

## Trouble-Free Travel

Each year, thousands of Canadians cross the Ambassador Bridge, Peace Bridge or Detroit-Windsor Tunnel to go to work, see a sporting event, chase deals at the shopping centres, or enjoy the weekend at a cottage. As Canadians, we enjoy nationwide coverage for any medical expense incurred while traveling inside of Canada. Not so in the USA. Provincial plans will cover a small portion of cost incurred while in "the land of the free", but one small accident could be very costly for years to come.

Purchasing travel insurance can, at times, seem complex, frustrating and not worth the time. In fact, you can set up a travel insurance plan for you and your family in less than 20 minutes. In addition to vital and quick access to medical professionals, travel insurance companies offer you a means to protect your travel investment by offering cancellation and delay insurance. It's not something you are going to use every day, but it sure is nice to know you and your family are protected!

The St. Clair College Alumni Association and Johnson Insurance have been working together for a number of years, offering Alumni discounted rates on home and auto insurance. Surveys have shown that, in this global world, traveling – and being protected while traveling – is a growing demand of our membership. Check out [www.johnson.ca/scca](http://www.johnson.ca/scca) for more information on home, auto, and travel insurance.

Happy Trails!



## Wallaceburg

New to the James Burgess Skills Centre in Wallaceburg will be a one-year fast-track welding course beginning in September, 2008. This program will give students hands-on experience in flat, vertical, horizontal and overhead welding. Students will learn computer skills, communication layout, weld quality, fabrication and the cutting process. Graduates of this program are prepared for positions such as welder, service technician, or an apprentice in several trades such as welder, boilermaker, pipe fitter, steamfitter, and sheet metal worker.

## Congratulations



Gold medal winners and grads of the Interior Design program - for the Interior Design Educators Competition.

### MECHATRONICS REUNION Sat. Oct 18th, 2008 Thames Campus, Chatham

- 11:00 am Meet & Greet
- 12:00 pm - BBQ
- 12:30 pm - Greetings
- 1:00 - 4:00 pm - Tours and Social Time with Classmates
- 2:00 - 3:30 pm - Golf Scramble - Test your skills on the College's own 3-hole golf course
- 3:30 pm - Wrap up

For a registration form visit [www.stclaircollege.ca/mechatronicsreunion/](http://www.stclaircollege.ca/mechatronicsreunion/)



## 2008 Alumni of Distinction

### Business

**Rick Farrow** Business Administration 1972  
President & CEO  
Russell A. Farrow Ltd.

### Community Services

**Gina Liovas** Early Childhood Education 1987  
Administrator of CAW Child Care Centre

### Creative Arts & Design

**Roseann Danese** Journalism 1983  
Assistant Managing Editor - Windsor Star

Recent Graduate - Architectural Technology 2005  
Award Winning Architectural Design Team

**Vicky Butzer** • **Jason Campigotto**  
**Blake Chamberlain**

### Technology

**Raymond Payne** Electrical Engineering 1968  
President & CEO - Chatham Kent Energy (CKE)

### Health Sciences

**Nancy Berthiaume** Nursing 1987  
Clinical Practice Manager - Windsor Regional Hospital

## Alumni "Build" Relationships with Habitat



L to R: Ken Coates, Jennifer Farough, Sue Zavaros, Joel Bostin and Kristy Fairlie.

Alumni volunteers lent Habitat for Humanity Windsor-Essex a helping hand on June 1st, when they showed up in numbers to take part in Habitat's most recent build on St. Luke Road in Windsor. "It's nice to be able to help out with something that will mean so much to a family," said one of the volunteers. The Alumni Association provided lunch for the volunteers.



This is not the first time the two organizations have worked together and it sure won't be the last. These types of community partnerships are essential to a progressive and vibrant community and the volunteers should be commended for dedicating their time. On Friday, June 20th, Habitat held a Dedication Ceremony for two homes.



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## Be A Part Of It!

To be more environmentally friendly please update your email address at [www.stclaircollege.ca/alumni/update](http://www.stclaircollege.ca/alumni/update) so we can email you all the alumni announcements and event information

## Upcoming Events

Alumni & Friends Family Fun Day  
**Sunday August 24th**  
11am-4pm

Kids Activities • Car Show  
Bar-b-que • Magicians  
Meet the OHL Windsor Spitfires  
Windsor's Largest Garage Sale  
FREE Swimming 1-4pm  
South Campus St. Clair College

Alumni AGM  
**Wednesday September 10th**  
South Campus St. Clair College

Alumni of Distinction Dinner  
**Friday September 26th**  
St. Clair Centre for the Arts

Mechatronics Reunion  
**Saturday October 18th**  
Thames Campus, Chatham

For more information about these events or to purchase tickets call the Alumni office at 519-972-2727 ext 4567



# ALMA Matters!

The Official Newsletter Linking Alumni, Donors, and Friends of St. Clair College

## Welcome New Alumni!



## 41st Annual Convocation

More than 1900 students graduated at the Windsor commencement ceremonies held at the Chrysler Theatre on June 12 & 13, 2008.

In Chatham, more than 300 students graduated from our Thames Campus on June 14, 2008.

Be A Part Of It! [www.stclaircollege.ca/alumni](http://www.stclaircollege.ca/alumni)



SUMMER 2008

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## \$1 Million Alumni Donation

On March 4, 2008 St. Clair College announced a capital campaign for the construction of a 75,000 sq. ft. Fitness & Recreation Complex at the Windsor Campus. As a kick-off to the campaign, the College is also pleased to announce a donation of \$1 million to this facility by the Faas Foundation. Mr. Faas is a semi-retired Executive Vice President of Shoppers Drug Mart, a St. Clair College Alumni of Distinction and a Premier's Award winner (1992). Mr. Faas graduated from St. Clair College in Business Administration in 1972.

"I am pleased to be part of this inaugural launch of a facility that will be a huge benefit to students for years to come," says Faas. "I know how important it was to me as a student to have great facilities that supported extracurricular activities. This new fitness and recreation centre will truly define St. Clair College as a leader in the health and wellness of its students." During his time as a St. Clair student, Faas was also President of the St. Clair student government.

Both the Student Representative Council (SRC) and the Student Athletic Association (SAA) are in support of this project. SAA President Jessica Fox is pleased with the announcement. "Our current gym facilities are at capacity with student demand for both varsity sports and intramural programs. Having three times more space will greatly enhance our reputation at a provincial level."

The Windsor student body recently voted to support a student levy for the next ten years. This levy will generate \$7.5 million

towards this \$14 million project.

With today's emphasis on health and wellness, this announcement is very timely, according to Tyler Wiles, SRC President. "Students are looking for ways to not only stay fit, but to find alternative activities to engage in between classes. There is no question that a complex of this magnitude will have an enormous appeal to all students."

The complex, slated to open in 2010, will be located at the north end of the campus, across from the residence. The amenities planned for the complex include a 10,000 sq. ft. fitness centre, triple gymnasium, elevated running track, new classrooms, meeting and study facilities and more.



To make your donation to our campaign, call 519-972-2727 ext 4567 or 1-877-722-GRAD (4723) or email [alumni@stclaircollege.ca](mailto:alumni@stclaircollege.ca) for more information.

## ALUMNI BOARD 2007-2008

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## Fitness & Recreation Complex Highlights...

- Provide new and expanded opportunities for academic, athletic, recreation, and extra-curricular programs which will further establish St. Clair College as a leader in preventative health care and address the needs of over 5,500 full-time and 20,000 part-time learners.

- Enhance St. Clair College's image as a world-class post-secondary educational institution which will help us recruit, educate and retain top students to the college in program areas relevant to our local, regional and global economies.

- Create much-needed academic and recreational space to support healthy and balanced lifestyles.

- Deliver another competitive advantage for business and industry to invest in our community.

- Demonstrate that St. Clair College is a proactive community partner working to make this region vibrant and prosperous, as well as a great place to live, work and raise a family.

## Returning Students Take Top Graduate Awards

With more and more adult students coming back to school to obtain additional credentials or to change career direction, it's not a great surprise that the top medal winners in the 2008 graduating class are mature students. They're focused and they know what they want out of their program. They are also motivated to not only succeed, but to help their fellow classmates excel as well.

Governor General's Medal winner Lindsay McAfrey was acutely aware of what she had to do to succeed. She came into the Advertising program with a diploma in Journalism and says having this one credential under her belt helped her realize that she would have to expand her knowledge base to achieve her goals. Lindsay also got involved in competitions and helping other students.

## Congratulations to...

Lindsay McAfrey - Governor General's Medal  
 Darren Taylor - Board of Governors' Medal  
 Shelley Hicks - Board of Governors' Medal  
 Ryan Boivin - Board of Governors' Medal

Laurel Mailloux - President's Medal - South Campus  
 Canh Chung - Student Leadership Medal  
 Stephanie Sullo - President's Medal - Thames Campus  
 Stephanie Simmons - Student Leadership Medal - Thames Campus



L to R: Canh Chung, Student Leadership Medal; Lindsay McAfrey, Governor General's Medal; Darren Taylor, Board of Governors' Medal - 3 Year Program; Laurel Mailloux, President's Medal; Ryan Boivin, Board of Governors' Medal - 1 Year Program; Shelley Hicks, Board of Governors' Medal - 2 Year Program

Missing from Photo:  
 Stephanie Sullo, President's Medal - Thames Campus;  
 Stephanie Simmons, Student Leadership Medal - Thames Campus

## Classmates Land Job In Germany

Two St. Clair College graduates from the Automotive Product Design program have travelled to Stuttgart, Germany, to start jobs as 3D designers. Paul Paterson and Luigi Zanettin were floored when they got the email telling them that they had been hired on one-year contracts to work for Gotech, an automotive design company that has clients including Porsche and Audi.

"We met with the owners of the German company about six weeks ago," says Paterson. "They were touring the College and were impressed that we were learning Catia, a specialized 3D software program that is used extensively in the automotive design industry."

According to Gotech, St. Clair College was the only college they have found outside of Germany teaching Catia in its Automotive Product Design program.

Gotech has a cooperative working relationship with a new start-up company in Windsor called MPO Design & Development Corporation.



Managing Director, Bruce Thorpe called the students for an interview not long after the German company left Windsor.

"Through a joint government initiative between Canada and Germany called Youth Mobility Program, Gotech had the opportunity to hire internationally to fill the needs they have for up-and-coming designers," says Thorpe. "Both Paul and Luigi were very motivated and displayed a keen interest to work hard and learn new concepts. The fact that they had Catia training was a definite advantage for them."

The graduates left for Germany in the middle of May; however, Zanettin is working in a holiday to Italy before he starts with Gotech. "Things are happening so quickly, but I can't imagine having it any other way," says Zanettin. "The College was a great place to get this kind of training and I'm thrilled that we had the skills Gotech was looking for. The experience will be amazing."

St. Clair College Alumni Presents

# Family Fun Day

**Sunday August 24**  
**11 am till 4 pm**

- Campus For Kids Talent Showcase
- Windsor's Largest Garage Sale
  - Kids Activities
- Meet the OHL Windsor Spitfires
  - Car Show • Bar-b-que
  - Magicians • Clowns
  - Free Swimming 1-4pm
  - Plenty of Free Parking

## Canadian Junior Golf Association Tournament

Your Alumni Association was a proud sponsor of the Canadian Junior Golf Tournament on June 21st at Blenheim Golf Club. Local juniors from our area, with competition from other parts of Ontario, proved to be great fun for everyone on the links.

Our "Update Your Alumni Information" table had a great response and those Alumni in attendance were entered in a draw for a chance to win a \$50 gas card.



Erin Moerman updated her info and won a \$50 gas card in the alumni draw.

## Thames Health Complex

Thames Campus has launched an ambitious \$7 million campaign to build a new Health and Wellness Complex on campus. This complex is designed to provide new opportunities for academic, athletic, recreation and extra-curricular programs. The floor plan involves a running track, fitness club, aerobics studio, gym, and academic learning spaces. The college is committed to their students and community to provide assistance in enhancing St. Clair's image as a world-class post-secondary educational institution. This in turn will attract new residents to the community and help the college recruit new students. The Thames Campus student body approved a levy for \$1.5 million over ten years to support this project. For any information or if you wish to make a donation, please contact St. Clair College Thames Campus 519-354-9100 ext. 3223.

## New Residence - Thames

Currently under construction, the new Chatham residence will be ready for occupancy in September 2008.



The residence is on schedule and the construction is going well. The complex is a 12-unit four-bedroom townhouse with all the amenities. To see a detailed floor plan and to stay updated on the building progress, you can log onto [www.stclaircollege.ca/residence/chatham](http://www.stclaircollege.ca/residence/chatham).

## Step Into Summer...

Over 100 people "Stepped into Summer" in an after work get-together in May at Griff's Cavern as an early kick-off to the upcoming season. There were plenty of laughs, prizes, alumni karaoke and of course, good Griff's food!



## Alumni Advantage Card Benefits Everyone

Do you own a business or service and want St. Clair College Alumni as customers? Contact the Alumni Office and consider an alumni incentive program that we can offer our alumni to do business with you. Call 519-972-2727, ext. 4567 for more details.