

Spring 2009

congratulations! graduating class of 2009



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Over 650 Selkirk College students graduated from a variety of programs on Friday, April 24th, 2009. Friends, family, Selkirk staff and faculty were present at the Convocation Ceremony on the Castlegar Campus to show their support for students' achievements. The valedictory address was undertaken by Hailey Rilkoﬀ and the Student Professional Award Pin was presented to Katrina Ady. Honorary Diplomas were presented to Dr. Jack Colbert (Liberal Arts and Sciences) and Michael Chapman (Nursing). The Distinguished Educator Award was presented to Dr. Peter Wood.

Letter from the Editor

Spring has been a long time coming this year. As I write this the snow is finally disappearing from my yard in Blewett. Now, with graduation ceremonies finished, spring is finally here!

I am proud to report to you that our Alumni Association membership continues to grow. Over the two years of our existence we have enjoyed four newsletters, a Chartered Student dinner and display for memorabilia, doubled our membership, produced three program reunions and have created a lot of opportunities to network and connect with other alumni.

The 2009 Spring AlumnUS edition brings updates on friends, colleagues and instructors and provides profiles and news on the college and special events.

We are currently working on a KSA at Selkirk College Exhibition and Reunion to take place in spring, 2010 for all alumni of KSA. We had an amazing celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Contemporary Music and Technology program at the Capitol Theatre in January. Look for a historical profile of the program inside this edition.

There is a lot to celebrate at Selkirk College. Nearly 300 students walked down the carpet in Castlegar on April 24, 2009 to receive their certificates and diplomas while more than 400 received their certificates by mail. You may view the ceremony photos at selkirk.ca/alumni.

I wish you all a wonderful summer—stay connected and keep sending me your stories!

All the best,

Pat Henman
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...and I quote

"My experience at KSA in graphics and later at David Thompson in painting and dance helped me conclude that my path in life was meant to be artistic. In 1983 I moved to the big town of Vancouver to enroll in Fine Arts at Emily Carr. Since then, I have continued to practice as an artist. Even though my time in Nelson was short they were my most formative years. KSA for me was about artistic and personal growth; the school and the community acted as an intense incubator of ideas from which life-long friendships and artistic principles developed."

Nicole Dextras, KSA, 1979

"Somehow Selkirk never appeared on the radar when I was looking at post-secondary schools. I don't think I would have it any other way had I not been out here. It was a whole new world; exactly what I'd been looking for."

Emily Millard (stage name-Miss Emily Brown),
Contemporary Music and Technology Program, 2006

Event News

Chartered Student Display at Castlegar Campus Library

Selkirk College memorabilia, donated by Chartered Students, is currently being exhibited as part of the Chartered Student Display in the Castlegar Campus Library. The latest addition is an original Selkirk College crested school jacket donated by Terry Jesudason.



Thank you to all Chartered Students who have contributed to the display!

2010 Reunion for KSA at Selkirk College

Plans are being made for a spring reunion and exhibition of all KSA alumni. If you would like to contribute ideas or learn more about the event please call 250.505.1324 or email the alumni office at alumni@selkirk.ca.

Save the Dates!

- Founder's Day Dinner and Reunion - Oct. 26, 2009. Details on page 5.
- Gala 2009 - Nov. 28, 2009, at Mary Hall in Nelson.

Tickets are \$70.00 or \$520.00 for a table of eight. Call 250.505.1386 or email alumni@selkirk.ca to reserve your tickets!

Twenty Years of Making Music

Selkirk College's Contemporary Music and Technology program is celebrating their 20th year of having the first computer music (MIDI) teaching lab and curriculum, the first 2-year diploma with a state-of-the-art recording studio and the only 2-year contemporary music program in Canada.

Former President of Selkirk College, Leo Perra, secured the funding for the program in 1989 and the job postings for music instructors were advertised across North America.

Darcy Hepner of the Berklee College of Music in Boston saw the postings in a newspaper and applied for a position. Once he was at Selkirk, he became the first Department Head for the program and decided to try and recruit other Berklee instructors. Paul Landsberg, Steven Parish and Jeff Link made the move with a desire to start something new and enjoy the lifestyle the West Kootenay region had to offer.

With a first-year class of over 35 students, the first floor of Selkirk's Tenth Street Campus in Nelson was overtaken. Current Department Head, Don Macdonald described the scene: "It looked like a knitting factory in the beginning. It was a big open space where everyone picked a spot and did their thing. It was a lot different than the space we have now."

The core programming has stayed the same over the years, with majors being offered in Performance and Production. In the late 90's majors in Composition and Directed Studies were added. This year a Song Writing major will also be available.

Original faculty members, Paul Landsberg and Steven Parish are still with the college today, along with Gilles Parenteau, who joined the faculty eight months after the inception of the program and founding "second-year" faculty Mark Spielman and Cheryl Hodge.

The instructors link the success of the program directly to the students' success. "You just never know if the student you are teaching is going to make it. When they do, we usually have a sense of pride...after the shock wears off," joked instructor Gilles Parenteau. The program has graduated student-successes such as Trish Klein (1998 alumna) who is now the guitar player for the Be Good Tanyas, accomplished jazz musician Neville Bowman (1992 alumnus) and Juno Award nominee Dan Kearley (1997 alumnus).

Although the faculty spends a lot of time teaching and playing music with the students at Selkirk, many have active musical lives outside of the college. You can often see the faculty performing around the West Kootenay region and even internationally. Guitar and Ear Training instructor Paul Landsberg has recently released his third CD for the Paul Landsberg Quartette, has been invited to play at a jazz festival in Florence, Italy this June and has published a series of books on ear training. His wife Laura Landsberg, a voice instructor at Selkirk, has recently secured a grant for \$10,000 to record a CD.

When asked if they ever regretted their decision to move from the "fast lane" to Nelson, BC to teach, the answers were adamant. "When I came here twenty years ago, I never planned on staying," said Steven



Photo credit: Jessica Moser

Selkirk College's current Contemporary Music and Technology faculty: back row, from left to right, Gilles Parenteau, Glenn Mitchell, Cheryl Hodge, Paul Landsberg, Steven Parish, Don Macdonald, Laura Landsberg; front row, from left to right, Mark Spielman, Darren Mahe, and Kiyoshi Elkuf. Missing are John Tucker and Kelly Fawcett.

Parish. "Every year, it just gets better and better. I love the area and always look forward to the variety of talent the students bring forward year after year."

In January, the faculty of Contemporary Music and Technology celebrated their 20th anniversary at the Music Faculty Show in Nelson, BC. Earnings from the performance went towards the production of a commemorative 20th Anniversary CD which will be released later this spring and available for purchase locally and online. Proceeds from the CD will go back into student awards and bursaries.

For more information on Selkirk's Contemporary Music and Technology program, visit selkirk.ca/programs/dmm/music.

Submitted by Carrie Voysey

Short Good News

ANTHONY CROSFIELD

This April, Selkirk College Hairdressing Students at the Silver King Campus in Nelson received a visit and practicum lesson from "Superstar Hair Challenge" winner and "Fashion Guru" (Global TV – Mondays) Anthony Crosfield. Having graduated from Selkirk's Hairdressing program 24 years ago, Anthony now sits on the Advisory Board which helps keep the program current and up to industry standards. Despite his busy schedule, which includes working with celebrities in cities such as New York and London, Anthony has never forgotten where he came from and continues to support the college and motivate its students.



CASE AWARD

Selkirk College's Development & Alumni Coordinator, Pat Henman, recently attended the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District 8 Conference in Seattle, WA, and accepted the bronze award on behalf of the college for "Best Recruitment Video". The competition was open to post-secondary institutions across North America and was selected from over 784 entries. Selkirk's video was created in 2007 by Digital Arts and New Media Alumni Jeremy Kenning, Scotty Carlson, Markus Nurmi and Ryan Thibault of Juicy Studios in Rossland, BC. Former Institutional Marketing Coordinator of Selkirk College, Lucie Fortier, received credit as the Project Manager. To view the video, visit selkirk.ca/students.



COMPANY LEADER OF THE YEAR SHELLEY STANSBURY

Director of Housekeeping, The Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

Selkirk College Resort and Hotel Management 2000 alumna, Shelley Stansbury, was recently awarded the 2008 Company Leader of the Year Award for the Fairmont Hotel in Vancouver, BC.

Although Shelley works in a large and demanding department as the Director of Housekeeping, supervising a team of over 100 employees, she demonstrates respect for all of them, by making a specific effort to get to know each of them as individuals. Her positive attitude and genuine concern for her employees show every day during her shift briefings, coaching sessions and off-duty visits in the staff dining area, where it is clear that she has built strong relationships with all departments and colleagues.

Shelley has coached her team towards raising scores for cleanliness in the hotel and implementing programs, such as the new "Pillow Concierge Program", "No Hassle at the Castle" and the popular "Fairmont Fit Program".

Teamwork is Shelley's "mantra"; when a sister hotel was in dire need of managerial assistance, she offered to cancel her vacation plans and move to the hotel for several weeks to assist. Recently, when a nearby competitor's hotel had a back-of-house fire in their laundry area, Shelley called and offered to lend them whatever they needed to take care of their guests. Although Shelley manages a large department, she always finds time to assist other managers with special events.

Shelley enthusiastically participates in her hotel's "Lobby Ambassador Program", as well as their "Weekend Manager on Duty Program" and serves on several committees. She encourages learning and embraces new ideas.

Shelley's take charge behaviour, focus on teamwork and her overall positive attitude have earned her the title of *2008 Company Leader of the Year*.

Congratulations, Shelley!

HOT COMPETITION

Students from the Professional Cook Training Program at Selkirk College pulled off their best results ever at the 13th Annual Jr Hot Competition in Vancouver, BC bringing home 6 gold, 6 silver and 2 bronze medals. From left to right, Chef / Instructor Randy Davis, Katie Foster, Kelli Bialkoski, Kiersten Jansen, Steve Brown, Caitlin Laurie, Cora Grosch, Kelly Mitchell and Team Manager David Abrosimoff. Missing are Ryan Lane, Rachel Markin and Chef / Instructor Simon Parr.



BC HOSPITALITY CASE STUDY COMPETITION

A team from Selkirk College has again won top spot and \$1,000 prize money at the 2009 BC Hospitality Case Study Competition held recently in Vancouver. This is the third straight win for students from Selkirk's School of Hospitality & Tourism. Shown, left to right, are Jordan Lapp, Bill Bennett, BC's Minister of Tourism, Bobbi Haggard, Leanna Leibel, Hailey Rilkoff and Bob Falle, Chair of Selkirk's School of Hospitality and Tourism.



SELKIRK COLLEGE 2008-09 RETIREES

Louise Krohn (December 31, 2009)
 Al Walker, Upcoming Retirement
 Duncan Grady (August 2009)
 Kate Enewold (August 2009)
 John Waterer (July 31, 2009)
 Jim Paterson (June 30, 2009)
 Ardith White (May 31, 2009)
 Jacqueline Chapin (April 30, 2009)
 Colleen Gibson (March 2009)
 Judy Schultz (March 31, 2009)
 Judy Forsyth (March 31, 2009)
 Marg Dolan (Feb 28, 2009)
 Barb Coombs (February 2009)
 Jill Jaques (January 31, 2009)
 Judy Wray (September 2008)
 Richard Allin (June 30, 2008)
 George Mclvor (May 2008)
 Rod Retzlaff (March 2008)
 Danny Bradford (March 31, 2008)
 Sharon Parsons (March 31, 2008)

ELI PASQUALI, 2008 GRADUATE OF AVIATION

Eli graduated from Selkirk College's Aviation program in the spring of 2008. From there he briefly worked in Ft. Simpson, NWT, with Wolverine Air. He then decided that he needed an adventure in his life, so he moved to Africa to fly. Eli's hobbies include photography and Shotokan Karate. He has been doing photography since age thirteen and karate since age seven. Enjoy Eli's stories and amazing photography on his blog at <http://elipasquali.blogspot.com/>.

IT'S ALL IN THE FAMILY...

Monica Markin and her daughter Rachael graduated from Selkirk College this April. Monica graduated from Applied Business Technology and Rachael graduated from the Professional Cook Training program. Husband, father and Selkirk employee, Dan Markin, graduated from the Electronics Engineering Technologist class of 1983. Dan and Monica's other daughter has been accepted into the Early Childhood Care & Education program this fall.



CANADA'S GOLF MANAGEMENT COLLEGES LAUNCH WEBSITE

Canada's 11 publicly accredited golf management colleges have launched a collaborative internet portal to serve the country's golf community (2,200 golf clubs).

The Golf Management News and Education Thread (GMNET) at golfcolleges.ca serves the information needs of Canada's 10,000 golf club managers and people pursuing golf club management studies.



From golfcolleges.ca visitors can connect directly to Canada's 11 public post-

secondary golf institutions and key golf organizations that represent the industry. Articles and features are written by industry professionals and post secondary golf educators to cover areas important to managers and golf students in the areas of:

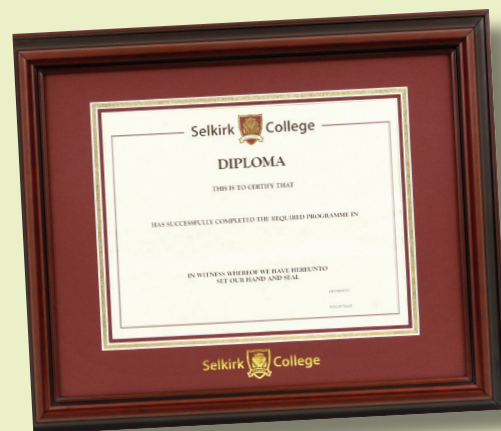
- administration
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- marketing
- environment
- leadership
- finances
- food and beverage
- golf shop
- education and professional development
- turf grass

Participating on the site are Selkirk College, Camosun College, Lethbridge College, Grant MacEwan College, Humber College, Fanshawe College, Algonquin College, Holland College, Niagara College, Georgian College and Durham College.

The site is hosted and managed by Selkirk College which offers Canada's only 100% online golf management certificate program: Golf Club Operations Online (GCOOL).

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AlumnUS Profile Spring 2009

Steven Dyck, 1990-91 Graduate, Ski Resort Operations and Management

In February 2009, I had the opportunity to attend a Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) conference in Seattle and interview 1991 alumnus Steven Dyck.

Conferences are wonderful “tools” for networking and learning from others who have tried methods and succeeded and/or tried and failed. Experts in their field share their positive and negative experiences so that others can learn.

On the final night of the three day conference, my co-worker, Dianna Ducs, and I were ready for some final networking and went to an amazing closing night banquet. We stood with a group of fellow post-secondary alumni, advancement and marketing professionals, discussing how we were all going back to our respective institutions inspired and refreshed! One member of the group heard “Selkirk College” and immediately told us that he was a grad from Selkirk.

Steven Dyck has been the Executive Director and Chief Advancement Officer at Lethbridge College since March, 2007. In 1990 Steven was working in Calgary, AB as an assistant manager of a local ski shop. Steven loved to ski and found himself working in ski retail. That year he decided to pursue his post-secondary education. A lover of the ski industry, Steven had a choice of two schools to train in Ski Resort Management: Selkirk or Humber College. He chose Selkirk College.

“ Selkirk was really laid back and very practical. I particularly enjoyed Bob Falle’s style of teaching. He was a great ‘relationship guy’,” explained Steven. “It was one of the most life-changing periods of my life. I was young; I experienced my first year away from home and my first international experience (a four month practicum in Japan).”



Steven Dyck is the Executive Director of Advancement at Lethbridge College.

So, how could a graduate of Selkirk’s Ski Resort Operations and Management program be at the CASE Conference in Seattle representing Lethbridge College Advancement Department? He changed careers.

Although Selkirk was the foundation for everything he has become, Steven, nudged on by friends and mentors, decided he wanted to use his management skills beyond the ski industry. He now holds an MBA from the University of Alberta, a Bachelor of Management from the University of Lethbridge and a second business diploma from SAIT Polytechnic.

After an excursion into private enterprise in California with a friend, Steven moved back home to be with his family. He landed a position at the University of Alberta in the School of Business as the Executive Director of the Business Family Institute, a world-class teaching, research and executive education institute. He worked very closely with the Advancement Department, helping to raise close to \$5 Million to support new program development and research. During this time Lethbridge College knocked on his door and offered him the opportunity to join the Senior Executive as their first Executive Director of Advancement. Steven has held the title for two years. During that time his department has seen a huge growth in staff, from five to 23. Steven is ready to lead his team in the largest fund raising campaign in the history of Lethbridge College-\$100 million.

Whether I am in Vancouver, Calgary or even Seattle, I seem to hear about or meet a Selkirk alumnus. Students come from all over the world to attend Selkirk College and have had positive learning/life experiences.

“We came from the west and the east-all the way across the country,” said Steven. “My academic journey started at Selkirk; it planted a lot of seeds. It was the stepping stone to my success.”

Interview by Pat Henman

Save the Date!

A dinner and reunion for Chartered Students, retired instructors and college founders will be held in Castlegar at the Selkirk College campus on October 16, 2009 in honour of Founder’s Day. If you would like to contribute ideas for the event call Pat Henman at 250.505.1324.

Alumni Updates

ERICK JAMES, 2008 Graduate from KSA at Selkirk College - Metal program: Recipient of a Circle Craft 2008 Student Scholarship. Erick received recognition, an exhibition at Circle Craft Gallery in Vancouver and a \$1000.00 scholarship.

JAMES CUMMING, Graduate of KSA at Selkirk College with an Honours Degree in Fine Arts. James lives in Vancouver and is currently working on a 50 panel painting depicting the history of the Vancouver east side. The piece is titled The Banner and will be unveiled in the foyer of the Vancouver Public Library in the spring of 2009.

ALLAN FORCIER, 1970 KSA alumnus: Allan has retired from the Ministry of Forests and Range. He has 4 children, 2 of which are studying in the arts.

STEVEN LALONDE, 2002 Multimedia Production and Design alumnus: Steven went on to complete a Bachelor of Media Arts in Animation from Emily Carr University. After returning to the West Kootenay in 2007, he began work for Vacuum Design on Nelson. In the fall of 2008, Steven started his own Motion Graphic and Design Studio, Lalo Co. Animation (laloco.ca). Steven currently lives in Castlegar, BC.

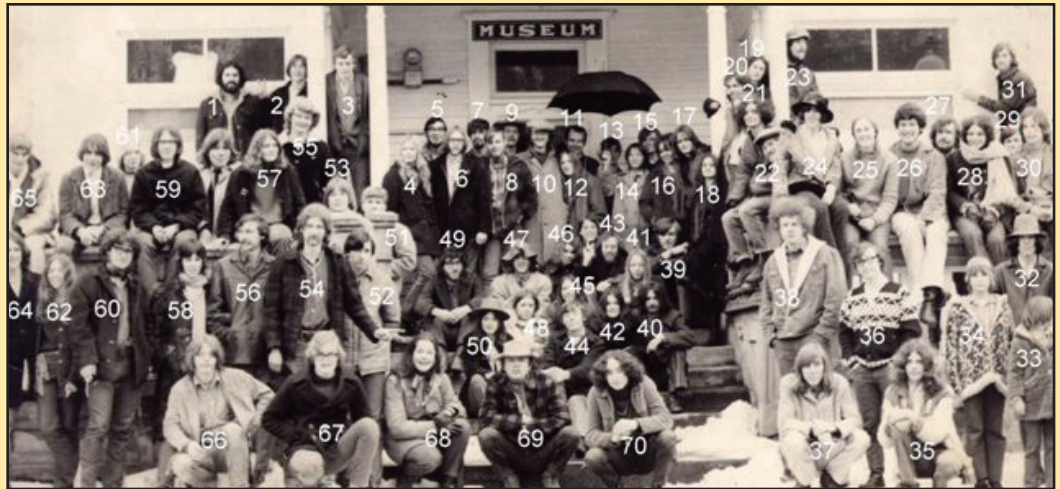
EMILY MILLARD, 2006 Graduate of the Contemporary Music and Technology Program: Emily's latest CD is entitled "Part of You Pours Out of Me". She hit the road last summer at the height of the gas prices, no less -to play her new ware. She is currently working on another Specialized Sound Recording project with the band Morlov, with whom she'll be touring this spring once her Montreal sojourn is complete.



Can you guess who is in the photo of KSA students standing in front of the original Nelson Museum?

If so, let us know at AlumnUS@selkirk.ca

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Selkirk Saints - UPDATE

Go Saints Go!

The Selkirk Saints recently completed the second year of official league play as part of their rebuilding process. Current varsity teams include men's and women's volleyball, men's hockey, golf and cross-country running.

Both the men's and women's volleyball teams competed in the BCCAA which continues to be one of the premier college athletic leagues in Western Canada. Several BC institutions in the BCCAA are ranked in the top 5 in Canada.

Although the Saints are not getting positive results on the scoreboard, they have proven that they are becoming much more competitive, taking numerous opponents to four and five sets. An extensive recruiting campaign this year coupled with very promising local student-athletes is creating a positive outlook for the 2009-2010 season.



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The golf team continues to be a challenge on and off the course; especially since the Golf Management and Operations program changed its delivery to an online format. This resulted in the loss of several skilled golfers who would normally have been on campus to compete with the team. Considering the challenges, the coaches are increasing their connection with local high school golf



programs and encouraging more involvement with the junior circuit. The Selkirk Saints Golf Camp is celebrating its success with the 5th Annual slated to run July 6-10, 2009. The camp is expecting 60 to 70 young golfers this year which will be a 400% increase from the first year.

Aside from the annual golf camp, the Saints will be adding two other sports camps for basketball (July 13-17, 2009) and volleyball (late August). The success of the golf camp has proven that the Selkirk College Athletic program can make a very significant contribution to grass roots development in various sports across the region. All of the camps are run by very qualified local instructors, Selkirk Saints student-athletes and alumni.

The Saints Hockey program continues to grow along with the BC IHL (BC Intercollegiate Hockey League). With two new potential members (Thompson Rivers University and



Okanagan College) there will be seven teams in the league for the 2009-2010 season. The program has developed relationships with several local junior teams with the hopes of creating a natural link for future players to continue their hockey careers at the college level.

While the Saints Athletic program as a whole continues to develop, expansion to other sports is imminent. Numerous requests for basketball and soccer programs have not gone unnoticed and one or both could be added with the next few years.

The Saints would like to thank everyone for their support thus far! Please stay tuned for more alumni related events including the creation of annual staff/student/alumni tournaments and charity games.

If you are interested in getting more involved with the Saints or their camps, please contact Kim Verigin, Athletic Director, at 250.365.7292 ext 304.

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- Staff Student Support Emergency Fund
- Childcare Bursary
- Contemporary Music and Technology Scholarship
- Annual General Scholarship and Bursary Fund

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