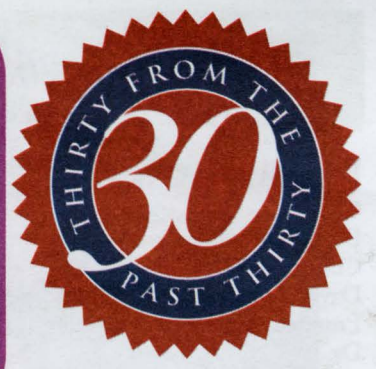


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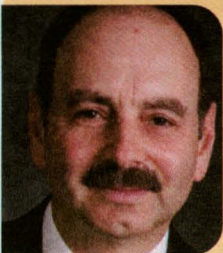
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Trade mission to India results in agreement



Dr. Jack N. Lightstone

As part of its efforts to establish and expand international academic partnerships and relationships, Brock University President Dr. Jack Lightstone signed an agreement with one university and initiated discussions with others during an Ontario trade mission to India in January.

Lightstone was one of about 100 delegates, representing educational, research, business and cultural interests, who travelled to the country regarded as one of the world's leading emerging markets.

"Just about everyone acknowledges that India is the new China," said Lightstone. "That India is a world economic power is absolutely evident, and if we are to understand our place in a global context, we have to

understand India."

He added: "In this globalized world, with exchanges of goods, services and information, we have to learn how to get along with our neighbours."

The agreement was signed with YCM Open University in Mumbai, the heart of a major wine-producing area of India. Brock and YCM are interested in partnering in and developing programs in respect to wine making and wine tasting, and jointly developing business programs oriented to grape growers and wine producers. A joint interest in biotechnology could produce future partnerships.

Lightstone said he also had opportunities to speak to representatives at the University of Delhi about an exchange of faculty and graduate students in the field of biotechnology. Maharshi Dayanand University near Delhi also expressed interest in partnering in the areas of biotechnology, bioscience and education.

Representatives of Jawaharlal Nehru

University in New Delhi, primarily an institution for graduate students, expressed a great deal of interest in establishing partnerships and exchanges in Brock's Social Justice and Equity Studies and Canadian Studies, plus in areas of biotechnology, biochemistry, and the environment, said Lightstone.

He added that there were initial discussions about negotiating with Panjab University a two-plus-two arrangement (undergraduate students complete two years of study in India and their final two years at Brock) in the areas of biotechnology, microbiology, biochemistry, and computer science. Panjab University is also interested in partnerships in the area of business education.

The advantage of "piggybacking" as a delegate on the trade mission, said Lightstone, is the implicit and explicit support of the provincial government.

"We have a right to call on the Province to facilitate these exchanges

and relationships," said Lightstone. "The academic delegates have requested a group debriefing with the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to see how to make these exchanges easier and how to better market Ontario universities."

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty, who led the mission, urged delegates at the beginning of the tour to promote the province's diversity when seeking partnerships.

"Our diversity gives us every opportunity to succeed, especially when it's combined with our competitive business costs and our highly skilled, highly educated and highly motivated workforce," said McGuinty.

Ontario is home to 500,000 Ontarians of Indian descent, said McGuinty, "people who have found success in every walk of life, and that is a real source of strength for us as we compete for new investment and jobs in India."

Brock invests in future with graduate students

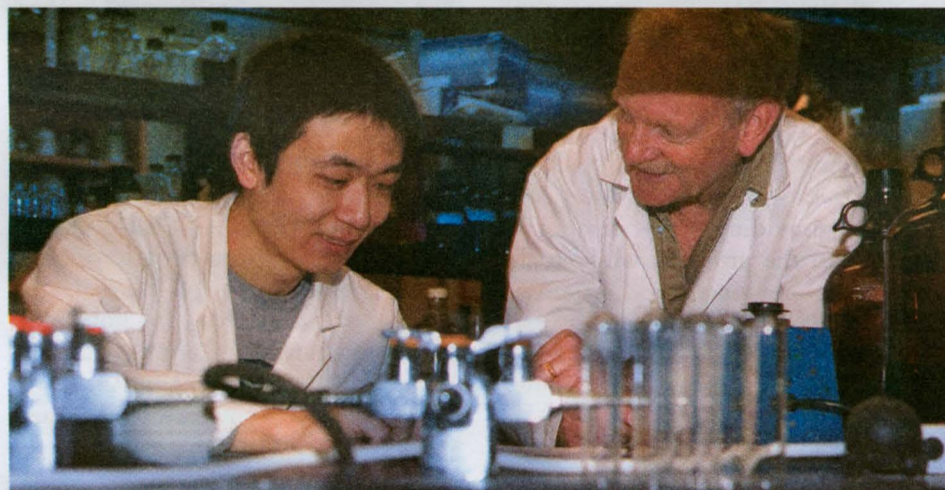
The following story, which focuses on graduate studies at Brock University, is Part 1 of a four-part series. Future instalments include Brock's role in the community, research and internationalization. The series expands on the University's direction as envisioned by Brock President Jack Lightstone.

When a research project is underway at Brock University, a graduate student is often contributing. And this is exactly as it should be, says Marilyn Rose, Dean, Graduate Studies.

"Brock is a community of scholars. Graduate students are our colleagues and our apprentices in research," she said. "In a very real sense, graduate students are co-creators, innovators and change agents as they work alongside faculty on their many projects."

As partners in research, graduate students are contributing to meeting Brock President Jack Lightstone's vision of "wall-to-wall" research, Rose added.

Brock currently offers 37 graduate programs with others under development, and the University's rapid growth in graduate studies is an indication of its emerging status as a research-intensive institution. Graduate Studies is one of the most rapidly



Master's student Tao Wang, an international student in the Biotechnology program, converses with Professor Alan Castle, Department of Biological Sciences.

expanding areas of the University - the number of programs jumped 225 per cent from 1996 to 2005.

"A right fit is as important at the graduate level as it is at the undergraduate level," said Rose. "This is why we are particularly pleased with the versatility and scale of our program options at Brock. We want to offer the right kind of experience for individual students."

Brock's Graduate Studies programming is as successful as it is for

many reasons: Collaborative research crosses departmental boundaries, offering students broader perspectives; experiential learning in schools, industry or health-care institutions enrich the academic experience; and students enjoy state-of-the-art lab equipment and one-on-one attention from professors.

As a demonstration of this vigorous research activity, Brock graduate students and faculty will participate in the second-annual Mapping the New Knowledges conference, which will be

held Tuesday, April 10 and Wednesday, April 11 at Pond Inlet.

Rose said the conference is a tremendous opportunity to showcase and celebrate Brock's research initiatives and to familiarize graduate students with a professional process by which knowledge is disseminated.

A total of 95 submissions from graduate students and faculty were received by organizers. New this year are adjudicated prizes for both oral and poster presentations, and many of the student presenters have agreed to have their research submissions judged by an adjudication committee.

Research topics show a great range in

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diversity, including presentations about active living and public leisure services, the social implications of Alfred Tennyson's *Idylls of the King*, female risk-taking behaviours, new approaches in mortuary archaeology in the Bronze Age, a transdisciplinary approach to understanding dominant autism discourses, potential applications to liquid laundry formulations, the impact of inhaled corticosteroids on bone properties in children and adolescents, and the impact of childhood obesity on bone strength.

Lightstone will deliver the keynote address at 7 p.m. on April 10, and Dr. Noreen Golfman, president of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences, will deliver the plenary address at 9 a.m. on April 11.

Last year's conference highlighted the cutting-edge research of more than 80 graduate students and faculty members, and featured topics that varied from workplace well-being to politics and the pharmaceutical industry.

The cross-disciplinary event features research from all six of the University's academic Faculties; Applied Health Sciences, Business, Education, Humanities, Mathematics and Science, and Social Sciences.

Rose said that today's graduate students are those who will assume positions of leadership in academic and professional sectors in the future. Many of Brock's graduate students are accepted into prestigious PhD programs at other universities.

"To invest in graduate studies and graduate students is to invest in the future," she said.

Brock to offer two new master's programs

Marilyn Rose, Dean, Graduate Studies, is pleased to announce that the Ontario Council of Graduate Studies has approved Master of Arts programs in the Departments of History and Geography.

The programs will begin in September 2007.

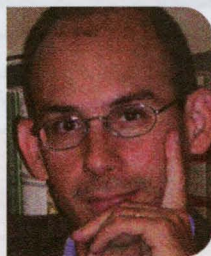
The MA program in Geography is designed to train students broadly in geographical approaches to understanding social and human/environment relations, with emphasis on how contemporary processes affect spatial relations across the range of scales from the local to the global.



David Butz

"My colleagues and I are delighted to be adding a master's in Geography to the University's growing complement of high-quality graduate programs," said Professor David Butz,

Graduate Program Director, Geography. "The recent appointment of several excellent new scholars gives our program the breadth and depth of scholarly competencies needed to help students develop a sophisticated and rigorous understanding of geographical processes through an examination of current theoretical perspectives and research methodologies, as well



Mark Spencer

as exposure to diverse empirical material.

"We are eagerly anticipating the opportunity to supervise graduate students' major research paper and thesis research, and to involve them in our own diverse programs of research," Butz added.

For more information about MA program in Geography, please see www.brocku.ca/geography and click on "MA program in Geography."

Professor Mark Spencer, History, said "We are thrilled and very excited to

soon be welcoming our first graduate students to the History Department. Our program offers a high-quality master's degree in History consistent with the excellence and dedication of the faculty who teach it."

The program, he said, is distinctive in that it emphasizes theme rather than geographical region or historical period. Those themes are intellectual history, gender, empire, revolutions, labour systems, migration/ethnicity/identity, history of science and/or medicine, and history and computing.

The MA program in History provides students with training, through course work and research experience, in diverse fields of history. It focuses on the critical analysis of both primary and secondary sources. Students will study historiography and methodology and will be encouraged to engage with vibrant theoretical debates in the study of history.

For more information about the MA program in History, please see www.brocku.ca/history/graduate/

Diversity a hallmark of graduate studies

From health care to teaching to social justice issues and beyond, Brock University's graduate students are engaged in rich research initiatives.

Following is a snapshot of three of these students:

Sylvia Bawa, master's candidate, Social Justice and Equity Studies



Sylvia Bawa

Sylvia Bawa, an international student from Ghana in West Africa, is researching the effectiveness of charitable appeals of non-government organizations (NGOs) and a focus on the economy as they apply to developing nations.

"I am arguing that poverty-alleviation programs implemented in Ghana by the state and non-government organizations (NGOs) are failing to address more crucial aspects of poverty," she says, "thereby providing only temporary solutions to the problem, while at the same time creating and sustaining dependency on International Monetary Fund funds and NGO services."

The solution to poverty, Bawa maintains, is not charity and must go

beyond economic redistribution. Strategies surrounding non-economic issues of powerlessness, marginalization and lack of self-representation must be addressed.

Bawa says she chose Brock's Social Justice and Equity program because it dovetailed with her role as a social justice advocate. She said she is very satisfied with the interdisciplinary nature of the program, small class sizes, a comprehensive financial package and the scholarly and supportive atmosphere.

Nicola Simmons PhD candidate, Faculty of Education

Nicola Simmons (BEd, AED, '02; MEd, '04) is a mature student - "which really means I have grey hair" - whose master's research focused on the reflective practice of a university professor integrating

a new teaching strategy. Her doctoral research concentrates on how new university professors learn to teach, in order to see what recommendations might support the paths of other new

faculty members.

"This has grown from my love of post-secondary teaching and adult education," Simmons said. "A significant body of research suggests that, in general, faculty members may receive little advance preparation for the teaching aspect of their role."

Simmons' prior career was in pre-hospital-care education, administering a department at Humber College and teaching in faculty development.

"Faculty positions look very appealing as a place to continue the type and balance of teaching, research and service I currently undertake, and I would hope in the future to be able to draw again on my administrative skills," said Simmons, who added that while she currently identifies "first and foremost as an educator, I see and value the intersection of teaching, research and service."

Gail Riihimaki, part-time master's candidate, Business Administration

When Gail Riihimaki was casting around for graduate school possibilities, she decided that Brock's MBA program was perfect.

Riihimaki, currently employed full

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Economics Professor Joe Kushner unpacks boxes inside his new office in Plaza2006, a five-storey, \$22.6-million complex that houses a diversity of addresses. Work crews moved the Economics and Political Science departments into the University's new "front door" during Reading Week. The upper two floors house research facilities for the Lifespan Development Research Centre (LDRC), a complex unique in Canada and that move also took place during Reading Week. The University Bookstore and two computer labs will be moved to Plaza2006 at the end of Spring term.

Brock reaches out to international graduates

Copies of this issue of *Surgite!* that have been mailed to graduates living outside North America contain a mail-back reply card to confirm mailing and contact information. Graduates who wish to continue receiving *Surgite!* and other communication from Brock are invited to complete or return the card by mail. Alternatively, international graduates can update their alumni profile online through www.brockpeople.ca

The University wishes to maintain a connection to its graduates living internationally. Please take a moment to update your alumni record.

Career Services sets apart Brock's Learning Commons



The Learning Commons at Brock will have a unique package of services to offer students and alumni, including front-line access to career-related information and advice.

Career Services, one of the partners in the initiative, will have a prominent location just inside one of the entrances to the commons. It will offer a full array of print, electronic and in-person resources for both students and alumni.

Other partners in the Learning Commons include the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies, the James A. Gibson Library, and the Student Development Centre, all helping to create an environment where students will also have access to specialized services and peer assistance.

Career Services is one aspect of Brock's Learning Commons that will make it distinctly different from other universities for two reasons.

"We looked at many other university models in deciding what to include in the Brock Learning Commons and could find no other models that included career and job-search support," said Kim Meade, Associate Vice-President, Student Services.

Experience Plus is an example of the progressive programming offered at Brock. The co-curricular program tracks students' extracurricular activities such as part-time jobs, volunteer work, workshops, and certifications on an official Brock transcript that can be added to a portfolio after graduation.

"Having Career Services as one of the Learning Commons partners is just one other way to continue providing that high level of support for our students and graduates," added Meade.

Career Services also offers ongoing career and job search support to alumni at no cost.

"Many other universities provide service to alumni for a limited time, or charge fees," said Amy Elder, Career Services Director. "We want

our alumni to always feel connected to the institution, and providing them ongoing career-related support and resources is one way to accomplish that."

Some of the services alumni can receive through Career Services include access to job postings, workshops (including online versions), invitations to attend events such as career fairs, and access to one-to-one career advice and support in person or on the phone. The department hopes to introduce more electronic resources for students and alumni in the future, such as more online workshops, degree/program-specific career information, online newsletters and even a chat room where students and alumni can "ask an expert" for help with career-related issues and concerns, all from the comfort of their own homes.

As a student-centred learning space, the Learning Commons will also feature:

- Clusters of computer workstations with a robust suite of software applications
- Wireless connectivity to support the use of personal portable devices and laptops from the Library's Laptop Loan Program
- Electronic classrooms with flexible seating, laptops, and other advanced learning technologies
- Collaborative study rooms for group work
- A welcoming mix of group and individual study spaces furnished to support the diverse academic activities of students
- A coffee bar to encourage social interaction

The first phase of creating a Learning Commons is expected to begin this summer, with the ultimate goal of providing a rich out-of-classroom learning environment for students. It will be located on the main floor of the Library and will occupy 20,000 square feet of renovated space formerly dedicated to the University Bookstore. The Bookstore will be relocating to Plaza2006.

CMA Ontario donates \$25,000 to Faculty of Business

The Faculty of Business at Brock University announced a new partnership with the Certified Management Accountants of Ontario (CMA Ontario) in late 2006. This relationship will lead to development of a centre of research excellence within Brock University.

On Nov. 28, CMA Ontario presented a \$25,000 cheque to the Faculty of Business at Brock University. This contribution is the first of annual support to establish the CMA Brock Accounting Research and Education Centre.

"Through the CMA Brock Accounting Centre, Brock faculty members will conduct research, curriculum development and seminars

to support excellence in the study and practice of strategic management accounting. The funding will help to create a viable research centre that will benefit the accounting profession," said Martin Kusy, Dean, Faculty of Business.

"Strategic management accounting is a rapidly expanding field, offering growing career opportunities for students and current practitioners alike," said David Hipgrave, president and chief executive officer of CMA Ontario.

"We are delighted to have the opportunity to invest in the growth of management accounting education at Brock and to support the distinguished Brock accounting faculty in conducting research in this field."

Faculty of Business partners with Meridian Credit Union



Martin Kusy

Brock University's Faculty of Business is teaming up with Meridian Credit Union to help demonstrate that doing good can also be good for

"Businesses in Canada are weighing the pros and cons of making a difference in the world, not just earning a profit," said Kemp. "This program will integrate experiential learning, business case studies and articles to encourage our students to examine business decision-making in the context of environmental, community and ethical impacts," said Kemp.

Martin Kusy, Dean, Faculty of Business, said he is "pleased and grateful" that Meridian is playing a lead role in the initiative.

As a result of Meridian's support, Brock's Faculty of Business will once again offer Summer Internship Grants to not-for-profit organizations in the community.

Meridian President and CEO Sean Jackson said that the initiative is a perfect fit with Meridian's core values as a not-for-profit organization founded on co-operative principles.

"Our members and our organization strongly believe that businesses and other organizations must be responsible and proactive in dealing with social issues, the environment, their employees and the communities they serve," Jackson said.

business.

The Faculty announced in January that Meridian Credit Union will donate \$50,000 over the next three years to the Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability Initiative it launched in 2005.

"This donation will help ensure that Brock is a leader in exploring the role of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in corporate governance, public policy, and the media," Don Cyr, Associate Dean, Graduate Programs and Research at Brock's Faculty of Business, said.

The program will be known as the "Brock University Faculty of Business/Meridian Credit Union Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability Initiative" and will be led by Gillian Kemp (MBA, '06).



While in Shanghai this past fall, Martin Kusy, Dean, Faculty of Business, third from right, hosted a dinner for graduates of the International Masters of Accountancy (IMAcc) program and the Master of Business Administration-International Student Program (MBA ISP). Dean Kusy was in Shanghai recruiting students for these highly successful programs. More than 200 students from China have completed the IMAcc or MBA ISP programs, many of whom have returned to China after their studies. As a result, the Faculty of Business has a growing network of alumni and an excellent reputation throughout China. The IMAcc and MBA ISP programs are expanding their recruitment strategies to include areas of the world such as India, South America and Southern Asia.

1973

Mary (Schreiber) Ormay (BSc, biol/geol) has moved to a 120-acre bush property, not connected to electricity, with solar lighting, wood heating and a permanent supply of water direct from the mountain waters of Bombala River, New South Wales. It is a perfect place for introducing youth to the abundant wildlife ecology and facilitating workshops on holistic (alternative) healing with preventive health-care practitioners.

1991

Laurence Bishop (BPhEd) was inducted in the builder category of the Durham College Sports Hall of Fame, which is located in Oshawa. He also developed the Intercollegiate Athletic Academic Success Program (IAASP), which is the foundation for Durham College student-athlete academic success today.

1994

Stephen Bieda (BA, csbc) is general manager of Bieda's Powersports, a BRP and Suzuki dealer as well as founder and President of the Canadian Powersports Dealers' Association. He is also a founding member of the first Canadian Powersports Spader 20 Group.

1996

Keith Makse (BA, thea) and his team have been successfully chosen in Telefilm Canada's Great Canadian Video Game Competition. As one of the top 10 in Canada, they received funding and industry support. They continue to the second round in San Francisco in March at the 2007 Game Developer Conference.

1999

Andrew Tinnish (BRLS; BSM, '01) was promoted to the role of assistant scouting director of the Toronto Blue Jays.

2000

Tonya Verbeek (BRLS; BEd, '03; MEd, '06), silver medalist in wrestling from the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, challenged the McKay School students in Port Colborne to dream big. She spoke to students about commitment, being active and what it means to develop good habits when it comes to physical activity.

2004

Denyse Nadon-Holder (BEdAED) is the executive director of the NWT Native Women's Association.

2005

Andrew Jubenville (BAcc) successfully completed the academic requirements for his CA designation. He is working full time with the partners of Durward Jones Barkwell & Company LLP Chartered Accountants in Grimsby, Ont.

Rebecca Leeson (BA, chys) is the new kindergarten teacher at Zone Central Public School in Bothwell, Ontario.

2006

Dan Ane (BAcc) successfully completed the academic requirements for his CA designation. He is working full time with the partners of Durward Jones Barkwell & Company LLP Chartered Accountants in Grimsby, Ont.

Ryan Bissonnette (BAcc) successfully completed the academic requirements for his CA designation. He is working full time with the partners of Durward Jones Barkwell & Company LLP Chartered Accountants in Welland, Ont.

Matthew Continenza (BAcc) successfully completed the academic requirements for his CA designation. He is working full time with the partners of Durward Jones Barkwell & Company LLP Chartered Accountants in St. Catharines, Ont.

Mike Cwierniewski (BA, soci) is a sales manager at Skyway Digital in St. Catharines, Ont. Skyway Digital provides services such as graphic design, photography, engineering plotting, lamination, faxing, scanning, e-mailing, and much more.

Melanie (Leduc) Steele (BAcc) successfully completed the academic requirements for her CA designation. She is working full time with the partners of Durward Jones Barkwell & Company LLP Chartered Accountants in St. Catharines, Ont.

Births

Diane (Slappendel) Alarukka (BSc, biol, '93), a daughter, Sonja Marie, Aug. 22, 2006.

Maria (Duggan) Barley (BPhEd, '00), a son, Liam Porter, Aug. 22, 2006.

Lori (Booker) Battle (BA, chld, '95), a daughter, Rylee Grace, March 3, 2006.

Darryl Bell (BSM, '04), a daughter, Zoe, July 28, 2006.

Shannon (Beaubien) Boutillier (BSc/BEd, '01), a son, Ethan James, Oct. 3, 2006.

Marc Bueno (BEdAED, '06), a son, Matthew Alexander, March 20, 2006.

Alicia (Slattery) Continenza (BA, soci, '97) and **Jason Continenza** (BA, envp/econ, '96), a daughter, Daniella, Jan. 3, 2006.

Jason Duthie (BPhEd, '02), a daughter, Keira, Sept. 24, 2006.

Carolyn (Cunjak) Devic (BBE, '95), a son, Tyler Anthony, July 18, 2005.

Fan Gu (MSc, chem, '06), a daughter, Jesyca, June 2, 2006.

Scott Hanthorn (BPhEd, '95; MEd, '99), a daughter, Jaclyn Nicole, June 29, 2006.

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

Richard Herfurth (BA, psyc, '90), a son, Casey, Feb. 7, 2006.

Christy (McFadden) Hobley (BPhEd, '95; MEd, '99), a son, Drew, June 25, 2006.

Kendra (Thin) Lealess (BA, csbc, '94), twin girls, Erika and Madison, Oct. 5, 2006.

Jayson Lidstone (BSc, math, '98), and **Irgard (Schwendener Forkel) Lidstone** (BSc, cosc, '98), a daughter, Serena Angiely, Aug. 25, 2006.

Andrea McGee (BRLS, '95), a son, Peyton, Oct. 25, 2006.

Clinton Scheltema (BA, geoh, '98), a daughter, Elissa, May 2, 2006.

Rebecca (Tombs) Swedlove (BBA, '99), a daughter, Isabelle, Sept. 23, 2006.

Amanda (McCue) Van Dalen (BA, ling, '00), a daughter, Ava, April 14, 2006.

Scott Young (BA, hlst, '99) and **Jamie (Leasa) Young** (BPhEd, '00; BEd, '01), a daughter, Ava, Oct. 1, 2006.

Marriages

Angela Desmarais (BA, chsc, '01) and **Louis Roy**, Sept. 16, 2006.

Jacques Lavoie (BRLS, '04) and **Tania Kohl**, Oct. 8, 2006.

In Memoriam

Mary (Ianni) Blais (BEd, '79), July 29, 2005.

Nora Campbell (BA, clas, '74), Dec. 16, 2006.

Aldyne (Teszner) Coppen (BA, hist/visa, '89), Dec. 10, 2006.

Terence Goldwin (BA, hist, '73), Dec. 21, 2005.

Helena (DeJonge) Holierhoek (BA, Cana/polit, '84), March 24, 2006.

Joseph Knight (MEd, '81), May 11, 2003.

Laurel (Moffat) Lewis (BA, soci, '88), June 21, 2006.

Kimberley (Rutledge) McKey (BA, soci, '89), Aug. 12, 2006.

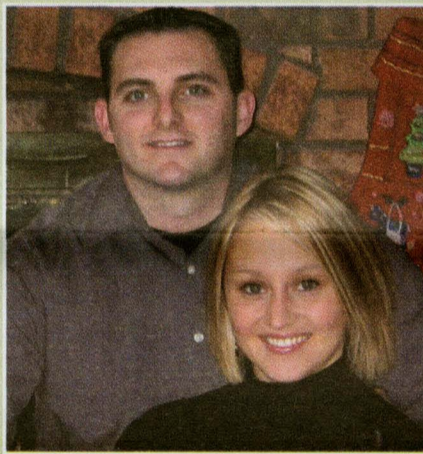
Rev. Tymofiy Minenko (BA, hist/Russ, '75), May 30, 2006.

Maureen (Carty) Miron (BA, hist/soci, '91), May 4, 2005.

Michael Taliano (BA, phil, '78), Sept. 14, 2006.



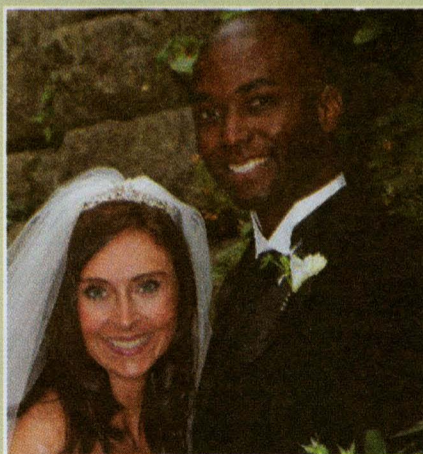
Alexandra Glenn (BA, geoh, '03) and Matthew Young (BSM, '03), married Aug. 19, 2005. Brock graduates who attended the wedding were Sue (Dolik) Mabee (BSc, geog, '02), Kelly Hartle (BA, geog/hist, '03) and Suzanne Parm (BSc, geog, '03).



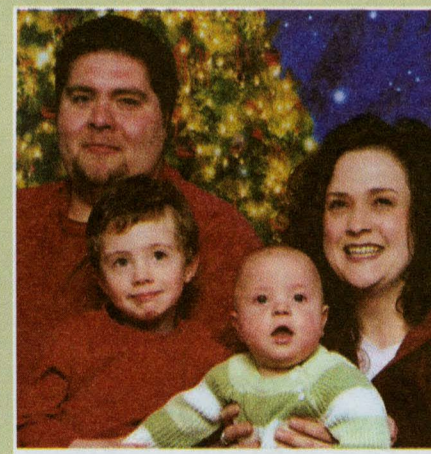
Adam Shields (BSM, '02) and Julie Dodge (BPhEd, '03), married July 23, 2005.



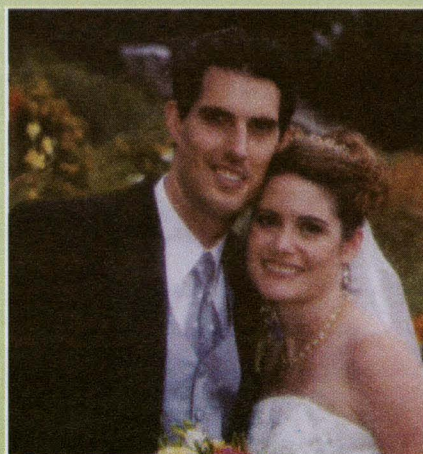
Annette Silva (BAdmin, '89) with son Alexei Daniel.



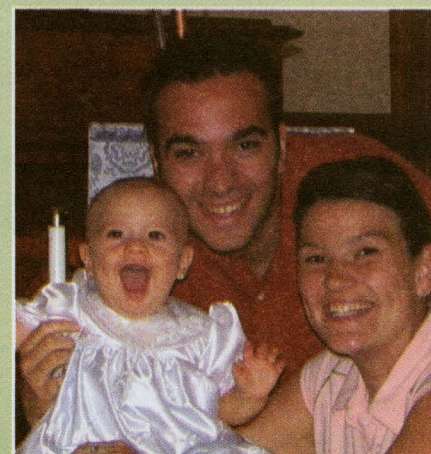
Angela Lippert (BA, psyc, '01) and Haven Alexander (BKIN, '05), married Sept. 16, 2006.



Aaron Petti (BA, csbc, '99) and Kimberley Stuart Petti (BMUS, '98) with sons Isaac, 3, and Gabriel who was born on July 24, 2006.



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



Chris Rivait (BBA, '01; BA, pcul, '02) and Candice (McNally) Rivait with daughter, Maleah Cassidy born Sept. 26, 2005.

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Upcoming Alumni Association events



Brock Rock Curling Bonspiel - March 31

Back by popular demand, the annual "Brock Rock" Curling Bonspiel will take place at the St. Catharines Golf and Country Club on Saturday, March 31. Don't miss this fun tournament for curlers of all skill levels. Sign up now and compete for Best Dressed Team or

aim for the coveted Brock Rock. The tournament is gaining popularity every year and space is limited. No experience necessary.

Registration is \$200/team and includes three four-end games, lessons (optional), lunch and dinner. E-mail alumniassociation@brocku.ca to sign up. Visit www.brockalumni.ca/events for more details.

Golf Tournament - Sept 15

Save the date! Get in early for the annual Alumni Golf Tournament, on

Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007 at Hunters Pointe Golf Course. E-mail alumniassociation@brocku.ca to reserve your spot.

Open nomination for Board of Directors

A number of positions are currently available for the Alumni Association Board of Directors. The board meets on the third Saturday of every month. Directors sit for three-year terms. All interested alumni can contact Terry Cockerline (BA, csbc, '97), Executive Director, by e-mailing tcockerline@brockpeople.ca

Stay Connected Newsletter

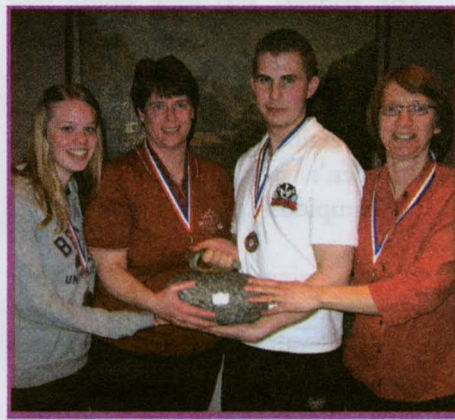
Look for the spring issue to be released at the Brock Rock Bonspiel. All issues are also available for online viewing at brockalumni.ca

Dell computer discounts for alumni

Alumni looking to purchase a new computer can now take advantage of Brock's staff and student discount with Dell computers. Until recently, the Dell Premier program has offered discounted prices to Brock employees and students. Brock graduates now qualify for the same discount. Be sure to visit brockpeople.ca to access the site and to learn more.

A call to action!

Currently, Brock University is the most under-served university in Ontario. To help alleviate this problem, Brock recently asked the Ontario government for funding. In our role as advocates and ambassadors for Brock and its graduates, the Brock University Alumni Association is asking all concerned alumni to join us in sending an e-mail encouraging the Ontario government to help fund Brock's growth. In order for this effort to be successful, we require a great deal of support from the alumni community. Please visit brockalumni.ca for more details.



Brock graduates gathered in 2006 to reminisce and participate in the annual Brock Rock Curling Bonspiel at the St. Catharines Golf and Country Club.



Brock graduates renew their friendships at the President's Alumni Forum in Vancouver in November 2006. From left, Mike Zywicki (BSc, phys/math, '95), Kelly Deakin, Richard Trus (BA, adm/comm, '92) and Natalie Cook Zywicki (BA, cssp, '91).

Vancouver graduates reconnect with Brock

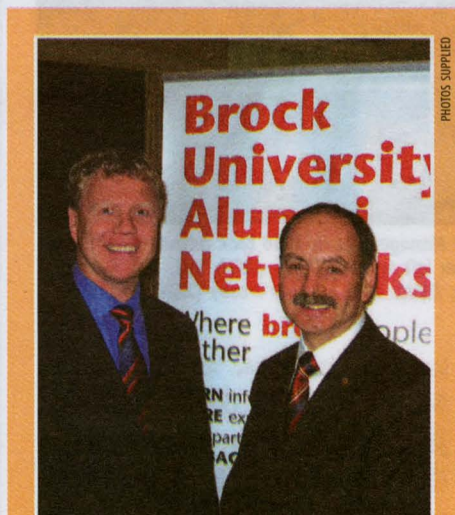
By Natalie Cook Zywicki (BA, cssp, '91)

Feeling connected to your alma mater can sometimes be challenging when you live nearly 5,000 kilometers away from campus. That's why my husband Michael Zywicki (BSc, '95) and I were grateful on Nov. 20, 2006, to be hosted by Brock University President Jack Lightstone and his wife, Dr. Dorothy Markiewicz, at Vancouver's popular Capone's Restaurant for the President's Alumni Forum. During the Forum, Dr. Lightstone discussed the significant transformation currently happening on campus and shared his vision and future plans for the University.

Distinguished graduate Richard Trus (BA, adm/comm, '92) introduced the new president and his wife at the event. Trus, president and CEO of Studio Pipelines of America, founded the company while developing software for the motion picture and television production industry. Richard has also worked as producer, director, editor, writer, and visual effects producer and has been invited to submit for three Academy Awards (Oscars) in technical achievement from the Academy of Motion Picture and Sciences.

Today Richard may be a successful businessman and entrepreneur; however

Mike, and I fondly remember him as our talented friend Rick, editor of the Brock Press and producer for Brock TV. Attending the President's Alumni Forum allowed us to reminisce with old friends, Rick included, and to learn more about the evolution happening at Brock. I want to thank Dr. Lightstone for bringing us together and for giving us the opportunity to stay connected to our alma mater.



St. Catharines MP Rick Dykstra (BA, poli, '97) meets Brock President Jack Lightstone on Feb. 5 in Ottawa at the President's Alumni Forum.

More President's Alumni Forums on deck

The Office of Alumni Relations continues to gather graduates for a President's Alumni Forum, creating an opportunity for Brock's new President, Dr. Jack N. Lightstone to discuss the growth and change at Brock University and to share personal thoughts and respond to questions on the vision and future plans for Brock.

Mark your calendars with one of the dates below and watch for your invitation or visit Brockpeople.ca for further details.

- London and surrounding areas: March 26, 2007, the London Club
- Kitchener/Waterloo and Guelph area: March 28, 2007, Walper Terrace Hotel
- Greater Toronto: April 25, 2007, University Club of Toronto

Did you know?

- One in every five Brock graduates is a member of the online community.
- This month, more than 100 Brock alumni will reconnect with Brock friends through brockpeople.ca's internal messaging.
- You can set up your own brockpeople.ca e-mail address for life!

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To log in, enter your former Brock student ID number and use your birth date as your password (yyymmdd). For further assistance, contact the brockpeople.ca administrator at brockpeople@brocku.ca, or call the Office of Alumni Relations at 905-688-5550, ext. 3816.



Les McCurdy Myers (BA, psyc, '76)

Brock names new Director of Campus Security



Donna Moody

Donna Moody, former deputy chief of the Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS), is the new Director of Campus Security Services at

Brock University.

Moody, who served as NRPS deputy chief since February 2001, assumed her new role at Brock in January. Moody, 51, had 32 years of dedicated and progressive experience with the force.

Gary Nicholls (BA, genl, '00), outgoing Director of Campus Security Services, left his position at the end of 2006. Nicholls, former Chief of the Niagara Regional Police, joined Brock in April 2005 after retiring from policing in 2004.

While at Brock, Nicholls played a key role in developing an emergency services plan for the University. He also helped to coordinate the University's transition to a community-based security model, drawing upon his past experiences developing community-oriented policing within Niagara.

"The quality of leadership that Deputy Chief Moody brings to this position will build on the positive contributions made by Gary (Nicholls) over the past year and a half," said Steven Pillar, Vice-President, Finance and Administration. "Her extensive policing and organizational experience will be a welcome addition to the University's security team, which endeavours to enhance the quality of life on the campus by working cooperatively with the community."

Upon being named to her new role, Moody said, "I'm pleased to join the campus security team at Brock and I look forward to using my experience and expertise to support the University's commitment to security and safety on campus during this critical point in its development."

She has expertise in the field of criminal investigation, which includes areas such as intelligence, drug investigations, major crime, youth, undercover assignments, training and professional standards.

She attended the Niagara College Law and Security Program prior to joining the Niagara Regional Police Service and she is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va. She is currently completing a Bachelor of Arts degree at Brock.

Moody was recently presented with the Ontario Women in Law Enforcement's "Heritage Award" for Lifetime Achievement in Law Enforcement and in 2000, she was the recipient of the International Association of Women Police Award, "Excellence in Performance."

Stellar year for Brock men's lacrosse team

The Brock men's lacrosse team capped off their 2006 National Championship season with four major Canadian University Field Lacrosse Association (CUFLA) Awards and four All-Canadians.

"It's an honour to add individual awards to what we were able to accomplish as a team," said Dan Pilon (BA, cssp, '99), head coach of the Badgers. "The awards truly highlight the defensive strength and depth of our team as well."

Senior defence Reg VanVelzen of St. Catharines received his second straight All-Canadian honours being named to the first team as well as being named both the league's Most Valuable Player and Most Valuable Defensive Player, becoming the first Brock defender to receive these two honours.

Senior goalie Kurtis Wagar of Blackstock, Ont., received two national honours for the second straight season when he was named a 1st Team All-Canadian and Most Valuable Goalie. In 2006 he posted a 10-1 record with a 5.33 GAA. He ends his university career with an impressive 33-2 record with four Baggataway Cup titles.

The Brock coaching staff of Pilon, Mike Fishleigh (BPhEd, '00), Jim Kirchner (BSc, '99) and Mike Hominuck (BA, geog, '06) were honoured by their peers being selected as the 2006 CUFLA Coaching Staff of the Year.

Men's wrestlers take OUA gold, women take silver

The Brock men's team continued their streak of dominance in OUA wrestling by winning their 13th championship banner, while the Brock women placed second behind the Western Mustangs. The 2007 OUA Championships took place on Feb. 17 and were hosted by the University of Toronto.

On the men's side, Jamie Macari captured his fifth straight OUA title at 54kg while fourth year Mike Neufeld (130kg) and newcomer Alex Brown-Therriault (90kg) also captured gold in their respective weight classes.

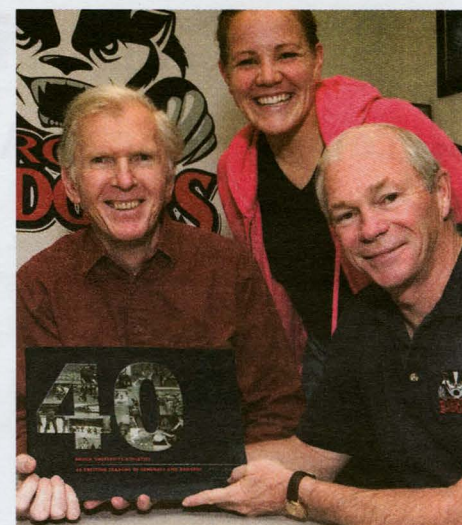
The Badgers also took home four silvers with Dylan Fryia (57kg), CJ Hudson (61kg), Peter Simons (65kg) and Erik McKinnon (68kg) all placing second overall. Chris Sands was the 8th Brock men's wrestler to qualify for the CIS Championships placing third at 76 kg.

Despite being without two of their top wrestlers, the Brock women qualified six out of eight weight classes for the upcoming CIS Championships.

Jessie Bondy (55kg) and Michele Fazzari (59kg) both captured OUA gold for the second straight season.

Emile-Joy Filmore (48kg) and Liz Martindale (51kg) captured silver in their wight classes while Debra Jehu (72g) and Jenn Hanson (82kg) captured bronze rounding out the Badgers top finishers.

For other Athletics news, go to www.brocku.ca/athletics/



In late 2006, the Department of Athletics celebrated the success of its programs with a dinner to honour top athletes at Brock. The event also featured the launch of a new book chronicling the history of Brock athletics, entitled "A Celebration of 40 years of Excellence." The book is available by calling 905-688-5550, ext. 3382 or ext. 4398. Pictured, from left, are Stan Lapinski, editor of the book, Becky Gallant, a fourth-year student and member of the Brock Badgers basketball team, and Lorne Adams, Director of Athletics.

Pictorial history of Generals, Badgers available

Stan Lapinski (BA, Engl, '68) has edited a pictorial history of Athletics at Brock. The book is 240 pages, contains 1,372 photos of all varsity sports from badminton to wrestling. It also includes synopses of each season and appendices listing athletes of the year, most valuable players, rookies and coaches of the year. A separate appendix is a list of every provincial and national gold medal winning individual and team to wear Brock colours.

The book is full colour, printed on high quality paper, and is available in both a durable soft cover and a hard cover edition.

To view sample pages and obtain ordering information, please visit www.brocku.ca/athletics/anniversary.php

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Gail Riihimaki

time as a manager at the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Community Care Access Centre, said "growth in community health care is significant, and accountability,

sound fiscal management and efficient operations are key themes in meeting the health-care needs of the community. Therefore, when considering graduate education, Brock's MBA program seemed ideal."

Her research, part of an independent study supervised by Professor Ken Klassen, Operations Management, was to determine if the application of quantitative methods could improve forecast accuracy of service-utilization levels in a non-profit, publicly funded community health-care setting.

The research, Riihimaki said, "has assisted me professionally and allowed me to better understand drivers of service utilization within my own work setting and expanded my quantitative analysis skills for other new and interesting applications."

Correction

Christine Peake-Bremner (BA, Engl, '73) represented Brock University at the 2005 installation of Dr. Harry Fernhout, president, The King's University College in Edmonton, Alta. Incorrect information appeared in the Winter 2007 issue of *Surgite!*



Celebrating Sport Management 1996 • 2006

SPMA 10th anniversary weekend great success



Several members of the first class admitted to Sport Management in 1996 took advantage of the opportunity to record their reunion at the gala. From left are Jess Dixon (BSM, '99), Dan Rooney (BSM, '98), Tracey Green (BSM, '99), Susanna Tyson (BSM, '99), Lindsay Crosby (BSM, '99) and Steve Parish (BSM, '99).

Close to 100 alumni, faculty and guests attended the Department of Sport Management 10th anniversary weekend on Oct. 13 and 14, 2006. The event included a golf tournament, alumni speaker panel and a Saturday night gala.

Brock Athletics Director Dr. Lorne Adams delivered the

keynote address, and graduates Madelyn Law (BSM, '98) and Jess Dixon (BSM, '99) shared at the gala their reflections on 10 years of Sport Management at Brock.

Adam Bylsma (BSM, '02) kept the evening moving along as the evening's master of ceremonies.

Professor Dorothy Griffiths named to Order of Ontario



Professor Dorothy Griffiths and Lt.-Gov. James K. Bartleman

A Brock University professor who is a recognized leader in services for persons with intellectual disabilities and mental health concerns was appointed to the Order of Ontario in December 2006.

Professor Dorothy Griffiths (BA, psych, '73) of the Department of Child and Youth Studies was one of 29 people invested into the Order by Lt.-Gov. James K. Bartleman at a black tie investiture ceremony at Queen's Park.

"It is humbling to receive an award for doing work for which I have great passion. Persons who have an intellectual disability and a mental health challenge represent a neglected group of individuals," said Griffiths. "I am only one of many individuals and organizations who have been creating awareness for the need for expanded research and changed practice within the social service and mental health fields to better support individuals with this dual challenge."

She added: "I am so honoured that my students and colleagues from the University and the community would choose to recognize my work by nominating me for such a prestigious award, and further honoured by this recognition from the Province. Many of my colleagues share this recognition with me, for it is our collective efforts that have made a difference."

Griffiths, who also received a 30 from the Past 30 Award in March 2007 from the Brock Alumni Association, has extensive experience in working on clinical issues regarding dual diagnosis - persons who have an intellectual disability and a mental health need. She is a researcher, instructor and mentor who has initiated groundbreaking therapeutic programs such as positive therapeutic approaches for treating persons with severe

challenging behaviour.

She is currently researching human rights and persons with intellectual disabilities with a community-research alliance team from Brock University and the Community Living Associations in Niagara, spearheaded by Welland Pelham Community Living. Griffiths was also one of the founders of Brock's new graduate program in Applied Disabilities Studies, which has enrolled 60 students in its inaugural year.

Griffiths has been a member and advisory member of three Board of Directors for Associations serving persons with developmental disabilities and mental health challenges: Community Living Welland Pelham, the National Association for Dual Diagnosis and its Ontario chapter. She also serves on the editorial boards for the Journal of Developmental Disabilities and the Developmental Disabilities Bulletin.

She has co-authored/co-edited several books, including: Changing Sexually Inappropriate Behavior: A Community-Based Approach for Persons With Developmental Disabilities (1989), Dual Diagnosis: An introduction to the mental health needs of person with developmental disabilities (2002), Ethical Dilemmas: Sexuality and Developmental Disability (2002), Demystifying Syndromes (2004) and Practice Guidelines for Diagnostic, Treatment and Related Support Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities and Serious Behavioral Problems (2006).

The Order of Ontario is the province's most prestigious official honour. The award was created in 1986 by the Government of Ontario to recognize the highest level of individual excellence and achievement in any field.

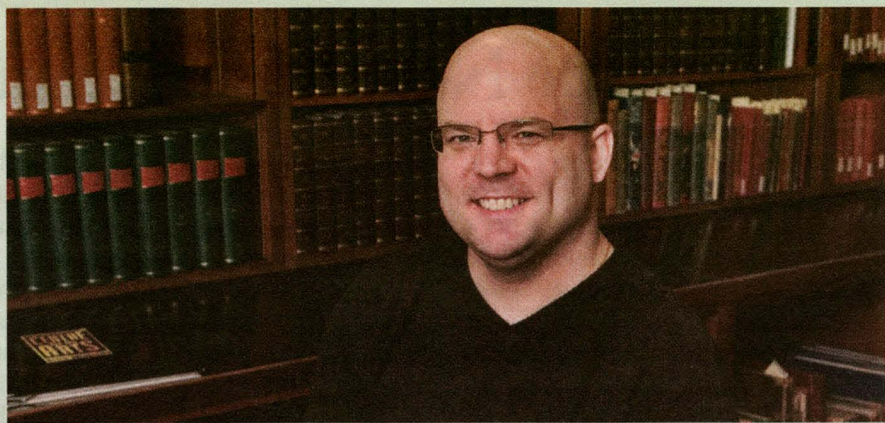
"It is humbling to receive an award for doing work for which I have great passion."

persons with developmental disabilities and mental health challenges: Community Living Welland Pelham, the National Association



St. Catharines MPP Jim Bradley examines a simulated male patient during an open house sponsored by the Department of Nursing at Brock University. The event, held in December 2006, showcased the computer-run anatomically correct mannequins purchased through \$550,000 in funding from the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. The equipment is designed to enhance the medical skills of Brock's nursing students in a realistic patient-care environment.

Allard awarded Polanyi Prize



James Allard

Assistant Professor James Allard has been awarded the prestigious 2006 John Charles Polanyi Prize for Literature. He received one of five prizes, with a value of \$15,000, which are awarded to outstanding researchers in the early stages of their career to assist in their research and professional development.

Allard, who teaches in the Department of English Language and Literature and specializes in British Romantic literature and culture, was recognized in mid-October for his research on narratives for and by medical patients. He also explores the creation of the idea of the "patient" in the late-18th and early-19th centuries.

"I was delighted to learn that Dr. Allard had won this impressive award," said Marilyn Rose, Dean of Graduate Studies at Brock. "His work is truly outstanding and I am especially pleased in that he is very much a 'teaching scholar' who brings his research into the classroom in lively ways, thereby enriching the experience of so many of our Brock students."

Allard explores patient narratives between 1750 and 1850, searching personal letters, journals and diaries for references to medical procedures. He then tries to find corresponding medical reports about the discourses.

"This project reflects how being a patient has an emotional and political history," he said. "The past provides vocabulary for ongoing medical conversations today about what it means to be a patient."

One of the more famous

references to a medical procedure, says Allard, was written by novelist Fanny Burney, who in a letter to her sister provided a gruesomely graphic account of a 25-minute radical mastectomy she underwent in 1811, long before the invention of anesthetic about 35 years later. Burney lived 29 years after the surgery, which at the time would not have been known as a mastectomy.

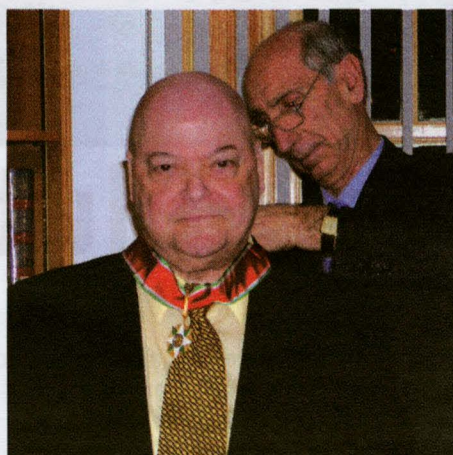
Another famous patient was poet Lord Byron, who was extremely sensitive about a walking disability, says Allard. Byron spent a great deal of time with doctors, and wrote freely about his opinions of them and their medical procedures.

"To be a patient, there must be a doctor," Allard added, "and both doctors and patients are needed to have scientifically recognized institution. There is a co-dependency between doctor and patient we need to understand."

Allard said he was honoured to accept this prize on behalf of the Department of English Language and Literature, the Faculty of Humanities, Graduate Studies, and the University.

"Brock is a place where researchers in the early stages of their careers can experience a stimulating, engaging, and welcoming atmosphere to conduct their work," says Allard. "I hope that any recognition that comes with this award signals to the rest of the academic community that Brock is a place where great work is being done by some great scholar-teachers, and that better work and even better scholars are on their way."

Professor Emeritus Mollica receives prestigious award from Italy



Anthony Mollica receives Star of Solidarity

Anthony Mollica, Professor Emeritus in the Faculty of Education, was recently honoured by the Government of Italy with the title of Commander of the Star of Solidarity, an award equivalent to being presented with the Fellow of the Order of Canada.

Because Mollica was required to give up his Italian citizenship when he became a Canadian citizen, this honour had to be approved by the Government of Canada.

Mollica received this prestigious award in recognition of the work he has done to promote the Italian language and culture outside of Italy. While examples of his efforts in this direction are numerous, graduates may be familiar with the Anthony Mollica Excellence in Second Language Teaching Award and his work with the American Association of Teachers of Italian, of which he was the first Canadian president.

A translation of the citation read by Emanuele Punzo, the Consul General of Italy, at the reception for Mollica at the Italian Cultural Institute in Toronto, stated the following: "Driven by an inexhaustible energy and by a most lively intellectual curiosity, Professor Mollica has contributed with his numerous articles and research studies to in-depth study to various topics in the teaching and learning of modern languages. At the same time he has been a strong promoter and organizer in the professional development of language teachers, particularly teachers of Italian not only in Canada but in the whole of North America."

Funding for New Media Incubator initiative

The recent announcement of the Ontario government's \$1.8-million investment in support of the province's creative industries is good news for the proposed Niagara Interactive New Media Incubator (NINMI), Brock University and its community partners, which include Niagara College, the City of St. Catharines Economic and Development Department, and the New Media Business Alliance.

Brock and its partners received \$50,000 to conduct a feasibility study for an incubator portal in Niagara that will provide access for new and existing digital media entrepreneurs to a network of expertise and media

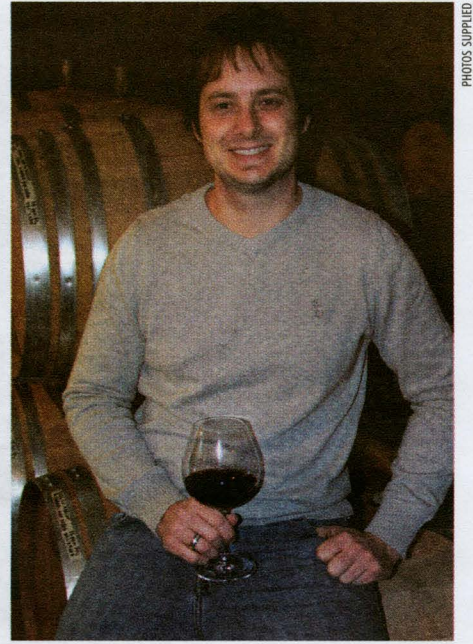
technologies. The incubator will be virtual and physical, providing services and programs for digital entrepreneurs at various stages of development.

"I am especially excited about this award. It's a first step in creating an incubator in the area of new media, an industry that has enormous potential for future economic development in the region," says Rosemary Hale, Dean, Faculty of Humanities. "And, with our program in Interactive Arts we will be providing, along with our partners, an outstanding talent pool for the success of those participating in the incubator project."

Other partners involved in the

development of the NINMI will include Silicon Knights Inc., Niagara Enterprise Agency and the Niagara Economic Development Corporation.

The three-year, \$7.5-million Entertainment and Creative Cluster Partnerships Fund was launched by Minister of Culture Caroline Di Cocco on Sept. 21, 2006. The first year's deadline for applications was Oct. 27, 2006. From the first round, 14 projects were awarded \$1.8 million, which leveraged \$5.3 million in combined budgets. Funding is administered by the Ontario Media Development Corporation on behalf of the Ontario Ministry of Culture.

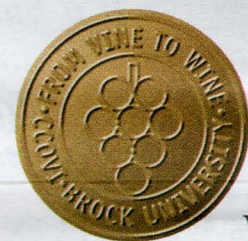


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Winning winemaker

Winemakers Ilya Senchuk (BSc, oevi, '03), above, and Daniel Lenko of the Daniel Lenko Estates Winery in Beamsville, Ont., produced the top Canadian wine as judged by British wine authority Jancis Robinson. Robinson was asked to evaluate 60 of Canada's best wines, and she selected the Syrah 2002 as having a "wonderful purity of flavour, ripeness and density of fruit without any excess of alcohol." The top-10 picks appeared in the Jan. 22, 2007 issue of Maclean's magazine.

Students uncork wine tasting honours



Brock University grape and wine studies students took four of the top eight placements in the third annual Wine Tasting Challenge in January.

In competition were almost 200 of the top sommeliers, wine professionals and amateur wine enthusiasts in Canada.

Jakub Lipinski, a Brock business major and CAPS (sponsored by CCOVI) sommelier student, came in second. Jakub, in addition to his current wine studies, completed University's "Introduction to Wine" course with honours.

In the newly introduced spirits round, Barclay Robinson, Brock oenology and viticulture student and professional sommelier, took first place. The spirits round was especially challenging as it came at the end of the hour-long test.

In the amateur category where up-and-coming wine professionals are allowed to compete, two Brock students placed second and third. Amy Blake, oenology and viticulture graduate student in Dr. Gary Pickering's lab, garnered second place. Amy's studies here at Brock are a continuation of her academic work that included top honours in our grape and wine studies program. Securing a strong third place finish was oenology and viticulture undergrad Rhiannon Plant.

Dr. Isabelle Lesschaeve, director of Brock's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute said, "We are so proud of our students' placements. As the administering and auditing body of this very important competition, we at CCOVI ensure a rigorous and equitable Challenge. It was wonderful to see our students rise above the very stiff competition. I believe that these results once again enforce the strength of our grape and wine studies program."



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Members of the Brock University Alumni Association board of directors pose beside their bench and dedication plaque in the Academic South building. The Brock University Alumni Association donated \$10,000 as part of the Good Better Brock! campaign. The money was raised using the proceeds from the annual Alumni Golf Tournament.

Back row, from left: Terry Cockerline (BA, comm, '97), Executive Director; David Betzner (BSc, csc, '85), Toronto Network Rep.; Bert VenderPerk (BAdmin i77); Stephanie Sugamori (BBA, hmrs, '05); Lynn Armstrong (BA, psyc, '99, MEd '03); Cam Hathaway (BPHEd, '80); Marcie Lewis, Brock Student Ambassadors Rep.; Richard Knabenschuh (BA, psyc, '90), President.

Front row, from left: Wendy Rocca (BA, csbc, '98; BEd '06; MEd '05); Ildi Wiley (BA, soci, '92); Christine Jones, Director, Alumni Relations; Cynthia Roberts (BRLS, '88); Ashley O'Brien (BA, csbc, '06); Scott Moore (BA, csbc, '01); Rena Posteraro (BA, fren, '98; MEd, edad, '05).

Board members not pictured are: Brad Clarke (BA, child, '00), Vice-President Alumni Affairs; Lynne Bubic (BA, psyc, '91), Vice-President Finance and Administration; Sema Donna Kenan (BA, poli, '76).

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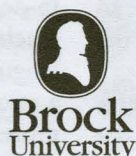
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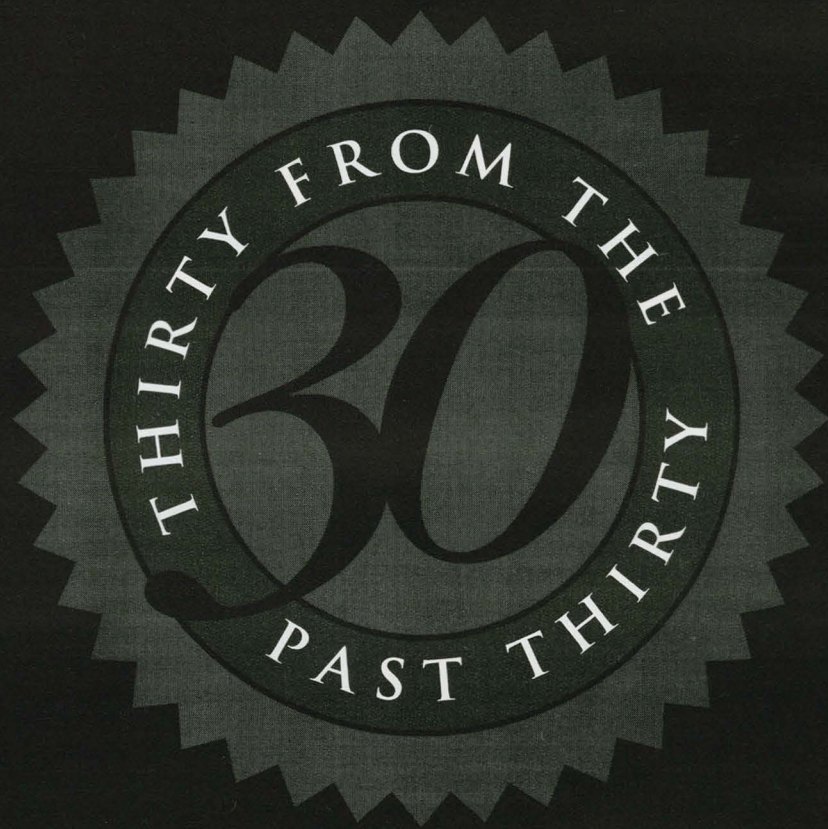
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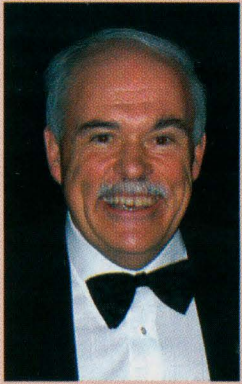
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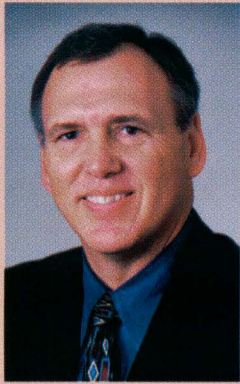


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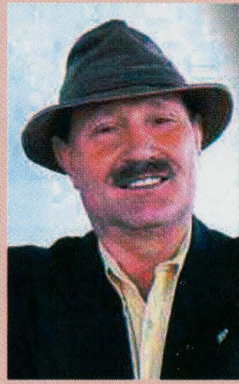
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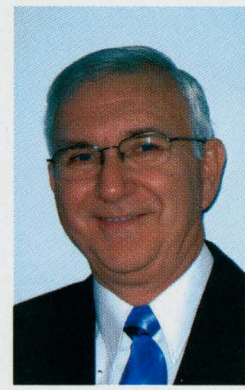
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Dr. Andy Panko,
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2005 Recipient
Dr. Karl Kaiser,
BSc '74

In 2002, the Brock University Alumni Association began the tradition of honouring one graduate annually with the Distinguished Alumni Award. This prestigious award recognizes Brock graduates who have made exceptional contributions in their professional life, their community involvement and in their commitment to Brock University.

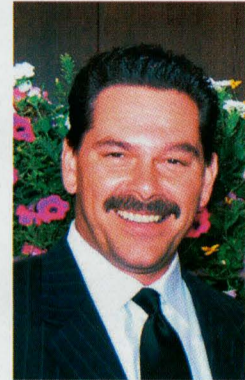
The Alumni Association would like to acknowledge the accomplishments of these four outstanding alumni and thank them for graciously participating in the selection process for the Thirty From the Past Thirty Awards. Their contributions have allowed the spotlight to shine on other exceptional Brock graduates highlighting a broad spectrum of success.



Leonard Bishop,
BA '67

Leonard Bishop of Niagara Falls obtained his BA in English in the first graduating class of Brock University and has served as teacher, principal and senior executive. He has played a key role in shaping the education of Catholic students across the province and in ensuring students in more remote, northerly communities have access to the best education.

He served as Director of Education for the Superior North Catholic District School Board and after retiring returned to Niagara where he now serves as a Field Experience Co-ordinator in Brock's Faculty of Education. Leonard has demonstrated an unshakable dedication to students, and is a staunch advocate of students with special needs.

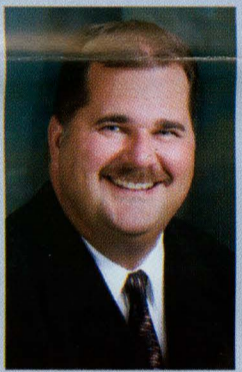


David Civiero,
BA '90

David Civiero of Glen Williams, Ont., founded the Mississauga-based Link-Line Group of Companies Ltd. in 1994 with just two employees. Today, it is the largest Canadian-owned natural gas contractor in Ontario with more than \$70 million in sales and more than 400 employees.

David, who also co-founded Accu-Link Call Centres, which employs more than 140 people, is a widely recognized leader in the utility industry in Ontario and works tirelessly giving back to his community, through such causes as Sick Kids Hospital, the Make a Wish Foundation, the United Way, Junior Achievement and Habitat for Humanity.

Message From The President



Richard Knabenschuh

I am very proud to be celebrating the incorporation of our association 30 years ago. We have come a long way in 30 years as a university and as an alumni association. So much so that the current alumni board of directors felt it was fitting that we mark this anniversary by celebrating the growth and achievements of our fellow alumni. By honouring a sample of the excellence that has been developed at Brock, we are showcasing our entire alumni community. These awards are not necessarily intended to identify Brock's top 30 grads, but rather display the diversity of Brock University and showcase the wonderful ambassadors who exemplify Brock University's core values.

I'd like to extend a special thank you to all past and present members of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association for their dedication, commitment and belief that a small group of individuals can be a voice for a growing association and that we can make a difference. Also, thank you to all of our volunteers who have helped make this celebration a success. Most of all, congratulations to our 30 honourees for all of their achievements and for being role models for future Brock alumni.

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Richard Knabenschuh, BA '90
President, Brock University Alumni Association



Christina Doyle,
BEd '78

Christina Doyle of Richmond Hill graduated from Brock University with a BEd in 1978. She is a teacher and advocates tirelessly on behalf of special needs children. She has also taken a leadership role in anti-bullying initiatives among elementary students.

Christina is a survivor of a rare form of bone cancer who triumphed to become a successful country music recording artist and motivational speaker. She has donated tens of thousands of dollars from her music CD sales to cancer research and is currently working on her audio book and accompanying CD benefiting bone cancer research. She is an avid supporter of the Terry Fox Foundation, the Canadian Cancer Society and other charitable organizations.



Dr. Roberta L. Flemming,
BSc '85

Dr. Roberta L. Flemming, a graduate of Brock University's Chemistry/Geology combined honours BSc, is a pioneer in the field of mineralogy and synthetic materials. Her research has included high-resolution, solid-state nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy, X-ray diffraction and micro X-ray diffraction, and has been applied to diamond exploration and the mineralogy of meteorites. She has held lecturer and professorships at the University of Alberta and Queen's University, and is currently Associate Professor of Earth Sciences at the University of Western Ontario. Roberta is a supporter of Brock's "Scientifically Yours" program, promoting the sciences as a positive field of study for girls.

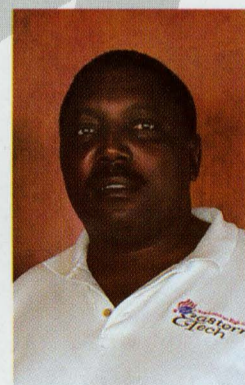


Dr. Brian S. Helstrom,
BSc '87

Dr. Brian S. Helstrom of Burlington is a recognized expert in the field of computer science and information technology. He graduated from Brock University with a BSc in Computer Applications Development, obtained his MSc at the University of Guelph and his PhD at Parkwood University in the United Kingdom.

He has worked with financial institutions, the petrochemical, health services and insurance industries, government and telecommunications organizations.

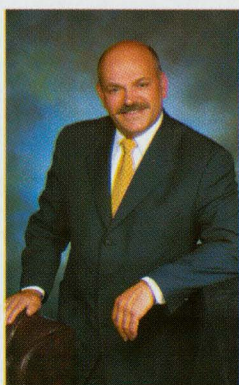
Brian is committed to community work, including coaching children's sports and more than 25 years of work as a devoted leader in Scouts Canada, and is a generous donor to Brock.



Alfred Ilukena,
BA '88, BEDTSL '89

Alfred Ilukena nearly died when he was seriously wounded fighting for the liberation of his homeland, Namibia, from the apartheid South African government. In 1985, he was awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship to study at Brock University, where he inspired other international students.

Upon graduation, Alfred decided to selflessly return to his homeland to apply his education to better the lives of people in a country with high illiteracy, a legacy of the apartheid colonial regime. Today, as a senior official with the Ministry of Education, he is working to improve literacy rates among Namibians and people in other developing countries by pioneering a new curriculum.



Dr. Antoon Leenaars,
BA '75

Dr. Antoon Leenaars of Windsor, a native of the Netherlands, graduated from Brock University with his BA in Philosophy and Psychology in 1975 and obtained his MA and PhD at the University of Windsor. He is regarded as one of the most influential specialists in the world in the field of suicide.

In addition to a demanding psychotherapy practice, Antoon has published 11 books and more than 150 professional articles and chapters on a range of topics from violence, trauma, suicide, AIDS, genocide and gun control.

He has consulted for the World Health Organization and has been featured in national and international media.

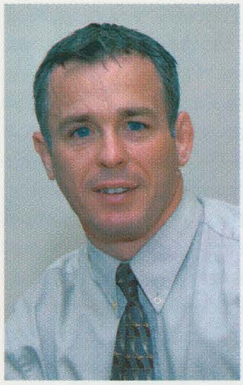


Donald A. MacIntosh,
BA '76

Donald A. MacIntosh of Toronto graduated from Brock University in 1976 with a BA in Political Science and went on to earn a law degree at Dalhousie University in Halifax. He is one of Canada's most notable lawyers in immigration cases involving national security, crimes against humanity and constitutional law.

Donald has served as a top Nazi war crimes prosecutor for the federal Department of Justice and has participated in the deportation proceedings of Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel and convicted murderer and escapee Lawrence Bembek.

He was honoured by the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Museum with an award for his work in 2005.



Marty Calder,
BPhEd '92

Marty Calder of Thorold is a Brock University alumnus whose name is synonymous with athletic excellence. Among his many achievements, in addition to being Brock Male Athlete of the Year three times, Marty is a seven-times national wrestling champion and Commonwealth champion who placed high at the 1992 and 1996 Olympics.

As a role model, Marty has also been responsible for the development of many high school athletes, two of whom have gone on to the Olympics.

He is a tireless ambassador for Brock and contributes greatly to his community by regularly speaking to high school and elementary students and volunteering with youth at risk.



Rick Campanelli,
BPhEd '94

Hamilton native Rick Campanelli has become one of Canada's best known names in the entertainment industry. As an on-air VJ for MuchMusic for 10 years and more recently as lead reporter for Entertainment Tonight Canada, Rick has interviewed many of the most famous names in entertainment, from Madonna and Denzel Washington to John Travolta, Ringo Starr, Danny DeVito and Tony Bennett.

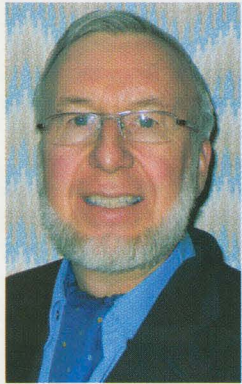
Rick speaks frequently to students, has travelled to Africa with World Vision, has worked with many worthy causes such as Big Brothers Big Sisters and Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto, and is a high-profile ambassador for Brock.



Linda Crabtree,
BA '87, LLD (hon.) '94

Linda Crabtree of St. Catharines is a tireless advocate for people with disabilities. Through the charity she founded in 1984 for people with the same neuromuscular disorder that she has (Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease), she helped thousands of families worldwide for 18 years. Through her writing and artwork, she continues to promote inclusion locally and maintains a huge website (www.accessibleniagara.com) that welcomes tourists with disabilities into Niagara.

She has inspired people around the world with her tenacity and creativity and has been honoured with numerous awards, including the Order of Canada, the Order of Ontario, and an honorary degree from Brock.



Dr. Richard Denton,
BSc '71

Dr. Richard Denton first came to Brock as part of the university's first Grade 12 Program, a program which exempted students from Grade 13. He graduated from Brock University with a BSc with Distinction in 1971 and went on to complete his MD studies at McMaster University.

In addition to the demanding duties of a family medical practice in Kirkland Lake, Richard has been active in his community as president of the local Rotary Club, District Chair of Literacy and a Group Study leader to India. As mayor of Kirkland Lake, Denton spearheaded the successful fight against plans to dump Toronto garbage in an open pit mine in the community several years ago.



Dr. Dorothy Griffiths,
BA '73

Dr. Dorothy Griffiths of Welland, a 1972 honours graduate from Brock University's Psychology Department, is an international leader in services for people with the dual diagnosis of intellectual disabilities and mental health concerns. As an outstanding researcher and the author and co-author of numerous books and scientific papers, she has greatly advanced the understanding and treatment of people with dual diagnosis.

As a professor with Brock's Department of Child and Youth Studies, she has mentored many students who have gone on to serve in influential positions.

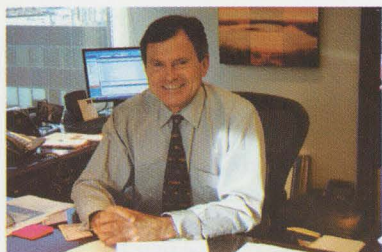
Dorothy has received numerous accolades for her groundbreaking work and advocacy, most recently being named to the Order of Ontario.



Dr. Mary Guerriero Austrom,
BA '81, BEd '80

Dr. Mary Guerriero Austrom graduated in 1981 with her BA in Psychology and Italian, and has gone on to become a world-renowned expert, advocate, researcher, educator and author in the field of Alzheimer's disease. As the Wesley P. Martin Professor of Alzheimer Disease Education at the Indiana University School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry in Indianapolis, she holds the first and only endowed professorship for Alzheimer disease education in the world.

In addition to being a much sought-after keynote speaker at conferences in her field, she is a devoted wife and mother of five (three biological sons and two daughters adopted from Russia).



Robert Jennings,
BA '68

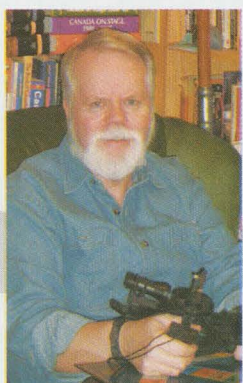
Robert (Rob) Jennings of Calgary, president of his year while at Brock University, showed his business prowess early when he became the youngest director at what is now known as ScotiaMcLeod. Rob went on to numerous successful business enterprises, including creating Jennings Capital Inc. in 1993, which has grown to 85 employees and \$40 million in revenue. Jennings Capital Inc. has raised more than \$3 billion for Canadian companies and entrepreneurs requiring capital to expand employment and business opportunities. Rob served as Chair of the Athletes Village for the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary, has worked with numerous charities, is chairman of the Calgary Prostate Cancer Foundation and sits on a number of corporate boards.



Dr. Xiao-chun (Chris) Le,
MSc '89

Dr. Xiao-chun (Chris) Le of Edmonton, travelled from mainland China to obtain his MSc in Analytical Chemistry from Brock University in 1988 and his PhD at the University of British Columbia. Chris is a prolific researcher and writer who has greatly advanced the field of environmental toxicology and health sciences.

He is currently Professor and Canada Research Chair in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Alberta. Chris has worked with numerous agencies dedicated to public health, from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to the National Cancer Institute of Canada and Health Canada.



David MacKenzie,
BA '74

David MacKenzie of Ridgeville, who graduated from Brock University in 1974 with a BA in Drama, is a modern Renaissance man. The gifted actor, director and playwright with the Carousel Players theatre company has written nearly 20 plays in which he pioneered an innovative style of participation, engaging hundreds of thousands of students, teachers and performers in Canadian and world history and myth.

He played a pivotal role in the development of Trivial Pursuit and is credited with being the protector of Canadian content in the wildly popular board game.

David has also portrayed Welland Canal visionary William Hamilton Merritt for more than 24 years.



Ken Murray,
BPhEd '76

When he played for the Brock University men's basketball team in the 1970s, Ken Murray was a player without equal, dominating the court and earning titles such as Brock Male Athlete of the Year in 1975.

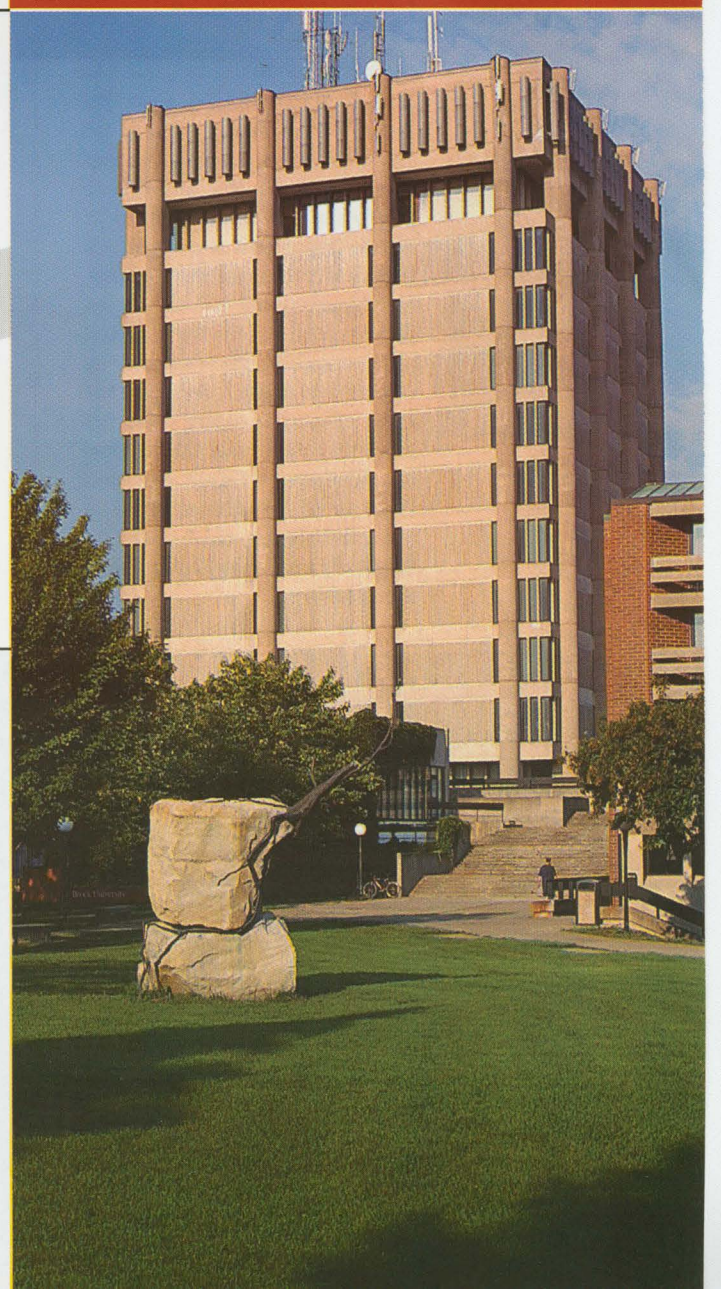
But Ken's greatest achievements arguably came when he became coach of the men's basketball team, leading the Badgers to their first national championship in 1991-92. Under his guidance, the Badgers are a perennial contender on the national stage. Now in his 17th year as coach, Ken continues to inspire players from Brock to elementary schools and is an ambassador for Brock as a sought-after commentator on television and radio.

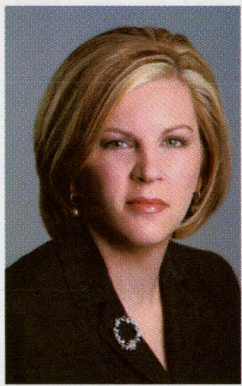
The Brock University Alumni

Association and Brock University have a tradition of recognizing alumni who have built upon their Brock experience and enjoyed further achievement through their contributions to Canada and beyond. In 2006-2007, the Brock University Alumni Association

celebrates the 30th anniversary of its incorporation and carries on that tradition. To mark the occasion, the Brock University Alumni Association is paying tribute to 30 Brock graduates who best exemplify the Brock core values of *imagination, innovation and commitment.*

The Thirty From the Past Thirty Awards celebrate the accomplishments of all Brock graduates by recognizing the success of a chosen few who have excelled through their scholarly, creative, humanitarian or professional achievements.





Susan Pedler,
BA '97

Susan Pedler of Windsor spent much of her childhood at Brock University helping out at track meets due to her father's role as Badger track coach. In 1996, she graduated from Brock with a BA in Communications Studies/Social Policy.

Since obtaining a journalism degree at Ryerson University, Susan has become a familiar face to people across Canada. The rising star with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has covered everything from the Bandidos biker massacre in Shedden, to the gas-sniffing crisis in Labrador, to countless provincial and federal elections. Susan is the host of "CBC News at Six" in southwestern Ontario and a regular contributor to CBC's "The National."



Maureen Piercy,
MEd '90

Maureen Piercy of Trenton, Ont. is a 1990 Brock Master of Education graduate. Maureen also holds a BA, (Honours) in Psychology from Queen's University and a Print Journalism diploma from Loyalist College in Belleville. She has completed the course work required for a doctorate in education from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education evidence of her ongoing commitment to lifelong education. In her role as a Vice-President Academic and President of Loyalist College since 2005, Maureen has played a pivotal role in the development of numerous new programs and initiatives, including several degree access articulations, and a collaborative nursing science degree in partnership with Brock University.



Dr. Amy C. Plint,
BSc '87

Dr. Amy C. Plint of Ottawa, is regarded as one of the brightest and most accomplished researchers in pediatric medicine in Canada. She graduated from Brock University with a BSc (honours) in 1987 went on to obtain her MD degree from McMaster University.

In addition to being a talented pediatric emergency physician and associate professor with the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, Amy has spearheaded numerous groundbreaking studies answering vital questions such as the best treatment for childhood fractures, other common injuries, and pediatric respiratory infections.



Dr. Ronald B. Rogge,
BSc '87, MSc '90

Dr. Ronald B. Rogge of Deep River, Ont., is an internationally recognized materials scientist and one of the world's foremost experts in the development and application of neutron diffraction techniques for industrial uses. Ronald obtained his BSc in 1987 and his MSc in 1990 from Brock University went on to obtain his PhD from McMaster University.

In addition to overseeing research projects in sectors as varied as oil and gas, mining and the military, Ronald has participated on numerous international committees, and played a key role in the development of Atomic Resolution Neutron Holography, a process that could have a major contribution to the understanding of diseases at a cellular level.



Debi Rosati,
BAdmin '84

Debi Rosati of Ottawa graduated from Brock University in 1984 with a BBA and is a recognized leader in the Ottawa technology community. She has gained national recognition as a venture catalyst, volunteer and entrepreneurial advisor.

In addition to serving on numerous boards, Debi founded RosatiNet, a venture catalyst firm specializing in developing financing strategies for technology start-up companies, raising more than \$35 million in private equity since 2001.

Debi has also been a generous donor to Brock's Faculty of Business and has received numerous awards and recognitions for her work, including the 2003 Distinguished Graduate Award from Brock University's Faculty of Business.



Yuri Rubinsky,
BA '72

Yuri Rubinsky, a former editor of the Brock Press, became a book writer, notably *A History of the End of the World*, and co-founded the first publishing workshop at the Banff Centre for the Arts. He co-founded and was CEO of SoftQuad, which invented HoTMeL, the first HTML web browser. He worked tirelessly to promote SGML (Standard Generalized Markup Language), the basis for XML and HTML now used on the World Wide Web. He was an avid believer that information and software should be accessible for everyone, including the blind. At his untimely death in 1996, Yuri was described both as a visionary and a guru.



Prof. Gary J. Schrobilgen,
MSc '71

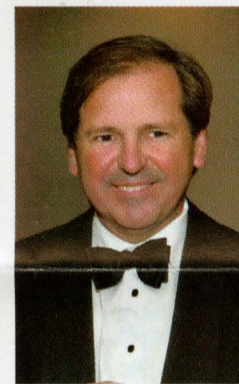
Prof. Gary J. Schrobilgen FRSC, of Greensville, Ont., who obtained his MSc from Brock University in 1971 and his PhD from McMaster University in 1974, where he is professor in the Department of Chemistry, is an international expert in inorganic chemistry. Gary, and the many students and postdoctoral fellows who have studied under him, are significantly advancing our fundamental understanding of main-group and transition metal chemistry in several areas. Their work is being applied to real-world applications such as nuclear medicine, investigating brain disorders such as schizophrenia and Parkinson's disease through positron emission tomography, as well as to the nuclear fuel cycle and highly energetic materials.



Dr. Barbara L. Sherriff,
MSc '84

Dr. Barbara L. Sherriff of Winnipeg, an MSc graduate of the Brock University Department of Geological Sciences (now Earth Sciences) in the early 1980s, has held a distinguished career in academia including groundbreaking research in the application of solid state nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy to mineralogy as well as geoarchaeology. Her present research relates to environmental issues of metal mining including remediation of mine waste.

Barbara has taught a wide range of courses as a professor at the University of Manitoba, where she served as Associate Dean in the Faculty of Science. She is also very active in community work and in advocating for women to consider careers in the sciences and engineering.

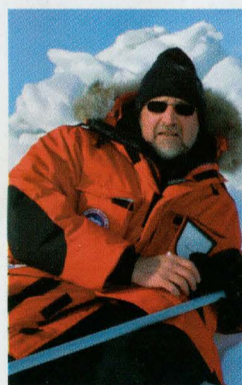


John Suk,
BSc '73

John Suk of St. Catharines graduated from Brock University with a BSc in 1973. He is the president and CEO of Oakville-based ALTANA Pharma Inc., a pharmaceutical firm which is part of the Nycomed group of companies, and has been recognized as one of the top 100 companies to work for by *Maclean's* magazine, three years in a row.

John started the company 10 years ago as a one-man operation in his basement and has transformed it into a firm with annual sales of \$275 million and with 265 employees.

John gives generously to the community, including scholarships to encourage medical students to become family doctors, working with the United Way, supporting the arts, the homeless and victims of domestic violence.



Dr. Garry W. Timco,
BSc '73

Dr. Garry W. Timco of Orleans, Ont., graduated from Brock University in 1973 with a BSc in Physics, winning the Governor General's medal, and went on to obtain his MSc and PhD in geophysics from the University of Western Ontario. He is an internationally recognized expert in the field of offshore ice engineering and his research has played a vital role in the design of offshore drilling platforms and the Confederation Bridge. Garry is a prolific author of scientific papers, a Principal Research Officer with the National Research Council of Canada, an Adjunct Professor of Ocean Engineering at Memorial University, and the Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Cold Regions Science and Technology*.



Tonya Verbeek,
BRLS, '00, BEd '03,
MEd '06

Beamsville native and Brock University grad Tonya Verbeek, named 2000 female Athlete of the Year, won the silver medal in the inaugural sport of women's wrestling at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece.

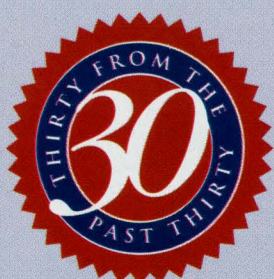
Tonya personifies what it takes to be a true champion at the highest level of competition through dedication, commitment and hard work. She frequently speaks to students, is a high-profile advocate for regular physical activity in people's daily lives and is a role model for women and girls across the country.

Tonya remains committed to Brock as assistant wrestling coach, and works to ensure prospective Canadian Olympians and paralympians realize their dreams.



Doug Wilkinson,
BBA '91

Doug Wilkinson of Greenwood, Ont., a native of Fonthill, graduated from Brock University's Chartered Accountant Co-op accounting program. He became one of the youngest partners at Deloitte Canada's largest audit, tax and consulting firm, and is responsible for the firm's National Control Assurance practice. Recipient of Brock's inaugural Distinguished Graduate Award for the Faculty of Business in 2002, Doug has remained very involved with Brock on a number of fronts, including all recruitment from the University. Deloitte was recently recognized as one of the Top Best 50 Companies to work for in Canada by the *Globe and Mail*.



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