MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Stay Connected has long been encouraged by your Alumni Association; this past year we have managed to do so in many resourceful ways and on behalf of your alumni board of directors, we’re looking forward to the day when we can connect back in person, face to face, Saint to Saint.

Many post-secondary institutions have struggled through the pandemic but St. Clair College, true to its slogan Rise above the Ordinary, has done just that thanks to the collective effort of our leadership team, staff, faculty, and of course its students. You can be proud that your alma mater has navigated these challenging times through adversity to prosperity. Never has Saints Strong been more prominent.

It’s been a different look and feel for your Alumni Association this year. The marquee events we have put on or participated in the past have been for the most part postponed, except for a few virtual events that we supported such as the United Way iMove, CMHA Ride Don’t Hide, and Windsor Life Centre’s Walkathon.

The void of social events did not deter or silence your board from being heard or making an impactful difference. We recognized and thanked local healthcare heroes, partnered with our Windsor firefighters on Sparky’s Toy Drive and Kids First Food Bank, and continued our involvement with friends from the Fantastic Fathers organization.

Our traditional commitment to The Saints Concert benefitting local food banks was expanded with financial support to our own SRC food banks which demonstrated the Saints spirit by supplying and in some cases even delivering to students in need.

Engaging alumni through social media is a big part of what we do, but this year we took it to a new level with a major gift card giveaway by providing $5,000 in prizing that could be used at 10 very appreciative local businesses. It was our way of helping alumni who shared stories and memories of what being a Saint means to them. For those who didn’t win a gift card, you’re certainly not left out, simply download our FanSaves App and you’ll be entitled to fantastic benefits and savings from many alumni-supported businesses, or check out our very own Woodland Hills Golf course for exclusive offers.

While we welcome our new graduates to the alumni family, many Saints are interested in furthering their education by pursuing degree programs right here at St. Clair College. We are excited to announce two additional scholarship programs for consideration regardless of the graduating year. We believe there is no better investment than in our own Saints Alumni to earn an Honours Bachelor of Business Administration or Degree in Applied Arts in Social Justice & Legal Studies.
Education is the foundation for all of Saints Nation, however, the Alumni Association is equally committed to playing an active leadership role in the community. Harmony in Action received an upgrade to their facility with our assistance. In addition, we are honored to partner with Family Respite Services for the naming rights of the “Saints Space” room at their new state-of-the-art Howard Avenue rehabilitation facility. We encourage you to watch the video posted on our social media platforms to learn more and share our pride in being a Saint.

As we all work together through the pandemic, it’s my hope when we reference “teams” in the future we’re not logging into online meetings but rather watching our varsity athletes in person do what they love to do, competing at the highest level and representing St. Clair College. Imagine your excitement when the St. Clair Fratmen kick off their first home game at our brand new Sports Park and you’re cheering them on with your fellow Saints, not to mention fun and good times at the South Campus tailgate parties! That time will be here before you know it and we will celebrate together.

But for now, it’s time to make way for a new regime. As the outgoing Chair of the Alumni Association and on behalf of my fellow executive committee members, I would like to sincerely thank President Patti France, Vice President, College Communications and Community Relations, John Fairley, Director of College Advancement, Marianne Burke, General Manager, SRC, Ryan Peebles, Brendon Seguin and Miranda Underwood for all their efforts and support towards our efforts in representing you all.

A huge thank you to our board members past and present who volunteer their time and work extremely hard for one purpose, making you, our alumni, proud of Saints Nation.

Change is good, you can count on your new executive to be visible and bring fresh ideas and approaches while continuing to foster a high profile and tradition for your St. Clair College Alumni Association.

One thing that won’t change; is the strength of Saints Nation.

Stay Strong, Stay Connected.
Go Saints!

Andrew Rowberry
’87 Business
Alumni Association President
Since 1967 St. Clair College has graduated more than 115,000 alumni whose knowledge, skills and expertise have been the backbone of our economy locally, nationally and around the world.

Their talents and entrepreneurial spirit have generated billions of dollars of economic growth and their impact is felt in every sector of the economy. They are our health care specialists, doctors, dentists, financial gurus, law enforcement officers, veterinarians, horticulturists, business leaders, manufacturing experts, artists, animators, automotive mechanics, child caregivers and teachers. They are the chefs at our favourite restaurants.

As the representative body of St. Clair College's outstanding graduates, we are committed to fostering positive relationships, connections and fellowship between the College community, and our community at large. We are committed to working with our internal and external stakeholders to create a strong alumni network that benefits future, current and former students of St. Clair College.
During the Winter 2021 term, St. Clair College saw a 21 per cent enrolment increase, with a record 14,225 full-time students studying at all campuses. It’s been our pleasure to watch a steady increase in enrolment across campuses, and we strive to provide as much support to the current students of St. Clair College as possible.

Our Saints Nation Committee works in collaboration with student clubs and organizations to fund initiatives, events and scholarship on their behalf. In the last fiscal year, we provided nearly $40,000 in funding.

In 2020, we announced a $550,000 commitment to capital projects at St. Clair College.

St. Clair College alumni interested in pursuing their Honours Bachelor of Applied Arts in Social Justice & Legal Studies or Honours Bachelor of Business Administration (Information Communication Technology) are eligible for an entrance award of $1,000 to be applied towards their tuition.

We are proud to provide this financial incentive in support of returning students who are dedicated to furthering their studies, and rising above the ordinary.
It has always been a priority of our board to support our community, both within St. Clair College and surrounding our campuses. Making a difference is one of our mandates and we are proud to partner and invest in worthy organizations and causes with an emphasis on youth based events, in a manner that increases awareness of St. Clair College. In the last fiscal year, we sponsored more than $120,000 in community and student-driven events.
This past year marked the 10th anniversary of the Sleighing Hunger concert, in support of local food banks. The St. Clair College Alumni Association is proud to continue its annual sponsorship and support of this impactful local concert and fundraiser. This year’s first-ever virtual concert drew close to 2,000 attendees tuning in to another incredible performance from The S’Aints. This successful event raised nearly $80,000 that was then presented to representatives from the Windsor Essex Food Bank Association ($50,500), Chatham’s Outreach for Hunger ($25,000), and the two St. Clair College student food banks; Student Representative Council-Windsor ($3,000) and Thames Students Incorporated-Chatham ($1,500).

COMMITMENT TO MENTORING & WORKSHOPS

We are proud to work in collaboration with the Genesis Entrepreneurship Centre at the College to provide students with opportunities to connect with a mentor.

The mentorship program seeks to connect alumni with current students interested in similar career paths, or programs of study. These opportunities exist in the form of virtual events, and one-on-one mentorship meetings. The Genesis Entrepreneurship Centre publishes a monthly calendar of workshops available for free to future, current and former students of the College.

COMMITMENT TO SLEIGHING HUNGER

This past year we committed $40,000 to Family Respite Services Windsor in support of the staff assisting the families and children struggling with significant challenges. It is our honour to provide a lounge for staff to enjoy during their day.
Since 1992, St. Clair College has honoured alumni from various disciplines to recognize them for their overall success, demonstrated commitment to others both in their professional career and also through volunteer work within their community.

Each year the St. Clair College Alumni Association sponsors the Alumni of Distinction Awards. We were pleased to award the following remarkable individuals as the 2020-2021 Alumni of Distinction. In order, Anita Riccio-Spagnuolo ('99 Personal Support Worker), Dave Merheje ('03 Business Marketing), Elizabeth Moses ('17 CNC Precision Metal Cutting/'19 General Machinist), Flora Di Menna ('80 Interior Design), Will Bigelow ('06 Animation Tradigital), and Lori Kempe ('90 Communicator/'91 Interpreter Sign Language).

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 ALUMNI OF DISTINCTION
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