

# AlumniACCtion



L-R: Alan Copeland, Vice-President Academic, presenting the ACC Police Studies Graduation Award to Earl Johnson

## Graduates Honoured

ACC Interim President, Jim Brinkhurst, welcomed 662 graduates to the red carpet, as well as 111 fourth level apprenticeship graduates from 31 different programs during the afternoon ceremony on Thursday, June 3, 2010, at the Keystone Centre in Brandon.

Fifty-four scholarships and special awards, totalling more than \$31,400 were presented to the graduates, as well as 25 Certificates of Achievement.

Each year the Province of Manitoba awards two Lieutenant Governor's Silver Medals to ACC graduating students. This year's recipients were

graduates Catherine Renaud of Office Administration, and Charles Menard of Early Childhood Education.

ACC awarded an honorary diploma to well known businessman Bob Mazer, President and CEO of Mazergroup and chairperson of ACC's Building on Demand Campaign.

The ceremonies also highlighted the outstanding personal and professional achievements of former graduate Kelly Mathison. Mathison, Enns Brothers partner, is a two time graduate of the college, and was presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award.

## Adult Collegiate Graduation

Staff, students, family and friends gathered in excitement awaiting the Assiniboine Community College (ACC) Adult Collegiate Graduation Ceremony held at McDiarmid Drive Alliance Church. Fifty-six students received their high school diplomas on Saturday, June 19, 2010.

"I have never seen a more excited crowd," said Jill Keller, Alumni Association representative. "It was

definitely a great atmosphere and very heart-warming to see all the support towards these students, who have worked so hard all year long."

Sylvia Provovski, Director of Adult Learning, commented on how the students were able to overcome all their struggles and barriers to be here today. "They have come a long way, and I'm very proud of them," said Provovski.



## Board of Governors Names New College President

The Board of Governors of Assiniboine Community College is pleased to announce that Mr. Mark Frison, President and Chief Executive Officer of Great Plains College in Swift Current, SK, has accepted the position of president. Frison will take over effective August 30, 2010.

"I am thrilled to have this opportunity and to be joining the team at ACC," said Frison. "I look forward to making a contribution to important work that the college does serving students, employers and communities."

Frison has a Master of Industrial Relations from Queen's University. He has been serving as president at Great Plains College since 2005. Great Plains is the primary post-secondary institution in western Saskatchewan with an operating budget of \$11 million. Frison also has extensive experience working with the Government of Canada in Cape Breton as a director in a number of different departments.

Assiniboine Community College's  
Alumni Association

**Annual General Meeting**

Tuesday, August 31 4:30 PM

Manitoba Institute of Culinary Arts

1st Street North Campus

Call 725.8722 to confirm your attendance.

Everyone welcome!

## Successful Alumni



L-R: Michael Hinrichs, Prentis Schmuland, Catherine Renaud, Jaydon Peters and Bryce Juliak.

## ACC's Trade and Technology Talent Ranked Amongst the Best

The 16th annual Canadian Skills Competition in Waterloo, ON held May 20 – 23, 2010 was once again a success, as students from Assiniboine Community College ranked amongst the best in the country.

Prentis Schmuland from Computer Systems Technology took the Silver medal in IT and Network Support; Catherine Renaud extended Office Administration's streak to four years by winning the Bronze medal in IT Software Applications; Jaydon Peters from Web Design captured ACC's 6th straight medal in Website Development with a Bronze medal win. Michael Hinrichs and

Bryce Juliak finished just out of the medal count in the Electrical Installation and Mechanical CADD competitions.

The team of five students and five faculty members won their right to attend the Canadian Skills competition as a result of their gold medal performance at the Manitoba Skills Competition in April. Team Manitoba brought home two Gold, 10 Silver, and six Bronze medals from the Canadian competition.

Congratulations to all of the students who represented Team ACC at the Canadian Skills Competition and the Manitoba Skills Competition!



**Billy Martens**

Billy Martens says he considered several different programs before bumping into a telecommunications instructor at an ACC open house.

"I decided on a whim to choose that program," said Martens.

Martens, a 2008 graduate from the Wireless Telecommunications Engineering Technology program (now called Communications Engineering Technology) and Lieutenant Governors Silver Medalist said the course description seemed to be the perfect fit for what he was looking for.

"I've always been fascinated with electronics and was looking for a career that would both be challenging and rewarding."

After just four months of co-operative education work with MTS, Martens was offered full-time employment, and has been working there ever since.

"ACC prepared me for the workforce, and since graduating, I haven't had to take any additional schooling."

## ACC Parkland Campus Graduation

Fifty-two Assiniboine Community College Parkland Campus students graduated from six different programs. This distinctive graduation ceremony took place at the Ukrainian Orthodox Auditorium in Dauphin on Friday, June 4, 2010.

Twenty-nine scholarships and special awards totalling more than \$13,825 were presented to graduates and first year students as well as seven Certificates of Achievement.

New awards to the Parkland Campus this year were the Dauphin Consumers Co-Op Cottage Project Awards. These awards recognized the growth and excellence of graduating students from the Carpentry and Woodworking certificate program. The top honours went to Garrett Smith.



L-R: Sylvain Paquet, Dauphin Consumers Co-operative Ltd., presenting Garrett Smith his certificate of recognition

Eleven students graduated with distinction, while five students graduated from the Mature Student High School program with honours.

The graduation ceremonies were capped off with a themed dinner and dance. Looks like fun was had by all at ACC's Parkland Campus graduation!



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ACC Alumni in ACtion is published quarterly by the Alumni Association board. The newsletter's purpose is to help maintain bonds with and among the alumni and to carry a variety of material that presents ACC as a dynamic and comprehensive institution whose alumni are contributing to the advancement and richness of the college and our communities in many ways.

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