



# ALUMNI ACTION



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## Message from President Mark Frison

In the spring of 2012, Assiniboine Community College had over 1,000 students become graduates and join our community as ACC Alumni.

As we take this opportunity to welcome our recent graduates to our alumni family, we're reminded of the connections you made during your time at Assiniboine Community College. Whether these were connections to faculty, to your fields of study, to new friends, to new communities or to your future careers, these connections are all invaluable. Without realizing it, we spend our lives making connections.

Remember to stay connected to ACC and our Alumni office. Over the next year, Assiniboine Community College will look at its future direction. We will be connecting and re-connecting with many groups including students, staff, employers, partners, and of course – alumni. We'll be creating dialogue and getting your perspective to better understand how to strengthen your connection to the college.

So, when you are asked to contribute your thoughts and ideas over the next year, please do so. You will help shape ACC's future.

Congratulations again to our most recent alumni and see you at the next Alumni Association event!

Cheers,

Mark Frison, President,  
Assiniboine Community College



ACC President Mark Frison and Camilla Harkness



# Alumni Profile:

## Lori (Doubleday) Wuerch

**Graduated: 1995**  
**Practical Nursing**

When we think about licensed practical nurses (LPNs) we generally envision them working in a healthcare setting, not as being self-employed. In 2001, Lori Wuerch recognized that the current health care system was not able to meet some of the basic personal activities of daily living for the elderly so she ventured out on her own by launching Foot Care for Seniors Inc.

After graduating in 1995 from the Practical Nursing program at ACC, Wuerch says that her opportunities increased exponentially.

"I feel that the leadership skills I obtained from the Practical Nursing program will always be a major contributor in my career success. The confidence I gained enabled me to try different experiences such as teaching and participating on a number of committees."

Relocating to Winnipeg provided an opportunity to establish her own business, Foot Care for Seniors Inc. This mobile service provides individuals with quality nursing foot care when they have lost the ability to help themselves, either permanently or temporarily. Service is delivered in the privacy and comfort of the client's own home, hospital or care facility. This eliminates the need for family members



and/or caregivers to make complicated and often stressful arrangements to transport the client to obtain this service.

In 2007, Wuerch won the Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award for the Home Enterprise category from Women Business Owners of Manitoba. Her business has expanded and she now has ten employees in Winnipeg. In April 2012, she moved her home-based business into the Charleswood Medical Clinic, sharing the facility with ten physicians. While maintaining the quality mobile service, clients will also be able to visit the clinic for the same great service.

Wuerch recently became the Manitoba representative for the Canadian Association of Foot Care Nurses, for which she is very proud to be a member of.

## Annual Alumni Advancement Dinner

### Thursday, January 17, 2013

5:30 PM Cocktails / 6:00 PM Dinner

Lady of the Lake / \$40 per person

ACC held the first ever Alumni Advancement Dinner in January 2012 to recognize the achievements of ACC alumni in the community. The venue for the evening was Lady of the Lake which provided just the right atmosphere for a wonderful evening of reminiscing and recognition.

Award winners from 2012 included:

- Stacey Stott, One to Watch Award
- Amy Knight, Community Service Award
- Patti-Jo Burt, Excellence in Teaching Award

Tickets were sold out last year, so get your tickets early from Michelle Atamanchuk at 204.725.8739 or email [alumni@assiniboine.net](mailto:alumni@assiniboine.net).

### Call for Award Nominations

Do you know anyone who should be recognized for the ACC's alumni awards? If so, we want to know about it. Nomination forms are available online or if you have any questions get in touch with the Alumni office at 725.8739 or email [alumni@assiniboine.net](mailto:alumni@assiniboine.net). Deadline for nominations is December 31, 2012.



Nomination forms

<http://public.assiniboine.net/Community/AlumniAssociation/Awards.aspx>

### One to Watch Award

Graduate of the college, 30 years of age or younger who shows exceptional achievement and significant contribution to their profession or community.

### Alumni Community Service Award

An alumna of the college who has impacted the quality of people's lives through service to others.

### Excellence in Teaching Award

For faculty of the college who have made an extraordinary contribution to teaching and the students' experience.

### Distinguished Alumni Award

The Assiniboine Community College Distinguished Alumni Award honours graduates of the college who have distinguished themselves in both their chosen profession and the community. It recognizes the outstanding personal and professional achievements of the college's finest graduates.



# North Hill Campus Update

Relocation of ACC to the former Brandon Mental Health Centre began in 2005 as phase one of the campus relocation project. Renovation to the former Nurses' Residence has resulted in an excellent facility for the Manitoba Institute of Culinary Arts (MICA). The facility opened to students in September 2007. It provides an idyllic fusion of old and new construction that offers both practical functionality and a beautiful atmosphere for students and staff.

Phase two saw the former Pine Ridge building revamped to house the college's trades programs. It features innovative machine shops and modern classrooms. The revitalized space, called the Len Evans Centre for Trades and Technology (LECTT) will further increase the growing enrolment trend for trades at the college.

Construction of the college's new sustainable greenhouse at ACC's North Hill Campus is in full gear and is slated to open later this fall. Comprised of two bays, the first is an experimental passive solar bay which will be utilized as a production centre as well as a research centre for evaluating new passive solar designs and production techniques. The second is a more conventional bay that will also be utilized in research and new production strategies.

Programs that will benefit from the sustainable greenhouse include: Horticultural Production, Agribusiness, Culinary Arts, Land and Water Management and GIS Environmental Technologies.

With a goal to raise \$800,000, the Assiniboine Community College Foundation has raised \$600,000 to date. For more information about donating to this project contact Russell Maloney at 204.725.8700 ext 6324 or email [greenhouse@assiniboine.net](mailto:greenhouse@assiniboine.net).

Phase three will complete ACC's move to the North Hill Campus with the relocation of remaining programs and administrative areas from the Victoria Avenue East Campus. With a focus on energy efficiency and environmental stewardship, much work lies ahead before this occurs. This summer, infrastructure upgrades were done on water and sewer lines. In June 2013, work will begin to upgrade electrical service that will support the North Hill Campus.

Planning sessions for the complete relocation are continuing and various departments have identified spatial requirements for twelve different categories, including function and capacity for growth, workflow, organizational structure, offices, storage, support spaces and equipment, critical adjacencies, technology and trends, furniture, large meeting space, system requirements and aesthetics. The college is continuing discussions with the Province of Manitoba to keep the project moving forward.

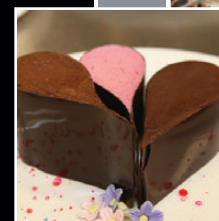
## Mark Your Calendars!

The Legacy Gala Dinner has been moved to March beginning in 2013 and is a one-of-a-kind event. Guests will be treated to the Culinary Arts students' exquisite cooking, and the Hotel and Restaurant Management students' wine pairings and hospitality. Funds raised from the evening will support the ACC Foundation and benefit students throughout the college.

*Legacy Gala Dinner*  
March 21, 2013

Call today to reserve your tickets: **204.725.8739**

Join us for this one of a kind evening



# ACC ALUMNI KEEP IN TOUCH



**SPECIAL EVENTS**

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## Carmel Olson ACC Honourary Diploma recipient



(Photo courtesy of the Brandon Regional Health Authority)

During the 2012 graduation ceremony, former Brandon Regional Health Authority (BRHA) Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Carmel Olson was presented with an honorary diploma in Health Studies by ACC President, Mark Frison.

"Assiniboine Community College is proud to recognize Carmel for her professional achievements and distinguished community contributions," said Frison. "Carmel was a strong advocate for our health care programs where students and graduates continue to work for the regional health care authorities throughout the province."

Olson began her four-decade career in the health care field as a pediatric nurse and retired as the CEO of BRHA in 2011.

"Throughout my career in Manitoba, I've enjoyed long-time partnerships with ACC. Their ability to respond to the system and help us sustain the system through their programs is very important to the community," said Olson. "I'm flattered and humbled to be recognized."

*Excerpt from the Brandon Sun print edition June 15, 2012 by Jillian Austin.*

Do you have anything to share with other ACC Alumni? If you do, get in touch with us and let us know some of the details. If it meets with our format, we'll contact you for more information.

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## Interesting Websites

Province of Manitoba's Labour Market Information (LMI) and Labour Mobility website:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/tce/lmi/index.html>

Job seekers can find a wide array of available jobs such as Tundra Buggy Chef in Churchill to Recruiting Manager in Winnipeg, from this job site: <http://ca.indeed.com/>

## ACC AMBASSADORS

The 2012-13 club will be sporting a new look for its members this year. Casual events will see them in lively green t-shirts, as seen in the photo, while formal events will see female club members wearing a green scarf, with the men in matching green ties.

The goal of the Ambassadors' Club is to promote Assiniboine Community College and to encourage student involvement in the college and the community by participating in on- and off-campus events. This includes fundraising, volunteering for non-profit organizations, volunteering at college events, and overall promotion of the college.

This year we've recruited 15 enthusiastic members and hope to pick up a few more throughout the year. Members have already participated in two events including Explore ACC, the college orientation for new students, as well as the ACC Students' Association elections.

Congratulations to Des, Darcy and Krista, graduating members of the ACC Ambassadors' Club. Best wishes as you begin new and exciting chapters in your lives.



## ASSINIBOINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### Alumni Association Board Members

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The Alumni in ACtion newsletter serves to connect alumni with the college and each other by highlighting new developments at our many campuses and showcasing the accomplishments of graduates as they succeed in their areas of expertise.

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# LEARN BY



At Assiniboine Community College (ACC) we know there's more to an education than what takes place in a classroom; it is also about doing. Displays are popping up all over Brandon and Dauphin to kick off the college's new marketing campaign - Learn by Doing. One part of the multi-faceted promotion is the out-of-the-classroom desks with tools of the trade from various programs offered at the college that are dispersed throughout the city.

Providing our students with a practical, hands-on education that meets the needs of today's labour market is what instructors at the college strive for and that's what the Learn By Doing campaign was based on.

"Learning at ACC isn't just about sitting at a desk, it is about getting out there, getting experience and using the tools that you will be using on the job," said Steven Hills, GIS Environmental Technologies Instructor at ACC. "By giving our students real-life experience and practice in the field we're giving them a competitive advantage in the job market."

Some of the programs that are highlighted in the campaign include Horticultural Production, Land and Water Management, Business Administration and Communications Engineering Technology. Everything from robots to garden hoses to electronic devices to hard drives will be featured in the displays. They include just a small sampling of the tools used in our programs that demonstrate how ACC takes learning to a different level.

ACC's Learn By Doing displays will be at eleven different locations throughout Brandon and Dauphin and will be on exhibit for two to six weeks, depending on the location. Strategic partnerships have been established with different businesses and organizations where students from the featured programs might find employment after graduation. The Green Spot, Canad Inns and the Keystone Centre, among others, have agreed to participate in the campaign.

According to our most recent graduate survey 93 per cent of our graduates are either employed or pursuing further post-secondary education. Our graduates go on to become leaders in their fields and some become entrepreneurs, creating jobs for others. For more information visit [www.assiniboine.net/learnbydoing](http://www.assiniboine.net/learnbydoing).



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COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

*Assiniboine Community College has been in operation for over 50 years.  
Campuses are located in Brandon and Dauphin; Winnipeg has been home to a permanent Practical Nursing site since 1998.  
Training centres in numerous rural communities extend program offerings throughout the province.  
ACC offers an exceptional learning experience that is practical and hands-on.*