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

**SUMMER 2009**

## St. Clair College Receives Largest Funding Announcement in History!

**St. Clair College to build Centre for Applied Health Sciences on campus as Federal and Provincial governments provide \$32 million in new funds.**



A new chapter is beginning in the health sciences and medical education programs at St. Clair College. Through the persistent efforts of our President, Dr. John Strasser, as well as members of the College Board and administration, St. Clair College received commitments from our Canadian and Ontario governments for \$32 million for the new Centre for Applied Health Sciences at our South Windsor Campus. The announcement was made jointly by Federal M.P. Jeff Watson and Provincial Cabinet Ministers Sandra Pupatello and Dwight Duncan.



The new centre will offer nursing, respiratory therapy, physiotherapy, cardio-pulmonary technology, radiation courses and more to be housed in fully-equipped classrooms and labs. President Strasser indicated that the “shovels could be in the ground” as soon as August, 2009. While this construction project will be a positive stimulus in the local economy, it will have an ongoing benefit for our regional economy.

“Thanks to the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario, St. Clair College will be able to expand and develop existing and new programs which we could not do since we have been at capacity and have no room to grow,” said Dr. John Strasser, President of St. Clair College. “Our medical community has asked us to expand our health care training and education to meet their needs in Windsor/ Essex.”

Ted Farron, a local business leader who was instrumental in moving the health education agenda forward in facilitating Windsor’s first medical school at the University of Windsor, was excited with the government’s announcement. “This is great news for Windsor and the entire region,” said Ted Farron, College board member. “Today’s investment in St. Clair College demonstrates that both the Federal and Provincial governments understand our need to create construction jobs in the short-term and provide opportunities for students and laid-off workers to develop the skills they need for the jobs of the future.”

This is yet another reason for our alumni to celebrate what is happening at St. Clair College.



*Randy Hope, Mayor of Chatham; Pat Hoy, MPP Chatham Kent Essex; Dr. John Strasser, St. Clair College President; Dave Van Kesteren, MP Chatham Kent.*

## \$2.2 Million Investment in Thames Campus

Dave Van Kesteren, MP for Chatham-Kent-Essex, along with Pat Hoy, MPP for Chatham-Kent-Essex, have announced a Knowledge Infrastructure Program investment of \$2.2 million from each government in St. Clair College, Thames Campus.

“This Government of Canada investment in St. Clair College, Thames Campus, will provide a significant short-term economic stimulus to Chatham-Kent and will create jobs in this region,” said Van Kesteren. “Our government is investing in innovation to create jobs, to help our economy recover quickly and to improve the quality of life for Canadians.”

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# Family Fun Day!



St. Clair College Alumni Presents



## FAMILY FUN DAY

**Sunday, August 23  
11 am till 4 pm**

- Campus For Kids Talent Showcase
- Windsor's Largest Garage Sale
  - Kids' Activities
  - Car Show • BBQ
- Meet the Windsor Spitfires
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“Investing in the skills and knowledge of Ontarians is a cornerstone of our government’s plan to strengthen the economy,” said Hoy. “By investing at St. Clair College - Thames Campus today, the Ontario government is supporting new construction and renovation projects which will create construction jobs in the short-term and provide more opportunities for our students to develop the skills they need for the jobs of the future.”

Dr. John Strasser, President of St. Clair College, added, “This is an exciting day for St. Clair College. This project will provide for the addition of 18,000 sq. ft. of flexible learning space in skilled trades and technology at the Chatham Campus. I am confident that the community will benefit greatly from the enhanced skills of the graduates who will enter the workforce after acquiring knowledge in a modern facility.”



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# Lawrence Tech and St. Clair College Sign Architecture Agreement



Southfield, Mich. – Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, Michigan, and St. Clair College (SCC) in Windsor, Ontario, have signed an agreement to make it easier for St. Clair graduates with a three-year diploma in architecture technology to transfer credits toward Bachelor's and Master's degrees in architecture at Lawrence Tech.

The two institutions have updated an agreement from 2000 so that qualifying St. Clair College graduates can earn a Bachelor's degree in architecture by taking 33 course credits at Lawrence Tech, something that a full-time student can accomplish in a year. Those students can then earn a Master's degree in architecture with 36 additional credits.

SCC students could complete a Master's degree in architecture at Lawrence Tech in two years, according to Virginia North, assistant dean of graduate studies in the College of Architecture and Design at Lawrence Tech.

"We want to enhance the number and quality of learning options and provide a seamless transfer process for students who desire further education in the architecture program at Lawrence Tech," North said.

The agreement specifies that SCC students with at least a 3.0 grade point average at Lawrence Tech will receive automatic admission to the Master's degree program. Students who receive a grade of C- or lower in a required course must retake that course material at Lawrence Tech.

"This latest step in our ongoing partnership with LTU provides students the opportunity to complete their undergraduate degree in a shorter time frame. We at St. Clair look forward to working with LTU in the future to reinforce our relationship and provide additional pathways for students to successfully obtain a degree in architecture," says Kenneth Acton, Professor, Architectural Technology, St. Clair College.

Lawrence Technological University ([www.ltu.edu](http://www.ltu.edu)) offers over 80 undergraduate, Master's and doctoral degree programs in Colleges of Architecture and Design, Arts and Sciences, Engineering and Management. Founded in 1932, the 4,500-student, private university pioneered evening classes 75 years ago, and today has a growing number of weekend and online programs. Lawrence Tech's 102-acre campus is in Southfield, and programs are also offered in Detroit, Lansing, Livonia, Petoskey and Traverse City. Lawrence Tech also offers programs with partner universities in Mexico, Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

# New Career Choices at St. Clair

## NEW PROGRAMS OFFER MORE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

In an effort to meet the growing needs of the economy and address new and emerging careers in business and industry, the College has been researching and developing a wide range of new programs to launch within the next several years.

Here's just a sample of the programs being launched this fall/winter and in September 2010!

### Skilled Trades:

**Welding Techniques & Electrical Techniques** – September 2009

**Carpentry and Plumbing Techniques** – January 2010

**Baking Techniques** – September 2010

**Wind Turbine Technician** – September 2010

As well, a number of programs will become "FAST TRACK" which means students can earn a diploma in a shorter amount of time.

A 2-year diploma is delivered in 1 year (3 semesters), and a 3-year diploma is delivered in 21 months.

**Culinary Management – Chef** (3 semesters)

**Motive Power Technician** (3 semesters)

### Liberal Arts & Community Studies

**Border Services** – September 2009

**Paralegal** (Accelerated Diploma) – September 2009

**Legal Office Assistant** – September 2010

**Social Services– Gerontology** – January 2010

### Health Sciences:

**Occupational Therapy Assistant/Physiotherapy Assistant** – September 2010

### Engineering Technology:

**Energy Systems Design Technology** – under development

### Business & IT:

**Business Administration – International** – September 2010

**Web Communications Development** – September 2009 – (Fast Track 21 months)

### Media Art & Design:

**Web and interactive Advertising** – Post Grad Studies – Sept. 2010

# Theft Prevention Thoughts



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- If you are running inside, take your parcels with you. It is not a good idea to leave unattended items on your driveway or on the roof of your car.
- Always keep your hand on your purse. Never leave it open and keep valuable items like jewellery in your pocket.
- When you are shopping don't leave your purse/wallet unattended in a dressing room or cart.
- At the office, store your purse/wallet out of sight. Don't leave it sitting on or beside your desk when you're not around and don't leave your wallet in a coat or jacket hanging by the door.
- If you are at a fitness club/locker room be careful of what you store in your locker and use a strong lock.
- Your vehicle can be a target if you have packages on the seat. Keep valuables in your trunk or in the glove compartment and never leave the vehicle door unlocked, even if you are just rushing in and out of a convenience store.
- Parties where liquor, wine, beer, or cigarette cartons are in full view are also tempting. No matter how late it is after a party, take a few extra minutes to store these items out of view.
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# Convocation 2009



## June 2009 Medal Winners

### Governor General's Medal

*Agnes Boutros*, Business Administration  
– Marketing

**Board of Governors' Medal** - 3 year program  
*Edward Orendorff*, Business Administration  
– Marketing

**Board of Governors' Medal** - 2 year program  
*Holly Dykstra*, Police Foundations

**Board of Governors' Medal** - 1 year program  
*Michael Delmore*, Culinary Skills – Chef  
Training

**President's Medal** - Windsor Campus  
*Deborah Dawn Germain*, Interior Design

**Student Leadership Medal** - Windsor  
*Justin Fox*, Business Administration -Human  
Resources

**Student Leadership Medal** - Thames  
*Jon Paul Huggins*, Mechatronics

## Centre for Construction Innovation & Production Opening in September



*M.P.P.s Dwight Duncan and Sandra Papatello along with St. Clair College President John Strasser at the building site.*

The Ontario Government announced that it will make the remaining \$4.25 million investment to complete the St. Clair College Centre for Construction Innovation and Production.

Starting in September 2009, the centre will include 10 full-time technicians and 30 part-time instructors in the 30,000 square feet of new learning space. This will expand the ability of the college to offer courses in industrial training, applied technology and skilled trades to meet the opportunities of an increasingly diversified economy.

The announcement was made by Provincial Cabinet Ministers and local M.P.P.s Dwight Duncan and Sandra Papatello along with St. Clair College President John Strasser at the building site. "Five years ago, we delivered a cheque for \$5 million to get this project off the ground," said Duncan. "We all know the challenges this community is facing ... Diversifying the economy takes time, so we've got to move aggressively on the infrastructure side now ... We need workers, men and women, to help us do that."

Minister Papatello commented, "The auto sector will come back, but today's economy means we can't afford to wait. We need people trained and ready for when the economy takes off again."

President John Strasser said "The new investment means the school no longer has to raise funds for the building and can focus on fundraising for other projects." The impact that this will have on student enrollment next fall will be very positive. The combination of laid-off workers seeking a new career along with high school graduates seeking admission should make this fall a record breaking year for St. Clair.

The training provided through this project will enable more workers to be ready to build our region, province and country as the economy continues to be stimulated. St. Clair is proud to receive this investment in the future of the College and our region.



*Opening this September!*



Do you know someone who graduated from St. Clair College who has excelled in his or her profession and has done great things in the workplace or their community?

Nominate them as a candidate for the 2009 St. Clair College Alumni of Distinction awards this fall! The St. Clair College Alumni Association and St. Clair College Foundation are pleased to annually recognize accomplished graduates with a St. Clair College Alumni Award of Distinction. Go to [www.stclairalumni.com](http://www.stclairalumni.com) and click on the Alumni of Distinction logo and be a part of nominating St. Clair College alumni who have given back to those around them. Reserve your tickets for this memorable evening. Call 519-972-2727, ext. 4567.

## Alumni & Friends Roar for the Tigers!



On Saturday June 6th, 2009, the Alumni Association was thrilled to host its first-ever Alumni and Friends Tigers Day. Alumni and Friends of St. Clair College were treated to a Ball Park Buffet, prizes, and great seats to see the game. After the game we enjoyed Comerica Park's Saturday night spectacular fireworks display. It was a great time out with our Alumni, their families and friends of the college.

By the response and the waiting list for this event, we are looking to have this as an annual alumni event.



*Alumni and friends cheer the Tigers to a 2-1 victory.*



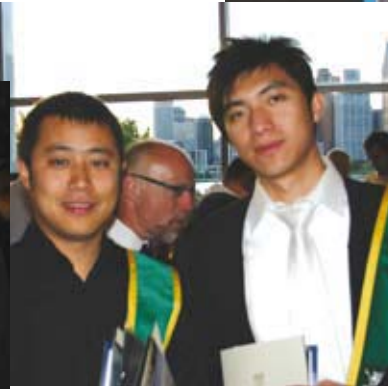
## Alumni Advantage Card Benefits Everyone

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.

# Welcome to the Alumni Family!



**Windsor Convocation  
June 11-12,  
2009**



**Chatham Convocation  
June 13, 2009**



## ST. CLAIR COLLEGE

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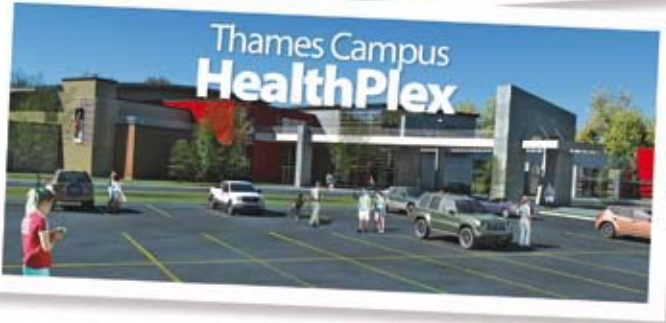
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# Colio Wines Donates to the College

Last spring, Colleges Ontario and Colio Estate Wines agreed to an arrangement that 25 cents from every bottle of the three Girls' Night Out VQA wines sold at the LCBO between July 1 and December 31, 2008, would be donated to students at four select community colleges across the province. The money was one-fourth of the total \$28,605 which was equally divided among four Ontario colleges.

The program, called "Girls Helping Girls", involved three colleges in Ontario chosen for their proximity to the VQA wine regions: St. Clair College-Lake Erie North Shore, Niagara College-Niagara Peninsula, Loyalist College-Prince Edward County and George Brown College in Toronto for its longstanding commitment to the hospitality and food service. Recipients of the funding will be female second-year college students who have demonstrated proficiency and commitment to their culinary programs.

College President Dr. John Strasser was grateful to Colio Estate Wines for allowing the foundation to use this money to meet the needs of female culinary college students. "Our culinary program continues to grow in stature in the province. This unique corporate donation highlights the impacts that our female students already have and are going to make in a competitive industry." Dr. Strasser thanked the wine drinkers in our area who contributed to the donation by purchasing the Girls Night Out VQA wines at the L.C.B.O.

Colio will be continuing the Girls Helping Girls charity this year with their new varietals that just hit the LCBO shelves. For every bottle of Girls' Night Out Riesling and Cabernet/Shiraz sold until December 31, 2010, Colio Estate Wines will donate 25 cents to Colleges Ontario, to be divided among the four colleges to aid second-year female students.



*Doug Beatty, VP Marketing for Colio Estate Wines presented St. Clair College President, Dr. John Strasser, a cheque for \$7,100 to the St. Clair College Foundation.*

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## Upcoming Events

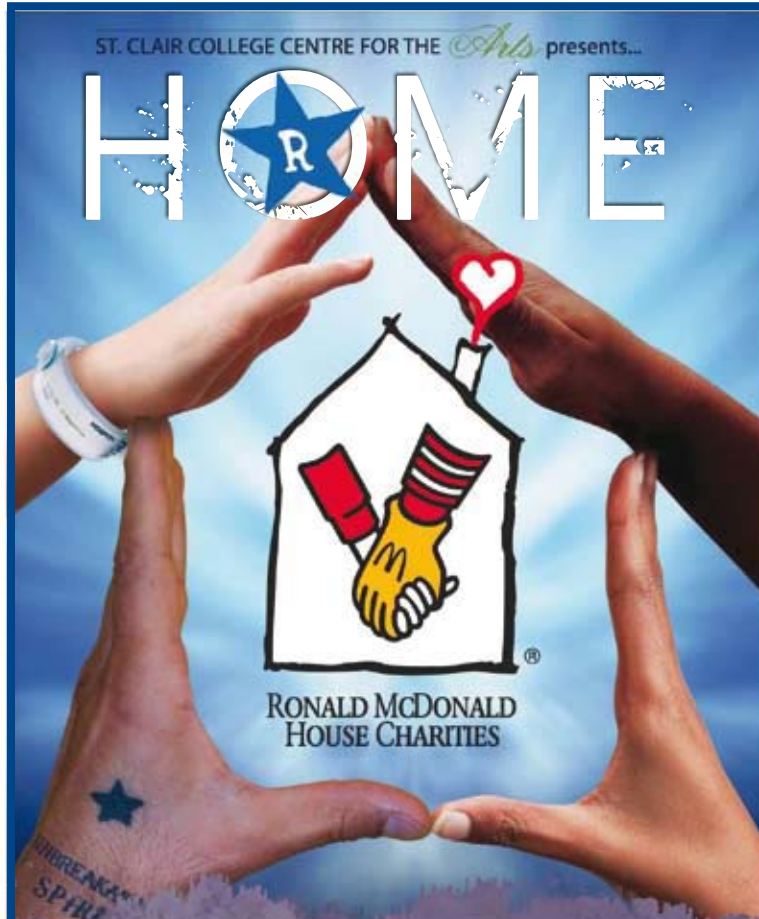
**Alumni & Friends Golf Day**  
Saturday July 25th  
Kingsville Golf and Country Club

**Alumni & Friends Family Fun Day**  
Sunday August 23rd  
11am-4pm  
South Campus St. Clair College

**Shores of Erie Wine Festival**  
Sept. 10-13  
Fort Malden, Amherstburg

**Alumni of Distinction Dinner**  
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