

“It takes courage  
to grow *up*  
and become who  
*you* really are.”

- *E.E. Cummings*

*welcome* class of

**2011**

McMaster University Alumni

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## CONNECT

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**It is an honour and privilege** to welcome you to the McMaster Alumni Association (MAA)!

For the past several years, you have been a very important part of the McMaster community. Each class that passes through the halls of McMaster leaves a lasting impact on our university in some way. Thank you for contributing and helping to make McMaster the great place that it is.



Though you have formally graduated and left campus, the connections that you have made will be with you wherever you go. You will always be part of the alumni community, and with over 147,000 graduates around the world you are likely to find a Mac connection wherever life takes you. As alumni, it is up to you to determine what your role in the MAA will be. This alumni handbook only begins to list the ways that you can stay involved with your alma mater and the services and benefits that are available to you as a graduate.

Over the years to come, the people and the campus will change, but the memories will be with you forever. Keep the connections that you have made here alive and make new ones as you begin your life as a Mac Grad!

Congratulations and once again,  
welcome to the McMaster Alumni Association!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "David Adames". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**David Adames '92**

President

McMaster Alumni Association

# grads by the



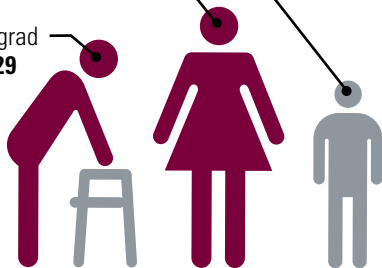
147,8

57% of graduates are within 20 years of graduation

**Young** grads (2000-2010)  
35% or 51,520

**Median** age of  
all grads – 44

**Oldest** living grad  
graduated 1929



6,266  
alumni graduated in 2010

118,575

# numbers

78

total graduates



30,034 graduate degrees 20.1%

119,940 undergraduate degrees 79.9%

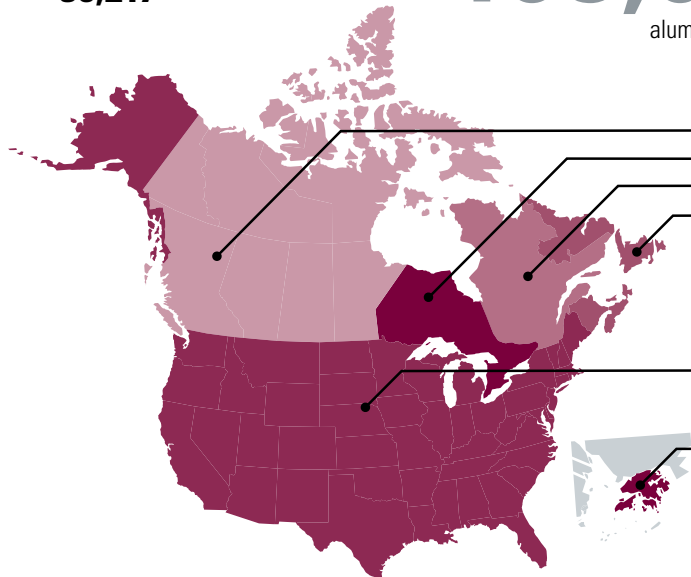
48,409 alumni in **Hamilton**

36,217 alumni in **Toronto**

103,015

alumni in **Canada**

alumni in **North America**



West 5%

Ontario 93%

Quebec 0.9%

East 1.1%

USA 3.4%

Hong Kong 0.6%

Other 2.3%

Just about a month from now I'm set adrift, with

### **The McMaster Alumni Association**

is made up of everyone who's ever graduated from McMaster. Whether you were here for a traditional four year degree, as a continuing education student, or you completed a graduate studies program, you are automatically a member of the Alumni Association – there are no fees and you are a member for life!



The McMaster Alumni Association was founded in 1894, shortly after the first ever convocation, which consisted of 16 students. Since then the MAA has strived to keep alumni connected to their alma mater, as well as promote and support McMaster's mission. The Association is managed by a Board of Directors whose members represent graduates of various decades and geographical areas, and meet throughout the year to guide the Association's programs and activities.



### **The Office of Alumni Advancement**

fosters the interest and involvement of current and future alumni in McMaster University by facilitating services and programming, which further the goals of the University and the McMaster Alumni Association. We are located on campus at Alumni House and our door is

*always  
open!*

a *diploma for a sail* and lots of *nerve for oars*.

- Richard Halliburton

**Now that you are a proud McMaster Graduate**, you will start receiving the *McMaster Times* alumni magazine, electronic and postcard updates, invitations to events, and much more. Be sure to keep your contact information up-to-date so that you can stay informed about everything that's going on.

The MAA does a lot more than keep you current with email and snail mail, as you read through the next few pages you will discover all the services, products, and benefits that are available to you as a Mac Grad! We encourage you to take advantage of all that you can.

## Stay connected!

Every day, millions of people use Twitter to create, discover and share ideas with others. If you don't already have an account, create one and be sure to follow McMaster University and McMaster Alumni to find out what's happening on campus and in the Alumni Community. As a Mac Grad tweeter, you can use Twitter to stay connected, reconnect, and share your McMaster memories with current and prospective students and fellow graduates. Graduates of McMaster become part of the living history of McMaster that spans the globe and nearly 125 years. McMaster alumni can be found in boardrooms, courtrooms, hospitals, art galleries, laboratories, libraries, governments around the world, and on Facebook. The McMaster University and McMaster University Alumni Facebook pages will help keep you connected to your classmates no matter where your degree takes you.



### Keep in TOUCH!

To stay connected with Mac and up-to-date on alumni events in your area update your email address on our website [alumni.mcmaster.ca](http://alumni.mcmaster.ca). Update your email by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 and you will automatically be entered into a draw for an iPod Touch.



# alumni.mcmaster.ca

## Website

The alumni website is your hub for all McMaster information – check it out at [alumni.mcmaster.ca](http://alumni.mcmaster.ca). Our website connects you to the Alumni Web Community, calendar of events, pictures, alumni services, benefits and products! Use the site to get the information you are looking for and stay up to date with your classmates and alma mater.

## Mac Grads Online

As a 2011 grad you are likely well versed in online communication, whether you're posting on a wall or sending out a tweet, be sure to check out the MAA online! There is a Facebook group, Twitter account, RSS Feed, YouTube videos and, of course, the Alumni Web Community. The Alumni Web Community is for Mac grads only – you can post class notes and photos, update your profile and find fellow Mac Grads living in the same city as you.



## Email Forwarding

Don't want to give up your Mac email address? You don't have to! You can have your Mac email re-directed to another account by registering for email forwarding on the Alumni Web Community. Sometime during the next few weeks, you will be sent an email that includes your alumni number and a link that will allow you to sign up for email forwarding! The email forwarding system is a great way to receive emails from your current contacts without having to give them an updated email address! For more information, call the Office of Alumni Advancement at 905-525-9140 ext-23900.



## University Club

The University Club of McMaster welcomes alumni to join the Club. A special alumni membership category entitles you to all the amenities and benefits of the University Club for only \$193 per year. The Club offers event planning, facilities and catering services for private parties of all sizes; from a dinner with friends and family to an elegant wedding. Stay connected to your alma mater in style with a University Club of McMaster membership. Please visit the Club's website – [www.mcmaster.ca/univclub](http://www.mcmaster.ca/univclub) – for more information regarding membership.



## Find a Friend

At the Office of Alumni Advancement we can help you locate and reconnect with friends from your days at McMaster. If you are looking for a long lost friend, classmate or roommate from your university days, contact us and we will help you get in touch.



## Career Coaching

Our Alumni Career Coach, Catherine Maybrey, works with recent graduates to help them identify and land careers they'll love. Through the one-on-one coaching, Catherine will work with alumni who have graduated within the last five years on career exploration, networking, interview skills, resumes, and more. For more information, visit [careers.mcmaster.ca/alumni](http://careers.mcmaster.ca/alumni).

## Continuing Education

The Centre for Continuing Education provides high quality, professional education for individuals and corporate clients, offering over 300 courses and professional development workshops, and a rich menu of options for customized corporate training. Small classes and flexible learning options accommodate the unique needs of adult learners. For more information or to check out classes that are currently being offered, visit [www.mcmaster.ca/conted](http://www.mcmaster.ca/conted).

## Publications

After graduation you'll begin receiving the alumni magazine, the *McMaster Times*. The *McMaster Times* features university and department news, accomplishments of current students and McMaster Alumni, and is where you can submit your class notes in print when you have news to share. Another quick and easy way to keep up to date with what's going on is checking out Maroon Mail, our monthly eNewsletter, which contains monthly top news stories, alumni profiles, event information, trivia, prizes and much more. Make sure you use the McMaster Alumni Web community to keep your contact information current to ensure that you continue receiving mail and email.



### Coffee Table Book

The McMaster University coffee table book is an exclusive book of images of McMaster University. The class of 2011 will find it an especially personal keepsake as the photographs were all taken while you were here – it captures the campus as you know it, the people that shared your time here, and the events that mark your years at Mac, in beautiful colour photographs. Pick up your copy at Titles today!



### Library Cards

Alumni can now access McMaster Libraries FREE of charge! To apply for borrowing privileges, please visit the Circulation Desk at Mills Memorial Library. For more information, go to the External Borrower Card webpage or contact the Circulation Desk at (905) 525-9140, ext. 22077.

### Athletics and Recreation Memberships

Stay fit with an Athletics and Recreation

membership at McMaster.

Alumni are eligible for reduced membership fees to access the great

facilities in the David Braley Athletic Centre and the Pulse Fitness Centre. Contact Recreation Services at (905) 525-9140, ext. 24640 for further information.



### Alumni Clothing

Wear your pride on your sleeve with great running suits and performance shirts available online at [mcmasteralumni clothing.ca](http://mcmasteralumni clothing.ca). Alumni hoodies and golf shirts are also available through Titles – McMaster University Bookstore.



### **BMO McMaster MasterCard**

BMO McMaster MasterCard lets students and alumni choose from AIR MILES or CashBack rewards and a low interest rate option while contributing to the MAA and showing their McMaster pride with a great looking card. Help support the McMaster Alumni Association by selecting the credit card that's right for you. Apply today! Visit [bmo.com/mcmaster](http://bmo.com/mcmaster) or call 1-800-263-2263.



### **TD Insurance Meloche Monnex**

TD Insurance Meloche Monnex offers McMaster grads preferred group rates, high-quality insurance products and exceptional service on home or apartment and auto insurance. TD Insurance has been committed to providing the best service possible to McMaster alumni since 1991, and has supported countless McMaster Alumni events and programs. To discover more about your insurance coverage options call 1-866-258-3036 or visit their website at [www.melochemonnex.com/mcmaster](http://www.melochemonnex.com/mcmaster).



### **Manulife Financial**

The Alumni Association has partnered with Manulife Financial for over 25 years to offer comprehensive insurance at preferred rates to McMaster alumni. Manulife offers a number of plans including life, disability, and health and dental insurance, as well as critical illness insurance to alumni. For more information, visit [www.manulife.com/mcmaster](http://www.manulife.com/mcmaster) or contact our McMaster Alumni - Manulife Insurance Representative, Rob Penson '88 at [rob@rwpensonfinancial.com](mailto:rob@rwpensonfinancial.com).



### **Milestones**



We always want to hear from our grads, especially when it's exciting news they have to share. Grads are encouraged to share news of their new job or business, wedding, new home, or baby with the Alumni Association and we'll send out a great little gift with our congratulations! The Milestones program is sponsored by Manulife Financial.

## Stay connected!

One of the hardest things about graduating from Mac is losing the social aspect of university life. You miss your friends, and always knowing what the plan is for the night. What you have not yet discovered is that the McMaster social network exists beyond the Westdale bubble. The MAA hosts hundreds of social events throughout the year all over the world. These events will provide the opportunity to try new places, meet up with classmates and friends every few weeks and meet other Mac Grads living in your area. Be sure to check your email this summer for your invite to a **'Welcome Back Patio Party'** in your hometown!



## Welcome back patio parties



McMaster Alumni around the world are looking forward to welcoming you to your new hometown as you settle in. This summer, Welcome Back Patio Parties will be hosted in July and August in Hamilton, Ottawa, Toronto, and Hong Kong. Come out and mingle with fellow Mac Alumni in your new (or old) Hometown!

## Class of 2011

Here we are. After years of hard work, late nights, early mornings, countless hours of studying, and pages upon pages of notes and assignments, the time has come for us to move on. What it means to “move on” will be different for everyone, but what’s the same is that we’re moving on from a place we’ve come to call our home.

I chose to get involved with the 2011 Senior Class Gift Committee to give back to a school that gave me more than I could ever give back. It gave me a comfortable place to call home, a bright future, and memories to last a lifetime. I hope that I can encourage all seniors to continue McMaster’s long and strong tradition of gift-giving at McMaster to give back to a school that has given them so much too.

Every year, we mark the campus with red tags; each one signaling a gift that alumni have given to the school to contribute to a better student experience at Mac. Think about what Mac might be like without your favorite part of it. Chances are, your favorite part of Mac was made possible through the gifts of McMaster alumni. Mac is a world-class school offering all the students a world-class education and experience; but it can only keep doing so with strong support from alumni. Do your best to pass on the gift that McMaster has given to you – give a little back so that so many more can do the same.

## Donald Courchesne,

Social Science and Humanities 2011  
2011 Senior Class Gift Committee

Do not follow where the path may lead. **Go**, instead, where there is no path and *leave a trail*.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson



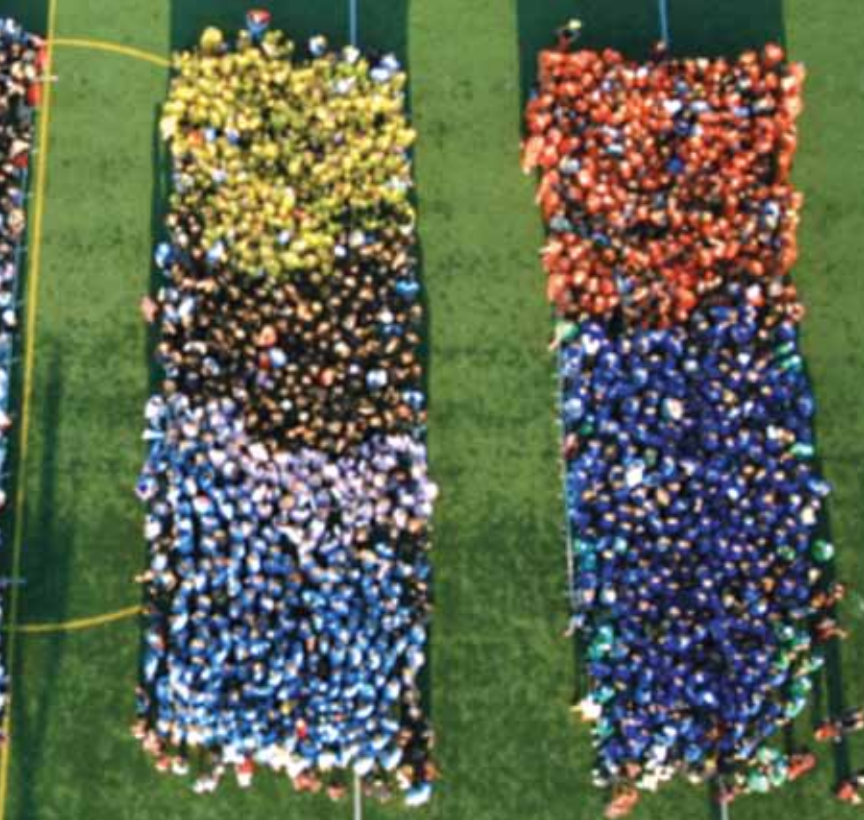
*Welcome class*



# of 2011

McMaster  
University

ALUMNI



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There is a good  
reason they call  
these ceremonies  
“commencement  
exercises.”

Graduation is  
not the end;  
it's the *beginning*.

- Orrin Hatch

