

# BOLD

THE MAGAZINE BRESCIA ALUMNAE CHOOSE TO READ

**LEADERSHIP AT ITS FINEST  
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'CHOOSING TO LEAD'  
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**SERVANT LEADERSHIP:**

**MITRA KHADEMI ('95)  
TALKS ABOUT WHY IT IS  
IMPORTANT TO GIVE BACK**

## Message from the Director of Alumnae Relations and President of the Alumnae Association

TRACEY RUTLEDGE AND HEATHER HARDY ('11)

**WE TALK A LOT ABOUT LEADERSHIP AND LEADERS AT BRESCIA. WE'RE EXTREMELY PROUD OF YOU, OUR GRADUATES, AND WE'RE CONFIDENT THAT YOU'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITIES, LEADING WITH COMPASSION AND INTELLIGENCE, AND LIVING UP TO WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A BOLD BRESCIA ALUMNA.**



Tracey Rutledge, Director of Alumnae Relations

The pages of this magazine are filled with stories about some of the great things that alumnae are doing and we're grateful to those of you who have shared your experiences with us. We know, though, that for every story we hear, there are many more that we haven't heard.

The Alumnae Association Executive's goal is to keep Brescia alumnae engaged and connected to each other and to Brescia. To do that effectively, we need to know more about each of you. What kind of work do you do and where? What kinds of events and programs would you like to see? What can we do to serve you best? What interests you?

We often reach out to you to ask for your help with mentoring students, to take part in panel events, or to share experiences with us, and many of you answer our call for help. One of the challenges we face is a lack of business information for our graduates, which makes it difficult for us to identify whom to ask. If you haven't updated your information with us, you can send an e-mail to us at [brescia.alumnae@uwo.ca](mailto:brescia.alumnae@uwo.ca) or fill out the online form here: <https://forms.bresciauc.ca/alumnae-update/>.

We're also fortunate to have many of you stepping forward to act as representatives for your class for Homecoming and to help us to connect with alumnae with whom we've lost touch. Every year some classes have incredible turnouts because a class representative has reached out to classmates and encouraged them to join in the reunion celebrations. There are, unfortunately, many classes who don't have a representative. If you would like to lead your class as representative or, if your class has a representative but you would be interested in assisting, please let us know. It's hard to believe but Homecoming 2014 will be here before we know it!

**CORRECTION FROM LAST ISSUE:** Brescia University College recently published the 2013 Principal's Report that included the Donor Report for gifts received between May 1, 2012 and April 30, 2013. You may have noticed the error in the total donation amount listed for the Class of '72. The correct donation amount that should have been printed is \$2,040. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of our alumnae, and apologize for any confusion or inconvenience that this error may have caused.

## Message from the Principal

# The Threads of Leadership that Tie Us Together

DR. COLLEEN HANYCZ

**RECENTLY, THE WORLD CELEBRATED THE LIFE OF ONE OF THIS CENTURY'S GREATEST LEADERS, NELSON MANDELA. HE WAS A MAN WHO HAD THE CAPACITY AND DETERMINATION TO RALLY HIS COMMUNITY TO A COMMON CAUSE AND THE CHARACTER TO INSPIRE CONFIDENCE IN THOSE WHO FOLLOWED HIM.**

At Brescia, we reflect daily on leadership on so many levels. Starting in our classrooms and rippling outwards to our offices, to our volunteer bodies and to the entire community around us, we consider the critical mission of building community through service. Through leadership.

**SINCE 1919, BRESCIA HAS BEEN BLESSED WITH LEADERS WHO HAVE SERVED OUR SCHOOL IN SO MANY WAYS AND WHOSE LEADERSHIP HAS INVARIABLY EXTENDED TO ENCOMPASS THE COMMUNITY.**

When we think of alumnae such as Dr. Margaret Chan ('73), now serving her second term as the Director-General of the World Health Organization, the notion of using leadership for the common good takes on particular meaning. And when I review the Brescia web site profile on Brooke Harrison, a first-year student in Community Development, who you will read more about in this issue, I can only conclude that this young woman has accomplished more in 19 years than many of us will in a lifetime. These threads of leadership continue to grow, being woven into a tapestry that tells a story of community service and positive change.

At Brescia, we work every day to remind our students that they have been blessed in their

lives and that they must convert those blessings into positive action in the world around them. It is a troubled world, a world that needs the signs of hope that we are each called to bring. And it is a world that can only benefit from the commitment of the women whom we serve as Brescia students, preparing them to go out, in turn, and to serve those around them.

I am profoundly proud of the impact that the Brescia community continues to have on our world. Some of that is quiet impact and goes largely unnoticed, while some has much greater profile. But all of it is making a positive difference. And after all, is that not what we are each called to do? There is no doubt in my mind that Nelson Mandela saw it that way.

I thank you for each and every time that you 'choose to lead,' knowing that you will leave a world that is better for your having been a part of it.



Christine Peet, right, with Dr. Colleen Hanycz, Principal, has shown confidence and leadership through her work with Brescia's Take the Lead contest for the past four years.



# A Leadership Journey “Up the hill”

**IF YOU ASK ALUMNA MITRA KHADEMI ('95) WHY SHE HAS CHOSEN A PATH OF SERVICE LEADERSHIP, SHE WILL TELL YOU, “I LEARNED A LOT ABOUT WHAT LEADERSHIP MEANS DURING MY YEARS AS A STUDENT AT BRESCIA.” SINCE MOVING TO CANADA IN 1988 FROM TURKEY, BUT ORIGINALLY FROM IRAN, MITRA KNEW THAT BRESCIA WAS A FIT FOR HER THE DAY SHE “BEGAN HER JOURNEY UP THE HILL,” AS SHE RECALLS.**

With English being her second language, she was told that she needed a Grade 13 English credit to enroll in university, something that she didn't have. After completing her TOEFL exam, she heard from a staff member at Western who asked, “Why don't you look at (applying to) one of the colleges?” Mitra would soon learn that the term “college” actually means community and that she would be attending a small university and still graduating with a Western degree. “I still remember the kind woman in the Registrar's Office at Brescia who met me the day I walked on campus, and in minutes said to me, ‘Of course you are accepted into Brescia, Mitra. Now we just need to enroll you in your courses.’ It was as simple as that. I will always remember faculty like Dr. Paul Barker, who never turned me down for any extra help, guidance, or support. I think that's one of the main reasons why I am who I am today.”

Mitra graduated from Brescia in 1995 with a Bachelor of Arts degree before going on to work for The Future Shop, Academy of Learning, and Citi Group, where she rose to management in each position. Today Mitra is the Divisional Director at Investors Group and oversees a team of 14 consultants and over \$17 million dollars in investments. “I love my job,” says Mitra. “The management part isn't about telling people what to do but instead about providing support, mentoring, and coaching.”

Mitra is also allowing Brescia students to benefit from her story of success. She has been a panel speaker for the last two years at the annual Career Symposium event, which is a chance for students to hear from alumnae about their career success stories. When asked why she chose to give back to Brescia, Mitra says, “It's not about the efforts that I put in. It's about the stories that I hear from students, like the single mother who attended the Symposium and thanked me at the end for helping to make her bursary possible.”

**“IT'S SO IMPORTANT TO GIVE BACK TO PEOPLE. WHETHER IT'S THROUGH YOUR TIME, THROUGH YOUR ATTENDANCE AT AN EVENT, OR THROUGH A DONATION.”**

Mitra first became involved as an alumna at Brescia when she bought a ticket for a Breakfast for Bursaries event. This was a cause that she believed in. This was long before Mitra agreed to chair the event from 2007 until 2010. She now sits as Chair of Brescia's Foundation Development Committee, and is a Director on the Brescia Foundation Board.

Mitra offers the following advice to young alumnae and graduating students at Brescia: “As Cheryl Sandberg talks about, LEAN IN. Don't be afraid to take opportunities that come your way. And some day, when you find your reason, give back.”

## Student Profile

# Brooke Harrison – A lot to live up to

BY CHARLOTTE CARLAW

**BROOKE, A 19-YEAR-OLD FIRST-YEAR BRESCIA STUDENT, IS CURRENTLY STUDYING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. SHE SPENT A YEAR STUDYING AT KING'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, BUT WAS ATTRACTED TO BRESCIA'S “HANDS-ON PROGRAMS” AND THE WARM AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE.**

Despite her age, Brooke has already accomplished more than what some people will in a lifetime. At only six years of age, Brooke was confronted with a situation that some adults would not be as equipped to handle. Her five-year-old cousin, Juliana, was diagnosed with leukemia. What started off as a small fundraising project, run out of her parents' dining room where Brooke collected recipes from friends and family and created a cookbook, turned into something much larger. Brooke describes how the project grew, and says, “For the first book it was local people, who became involved by donating recipes. When Juliana started her recovery, we decided to make cookbook number two. Along the way, there were more people I met who wanted to donate recipes and it became a much larger book.”

Brooke's passion for philanthropy has continued to be an ever-present aspect of her life. Some of her other charitable ventures include creating the first-ever Youth Advisory Council for the Phillip Aziz Hospice Care Centre in Toronto where she, along with some friends, put together Christmas drives and charity golf tournaments. The five golf tournaments alone raised \$150,000. Brooke was also the 2012 recipient of the *Violet Richardson Award* for Eastern Canada from the Soroptimist Club, an all women's professional group.

Brooke's most recent endeavour, referred to as the “Native Project,” helps to bridge the financial gap by providing isolated northern Aboriginal communities with new or used bedding, clothing, and books. With help from the North South Partnership for Children, as well as family and friends, she has raised approximately \$300,000 in supplies, including the cost of transportation and delivery to the remote area.



# BMW Employee “Driven” to Succeed

BY COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING INTERN SARAH JOHNSON

ROSALIND LO GRADUATED FROM BRESCIA IN 2012, WITH AN HONORS DOUBLE MAJOR IN PSYCHOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT. SHE ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY ABROAD IN HONG KONG. AFTER GRADUATION, ROSALIND ACHIEVED A POSITION WITH BMW'S HEAD OFFICE IN TORONTO, AS THE MINI BRAND MARKETING AND SALES INTERN. SHE HAS BEEN WITH BMW SINCE MARCH 2013, MANAGING BUDGETS AND ASSISTING IN VARIOUS MARKETING FUNCTIONS.

Rosalind says of her time at Brescia, “It helped me prepare for my career through hands-on business courses, where I was able to gain perspective and apply the theories that were instilled in me at Brescia.” Brescia also enabled Rosalind to take internships in various areas of marketing over her summer holidays. Rosalind’s managers focused on assisting her professional growth. She explains, “The best advice they gave me was to be proactive, to pursue my interests, and take initiative to learn more.”

Rosalind made the decision to attend Brescia in the middle of the summer, after applying to universities that weren’t the best fit for her. “Looking back, my experience was made worthwhile because of Brescia’s teaching style, small classes, and the welcoming environment.”

The staff at the Registrar’s Office at Brescia made a significant impact on Rosalind. They accommodated her needs with patience and care, while keeping her best interests in mind. Rosalind attributes much of that support to staff in the Registrar’s Office, such as Jessica Patterson and Wendy

Latimer. She also has great respect for her BMOS professor Melissa Jean, admiring her caring teaching style, and availability to her students.

**ROSALIND DEFINES A LEADER AS, “SOMEONE WITH THE ABILITY TO INSPIRE PEOPLE, TO SEE A VISION, AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO WORK TOWARDS THE SAME THING.”**

She emphasizes that everyone has the ability to inspire. Rosalind encourages current students to “persevere.” She goes on to say, “I encourage everyone to get involved by pursuing

your passions, taking opportunities, and not being afraid to lead.”

Rosalind looks for ways to give back to her community. Travel has provided her with extraordinary experiences for giving back, but she stresses the variety of accomplishments that can also occur in hometown settings.

“Although things may not always go as planned, see the positive in the opportunities and experiences you do have.” Rosalind, who hopes to pursue marketing on a global level, is most certainly driven to succeed.



## Leading the way to a healthy heart

VANESSA HENRY ('13) HAS PROVEN THAT HARD WORK AND DETERMINATION HELP YOU TO ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS, DESPITE UNFORESEEN CHALLENGES ALONG THE WAY. VANESSA GRADUATED FROM BRESCIA IN 2013 WITH AN HONORS BSc IN NUTRITION AND DIETETICS, AND IS CURRENTLY COMPLETING A DIETITIAN INTERNSHIP WITH HAMILTON HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE.

Vanessa chose to attend Brescia knowing that she would receive her Registered Dietitian designation through the Foods and Nutrition program and for the leadership possibilities

that were available to her. During her time at Brescia she became the President of the Student Human Ecology Association (SHEA), and played a pivotal role in organizing and running the Association of Canadian Home Economics Students Conference held last year. She was also involved in the promotion of the award-winning *Vegetarian's Complete Quinoa Cookbook*, to which many Foods and Nutrition students and alumnae have contributed. The book was awarded the “People’s Choice Award” at the Taste Canada Food Writing Awards in November 2013.

Vanessa will fondly remember two mentors during her educational journey, Ms. Lucy Mahood and Dr. June Matthews. Ms. Mahood, who Vanessa often turned to during her role as SHEA President, acted as her faculty advisor. “Vanessa’s determination, hard work, leadership and organizational skills combined with her supportive and collaborative nature made her a successful student and a leader during her time at Brescia,” Ms. Mahood states. Mahood also played a very supportive role during Vanessa’s difficult time losing her mother to leukemia in 2011. Dr. Matthews was someone Vanessa saw as extremely passionate about foods and nutrition and made her feel she could somehow change the world.

Vanessa describes herself as determined, resourceful, and an advocate, three things she largely took

from her time at Brescia. Her experience as SHEA President allowed her to build and hone skills that came into play during her internship and still help in her life after education. “I would definitely say at Brescia I learned about leadership, communication, and recognizing who’s struggling with their roles and who needs help making decisions,” Vanessa says. When asked what leadership means, Vanessa says, “It is supporting those around you and being other people’s strength when they need it and helping them to see the big picture.”

Vanessa remains active outside of her professional work while spending time with her horse, which she refers to as her “1100-pound child.” Additionally, she spends time volunteering with Operational Stress Injury Social Support (OSISS), a peer support program for families and ‘significant others’ of the military. Vanessa, along with Kyla Blackie ('14) and Krista Kolodziejczyk ('14), spearheaded a conference last September that was held at the London Convention Centre, and focused on post-traumatic stress disorder, supported by the OSISS group.

Upon completion of her Public Health and Food Services certifications, Vanessa hopes to work in an outpatient or inpatient clinical setting as a dietitian.

**SHE CONCLUDES, “THE PROGRAM AT BRESCIA IS FANTASTIC. I AM PUTTING WHAT I LEARNED IN THE CLASSROOM TO USE IN MY PLACEMENT, AND FINDING A STYLE OF PRACTICE THAT WORKS FOR ME. BRESCIA REALLY HELPED ME WITH THAT.”**



## Volunteerism at its best

**DONNA TEEPLE FIRST DISCOVERED BRESCIA AT A VERY SPECIAL BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY IN 2006. SHE WAS THERE TO SEE THE YOUNG WOMAN WHO IS NOW HER DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, BAILEY MYLES, WALK UP THE AISLE OF THE BASILICA TO CELEBRATE, WITH HER CLASSMATES, HER EDUCATION AT BRESCIA. JUST A YEAR LATER, DONNA ATTENDED A BREAKFAST FOR BURSARIES EVENT WITH VALERIE PRINGLE AS THE GUEST SPEAKER.**

She was impressed by both events. But it wasn't until her good friend Dr. Marlene J. Le Ber, a Brescia Council of Trustees member, encouraged Donna to play a larger role at Brescia that she really fell in love with the place. Marlene, who chaired Brescia's Project and Facilities Planning (PFP) Committee and the Residence Committee, knew that these groups that were tasked with bringing the new residence and dining pavilion to fruition were missing one key player. They needed a designer who would bring an aesthetic eye to the new facility that was, at that time, a dream on paper but not yet a reality. Donna, who studied fashion design at Ryerson and who had a thriving design business of her own, was the ideal person to fill this gap. Luckily for Brescia she said "yes" to Marlene's invitation to join these two important committees.

That was four years ago and Donna has given unstintingly of her time ever since. She has also lent her own personal touch to the public spaces in Clare Hall, overseeing the purchase of *objets d'art*

and helping in the selection and planning of all things visual. Donna currently has her own design business, *Donna Teeple Interiors*.

The work on Clare Hall, for Donna, was a true labour of love as design is something that she has always been passionate about. She worked with partner Kim Blake at their company, *Stonewater Design*, for 13 years before opening her own company. She also finds the energy and time to give of her knowledge and expertise to *World Tailors* ([www.worldtailors.ca](http://www.worldtailors.ca)). This organization develops leadership and confidence in women from all over the world through the creation of hand-crafted aprons and 'Market Bags', under the label World Cooks. Approximately 25 women, pictured above, from refugee camps in Nepal, from small villages in Africa, Bhutan, from cities in South Korea and Afghanistan, and islands such as Fiji, join together to learn from Donna and other mentors how to create and promote these beautiful products. Donna says of the miraculous transformation of these

women, "They come to us scared and apprehensive, many never having sewn before or spoken English in their lives. They blossom at *World Tailors*. We laugh and talk, and share and sew. We develop in these brave women a genuine independence and skills they can use in many different ways. For instance, they learn how to work on personal budgeting; they learn about the importance of body language; and they practise closing a sale."

For Donna, leadership begins with a vision and culminates in sharing that vision with others, bringing different talents together and enabling everyone with the freedom to do what they really love and the space to go beyond what they thought they could do. She also admires the leadership capabilities of Brescia's Principal, Dr. Colleen Hanycz, whom she describes as being inspirational.

**DONNA SAYS, "AT EVERY MEETING I ATTENDED AT BRESCIA, I LEARNED MORE AND MORE FROM HER ABOUT LEADERSHIP AND HOW TO RUN AN EFFECTIVE MEETING. SHE IS RESPECTFUL AND GRACIOUS AND RUNS THE BEST MEETINGS I HAVE EVER ATTENDED."**

Certainly Brescia has benefited from Donna Teeple's own leadership capabilities and from her quiet wisdom in so many ways, both seen and unseen.



## Take the Lead: Raise Your Voice for Women in Leadership

Do you know someone who enjoys public speaking? Does someone in your family have an inspiring story to share about women in leadership? Join Brescia at its seventh Take the Lead on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Young women from across Ontario, in Grades 11 and 12, are invited to speak about women and leadership. The first-place winner will receive a full fall/winter academic scholarship to Brescia for the 2015/2016 school term.

The 2013 contest winner, Abijah Nwakanma, who spoke about her mother, was overwhelmed with the result. "Words cannot express how honoured I am to win Brescia's Take the Lead contest, based on the fact that I was just participating to gain speaking experience. While in Nigeria I did not have the opportunity to speak publicly, but participated locally at my school. It has been quite an experience, and a great privilege to speak alongside talented contestants, learning from them, and emerging a winner. It was an honour to be here today."

Interested in being involved as an alumna? Brescia alumnae are invited to be a part of the day on campus and sit as judges in the contest. It's a wonderful and inspiring day that our alumnae come back for each year.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EVENT OR TO REGISTER, VISIT [WWW.BRESCIA.UWO.CA/TAKETHELEAD](http://WWW.BRESCIA.UWO.CA/TAKETHELEAD)**



# Blazing a new path in leadership through athletic scholarships at Brescia

BY TRISH GERGICH

**WHEN THÉRÈSE QUIGLEY TOOK A MCMASTER UNIVERSITY POST IN 1990, AS THE FIRST-EVER FEMALE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS AND RECREATION IN ONTARIO, SHE BECAME A ROLE MODEL TO WOMEN IN CANADA. THROUGH HER ROLE SHE HAS LEARNED A THING OR TWO ABOUT THE CHALLENGES THAT WOMEN FACE IN BREAKING THE “GLASS CEILING.” SHE LEARNED TO BE BOLD AND TO PURSUE HER DREAMS FROM HER MOTHER, MARY, WHO ONCE CALLED BRESCIA HER HOME AS A STUDENT.**

Thérèse remembers as a young girl coming to Brescia with her mom, Mary (Wintermeyer) Quigley ('41), numerous times over the years. Brescia stories from her aunts have been told and retold at family gatherings for generations – stories not held in archives or journals but in the hearts and memories of her mother, her aunts, and their Brescia friends.

Thérèse came back to her London roots in 2009, when she assumed the role of Director of Sports and Recreation Services at Western. She has been a game-changer, literally, ever since. She had a vision of engaging Western alumni on a global level through the Internet. Thérèse mentored and supported her staff, in the development and growth of Mustang

TV, which has seen significant gains over the past five years, with games and alumni events broadcast around the world, and has a steadily growing viewership. Thérèse is also proud to have played a strong role in advocating at the provincial and national level on a gender equity policy that has been adopted by the majority of universities in Canada.

On arriving at Western, she was very encouraged to see the strong position Western has adopted with regard to gender equity in Athletic Financial Awards. She continues to champion and educate others about the importance of this initiative, not only for the Western community but for women in athletics around the world.

Wanting to do something personally to encourage more students to choose sports while at Western, Thérèse was inspired to create a new five-year scholarship at Brescia called the Mary and Malachy Quigley Scholarship, named after her late parents. Thérèse says that

**“BRESCIA IS A NATURAL PLACE FOR FEMALE STUDENT ATHLETES WHO WANT A SMALLER LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. STUDENT ATHLETES OFTEN DON'T FIT INTO THE TYPICAL 'NEEDS-BASED' FORMULAS.**

Often the personal costs in training and competition, while representing the university, do not qualify as eligible expenses. This scholarship will help reduce the financial hardships and barriers to being involved in sports at the university level.”

With this scholarship, Thérèse is following a long line of family members who have been strong supporters of Brescia over the years. Mary was one of five sisters who attended Brescia, all of whom were members of Brescia's famous Wintermeyer family. Thérèse's grandparents established the Wintermeyer Scholarship through a gift in their will in 1974. The Mary and Malachy Quigley Scholarship is a testament to Thérèse's strong Brescia connection, and will continue a long legacy of bold Wintermeyer women. Through Thérèse's gift, and through the leadership that she and her family have shown, Brescia will continue to be influenced by the women of our past while it continues to lead female education into the future.

## Be happy and play hard: Lois (Greening) Gordon celebrates 65 years

**IF LOIS (GREENING) GORDON ('48) HAD ONE PIECE OF ADVICE TO GIVE TO STUDENTS WALKING THE HALLS OF BRESCIA TODAY, SHE SAYS IT WOULD BE: “BE HAPPY AND PLAY HARD.” IT IS A TIMELESS PIECE OF ADVICE FOR STUDENTS AND BRESCIA GRADUATES ACROSS ALL GENERATIONS. AND IT IS A PHILOSOPHY THAT STILL RESONATES IN HER LIFE AT 87 YEARS YOUNG.**

Lois was adamant that she didn't want to miss her 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Brescia and the opportunity to reconnect with her classmates Gerry (Zink) Payne and Marie (Johnson) Hardy this past fall. The 400-kilometre journey to Brescia, which she made with the help of her son John and daughter Mary, was more than worth it. She enthuses, “My darling granddaughter Meg asked

to go with us and that made me very happy. I wanted Mary and Meg to see the beautiful Chapel, and some of the rooms where we had classes. It was a delightful day.”

Lois was born and raised in London, Ontario, where her parents owned and operated a grocery store on Dundas Street. Her father was from Birmingham, England, and her mother, from London, Ontario. Lois was an only child and lived off-campus with her parents and remembers her dad dropping her off, and picking her up daily. She also recalls taking classes at Western. Back then there wasn't a shuttle bus, so she would walk to Brescia from Western and, on occasion, she would borrow her friend Helen (Crummer) Clark's car, nicknamed the “Leaping Lena,” and drive the distance to Western.

When Lois graduated in 1948 with her Baccalaureate in Arts, Convocation Day was particularly memorable for her because of the gift she received from Mother St. James. Mother St. James painted a small picture of Brescia Hall (now Ursuline Hall) for each graduate. And each painting was unique. After 65 years this small painting, now framed, still hangs on Lois's wall.

Lois says she will take her own advice, and will be back on the Brescia hill in five years for her 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She plans to play hard for many more years to come.





# Get to know Sister Mary Frances Dorschell

Sister Mary Frances with Dr. Colleen Hanycz after being presented the *Living Leadership Award* at the 2013 Brescia Christmas Luncheon.

## When did you graduate from Brescia and with what degree?

I graduated from Brescia in 1963, with a three-year BA in Latin and History.

## What have you been doing since then, specifically at Brescia and within the Ursuline community?

Before returning to Brescia in 1982, I taught high school at “The Pines”

in Chatham for several years. At that time I taught mostly English, Spanish, and Geography but with insufficient background to teach these subjects. In order to improve my qualifications to teach English and Spanish, I took evening classes in English from the University of Windsor for several years and in the summers I travelled to Mexico City to earn a Master’s in Spanish at the Universidad Iberoamericana. At the same time I started teaching Grades Nine and Ten French,

which meant I needed to become qualified to teach French. This led me to spend summers studying at the University of Toronto and Laval University. My community then asked me to move to Brescia to prepare to teach here. At first I was Dean of Students, which meant I was in charge of the Residence; however, the idea was that I would ultimately assume the position of Chair of Modern Languages. In order to do so, I needed a PhD in French. While

working full time, I managed to complete my Honours degree in French Language and Literature in three years, my Master’s in two, and my PhD in five. Upon completion of my PhD from Western, I was appointed Chair of Modern Languages and have been teaching French ever since.

## Why did you choose to stay and teach at Brescia?

I really love teaching. I belong to a religious community and am now the last of the Ursuline Sisters teaching and living here at Brescia.

## Was there a particular memory from your time here that stays with you?

I don’t have any memory in particular, but, in general, I cherish the interaction with the students. I very much love getting students involved in class discussions on the works we are studying and also in just talking with them outside of class.

## How do you feel about being the only Ursuline Sister living at Brescia?

It is quite a different experience from being a member of a community of several sisters. Even though I miss having other Ursulines here at Brescia, I am very happy to be able to have more contact with the students. There is a group that meets with me every evening to have supper together. We talk about anything and everything, both silly and serious. The students themselves all say that we are like a family. I believe it is what St. Angela, the



Sister Mary Frances celebrating her 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Homecoming with classmates. From left to right: Mary Theresa Goodwin ('63), Ann Hawkins ('63), recipient of the 2013 Carmelle Murphy Award, Sister Mary Frances ('63), and Anita (Conti) Murray ('62).

foundress of the Ursulines, had in mind as we can see from pictures we have of her sitting in the midst of a group of women.

## Can you tell us a little bit about your feelings when your name was announced as the winner of the Living Leadership Award?

I wasn’t expecting it at all. I felt deeply honoured. It was a humbling experience too when I think about it. There are many people here at Brescia who are deserving of the award. I was quite touched by the nice things that people said; so many told me how happy they were for me and that they were glad I received the award.

## What advice would you give to Brescia alumnae and students who want to lead boldly?

Leadership means being a courageous woman, knowing what your convictions are, knowing what you have learned

and how to live accordingly. I recommend that you simply go forward and consider the needs of others before your own.

## How do you define leadership?

For me the term “leadership” means being a “servant leader,” which implies observing the needs of others and doing what I can to help them. Montaigne, a French author of the Renaissance period, used to ask himself two questions: “Qui suis-je?” (“Who am I?”) and “Qu’est-ce que je dois faire?” (“What must I do?”). I think the answers to these two questions describe what a leader should be: a human being who has a responsibility to other human beings. As St. Angela has taught us, we must help others, always doing all we can to provide a better life for them.

## What three words best describe you?

Education, prayer, and people.



## CONNECTed Through Leadership

**WHAT IS BRESCIA CONNECT? IT IS A NEW INITIATIVE THAT PROVIDES A GROUP OF FEMALE LEADERS FROM THE BRESCIA COMMUNITY THE OPPORTUNITY TO NETWORK, BRAINSTORM, AND ULTIMATELY FUND SPECIAL PROJECTS AT BRESCIA. DOES THAT HAVE YOUR ATTENTION?**

Not long ago, there were very few women with career positions in leadership. Gradually, women's voices became heard and respected. Here at Brescia women are truly inspired to be strong leaders and Brescia CONNECT will help them do this. Brescia CONNECT is a new network of inspiring women who assist and support future female leaders by educating women about networking, professional development, and world issues. Like-minded participants take part in exclusive events, receptions, and networking opportunities at Brescia and members mentor students through engagement with faculty and the public sector.

In addition to offering their time, advice, and professional connections, Brescia CONNECT members make an annual donation of \$1,000. Members collectively decide which of Brescia's special projects their donations will support. Similar to the program Dragon's Den, members vote on short-listed presentations, and agree on the most deserving project to fund.

Executive Director of the Brescia University College Foundation and Director of Alumnae Relations at Brescia, Tracey Rutledge, explains, "As a women's university we offer a unique learning environment for our students, one that focuses on the female learner. Brescia Connect, a women's-only leadership and networking group, is based on these same principles, providing a platform for members to lead in an unconventional way by directing their philanthropy and leadership expertise to benefit the next generation of female leaders. Together, they will help Brescia advance female leadership in Canada and their collective donation will support Brescia in providing leading-edge programs and research."

**BRESCIA CONNECT ALSO HOSTS A STUDENT NETWORKING RECEPTION IN THE SPRING AND AN INVESTMENT MEETING TO BE HELD THIS YEAR ON APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>.**

*If you are interested in becoming a Brescia CONNECT member, please contact the Foundation Executive Director, Tracey Rutledge, at 519-858-5005, or e-mail [Brescia.foundation@uwo.ca](mailto:Brescia.foundation@uwo.ca) for more information.*

### Brescia CONNECT

#### MEMBERS

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**Brenda Walton**, Principal of Davis Martindale Chartered Accountants LLP

**Jill Wilcox**, Owner of Jill's Table



Sandi Lamb, who attended the Stratford trip, seen here trying on the costumes.

## Chapter Events

**WHETHER IT'S FOR FUN, LEARNING, OR NETWORKING, BRESCIA ALUMNAE LOVE TO COME TOGETHER. IN THE PAST FEW YEARS OUR LONDON AND TORONTO ALUMNAE CHAPTERS HAVE HOSTED DINNERS, TASTINGS, PANEL EVENTS, AND THEATRE OUTINGS. GUESTS HAVE ENJOYED DELICIOUS WINE AND FOOD, LEARNED ABOUT OIL AND VINEGAR, DISCUSSED PLAYS, DRESSED UP IN COSTUMES, HEARD FROM POWERFUL BUSINESS LEADERS, AND MUCH MORE.**

The London Chapter's most recent event was a day trip to Stratford that included a tour of the Stratford Festival's costume warehouse, lunch, a lecture by Brescia professor Jim Doelman, and a performance of *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Most recently, the Toronto Chapter co-hosted a panel event with Ivey that featured five women in management roles, one of whom was Brescia alumna Heather MacLellan-Ring ('75). Panelists discussed the challenges they faced in their careers and gave advice, before mingling with guests during a networking session.

These events are wonderful opportunities to catch up with old friends, make new ones, and stay connected to your *alma mater*. Watch for details about upcoming events and try to join us if you can!

For more information about how you can become involved in attending a chapter event or starting your own alumnae chapter, contact Alison Vilaca, Alumnae Relations Officer, at [alison.vilaca@uwo.ca](mailto:alison.vilaca@uwo.ca).



## New Beyond the Classroom Fund builds leadership and global citizens.

**BRESCIA GRADUATES OF THE EARLY YEARS MAY REMEMBER THE UNIVERSITY DAYS WHEN LEARNING PRIMARILY HAPPENED IN THE CLASSROOM. TODAY, EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING, OR LEARNING BY DOING, IS GAINING TRACTION AND BECOMING INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT.**

According to a survey by the Canadian Bureau for International Education, 91% of employers say they value job candidates with international experience because it develops cross-cultural understanding. Approximately 50% said they would hire a candidate with study-abroad experience over one without – all else being equal.

Unfortunately, only 50% of undergraduates obtain a co-op, internship or community service experience during their university studies, and only 13% of bachelor's students have international study experiences by the time they graduate.

We have work to do. Brescia is taking a bold step to address this gap through the creation of the Beyond the Classroom Fund. You may have read about Brescia student Tess Widdifield, who spent a month in Joplin, Missouri where she worked with children affected by a powerful tornado. Not only did she make a difference in the children's lives, she also gained experience, skills, and knowledge that will be invaluable as she builds her career in community development.



Tess inspired us to create the Beyond the Classroom fund. The fall 2013 fundraising campaign raised \$16,212 for highest priority needs, bursaries, and other programs. The portion raised for the Beyond the Classroom Fund was \$4,417. If you would like to make a gift to the Beyond the Classroom Fund, please go to: [www.brescia.uwo.ca/support](http://www.brescia.uwo.ca/support)

## As the first graduate of Sisters of St. Joseph Bursary, Jennifer Vale is making history this June.



**SHE WILL GRADUATE WITH AN HONORS BA IN WOMEN'S STUDIES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. IT IS A DREAM THAT SHE NEVER THOUGHT WOULD COME TRUE.**

Jennifer is special because she is the first recipient of the unique Sisters of St. Joseph Bursary – a bursary created by the Sisters of

St. Joseph in partnership with Brescia and Ontario Works in 2009, to break the cycle of poverty, through funding for tuition, books, and costs such as food and Internet access. Without it, women must rely on a loan, accumulating debt, often a deterrent for single mothers to pursue post-secondary education. This bursary allows women to achieve much higher goals for themselves, knowing that at the end they will be able to be self supporting.

Jennifer has been transformed by her education. Her life before university wasn't easy. She now plans to pursue a Master's degree in Social Work. She says that her son, an intelligent and resilient 16 year-old, "talks about university or college as an option, when he never did before. He sees me doing homework and learning and is inspired by my experience." The cycle is shifting because of this bursary.

*You can be a part of it.* Celebrate Jennifer's graduation and stop the cycle of poverty by making a gift today.

Jennifer hasn't been alone in this journey as the bursary was also able to support Lorena (Cindy) Cifuentes, who is currently completing her degree on a part-time basis.

The more we raise, the more women we can support through this life-changing bursary program.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A GIFT IN CELEBRATION OF JENNIFER'S GRADUATION, PLEASE GO TO: [WWW.BRESCIA.UWO.CA/SUPPORT](http://WWW.BRESCIA.UWO.CA/SUPPORT)**

## Sr. Dolores Kuntz: From Professor to Principal

BY SAMANTHA GOVERDE

**SR. DOLORES KUNTZ HELD A NUMBER OF TITLES AND POSITIONS IN HER LIFETIME, DEDICATING NEARLY FIVE DECADES TO THE BRESCIA COMMUNITY. SR. DOLORES TAUGHT ECONOMICS AND PSYCHOLOGY FROM 1959 TO 1994. ALSO DURING THIS TIME, FROM 1959-1965, SR. DOLORES SERVED AS A RESIDENCE DON, LIVING ON THE FLOOR WITH THE YOUNG WOMEN ATTENDING BRESCIA.**

In 1977, Sr. Dolores was appointed Principal and Academic Dean, which saw her sitting on various committees and councils around the College, including Faculty Council, Students' Council, and the Alumnae Board, to name a few.

In 1994, due to the heavy demands of her time, Sr. Dolores retired from teaching to dedicate herself full-time to her responsibility as Principal and Academic Dean at Brescia. While in this position, Sr. Dolores was described as having a consultative leadership style, showing interest in recruitment, and playing a central role in the creation of Brescia's first web site in 1996.

After her retirement as Principal and Academic Dean in 1999, Sr. Dolores continued to live in residence while serving as Brescia's System Support Specialist for an additional eight years until her final retirement in 2008. In 2001, a tree was planted in her honour to celebrate her 22 years of service as Brescia's Principal.

Since her 2008 retirement, Sr. Dolores spends her time at Villa Angela, enjoying herself in the company of fellow retired Ursuline Sisters.

**SR. DOLORES REMAINS AN INTEGRAL PART OF BRESCIA'S HISTORY, REMEMBERED DEARLY FOR HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE AND HER VARIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY.**





# Leading in Our Community: A Look Back on International Day of the Girl and other events at Brescia this past term

*Brescia has been a busy place with celebrations and events welcoming young women and community leaders to campus for memorable moments.*

The United Nations declared October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 the world's first International Day of the Girl. Status of Women and Plan Canada have also adopted this day and so has Brescia, teaming up with the Thames Valley District School Board and the London District Catholic School Board.

Brescia staff, faculty, and students work annually to host over 300 Grades Seven and Eight female students. Female leaders from the community join Brescia on this special day as the invited speakers, facilitators, and entertainers reflect on personal values, and discuss creative ways to promote gender equality, led by Brescia students.

This special day, now celebrated around the world, invites everyone to reflect on the progress of gender equality and enjoy speaker programming.

This event also included keynote speaker, Lindsay Gladding, World Vision's Senior Program Manager for Emergency and Humanitarian Affairs. Lindsay, who graduated from Brescia in 2003, was thrilled to return to campus 10 years later for an event she was connected to personally and professionally. Her work in Afghanistan and Pakistan offered her first-hand experience to witness the importance of providing education to girls despite the millions who are denied access, sometimes due to responsibilities in the household, marriage, financial burden, or poor quality of education. The attendees of this event represent the future, and have a crucial impact on accessibility of female education around the world. It is a wonderful day for the Brescia community to celebrate and host each year.

*For more information, visit [tinyurl.com/brescia-dayofthegirl](http://tinyurl.com/brescia-dayofthegirl) or e-mail [colleen.aguilar@uwo.ca](mailto:colleen.aguilar@uwo.ca) with inquiries.*



**A:** Head Residence Assistant and Brescia student Emma Vanderkruk and Residence Manager Carolyn Temple at Brescia's Mental Health Form in October. **PHOTO LEFT, B, and L:** Brescia welcomed 300 students from the London school boards to take part in our annual International Day of the Girl celebration on October 10. **C:** Brescia students Rosette Moore (right) and Sadie Lou South at the Awards Reception. **D:** Gifted Itinerant for Secondary Schools at the Thames Valley District School Board, Mel Gollan-Wills and Brescia student Tess Widdifield celebrate International Day of the Girl. **E:** Academic Dean, Dr. Rogers, congratulates students at the annual Awards Reception in November. **F:** Students who visited Brescia on an exchange program from Wayo Women's University in Chiba, Japan. **G:** Foods and Nutrition Associate Professor, Dr. Danielle Battram, second to left, accepting a gift from Goodlife Kids Foundation through Children's Health Foundation for her work as Principal Investigator with Nutrition Ignition!. **H:** Brescia student Danxi Rao and Director of Campus Ministry, Catherinanne George ('91) welcome students to their information table at Fall Preview Day in November. **I:** Liaison Officer, Christine Barnard, right, and Brescia Student Ambassador Melissa Nantais. **J:** Students celebrate their achievements at the annual awards reception. **K:** Dr. Colleen Hanycz with King's University College Chair Lynne Cram and past Chair Mary McLaughlin, both judges at Brescia's Take the Lead contest in November.

# Pretty in Pink...Ties

**THREE YOUNG WOMEN, FROM DIFFERENT CITIES, STUDYING DIFFERENT PROGRAMS, AND ALL DEFINING THE TERM "LEADERSHIP" IN A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT WAY, SAT DOWN TO TALK ABOUT SOMETHING THAT THEY ALL SHARE A PASSION FOR: THEIR LEADERSHIP WITH THE PINK TIES.**

Tisha Peters-Weekes (pictured left) and Kendall Beselaere (pictured right) are third-year Brescia students and both hold positions on the executive of Pink Ties, a student business management club that provides guidance, mentoring, and workshops to help female students begin to prepare for their careers in the business profession. Anne Rubino (pictured centre), also a member of the Pink Ties executive, and currently sitting as President of the club, is studying in her last year at Huron University College.

Tisha is currently on exchange at Brescia from St. Michael Barbados, at the University of the West Indies Cave Hill, where she is studying consumer behaviour and sociology at Brescia. She first heard about the only women's university in Canada through an advertisement she saw while living in Barbados with her husband and her two children. Tisha says of her decision to move her family to Canada so she could attend Brescia, "I could tell from meeting Marianne Simm (Registrar and Director of Student Affairs), and Jennifer Coghlin (Associate Registrar), that Brescia would provide a warm and supporting atmosphere. When I arrived, my experience was precisely that and I felt welcomed from the moment I was greeted at the airport by Christina Lord (Co-ordinator, International Student Program). The small community feel at Brescia was a great fit for me."

For Kendall, who is working on a double major in accounting and leadership marketing, it was a friend from home who spoke about Brescia and it wasn't long before Kendall's plans to attend Western had changed to applying to, and accepting, an offer from Brescia. "It just felt more like home," says Kendall. "The learning is so hands-on here and the discussions in class are so practical; it just works."

Even Anne, who takes courses at Brescia, says, "Brescia students are so friendly; they will be the ones to start a

conversation on the bus or on the first day of class. It's such a great place to be a part of."

All three women have become close friends through their leadership work and shared passion for Pink Ties, which Anne says "is meant to enhance professional development skills." Kendall adds,

**"THIS ISN'T AN ORGANIZATION JUST FOR BUSINESS STUDENTS. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT RESUME BUILDING, INTERVIEW TIPS, NETWORKING, AND EVEN ETIQUETTE, PINK TIES IS FOR YOU. WE LOVE TO SEE YOUNG WOMEN FROM DIFFERENT PROGRAMS TAKE PART. IT ENRICHES THE EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE ELSE."**

Professor Melissa Jean is the faculty advisor for Pink Ties, and all three women will agree that Melissa is a role model for students. Says Anne, "She is a kind and honest professor, whose quiet quality encourages students to excel in her classes." Other faculty members who have had a positive influence on the young women include Professor Tony Francolini, who Kendall says, "is always willing to help, one-on-one,

in a conversational manner, and Professor Colleen Sharen, who Tisha says she has enjoyed getting to know. "Professor Sharen is so great. She is someone who teaches us through real-life case studies in the marketing world and has helped us prepare for what to expect in the business world."

Tisha, Anne, and Kendall have high hopes for their futures. Anne hopes to apply to legal, or business administration. Tisha plans on pursuing a career in human resources and hopes to return to Canada after completing her degree. "My children love it here. They love their school and they especially love all of the snow." Kendall plans to go on to do post-graduate studies, in the area of corporate communications and public relations.



## Save the Date 2014 Annual Alumnae Events

### GRADUATION 2014

The Baccalaureate and Magisterial Ceremony for Brescia graduates takes place on Sunday, June 15, 2014 at St. Peter's Basilica. This special day will feature an annual Ring Ceremony, at which time graduates are given an alumnae ring, symbolizing their journey at Brescia. Would you like to purchase your alumnae ring and receive it at a future ring ceremony or Homecoming celebration? For ring details and information, visit [brescia.uwo.ca/alumnae/documents/RingInfo\\_000.pdf](http://brescia.uwo.ca/alumnae/documents/RingInfo_000.pdf). To request your Ring Verification Form, contact Alumnae Relations Officer Alison Vilaca at [alison.vilaca@uwo.ca](mailto:alison.vilaca@uwo.ca).

Brescia graduates celebrate their Convocation on Monday, June 16, 2014. For more information, visit [brescia.uwo.ca/alumnae/events\\_chapters/convocation.html](http://brescia.uwo.ca/alumnae/events_chapters/convocation.html).



### BRESCIA WELCOMES YOU HOME AT HOMECOMING 2014

No matter what year you graduated, plan to come home to Brescia September 20 and 21, 2014. Everyone is invited! The weekend's festivities will include:

*Saturday, September 20*

Brescia VIP Tent access at the Homecoming Football Game beginning at 1:00 p.m. at TD Waterhouse Stadium

Cocktail reception in Brescia's Mercato, Clare Hall

*Sunday, September 21*

Annual Homecoming Luncheon and AGM

**FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT [BRESZIA.UWO.CA/ALUMNAE/HOMECOMING/INDEX.HTML](http://BRESZIA.UWO.CA/ALUMNAE/HOMECOMING/INDEX.HTML)**



# MILESTONES | MARRIAGES | BIRTHS & DEATHS

## MILESTONES

**MARY MCGRATH ('57)** published a new fundraiser book, *Soup's On*, a collection of festive, fast, and affordable recipes to benefit The Fresh Air, and Santa Claus Funds at *The Toronto Star*.

**HELENA (SULATYCKA) STAVE ('57)** enjoyed a visit with her classmates while in Toronto this last fall. In December Helen travelled to Ethiopia, where she joined her daughter, who is a Fulbright scholar, doing research and lecturing at a university there.

**MARY KAY (BROWN) KELLY AND NORA (HANKEY) NEWTON**, both class reps for the class of 1957, attended a Toronto celebration to mark the Feast of Angela Merici, held at L'Arche in Toronto on January 25<sup>th</sup>. The Ursuline sisters also hosted a luncheon following the celebration.

Brescia alumnae gathered at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on January 29<sup>th</sup> for a Mass of Remembrance for Hugh Kelly, Toronto lawyer and recently deceased husband of **MARY KAY (BROWN) KELLY ('57)**. A luncheon and small reunion followed, organized by Brescia friends and classmates.

**DR. MARGARET CHAN ('73)** was recently named 59<sup>th</sup> on the Forbes most powerful people list.

Best wishes to **MAUREEN SULLIVAN-COLEMAN ('76)**, volunteer recipient of the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance Tri-Board Award for Excellence. As patient advisor, Maureen has been known for her dedication and commitment in the CKHA family over the past eight years.

**LIEUTENANT PADRE TERESA DRABICK ('86)** was the first female Roman Catholic Chaplain in the Reserve Forces to go to war.

**ANNE STEBBINS ('04)** is currently completing her PhD this spring at York University.

On October 1, 2013 eBay Canada announced their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Entrepreneur of the Year Award winner, **FARISHTA ZARIFY ('06)**. In January, her passion for fashion launched a business, Designer Luxury Gowns, specializing in designer and luxury evening gowns. Farishta sold \$20,000 worth of clothing within the first six months of launching, including her most notable sale of an \$11,000 gown by designer John Galliano. Out of the 150 eBay sellers who entered the competition, Farishta was awarded promotion of her eBay business and \$3,000 as the winner.

**BRIGITTE MINARD ('06)** is a supervisor of audit services with the City of Hamilton.

**JENNIFER ATWELL ('07)** is currently working on her MBA in California and hopes to combine her business degree with her interest in psychology and what she learned during her time at Brescia.

Congratulations to London Trustee, **RUTH TISDALE ('10)**, who was elected as the Chair of the Thames Valley District School Board on December 2, 2013.

**ALICIA MOORE ('12)** has been accepted into the Master's of Creative Writing program at the University of Windsor.

**STEPHANIE OUWEHAND ('11)** completed her BEd at Wilfrid Laurier University and currently teaches Grades Four and Five Core French with the Grand Erie District School Board.

Congratulations go out to all of the Brescia alumnae, students, and faculty involved in contributing to and helping to promote *The Vegetarian's Complete Quinoa Cookbook*. The book won the People's Choice Award at the Taste Canada Food Writing Awards in November 2013.

## STAFF & FACULTY

A warm welcome to **JESSICA VORSTEVELD**, who joined Brescia's team in the Student Life Centre on November 4, 2013 as the newest co-ordinator of Student Life & Learning.

The Circle was pleased to welcome **LISA WIDDIFIELD** as the Acting Director of The Circle Women's Centre on October 15, 2013.

**KIM YOUNG MILANI** and her husband, Glen, are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Evangeline Branwyn



BRESCIA EMPLOYEES and their babies celebrate at the Christmas luncheon.

Cleopatra. She was born on November 9, 2013 at 2:02 a.m. and weighed 7lbs.

**JESSICA PATTERSON ('05)** and her husband Rob welcomed their daughter, Isla Katherine Joyce Patterson, to their family, giving their daughter, Belle, a younger sister. She arrived at 8:37 a.m. weighing 6lbs12oz, on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**CAM MITCHELL** and his wife Jaclyn welcomed baby boy, Jacks William Mitchell, 23 days early on October 1, 2013 at 11:30 p.m. He weighed in at 6lbs11oz.

**PAM CORE** and her husband, Derek welcomed daughter, Ava Marie Haley, on November 14, 2013 at 6:15 a.m., weighing in at 6lbs11oz.

Brescia recently welcomed **SAMANTHA HAYES** as the Girls LEAD Summer Camp Co-ordinator.

## MARRIAGES

Congratulations to **HOLLY LITTLE ('05)**, who celebrated her first wedding anniversary with her husband Adam Little. They were married October 7, 2012 at the Grand Theatre.

## CURRENT STUDENTS

Brescia student **CELIA FERRAG** is currently studying French and recently received a Zinspires award for a story she wrote in French titled, "At the Other End of the World." The story has been turned into a play, which was performed in Toronto in November at the Theatre Francais.



Congratulations to **PAIGE MATATALL**, who was the 2013-2014 recipient of the International Day of the Girl Scholarship. Paige had the chance to meet MP Susan Truppe in November, who played an instrumental role in bringing the scholarship to fruition.

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT - BOTTOM ROW: Susan Truppe, MP, Paige Matatall (IDG recipient), Dr. Colleen Hanycz (Principal, Brescia University College). BACK ROW - Pam Matatall (Paige's stepmom), Brent Matatall (Paige's dad), Karen Brown (Paige's mom), Tracey Rutledge (Executive Director, Brescia University College Foundation).

## IN MEMORIAM

Brescia was sorry to hear of the passing of the following alumnae and family members. These are names that were provided to the editor between the dates of September 2013 and March 2014. Longer memorials for some alumnae, as submitted, may be found at [brescia.uwo.ca/alumnae/our\\_alumnae/in\\_memoriam/index.html](http://brescia.uwo.ca/alumnae/our_alumnae/in_memoriam/index.html).

Suarez, Yolanda	1952
Pocock, Maureen	1956
Kelly, Hugh	Husband of Mary Kay (Brown) Kelly, 1957
Graham, Linda	1975
Conyngnam, Lola	Grandmother of Ashley Conyngnam, 2004
Lausch, Kim	2005
Wilson, Sister Ann	Ursuline Sister
Grace, John Paul	Father of Associate Dean, Dr. Dominick Grace
Bikker, Jan	Father of Director of Student Affairs and Registrar, Marianne Simm
Jakubowski, Anne	Mother of sociology and community development faculty member, Dr. Lisa Jakubowski



## We need your news!

Help us fill the Milestones section and let your fellow alumnae know what you've been doing! Send your updates and announcements to [brescia.alumnae@uwo.ca](mailto:brescia.alumnae@uwo.ca) or fill out the online form at [brescia.uwo.ca/alumnae/update\\_your\\_info/index.html](http://brescia.uwo.ca/alumnae/update_your_info/index.html)



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