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Giving thanks for your generosity

When was the last time you received a thank you letter? Over the summer the alumni association received a number of handwritten and heartfelt notes of thanks from scholarship winners acknowledging the support received from Daniel donors whose generosity has left a lasting impression on each of them as they embark on the next chapter in their lives.

“Thank you for all of the help that you have given me for my education,” wrote Nathaniel Tolentino. “I appreciate the fact that there are people out there willing to help students in need like myself as university is very expensive. I feel very lucky to be one of the few chosen to receive your award.”

Nathaniel, was the recipient of the Science Merit Award, one of 21 awards and scholarships funded or administered by the alumni association that were presented at the graduation ceremonies in June.

“I can focus more on my studies”

“Your generosity is greatly appreciated by my family and me,” wrote Eurielle Villarin in her letter. “This fall, I am going to attend the University of Manitoba, hoping to get into the pharmaceutical field. The Ella Rae Halsall Memorial Scholarship brought me a step closer to my dream, lessening the financial burden I must overcome to finish education. Now I can focus more on my studies.”

Since its inception in 1988, donors to the DMCI AACE Fund have contributed over \$300,000 for scholarships, equipment and special projects like the Memorial Alcove renewal. “It is an impressive amount of money,” says Doug Sargeant, President of the Alumni Association. “The challenge now is that we need existing and new donors to come forward and show their support so that we can continue to make a difference in the lives of students and to life in the school overall.”

One of the biggest challenges currently facing the association is to maintain donor interest and support between major events such as reunions, which attract a lot of attention.

“Reunions are wonderful opportunities to reconnect with classmates and rekindle the Daniel spirit,” says Doug. “But the need for funds is ongoing if we are going to be successful in maintaining the alumni’s involvement in the school on an annual basis. The thank you letters we received this summer emphasize the importance of our role as alumni to Daniel students today.”

“Any sort of help really does make a big difference,” continued Nathaniel Tolentino in his letter. Another Merit Award winner wrote, “You have helped me out considerably. Best wishes to you all.”

Inspired to help others

Perhaps what is most moving is knowing that today’s donors are setting an example for future supporters. “The Ella Rae Halsall Memorial Scholarship has inspired me to do more than just pursue my dream,” said Eurielle Villarin. “It has also inspired me to help others pursue theirs. In the future, I too hope to invest money to give back to the community, and perhaps a scholarship to help students remove some of their financial burden just as you have done for me.”

Making a donation is a very personal decision. We all have our own reasons for giving, whether its to support the dreams of today’s students, to honour the memories of those remembered in the Memorial Alcove, or to say thanks for your memories at Daniel. Whatever the reason, in this season of giving there is no better time to make a donation to the DMCI alumni association.

You’ll be glad you did.

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Message from the President

Well folks it has been awhile since we last had the opportunity to write down a few thoughts to share with you. Summer has come and gone and we are now well into fall with winter fast approaching.

Those who are fortunate enough to be planning a trip to the sunny climates for an extended stay or just two or three weeks in the warm weather, good on you. The rest of us will be here enjoying the fresh crisp weather of a good old Winnipeg and Canadian winter (???). Remember it is a dry cold!!!

A lot has taken place since we last had the pleasure of writing to you. Some of it sad, and some very exciting. On the sad side of the ledger some of you may have heard that two of our more renowned student and staff alumni passed away. William Norrie, former mayor of Winnipeg passed away in July and Mary Perfect former Vice Principal passed away in August. Most of the graduates my age will have fond memories of Miss Perfect, being that is exactly what she was...“PERFECT” in the best sense of the word...and those of us who knew Mr. Norrie not as a student but as the Mayor of our fine city of Winnipeg, will remember how hard he worked to make the city a better place to live both while in office and long after his political life ended.

On the exciting side of the page, our Memorial Alcove is all but done, with thanks to our hard working board members and support from our alumni donors and the Department of Veterans Affairs Canada. We only have one part left to do and that is to light up the Leo Mol stained glass window. Our fundraising efforts have fallen a little short so we are still accepting donations to complete the project. That request is addressed on another page of this newsletter, so please have a read and if you are able to help out in any way please do so. Remember all donations over \$10 are eligible for a tax receipt.

And of course donations are an ongoing concern of your alumni association. We are totally dependant on your support. We maintain several scholarships as well as purchase equipment and teaching aids for the school at the request of the school staff. We are currently looking at different ways of raising capital and the board will be meeting in the New Year to brainstorm ideas for raising funds. Our 100th reunion is not until 2023 and in order for the organization to survive we need to address this issue. If you

have any suggestions to be considered please send them to me at dsargeant@suncor.com.

Recently we held a Bud, Spud and Steak event attended by 160 people and we were somewhat successful in raising funds to support the production and distribution of this current newsletter. While the content and layout of the newsletter is done by volunteers, the production costs are in the \$3500 range for printing, postage and envelopes. We continue to encourage alumni to receive the newsletter electronically wherever possible to help reduce these costs. However, we know how important the newsletter is for keeping our 5000 members updated and we remain committed to making it available in print for as long as we possibly can.

Another get together is being preliminarily planned at the school for April 2013 to officially rededicate the Memorial Alcove and mark the 90th anniversary of when the doors of Daniel Mac opened on Alverstone Street. Please check the website or your email for further updates. In the meantime if you are in the area please drop by the school and have a look at the Alcove. It is indeed a job well done.

The alumni board is working hard on your behalf and you are always welcome to contact any board member by calling the school and leaving a message or emailing us at dmc.alumni@gmail.com. We are counting on your continued support to keep the Daniel spirit alive and well.

So as I finish my ramblings it is my pleasure to extend to you and your families on behalf of our Board of Directors, a very merry festive season. Please take time to think about and thank our lucky stars for being where we are. Enjoy your time with your family and friends. Be Safe, Drive Safe and Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours truly,

Doug Sargeant, President
dsargeant@suncor.com



Your name goes here

The Donor Wall was updated in August based on the contributions that had been made up to that time. New names were added and many of the existing names were moved from one category to another – mostly from the White section to the “M” or Merit sections. Donor names are added to the wall with a donation of \$100 or when the total of previous contributions reaches that amount. Names are moved when the accumulated donation total reaches the entry level for another category. The categories and monetary levels used for the Donor Wall are listed below. A new \$50,000 category level has been added to the Distinguished Donors Circle; it was needed in order to keep recognizing the generosity of our alumni.

WHITE:	\$100 - \$299
MAROON:	\$300 - \$499
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DISTINGUISHED DONOR CIRCLE	
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Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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Keep your school spirit alive. Take an active part in supporting DMCI!

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Alcove transformation nears completion

Since the last newsletter update in June 2011, work on the Memorial Alcove has continued on the remaining steps to complete the refurbishment of this special place of honour. The names on the brass plaque underneath the stained glass window have been cleaned and polished and are now easily readable. With the help of a conservator and professional framer the memorial scrolls have been restored (including the removal of mould in some instances) and reframed and now hang within their new display cases.

Follow-up was done on behalf of alumni veterans who wished to confirm if their names were on the scrolls. One name has since been added. Final decisions on the addition of any further names will be made in the New Year, after which the scroll cases will be 'closed' for a period of time (still to be determined) in order to minimize potential wear or damage to the scrolls from further handling. Veterans or family members wishing to inquire about names appearing on the scrolls are asked to contact the alumni association at dmci.alumni@gmail.com for further information.

All that remains is to complete the installation of a diffused lighting system to illuminate the stained glass window. Three light panels will backlight the window evenly and an integrated dimmer will control the light levels. As illustrated by the before and after pictures below, the final result will provide students

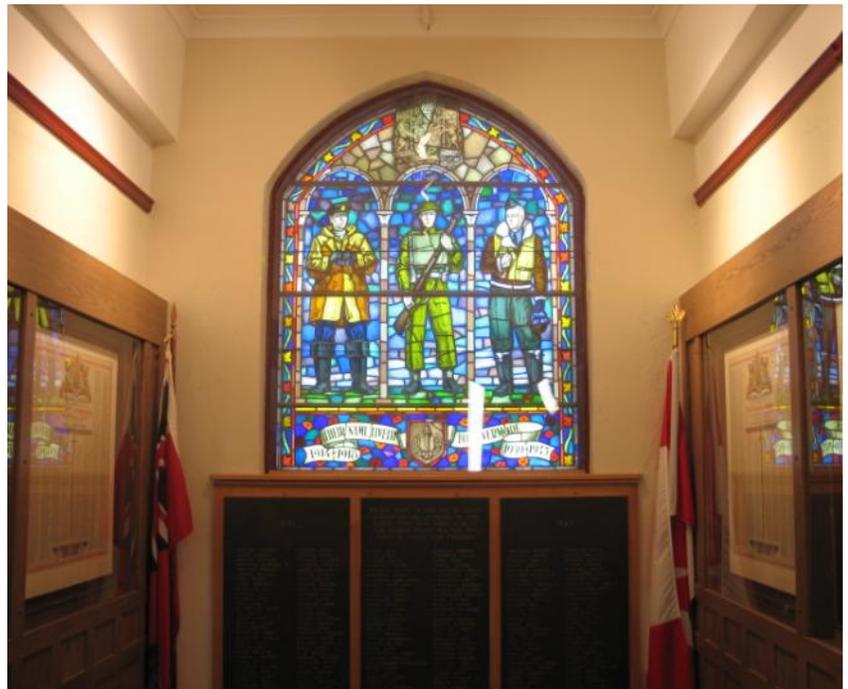
and visitors with a stunning view of the window designed by renowned artist Leo Mol and the story that it tells.

"The transformation of the alcove from when we began this project to now is quite remarkable," says alumni association president, Doug Sargeant. "Board members Elsie Hignell, Marina McCaffrey and others are to be commended for their ongoing efforts to see this project through to completion."

This work would not have been possible without the generous support of Daniel donors and the Department of Veterans Affairs who provided a grant of \$4900 to aid with the refurbishment costs. Funds in the amount of \$1500 are still needed to complete the final steps in the lighting of the window.

"We still welcome contributions from alumni to help us complete this final step," says Doug. "It is a great privilege to be part of a project that honours the selfless contributions of so many Danielites."

A rededication ceremony for the Memorial Alcove has been tentatively scheduled for April 11, 2013 which also coincides with the 90th anniversary of the school's home on Alverstone St. More details will be provided via email and through the alumni association's web site and Facebook pages after the New Year or by contacting the school at (204) 783-7131.



As shown by the photo on the right, once installation of the lighting system for the stained glass window is complete, the Leo Mol window will come to life as never before. A few steps remain before the system is fully operational.

A salute to a DMCI veteran

The AlumnEye recently received some information about one of Daniel's alumni. It seemed especially poignant coming this close to Remembrance Day as it concerns a WWII veteran – William Henry Isaac Atkinson. The story has even added significance as it comes just as the refurbishing of the Memorial Alcove is being finished.

Atkinson graduated from DMCI in 1942. (His twin sisters who provided some of the information and internet sites graduated in 1951). As a 19-year-old he volunteered to be an aviator with the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve. He was sent to the United Kingdom for his basic flying training and then sent back to Canada to undertake further training. He qualified as a pilot and received his wings in April 1944. Atkinson was then sent back to the United Kingdom where, in December, he was posted aboard the British Pacific Fleet carrier, HMS Indomitable. During this time on the Indomitable Atkinson was credited with shooting down three planes, possibly two more and sharing responsibility for destroying another.

In June Atkinson and his squadron were transferred to HMS Formidable. In July, while on a night patrol Atkinson and another pilot were directed towards a flight of torpedo bombers. Atkinson shot down three of them while the other pilot got a fourth. With this feat Atkinson established himself as the second Canadian "Naval Ace" of the Pacific war. He was the highest scoring fighter ace of the Royal Canadian Navy and the last pilot from The Commonwealth to become an ace.

During the war he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and was Mentioned in Despatches. He remained in the Royal Canadian Navy where he was awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration and clasp and promoted to Commander and given command of the destroyer HMCS Haida and the officers' training school HMCS Venture before retiring in 1973.

He currently lives in Peachland, British Columbia



We also received this note from another veteran, alumnus Art Cannell

I think Vern Wilson should be in the football hall of fame. He was quarterback in the late '30s and the team won the city title. He retired from the Air Force in Victoria as a Wing Commander, I think in the 1980s.

I played in the school band at Daniel Mac. Lola Smith was the conductor. Lola co-wrote the music books used in the Winnipeg schools. I went on to play in concert bands, military bands and dance bands in Canada and in England. I was a grade A Air Force mechanic. While in England I played soccer, the only player in the league who was not from England. My time in the Air Force was between 1941 to 1945 on a Royal Air Force base at Henlow, England, part of Bomber command. I was with an Air Force cadet squadron for a number of years. Gen. Walter Natynczyk was one of our Air Cadets.

Chief of Defence Staff inspires students, visits alcove



Canada's Chief of Defence Staff (now retired) and Daniel alumnus General Walter Natynczyk (class of '75) made a special stop at DMCI on February 17, 2012. He delivered a motivational speech to students with the key message of 'you can be anything.' Students enjoyed his personable and approachable manner and many waited for the opportunity to speak with him following his presentation. While at the school, Gen. Natynczyk visited the Memorial Alcove (left) to view the restoration work underway. In commemoration of his visit the school received a medallion and insignia and he was given a Maroons sweatshirt by the school, a fitting gift for the one time member of the Maroons football team. Gen. Natynczyk retired from his position as Chief of Defence Staff at the end of October. Pictured with the General is Doug Sargeant, alumni association president.

Moments to Remember Concert honours Barry Anderson

Barry Anderson has been an icon in the music world for more than 60 years.

In 1966 Barry began playing the beautiful organ at Knox United Church and retired from there in 2012. In 1967 he came to Daniel McIntyre Collegiate (the best high school in Winnipeg) from Silver Heights Collegiate. In 1979 the Alumnae Choir was formed from the vision of graduates such as Philip Thompson. Philip described Barry as our “centre of influence” at the Moments to Remember Concert on November 4, 2012 to honour Barry. His influence has shaped our love of music and performing. That influence is far-reaching. FSgt Anthony Ferens from the 176 Air Cadet Squadron, son of Rob and Sandy Ferens (graduates of Daniel) spoke of Barry as his hero and at the concert he was honoured to perform in front of Barry who has been his mentor for many years and to give back for all his teachings and inspiration. The cadet band played several selections but most fitting was ‘You Raised Me Up.’ Over the years many students have used this very expression to describe the role Barry had on our lives in high school.

Barry shared with me during a quiet moment sitting on the organ bench in Knox Church that he was so proud to have had so many students over the years and to have been able to play for their graduation from high school, their graduation ceremonies at university and now for their children’s graduations from university.

Barry played for the Pan Am Games in 1967 in Winnipeg, for the Symphony Orchestra and Philharmonic Choir and at Carnegie Hall twice. In 1973 two Winnipeg police officers approached Barry to conduct a police choir for the Centennial. He continues to conduct that choir. In 1988 he was bestowed with the title of Honorary Police Superintendent.



Barry with Joanne Archibald (nee Hyra) at the reception following the concert to honour Barry on November 4th. In the background is Joe Gasper (1971 graduate).

Barry’s contribution to the music world and his many musical involvements with groups and individuals was recognized by Shelly Glover, MP for St. Boniface and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance when she presented him with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal at the concert. She pinned it on his police uniform as the crowd stood to honour him with a well deserved extended standing ovation.

What a remarkable man!

Submitted by Brenda Kennedy, alumni choir member and member of the alumni board of directors

Ruth Magel MacLean: Artist and Alumnus



Last spring the alumni association was contacted by Donald MacLean, husband of Daniel alumnus Ruth Magel MacLean. Ruth, who passed away in 2006, was an accomplished artist. Her paintings won several awards and may be found in the U.S., Scotland, England and Canada. While her favourite medium was oils, she also worked with watercolours, pastels, and pencil. Her online biography notes that it was the quality of Ruth’s high school sketches and drawings that earned her a position as an artist at Moore Business Forms straight out of school. She remained with them for six years, producing finished artwork for camera. While there she turned down a fashion drawing job with the Hudson’s Bay Company. Ruth married in 1961 and in the years that followed she continued to pursue her painting and studies. Despite her accomplishments and talents Ruth remained exceedingly modest about her work. Classmates of Ruth and others interested in learning more about her career and see samples of her work can visit the website www.deltafox.on.ca and navigate to 'Ruth'.

The family of the late Mary B. Perfect wishes to thank the class of 1963 for the beautiful floral arrangements sent during her illness and at her death.

Sincerely, Margaret Mackling

Remembering Miss Mary B. Perfect

Mary B. Perfect passed away this last August. She had a great impact on the school while she was there and it continued even when she moved on to other schools in the school year of 1975-1976.

Miss Perfect, as many former students would have addressed her, came to teach at Daniel in 1952. Many alumni would have had her as their math teacher. Other alumni will remember their dealings with her as the vice principal, which she became in 1965. She also worked with others on the Gilbert and Sullivan productions that were an integral part of the school at that time. Regardless of their particular association with her, all will remember her total commitment to them.

Perhaps her biggest contribution to Daniel came with her service to the school as the chair of the 50th Reunion committee – a reunion that set the format for many future reunions. The 1973 reunion saw more than 4,000 alumni return to Winnipeg and the school. At that time many former students renewed their acquaintance with her and with each other.

Her commitment to the traditions and history of the school was legendary. Her last message to the student body in the Breezes summarizes it best. “May Daniel McIntyre long remain a model for the way in which people of many nations, colours, and creeds can live and work together in mutual admiration and respect.”

Alumnus inducted into Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame

On November 3rd, Harry Langford, a former Maroon, was inducted into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame. Harry played for Daniel at the time Andy Currie was coaching the Maroons in 1945 and 1946.

In his younger years Harry would sneak into the old Osborne Stadium to watch his heroes play and he gained his practical experience from playing sandlot football in Weston. Before coming over to Daniel, he was a star with the Weston Wildcats. He donned a Maroon’s uniform for the ‘45 and ‘46 seasons. During that time he was named both to the offensive and defensive all-star teams.

He assisted Currie as the Maroons went on to become Provincial champs in 1947, 1948, and 1949. At this time he was also playing for the Weston Wildcats, being named a two-way all star for all of the three years he was there. He was also named the league’s most valuable player in 1949 and presented with the L. Tessier Memorial Trophy. In 1982, at celebrations held in



Harry Langford with his Daniel Mac Maroon teammates (#20 back row centre) and at the Hall of Fame dinner (inset).

Winnipeg marking the 50th anniversary of high school football, Harry was named Lineman of the Decade for the 1942 -1951 era.

In 1950 he began his nine year professional career with the Calgary Stampeders. He was virtually injury free during his career and ran up a string of 150 straight games, playing many different positions on both sides of the ball – but mostly guard. He was an all-star in 1952,

1955, 1956, 1957 and 1958. In 1970 at the Stampeders’ 25th anniversary celebrations he was named the right guard on the All-Time All-Star team. Twenty-five years later at the club’s 50th anniversary celebrations the all-time greatest All Star team was chosen and Langford still held the right guard position.

After retiring from the Stampeders, he played senior amateur football with the Drumheller Miners for a few years. Then he decided to concentrate on a business career. He now lives on Vancouver Island.

To view photos and a video of Harry’s speech at the induction ceremony go to: www.halloffame.mb.ca

Where are they now?

As a former student (the oldest of the Stefura family who all attended DMCI and a member of the DMCI choir that went to Japan with Barry Anderson, and made the two records which I still own!), it gives me such pleasure to receive the alumni newsletters.

I currently live in Darwin, in the Top End / Northern Territory of Australia. The lifestyles between Winnipeg and Darwin are completely different – we have two seasons here, one where it is dry (May to October) and one where it is wet (October to May). As it is the tropics, the temperature through the day remains pretty well the same, but the humidity differs according to the season. So it is always interesting to read what the weather in Manitoba is doing, though I get instant information from my sister (Faye Wankling nee Stefura) who still lives in Winnipeg (gotta love Skype and email).

Let me just add that I do NOT miss Winnipeg winters, and quite frankly, the whole concept of snow, ice, blizzards and freezing to death are no longer in my vocabulary!! There is something quite delightful about heading outside to our in-ground spa (definitely not a hot tub over here) and wafting around on a hot day with white wine in hand, so as you can imagine, the lifestyle here is very different.

As I was not exactly a good student – keen but not exactly super successful, particularly with regards to physics which ALMOST killed me in year 11 – I wandered the world after graduating from DMCI. I ended up in Australia with Pat (Patricia) Meulman (of the Burdon family, also DMCI alumni) and somehow, through fair means and foul, we ended up south of Sydney doing, of all things, teacher training. Pat became a physical education teacher, and I ended up as an Early Childhood teacher. I had previously enrolled in arts/law at the University of Manitoba, but got bored with that after a couple of years, and decided travel and broadening my horizons was a much more exciting thing to do.

After two years in Wollongong (south of Sydney, beautiful surf, sand and sea), Pat ended up in Queensland, and I ended up in the Northern Territory. My early teaching career was 'out bush' working on very remote Indigenous / Aboriginal settlements

around the Top End, eventually ending up in Darwin, where we have pretty well stayed.

I recently retired from the teaching profession a year ago, after some 38 years as a teacher in a variety of roles, including Assistant Principal (oh dear, there would be some of my ex-teachers REALLY rolling their eyes at the concept of Nancy actually anywhere near the management end of a school – let's just say that I don't think many of them envisaged me as a teacher and joining the profession when I left DMCI) and now run a learning consultancy with a friend, catering to the needs of students with learning delays and challenges. I also became a marriage celebrant, a very different system over here, and have a glorious time most weekends conducting marriage, naming, commitment, croning and other ceremonies. I am also a patchworker, and anyone who knows the obsessive compulsive attitude of those with textile leanings will automatically know that I love fabric – our colour choices here are much brighter and more tropical than quilts that I see in Winnipeg on my rare visits home (unfortunately mostly during the summer months when DMCI is closed).

I met and married my New Zealand-born husband while teaching out bush at remote settlements, and we have three (now adult) children, two of whom still live in Darwin, and our middle child lives and works in Sydney. We have three gorgeous grandsons – Jacob (now almost 3), Tiger (now 2) and Leo (almost 8 months old).

I am planning a trip to Winnipeg – but not till August of 2013 (so am hopeful of wandering into DMCI at one stage just to see how things have changed.) I am finishing my PhD, and while I had hoped to be finished seven years of hard work by the end of this year, I will have an additional few weeks of further changes to make (in retrospect, year 12 looks so easy in comparison!!!). I have mentioned Faye, my sister, who still lives in Winnipeg – but my brother Randy (who also attended DMCI) is now living and working in Minneapolis, in case any of his friends are reading this.

Submitted by Nancy Batenburg (nee Stefura)

Maroons football alumni mourns loss of key member

In April the DMCI Maroons football club lost of one its most ardent supporters with the sudden passing of Gerry Kissack. Gerry was a key force in establishing the Daniel Mac Football Alumni. For his efforts he received the Daniel Mac Maroons Builder Hall of Fame 2008 award and was a DMCI Hall of Fame inductee in 2011. A private celebration of his life was held in September with family, friends and DMCI football alumni.

A reader writes....I have enjoyed reading several copies of the "Eye" via email but note the lack of content concerning those of us who attended the school prior to WW2 or later. Both my wife and I had that pleasure and we spent many a happy hour looking through our old *Breezes* and recalling the good times we spent there despite the wartime shortages and the too-often notices of our classmates who died in the services. Some of your more mature readers may recall my wife, Cherrie Lethbridge (Goodridge) class of '45 or me, class of '44.

Submitted by Dennis Lethbridge Rm. 19

DMCI welcomes new Principal and Vice-Principal

In June 2012, Principal Gilles Beaumont and Vice-Principal Olga Zaporzan retired after 10 years and 11 years at Daniel, respectively. Staff gathered at the end of the school year to wish them both a fond farewell and thank them for their contributions to the school. This September Lorne Belmore and Rosanna Guzzi began settling into their new roles as Principal and Vice-Principal. DMCI teacher and alumni association board member Lorraine Ilagan tells us more about them.

Lorne Belmore

Lorne Belmore has come to DMCI to add to his 15 years of experience as a school administrator. Before coming to Daniel McIntyre, he has been an administrator at St. John's High School, Norquay Elementary, and Children of the Earth School. Previous to his administrative years, Mr. Belmore taught Math, Grade 11 English, Biology, Chemistry and was a Work Experience Coordinator at St. John's High School.

Having grown up in the West End, Mr. Belmore always had some connection to DMCI. As a past teacher at Sargent Park, his role was to prepare his students as they moved forward to Daniel McIntyre. Although he attended Tec Voc and Grant Park High School, he was always aware of the positive reputation that surrounded Daniel. Mr. Belmore sees it as a school of excellence with a high sense of safety and vibrancy within its halls. One of his many aspirations for the school is to see it continue to grow from its already solid foundation and be able to provide the best programming that can be found in any Winnipeg high school.

The alumni board was fortunate to meet Mr. Belmore, along with the new vice-principal, Rosanna Guzzi at our alumni board meeting in October. Mr. Belmore said that the DMCI Alumni is one of the most active alumni groups in the division. He is impressed by the focus and dedication of the board members especially since it comes after they have graduated from the school. It is a testament to the fact that DMCI holds a place in their hearts. He believes that the alumni group is very important to DMCI.

Another successful Bud, Spud and Steak event draws alumni, friends and staff



Principal Belmore (right) came out to support the event.

A "Mini Reunion" is how I like to describe this event. On Friday, October 19th approximately 160 alumni, friends and staff descended upon the Tijuana Yacht Club at CanadInns Polo Park between 6 and 9 p.m. Hugs, laughs and "do you remember?" stories dominated the evening. It is a great way to raise funds in a short period of time. The final total was not available at press time but we're confident that, minimally, the event raised approximately \$2000. A Silent Auction and 50/50 Draw drew lots of support from those hoping to win the terrific prizes available. Thank you to those who attended. Special thanks to everyone that donated or contributed towards this year's prizes: CanadInns Polo Park, Canada Safeway (Madison Square location), Royal Winnipeg Ballet, alumni Shirley Burton, Lesley Neufeld and Kae Yurkiw, and members of the board of directors.

Submitted by Joyce Wawrykow, DMCI Alumni Board Member

The Alumni Board is looking forward to working with Mr. Belmore and his administrative team to ensure that Daniel McIntyre continues to be a school of excellence and a place that future alumni can also hold in their hearts.

Rosanna Guzzi

Before arriving at DMCI as the new vice-principal, Rosanna Guzzi was a VP at Elmwood High School. She began her educational career as a French and English teacher at Andrew Myrarski and then moved to Cecil Rhodes where over the years she was able to experience many different teaching roles. After teaching French, Social Studies and Grade 9 Careers, Mrs. Guzzi decided to get into guidance. She pursued her guidance career, while still teaching and being a team leader. It was at this time that she decided to pursue an administrative career and she hasn't looked back since.

From the time she first stepped foot into the halls of DMCI, she found it to be very warm and welcoming. As she adjusts to her new environment, Mrs. Guzzi has been able to work with staff that she feels is very helpful and understanding. She is equally impressed with the students of DMCI. She describes them as being leaders of today and tomorrow. She further describes the students as respectful, academically motivated and involved in the school culture. To get to know the faces and names and build relationships with the students, Mrs. Guzzi makes sure to wander the halls and visit the classrooms. The staff and students alike have noticed her presence at many of the school events and appreciate the support that she shows them.

When asked about her impressions or thoughts about the DMCI Alumni she said that she was pleased to see how dedicated the alumni is to DMCI. Their pride and ownership of the school is an inspiration for her to make DMCI her second home! She wants to thank the alumni for staying committed to DMCI and working so hard to support the academic excellence for which DMCI is known.

Student project offers life changing experience

As part of a discovery project on the theme of "Sustainability", Rosalie Polvorosa, Caitlin Torres along with their chaperone Ms Vieira went on a field trip to the Siloam Mission on April 27, 2012. Siloam Mission provides programs and services to Winnipeg's inner-city community, offering hope to those experiencing poverty and homelessness.

The students made arrangements to attend the three hour volunteer orientation session to collect information for their project, as well as to make future plans to return as volunteers. In preparation for their visit, Polvorosa, Torres, and another group member, Dandreb Rojas worked hard to collect donations of gently used clothing, packages of socks and non-perishable food items. Some teachers also made monetary donations.

The students were thankful for the opportunity to have gone on a tour of Siloam Mission. The experience was life changing and gave them a better understanding of what it means to be homeless in our community. Students were shocked to learn that individuals without an address could not receive a pension, health-care, library card, etc. They also learned that Siloam Mission relies heavily on volunteers who must be at least 18 years old,



Rosalie, Caitlin and Lindsay at Siloam Mission

unless accompanied by an adult. There were opportunities to volunteer in a number of areas, including the kitchen which serves 7,000 meals a week. Siloam Mission believes that EVERYONE can be a contributing member of society and that sometimes they just need some supports or a gentle hand to help them up. Approximately 110 patrons stay the night at "Hannah's Place Emergency Shelter" and here patrons can feel safe as they get some much deserved rest in a safe and caring environment. As Peggy Abbott, volunteer support worker at

Siloam Mission stated, "we must fill the human needs first before we can work towards a sustainable lifestyle."

The Siloam Mission thanked DMCI and the community for their generous support saying that donations, especially clothing for men, who make up 90 percent of those attending the facility, are always in desperate need. Any clothing donations that cannot be used by patrons at Siloam Mission are given to others in the community in need. Nothing is ever put to waste.

Submitted by Sandra Vieira

Chess fever sweeps through Daniel

The 2011-12 school year was a period of profound growth and excitement for the Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Chess Club. Chess fever has swept through our student population as more and more of our kids fall in love with the game every day. Here a few highlights:

- For the second year in a row, our strongest player captured the Manitoba title for his grade and represented our province and school at the national high school tournament in Halifax, Nova Scotia last May where he placed second.
- 44 youngsters participated in our first annual invitational team tournament on May 11, 2012 in the DMCI library. Our enthusiasm and commitment were on display as we won the gold against a very talented Saint John's Ravenscourt team.
- Chess has become a commonplace activity in the school cafeteria. A great number of students unable to attend period 4 Chess Club regularly meet during their spares to play chess during their free time.
- We have ambitious plans for this year, hoping to increase our inventory of tournament grade chess sets and clocks so that even more kids can be involved in our daily training sessions; we are committed to forging partnerships with our feeder schools and to liaising with members of the chess community and, we hope to acquire uniforms (hooded sweat shirts embossed with our logo for informal events, white dress shirts and maroon ties for major tournaments). In due time we are extremely confident that we will establish ourselves as premier chess-playing school known throughout the city of Winnipeg.



Read more about the chess club in the June 2012 issue of *Our Schools* (page 15) at <http://ww.wsd1.org/news/documents/June2012OurSchoolsPOSTING.pdf>

Submitted by Jerome Baseley

Alumni Scholarships Awarded

Presented at the June 2012 graduation ceremonies:

Scholarships funded by DMCI alumni:

Daniel McIntyre Alumni Scholarship – Presented to a graduating student with reasonable or better academic standing and accepted into a post-secondary program.
2012 recipient: Karen Calitis

Alumni 75th Scholarship – Awarded to a student with reasonable academic standing who has made a contribution to the school and to the graduating class in some unique way and has been accepted into a post-secondary program.
2012 recipient: Alyssa Abad

Alumni Merit Awards – Presented to students who receive Merit Awards for high achievement in specific subject areas.

Cris Angelo Billoso
Raymond Soriano
Alyssa Abad
Jessica Bautista
Fidele Sagamba

Kristin Twovoice
Brian Tran
Jenna Capuska
Quincy Ballester-Quinlog
Karen Calitis
Nathaniel Tolentino
Alyssa Abad

Art
Business Education
Dance
English Language Arts
English as an Additional Language
Home Economics
Industrial Arts
Mathematics
Music
Physical Education
Science
Social Studies

Scholarship funds administered by the Alumni Association:

E.M. Arnott Scholarship – Presented to a graduating student who has demonstrated leadership, tolerance towards others and academic proficiency.
Established in memory of a former principal.
2012 recipient: Chastity Kae Dandan

William J.S. Brown Scholarship – Presented to a graduating student who has high academic standing, exceptional talent in music or the performing arts and wishes to further these studies at a post-secondary institution.
Established by the Brown family in memory of their husband and father who was a graduate of Daniel.
2012 recipient: Deniel Pura

Ella Rae Halsall Memorial Scholarship – Presented to a graduating student interested in sciences.
Established in memory of Ella Rae who attended Daniel.
2012 recipient: Eurielle Villarín

Sherman Himelblau Memorial Award – Presented to a graduating student who has contributed in the areas of drama and music and demonstrated strong leadership qualities.
Established to honour the memory of a teacher.
2012 recipient: Patrick Dela Cruz

John Lawler Memorial Scholarship – Presented to a graduating student from the English as an Additional Language Program.
Established to honour the memory of a teacher.
2012 recipient: Hubert Basiliwango

Joe Ogoms Award – Presented to a graduating student who was involved in inter-scholastic athletics and is pursuing a post-secondary education.
Established by Joe, a DMCI alumnus.
2012 recipient: Jessica Bautista

Beverly Wong Memorial Scholarship – Presented to a graduating student who has a reasonable academic standing, exhibited qualities of good citizenship and is interested in a post-secondary child care training program.
Established by the Wong family in memory of their daughter and sister.
2012 recipient: Jann Paustin Dava

Takejiro Yamashita Memorial Bursary – Recognizes a graduating student for participation in many facets of high school life while maintaining academic excellence.
Established by the Yamashita family to honour their father.
2012 recipient: Jessica Bautista



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