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TRACEY RUTLEDGE

THE PAST FEW MONTHS ON BRESCIA'S CAMPUS HAVE PASSED BY IN A WHIRLWIND OF EXCITEMENT, WITH MANY OCCASIONS TO CELEBRATE AND COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY OF ALUMNAE, STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, AND FRIENDS.

Whether it was welcoming our newest future alumnae at Foundress Day, officially opening our new residence and dining pavilion, or coming together at Homecoming 2013 events, it seemed there was always a reason for us to invite you home to Brescia, which is what we love to do!

At each of these events, I have been struck by your commitment to supporting this university and of the powerful sense of community that our alumnae of all generations seem to share. Hearing your stories and memories of your time as Brescia students and beyond, I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to spend time with such an exceptional group of women.

As our alumnae community continues to grow, we will be looking to you for input and assistance with developing programs to keep alumnae engaged and connected. I'm delighted to announce to you that you have eight new members on your Alumnae Association Executive, which will be led again this year by Heather Hardy ('11) as President. She and your newly elected Vice-President, Jacqueline De Leebeeck ('99), and the other Executive members are already planning student and alumnae events and initiatives, such as Homecoming 2014.

This promises to be another exciting fall and winter here at Brescia, with many other opportunities for us to come together!

To see a full list of your new Alumnae Association Executive please reference page 23.

Message from the Alumnae Association Executive President

HEATHER HARDY ('11)

WHEN I LOOKED AROUND THE TABLE AT OUR LAST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE MEETING AND SAW SO MANY EAGER FACES READY TO ASSIST WITH VARIOUS PROJECTS AND EVENTS, I WAS REMINDED OF WHAT AN AMAZING GROUP OF WOMEN I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITH AND OF HOW PROUD I AM OF WHAT OUR MEMBERS HAVE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE PAST YEAR.

Each of our sub-committees – Homecoming Planning, Communications, Gala Planning, Student Program Planning, and Selection and Nominating – achieved its goals for the year and members are already making plans to grow and build upon last year's successes. These committees are responsible for the planning and execution of many of the alumnae-related programs and events here at Brescia, and we're so fortunate to have such committed volunteers on each of them.

Even if you choose not to sit on the Executive, please consider joining one of the committees and getting involved in something that interests you. We do our best to make it easy for members to help. You can even participate by phone if that's most convenient for you.

However you choose to stay connected, whether on the Executive, on a committee, by joining us at events, or by stopping in to say hello when you're in the neighbourhood, you're always welcome, and we look forward to seeing you soon!



Message from the Principal Building Community Across a New Landscape

DR. COLLEEN HANYCZ

AT BRESCIA, REFLECTING UPON OUR CRITICAL MISSION OF BUILDING COMMUNITY, WE HAVE MUCH TO CELEBRATE OVER THE PAST YEAR: COUNTLESS OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF TO BUILD, BROADEN, AND EXPAND OUR COMMUNITY.

In June, as part of our Baccalaureate & Magisterial Exercises, we welcomed Brescia's inaugural Chancellor, Dr. Joan Francolini ('55). We also had the privilege of inviting back Lindsay Gladding ('03) as our distinguished guest speaker. As always, we bid farewell to the Class of 2013 by presenting each graduate with her own Brescia Alumnae Ring, and asking her to recite the Brescia Alumnae Pledge in preparation for her life 'after Brescia.'

As is often the case, summer passed by quickly, as faculty and staff prepared for our new and returning students. But for our newest students, it was far from 'business as usual.' In fact, the members of the Class of 2017 have become the first inhabitants of our sparkling new residence, *Clare Hall*. On September 6th, the entire Brescia family gathered with our friends and neighbours to celebrate this newest addition to our campus.

That same day, we also celebrated Foundress Day, officially welcoming our first-year students, sharing

with them some of our Ursuline heritage, listening as they recited the Brescia Alumnae Pledge and watching as they signed their class book, and giving them roses to mark their first days at Brescia.

Most recently, we enjoyed a fabulous Homecoming weekend with Brescia's first Alumnae Gala in our new dining pavilion, *The Mercato at Brescia*. We celebrated our wonderful alumnae, and had a great time connecting, sharing and reminiscing.

The work of 'building community' is never truly completed. At Brescia, we see as our shared vocation, the need to ensure that the environment, the tools and the opportunity to build community are always present. Then we watch to see these communities take shape, grow and strengthen into incredible networks for positive change in our world.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO IN BUILDING COMMUNITIES, BOTH WITHIN AND BEYOND BRESCIA.



Valedictorian Nikita Miller addresses the Class of 2013

“BRESCIA HAS GIVEN US WINGS TO TAKE WITH US. OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS I HAVE WATCHED MYSELF AND MANY OF YOU GROW INTO INCREDIBLY INTELLIGENT, CONFIDENT, AND CARING PEOPLE. AS YOU MOVE FORWARD IN LIFE I HOPE THAT YOU TAKE THESE ‘WINGS’ WITH YOU. HAVE THE ABILITY TO DREAM – NEVER FORGET TO HAVE A VISION AND STRIVE FOR IT. CONTINUE TO FOSTER YOUR CONFIDENCE, AND MOVE FORWARD BOLDLY IN THE DIRECTION THAT YOU WANT TO GO.”

NIKITA MILLER ADDRESSED THE CLASS OF 2013 AS SHE PROUDLY REPRESENTED BRESCIA’S LARGEST GROUP OF GRADUATES TO DATE. NIKITA’S INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE ENCOURAGED FELLOW CLASSMATES TO BE ACTIVE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND TO USE THE ‘WINGS’ THAT BRESCIA HAS GIVEN EACH ONE OF THEM TO MOVE FORWARD WITH.

“I have listened to you share your personal and unique stories and I have noticed that these stories intertwine with each other and often affect one another. Many of your stories were about struggles that brought about strength, great friendships, and support. Others were about happiness and success that were the result of the thoughtfulness and aid of our peers. As our lives have weaved together we have created friendships, professional relationships, and that ‘family’ or ‘community’ that everyone at Brescia speaks about. Never forget that this is there.”

“We have a responsibility to ourselves – to do our best, to find something we love, fulfill our dreams, and be better than we were yesterday. We have a responsibility to all of the people who have supported us along the way and you know who you are. We owe so much to you. Finally we have a responsibility to our communities – most importantly to those who are to come after us. It is our responsibility to be the women that give others a hand up. To be inspiring and step boldly into the future.”

Magisterial Speaker, Adriana Cimo

ADRIANA CIMO SPOKE ABOUT THE POWER OF KNOWLEDGE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PERSPECTIVE WHEN SHE ADDRESSED HER FELLOW GRADUATES, AS BRESCIA’S THIRD MAGISTERIAL SPEAKER TO TAKE THE STAGE. ADRIANA FOCUSED HER MESSAGE ON LIFE-LONG LESSONS THAT SHE WILL TAKE FROM HER TIME AT BRESCIA, INCLUDING THE IMPORTANCE OF LEADERSHIP IN COMMUNITY, AND RELYING ON PASSION TO HELP MAKE FUTURE DECISIONS.

“If you choose to see a challenge as an opportunity, you might be surprised at what you are capable of accomplishing. Never stop searching for knowledge. What my internship has taught me is that there is always more that you can know – there is always another perspective that you can use to see the same information differently – and that if you listen, others can teach you a lot. If you convince yourself that you already know everything, you are not going to accept opportunities to learn and grow further as an individual, so never stop searching for knowledge.”

“If we are true to ourselves and if we act in accordance with our values, we are all leaders and we have the opportunity to lead every day. Whether our method of leadership is advocating for change because something in the world is not in line with our values or whether we are leading by quiet example – we all have a leader within us.”

“Find what you are passionate about. If you haven’t already found what inspires you, don’t be afraid to try new things and start searching, because it’s never too late.”



“ONE OF THE LESSONS THAT I WILL CARRY FORWARD AS I BEGIN MY NEW CHAPTER IN LIFE IS THAT PEOPLE ARE CAPABLE OF ANYTHING. THE ONLY BARRIERS THAT WE HAVE ARE THE ONES THAT WE BUILD FOR OURSELVES. THE ONLY TIMES WE FACE A LIMITATION IS WHEN WE LOOK AT AN OPPORTUNITY AND FOR SOME REASON DECIDE THAT IT CANNOT BE DONE. MY EXPERIENCES AT BRESCIA ARE A STRONG REMINDER OF THIS FACT.”



Ring Ceremony Pledge

As a proud graduate of Brescia University College, I promise to lead with wisdom, justice, and compassion in a changing world.

I will embrace the founding values of Brescia’s Ursuline Sisters by living my

life with honesty and integrity, by respecting the rights, beliefs and dignity of all people, and by cherishing the gifts of creation.

I will pursue a just world, commit to the service of those around me, and

actively engage in the communities to which I belong.

I recognize that I am now a member of a distinguished alumnae family. I will honour this kinship by upholding the traditions, commitments, and

high standards of those Brescia alumnae who have blazed a trail before me and by encouraging the best achievements of those who will follow.

This is my sacred pledge.

Take the Lead opens doors for new students

ON NOVEMBER 30TH 2013, BRESCIA WILL HOST ITS SIXTH TAKE THE LEAD PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST. YOUNG WOMEN FROM ACROSS ONTARIO IN GRADES 11 AND 12 WILL BE INVITED TO GIVE A FIVE-MINUTE SPEECH ON WOMEN WHO THEY FEEL HAVE EMPOWERED OTHERS TO LEAD.

The first-place prize is a full fall/winter academic scholarship. Dannielle Sakher, one of seven 2012 *Take the Lead* finalists, who is attending Brescia this fall, says, "*Take the Lead*, for me, was about feeling empowered and was a true leadership experience. I chose Brescia because I crave more of what I experienced that day."

Brantford native Katie Nyyssonen, another finalist from last year, also enthuses about her experience with *Take the Lead*. "What I loved about the contest was how many people I got to know in one day. I met my future classmates, upper-year students, professors, and even the Principal. They were all so supportive and enthusiastic about Brescia. It was an easy choice for me about where to attend university."

This is also a day where members of the community, including our alumnae, come to Brescia to sit as judges for the contest. An alumna judge at last year's contest describes her experience by saying, "I was overwhelmed with the talent and confidence that these young women revealed. I know as an educator myself that it's not always an easy task for a student to stand in front of hundreds of people and speak, especially when university tuition is on the line. Brescia will be richer for having these young women walk the halls of the new residence and experience Brescia's rich experience."

Another first-place winner, Janice Lam, offers, "It was the atmosphere at Brescia that really helped make my decision. I could envision myself there because of how comfortable I felt on campus that day."

This year's *Take the Lead* contest will take place on Saturday, November 30, 2013. For more information about eligibility or to register, visit: www.brescia.uwo.ca/takethelead.

November 2012 *Take the Lead* Finalists pictured from left to right: Michelle Wong, Dannielle Sakher, Kathryn Peach, Katie Nyyssonen, Emma Alexander, Janice Lam, Julia McArthur.

mourn, to cry in outrage and yet I continue to be confronted with signs of hope, signs that compel me to celebrate and cry out with joy."

"I came to appreciate the importance of balance, of maintaining tension between outrage and joy, weeping and celebration, despair and hope."

"You have spent the last four years of your life, for some of you even longer, studying, working, striving to reach this day when all of that hard work will have paid off. You made it, Class of 2013! Congratulations!"

"IF YOU CHOOSE TO ACT, TO RAISE YOUR VOICE ON BEHALF OF THOSE WHO HAVE NO VOICE, TO IMAGINE YOURSELF IN THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE YOUR ADVANTAGES, NOT ONLY WILL YOU HAVE IMPACTED THE LIVES OF THE FRIENDS AND FAMILY SUPPORTING YOU HERE TODAY, BUT YOU WILL HELP TO CHANGE THE REALITY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS ACROSS THIS WORLD."



Alumna inspires and motivates graduates to lead in their own communities

SENIOR PROGRAM MANAGER FOR EMERGENCY AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS AT WORLD VISION CANADA, LINDSAY GLADDING ('03), AND GUEST SPEAKER AT THIS YEAR'S BACCALAUREATE AND MAGISTERIAL CEREMONY, IS A STRONG BELIEVER IN "BALANCE". EXCERPTS FROM HER SPEECH SPEAK OF HER BELIEF IN HOW EACH GRADUATE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND HELP TO BETTER THE WORLD SPECIFICALLY FOR YOUNG WOMEN AND GIRLS.

"When you walk out these doors today you can make a difference; you can make this world a better place for the generations that will follow you; Brescia has prepared you to be strong leaders, to challenge the status quo, to fight injustice and to stand up for what you believe in, and you have a responsibility, we all do, to use the knowledge we have gained, the influence that this gives us, to ensure that all those

who follow in our footsteps, that all women, have the same opportunities we have been given."

"You are graduating into a world of paradox. On the one hand, we are living in a time of incredible resources, of unparalleled opportunity, and global connection and yet on the other, our world is becoming increasingly unequal and increasingly divided. It is a world that causes me to weep, to



A photograph of three individuals standing in front of a United Nations flag. On the left is Bill Gates, in the center is Ban Ki-moon, and on the right is Margaret Chan. They are all smiling and have their hands clasped in front of them. The text 'From the Brescia classroom to the World Health Organization' is overlaid on the image in a large, white, serif font.

From the Brescia classroom to the World Health Organization

WHO DIRECTOR GENERAL DR. MARGARET CHAN ('73)
ENCOURAGES OTHERS TO LEAD IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

PICTURED ABOVE (Left to Right): Bill Gates, Chairman of Microsoft and Co-Chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; Mr. Ban Ki-moon, United Nations Secretary-General; and Dr. Margaret Chan.

Why did you choose Brescia for university?

I knew it had a solid reputation and it was recommended to me by a girlfriend.

How long have you been at the World Health Organization (WHO) and what led you there?

I began work at WHO in 2003 when the late WHO Director-General, Dr. LEE Jong-wook, invited me to serve as Director of the Department for Protection of the Human Environment. Because of my experience as Director of Health of Hong Kong, where I worked to promote better health and prevent the spread of diseases, including outbreaks of avian influenza

and severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), I then became Director of Communicable Diseases Surveillance and Response as well as Representative of the Director-General for Pandemic Influenza. In September 2005, I became Assistant Director-General for Communicable Diseases and then was elected to the post of Director-General in November 2006.

Was there a particular faculty member or Ursuline Sister who had a significant influence on you? If so, who and how?

I was very impressed by two female leaders at Brescia: Sister Arlene Walker, who became Principal, and Dr. Patricia Giovannetti, Chair of Home Economics.

Can you speak to a life-changing moment in your career since graduation and why it had such an impact?

The biggest life-changing moment was the decision to follow my husband and return to Hong Kong, where I joined the Hong Kong Department of Health. This led me into public health and maternal and child health services.

What did you learn at Brescia that you have applied in your career?

My time at Brescia taught me the importance of education for the empowering of women. Equal access to education and the opportunity to develop personal ambitions is crucial to give women the autonomy to manage their own lives and pursue professional careers.

To what do you attribute your professional success?

The guiding principles for my life are truth and fairness. There is no shortcut. Any success I have achieved is based on professional competence from good training, the ability to work as part of a multicultural team, and my willingness to work hard.

Have you had any professional mentors or role models? What did you learn from her/them?

There are so many great women and men whom I worked with that it is difficult for me to single out someone. I have been always learning from people's successes as well as their failures. I try to apply the lessons learned or avoid repeating their mistakes.

What advice would you give to Brescia alumnae and students who graduated in 2013?

To succeed in today's world you must:

- Practise tolerance and accept people from culturally diverse backgrounds;



- Dare to dream and work hard to pursue your dreams;
- Maintain your independent thinking and acquire analytical skills to succeed in today's world of information explosion.

How do you define leadership? Or, what characteristics make a great leader?

A great leader for me possesses three main characteristics:

- Humility in order to be able to lead or to follow.
- Accountability – do not overpromise or under deliver. This ensures you “walk your talk.”
- The ability to manage complexity.

How do you balance your professional and personal commitments?

My secrets are good priority setting and time management; but I am also lucky to enjoy great family support and understanding.

What three words best describe you?

Frank. Fair. Fun.

Community leader supporting innovative leadership program

A LONG-TIME LEADER IN LONDON'S BUSINESS AND PHILANTHROPIC CIRCLES, IVEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ALUMNUS MR. MITCHELL BARAN (C.M., L.L.D.), HAS RECOGNIZED STRONG SIGNS OF LEADERSHIP AT BRESCIA. IT IS THIS RECOGNITION THAT LED HIM TO DONATE \$100,000 TO THE DIMENSIONS OF LEADERSHIP PROGRAM.



Mr. Baran finds significant merit in this program and explains, "Having more women in leadership positions will have a positive effect on our society, and will ultimately make a global impact. Brescia's program is a marvellous springboard for women to discover their leadership potential."

Mr. Baran has demonstrated strong support for leadership development in other ways over the years. In addition to being the chairman of Trudell Medical Group in London, he is also the Founding Chairman of "Let's Talk Science," a learning program intended to keep students, particularly young women, engaged in learning science, engineering, and math to ensure they have the necessary skills to pursue careers in those fields if they wish. Although he believes that there have been many excellent examples of women in leadership, he is concerned over their numbers and visibility, saying,

"TO CHANGE THE DYNAMIC, SOCIETY MUST MAKE IT A PRIORITY TO SUPPORT AND DEVELOP WOMEN TO TAKE THEIR RIGHTFUL PLACE IN LEADERSHIP ROLES. I AM NOT SATISFIED WITH THE STATUS QUO, AND WITH THIS GIFT I WANT TO CREATE SOME SYNERGY TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN."

Mr. Baran's gift provides a significant contribution to one of Brescia's newest academic programs. As Principal Dr. Colleen Hanycz outlines, "Several key learning outcomes frame our Dimensions of Leadership program: self-awareness and empathy; global dimensionality; effective communication; strategic problem solving; ethical perspectives; critical thinking and analysis; and creativity and innovation. Mr. Baran's strategic partnership will help us to refine and deliver these outcomes as Brescia achieves its mission of developing competence, capacity, and courage in the next generation of society's female leaders."

Would you like to learn more about making a donation to our Leadership Program Fund?

Contact Tracey Rutledge, Executive Director, at 519.432.8353 ext. 28298 or tracey.rutledge@uwo.ca.

Get to know Our New Academic Dean Dr. Donna Rogers

DR. DONNA ROGERS ASSUMED THE POSITION OF ACADEMIC DEAN ON JULY 1, 2013, COMING TO BRESCIA FROM DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY IN HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, WHERE SHE HAD BEEN SERVING AS ASSOCIATE DEAN ACADEMIC. DR. ROGERS BRINGS WITH HER MANY TALENTS AND SKILLS INCLUDING INNOVATION AND HER ABILITY TO LEAD CHANGE.

What intrigued or excited you about coming to Brescia?

I was intrigued by Brescia's uniqueness as a women's university, and the opportunities it provides for women's growth and development as scholars and leaders.

Can you tell us a bit about your background?

From 2003-13 I taught at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia; I was a faculty member, then Chair of Spanish and Latin American Studies, and finally Associate Dean Academic in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Before that I taught at Penn State University, Queen's University, and Middlebury College. My degrees are from The University of Waterloo, Western University, and The University of Toronto.

What is the best advice you have ever given or been given?

Our parents always encouraged my brothers and my sister and me to believe that our future was in our own hands—that we could determine what we could achieve, not others. They also gave us the support and resilience to try and fail, and to learn from our failures.

How did you prepare for your career path?

The Spanish side of it started in high school in Kitchener—I was drawn to the cultures of the Spanish-speaking world immediately and wanted to get to know them from the inside. On the administrative side, I had an early experience as an interim department head, and despite its challenges, I liked the ability to make positive change for students, staff, and faculty in very direct ways.

Is there a single event or role model that has helped to shape what/who you have become?

A high school guidance counsellor once told me that I could probably attain a Master's degree but shouldn't aspire to anything more than that. I didn't even know what a PhD was at that point, but I was determined to get one to prove her wrong! So being challenged in that way gave me a goal—and good mentors along the way helped me to overcome life's inevitable obstacles.

What are you reading now and why do you enjoy it?

I usually have a couple of books on the go at any given time—usually a mix of academic books and



mysteries. At the moment I'm rereading a childhood favourite – the *Swallows and Amazons* books—I'm drawn to them because of the character of Nancy Blackett, Amazon pirate, who is bold and fearless, yet fair and ethical at the same time.

Where do you hope to see Brescia in five years?

Brescia is already a great institution! We need to safeguard our excellent reputation and resources, and together make Brescia's opportunities and advantages available to even more qualified women students/future leaders.



Serving her community through leadership

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY EDUCATOR AND LEADER WILMA DE ROND HAS FINISHED HER CAREER IN EDUCATION STILL ARDENT ABOUT THE PROFESSION. SHE SAYS, "TEACHING IS A VOCATION AND IT IS WITHIN YOU. MY FATHER ALWAYS SAID THAT I WAS BORN WITH A PIECE OF CHALK IN MY HAND."

Wilma, who graduated from Brescia in 1981 with a BA Honours in English and Literature, went on to complete a BA Ed in 1982 and an MEd in 1992, both at Western University. After many years of teaching, Wilma became the Director of Education for the London District Catholic School Board in 2007.

An "introvert," as Wilma describes herself, she attended Catholic Central High School in London and took on her first leadership role at Brescia. "The opportunity came to me through Dr. Pat Skidmore, the faculty student advisor for students' council at the time," she explains. "She encouraged me to take on the off-campus rep role and that was my first experience as a leader. Even in the late '70s and '80s Brescia was already focusing on leadership and empowering young women."

From the time that she was a little girl using her dolls as students, Wilma's passion for the profession was reinforced by numerous educators throughout her life. Wilma describes Brescia faculty members such as Sister Mary Lou McKenzie, Dr. Pat Burman, and the late Sister Corona as "true teachers. I remember what they taught me; they understood the concept of student learning."

When deciding which university to attend, Wilma knew that there was a "fit" for her with Brescia. With smaller classes, and a focus on women led by the Ursuline Sisters, Brescia was an ideal next step for Wilma, since she had grown up with religious teachers and worked at Mount St. Joseph in London as a student.

"I wanted my education to be as faith-based as possible, and I knew that Brescia would be able to provide this for me," says Wilma.

Wilma has continued to stay actively involved with Brescia, serving on Brescia's Council of Trustees from 2006 until 2012. When asked about her time as a volunteer with Brescia, Wilma explains, "I enjoyed my service role. I wanted to continue to honour the Ursulines and all that they had worked so hard to build so that women could continue to comfortably take on leadership roles. I never saw being a woman as an obstacle." Wilma says she has learned as a leader that we must know our own strengths and weaknesses and that it is important to be surrounded by people who will challenge us to make the best decisions. In her various educational roles, she consistently asked herself, "Does this work for the students?"

WILMA SAYS THAT AS A BRESCIA GRADUATE TODAY, "YOU NEED TO KNOW WHO YOU ARE AS A PERSON, AND WHAT YOUR GOD-GIVEN TALENTS ARE. IDENTIFY HOW YOU CAN BRING THEM TO THE TABLE AND THEN PUT THEM TO USE TO MAKE GOOD THINGS HAPPEN."

Wilma officially retired as Director of Education on July 31st 2013 but will continue to volunteer as a board member at St. Peter's Seminary. She says, "I hope that retirement brings me more time to enjoy all of my nieces and nephews and their kids and a chance to catch up on my reading. I will also enjoy not waking up at 5 a.m. every day. From there, we will see."

We did it!

JUST 18 MONTHS AFTER OUR GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY ON APRIL 3, 2012, WE NOW HAVE A GLORIOUS NEW RESIDENCE, WITH ROOMS BATHED IN LIGHT AND ALL THE MODERN CONVENIENCES THAT TODAY'S YOUNG STUDENTS DESIRE.

Does it make you want to be a student again? If that is not in the cards for you, please consider coming to visit our new residence – *Clare Hall*, named after our Foundress, Mother Clare Gaukler – and our new dining pavilion, *The Mercato at Brescia* – market in Italian to honour our Italian roots.

The following promotional pieces give you a glimpse into what students are experiencing in their rooms and on campus this fall. It is fair to say that these are not overselling our two new buildings. For photos of our Grand Opening, which took place on September 6th, please visit our Flickr Gallery a tinyurl.com/ku9e2ur.

Build Felicity's Room Update

Felicity moved into her new residence room this past September. It was a special day! Thanks to 78 donors, her room and 309 others now feel like a real home. You helped us raise \$39,555 in cash and pledges to purchase 12 lamps, 14 chairs, 3 fridges, 32 desks, 3 beds, 5 closets, and 22 full suites in our new residence building.

Thank you!





Sister Mary Lou McKenzie Young Alumnae Award of Merit

LEENAT JILANI ('13) MAY HAVE GRADUATED JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO, BUT HER COMMITMENT TO MAKING CHANGE IN THE WORLD AND LEADING BY EXAMPLE BEGAN LONG BEFORE SHE RECITED HER ALUMNAE PLEDGE TO DO SO.

This year's recipient of the Sister Mary Lou McKenzie Young Alumnae Award of Merit and a graduate of the Scholar's Electives program at Brescia, Leenat earned a double major honors degree in Political Science and Social Justice and Peace Studies.

While a Brescia student, Leenat was an active member of Junior Team Canada through Global Vision, where she currently represents Canada on the national and international stage through four main avenues: the Junior Team Canada Trade Mission; National Youth Ambassador Caucuses; Asia-Pacific Economic Corporation (APEC) Summits; and Special Assignment Summits. She has travelled to Malaysia, Indonesia, and Singapore, speaking about the positive impact that Brescia has had on her as a female leader.

Her hard work and accomplishments on a national scale have helped her to establish lasting relationships with female political leaders, including Mrs. Lauren Harper, who made a special visit to Brescia last spring. Leenat also met Prime Minister Stephen Harper as part of a Global Vision's annual meeting showcasing the work that Junior Team Canada Ambassadors have done for Canada and worked directly with Governor General David Johnston on behalf of the London Youth Advisory Council.

Her nominator for the award, Colleen Aguilar, describes Leenat as a "powerful, quiet leader. She is someone who empowers others through her empathy, her awareness, and her passion for change."

Since graduating, Leenat has travelled to Bali for the G20 Summit, and her goal is to work in the peace building part of international relations with the Canadian government to help address global issues such as race relations, poverty, and oppression. "Never underestimate your ability to make change," she says.

Carmelle Murphy Alumnae Award of Distinction 2013

ANN HAWKINS ('63) WAS RECOGNIZED FOR HER MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH THE 2013 CARMELLE MURPHY ALUMNAE AWARD OF DISTINCTION AT THE HOMECOMING LUNCHEON ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH.

Ann completed her BA in Secretarial and Administrative Studies at Brescia and then went on to earn her MSc (HRC) and a certificate in the advanced Program in Organizational Development and Human Resource Management at Columbia University's Teachers College. She spoke about her experiences at Brescia and in the business world.

Having worked with public, private, and not-for-profit organizations, Ann's professional accomplishments are extensive. Early in her career, as one of just three women working at a large national company, Ann became deeply involved in the implementation of both employment and pay equity in Ontario and succeeded in bringing "many reluctant CEOs on board," explained Mary Theresa Goodwin ('63), Ann's former classmate and one of her nominators.

Since then, Ann's clients have included government and financial services, telecommunications, and technology. She has done studies in nursing homes across Ontario, introduced organizational structure in clinical labs in British Columbia, and worked on team building and the redesign of outpatient clinics in urban teaching hospitals.

She also played a pivotal role in the development and teaching of the Leading Strategic Change Program at the Joseph L. Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto and has taught Human Resource Management at the University of International Business and Economics in China, as well as Human Resources to senior officials of the Indian Railways Corporation and the Cayman Islands.

Ann's service to others and interests are also far-reaching. She has served as Chair of the Brescia Foundation, on the Advisory Committee of the Dorothy M. Wylie Nursing Leadership Institute, as President of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario, as Governor of the YMCA of Metropolitan Toronto, as President of Opportunity for Advancement, as Director of the Boulevard Club and Outward Bound, and more. Says her other nominator, Monda Rosenberg ('66), "She seems to operate on a concept that our value in this world is how we help and impact others – particularly women."





The road to becoming a dietitian

CINDY FAJARDO ('13) ORIGINALLY DREAMED OF BECOMING A DOCTOR. BUT, AFTER TWO YEARS OF STUDYING HEALTH SCIENCES AT WESTERN UNIVERSITY, SHE WASN'T SURE THAT WAS FOR HER.

ABOVE: Maggie Carr ('66) with Cindy Fajardo ('13).

A chance encounter with Brescia alumna Lynne Sinclair ('01) changed Cindy's future course. Lynne offered Cindy the opportunity to job-shadow at the London Health Sciences Centre, where Lynne is a clinical dietitian in the hepatology department, working with patients who have liver disease.

Cindy said of her first glimpse,

"I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THAT THERE WERE DIETITIANS IN HOSPITALS. THE EXPERIENCE WITH LYNNE OPENED MY EYES TO THE PROFESSION, AND I FOUND HER CLINICAL NUTRITION WORK EXTREMELY INTERESTING AND CHALLENGING."

"It may sound odd, but I love hospitals, and I realized that being a dietitian would mean I could work in a hospital, but without the crazy work hours of a doctor."

The experience led her to transfer to Brescia in 2010 to study Food and Nutritional Sciences, where she graduated this past June. And now she is part of the internship stream of the Food and Nutritional Sciences Master's program along with twelve other like-minded students.

To further her studies, Cindy was awarded one of three prestigious Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS) to study at Brescia. As the top OGS Brescia student, she is the inaugural recipient of the first donor-funded OGS scholarship, the *M.A. Carr '66 Ontario Graduate Scholarship*.

The scholarship was established by alumna Margaret A. Carr, or Maggie, as she is known. Maggie said, "I was very fortunate to graduate without any debt when I finished my Bachelor of Arts degree in 1966 because my parents were able to fully fund my education. After retiring as a French teacher, I am at a point in my life where I am able to give back financially."

The OGS program is jointly funded by the Province of Ontario and Brescia University College. The province of Ontario contributes two-thirds of the value of every award, and the University provides the remaining one-third through private donations.

Would you like to learn more about making a donation to fund an Ontario Graduate Scholarship?

Contact Trish Gergich, Advancement Officer, at 519.432.8353 ext. 28009 or trish.gergich@uwo.ca.

SO, I STARTED THIS SCHOLARSHIP AS A WAY TO 'PAY IT FORWARD' AND HELP BRESCIA STUDENTS TODAY."

Maggie and Cindy met in person on July 8, 2013. Maggie hadn't been back to campus since her 20th reunion in 1986, so it was also a fun opportunity to tour her old residence rooms. Maggie was delighted to meet Cindy, saying to her, "You should tell your parents that they have brought up an intelligent and wonderful daughter."

Maggie was so inspired by Cindy's story that she made two more gifts this fall to support the remaining OGS recipients Ivan Ho and Dana Hawthorne who were also awarded the M.A. Carr '66 Ontario Graduate Scholarship.



ABOVE: Jennifer Broxterman ('09) with Sister Mary Louise McKenzie.

Sister Mary Louise McKenzie: 50 years and countless contributions

SISTER MARY LOUISE MCKENZIE SPENT NEARLY 50 YEARS AT BRESCIA, DEDICATING HERSELF TO STUDENTS AND THE COMMUNITY ALIKE. AFTER TEACHING ENGLISH FROM 1963 TO 1967, SHE WAS GIVEN STUDY LEAVE TO PURSUE HER MASTER'S DEGREE.

She returned to Brescia in 1970 to continue teaching English, while also completing her PhD. Sr. Mary Lou received her PhD from the University of Toronto in 1974, all the while continuing to teach at Brescia.

During her time at Brescia, Sr. Mary Lou lived in the Brescia student residence, serving as a Residence Don from 1970 to 2005 as well as serving on a variety of councils, including the Alumnae Council, which she remembers fondly and holds very dear. Beyond her academic career, Sr. Mary Lou frequently participated as a puppeteer in the various shows put on by fellow professor and Ursuline, Sister Corona Sharp.

Sr. Mary Lou retired from teaching in 2010 and has since spent her time at Villa Angela, enjoying the company of her fellow Sisters. Despite her many accomplishments, Sr. Mary Lou is still able to poke some fun at herself, suggesting with a big smile that while she probably led students astray on occasion during her lessons, she "did her best." After her many contributions and years of dedication to Brescia, her colleagues and students agree. She is remembered as "a tireless, dedicated mentor who made Brescia the place it is today and who will always remain a beloved part of the Brescia family."



Celebrating home and its new addition!

Homecoming 2013 was a busy weekend of celebrations and reminiscing, as we welcomed alumnae, students, friends, faculty, and staff to spend time at their Brescia home. Alumnae spanning graduation years from 1948-2013 took part in many festivities, including a student and alumnae pancake breakfast, the Western and Queen's football game, a special mass, the annual Luncheon and Annual General Meeting, student-led tours of campus and our first gala dinner "Inspiring Past. Bold Future." The Homecoming Planning Committee is already hard at work on the 2014 events, so watch for details and plan to come home next fall!



Class of '48



Class of '88



Class of '73



Class of '53



Class of '68



Class of '58



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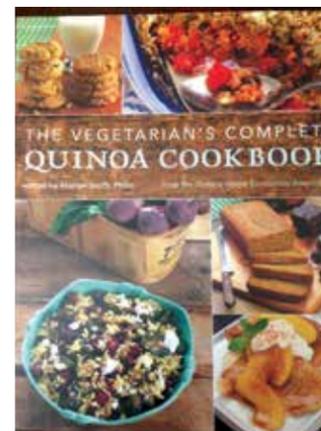


MILESTONES

Congratulations go out to **GEORGETTE BRIDLE ('53)** and her husband Robert, who recently celebrated their 55th anniversary along with their nine grandchildren.

A hearty congratulations to **MARY MCGRATH ('57)**, whose cookbooks titled, *A Shortbread Sampler* and *Delectable Collectibles*, have raised over \$25,000 to benefit *The Star's* Fresh Air and Santa Claus Funds.

HELENA (SULATYCKA) STAVE ('57) enjoyed being a part of a mini-reunion of the Class of '57 while recently in Toronto where she also attended a wedding. Helena was in between travelling from her summer home in New Hampshire to her winter home in Nevada. In December, Helena will



travel to Ethiopia to join her daughter, a Fulbright Scholar, who is doing research and lecturing at a university there.

Family and friends recently attended a Mass of Remembrance for **MARY (DAVIS) CALLAGHAN ('60)** at Holy Rosary Church in Toronto. It was thoughtfully arranged by her "big sister" **NORA (HANLEY) NEWTON ('57)**. Nora also graciously

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Congratulations to **DR. JUNE MATTHEWS ('00)** and team whose work on the Ontario Home Economic Association's book titled *The Vegetarian's Complete Quinoa Cookbook* will now be published in Australia. The book features a number of contributors including many Brescia alumnae. The book has also been short-listed in the English-language Single-Subject Cookbooks Category of the 2013 Taste Canada Awards that will be held this November in Toronto.

hosted the luncheon that followed at her home.

CAROL A. CHRISTIE ('73) recently retired from the Thames Valley District School Board, where she was a Family Studies teacher. Carol continues to coach the Fencing Team at Western.

HELEN BUGNO ('73) is currently enjoying living in picturesque Dubai and is also loving being a grandmother. Helen looks forward to exploring United Arab Emirates, as the desert is one of her "favourite places on earth."

BONNIE PEMBER ('86) recalls her time at Brescia and says, "I loved my time at Brescia and benefited from not only my courses under the tutelage of Sisters Dolores Kuntz, Mary Louise McKenzie, Marie-Anne Quenneville, and Corona Sharp as well as the lay faculty members, Zilpa Howard and Patricia Skidmore, but also from the tradition handed down since the time of the first Ursuline nuns who founded the college."

Madeline, the daughter of **LISA HAAGSMA, ('92)** was recently promoted to the rank of Leading Seaman with the Royal Canadian Navy.

Madeline will be attending the University of Victoria in the fall to pursue a career as a doctor of medicine.

LAUREL (DALEY) ALLEN ('94) is currently enjoying raising her two sons, four-year-old Randy and five-year-old Kenny. Laura lives in Oakville with her husband Jeff, who currently consults as an electrical engineer.

KRISTINA (ASHFIELD) CAMPBELL ('94) taught overseas in Papua New Guinea in 2008, and recently became professionally certified as an Educational Therapist with the National Institute for Learning Development.

KRISTEN MOIR ('07) is an English teacher at London Central High School and is Co-Chair of the Status of Women Committee for the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation.

Congratulations to **MORRIGAN REILLY-ANSONS ('09)**, who recently became a Certified Counsellor with the Canadian Counselling & Psychotherapy Association.

RHINA LANE ('10) is currently studying education at York University.

Celebrating the past, the present, and the future

Brescia enjoyed many celebrations this fall, in addition to Homecoming, including Foundress Day, *Clare Hall* and *The Mercato* Opening, and the first-ever Brescia Gala.



A Principal Dr. Colleen Hanycz, Chancellor Dr. Joan Francolini ('55), and Sister Theresa Mahoney ('77) share a laugh at Foundress Day celebrations. **B** Guest speaker Kate Bryant ('10) spoke about her time at Brescia at Foundress Day. **C** Sheila Blagrove welcomes Martha Steers ('50) and former Council of Trustees Director Sara Steers to the residence opening. **D** Brescia University Council of Trustees Directors Maria Knowles, Dr. Marlene J. Le Ber, and Liz Hewitt at the *Clare Hall* and *The Mercato* Opening Ceremony. **E** President of Western University, Amit Chakma addresses attendees at the *Clare Hall* Opening Ceremony. **F** Brescia University College crest.



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On a river cruise in Romania, the class of 1961 celebrates, alongside their husbands, 55 years of friendship.

BACK ROW: Stan Oprendeck and Jean (Rigato) Oprendeck, John Schrader and Catherine (McBrien) Schrader FRONT ROW: Dick and Jayne (Kenney) Nicki, Bryan and Helen (Healey) Flanagan.

Congratulations to **ANNA SHIER ('11)**, who received the Dietitians of Canada Regional Award this past June.

Congratulations to **LAUREN GIUGNO ('12)**, whose poster submission, "Influence of Counter-Stereotype Threat on Female Math Performance," has been accepted for presentation at the 2014 Society for Personality and Social Psychology conference in Austin Texas.

BRIANNA ROBERTSON-EAST ('12) recently completed a Master's degree in history at Wilfrid Laurier University.

JESSICA WARECKI ('12), daughter of Brescia faculty member George Warecki, completed her MA in History at Wilfrid Laurier University and began at Western in September, where she will study to complete her Bachelor of Education.

Congratulations to **TESSA ZADORSKY ('12)**, who was accepted to the Master's of Social Work Program at Wilfrid Laurier University where she began her studies in September.

ASHLEY BOYES ('13) began law school in September at the University of Ottawa.

Congratulations to **MELISSA HUBBELL ('13)**, who was accepted into the Global

Health program at McMaster University for graduate studies this September.

Congratulations to **EMILY MACKLE ('13)**, who was accepted into the Master's of Arts in the School of Information Studies at McGill University.

CAROLYN WICKWARE ('13) was accepted into the School of Journalism at Dalhousie University beginning this fall.

CHELSEA BARRANGER ('13) received an OGS scholarship and was accepted to the Master's of History program at McMaster University.

STAFF & FACULTY

Congratulations to **GLADYS YLIMKAI** in the Department of Foods and Nutritional Sciences, whose work with Canada Beef resulted in student recipes being published in the most recent "Make it Beef" national newsletter.

KAYLA GLYNN, Internship Co-ordinator, is a member of the Steering Committee of faculty members in the Division of Food and Nutritional Sciences. The committee has recently played a critical role in helping to develop the new Integrated Competencies for the Dietetic Education and Practice,



'13 Congratulations to **MANAL JUMA ('13)** who will be wed on December 27, 2013 in Karachi, Pakistan to Raheel Dhaduk.

a guide that will help to develop and enhance Dietetic programs across Canada.

Congratulations to Foods and Nutrition Professor **DR. SHARAREH HEKMAT**, who recently became a full Professor.

Congratulations to **DR. MONIKA LEE**, an Associate Professor in English, who was the recipient of the Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2013. Dr. Lee was recognized this past June at Convocation.

Brescia welcomed its new Academic Dean **DR. DONNA ROGERS**. Dr. Rogers comes from Dalhousie University in Halifax and assumed her role at Brescia on July 1, 2013.

MARRIAGES

Our congratulations go out to **LESLEY MCMULLIN ('09)**, who was married at the Gravenhurst Wharf on June 22, 2013 to her husband Adam McMullin.

BIRTHS

LAUREN STARR ('04) and her husband welcomed their daughter Hadley Clare Starkwether on May 11, 2013 at 1:55 p.m. Hadley weighed 8lbs10oz and was 21.5 inches long.

KRISTINA (HENNING) HOUSTON ('04) and her husband Darren are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child. Isla Henning Houston was born on May 31st, 2013. Kristina and Darren are looking forward to a lifetime of joy with the new little love of their lives.

Assistant Professor in the Division of Foods and Nutritional Sciences, **JASNA TWYNSTRA**, and her husband Darryl welcomed their first baby, Jake, into the world on July 18th at 5:08 a.m. He weighed 9lbs and was 20 inches long.

KATE NORTON, Brescia Librarian, and her husband Jamie welcomed Noah James Norton to their family on August 9th at 2:04 a.m. Noah weighed 9lbs11oz and was 22 inches long.

CURRENT STUDENTS

Congratulations to **SUE ROGERS**, who will be presenting her Psychology Honors Thesis research at the Fifteenth

Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology this February in Austin, Texas.

Congratulations to a member of **SISTER MARY-FRANCES DORSCHELLE'S ('63) Dinner Club**, Western Student **CAROLINE CHUNG**, who recently received the 2013 Special Libraries Association (SLA) Toronto Student-to-Conference Award. Caroline received a \$1,500 grant to attend the SLA Annual Conference in San Diego, California last June.

IN MEMORIAM

Brescia was sorry to hear of the passing of the following alumnae. These are names that were provided to the editor between the dates of March 2013 and September 2013. Longer memorials for some alumnae, as submitted, may be found at brescia.uwo.ca/alumnae/our_alumnae/in_memoriam/index.html.

| NAME | CLASS YEAR |
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| Montag, Geraldine, Dr. | 1947 |
| Manners (Arnold), Florence | 1951 |
| Dubois, Mary-Lou | 1953 |
| Janise, Marie-Louise (OSU) | 1957 |
| Callaghan (Davis), Mary | 1960 |
| Desousa (Labarre), Bernadette ("Bernie") | 1975 |



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An essay, written by **PAMELA LUPA ('11)**, originally for an undergraduate environmental history course, has been selected for publication in *The Mirror*, an annual academic journal featuring undergraduate papers selected from entries across Canada.

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