

AlumniⁱⁿACCtion



Congratulations Grads



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Message from President Mark Frison

Congratulations on successfully completing your academic studies and graduating from Assiniboine Community College. Careers, further studies and endless possibilities lie ahead as you make the transition equipped with the knowledge, skills and experiences gained from your time at ACC.

Our mission is to provide "innovative applied education and training for a changing world". There is little doubt that the pace of change in our increasingly globalized society will continue to accelerate. As an alumnus of ACC you have been well prepared to help shape and adapt to the changes our world will confront.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with you as part of our alumni and look forward to the contributions you will make to enhance our reputation and image as ambassadors of the institution.

Congratulations and best wishes.



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Year in Review



United Way Christmas Tree Auction

Left to right: Kristan Hills, Karen Reimer, Amy Roulette, Des and Sheree Blacksmith and Jessica Spanjer

Ambassadors' Club

Being part of ACC's Ambassadors' Club is a great way to meet other students, represent the student body and provide an extra pair of hands in support of community events such as the United Way Christmas Tree Auction.

"The community and the organizers are always very appreciative of the extra help, and it's great to see the joy that comes from these events."

—Kristan Hills, Communications Officer

2010-11 Ambassadors' Club members:

Amy Roulette, Darcy DeGagne, Des Blacksmith, Karen Reimer, Kristan Hills, Lisa Hodgins, Michael Tremaine, and Sheree Blacksmith



Left to right: Rob Holland, Construction Trades Chair; Barry Gooden, Dean; John McNarry, Apprenticeship Instructor of the Year

John McNarry

Apprenticeship Instructor of the Year

John McNarry, Assiniboine Community College's Heavy Duty Equipment Technician Apprenticeship Instructor, was named Apprenticeship Instructor of the Year at the annual Apprenticeship Awards gala dinner held at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg last October. John estimates that he has trained approximately 2000 students since joining the college in 1982.

Barry Gooden, Dean of The School of Trades and Technology, said "We are very proud and pleased to have nominated John and then to have him recognized with this distinction." John was chosen for the award by a committee comprised of industry representatives and staff from Apprenticeship Manitoba and Manitoba Labour and Immigration.

Congratulations John!

Excelling at Skills

Assiniboine Community College won 24 medals in a race against time at this year's Skills Manitoba competition. More than 500 college and high school students competed in 40 categories at Red River College in May, putting their hands-on training and technical knowledge to the test. An associated Restaurant Service competition was hosted at ACC's 1st Street North Campus, yielding an additional three medals.



IT Software Solutions Competition

Left to right: (Silver) Lindsay Downing, Office Administration, (Gold) Roxanne Dyck, Office Administration – Legal, (Bronze) Kali Schwitek, Office Administration – Legal

Bringing HOME the Hardware Congratulations TEAM ASSINIBOINE

Gold	Silver	Bronze
7	10	10

Gold medalists head to Quebec with Team Manitoba for the Canadian Skills Competition in June. ACC will be represented by Christopher Cochrane, Culinary Arts; Roxanne Dyck, Office Administration; Lisa Hodgins, Land & Water Management; Brittney Ross, Hotel and Restaurant Management; Riley McDermid, Media Production; Danielle Adriaansen, Web Design and Tanner Teall, Industrial Metals Fabrication.

Parkland Expansion—March 2011



The \$3.5 million expansion of ACC's Parkland Campus in Dauphin was completed in March 2011, featuring a 7,200 sq.ft. addition that houses a nursing laboratory, an expanded early learning centre and classrooms for community programming. The project also included a 4,000 sq. ft. renovation to the existing space. ACC can now train an additional 30 apprentices each year, as well as integrate Early Childhood Education programming into the onsite early learning centre. The nursing laboratory will help facilitate the regular rotation of the Practical Nursing program in Dauphin. This year, the Parkland Campus is celebrating 25 years of providing post-secondary education.

Welcome to the Alumni Association

YOU are our Alumni if:

- You have graduated from ACC OR
- You have completed the 4th level apprenticeship program OR
- You are a current or former staff or faculty person OR
- You are a retired staff or faculty person

When you leave ACC it isn't goodbye, but rather it's HELLO to a whole new level of connection.



Message from the Alumni Association President

On behalf of the Assiniboine Community College Alumni Association, I would like to congratulate you on your success in graduating and extend a warm welcome into our association. You're an important member of our team.

Alumni are ACC's greatest ambassadors. You, along with all the thousands of people who have graduated from the college over the years, are the best promoters of an ACC education. We hope that you will continue to be involved with Assiniboine Community College as a member of our alumni family. Your participation is valuable at all levels. We are always here for your future educational needs; lifelong learning is the right choice for continued success.

We wish you every success, because you deserve it, and because your success reflects well on Assiniboine Community College!

Jamie Robinson, President
Assiniboine Community College Alumni Association
Heavy Duty Equipment '83

You can make a difference...

Congratulations! We're proud of your accomplishments as you graduate, and hope you have fond memories of your time at ACC. As you enter the work force or continue with your education, please remember the college in your charitable donations.

Was there a program, school, or award that made an impact on your life? You can contribute directly to the area of your choice through our ACCtion Fund, and all gifts are tax-deductible. Help us to continue providing exceptional learning experiences to future students.

The ACC Foundation

Global Alumni



Alumni in ACtAction



Introducing ACC's 2011 Distinguished Alumnus Derek Woychyshyn

Derek Woychyshyn graduated from Assiniboine Community College (ACC) in 1999 with a Professional Cooking certificate. The training he received at the college opened his eyes to the challenges and rewards that are part of the culinary

profession. He credits ACC for providing him with a great learning opportunity that emphasized teamwork, handling challenges and operating in a commercial kitchen where the importance of attention to detail and maintaining high standards is critical to success both professionally and personally. Derek continued his education by achieving his Red Seal Chef certification in 2002.

In 2005, Derek was approached by a Brandon building owner of a recently closed cafe to take over the restaurant and re-open it. Derek seized the opportunity and with a focused vision, the Komfort Kitchen has become a restaurant that offers great food and service in a true diner setting. The Komfort Kitchen has expanded to catering where Derek and his team are happy to prepare and serve a party of two to 250.

However, Derek hasn't stopped dreaming. He aspires to eventually own a fine dining restaurant, just like the famous student-run Grey Owl restaurant at ACC. He is literally on the verge of achieving this goal with the recent expansion of the Komfort Kitchen in the adjacent building on Princess Avenue.

Since graduating from the college, Derek has maintained a relationship with ACC. He established a connection with Keystone Centre Executive Chef, Matt Otten, which extended to ACC when Matt became one of the college's Culinary Arts instructors. Derek has volunteered at several of the ACC Foundation dinners; assisting the Culinary Arts instructors and students with the massive workload involved in successfully putting on these high-profiled events. He has also volunteered as a judge at the Black Box competitions that are associated with student awards. As part of his business, he has hired ACC graduates, as well as students. Hiring students has allowed Derek to implement teaching and learning into his restaurant and it provides a way of giving back to the up-and-coming culinary arts graduates.

Congratulations Derek on being named ACC's 2011 Distinguished Alumnus!

Successful Alumnus Barry LaRocque Creating a Family Tradition at ACC

Barry LaRocque started a family tradition when he graduated from ACC with not one, but two certificates. He chose ACC because with relatives living in Brandon it was convenient, but also because its programs perfectly suited his career aspirations. He first graduated with a Heavy Duty Mechanic certificate in 1986.



After returning home to Flin Flon, MB for a few years, Barry eventually returned to ACC to complete the Heavy Duty Electronics program, after which he and his family became full-time Brandon residents. "I had fallen in love with Brandon," he says, "so it wasn't a hard decision to move."

Barry says ACC gave him a strong technical background, and the business and communication skills he would later need to fulfill his long-term goal of becoming an entrepreneur.

In 2002, Barry achieved this goal. He and his business partner, Craig Senchuk, purchased Atom Jet Industries, a machining and manufacturing company in Brandon. It has since grown from 21 employees to 85, some of whom are also ACC graduates. They recently purchased another local business, Glendale Industries.

Barry actively supports the college's fundraising campaigns and recently participated in a donor recognition event. "ACC provides an excellent platform to launch a career," says Barry. "If you want to excel, ACC has everything you need."

Jorden LaRocque, Barry's son, is following in his father's footsteps. He just completed his first year of Business Administration at Assiniboine Community College this year. We'll wait to see if Jorden also ends up with dual credentials from the college!

Searching for Jobs?

Check out these websites

www.brandonjobs.com

www.wowjobs.ca

<http://jobbank.brandon.ca/>

www.brandonsun.com

www.brandonjobbank.ca

www.jobbank.gc.ca

www.ebrandon.ca

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/govjobs>

Employment services

Career & Employment Youth Services (15-30 years old):

CompuTemp's Employment Services:

West-Can Human Resource Solutions:

ACC Employment Centre

Parkland Job Opportunity Centre (Dauphin)

www.ceys.mb.ca

www.computemps.ca

www.wchrs.com

www.assiniboine.net

www.pjoc.mb.ca

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2010-11 Unleashed



Left : Male Athlete of the Year – Bryden Bardal and Athletics Director, Larry Shannon



Left: Female Athlete of the Year - Krista Carter and Athletics Director, Larry Shannon



Left: Most Valuable Female Player – Ryleigh Gabrielle (Women's Volleyball). She was also named the Women's 2010-11 All Conference and MVP Selection for the Manitoba College and Athletic Conference.

Varsity players and coaches were honoured at the Varsity Awards Night held on Friday, April 25 at the Len Evans Centre for Trades and Technology. Larry Shannon, Athletics Director, was on hand to present the athletes with their awards.

In 2011-12, ACC's varsity program will continue to offer women and men's basketball and volleyball and women's hockey. Larry also hinted that ACC may be starting a soccer program in 2012 or 2013. He says he's looking forward to the new season beginning in September. "Varsity sports are alive and well at ACC!"

Athletics Dinner Spring 2012

If you'd like to volunteer call
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or email shannonl@assiniboine.net



ACC ALUMNI KEEP IN TOUCH



SPECIAL EVENTS

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WWW.ASSINIBOINE.NET/STAYCONNECTED

Stay Connected

Congratulations graduate! You are now onto the next step in your lifelong journey. With your diploma or certificate in hand, get ready to fire out those resumés. It's time to gather up your academic experience gained at ACC and begin scanning those job sites. Maybe you've decided to continue with your post-secondary education, but need to know more about those student loans, no problem, look for more information at www.gov.mb.ca/educate.

We will not say goodbye, but rather *Stay Connected* and *Keep in Touch* with your college. We'll keep you up-to-date on the latest programs and current events and we'll keep you informed of new and relevant educational opportunities. These are all benefits of being an ACC Alumni.

You have accomplished much today. Tomorrow new opportunities will arise.



In Memoriam
Culinary Arts Instructor
Matthias "Matt" Otten
June 30, 1960 – May 22, 2011
He will be greatly missed by students, faculty and friends at ACC.
Our thoughts are with Joanne and family.

ACC Alumni Association Annual General Meeting & BBQ

Wednesday August 31

4:30 PM | 1st Street North Campus

Call 725.8722 or email alumni@assiniboine.net to confirm your attendance

Brandon Hills Walk

To commemorate Assiniboine Community College's 50th Anniversary year the Alumni Association will be hosting a family walk. An actual date has yet to be set, but it will be held this fall. Check the college's website for updates on this fun event. Visit www.assiniboine.net/alumni

Benefits of Being Alumni

Gym and fitness equipment usage*
Newsletter

Victoria Avenue East Library and Career Centre access

Call 800.862.6307 or 204.725.8700 ext 7124 for further information

To obtain access to the benefits, you must have a personalized alumni card. Visit www.assiniboine.net/stayconnected and complete the Stay Connected form to receive your alumni card.

*membership fees apply



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