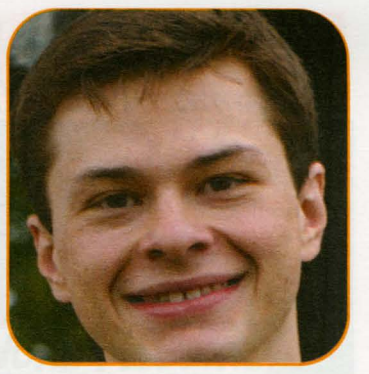




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A quarterly publication for graduates and friends of Brock University  
*Surgite!*/sur-gi-tay/Latin for "Push on!" The inspiring last words of Maj.-Gen. Sir Isaac Brock

## Celebrate Brock Days 2007!

### A Community and Homecoming Celebration

Plan to be part of the Brock Days tradition as the University holds its annual Community and Homecoming Celebration. Enjoy the best Brock and Niagara have to offer as once again the University partners with the award-winning Niagara Wine Festival.

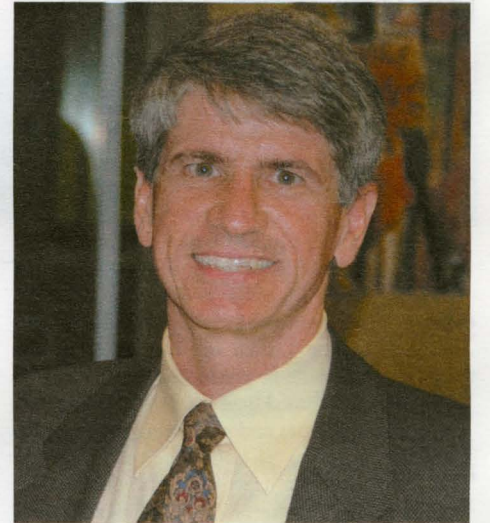
Enjoy a number of exciting events taking place both on and off campus beginning with the Alumni Association's 12th annual golf tournament on Saturday, Sept. 15. On Thursday Sept. 20, Fine Food, Fine Wine, Fine Arts,

held at Rodman Hall Arts Centre, provides an extraordinary taste experience of some of the region's finest cuisine and wines. Our annual Kick-off BBQ and Grape Stomp on Friday, Sept. 21 is always a crowd pleaser. This year, Centre for the Arts presents Classic Albums Live...Bruce Springsteen—Born to Run on Thursday, Sept. 27—alumni can purchase discounted tickets! On Friday, Sept. 28, the festivities will continue with a tribute dinner to Jamie Fleming, Director of Residences, and

the evening will wrap up at Isaac's for the annual Alumni Association Pub Night. On Saturday, Sept. 29, be sure to look for the Brock tent in Montebello Park—it's your place to connect with old friends! We hope you will join us for Brock Days 2007—there's something for everyone!

Details for all the Brock Days events can be found at [www.brocku.ca/brockdays](http://www.brocku.ca/brockdays). Be sure to also check [www.brockpeople.ca](http://www.brockpeople.ca) for updates and details to keep in touch with fellow alumni.

## Celebrating Jamie

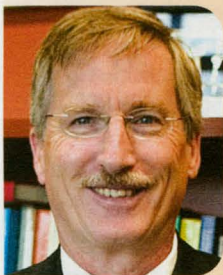


Jamie Fleming

On Friday, Sept. 28, join us as we celebrate Jamie Fleming's 25 years of contributions to Brock University. Tickets are \$40 and available by calling the Centre for the Arts Box Office at 905-688-5550, ext. 3257.

## Research pervasive on Brock's campus

The following story is Part 2 of a four-part series exploring Brock University's vision as determined by President Jack Lightstone. The first part explored graduate studies. Stories to follow will feature community involvement and internationalization initiatives.



Michael Owen

Research at Brock University has come of age. With a firmly established reputation for being student-centred and for its commitment to high-quality and engaged education, the University is achieving its goal to become a research-intensive facility with a greater focus on post-graduate programs.

"Brock has very successfully developed a culture where research and scholarship integrates with teaching and graduate studies," said Michael Owen, Associate Vice-President Research and International Development.

By sharing its knowledge created by our faculty members and graduate students, from research on oenology, viticulture, Minoan society, aging,

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## New Chancellor to be installed in October



Ned Goodman

Ned Goodman, one of the country's most significant investment industry leaders and Canadian business builders, is the new Chancellor of Brock University.

The announcement was made April 12 following Goodman's election by the University Senate, acting on the advice of the select Advisory Committee and with the full support of the Board of Trustees.

Goodman succeeds Dr. Raymond Moriyama who completed his term at Brock on March 31, 2007. Moriyama served as Chancellor since 2001.

Goodman will serve as Chancellor-Elect until his formal installation as Brock University's sixth Chancellor during Fall Convocation ceremonies to be held Oct. 12, 2007. The appointment is for a three-year term.

As Chancellor, Goodman will assume a leadership role in advancing the University, and will play a vital role in the educational welfare of Brock students. The Chancellor confers all degrees and diplomas.

"In welcoming Ned Goodman as Chancellor of Brock University, the institution will be continuing its legacy of growth by inviting an individual with incredible professional achievement and community involvement to help lead it into the future," says Brock University President Jack Lightstone. "Mr. Goodman brings experience, knowledge and an established presence that will assist Brock in providing a student-centred environment that focuses on exceptional teaching, research and scholarly activities."

For more information about Brock's Chancellor-elect, please go to [www.brocku.ca](http://www.brocku.ca), click on "news" and then "archive of media releases."

## Brock releases 2006-07 Annual Report

The University's 2006-07 Annual Report is available and is posted online at [www.brocku.ca/alumni/publications/index.phtml](http://www.brocku.ca/alumni/publications/index.phtml)

To request a copy of the publication, please e-mail [universitycom@brocku.ca](mailto:universitycom@brocku.ca) and include all e-mailing information.

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## *Surgite!* going electronic, needs new name

The Office of Alumni Relations is rolling out an "environmentally friendly" companion to *Surgite!*, its alumni publication.

Beginning in spring 2008, two of four printed issues of *Surgite!* will be replaced with a bimonthly electronic newsletter to provide more timely information to help graduates stay connected.

"It is a sign of the times," said Christine Jones, Director, Alumni Relations. "Many graduates have requested alternative formats when receiving their information about Brock, and as a result, we will be taking advantage of technological advances in communication."

She added that subscribers will receive electronic information on University development and Brock alumni news and events up to six times per year, and twice yearly in the traditional printed format. The e-newsletters will also highlight exclusive benefits and discounts for Brock grads.

The e-newsletter needs a new name and a base of subscribers.

"Our alumni can help ensure the success of this plan in two ways — help us select a new name for the e-newsletter and subscribe with your interest in receiving the electronic publication," said Jones. "We are offering some great prizes for participation."

Details have been posted in a message awaiting every graduate who logs onto Brockpeople.ca

## Attending Brock a family tradition



Alec Yarascavitch: the last of his immediate family to graduate from Brock

Alec Yarascavitch has followed what has become a family tradition—in June, he became the sixth person in his immediate family to graduate from Brock University.

Yarascavitch, who earned his Bachelor of Science in general studies with a concentration in biology and community health science, completed his three-year academic career at Brock with a grade point average of four and was the recipient of the Dean's Medal in the Faculty of Mathematics and Science.

He will continue his studies in the three-year medical program at McMaster University, which granted early admission based on his stellar grades and results from a variety of wide-ranging interviews.

Yarascavitch, the youngest sibling at age 21, joins Eric (BA, poli sci, '98), Carilyne (BSc, biol, '00), Marc (BSc, hlsc, '04) and Blake (BSc, chsc/biol, '05). His mother, Paula Stewart, graduated from St. Catharines Teachers College in 1970 and then went on to teach in Niagara as a special education teacher.

How did he carve out his own identity after so many of his siblings had passed through the University?

"I often was confused with my brothers," he said, "but I never considered that a bad thing, because they're good guys. I was just myself, I guess, and instructors at Brock respected my individuality."

Courses such as pharmacology, endocrinology and human physiology, he said, have laid valuable groundwork for his medical studies. His brother Blake, who has just completed his second year in McMaster's medical program, agrees that the quality of education provided by Brock has been a distinct advantage in medical school.

In addition to his studies, he was also a member of the varsity fencing team, a Brock Student Ambassador, a member of the Community Health Sciences Student Council, a member of the Dean's Council for Community Health Science, and an enthusiast of juggling. At his family's home in St. Davids, an area rich in history, he also planted a 30-by-40 foot vegetable garden and has learned how to preserve the extra produce using old-fashioned techniques and heritage recipes. Part of this interest stems from his United Empire Loyalist roots.

"With generations of my mum's family having lived in St. Davids," he said, "it's fun to think that perhaps my ancestors crossed paths with General Brock himself."

Yarascavitch reported that his convocation was an important family occasion, as it marked the last of his immediate family to complete undergraduate studies. Is this the last that Brock will see of the Yarascavitch family?

"We're all proud to be Brock alumni," said Yarascavitch, "and definitely plan to be of future service to our university."

## Nine ceremonies in largest-ever convocation



Anticipation and excitement at Brock's 2007 Spring Convocation

An estimated 4,000 students received their degrees at this year's Spring Convocation, which took place during nine ceremonies from Tuesday, June 12, to Saturday, June 16.

This year, Brock was proud to award honorary degrees to the following distinguished Canadians:

- **Barbara Vrostko**, Executive Director, Community Living Welland Pelham, for her visionary leadership in service

innovation and human rights education for people with intellectual disabilities;

- **Brian Tobin**, Senior Business Advisor, Fraser Milner Casgrain and former Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, for an outstanding career of public service and meritorious contributions towards improving Canada's innovation performance and competitiveness in the knowledge economy;

- **Bluma Appel**, philanthropist of the arts, for her dedication and distinguished contribution to the Arts in Canada through the development of the cultural sector as a volunteer, board member, fundraiser and philanthropist; and

- **Anthony R. Graham**, President and Director, Wittington Investments Limited, for his outstanding achievements in business and community leadership in the arts in the Niagara region as well as the Province of Ontario.

## Students who exemplify spirit of Sir Isaac Brock honored at Convocation

Leadership, courage, innovation, inspiration and community involvement—these qualities that best represent the spirit of Sir Isaac Brock also determined the inaugural recipients of the new Board of Trustees Spirit of Brock Medal at Spring Convocation.

"The Brock University Board of Trustees created this award in order to pay special recognition to the outstanding achievements and contributions of Brock students graduating at Convocation," says

David S. Howes, Chair, Brock University Board of Trustees.

The medals were presented to one undergraduate student from each Faculty based on the recommendation of the Deans, and one graduate-level student (master's and PhD) from each Faculty on the recommendation of the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies in consultation with the other Deans.

For a complete list of recipients, please see [www.brocku.ca](http://www.brocku.ca) and click on "news."

## In Memoriam

### Bluma Appel

Bluma Appel, a well-known philanthropist, arts patron, and former trustee on Brock's Board of Trustees (1988 to 1984), passed away in July after a brief battle with lung cancer.

She received an honorary Doctor of Law degree from Brock University during the Spring Convocation in June 2007 in recognition for her dedication and distinguished contribution to the arts in Canada through the development of the cultural sector as a volunteer, board member, fundraiser and philanthropist.

In her Convocation address to graduates from the Faculty of Humanities and Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Appel noted: "Enter every door that is open to you. You can always walk out. And it might never open again. I spent my life looking for doors. Some I entered tentatively—others enthusiastically. A locked door particularly intrigued me so I never gave up looking for the key. Behind every door I found some kind of treasure that added up to the mosaic of my life."

In Niagara, where she maintained a home for more than 30 years, Appel supported the Shaw Festival and Niagara Symphony.

She served on more than 40 boards and councils, including the National Gallery of Canada, Canadian Opera Company, Royal Ontario Museum and Canadian Stage Company.

She was made a member of the Order of Canada in 1988 and elevated to officer in 2001.

### June Callwood

In April this year, celebrated social justice advocate and journalist June Callwood passed away. She received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Brock during 2006 Spring Convocation in recognition of her leadership and support for the causes of the disenfranchised, the unheard, and minority youth.

Callwood's print and broadcast journalism career was marked by compassion and a strong concern for social justice, especially on issues affecting children and women, and as a social justice advocate she founded or co-founded more than 50 Canadian social action organizations. These included Digger's House, a safe haven for homeless youth in Toronto's Yorkville area; AIDS Hospice Casey House; Jessie's Centre for teenage mothers and their babies; Nelli's Hostels for Women, serving homeless women; and Feminists Against Censorship.

Callwood received the Order of Canada in 1986. She was promoted to Officer in 1985, and promoted again to Companion in 2000. In 1988, she was awarded the Order of Ontario.

## CCOVI produces first PhD graduate

Gary Pigeau received his PhD in Biotechnology, passing with distinction, at Brock's 2007 Spring Convocation. He is the first PhD graduate specializing in oenological research at CCOVI and the third PhD from Brock's Biotechnology program.

A native of Webbwood, Ont., Pigeau worked to understand fundamental reasons why icewine production is often problematic and what the implications would be for the Canadian wine industry.

This project ensures Canadian icewines meet the stringent standards of the Vintner Quality Alliance.



# Lightstone gears up for another year



Jack Lightstone

A synchronized meshing of gears will move Brock University and the Niagara region forward in the next year, says Jack Lightstone, Brock President and Vice-Chancellor.

Reflecting on his first year in office—he was named to the position on Nov. 16, 2005, and was officially appointed on July 1, 2006—Lightstone said a significant challenge facing the University is the development of strategies in which

Brock's partners work in concert to reach shared objectives.

"I'm struck by the extent to which Brock, the Region of Niagara and Niagara College have to be understood as key to the cultural, social and economic well-being of the region," said Lightstone. "The gears have to mesh. Part of the gears belong to Brock, part to the community and part to Niagara College."

To create this 'transmission', said Lightstone, meetings have been taking place, and will continue indefinitely, with Terry Boak, Vice-President, Academic; Kim Meade, Associate Vice-President, Student Services; and their counterparts at Niagara College.

Their task, said Lightstone, is to find new ways to collaborate.

"The level of Brock's engagement in the community is now more fully understood by ourselves and our partners, and over the next year we'll see the mechanisms develop to move us forward," he said.

Looking into the future, Lightstone said a critical challenge is to address Brock's space deficit.

"We need better and more academic space, and we know this will not happen overnight," he said. "A great deal has been accomplished, though, to lay the groundwork to address the problem."

Brock, he explained, is lobbying the

provincial government "with persistence and rigour, and we are making headway."

Fundraising will be another part of the financial solution. David Petis, newly appointed Vice-President, Advancement, will play a major role in this arena, he said.

Brock's budget exercises, Lightstone continued, will be tough again this year.

"By not allowing the University to slip into debt on the operational side, Brock will be in much better shape to use future government funding to develop instead of using it to pay off debt."

Lightstone concluded that the strength of Brock lies in its people—faculty, staff and students.

## Brock receives more than \$140,000 in funds for health research

Two projects by Brock University researchers in the Department of Community Health Sciences were awarded more than \$140,000 from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) in May. The two projects were included in an announcement of 589 health research grants worth \$217 million for a wide range of projects across Canada.

"These awards advance Brock's capacity

to support the development of new techniques to improve the health of people around the globe and in the Niagara region," said Michael Owen, Associate Vice-President, Research and International Development. "They also provide exciting opportunities for Brock researchers and students to engage in research that will have major impact on our understanding of the health issues of migrant workers and single parent families."

## More than \$2 million in NSERC grants awarded in funds for health research

Researchers at Brock University were awarded more than \$2 million in grants in May for 24 projects ranging in topic from aging, memory and attentional control to the algebraic structures of group rings.

The latest grants will fund research projects in the fields of biological sciences, chemistry, community health sciences, computer science, mathematics, physics, psychology, and marketing, international business and strategy.

Examples of NSERC-funded projects at Brock include:

- Professor Michael Bidochka (BSc,

biol,'81), Department of Biological Sciences, has been awarded a research grant to study natural pathogens of insects that can be used for biocontrol.

- Professor Martin Head, Department of Earth Sciences, received a research equipment grant to purchase a vitrinite reflectance and fluorescence microscope workstation in association with co-applicant Professor Andrew Miall from the University of Toronto. This is the only equipment of its kind in central Canada.

## SSHRC awards more than \$1,260,000 to Brock in funds for health research

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) recently awarded funding totalling \$1,260,974 to support 15 research projects at Brock in areas ranging from poetry and psychology to physical education and political science.

Among the Brock researchers receiving funding are:

- Professor Philip Sullivan, Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology,

will investigate the impact of adult coaching in youth sport.

- Professor Garth Stevenson, Department of Political Science, will explore the ways cultural diversity has been experienced on both sides of the border.
- Professor Angus Smith, Department of Classics, will travel to Greece to excavate an endangered Mycenaean cemetery.

## Grant helps to fight infectious diseases in Honduras



Master's student Angela Duarte and Professor Ana Sanchez

The Global Health Research Initiative (GHRI) awarded a grant valued at \$1.5 million in March to Brock Professor Ana Sanchez from the Department of Community Health Sciences to help combat infectious diseases within Honduras.

Sanchez and her co-investigator Lourdes de Madrid of the Department of Microbiology, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Honduras (UNAH) were awarded one of 13 Teasdale-Corti Team Grants, which were selected following a stringent peer-review process among more than 250 proposals submitted in 2006 to the GHRI from across the globe.

The title of Sanchez's four-year program of research and capacity strengthening is "Increasing Capacity to Achieve Millennium Development Goal #6 in Honduras: Combating Infectious

Diseases." The Millennium Development Goals are eight objectives that 191 United Nations member states have agreed to try to achieve by the year 2015.

"Honduras has one of the highest Central American rates for AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria and it is also affected by ancient infectious diseases including zoonoses that not only affect people's health but also their livelihood," says Sanchez. "Furthermore, the potential for emerging problems such as avian influenza, bioterrorism, and bovine spongiform encephalopathy, as a result of globalization, cannot be overlooked." determinants of health, health behaviour change and community participation.

For more information about the grant, please go to [www.brocku.ca](http://www.brocku.ca), click on "news" and then "archives of media releases".

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memory and attentional control, or algebraic structures of group rings, the University is positioning itself to make significant positive social, cultural and economic contributions to communities and to the lives of citizens in Niagara, Ontario and internationally.

"Brock's broad spectrum of research initiatives is recognized and funded by Canadian and international research agencies. This research funding, and the physical infrastructure it has allowed us to build, attract some of the world's best researchers," said Owen.

As one example of Brock's acquisition

of funding for innovative research, a grant-supported project by the University's highly respected Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute will focus on consumer behaviour and preference, gaining an understanding of sensory and non-sensory factors affecting Canadian consumer perception of wine quality. Funding from the Canadian Foundation for Innovation and the Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation will establish a consumer behavioural laboratory to conduct qualitative and quantitative measurements of consumer liking, purchase intent and consumption in simulated contexts.

The investment provides state-of-the-art infrastructure for world-class research in areas of importance to Niagara, Ontario and Canada and enhances the competitiveness of the grape and wine industry.

Brock's research also has global impacts. Honduras and Mexico, for example, benefit from collaborative research efforts in tackling aids, tuberculosis, malaria and ancient infectious diseases.

Today's society requires a much higher proportion of its citizenry than ever before to have a university-level education, with an increasing need for post-graduate level degrees, including

many PhDs in a broad spectrum of areas.

The University's faculty members have knowledge, enthusiasm and specialized research equipment to guide students into the post-graduate arena. Because Brock is a community of scholars, graduate students work alongside faculty on many projects as co-creators, innovators and change agents.

"Graduate students are our apprentices," says Marilyn Rose, Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies. "They participate fully in the production and generation of knowledge that characterizes Brock as a flourishing research institution."





# Brock Days



## 2007 Calendar of Events

### Saturday, Sept. 15

#### BUAA Golf Tournament 1 p.m. shotgun start, Lochness Links at Hunters Pointe

The Alumni Golf Tournament is an ideal venue to reunite with your former classmates and friends from your Brock days no matter what your level of play. Registration includes 18 holes of golf, cart, dinner, prizes and a chance to win \$10,000 in the hole-in-one contest. Tickets are \$100 per golfer (\$400 per foursome) and are available by calling the Brock University Alumni Association at 905-688-5550, ext. 4502.

### Thursday, Sept. 20

#### Fine Food, Fine Wine, Fine Arts 7 p.m., Rodman Hall

An experience for both foodies and oenophiles, we pair extensive offerings of taster portions from the Niagara region's finest chefs with complimentary selections of wines from the area. Be part of this extraordinary taste experience. Tickets are \$85 per person and can be purchased by calling the Centre for the Arts Box Office at 905-688-5550, ext. 3257.

### Friday, Sept. 21

#### Brock Days Kick-off BBQ and Grape Stomp

Jubilee Court, Brock University, 12 noon Celebrate with staff, students and faculty as we kick off Brock Days with a BBQ and a musical performance. The concert is free and lunch is available for a minimal cost! Join us as we celebrate Brock Days, and don't forget to grab some friends and take part in our Grape Stomp extravaganza! Lunch tickets are \$3 and are available by calling the Centre for the Arts Box Office at 905-688-5550, ext. 3257.

### Monday, Sept. 24

#### Lunch & Learn CCOVI Wine Series IH104, Cellar Tasting Room, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Ticket prices and/or registration information: \$10 per person available through CCOVI — IH206. First come, first served — limit of 16 registrants.

#### Music at Noon Concert Series Brock Campus

### Tuesday, Sept. 25

#### Lunch & Learn CCOVI Wine Series IH104, Cellar Tasting Room, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Ticket prices and/or registration information: \$10 per person available through CCOVI — IH206. First come, first served — limit of 16 registrants.

#### Music at Noon Concert Series Brock Campus

**AGM and Rededication Ceremony**  
Plaza Building, Brock Campus, 6:30 p.m.  
Join the Alumni Association for their Annual General Meeting and the rededication

ceremony of the Alumni Student Centre donor wall. Hear what the Alumni Association has in store for the coming year and try the new Brock University Alumni Association private label wine — all in the beautiful setting of Brock's newest building, the Plaza Building. This is a free event.

### Wednesday, Sept. 26

#### Music at Noon Concert Series Brock Campus

Brock University Centre for the Arts and the Niagara Wine Festival present ...  
**Jim Witter: The Piano Men II**  
Montebello Park, Downtown St. Catharines, evening performance

### Thursday, Sept. 27

#### Lunch & Learn CCOVI Wine Series IH104, Cellar Tasting Room, 12noon to 1:30 p.m.

Ticket prices and/or registration information: \$10 per person available through CCOVI — IH206. First come, first served — limit of 16 registrants.  
**Music at Noon Concert Series**  
Brock Campus

Centre for the Arts presents...  
**Note for Note. Cut for Cut. Classic Albums Live...Bruce Springsteen**  
Centre for the Arts, Brock University  
Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, 7:30 p.m.  
A live note-for-note recital of the breakthrough album from "The Boss"

followed by a showcase of his hits. Tickets prices are \$40 for alumni and \$44 for non-alumni and are available by calling the Centre for the Arts Box Office at 905-688-5550, ext. 3257. Tickets will be available to alumni for early ordering from Monday, Aug., 20, until Saturday, Sept. 1. Tickets will then go on sale to the general public Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 11 a.m.

### Friday, Sept. 28

#### Brock University Students' Union Celebrates Brock Days

**Isaac's, Brock Campus, 12 noon**  
The Brock University Students' Union will celebrate Brock Days in style with a musical performance.

**2007 Steel Blade Hockey Tournament**  
Seymour-Hannah Centre in St. Catharines, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. start  
The tournament will showcase some of the country's best hockey in Brock's newest venue. Ticket prices: Alumni \$5, Alumni children \$2.

**Tribute! A Brock Days Tradition**  
Pond Inlet, Brock Campus, 6 p.m.  
Jamie Fleming has been Director of Residences at Brock University for 25 years. Be a part of this fun evening, as we recognize Jamie's contributions to Brock — in seriousness and in jest. Tickets are \$40 each and available by calling the Centre for the Arts Box Office at 905-688-5550, ext. 3257.

#### Alumni Association Pub Night

**Isaac's, Brock Campus**  
Celebrate Brock Days in style at the annual alumni pub night. Join Brock students as they celebrate and enjoy special VIP treatment for alumni in the Skybar Lounge. Festivities begin at 9 p.m. Tickets are free if ordered in advance through the Centre for the Arts Box Office at 905-688-5550, ext. 3257, or \$6 at the door. Visit [www.brocku.ca/brockdays](http://www.brocku.ca/brockdays) for further details.

### Saturday, Sept. 29

#### Grape and Wine Parade

**Downtown St. Catharines, 11a.m.**  
Brock student, staff, faculty and graduates are invited to join us along the route. For more information, contact Community Connections at 905 688-5550, ext. 4000 or [community@brocku.ca](mailto:community@brocku.ca)

**Brock Days at Montebello Park**  
Visit Brock's tent at the Park, 12 noon to 4 p.m. Come and reconnect with fellow graduates at Montebello Park. There are lots of activities, giveaways and reunions planned for the afternoon. Feel nostalgic? Take a tour of the outdoor Brock Bookstore for your favourite Brock paraphernalia. For more information about any of the reunions, see [www.brockpeople.ca](http://www.brockpeople.ca) or contact Lynne Irion at: [lynirion@brocku.ca](mailto:lynirion@brocku.ca)

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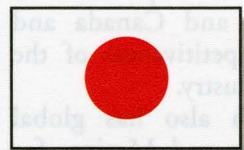
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## Brock partners with Japanese universities

In a demonstration of its strong commitment to international collaboration, Brock University signed an agreement of co-operation with two universities in Tokyo, Japan, in early June.

Kim Meade, Associate Vice-President, Student Services, and Glen Irons, Director, International Market Development, represented Brock on the overseas mission.

"Exciting opportunities for faculty, students and administrators present themselves with these agreements," said Meade. "They will provide a basis for promoting international and intercultural



understanding and will enrich the educational environments of all parties."

Brock and the two Japanese institutions — J. F. Oberlin University and Hosei University — agreed to pursue and promote the following initiatives:

- Exchange of faculty and staff for teaching, research and professional development
- Student exchange for academic programs, language and cultural experience

- Exchange visits of administrators
  - Exchange of teaching and research resources
  - Long-term English as a Second Language (ESL) students will receive academic credit at the home institution for each semester they study full-time ESL at Brock
  - Further avenues of co-operation, such as short-term group exchanges, student internships and other related initiatives, as agreed upon by both parties
- Irons said the intake of students from Oberlin University for long-term ESL

programs will begin in Fall 2007, and the second intake arrives in May 2008. September and May will be the intake months in subsequent years.

The first intake of Hosei students, said Irons, will be in September 2008, with May and September intakes of about 20 to 30 students thereafter.

Brock already has an agreement with Hokkai-Gakuen Education Consortium in Sapporo, Japan. Groups of high school and university students have been arriving in March and September for the past seven years.



# DiBattista honoured with national teaching award



David DeBattista

Professor David DiBattista, known for inspiring students and his dedication to quality scholarship, was named a recipient of one of Canada's most prestigious national teaching awards.

DiBattista, Department of Psychology, is a recipient of the 2007 3M Teaching Fellowship from 3M Canada and the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE).

The 3M Teaching Fellowship is the only national teaching award for post-secondary education in Canada. It is given to individuals who not only excel in the teaching of their own courses but also demonstrate an exceptionally high degree of leadership and commitment to the improvement of university teaching across

disciplines. A maximum of 10 awards are presented nationally each year among the 35,000 professional academics across Canada who are eligible.

"David is an outstanding classroom teacher and has dedicated himself to the further development of both his own and the institution's scholarship of teaching," said Jack Lightstone, President and Vice-Chancellor of Brock.

As a past recipient of Brock University's Chancellor's Chair for Teaching Excellence, he has embarked on a program of scholarship that examines assessment issues such as the way in which multiple choice test questions can encourage critical thinking and the impact of the Immediate Feedback Assessment Technique.

## Book receives national award

Garth Stevenson, a professor of Political Science, was awarded the 12th annual Donald Smiley prize for his book, *Parallel Paths: The Development of Nationalism in Ireland and Quebec*.

Every year, the Canadian Political Science Association awards the Smiley Prize for the best book published on Canadian government and politics. Stevenson is the first Brock faculty member to win the award.

"This prize is a significant accolade for me and for the Department of Political Science at Brock," says Stevenson.

His book compares the results of independence movements in the two societies.

## Brock professor receives prestigious teaching award

Brock University Professor Zopito Marini, Child and Youth Studies, was one of six recipients of the Ontario-wide 2006 Teaching Award from the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA).

The professor, highly regarded for his research into and understanding of bullying, received the award for outstanding achievement in teaching at a Toronto ceremony in June.

Marini was praised by students and colleagues as a dedicated and enthusiastic professor who cares deeply about his students and courses.

"I am delighted to receive this award



Zopito Marini

from OCUFA," said Marini. "I want to express my deepest thanks to my students and to so many colleagues here at Brock and in the community for their passionate support. This award is not only a celebration but also a reminder as to why teaching our next generation is so important."

Marini was the recipient of the 2006 Brock University Award for Distinguished Teaching.

## Six professors recognized as outstanding teachers

Brock recognized six outstanding teachers with its 2007 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching. The recipients are Professor Gail Frost, Physical Education and Kinesiology; Professor of Applied Health Sciences; Professor Carman Cullen, Marketing, International Business and Strategy, Faculty of Business; Professor Joe

Engemann (BEd, '76), Graduate and Undergraduate Studies, Faculty of Education; Professor Andrew McDonald, History, Faculty of Humanities; Professor Doug Bruce, Biology, Mathematics and Science; and Professor Dorothy Griffiths (BA, psc, '73), Child and Youth Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences.

# You've Got Mail



Kim Yielding  
(BA, csmc, '03)



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## Scholarship established in appreciation of professor's dedication



Professor Mohammed Dore and Roelof Makken

A Brock University graduate has shown his gratitude to one of his former professors with the establishment of a scholarship named after him.

Roelof Makken (BA, economics/BAdmin, '85), principal of his own firm Tern Analytics Inc. and a member of Brock's Board of Trustees, has established the Mohammed Dore Graduate Scholarship, named for Professor Mohammed Dore, Economics.

"I was surprised and almost shocked when I was informed of the scholarship at a special lunch with Dr. (Terry) Boak (Vice-President, Academic)," said Dore. "But as my Dean (David Siegel, Faculty of Social Sciences) says, it provides a capstone to my long teaching career. It is good to know that my teaching made such a difference to one bright student, who has decided to thank me in this special way. The scholarship is in perpetuity and so it will be there for students long after I am gone."

The first scholarship will be presented in 2008 to a graduate student who is actively involved in research and other activities in the fields of economics or business. If there are multiple candidates, preference will be given to a bilingual student.

Dore encouraged Makken to attend graduate school after he earned his undergraduate degrees instead of leaving academia to enter the workforce. Dore even picked out the graduate school—the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium.

"My education at Brock had me well prepared for Leuven," said Makken. "Since graduating from university, I have had a fantastic professional life. I realized if it hadn't been for Professor Dore, all this might not have happened."

The endowment to fund the scholarship is \$50,000. Makken contributed \$25,000, an amount that was matched by the Ontario government.



## 1973

**Stewart Brown** (BA, poli) is the new coordinator of leadership training and newcomer integration in a multi cultural church at Edmonton, Alta. After receiving a Doctor of Ministry degree at Bethel University in Minnesota, Stewart founded One Heart Ministries. This ministry focuses on transforming relationships in family, work and worship contexts. Stewart conducts seminars including one called "Attracted By Joy: Empowered By Encouragement". Details can be seen on his website at [www.oneheartministries.ca](http://www.oneheartministries.ca)

## 1986

**Jane (Parnall) Richardson** (BAdmin) was promoted to manager with the partners of Durward Jones Barkwell & Company LLP Chartered Accountants. She is a member of the Girl Guides of Canada and participates in various charity events. Jane is also a member of the St. Catharines office Agri-Business team that specializes in agricultural and winery clients.

## 1993

**Denise (Frigault) Elliott** (BA, poli) has joined the partnership of Martin Sheppard Fraser LLP. She is also actively involved in the community and is a member of the Niagara Estate Planners Council, the Niagara Falls Rotary Club—Sunrise, and the Niagara Business Club.

## 1995

On Nov. 26, 2006, former Brock Student Ambassadors gathered together for Christmas reunion at the Sheraton Four Points in St. Catharines. **Andrea McGee** (BRLS), **Kate (De Decker) Smith** (BA, geog/uest), **April Moon** (BA, labr/soci), **Candy Tonellato** (BA, econ/admi, '92; MEd, '00), and **Meaghan Fuller** (BA, soci, '96).

## 1996

**Lisa (Booth) Hall** (BA/BEd.) and husband Greg have two sons, Maxwell and Samuel, and a daughter Ella.

## 1998

**Michael Skiba** (BBA) has joined the law firm of Martin Sheppard Fraser LLP. He will be practising primarily in the area of real estate.

## 2002

**Tom Sawchuk** (BAcc) was promoted to manager with the partners of Durward Jones Barkwell & Company LLP Chartered Accountants. He serves as a treasurer for the Niagara West Tourism Association and Twenty Valley Golf and Country Club. He is a member of the finance committee for the Jordan Historical Museum of the Twenty Volunteer Association.

## 2004

**Tim Miron** (BAcc) was promoted to manager with the partners of Durward Jones Barkwell & Company LLP Chartered Accountants. He participates in various community events including the Burlington Sound of Music Festival's finance committee and the United Way of Burlington and Greater Hamilton's GenNext committee as a cabinet member.

**Jeff Neill** (BAcc) was promoted to manager with the partners of Durward Jones Barkwell & Company LLP Chartered Accountants. He is an active member of his community and participates in various charity events.

## Births

**Allaudin Abdulla** (BPhEd, '94), twins, Braden Thomas and Madison Lee, July 30, 2006.

**Melissa Archdekin-Bonney** (BPhEd, '03), a son, Andrew, Sept. 11, 2006.

**Nives (Bakker) Bakker** (BEd, '96), a daughter, Thea, Feb. 17, 2006.

**Kelly (DeSilva) Benevides** (BA, ling, '04), a son, Pharaoh Caton, Oct. 30, 2006.

**Brent Calder** (BRLS, '00) and **Robin (Fleming) Calder** (BRLS, '00), a daughter, Mackenzie, Aug. 8, 2006.

**Anthony Catallo** (BBA, '99) and **Meredith (McCosham) Catallo** (BPhEd, '98), a son, Ethan Michael, Dec. 7, 2006.

**Amy-Leigh (Campbell) Clayton** (BA, chsc, '01), a son, Alexander, April 18, 2006.

**Peter Corbett** (BEd, '92), a daughter, Mia Catharine, Oct. 27, 2006.

**Emily Crocco** (BA, hist/poli, '98), a daughter, Alexa Regan, April 30, 2007.

**Franco Di Folco** (BSc, ench, '99), a daughter, Mia Alessandra, May 28, 2006.

**Miranda (Demoel) Giles** (BSM, '00), a son, Ethan Christopher, Aug. 31, 2006.

**Marco Guglielmi** (BBE, '95) and **Jennifer (Moscato) Guglielmi** (BRLS, '03), a son, Simon Michael, May 8, 2006.

**Karen (Gasiorek) Herchmer** (BA, chld/psyc, '96), a daughter, Madison, July 28, 2006.

**Lori (Dickens) King** (BA, psyc, '94), a son, Andrew Joseph, Jan. 19, 2007.

**Jennifer (Campbell) Mayhew** (BA, cssp, '99), twin boys, Blake and Logan, April 10, 2006.

**Shaun McLaren** (BSc, cosc, '02), a daughter, Kathryn Jane, Jan. 4, 2007.

**Gerard Muir** (BA, csmc, '99), a daughter, Ainsley Mary, Jan. 1, 2006.

**Jana Parker** (BA, chys, '99), a son, Shay Joseph, May 14, 2006.

**Hillary Randall-Jarrell** (BA, Engl, '99), a daughter, Marin, Feb. 25, 2006.

**Kelly (Renton) Sadowsky** (BA/BEd, '98) and **Kyle Sadowsky** (BBA, '99; BSM, '01), a son, Michael William, June 3, 2005.

**Heather (Mitchell) Smith** (BA, soci, '99; BEd, '02), a son, Grayson Michael, Oct. 31, 2006.

**Lisa (Stennett) Stonehouse** (BSM, '03), a girl, Abby, March 30, 2006.

**Brad Stoll** (BA, visa, '01), a son, Benjamin Bradley Alexander, Dec. 18, 2006.

**Peter Verbeek** (BAcc, '97), a daughter, Madison Dawn, Feb. 8, 2007.

**Robert Warren** (BSc, ersc, '99; OEVC, '02), a son, Carter Colquhoun, Sept. 7, 2006.

**Jeremy Yates** (BPhEd, '00) and **Laura (Parkinson) Yates** (BPhEd, '02; BEd, '03), a daughter, Jacquelyn Taylor, Feb. 26, 2006.

## Marriages

**Chris Becker** (BA, popa, '04) and Janet Vale, Aug. 26, 2006.

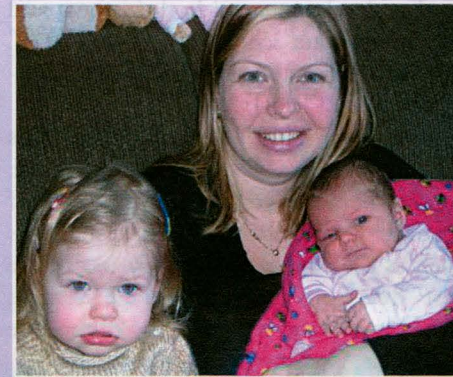
**April Nelson** (BSc, geop, '92) and **Philip Wachel** (BA, chld, '96), July 10, 2004.

**Sandy Porto** (BA, csmc, '00) and James Gignac, July 30, 2005.

**Pauline Reimer** (BA, apli, '94) and **Scott (Bubba) Gibson**, Dec. 30, 2005.

**Krista Spitzig** (BPhEd, '00) and **Peter Goulos** (BBA, '98), July 22, 2006.

**Xiaolei Sun** (MAcc, '03) and Xu Meiyong, Feb. 1, 2006.



Sarah (Schmidt) Farwell (BRLS, '00) with daughters Teaghan and Norah Anne, born Feb. 8, 2007.



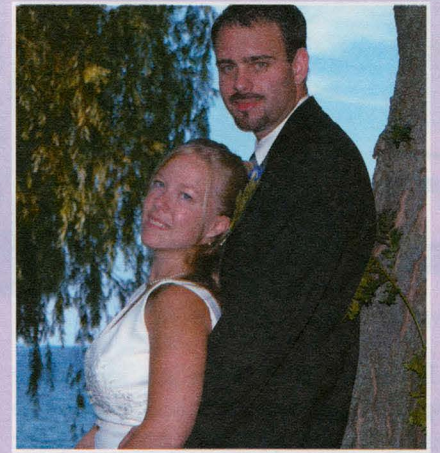
Joya (Bennici) Marino (BRLS, '00) and Nico Marino (BSc, biol, '97) with daughter, Ella Victoria, born May 18, 2006.

## In Memoriam

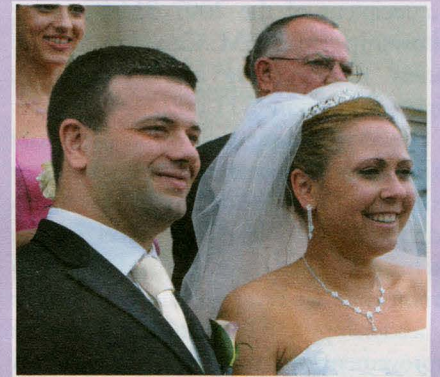
**Christopher Bennett** (BSc, geop, '98), Feb. 22, 2007.

**David Hogenkamp** (BSc, bchm, '98), Jan. 28, 2007.

**Joseph Rybiak** (BSc, biol/geog, '94), Feb. 15, 2007.



Vicki Moles (BA, clst/Engl, '04) and Jesse Harding (BA, clst, '04), married Aug. 5, 2006.



Krista Spitzig (BPhEd, '00) and Peter Goulos (BBA, '98), married July 22, 2006.



Deborah Bennet (BSc/BEd, '96) and Brent Hughes (BPhEd, '01), married Aug. 20, 2005.

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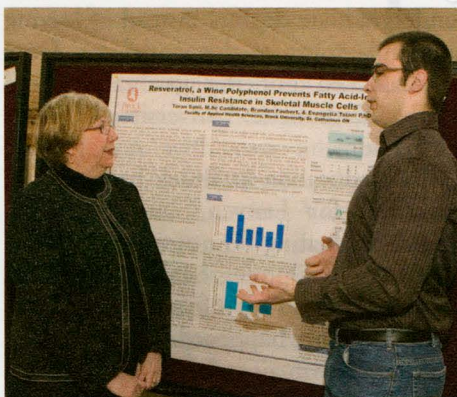
## AlumNews photos

Brock graduates are invited to submit photos for publication in the AlumNews section of *Surgite!*

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## New and grand commitment' to graduate studies



Marilyn Rose, Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies, and master's student Toran Sanli at the Mapping the New Knowledges Conference

With the creation of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Brock University sends a strong signal about its "new and grand commitment to graduate studies and research," says Professor Miriam Richards (BSc, biol, '83), Chair, Senate Graduate Studies Committee.

The University Senate unanimously endorsed the creation of Brock's seventh Faculty on March 21. Graduate Studies joins the Faculties of Applied Health Sciences, Business, Education, Humanities, Mathematics and Science, and Social Sciences.

"I think this represents a major philosophical change, because in the past, graduate studies and to some extent research, have been 'add-on' to the primary enterprise of the University, which was undergraduate education," says Richards.

"The creation of Brock's Faculty of Graduate Studies is a wonderful step forward for the University," says Marilyn Rose, Dean, Faculty of Graduate

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Studies. "The new Faculty will bring graduate faculty and graduate students together across the disciplines and will definitely enhance the profile of research and graduate studies at Brock University."

Brock offers 38 graduate programs, including six PhD programs. The newest of the 38 programs will begin in September. From 2000-06, there was a more than 300 per cent increase in graduate programs.



# Alumni Association news and events [www.brockalumni.ca](http://www.brockalumni.ca)



## New and improved online store!

The Brock University Alumni Association is proud to announce a new line of products available for purchase online at [www.brockalumni.ca](http://www.brockalumni.ca). Our new and improved online store features hand-picked apparel embroidered with the BUAA logo. A wide variety of items have been chosen and are offered at cost. Our online store can ship anywhere in the world.

## Introducing Brock Alumni Association private label wine

In honour of our 30th year of incorporation, the Brock University Alumni Association is proud to introduce an exclusive private label wine. The two VQA wines have been carefully

selected from Creekside Estates Winery and were made by Brock graduate Rob Power (BSc, '00). The 30th anniversary wines are now available for purchase exclusively online through [www.brockalumni.ca](http://www.brockalumni.ca)

## Brock Days 2007 – Upcoming Events!

### Alumni Pub Night – Friday, Sept. 28

Celebrate Brock Days in style at the annual alumni pub night. Join Brock students as they celebrate and enjoy special VIP treatment for alumni in the Skybar Lounge. Festivities begin at 9p.m. Tickets are free if ordered in advance through the Centre for the Arts Box Office at 905-688-5550, ext. 3257. \$6 at the door visit [www.brocku.ca/brockdays](http://www.brocku.ca/brockdays) for further details.

### Annual General Meeting – Tuesday, Sept. 25

Join the Brock University Alumni Association Board of Directors as we celebrate the past year's successes and look

forward to the year ahead. Welcome new directors to the board and most importantly, thank all of our volunteers from the past year.

The event is free of charge. However, RSVPs are requested to help with catering arrangements. To RSVP, contact the Alumni Association at the information below.

## Call for Directors

The Alumni Association is now accepting nominations for members of the board of directors. Directors sit for three-year terms and are directly involved in all BUAA initiatives.

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# Graduates asked to donate archival material

By David Sharron, Head of Special Collections and Archives

Brock University is only seven years away from turning 50, and as 2014 approaches, there is going to be a heightened interest in the history of the University. One place that will see a lot of action is the University Archives.

The Archives are located on the 10th floor of the James A. Gibson Library. It is a secure and environmentally controlled department dedicated to preserving the documented heritage of this institution. The Archives represent the collective memory of Brock. University Archives is looking to graduates for help. We are interested in collecting records that chronicle your experiences as a Brock

student. Did you keep a diary or journal during your studies? If you ran for office in the student government, did you write speeches? Have you kept letters sent to you from friends and family? Are there photos or film that document your time at Brock? These materials can come in any format.



Collecting records about the lives of students outside of the classroom would add a meaningful dimension to our history.

If you are interested in donating to the Archives or have

any questions or concerns, please contact David Sharron at 905-688-5550, ext. 3264 or at [dsharron@brocku.ca](mailto:dsharron@brocku.ca)

# Athletics Hall of Fame

In early June, Brock University Athletics officially inducted two builders, three athletes and three teams spanning four decades into the Brock Badgers Hall of Fame at the 2007 Induction Ceremony.

The 2007 inductees included builders Mike Pelino and Al Pedler, women's basketball player Wendie (Nutt) Praakel (BPhEd, '96), men's wrestler Aaron Pomeroy (BA, psyc, '96) and men's track/basketball athlete Terry Rigg (BA, geog, '81, BEd, '87). The three championship teams honoured were Men's Rowing (1967-68), Men's Curling (1971-72) and Women's Fencing (1984-85).

For the full story, please see [www.brocku.ca/athletics/](http://www.brocku.ca/athletics/) and click on "news releases".

## '70s grads plan to party again

Last year's '70s graduates had so much fun at their reunion that they have decided to make this an annual tradition.

If you graduated in the '70s, you should plan to be at Alphonse's Trough on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 2 p.m. to reconnect with old friends, reminisce, chat, laugh, and have a good time at an informal get-together.

If you wish to contact old friends or faculty members with whom you've lost touch, please contact Lynne Irion in the Office of Alumni Relations at [lynirion@brocku.ca](mailto:lynirion@brocku.ca) or by calling 905-688-5550, ext. 3251. For more information on the reunion or to RSVP, please contact Greg Grainger (BA, dram, '76) at [grainger@vex.net](mailto:grainger@vex.net) or David Cotterell (BA, geog, '75; BEd, '76) at [david.cotterell@tel.tdsb.on.ca](mailto:david.cotterell@tel.tdsb.on.ca)

## A view from the 13th floor

On Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007, at 4 p.m., graduates from the Class of '77 are invited to join host Bill Rickers (BA, '77) for a reception in the Alumni Lounge on the 13th floor of the Schmon Tower to celebrate their 30th anniversary.

Rickers is a member of the Brock University Board of Trustees and Chair of the Financial Planning, Audit and Human Resources Committee.

Join Rickers, take in the beautiful view from the 'top of the tower', see the changes that have taken place over the past 30 years and take a tour of the 13th floor. Graduates will enjoy food prepared by one of Brock's prized chefs and wine presented by a graduate from Brock's prestigious CCOVI program.

Tickets are \$10 per person. To reserve tickets, please contact Lynne Irion by Sept. 13, at [lynirion@brocku.ca](mailto:lynirion@brocku.ca) or by calling 905-688-5550, ext. 3251.

## Computer Science 2<sup>5</sup> reunion

Come and celebrate 10000<sub>2</sub> years of Computer Science at Brock during Brock Days. Meet and mingle with your old professors and classmates.

A reception, the location undetermined at press time, will be held Saturday, Sept. 29, 2 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. For additional details, check the Computer Science website at [www.cosc.brocku.ca/events/reunion](http://www.cosc.brocku.ca/events/reunion) or contact Gord Dunkley (BA, geog, '72), Student Support Co-ordinator, at [Gord.Dunkley@brocku.ca](mailto:Gord.Dunkley@brocku.ca) or at 905 688-5550, ext. 3157.

# Congratulations Class of 2007

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Todd Erskine (BA, hlst, '99)



## \$6.6 million from province will aid infrastructure upgrades

A recently announced multi-million-dollar investment in Brock University from the provincial government will support quality improvements at the University.

On April 10, Chris Bentley, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, and St. Catharines MPP Jim Bradley, were on campus to announce that Brock would receive \$6.6 million in one-time year-end provincial funding.

Brock President Jack Lightstone expressed his thanks to Bentley and Bradley for their commitment to post-secondary education at Brock.



Brock President Jack Lightstone, St. Catharines MPP Jim Bradley, Minister Chris Bentley

"It goes without saying that we are pleased and grateful to receive these additional funds to support our core infrastructure as we strive to develop

further along our chosen path," said Lightstone. "We are grateful to the Ontario government for their investment these last several years in Ontario's colleges and universities. It is among the wisest investments any government can make in the future welfare and development of the population it serves."

The funding to Brock will be put towards infrastructure needs such as the replacement of 40-year-old fire alarm system for Schmon Tower and Thistle corridor as well as classroom modernization projects, including upgrading audio-visual equipment.

## New VP, Advancement named

An established authority in campaign development has been named Brock University's new Vice-President, Advancement.



David Petis

The announcement was made in late June at the Board of Trustees annual general meeting.

David M. Petis will take over the newly created position early in August. As Vice-President, Advancement, he will oversee an integrated program of communications, services to alumni and friends of the University, and development and donor relations.

"Brock has developed very rapidly on many fronts in teaching, research, and

community engagement," says Jack Lightstone, President and Vice-Chancellor of Brock. "Consequently, our needs for more material support for our activities and for our students are significant. David Petis brings his considerable experience to Brock to help us meet these challenges."

Petis brings with him 16 years of development, institutional advancement, external relations and fundraising experience. He has held increasingly senior positions at the University of Western Ontario, York University, the University of British Columbia, and the University of Alberta where he has been the Assistant Dean of Engineering (External Relations) for the past seven years.

For more details, please see [www.brocku.ca](http://www.brocku.ca) and click on "news".

## Faculty of Business receives CMA accreditation

The Certified Management Accountants of Ontario (CMA) has accredited the Bachelor of Accounting program at Brock University and has announced a combined program with Brock's MBA.

Students in the Bachelor of Accounting program who complete their degree and successfully pass the CMA Ontario course requirements offered by the Faculty are eligible to be exempt from the CMA Entrance Exam. Only nine universities hold CMA accreditation status.

The CMA has also announced that Brock's MBA program is now a CMA combined program. This is the 10th combined Masters/MBA program offered by CMA Ontario with leading universities in the province.

## Student achievements

### Women wrestlers win gold

At the 2007 Canada Cup in June, Brock University graduate Tonya Verbeek (BRLS, '02, BEd, '03; MEd, '06) (Beamsville, Ont., 55 kg) and Megan Schwietzer (Dolan) (Caistor Centre, Ont., 63 kg) captured gold in their respective weight class.

Also in June, four Brock University wrestlers captured gold at the 2007 Commonwealth Wrestling Championships. They were Alex Brown (Ottawa, Ont., 84 kg) Liz Martindale (BKin, '07) (Jordan, Ont., 51 kg) Michelle Fazzari (Caledonia, Ont., 59kg) and former Brock standout Megan Schwietzer (Dolan).

### Gold at Cuvée Wine Awards

Graduates of the Oenology and Viticulture Program at Brock University, along with their teams, brought home seven gold awards at this year's Cuvée Wine Awards held in the spring.

For details on the winners and the winemakers, please go to [www.brocku.ca/ccovi/](http://www.brocku.ca/ccovi/) and click on "media release archives."

### BGS inductees

Brock University inducted 76 students and recent graduates into Beta Gamma Sigma, the top business students in the world, in June.

Dr. Raymond Moriyama and Paul House were honoured for their achievements in business and their commitment to Brock. Moriyama is a world-renowned architect and House is Chief Executive Officer and President of Tim Hortons.

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