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MAPS Celebrates 30 Years, Endows \$505,000 for Centre for Continuing Education (CCE) Student Bursaries



Inaugural Board members, staff and spouses, including (from left to right) Mary Hudacin, Richard Johnson, Maxine Hartley, Helen Barton, Jack and Glenda Grosvenor

On November 26, 2008, approximately 200 McMaster University part-time students, staff, faculty, alumni, CCE staff and instructors, and Board members of the McMaster Association of Part-Time Students (MAPS) gathered at Michelangelo's Banquet Hall to celebrate the Association's 30th anniversary of its Board of Directors. After dinner, guests were led down the milestones of memory lane by former Board members including Helen Barton, MAPS Inaugural President, Maxine Hartley, MAPS' Inaugural Staff Director, Glyn Wide, MAPS' only three-term President, and Carole Armstrong, MAPS' longest serving active Board member.

MAPS' Executive Director and master of ceremonies, Sam Minniti, along with Terri Jones, MAPS' Office Administrator, assisted in the presentation of various MAPS and University awards recognizing the academic and extra-curricular accomplishments of part-time students.

As the evening drew to a close, MAPS President, Allan Wong, in his closing remarks delivered a surprise announcement.

"We've been able to reflect upon all that MAPS has done for us – the part-time students of McMaster University – as a result of the leadership, vision, and growth of 30 different Boards," said Wong. "As MAPS turns 30 in 2009, the best thing we can do is 'pay it forward', building upon the legacy of supporting part-time students. With this backdrop in mind, I am thrilled this evening to announce yet another major gift to McMaster University that will serve to benefit literally thousands of part-time students for generations to come. MAPS is once again re-writing the history books. Tonight, it is with great elation that I announce the 30th MAPS Board of Directors, through its largest gift ever, is creating an endowment for certificate and diploma students enrolled at CCE in the amount of \$505,000. Not only does this coincide with MAPS' 30th anniversary, but more importantly, given the current economic situation, our part-time students need assistance, and they need it now. To this end, MAPS is happy to quickly meet their needs, stride for stride. Indeed, during these difficult economic times, people need to invest. And the best thing that one can invest in, is one's self – through higher learning. Education builds a nation, and MAPS is doing its part in the City of Hamilton so that academically qualified students are not prevented from pursuing higher learning because of financial obstacles. MAPS is doing its part so that new immigrants are able to afford equivalency training. MAPS is doing its part to help individuals who have lost their job, afford to go back to school for a new vocation. MAPS is doing its part to help individuals making ends meet, upgrade their knowledge and skills to climb the career ladder," added Wong.

Employing a creative model of coupling endowed and expendable funding, MAPS is funding an additional 30 CCE students each year with bursaries valued at \$500 each.

"These bursaries lessen the financial burden and help to enhance the student and academic experience," said Roger Trull, Vice-President, University Advancement in his thank you speech

to MAPS. "Recipients are able to focus more energy towards their studies and spend less time worrying about how to support themselves and their families."

Trull praised the association's members for their dedication to the University.

"MAPS has taken a leadership role in supporting *The Campaign for McMaster University* and its priorities - one of which is increasing financial aid for our part-time students. The gift is especially unique because it plans for the future of part-time students while still providing for current students' financial struggles."

CCE does not fall within the government's funding model for post-secondary education. As such, program costs are completely covered through the cost of tuition and supplementary fees.

Director of CCE Tracey-Taylor O'Reilly said, "These new bursaries from MAPS are an important investment to our community as a whole. Recent studies have reported that women who earned post-secondary certificates saw their salaries grow at twice the rate of women who did not. Many of the students who study at the Centre are working women and foreign professionals seeking to translate their skills into the Canadian context. By supporting making post-secondary education more accessible, MAPS is helping to strengthen our local economy."

"On behalf of all of our instructors, staff and especially our students, I thank the MAPS Board and staff for their vision," added Lisa Boniface, Assistant Director of the Centre for Continuing Education. "You've helped make a real difference reducing economic barriers and helping our students pursue their educational goals."

This donation is MAPS' second gift to *The Campaign for McMaster University* in less than two years, bringing the MAPS total contribution towards the Campaign to \$750,000. Adding this donation to previous capital campaigns, bursary endowments, and matching bursary funds leveraged from the provincial government, MAPS' new total for giving to McMaster University is – over 2.3 million dollars.



Allan Wong, Board President (MAPS) and Sam Minniti, Exec. Director (MAPS)*, Tracey Taylor-O'Reilly, Director (CCE) and Roger Trull, Vice-President, UA/President (McMaster University Foundation) with a cheque for \$505,000

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Reflections on part-time education at MAC

An interview with Grace Bisuti, mature part-time student.



What prompted you to become a mature part-time student at McMaster?

There were several unhappy incidents in my personal life that left me really sad. In trying to remember things from my past that made me feel good, it was MacMaster and the classes I had attended that came to mind. After sitting in on a few lectures, I re-enrolled in September 2001.

What program are you in and why?

Originally, I pursued a Drama program having performed in several theatre roles. When it came time to declare a major, intuitively I chose a history program - it was a snap decision; a good decision. Graduating in 2006 with a B.A. in History, I am now continuing in a 4-Year Honours History Program.

How did you hear about MAPS? Have you utilized our services and if so, how would you evaluate your experience with us so far?

I learned about MAPS via a student and started attending about five years ago. MAPS is an awesome place. There's a semblance of community. I know many of the students. We commiserate and share experiences about classes, papers we are working on, help each other with computer work and network. After each class, I drop in just to relax and get caught up with work.

Lately the office is really hopping. There's a certain energy and warm ambience emanating from the atmosphere. Certainly, Terri Jones, Office Administrator and Sam Minniti, Executive Director must take full credit for developing a comfortable academic resource for students away from home. Their attention and concern never flounders toward all the students of every ethnicity walking through the doors.

Are there any unique challenges to being a part-time student that you'd like to share?

Even now enrolled in a modern Chinese course there were days at the beginning of the fall semester when I felt - I can't do it! Me - lead a class in a seminar discussion? However, the second time it was easier. And of course, I would be at MAPS expressing my concerns and there was always someone to listen, whether Terri, Sam or a student. And that really helped!

When working on an essay or research paper, there are times when my social life has to go on the back burner, but the end result for me is priceless.

Were there any specific McMaster resources that you found helpful in your studies?

The Mills Library has such a fantastic collection and all the staff is great.

The poster features a stylized logo at the top consisting of three upward-pointing triangles forming a larger triangle, with the letters 'MAPS' below it. The main text is 'MAPS AGM' in large, bold, black letters. Below this, in smaller text, is 'McMASTER ASSOCIATION OF PART-TIME STUDENTS (MAPS)'. Underneath that is 'ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING' in bold, black letters. The date and time are 'Tuesday, April 7, 2009*' and '5:30 pm'. The location is 'Council Chambers, GH-111'. There is a play button icon to the left of the nomination information. The nomination information states: 'Nomination forms for election to the MAPS Board of Directors are available from Sam Minniti, MAPS Executive Director, in the MAPS Office (MUSC 234). Nomination forms are due on: Friday, April 3, 2009 at 12:00 p.m.' At the bottom, there is a note: '*In the event that McMaster is closed (possibly due to inclement weather), the MAPS AGM will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 in MUSC 318'.

Many thanks especially to the library staff on the second floor who taught me how to navigate and download historical documents from the computer. Their friendly instructions saved me endless hours.

Certainly a significant resource is the highly qualified compliment of McMaster Professors - everyone I had the privilege to learn from was a conscientious instructor with the important ability to relate to students. The professors were always ready to help.

Then there is the Humanities Department. The Academic Advisors are always there to guide me with their professional advice and assistance. They are superb!

Finally the most salient resource is McMaster University itself, a truly unique place with magnificent heritage buildings, including the latest contemporary ones and the super new ultra-modern engineering building under construction. And the buildings are all nearby. On top of that, the green space is phenomenal. The landscape and paths near the Burke Science and John Hodgins Engineering buildings with those gorgeous tall trees, and the ravines near Hamilton Hall, all take your breath away. The flower gardens in the spring! Being in this environment, I get a lift!

Is there any advice you'd like to offer to anyone considering beginning or returning to part-time post-secondary education?

I don't like to give advice, but in an ever-changing world, continued learning, no matter what type, is part of living. So if one is considering continuing studies - just go for it!

MAPS' Winter Term Workshops

Essay Writing Workshops

Exclusive workshops on how to effectively write essays at the university level. Facilitated by Sam Minniti, MAPS Executive Director.

ALL SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN MUSC - 301

Please call the MAPS Office in advance to register for workshops at 905-525-9140, ext. 22021

Monday February 23, 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Tuesday February 24, 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Wednesday February 25, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Thursday February 26, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Thursday February 26, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Friday February 27, 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Saturday February 28, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Essay Research Workshops

Exclusive workshop on how to fully use the research resources available at McMaster University facilitated by Donna Millard, MAPS Liaison Librarian.

ALL SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE WONG E-CLASSROOM, 1st FLOOR MILLS LIBRARY.

Please call the MAPS Office in advance to register for workshops at 905-525-9140, ext. 22021

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Tuesday Feb. 24, 2:30-4pm

Wednesday Feb. 25, 3:30-5pm

Thursday Feb. 26, 2:30-4pm

Friday Feb. 27, 12:30-2pm

The Martin W. Johns Award



Helen Barton, inaugural President of MAPS presents the Martin W. Johns Award to Sam Minniti, Exec. Director (MAPS), Fred A. Hall, retired McMaster Assoc. Vice-President (Academic) and John McGowan, Business Mgr. (McMaster Students Union)

MAPS' premiere award recognizing outstanding commitment to the interests of part-time students is named for McMaster professor emeritus Dr. Martin W. Johns (B.A. '32, M.Sc. '34, D.Sc. '94). Prior to his retirement in 1981, he was a champion of part-time studies and was a key supporter of the students who led the founding of MAPS in 1979. Sadly, Dr. Johns passed away last September, however his legacy and commitment to part-time students permanently lives on through the award that bears his name.

As MAPS celebrated three decades of Board leadership and growth in 2008, coincidentally, there were three co-recipients of the Martin W. Johns Award: **Dr. Fred Hall**, former McMaster University Associate Vice-President (Academic), **John McGowan**, Business Manager for the McMaster Students Union (MSU), and **Sam Minniti**, MAPS' own Executive Director.

Fred, John, and Sam were each recognized for their relentless commitment, unwavering stamina, and exemplary leadership in developing the MAPS-MSU Transferability Agreement. This tri-party agreement between McMaster University and both undergraduate student unions represents the first time since 1986 that MAPS and the MSU have amended their membership, thereby allowing specific part-time students to transfer between MAPS and the MSU.

Many part-time students with a disability have no choice but to take a limited course and should not be detrimentally affected in regards to student union membership, and by extension, student union services. As such, qualifying students are permitted to join the MSU and receive several important services that foster their well-being and mobility such as the MSU Health & Dental Plan, the Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) pass, and complete access to services at the Centre for Student Development (CSD). Conversely, traditional, mature, part-time students who qualify and take more than a part-time course load are able to remain within MAPS, thereby saving hundreds of dollars in student fees for services that are not relevant or required.

The MAPS Gold Medal

Established by MAPS and first presented in 1998, the medal is presented by the Chancellor of the University at Convocation to the graduating student completing studies primarily on a part-time basis and who attains the highest cumulative average. The recipient for 2008 was **Linda Cormick**.

The Centennial Awards

The Centennial Awards were established by MAPS to mark the centenary of the University in 1987. They recognize up to two students, one degree student and one certificate student, who have overcome adverse circumstances in order to undertake their studies and/or who have demonstrated outstanding commitment in activities distinct from their studies.

Elaine Marion was the 2008 degree recipient. Elaine has been an avid and active advocate within both McMaster University and greater Hamilton communities. Off campus, Elaine has been involved with the Board of Directors of Second Stage Housing, an agency dedicated to raising awareness of the support services available to abused women and children. She has also founded several grass-roots community groups include CAGED, an animal welfare advocacy group, GRACE (Glanbrook Residents Are for a Clean Environment), an organization which advocates for the protection of water wells from surface and groundwater hazards, and FASE, a lobby group that successfully removed one million tires from an illegal dump. On campus, Elaine's part-time student peers have elected her to the MAPS Board of Directors on six different occasions, where she served as Vice-President (External), and most recently as Treasurer.



Allan Wong, Board President (MAPS) with Centennial Award recipients Christopher Pike (Certificate) and Elaine Marion (Degree)

The certificate recipient, **Christopher Pike**, is a remarkable individual. A graduand within the Addiction Education program, Christopher has given of his time and talents to numerous local, national, and international organizations that deal with addictions recovery including

Alcoholics Anonymous, the Renascent Centre, the AIDS Committee of Toronto, the Peace Valley Healing Centre, and the Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Association of Ontario. What makes Christopher's extra curricular involvement so noteworthy is his own personal success story of overcoming adversity – a story which he has freely shared as a keynote speaker at numerous 12-step conferences over the last 10 years. One of Christopher's nominators wrote: "Christopher's belief that excelling in his CCE studies would allow him to be of still greater service to those in the grips of addiction is most exemplary".

The MAPS-CCE Awards of Excellence

Established in 2004, the MAPS/CCE Awards of Excellence recognize students in their graduating year who have achieved the highest grade point average in each CCE programme. The recipients for 2008 were Mario Germana (Accounting); Jean Ryan (Creative Writing); Joceline Otis (Certified Clinical Research Associate); Viral Patel (Certified Clinical Research Associate); Deborah Walsh (Human Resources Management); Shawn Walsh (Management Studies); Inissina Marchesano (Web Design & Development)

2007-2008 University Award Recipients

HEATHER ALM

The Corelene Helen Tostevin Scholarships

BRIAN AMARELO

The Anne Stein Memorial Prize

PEGGI BENNICI

The University Achievement Award,
The University Scholarships

HEATHER BROUWER

The William J. McCallion Scholarships

SHANNON BUCKLEY

The F.W. Waters Scholarship in Philosophy
for Part-time Students

MIRANDA CATHERWOOD

The University Scholarships

ZUZANNA CHOCIEJ

The University Achievement Award

DEBRA COBURN

The University Scholarships

ANGUS COLL-SMITH

The University Scholarships

SHEILA COOK

The University Scholarships

LINDA CORMICK

The MAPS Gold Medal
The J.E.L. Graham Award

MICHAEL DEBOER

The William J. McCallion Scholarships

MIN-JU EVANS

The Connie O'Shaughnessy Memorial Prize

JOANNE FRIESEN

The Jack Richardson Memorial Scholarship,
The University Achievement Award,
The David Winch Memorial Scholarship

JOHN FROUD

The McMaster University Retirees Association Prize,
The University Scholarships

REG GILMORE

The William J. McCallion Scholarships

BONNIE HACHEY

The University Scholarships

RACHEL HARVEY

The William J. McCallion Scholarships

MARK HEARNS

The University Achievement Award

MARCELLA JAGER

The University Achievement Award,
The University Scholarships

DAWN JEDRASZEWSKI

The William J. McCallion Scholarship

ROBYN JOSSUL

The Audrey Diemert Memorial Book Prize

BARBARA KIRKHAM

The University Achievement Award,
The University Scholarships

MIHAELA KONDAN

The University Achievement Award,
The University Scholarships

LOUISE KOYANAGI

The Corelene Helen Tostevin Scholarships

MARY LANDRY

The Achievement Awards of Excellence,
The University Scholarships

JEAN LONGFIELD

The Gwen George Medal,
The University Scholarships

DANIELA MARGANI

The William J. McCallion Scholarships,
The University Achievement Award

ELAINE MARION

The Connie O'Shaughnessy Memorial Prize,
The Gordon Raymond Award

DIANA MCDUGALL

The Corelene Helen Tostevin Scholarships

GARY MURPHY

The Larry Sefton Scholarships,
The University Achievement Award

MARTINA MYSICKA

The Corelene Helen Tostevin Scholarships

MICHAEL PASSARELLI

The University Scholarships

CHRISTOPHER PELLINI

The William J. McCallion Scholarships

LOUISE SAVOCCHIA

The William J. McCallion Scholarships

SERENA SCATTOLON

The University Scholarships

MAHA SEMAAN

The William J. McCallion Scholarships

CARMEN STERMANN GALBRAITH

The William J. McCallion Scholarships,
The University Achievement Award

KATHLEEN SZOKE

The University Scholarships

ANNIE THOMPSON

The University Scholarships

JANET VALLESI

The University Scholarships

JOCELIN VAN DOORNIK

The Achievement Awards of Excellence

KAREN VANSOY

The University Scholarships

MELISSA WADE

The University Scholarships

DAVID WALLACE-HARE

The Alumni Association Scholarship,
The University Achievement Award

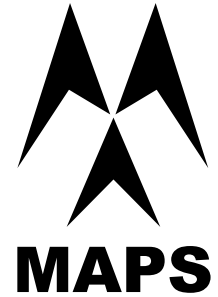
GILLIAN WOOD

The University Scholarships

GEORGE ZRINSCAK

The University Scholarships

MAPS BURSARIES



Did you know that MAPS offers bursaries for the Fall and Winter terms as well as the Spring/Summer session? Dozens of students benefit from these each year, and we encourage you to apply if you are in financial need. Applications can be found in the MAPS office, the Office of Student Financial Aid & Scholarships, or online at www.mcmaster.ca/maps/bursaries.htm. All part-time degree students as well as those in Continuing Education, are encouraged to apply.

DEADLINE:

April 17th, 2009 - Spring/Summer term

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Vice-President (External): Candace Waterkamp

Treasurer: Elaine Marion

Executive Councillor and Past President:

Carole Armstrong

Directors: Hasnat Ahsan, Jeanette Button, Darlene Hayward, Jim Huff, Rose O'Connor, Cassandra Pohl, Eric Siu, Kate Pratas, Violet Wakeman-Ajandi



Call for Nominations MSU Awards

The McMaster Students Union (MSU) presents several awards each year to individuals and groups to recognize excellence at McMaster. Part-time students are eligible for a number of these awards.

The Rudy Heinzl Award of Excellence has been presented annually since 1997 in recognition of an outstanding one-year achievement that improves the lives of McMaster students. Any member of the campus community (students, staff, faculty and alumni) may be nominated. The deadline for nominations is March 2, 2009.

The J. Lynn Watson Award for Community Service recognizes the McMaster campus group that has made the greatest contribution to charitable giving. The deadline for nominations is March 2, 2009.

The MSU Spirit Award recognizes the campus group that has demonstrated superior spirit throughout the academic year. The deadline for nominations is March 2, 2009.

Nomination forms are available at www.msumcmaster.ca/services/awards/overview.htm, at the Compass Service Desk, or the MSU Main Office (MUSC 201). Any member of the McMaster community may put forward individuals or groups for nomination. Further information is available from MSU Speaker, Norman Kearney (speaker@msu.mcmaster.ca).



MAPS Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, GH-111**

What does MAPS do?

Established in 1979, MAPS acts as an advocate for its membership to strengthen the quality and accessibility of education and related services by representing its members' interests at all levels in University governance and to all levels of government. MAPS publishes a handbook annually, a newsletter, sponsors workshops, and recognizes excellence among part-time students through awards and an annual awards dinner.

Who are MAPS members?

All degree students registered in 17 or less units in an academic session, all students taking courses through the Centre for Continuing Education (CCE), and all Clinical Behavioural Science students are members of MAPS. They pay a \$5 per unit membership fee collected by McMaster University as a component of course fees.

What is the MAPS board of directors?

The Association was incorporated under the *Ontario Corporations Act* in 1997. Its affairs are governed by a board of directors of 10 to 16 members, including a six-member executive committee elected by the board. The board and the executive committee each meet at least four times per year. There are also several other MAPS committees on which board members serve.

How is the board chosen?

Any member of MAPS may stand as a candidate for the board of directors. Nomination forms are available in the MAPS office and must be submitted by noon on **Friday, April 3, 2009**. The election will take place at the Annual General Meeting of the Association on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Gilmour Hall, Room 111. If the University is closed that evening for any reason, the meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in MUSC room 318.

What is on the Annual General Meeting agenda? Who gets to vote?

The agenda includes a report from the board of directors, approval of the audited financial statements for 2008, appointment of the Corporation's auditor for 2009, and election of the board of directors for 2009-2010. All members of MAPS are entitled to attend and vote at the annual general meeting.

For further information...

Contact MAPS' executive director, **Sam Minniti**, at ext. 23884 or maps@mcmaster.ca. Further information about MAPS is also available at www.mcmaster.ca/maps.

EXAMINATION WARNING

McMaster student photo ID cards are required at all examinations

If you are found writing without your ID card, you may be required to withdraw from your exam without completing it.

If you arrive without your ID card, temporary cards are available in the Ivor Wynne Centre Room B120 and MDCL Room 1016. A \$30.00 charge will be applied to your account and you will not be allowed extra time during the exam to compensate for any delay.

Cards are available now in Gilmour Hall, Room 108.

Please remember to bring your McMaster photo ID to all exams!

Office of the Registrar (Examinations)

MAPS-MSU Membership Transferability

Each September, students who meet specified criteria have an opportunity to transfer their student government membership. For more information, please see: <http://www.mcmaster.ca/maps/msumaps.htm>





McMASTER ASSOCIATION OF PART-TIME STUDENTS DIRECTOR NOMINATION FORM

The affairs of the Corporation are governed by a board of directors of 10-16 directors. Any MAPS member in good standing is eligible for election as a director (i.e. students registered in 17 or fewer units of degree studies, students taking certificate/diploma courses through CCE, Clinical Behavioural Science students and members of the board).

NOMINEE:

NAME _____

STUDENT # _____ ACADEMIC PROGRAM _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ POSTAL CODE _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

I hereby affirm that I am a member of MAPS (as defined above). I authorize MAPS to confirm this registration status with McMaster University's Office of the Registrar as well as the status of my nominators. If elected, I am prepared to serve a one year term (from election until the next MAPS Annual General Meeting) as a volunteer member of the board of directors.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

NOMINATORS (must also be MAPS members)

NAME	STUDENT #	SIGNATURE
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

To be nominated, a candidate must submit a completed nomination form, including signatures of the nominee and three nominators, all of whom are MAPS members. **A short (under 200 words) biographical profile is also to be attached.** A list of nominees and profiles will be available in the MAPS Office on Monday, April 6, 2009.

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE MAPS OFFICE, MUSC Room 234, by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2009.

Contingent on a sufficient number of nominations being received, elections shall be held at the **MAPS Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Gilmour Hall, Room 111.**

For further information, contact Sam Minniti at (905) 525-9140, ext. 23884, or minniti@mcmaster.ca.

