TV, or any other item where additional technical knowledge was an advantage. Nor will one ever forget that broad encompassing smile that reflected his joy in accomplishment the day he arrived back at the college to announce he had gained 'his wings as a pilot.

And a pilot he was to so many who turned to him. His most enduring tribute is written into the lives of countless students who can gratefully attest to his help and what they owe to him. He believed in their capacity to accomplish more than they had. He had faith in them and their potential and demanded much from them. No sentimentalist, he helped them face the realities of life and so equipped them for more useful service.

But, he never asked from others what he was unwilling to give himself. His years as a teacher and Dean have been marked in exacting devotion to his work and with a thoroughness for detail that meant a well ordered division. His ability to gather around him an excellent and capable staff and to quickly each year knit into a unit the students who came from so many backgrounds was a work of his quality of leadership. It is understandable that, under his guidance, the Collegiate Division should gain such widespread recognition and appreciation.

His going from us is a paralyzing loss and time alone will give us a perspective and judgement that will enable us to rightly assess his contribution to the College and University he loved and served. We will each cherish our own memories of him and, in our own hearts, we will be grateful for all the enrichment he has brought to our own living.

W.C. Lockhart  
January 19, 1970



## Editorial

Dean Tomlinson was born in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, March 3, 1914. He attended the University of Winnipeg Collegiate Division for grades ten and eleven and proceeded to the University of Manitoba to obtain his B.Sc. in 1936. He received his certificate of Education in 1937. He went to teach school in Emerson, at St. John's Ravenscourt then he joined the Collegiate faculty in 1944.

He became assistant dean in 1956 and Dean in 1957. He was and Elder in the United Church and one of the founding members of REACT, a ham radio operators club.

He died suddenly at his residence on January 13, 1970.

He is survived by his wife and parents.

The above is an announcement of the death of a man who meant so very much to so very many that it would be futile to try and describe his greatness with mere words.

In an attempt to honour his memory, the staff has decided to make this issue in Memorium. We would like to think that the deep sense of loss and sorrow experienced by this staff is, universal as was the great respect and admiration that the Dean commanded.



WESLEY TIMES Staff for this issue included: Joy Susan Kovnats (editor), Kathy Thomas, Iain Grant, Doug Wanamaker, J.J. Silver, and Helen Tervo.

## True Gift

As requested, I have written just a few words about Dean Tomlinson:—

When we say that a person was a gentleman in the fullest sense of the word, it is a mark of the greatest respect and admiration but, when, linked with this comment, we can say that he influenced so many young people in the better things of life, only then do we realize his tremendous impact on countless generations hereafter.

Such a man was Dean Tomlinson.

His association with the Administration, committees and Board of Regents was always that of earnest cooperation for the benefit of 'The' Collegiate.

He loved his fellow men and no request for assistance ever went unanswered.

As Emerson said, 'Rings and jewels are not gifts but apologies for gifts. The only true gift is a portion of thyself'.

—R.T. Whitbread.



## Devoted Community Leader

Lorne A. Tomlinson  
Dean, Collegiate Division  
University of Winnipeg.

The measure of man's life is the impact for good which he makes on his society. Some, with gifted vision and rhetorical clarity, sway thousands in the direction of sound political or spiritual growth. Others, with their vast wealth and sincere compassion direct their talents toward the physical relief of human suffering. Still others, with more modest resources, quietly devote their abilities they possess to improvements within their immediate communities.

Dean Tomlinson of the

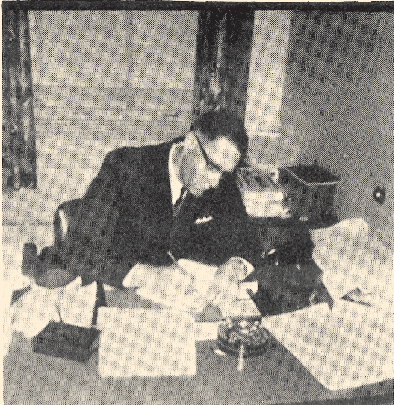
University of Winnipeg served his community well. His direct approach to administrative problems affecting his Department is well known. His concern for the development of sound academic principles was appreciated and recognized by his contemporaries. His sympathetic dealing with deserving students as well as practical aid extended to them have been in the best tradition of the great institution he served.

May his ambitions and achievements be an inspiration to those of us who follow.

L.S. Bennett







## Innumerable Qualities

Teacher, husband, storyteller, friend, Lorne Tomlinson will be remembered differently by all. Yet all will remember the quiet strength which others sought in times of crisis, the compassion for those unable to cope, the stern impatience for those who fail to try and his love for a good story.

It was honesty to his stringent code of ethics and his unflinching sense of justice, however, which set him apart and made his counsel respected by young and old alike.

Under his guidance the collegiate grew, prospered and was accorded recognition by public acclaim. His own public reputation was won in the classroom and on the convocation platform but it was behind the closed doors of his office where Lorne Tomlinson made his greatest contribution.

Attempted suicides, broken homes, drugs, despairing parents and mental breakdowns were the real life problems of students which intruded into his life crying for help, demanding solutions.

With quiet dispatch he helped take the terror out of life by putting the world into perspective. His lust for life was infectious and while he didn't always have answers to problems, he always knew the way.

The memorial to Lorne Tomlinson's life will not be a granite pillar nor these words of mine.

Rather it will be in the on going richer fuller lives of those he helped, those he loved and those who loved him. Teacher, husband, storyteller, friend he will be missed by all.

Sheldon Bowles

## Student's Fond Memories

At one point in Grade XI when I was feeling discouraged about the possibility of proceeding to an arts program, I dropped in to chat with the Dean. I do not remember much of what was said during that half-hour visit, but I do recall that I left his office brimful of assurance and excitement at the prospect of attending United College. I remember the Dean best, however, not for his ability to inspire confidence, but for the unflagging interest with which he followed the careers of those who passed through the Collegiate. The cheerful "how are you doing?" with which he greeted me so often during my University years was no idle question.

Charlotte Kennedy,  
XIB, 1961-1962

His interest in his students did not cease once they left the Division. On one occasion, while in second year, I was in immediate need of money and I mentioned it to him in passing.

Quickly he pulled out his cheque book and said, "How much?" When told the amount he added \$50.00 "to make sure". He insisted that I repay the loan at my convenience - without interest.

His humanity, generosity, and warm sense of humour are to be remembered.

Chris Kennedy, XIB,  
1961 - 1962



## Influences

Dear Editor:

Few people in the scheme of things can be accorded higher tribute in the field of youth education than was so deservedly earned by the late Dean Tomlinson. Before him, year by year, passed new faces of young people to be taught and counselled in preparation for life's many challenges.

His identity with his students extended beyond their academic interests. Sorting out their strengths and weaknesses, so as to protect the former while minimizing the latter, was a task he cheerfully and earnestly pursued. Past, present and undoubtedly future career paths of those privileged to have known him are and will be brightened by the experience.

R.O.A. Hunter, B.A.,  
LL.B.,  
Past Chairman,  
Board of Regents.

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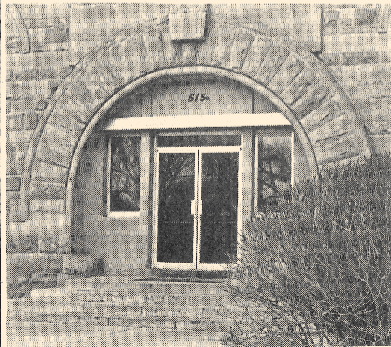
Clear-headed friend, whose joyful scorn,  
Edged with sharp laughter, cuts atwain  
The knots that tangle human creeds,  
The wounding cords that bind and strain  
The heart until it bleeds,  
Ray-fingered eyelids of the morn  
Roof not a glance so keen as thine:  
If aught of prophecy be mine,  
Thou wilt not live in vain.

Low-cowering shall the Sophist sit;  
Falsehood shall bare her plaited brow:  
Fair-fronted Truth shall droop not now  
With shrilling shafts of subtle wit.  
Nor martyr-flames, nor trenchant swords  
Can do away that ancient lie;  
A gentler death shall Falsehood die,  
Shot thro' and thro' with cunning words.

Weak Truth a-leaning on her crutch,  
Wan, wasted Truth in her utmost need,  
Thy kingly intellect shall feed,  
Until she be an athlete bold,  
And weary with a finger's touch  
Those writhed limbs of lightning speed;  
Like that strange angel which of old,  
Until the breaking of the light,  
Wrestled with wandering Israel,  
Past Yabbok brook the livelong night,  
And heaven's mazed signs stood still  
In the dim tract of Penueel.

Lord Alfred Tennyson

## SAM.



He was indeed a Wesley man-  
Craggy in design  
And eroded  
By Life's endless, weathering worries.  
He fretted,  
Fought,  
And cared for  
His student children  
Because, like Mr. Chips,  
He had none of his own.  
Now the man becomes a memory  
Savored by those children  
Who came to know  
His manly, bunch-fisted honesty  
And his father-like forgiveness.

P.C. Bleeks

-Writted January 13, 1970  
on the death of Dean Lorne Tomlinson.  
Many years ago the late Dean asked me to call him by his first name. I refused. That night we agreed on a compromise name; that was Sam.

# Annual General Meeting Summary

## September 11, 2023

### Members in Attendance (In-Person):

Quinn Cove ('14); Joshua Hood ('17); Stacey Katz ('05); Harshnoor Mann ('23); Bob Stuebing ('65).

### Members in Attendance (Zoom):

Mahmud Hassain ('86); Devanysh Sharma ('20); Brenna Shearer ('81); Fatima Sherefa ('23); George Tuck ('59); Adam Williams ('17).

**Guests (In-Person):** Elena Anciro (Collegiate Engagement Officer); Kevin Clace (Dean of the Collegiate); Ayla Embury-Hyatt (Incoming Grade 11 Future Alumni Representative), Jennifer Janzen (Faculty); Javier Schwersensky (President, The University of Winnipeg Foundation); Sarah Seniuk (Incoming Grade 12 Future Alumni Representative).

### Procedural

As notice was given and a quorum was present, Mr. Bob Stuebing, Chair of the U of W Collegiate Alumni Association declared the meeting to be properly constituted for the conduct of business, and called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. CDT.

### Report on the Association's Activities

Mr. Stuebing discussed the work of the Collegiate Alumni Association over the past 12 months, including the constating document (Bylaw #1) of the Association, launching the Association itself, commencing e-newsletter communications, developing alumni-specific web pages and a digital annual magazine, and enhancing alumni data.

\$208,000 out of \$300,000 has been raised for the Collegiate Alumni Association Endowment Fund, which will provide an income allocation of approximately \$12,000–\$15,000 per year to fund the Association's future activities.

U of W Alumni Affairs has put a mentoring program in place called [UWinnipeg Connect](#), which is available to both U of W and Collegiate alumni.

### Financial Report

Mr. Stuebing advised that the [financial report](#) is "period-ended" versus "year-ended" because the Association was incorporated in August 2022 and was only operational as of September 14, 2022. Next year, the financial report will be for the year end, March 31, 2024.

There is no increase or decrease of funds. The University of Winnipeg Foundation has committed to fund our operations for up to five years and in return, the Association has promised to be sustainable before then.

As long as the Foundation is funding the Association, there will never be a surplus or a deficit and the balance will be zero because the Foundation will provide only enough funds to cover expenses.

The Members had no comments on the financial report.

### Election of Voting Directors

Mr. Stuebing advised that the Bylaw provides that the Board of Directors will be composed of five Voting Directors elected by the Members of the Association and four appointed Non-Voting Directors. The appointed Non-Voting Directors are:

- The Dean of The Collegiate (Kevin Clace)
- A representative of the University of Winnipeg Foundation (Javier Schwersensky)
- A member of the faculty of the Collegiate (Jennifer Janzen)
- A current grade 12 student/future alumni (Sarah Seniuk) and an alternate grade 11 student/future alumni (Ayla Embury-Hyatt).

The Voting Director terms were established so three of the Directors will have terms that expire in one year, and two in the next year to ensure continuity on the Board.

The following Voting Directors are standing for re-election: Joshua Hood ('17) and Devanysh Sharma ('20). Alison August ('96) will be stepping down as Voting Director and Secretary. The Board thanks Alison for her service. Fatima Sherefa ('23) will be stepping down as a Non-Voting Director and Grade 12 Future Alumni Representative. The Board thanks Fatima for her service on both the Board and the Collegiate Advisory Committee.



The Board sought out a candidate, Quinn Cove ('14) for the vacant Voting Director position. Mr. Stuebing advised that next year, there will be nominations and a vote (as per the Bylaw #1 proposed amendment).

Mr. Stuebing declared that the nominees were elected by acclamation and he welcomed Joshua and Devanysh to a second term and Quinn to her first term on the Board.

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## Resolution to Amend Bylaw #1

The Board asked Members to consider and if deemed advisable, approve a resolution to make the following amendments to Bylaw #1:

- Include a mechanism for alumni to nominate fellow alumni to serve on the Board
- 42 days notice must be given for the Annual General Meeting to allow time for the alumni to nominate candidates for election as Directors
- 21 days notice must be given for the Annual General Meeting and all other meetings of the alumni

It was moved by S. Katz and seconded by D. Sharma. Mr. Stuebing called for a vote and the motion adopting the amendments to Bylaw #1 was approved.

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## Other Business and Termination

Mr. Stuebing welcomed Members to share their comments and questions:

### 1. Does the Association have a recruitment strategy?

Currently, the Association continues to work with the Foundation to enhance the alumni database. The e-newsletter and other communications will allow the Association to encourage the alumni currently in our database to share them with fellow alumni. Alumni who do not have an email address in our database, but have a postal address will be receiving a mail out with a request for up-to-date contact information.

### 2. Does the Association have plans for Collegiate scholarships and bursaries?

The Foundation is an independent charity that raises and stewards Collegiate and U of W scholarship and bursary funds. Once the Association is able to strengthen its relationship with alumni, the Association will work with the Foundation to plan either a scholarship / bursary or capital campaign. Once the Association is sustainable through the Collegiate Alumni Association Endowment Fund, any unused income allocations funds in a given year will also go towards Collegiate scholarships and bursaries, as determined by the Board.

### 3. Other institutions provide access to online library archives. Can Collegiate alumni have access to U of W's library?

Collegiate alumni do qualify for some benefits managed by U of W Alumni Affairs, including library borrowing privileges. Collegiate alumni can email the Alumni Affairs office at [alumni@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:alumni@uwinnipeg.ca) to obtain an alumnus card and further instruction on how to access the library online.

### 4. Providing information on the benefits of Association membership could help engage more alumni.

The Association will work towards determining what kind of benefits will entice alumni to participate. What the Association can provide currently is a connection to the Collegiate through alumni news, updates, and events. The Board is discussing a potential seasonal event and have committed to 5-year spring reunions annually.

### 5. Will the Association give alumni access to employment and networking opportunities?

Collegiate alumni already have access to U of W's networking platform, [UWinnipeg Connect](#), which includes job postings and mentoring opportunities. The Association is also developing the alumni digital hub on the Collegiate website.

Mr. Stuebing declared the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. CDT.



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