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Autumn was characteristically busy and colourful on Brescia's campus, and in the 90th year of our *alma mater's* history, it was also a time of celebration. If you were able to join us for the Brand Launch on September 14 or for Homecoming in October, you would have seen some wonderful changes, including special tributes to alumnae.

For those of you who haven't returned to the Brescia campus in awhile, the words and images in this *bulletin* are the next best thing to being there.

Those who enter the Brescia campus from either Sarnia or Western Roads will be greeted by new signs that welcome them to campus, inform them of the time and date, and promote a coming event. These signs are part of Brescia's new branding, which was launched as part of a 90th Anniversary celebration in September. At the launch, a special presentation was unveiled in recognition of alumnae who have chosen to lead as students and as alumnae at Brescia University College, and 12 of these leaders have been honoured

as "Alumnae Trailblazers" in a permanent display outside of the Beryl Ivey Library; you will read more about this in this issue of the *bulletin*.

Along with Brescia's bold new look come new words to live by: "Brescia Bold: Choose to Lead." This tagline inspires the question, "What does Brescia Bold mean to you?" To me, Brescia Bold means moving forward confidently in the face of change. This is a trait that leaders in the Brescia community have always exemplified, and I am proud to be a part of that.

As you flip through the pages of this issue of the *bulletin* and read more about the Brescia leaders featured, I hope that you too are inspired to "choose to lead."



## Alumnae Council President's Message

Melanie Caldwell-Clark '00

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**ON THE COVER:** Dr. Colleen Gobert ('00), recipient of this year's Young Alumnae Award of Merit.

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## Principal's Message

Dr. Colleen Hanycz, Principal

### *Brescia Bold: Choose to Lead*

On September 14th, we launched Brescia's 90th Anniversary *and* our new branding in what was one of those perfect moments when the community came together with pride, vision, and excitement. After participating in Mass that included wonderful comments from Fr. Ron Trojczak about what it means to be *authentically* bold, we shared in a barbecue lunch and then enjoyed some powerful perspectives on what each of our brand attributes really means: compassionate, empowering, invigorating, and student-centered.

As I reflect on Brescia's mission and the role that it plays in the broader landscapes of higher education, Canadian society, and Catholic women's communities, I can't help but think that St. Angela Merici would have approved of our new tagline, "Choose to Lead." At a time when very specific actions were expected of women more generally, and women in religious communities specifically, St. Angela, in a move that can only be characterized historically as incredibly bold, determined that she and her companions needed to live within the world where they wanted to make a difference, rather than away from it as was the tradition for nuns of her day.

Since my arrival here, I have heard countless stories of how the Ursuline Sisters at Brescia have, for 90 years, encouraged our students not to be limited by societal conventions, challenging each of them rather to discern how she is being called to lead in the world around her. As a result, we now celebrate nine decades of Alumnae

Trailblazers, proudly named and displayed outside our Beryl Ivey Library. These are the women who represent the significant 'firsts' that have been achieved by Brescia students and graduates. For those of us who work at Brescia, this display helps to instill within each of us a strong sense of the larger mission that we are honoured to be a part of, one student at a time.

There is more cause for celebration among alumnae. This fall, an agreement was entered into between Brescia University College's Council of Trustees and the Brescia University College Foundation, which relocates Alumnae Relations to the Foundation. It will remain a function of the College, but for operations purposes will be housed within the Foundation under the leadership of Suzanne McDonald-Aziz, Executive Director.

Julie Maltby, who previously split her time between Alumnae Relations, Communications and Special Projects, is now dedicated entirely to Communications and Marketing. I am delighted to announce that we have now hired a full-time Alumnae Relations Officer, Colleen Aguilar, who will be joining us on January 4, 2009. I know that Colleen is going to enjoy Brescia's unique community and, in particular, our wonderful alumnae.

As you know from the media, this is a financially challenging time for higher education. It is a time when the value of a liberal arts education is being strongly questioned from many quarters as a luxury that can no longer be sustained. But only moments with our students will assure you of the benefit they have obtained in learning to think critically, to question deeply, and to communicate effectively. Just as St. Angela did so many years ago, Brescia of 2009 continues to adapt to a changing world and to ask our students the tough questions around how they intend to play a leadership role in shaping and responding to that world.



# Bold New Brand, 90th Anniversary, and Alumnae Celebrated at Launch

On Monday, September 14 more than 300 students, faculty, staff, and friends gathered in the Auditorium to celebrate nine decades of achievement and usher in a new brand for Brescia – Brescia Bold, Choose to Lead.

Helping to describe the four Brescia values were Principal Colleen Hanycz, Psychology professor Dr. John Mitchell, International Program Co-ordinator Christina Lord, and students Jaclyn Halko and BUCSC President Stacey Hall. Twelve alumnae trailblazers were also honoured at the event when their framed photographs were unveiled.

Co-ordinator of the Council of Trustees Sara Steers concluded the formal part of the event and invited everyone to enjoy 90th Anniversary cake and to take with them a pair of

Brescia flip flops. The sole of each pair of flip-flops had the words: “What’s your **bold** next step? We want to know about a time when you chose to take the lead. Send your story along with a photo of yourself and your flip flops (be creative!) to [brescia.bold@uwo.ca](mailto:brescia.bold@uwo.ca).” We are still collecting stories and photos, so please send them along.

### **Brescia Bold**

Guests at the launch learned that our new brand is more than a logo or a tagline and more than a new look. As Principal Hanycz noted,

“our new brand is defined by the sum total of our heritage, the human characteristics that have shaped us, and what we have done over the past nine decades since the Ursuline sisters first set us in motion in 1919. The brand tagline, Brescia Bold – Choose to Lead, was based on a great deal of research. The four brand attributes that define us – Invigorating, Student-centred, Compassionate, and Empowering – were selected very carefully and derive from who we are and how we live our lives.

Brescia is indeed redefining what it means to lead boldly by helping young women to become self-confident and socially-conscious individuals who are prepared to become leaders, each in her own way.”



**BRESCIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE INVITES BOLD YOUNG WOMEN TO RAISE YOUR VOICES FOR A CHANCE TO ATTEND BRESCIA FOR ONE FULL YEAR WITH FREE TUITION!**

*Take The Lead* Public Speaking Contest – Round II  
Saturday, April 10, 2010.

Visit [www.brescia.uwo.ca/iwil/takethelead](http://www.brescia.uwo.ca/iwil/takethelead) or contact Jocelyn Lagerquist at 519.432.8353, ext. 28395 for more information.

# ALUMNAE TRAILBLAZERS

## EXEMPLIFY WOMEN CHOOSING TO LEAD



The founding of Brescia University College in 1919 was a trailblazing moment in the history of university education for women in Canada. Since then, Brescia has graduated many alumnae who have taken the lead and blazed new trails.

Sister Mary Lou McKenzie ('58), who chairs the Awards Committee for the Alumnae Council, worked with Marilyn Campbell of the Class of '64, Dr. Hanycz, and Julie Maltby from the Alumnae Relations Office to identify women who were the first to achieve a distinction as either a student or alumna in each decade of Brescia's 90-year history.

When you are at Brescia, be sure to see the display created to recognize these alumnae whose values and leadership exemplify those of their *alma mater*.

- Christine Dawson ('23), who helped established the Alumnae Association
- Rosalina Saez ('35), who was the first female International student to graduate from a Canadian university
- Dr. Geraldine Montag ('47), the first graduate of our Home Economics program to earn a PhD
- Carmelle Murphy ('50), who was the first alumna to act as Director of the Alumnae Association
- Dr. Marlene MacLeish ('68), who is a team leader at NASA
- Margaret Wickware ('76), who became Western's first female Students' Council president
- Wilma de Rond ('81), who became the first female Director of the London and District Catholic School Board
- Crona Airgid, Janet Denkers, Claudette Zijlstra, and Michelle Burrell of the Class of '96, who were the first student Residence Assistants
- Jaimie Hemsworth ('09), the first Brescia student to win a Morgan Medal from the Dietitians of Canada

**TOP LEFT:** Council of Trustees Co-ordinator Sara Steers holds up a pair of flip flops to illustrate her request for students, alumnae, and friends of Brescia to share their stories and photos of when and where they are taking bold steps. **ABOVE :** The Alumnae Trailblazers, unveiled at the launch of the new brand and Brescia's 90th anniversary on September 14, 2009, are permanently displayed outside of the Beryl Ivey Library.

To read more about our Trailblazers and other distinguished alumnae please visit the Notable Alumnae page on the Brescia web site

Last year 26 students, from more than 10 high schools across Ontario, participated in the *Take the Lead* public speaking contest—all vying for the coveted grand prize: a fall/winter academic scholarship.

The contest, hosted by the Institute for Women in Leadership (iWIL) at Brescia, empowers women in Grades 11 and 12 to research, prepare, and deliver a speech about women who are catalysts for change in their communities.

Along with the grand prize of a fall/winter academic scholarship, 2nd and 3rd prize winners receive cash awards.



**SPREAD THE WORD  
AMONG BOLD YOUNG  
WOMEN YOU KNOW!**



# HOMECOMING 2009

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## CELEBRATED CLASS REUNIONS AND BRESCIA'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

By Cathy Davidson ('76), Homecoming Chair

Although the weather didn't always co-operate, it didn't stop those determined Brescia Girls from returning to their *alma mater*, and the fun and renewing of past relationships.

We began our weekend on Saturday with the 90th Anniversary Tea, made all the more complete again this year with freshly baked goodies from Lucy Mahood and her mother-in-law, June Mahood. The Women's Panel following the tea featured Mary Edmonds ('44), Marlene Wyatt ('71), and Erin Rankin Nash ('84) who shared their insight on Brescia, past and present. Jennifer Hill (Valedictorian '09) spoke about her experiences as a recent grad and Brescia's future. There were even a few tears—of joy—shared amongst the speakers and audience. Saturday also featured tours of our facilities—old and new.

Also on Saturday, the Young Alumnae Committee hosted a fabulous evening at Aroma Mediterranean Restaurant for all alumnae. The evening began with

a wine and cheese party, followed by a wonderful dinner and lots of great conversation.

Sunday saw our traditional Mass, followed by class photos on the patio, which are featured here. To view all photos from the weekend, see the Homecoming 2009 Photo Gallery, linked to flickr from the Homecoming web page at [www.brescia.uwo.ca/alumnae/events/homecoming.html](http://www.brescia.uwo.ca/alumnae/events/homecoming.html).

Our signature Homecoming event—the luncheon—continued with the second annual “100 mile lunch,” in keeping with Brescia's green initiatives to reduce our carbon footprint. Items served were grown and processed from within a 100-mile radius of Brescia. The main exception was the free trade coffee and tea. Our new Food Services Manager, Erin Harris, surpassed last year's presentation with a salad of mixed greens from *Soiled Reputation* with roasted beets and julienne vegetables in an apple cider vinaigrette, roasted

*McSmiths Farm* organic chicken breast in a light herb cream, rosemary and garlic roasted mini potatoes, and Ratatouille style mixed harvest vegetables. Even the dinner rolls were local, made with whole grain flour from Arva Flour. The pièce de resistance was the homemade warm apple crisp, served with London Ice Creamery vanilla ice cream and homemade caramel sauce. This delicious menu was accompanied by fair trade tea and coffee and a choice of white wine and apple cider. You won't want to miss Erin's creation in your anniversary year!

I am happy to introduce your Homecoming Chair for 2010, Helen McHenry ('67). Helen has worked on Alumnae Council for a number of years and will make the upcoming Homecoming weekends even better with her knowledge, experience, and sense of fun.

I have enjoyed the Homecoming weekends that I have chaired over the years, and look forward to seeing you at many more.



# Class Photos



**PAGE 6 (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) | 1964:** Tomi (Madden) Tarasuk, Mary Anne (Doyle) Henderson, Lynda (Bedard) Ducharme, Jane (Doyle) Butterman, Susan Harper, Darlene (Wideman) Daudlin, Mary Frances Dorschell, Angela (Ruby) Evans | **ABOVE (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) | 1944:** Son Paul Edmonds with alumna Mary Edmonds and daughter Marg (Edmonds) McGuire ('78) | **1949:** Granddaughter Heather Mackay and alumna Catherine (Walsh) Mackay | **1959:** Marian (Dravecky) O'Brien, Michele (Gore) Moffett, Helen Takach and Barbara (Walker) Baker | **1969:** Amy Anderson with her mother and alumna Sheila (Miles) Anderson | **1974:** Lynne Louise (Gregoris) Mound, Janet (McIsaac) Storey, Margaret Ann (Knight) Munoz | **1979:** Nancy Richards and Susan Bull | **1984:** Maureen (Moore) Bedek, Sherry (Robertson) Young, Cory Philip, Helena (Warner) Perkins, Shirley (Vanek) Gelinis, and Lynn (Cody) Barron | **1989/1999:** Beth (Dinnell) Vardy ('99) and Nancy-Jane Archer ('89) | **1999:** Beth (Dinnell) Vardy and Jacqueline (Grieve) De Leebeek | **2004:** Ann McKerlie, Kristina Henning, Donna Montag, and Noelle (Stedelbauer) Martin.



# CARMELLE MURPHY ALUMNA AWARD OF DISTINCTION



## MARLENE WYATT ('71)

Since graduating, Marlene Wyatt has worked as a dietitian in several hospitals before becoming the Director of the Department of Nutrition and Food Services at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario in Ottawa. She earned a Master of Arts in Public Administration at Carleton University and has since become the Director of Professional Affairs of Dietitians of Canada (DC), our national association of dietitians. In this key leadership role, Marlene directs numerous important professional orientations for DC and Canadian dietitians and dietetic trainees. She is a sought-after speaker.

Dr. Isabelle Giroux, a professor in the Division of Food and Nutritional Sciences at Brescia, nominated Wyatt. She wrote these words about this year's recipient:

"Marlene has achieved the highest levels in the dietetic profession and continues to lead our profession with passion, dedication, and utmost ethical values.

"Marlene is truly a role model for dietitians, dietetic trainees, colleagues and peers, members of the Brescia community, women of all ages, and members of the community at large. Dietitians have recognized her high calibre and have already honoured her with the Diversey Award for Excellence in Administrative Dietetics in 1993 and the Ontario Dietetic Association Peer Recognition Award in 1984."

### MOTHER/DAUGHTER AWARDS PRESENTED AT HOMECOMING:

DANA BORRIE/  
NANCY BORRIE ('80)

ALEXANDRA FARRELL/  
GRANDMOTHER: HELEN (HEALY) FLANAGAN ('61)  
AUNT: KATHY FLANAGAN ('87)

CAROLYN LEGGE/  
BARBARA (SMITH) LEGGE ('78)

KATELYND LITT/  
MILLIE LITT ('80)

SARI PRYOR/  
CATHERINE PRYOR ('78)

CAROLYN RUPAR/  
BRENDA (NAISMITH) RUPAR ('73)

NATALIE SYMONS/  
SUZANNE MIKAKER ('75)

CAROLYN WICKWARE/  
MARGARET (O'GRADY) WICKWARE ('75)



# YOUNG ALUMNAE Award of Merit

DR. COLLEEN GOBERT ('00)

After graduating with an Honours BSc in Foods and Nutrition from Brescia, Colleen Gobert earned an MSc from the University of Manitoba in 2002 and completed a dietetic practicum to fulfill registration requirements to become a registered dietitian. She then worked as a clinical dietitian in a variety of settings before returning to academics to pursue a PhD in Nutritional Sciences at the University of Guelph. Throughout her years of academics, Gobert received many awards for her academic successes. Since earning her PhD, Gobert has joined Brescia's Division of Food and Nutritional Sciences as Assistant Professor.

Gobert's nominator and Brescia colleague, Dr. Paula (Nesbitt) Dworatzek ('89), wrote this about the award recipient:



"Colleen recognizes that she is a role model for healthy eating and thus prioritizes a healthy lifestyle of healthy eating, and physical activity, to mirror recommendations that are both taught to students and recommended to the public. In fact, she has even completed three half-marathons.

"In her professional and personal life, Colleen conducts herself with honesty and integrity. She is caring and helpful towards others. She values the importance of leadership and education, especially for women, but also recognizes that to have happiness one must ensure that mind, body, and spirit are given equal attention to achieve a balanced approach to life."

**IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START CONSIDERING  
OUTSTANDING ALUMNAE YOU KNOW FOR  
NEXT YEAR'S CARMELLE MURPHY ALUMNAE  
AWARD OF DISTINCTION AND THE YOUNG  
ALUMNAE AWARD OF MERIT.**

For more information and to submit your nomination visit [www.brescia.uwo.ca/alumnae/awards](http://www.brescia.uwo.ca/alumnae/awards) or contact Sr. Mary Lou McKenzie at 519.432.8353, ext. 28214 or by e-mail at [mmckenzi@uwo.ca](mailto:mmckenzi@uwo.ca). Deadline for nominations: July 2010.





# Alumna Profile

## Susan Marshall ('79)

By Julie Maltby

Driven by passion and a desire to excel, Susan Marshall, Executive Director of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, has taken some bold steps that have significantly advanced the work of the organization that is so important to her.

After graduating from Brescia in 1979, Susan Marshall enjoyed a rewarding career with 3M Canada Company where, through their culture of coaching and continuous improvement, she received professional coaching, mentoring, and opportunities to advance. After 23 years with 3M, she left the company she thrived in to assume a leadership role that she says was meant to be. “I became a volunteer with Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada in 1990 when my son, Brent, was diagnosed with a brain tumour at the age of four. When the Foundation was looking for a new Executive Director, I saw it as an opportunity to apply my business education and my experience in the corporate world to help the Foundation that had given so much to me and my family.”

This past June, Marshall’s commitment to Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada was renewed when her son was diagnosed with another brain tumour. He is currently undergoing chemotherapy treatments. Marshall admits that she struggles to maintain perspective and balance as a caregiver to her son and as leader of the organization she wants to help grow to support more people like her and her son.

During Marshall’s time with Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, she has led impressive growth in the organization’s reach through programs and services as well as through fundraising efforts.

“The Foundation is solely funded through the generosity of individuals and some corporate sponsorship. This support has tripled over the past seven years allowing the Foundation to bring programs and services to areas of the country where it was not available before. We have also been able to significantly expand our brain tumour research program, which has been a goal for many years.”

Marshall attributes the Foundation’s success to a strong team of talented individuals. “When each individual is performing to the best of their abilities, their contribution to the team is maximized and goals are achieved. My role as the leader is to support and encourage them to stay focused on their strengths.”

The confidence she developed through her years at 3M prepared her to take the bold step to move from the corporate world into the charitable sector. Marshall recalls, “At the time I was leaving 3M, a colleague reminded me that leaders don’t just happen. They develop over time. Doors open for people all the time. If you recognize the door as an opportunity and take that step, that is the sign of a bold leader.”

Marshall is grateful to have been mentored and supported at Brescia as well. “I remember the contributions the Sisters made to the student environment at

Brescia. They encouraged me to consider how what I was learning could impact my life and my professional career. They gave me insight and the confidence to ask important questions.”

Recognizing and boldly seizing educational and professional opportunities seems less risky and more rewarding when an individual brings passion to their work. “I believe that to lead boldly I have to have passion for what I am doing. Helping people affected by brain tumours is what I am passionate about. It carries me through the tough times and motivates me to continue to develop my leadership skills to serve them better.”

Marshall has a full and active life. She enjoys spending time with her family, volunteering with her church, and attending music concerts.

She is honoured to be the Executive Director of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. This organization was established in London in 1982 and has since become a national organization that supports the more than 55,000 patients and others affected by a brain tumour with information, support, education, and hope through research. Marshall is committed to making a positive difference in the lives of individuals and families affected by brain tumours.



**BREAKFAST FOR BURSARIES**

# Change Takes Time

By Alison Vilaca



Over 400 guests awoke early on the morning of October 23, 2009 to hear the compelling message of Dr. Samantha Nutt, Founder and Executive Director of War Child Canada, at the eighth annual Breakfast for Bursaries.

Each year, the community unites to raise funds for the Eleanore Donnelly Bursary Award and women's education at Brescia University College. This year's revenue for student support exceeded \$16,000.

**2. If you care about these issues, give.** And if you are going to give, a regular contribution (monthly) allows aid organizations to better plan their programs than when gifts come in only at a time of crisis. Change takes time.

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Guests remained attentive throughout Nutt's presentation entitled, "The World of Women—a global perspective on the challenges and opportunities facing women in the 21st Century." Nutt exemplifies Brescia's brand position: "Choose to Lead." In her stimulating presentation, Nutt asked guests to make a bold difference today with these calls to action:

**1. Build knowledge and gather information:** Continue to read and learn about global issues even through simple, everyday measures. You can begin by reading one article of international news each week, or sign up to receive monthly bulletins of information, through [warchild.ca](http://warchild.ca), for example.

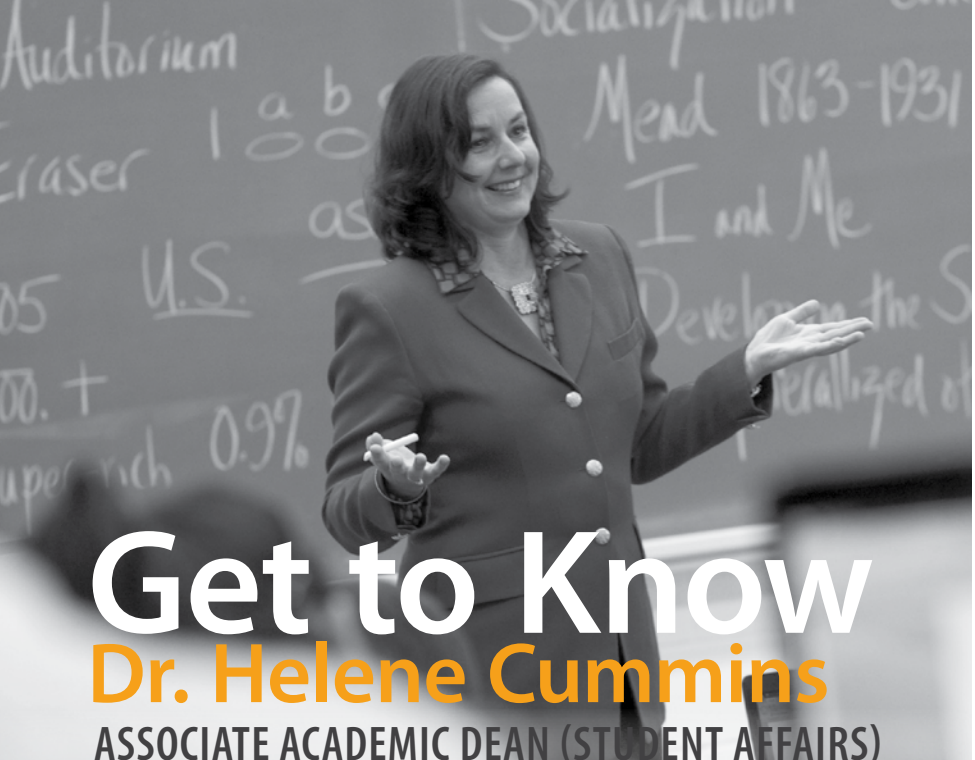
**3. Ensure that your consumer and investment practices follow an ethical framework.**

**4. Subscribe to a more inclusive philosophy when it comes to those living with war, poverty, and AIDS in the world.**

The 2009 Eleanore Donnelly Bursary Award winner is Nikita Miller ('13). Nikita is very appreciative of this opportunity and is, "extremely happy to be in school and be taking the steps involved to shape a better life for my son and me."

**TOP:** Dr. Samantha Nutt addresses the crowd at the eighth annual Breakfast for Bursaries.

**INSET (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT):** Dr. Colleen Hanycz, Nikita's mother Shelly Miller, Nikita Miller, Nikita's grandmother Jenny Gallant, and Dr. Samantha Nutt.



# Get to Know

## Dr. Helene Cummins

ASSOCIATE ACADEMIC DEAN (STUDENT AFFAIRS)

“My sister and I loved to belt out a song and we often got a kick out of thinking that it would be fun to sing together in a professional capacity!”

### Where did you study?

I did my undergraduate work at Wilfrid Laurier University and my MA and PhD at The University of Waterloo.

### How long have you been in the role of Associate Academic Dean (Student Affairs)?

I have been in the position for one month.

### What led to this bold step?

I took this position because I was looking to grow and experience another challenge in my career. I have enjoyed administrative work in the past and was ready to take on a different role.

### What do you enjoy about your work at Brescia?

I have always felt blessed to be able to undertake teaching and research at a women's university. I marvel at the ingenuity, wisdom, and dedication of the Ursuline Sisters. These were very savvy women who invested their lives for the enhancement of women's education. To know that one is part of this vision that they crafted from the ground up is tremendously special.

### What was the last book you read?

The last book I read was *Affluenza*.

### Which would you miss more, your TV or car stereo?

Quite frankly, I could do without both because so often I crave for silence and solitude. In a noise-ridden society quiet spaces are difficult to find.

### What talent do you wish you had?

I often think I would enjoy the ability to sing professionally. My sister and I loved to belt out a song and we often got a kick out of thinking that it would be fun to sing together in a professional capacity!

### Where do you go to think?

I have no particular setting that I go to think. Thoughts come to me in the garden, by water, raking leaves, at my desk in my sun room, and even in the grocery store!

### What are the best and worst movies you have ever seen?

A movie that I really enjoyed was *Troy*. I cannot think of one that I really detested given that I watch so few. “Shoot ‘em up and kill ‘em” movies bother me intensely.

### What is your biggest indulgence?

A real treat for me is strapping on my cross-country skis and heading out very early on a sunny morning and blazing the trails near my parents' home. The

texture of the snow, the silence, and the beauty of the surroundings is so decadent!

### What do you consider your greatest accomplishment?

Without a doubt my education has been a pivotal event relative to my life's work. It has brought so many rewards to my life. The fact that I can teach and undertake research in a field that is constantly changing is immensely rewarding.

### What do you use more often, the telephone or e-mail?

If I have a choice, I prefer the phone over e-mail.

### What is one of the most memorable moments in your career?

There are so many special moments that relate to a career. When I see my students grow intellectually and move on in life, I feel tremendous happiness. They will drop me a note or leave a message saying that they got the job, were accepted to a graduate degree program, or that something in their life was touched and changed immeasurably. These are the pearls of life that I hang onto and make me realize the importance of my work each day.

### What is something about you that our readers may be surprised to learn?

Overall I am a very shy person.



# BERYL (NURSE) IVEY (1924–2007) REMEMBERED IN A TRIBUTE IN THE LIBRARY THAT BEARS HER NAME

Dr. Beryl (Nurse) Ivey was born in 1924 in Chatham, Ontario. In 1943, she was awarded a full scholarship to pursue her university education at Brescia University College. She frequently mentioned her gratitude to Mother St. James who had ensured that Ivey would be able to continue her studies. Beryl graduated from Brescia in 1947.

In 1949, she began a 58-year partnership with Richard (Dick) Ivey, a UWO graduate, during which they focused on raising a family, volunteerism, community leadership, and philanthropy.

Ivey was actively engaged in environmental issues, healthcare, and research.

In May 2005, she made a lead gift to Brescia, and the Library was named in her honour. At the announcement of her gift, she stated, "I am delighted that the Library will be an attractive environment where students will learn, interact and, ultimately, shape their own futures."

The Beryl Ivey Library is a daily reminder of her generosity and kindness.

In 2007, she was awarded the Order of Canada for her volunteer and philanthropic activities.

Together with her husband, Richard, she donated more than \$100 million to charities across Canada.

Ivey passed away on Christmas Day, 2007. Ivey's kind and generous nature, impeccable integrity, intellectual curiosity, and pursuit of excellence were admired by all who knew her.

In 2008, at Brescia's 89th Homecoming celebrations, Ivey was awarded posthumously the Carmelle Murphy Alumnae Award of Distinction.

**ABOVE:** Dick Ivey came to campus in September and was pleased to pose for a photo with the tribute to his late wife, Dr. Beryl Ivey ('47), on the front wall of the Beryl Ivey Library.

**INSET:** Join Dr. Terri Quayle ('03) of the London Pro Adjuster Centre and Spinal Decompression Centre as a recognized Alumna in Business.

## ALUMNAE IN BUSINESS

IF YOU CURRENTLY OWN YOUR OWN BUSINESS AND ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO REACH BRESCIA ALUMNAE, CONTACT THE ALUMNAE RELATIONS OFFICE AT [BRESCIA.ALUMNAE@UWO.CA](mailto:BRESCIA.ALUMNAE@UWO.CA) ABOUT PROMOTING YOUR COMPANY ON BRESCIA'S WEB SITE UNDER THE "ALUMNAE IN BUSINESS" SECTION.



For 90 years, women's leadership capabilities have been celebrated and fostered at Canada's premier women's university. Brescia's new brand position, "Choose to Lead," is more than a statement. Dr. Colleen Hanycz, Principal, says these three words express a promise that focuses Brescia's work. "Brescia is redefining what it means to lead boldly. We do this by helping young women to become wise, articulate, self-confident, socially-conscious individuals who are prepared to step up and seize leadership, each in her own way," Hanycz explains.

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**ABOVE:** BUCSC President Stacey Hall spoke about her experience as an empowered leader at the Brand Launch on September 14, 2009.

Brescia is proud to introduce a Major in Dimensions of Leadership, which is an undergraduate degree that will be offered beginning in the fall of 2010. With 90 years of demonstrated excellence in leadership, the move was a natural next step. The appeal of and need for this program is supported by new research that suggests women leaders outshine men in strategic drive, innovation, and risk-taking.

Colleen Sharen is on faculty in Brescia's Management and Organizational Studies (MOS) program. A graduate of the Ivey School of Business and former senior manager in several international companies, she is now inspiring leadership in young women. Research reveals that "undergraduate women were less likely to describe a good manager as like themselves than undergraduate males," according to Sharen's blog, at <http://colleensharen.wordpress.com>. However, a recent study of 1,800 male and female CEOs and managers concluded that in five of eight key areas, women outshine men.

As a women's university, Brescia is ideally suited to inspire women to find confidence and learn leadership skills. "Leadership is about sticking to an unpopular path despite the personal risks. Self leadership is about the skills it takes to do this," according to Sharen. She adds that persistence appears to be a predictor of success, a better predictor than IQ. Leadership as an academic pursuit at Brescia will further empower women to find their unique voice, giving them the confidence to become risk-takers and innovators.

In a thought provoking interview, Melissa Jean echoes Professor Sharen's thoughts on empowerment. "Often students coming to Brescia do not think of themselves

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# Brescia Women Choose to Lead in Research, Teaching and Service

By Julie Young-Marcellin ('99)

as leaders and may even be shy and quiet. By the end of their time here, they proudly self-identify as leaders.” Jean is a role model for young women aspiring to be leaders as professionals and in other important life roles. Jean, also a professor in the MOS program, is a mentor, mother, community member, and business expert. Within a short time of her arrival at Brescia in 2005, Jean immediately experienced a significant difference in the texture and richness of teaching. “Nothing ignites desire quite like the personal relationships that can be developed with students in a small class environment. It is this connection to my students that is an indispensable resource,” says Jean. One initiative she is proud of is a student-driven project called the Pink Ties. When a few students came to her with an idea, she immediately took on a mentorship role and helped them mobilize their project. This young women’s business club acts as a career accelerator for students, post-graduation. Members receive training in etiquette, dressing for success, resume building, and networking.

Studies in leadership, mentorship, and opportunity can close the gap between the value women place on themselves and their capabilities. Jean’s research on mompreneurs reveals a gap in women’s expectations and their experience. “A mom starts a company with a great idea and may believe she will be able to run the business while her children are napping. As the business progresses, she encounters barriers to success or the gap.” Jean’s research addresses the missing pieces of childcare, compensation, and investment. Academically-supported research will impact women going into business and the programs that are created to support their success. The simple act of preliminary research and

creating a business plan can save money, time, and impact outcomes. With changes in the economic environment, research on mompreneurs can guide the discussion for future business training and leadership development needed to fully engage women in their full leadership capacity. At Brescia, women have many opportunities to lead in and out of the classroom. Fourth-year student Stacey Hall, Brescia University College Student Council President, says her formative years at a women’s university have schooled her in both life and leadership. Hall has studied theoretical foundations in leadership styles, which opened her eyes to the value of diversity in women’s leadership. Brescia served as her catalyst for leadership. A shy student in high school, Hall gained confidence at Brescia to step forward to become a residence council member and that experience led to full engagement in student leadership. She now feels she has the confidence and the skills to be bold and be heard.

“Brescia empowers us to become leaders and to define what that means,” Hall says. Unexpected life lessons include work ethic, relationship skills, and valuing diversity. She has already put these to good use in her role at Everest College. What does Hall do at Everest? She made the startling revelation that even as a junior staff member, she can still choose to lead. Nearing the end of her Brescia experience, Hall is experiencing the exultation of having made it through, coupled with a profound sense that from now on, nothing is unconquerable.



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# MILESTONES MARRIAGES BIRTHS & DEATHS

## MILESTONES:

'50 **Marilyn (Burt) Foskey** wrote: At 82, my creative brain is at work. I now live at Chambrel, an independent-living residence in Roswell, Georgia. It's a fabulous, beautiful facility among 35 acres of trees. After falling too many times from low blood pressure and dehydration, I had a 20-day stay in recovery in a nursing home. I never was given time to return to my home, but was transferred here July 9, 2009. There are so many activities that I'm on the go from 6:30 a.m. until it's time to return to my large four-room apartment and fully-screened porch. I feel that my falls were a blessing in disguise! Mass is celebrated every Friday a.m. and one of the two buses takes us to the church of choice. I take water aerobics once a week, attend exercises, play Bingo on Monday evening and Bridge every Saturday, and when I can fit it in, I watch a movie on Fridays. Residents for the most part are kind, helpful, and extremely pleasant; many have a great sense of humour.

For example, yesterday we got flu shots. I asked one legally blind resident if she was getting her shot. Her response was, "Yes, but I'd prefer it in a glass." You've seen pictures of the horrendous results of the floods in Georgia. Ten victims died, hundreds of families lost their homes, and cars simply floated away or fell in sinkholes. I co-ordinated a partnership with two county school districts to collect donations for local flood victims.

**Maria (von Buchwald) Costa** says that Brescia alumnae in South America have had reunions in Costa Rica, Columbia, Ecuador and are due for another. She suggests a gathering in her beautiful city, Guayaquil. Maria came to Brescia in 1954 after being at Loretto Abbey in Toronto. Her husband Felipe, a Western Business grad, served as Canadian Consul in Guayaquil for 22 years. The couple has three children and 10 grandchildren. In August, Maria and her family visited her sister Elvira in Lima, Peru and then went on to Cuzco and Macchu Picchu. Later on she and Felipe headed for Lugano,

Switzerland to visit a daughter and then went on to see members of the Costa family living in Italy. When Maria is at home, she volunteers at a school for students at risk formed by her son, Felipe Jr., and his friends. The school now bears his name as his friends decided to honour him this way after his death, 12 years ago.

'57 **Beverley (Campbell) Huctwith** and husband, Doug, took their delightful family along on a summer cruise to New England and eastern Canada to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. There was a Brescia connection, too, when classmate Mary McGrath ('57) spotted them one day on the promenade deck of Holland-America's SS Maasdam. (Mary was a guest at their Wallaceburg wedding in 1959!) Since Doug retired as budget chief at Bell Canada, he has turned his talents to travel so the Huctwiths are rarely at home for long in Mississauga. Gaza is next and then a cruise or two.



**An Hoang Nguyen-Khoa**, living in Wheaton, Maryland, travelled home to Vietnam earlier this year for the burial of her husband, Thinh Anh. She had several visits with relatives and friends. Then in June a chance to cruise from England to Russia came up so she seized the opportunity to join friends. It didn't end there as she went later to Paris to visit her brother, Dr. Diep Hoang and family.

**Halina (Sulatyckha) Stave** and a daughter visited Ethiopia earlier this year to finalize the adoption of three-year-old twin boys. The handsome twosome is proving to be a delightful addition to the family in USA. Halina was in Toronto in August for the funeral of her remarkable 104-year-old mother and later attended a classmates' luncheon, hosted per usual by Nora (Hanley) Newton, before returning to their homes in Maine and New Hampshire.

**'58 Pat Charles** and husband, Farrell, travelled from their home in St. Lucia to mark Farrell's 50-year anniversary at Western's Business School on Homecoming weekend. During a stopover in Toronto they had a wonderful visit over breakfast hosted by organizer Nora Newton with Laura Cooper, Mark Kay Kelly, and Mary McGrath, all of the class of '57.

**'64 Angela (Ruby) Evans** sent this update on behalf of her class: It was such fun to be at Brescia's 90th anniversary (and our 45th since graduation) on Homecoming weekend. Some of us were invited to a delicious lunch hosted by Lynda (Bedard) Ducharme and her husband, Dave, who live in London. We joined many other Brescia grads and spouses at Aroma Mediterranean Restaurant for dinner followed by a late night at the Spencer Convention Centre. At Mass and lunch the next day we were joined by Darlene (Wideman) Daudlin and Sister Mary Frances (Sister Beatrice Marie). Now for the class news: Jane (Doyle) Butterman lives in Chatham where she is busy with book clubs and Bridge. She enjoys travelling, sometimes with Tomi (Madden) Tarasuk who is slowly adjusting to her retirement

from teaching in June. Lynda and Dave Ducharme had just returned from a trip to Greece and Turkey and are very busy with children and grandchildren. Mary Anne (Doyle) Henderson has retired from work in her husband, Andy's, law office, but he's still working! They are enjoying their two grandchildren and summer get-togethers at their family cottage. Rick and I spend a lot of time at our cottage on Lake Muskoka and recently returned from an Evans reunion on the Isles of Scilly. Our three children live in Toronto and we see a great deal of them and our grandson and granddaughter (two and four). My roomie Susan Harper is no longer supply teaching and is spending more time on her art. She had a showing of her surrealistic paintings. We still get together three or four times a year. Darlene Daudlin was at Western with Bob who was celebrating his law reunion as well. They, too, are busy with children and grandchildren. We exchanged a lot of reminiscences with Sister Mary Frances who is teaching French at Brescia. We missed Maureen (Farrell) Burrows and her husband Gary. Their son Doug was married that weekend, so I guess that took precedence! Their other son Richard and his wife Penny have three daughters. They are planning to spend three months in Florida and will be joined by the Hendersons for three weeks. We will be at Longboat Key for a couple of months so we all hope to get together. I had a long newsy letter from Bonnie Bythell. She has been retired for 11 years but has definitely not been sitting around. She has travelled the world, most often in remote regions, and was in Bali, Borneo, and Komodo Island at the time of our reunion. When home she takes courses at U of T. She sent sad news of the death of her roommate Sandy Ollerenshaw in August. Lastly, I would like to mention that at our table at the Brescia luncheon we were joined by Sheila Blagrove who recently joined Brescia as Director of Communications, Marketing & External Relations. I know she will be a great asset to the college. It was also good to chat with Julie Maltby, whom I have been corresponding with since May regarding the reunion. And don't forget 2014! Put it on your calendar. It will be our 50th! Until then, Angela Evans.

**'66 Monda Rosenberg** focused on simple, healthy recipes with flair during her career as a home economist/journalist for Maple Leaf Mills Ltd., The *Toronto Star* and then *Chatelaine* magazine. Along with all this, she served a term as president of the Toronto Home Economics Association and the Ontario Home Economics Association, produced 10 recipe books, and was interviewed on radio and television numerous times. We wish Monda well on her recent retirement from her test kitchen and editor's desk at *Chatelaine* magazine. Here's to good health and happy times!

**'86 Stephanie Smyth** wrote, "Re-connecting after too many years! After graduating from university in 1986, I went on to Fanshawe College for a diploma in Broadcast Journalism. After graduation in 1988 I moved back to Toronto and have worked in the broadcast journalism field, including being News Director at 680 News in Toronto, News Director at Global Television (Toronto), News Director at AM 640 Toronto Radio, and I am currently the Breaking News Producer at CP 24 (TV) in Toronto. I am married to another broadcast journalist, Paul Cook, who is the morning news anchor at 680 News. Between the two of us we have a blended family of four wonderful kids – two 16-year-olds (one boy, one girl), one 13-year-old boy and one 12-year-old boy. We live in north Toronto with our five-year-old German Shepherd, D.V."

**'87 Mary McCarney** wrote: "I currently reside in Southeast Oakville with my husband (also a UWO grad) and our two children. After finishing my extra year at Brescia in 1988, I spent 21 wonderful years with Henry Birks & Sons, before retiring this past May from our flagship store at Bay and Bloor in Toronto.

Although I greatly miss my clients and colleagues at Birks, I am really enjoying having the time off after so many years of commuting to Toronto and working long hours. I find organizing all of the kids' activities (soccer, swimming, Scouts, paper routes, etc.) as well as lots of volunteer work keep me busier than ever.

I manage to find time each week for the hiking, swimming, and book exchange groups I belong to, and enjoy running, biking, working out in my home gym, and playing as much basketball on the driveway with the kids as time allows. My responsibilities with taking care of the house in Oakville that I lived in for many years when I was single and still own are minimal, as I was lucky to find an excellent tenant to rent it to after I got married and moved into my husband's house.

Both our son and daughter have become terrific travellers, and we enjoyed spending two weeks together in Eastern Europe in the summer of 2008. My husband and I now hope to take them somewhere interesting every year or two, in between their weeks at summer camps and the time we spend every summer at my childhood cottage on Balsam Lake in the Kawarthas.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our class's 25th reunion in 2012!"

**'88 Janet (Kremper) Marki** is the mother of three: Amanda, 13 years old; Sarah, age 8; and AJ, who is three. Janet is currently employed at Alberta Central Credit Union as a cash services representative II. She moved to Calgary in 1991 and it has been home since then. She would love to hear from old alumnae from '87 and '88, [jmarki@telus.net](mailto:jmarki@telus.net).



**MARRIAGES:**

**'00** On a beautiful and surprisingly hot day in the north, **Laurie Prange-Martin** wed Brad Martin in Carcross, Yukon on July 4th, 2009. The day was a particularly joyous one for the families as it was also Brad's parents' 50th wedding anniversary. The couple continues to reside in Whitehorse while Brad finishes his PhD dissertation in northern history from Northwestern University and Laurie works as a librarian at Yukon College.

**'02 Victoria Laidlow ('02)** was married on October 21, 2006 and welcomed her baby daughter on October 21, 2008 – three months premature. She is a fighter! Victoria completed post-grad studies in International Project Management at Humber College in 2006.

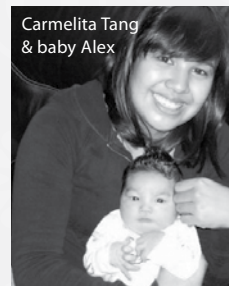
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**BIRTHS:**

**Taylor Humphrey** welcomed daughter Briar Dawn Cosby on June 12, 2009, weighing 3 lbs, 14 oz.

**'94 Judith (Llena) Kuster** wrote, "Hello! Just a small note to let you all know about our growing family. We welcomed our son, Matthew Thomas Kuster, on March 5, 2009. He is the brother of our daughter Grace, who is now 4 years old. I'm sending a picture along of our two cute kids. Regards to all!" Judy and Tom Kuster.

**'03 Andrea Davies** and Brady are "beyond thrilled to have a daughter!!!" Emma Eden Davies was born Tuesday, July 7th, 2009 at 9:35 p.m., weighing 7 lbs, 11 oz, and measuring 20" long.



**'07 Alexander Tang** was born on September 22, 2009 at 2 a.m. to proud first-time parents **Carmelita** and father **Stephan**.

**Rhea Johnson**, Brescia Senior Liaison Officer, and her husband, Scott, welcomed their second daughter, Whitney Vanessa Johnson, on September 8, 2009, weighing 7 lbs, 11 oz.

**DEATHS:**

We send our sympathies and warm wishes for peace from the Brescia community to families and friends who have recently lost loved ones.



**'47 Anita "Tina" (Marra) Cherrie** passed peacefully at home on May 18, 2009. Tina will be missed by Bill, her loving husband of 61 years, and six children.

**'48 Katherine E. Inglis** of Campbellville, Ontario passed away on May 14, 2009 in her 86th year.

**'58 Eileen Lyle** passed away peacefully on April 25, 2009, following a brief illness. She was 72. Eileen was a long-time teacher at Sir Robert Borden High School. She was the beloved wife of Dr. Robert Lyle and mother to Rob, Steven, and John, and doting grandmother to James and Lauren Lyle.

**'62 Katie May (Weir) McCarthy** lost her brother-in-law, Rev. Paul J. McCarthy, on August 5, 2009 in Toronto.

**'64 Katherine Mae (Carlin) Duncan** passed away on Monday, July 27, 2009 at the age of 65 in Peterborough. Daughter Anne Marie Duncan ('90) wanted to ensure that alumnae were informed of her passing and wrote this about her mother: "She cherished her three years at Brescia College."

# THE BRESCIA WEB SITE IS BEING REDESIGNED!

THE NEW SITE WILL BE REVEALED IN THE COMING WEEKS AND WILL INCLUDE A SECTION CALLED "CLASS NOTES." BRIEF *BULLETIN* "MILESTONES" WILL BE POSTED THERE, ALONG WITH SMALL ALUMNAE FEATURES. CONTINUE SENDING YOUR "MILESTONE" NOTES TO THE ALUMNAE *BULLETIN* EDITOR BY MAIL TO THE ADDRESS ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE, OR E-MAIL [JULIE.MALTBY@UWO.CA](mailto:julie.maltby@uwo.ca), OR USE THE FORM POSTED ON OUR WEB SITE: [WWW.BRESCIA.UWO.CA](http://WWW.BRESCIA.UWO.CA)



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Ritual of Re-Membering**

Saturday, December 6, 2009, noon  
Brescia University College Auditorium

## **Brescia Ball:**

### **"Masquerade... unmask the night"**

Saturday, January 23, 2010  
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner will be served at 7:15 p.m.  
Hellenic Centre, London, ON  
For more information and to order tickets, please contact the Brescia University College Students' Council at [bresciaball@bucsc.ca](mailto:bresciaball@bucsc.ca) or call 519.432.8353, ext. 20105

## **An Illustrated Herstory Tour for St. Angela Brescia University College, 1919–2009**

by Dr. Pat Skidmore  
Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

## **International Women's Day Lecture of the Sophia Series**

Thursday, March 11, 2010, 7:30 p.m.  
Speaker: Stephanie Nolen,  
award-winning journalist for  
*The Globe and Mail*

## **Women Making Change Conference**

Friday, March 12, 2010  
For more information, please  
visit [www.brescia.uwo.ca/iwil](http://www.brescia.uwo.ca/iwil)

## **Take the Lead**

### **Public Speaking Contest**

Saturday, April 12, 2010  
Brescia University College Auditorium  
For more information, please visit  
[www.brescia.uwo.ca/iwil/takethelead](http://www.brescia.uwo.ca/iwil/takethelead)  
or call Jocelyn Lagerquist at  
519.432.8353, ext. 28395

## **Baccalaureate**

Sunday, May 2, 2010, 3:00 p.m.  
St. Peter's Basilica, London

## **Alumnae Association Annual Gathering and General Meeting**

Saturday, June 13, 2010  
2:00–4:00 p.m.  
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