



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE  
**Brescia**  
*Choose to Lead.*  
Annual Report 2011

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## Building new traditions upon old foundations

With yet another summer having ended, and another school year already in full swing, I have taken some time to reflect on the events of the past year. What I see is both future change and strength in our past foundations. Since the adoption of our bold new brand, and the subsequent launch of the *Living Leadership* strategic plan, Brescia has certainly increased its presence as a leading educational institution of the present and for the future. This is reflected in the significant increase in student enrolment numbers this year, which brings us closer to reaching our ambitious growth target – a 20% increase by 2015. To accommodate our planned and realized enrolment increase, we are building an exciting new residence and dining pavilion to be ready for occupancy in September 2013. We will break ground this year and will watch eagerly as our residence complex takes shape in the coming year and a half.

Paired with growth has been our abiding goal to provide a compassionate and student-centred educational experience. One manifestation of the caring approach first fostered by the Ursuline sisters was the Race Relations Award we received from the city of London. Presented to Brescia by Mayor Joe Fontana, the award recognizes the initiatives being undertaken to increase individual and group awareness of biases and prejudice. While many of Brescia's students make valuable contributions to our world regularly, one student in particular – Leenat Jilani – represented Brescia on a global stage this

summer. Taking part in a trade mission in Malaysia as part of Global Vision's Junior Team Canada, Leenat embodied leadership and all that Brescia stands for. Potential for student leadership was also evident in the many participants in our third annual Take the Lead public speaking competition. Seeing and listening to the inspiring messages these



young women offered is always a reminder to me of what it means for women to be bold and empowered leaders, and solidifies my confidence in the young students at Brescia today. I am pleased to see contest winner Sarah Van Dusen on our campus this year, and look forward to observing her leadership capabilities grow during her time at Brescia.

While changes abound at Brescia, these changes are built on a bedrock of enduring values and traditions. This summer a new tradition was added to an old ceremony – in addition to our Baccalaureate ceremony, we also held our first-ever Magisterial ceremony for post-graduates. This combined ceremony was held on June 12th in the beautiful St. Peter's Basilica. We kicked off the new academic year with Foundress Day, to both welcome new and returning students and pay tribute to those who founded our Brescia in 1919, beautifully combining the old and the new. We are, at all times, building for the future and honoring our roots.

Dr. Colleen Hanycz,

Principal, Brescia University College



## Student represents Brescia on global stage



In August, Brescia political science student Leenat Jilani was selected as one of 21 Canadian youth ambassadors for Global Vision's Junior Team Canada. Sponsored by Brescia and the Canadian government, Leenat promoted Canada and Brescia while networking with government officials and business representatives at a trade and development mission in Malaysia and Indonesia. Utilizing her leadership skills gained during her time at Brescia, Leenat promoted Brescia to prominent scholars, teachers, and Ministers of Education. She toured secondary schools and universities, speaking to youth about pursuing an education in the west and particularly at Brescia. Leenat believes that Brescia, as Canada's only all women's university, has a vital role to play in the global marketplace by providing an outstanding quality of education, on a human scale. Leenat recognizes Brescia's ability to establish itself as an institution that leads the way in nurturing female leaders who will take their place in the workplace both nationally and internationally. By attending the mission Leenat strengthens Brescia's ties with Malaysia and Indonesia.

## Grade 12 student "Takes the Lead" and a one-year scholarship

On April 9, 2011 Grade 12 student Sarah Van Dusen was awarded a one-year academic scholarship to Brescia as the winner of the third Take the Lead high school public speaking contest hosted at Brescia annually. Sarah's poignant and personal five-minute speech paid homage to two female leaders – a developmentally delayed classmate who pushes boundaries and encourages others to do the same, and a Nobel Peace Prize recipient. It was Sarah's conviction, coupled with her poise,

which mesmerized the judges.

Dr. Colleen Hanycz, Principal of Brescia, spoke warmly of Sarah's speech. "When I handed her the trophy, I saw tears welling in her eyes. It was at that point I knew that 'women and leadership' wasn't just a topic that she could speak about for five minutes. It was actually an ideology that she wholeheartedly embraced. I am so happy that she is on campus this year."



*Pictured above are, left to right: Principal Colleen Hanycz, Take the Lead winner Sarah Van Dusen, and head judge Mary Lou Finlay.*



## Brescia poised to build exciting new residence complex



At a meeting of the Brescia Council of Trustees on March 31, 2011 financing approval was secured to break ground in 2012 for a residence that will open its doors in September 2013. Initial plans were revealed to community members and guests at Brescia's Town Hall community meeting in May and an update was provided at a second Town Hall on Oct. 12.

The new low-rise complex will accommodate 300 students in a series of units, each containing a small number of beds with en suite bathrooms and common areas. The units will create an interior

courtyard behind Ursuline Hall, where Brescia's existing residence is located. Co-ordinator of Brescia's Council of Trustees, Maria Knowles, says of this new project, "This is good news for Brescia. We are on a growth target and are so pleased to be able to begin work on this new complex."

The building of a new residence was identified as a key objective in Brescia's five-year strategic plan. As a gesture of endorsement and support, Brescia's Student Council has donated \$40,000 towards the new residence.



## Award-winning author Emma Donoghue speaks at Brescia

Emma Donoghue, the award-winning author of *Slammerkin*, *Hood*, and the newly released and highly acclaimed novel *Room*, visited Brescia on May 19, 2011. Presented by The Circle Women's Centre as part of the Sophia Series lecture, Emma's talk included various views on the theme of motherhood as experienced in her life and revealed throughout her works. In 2010, *Room* became an instant bestseller, winning

numerous awards and receiving international praise, including being shortlisted for the prestigious Man Booker Prize. As a prominent writer who never shies away from themes of female empowerment in her works, she was a natural choice for The Circle – a centre for women's spirituality and activism – to invite for this Sophia Series lecture.



# Faculty Research and Scholarly Activity Highlights July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

Prepared by the Office of the Academic Dean

## Arts and Humanities

**Dr. Brian Diemert** (English) – Diemert, B. (2011). Graham Greene. In *The Encyclopedia of Twentieth-Century Fiction*, Vol. 1, British and Irish Twentieth-Century Fiction, B. W. Shaffer (Ed.), Wiley-Blackwell, 165-170.

**Dr. Dennis Hudecki** (Philosophy) – Hudecki, D. (2010). Intelligent design vs. Darwinism in a religious context. In *The Future of Religion*, Rennick, Stanley, Cunningham, and Johnson (Eds). Cambridge Scholars Publishing. 49-66.

## Food and Nutritional Sciences

**Dr. Sharareh Hekmat** (Food and Nutritional Sciences) – Hemsworth, J., Hekmat, S. & Reid, G. (2011). The development of micronutrient supplemented probiotic yogurt for people living with HIV: Laboratory testing and sensory evaluation. *Innovative Food Science and Emerging Technologies*, 12: 79-84.

**Dr. Len Piché** (Food and Nutritional Sciences) – He, M., Piché, L., Clarson, C., Callaghan, C., Harris, S. (2010). Childhood overweight and obesity management: A national perspective of primary healthcare providers' views, practices, perceived barriers, and needs. *Paediatrics and Child Health*, 15: 419-426.

## Social Sciences

**Colleen Sharen** (Management and Organizational Science) – Sharen, S. & Nolan, N. (2010). MediText. In *Contemporary Canadian Marketing Cases*, H.F. MacKenzie (Ed.), Pearson.

**Dr. Jennifer Sutton** (Psychology) – Sutton, J., Joannis, M. F., & Newcombe, N. S. (2010). Spinning in the scanner: Neural correlates of virtual reorientation. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory and Cognition*, 36: 1097-1107.

## Sociology and Family Studies

**Dr. Steven Kleinknecht** (Sociology) – Kleinknecht, S. (2011). The hacker spirit: An interactionist analysis of the hacker ideology. In *Exploring Deviance in Canada*, E. Ksenych (Ed.), Oxford University Press, 397-401.

**Dr. Lina Sunseri** (Sociology) – Sunseri, L. (2010). *Being Again of One Mind: Oneida Women's Experiences in Indigenous Struggles for Decolonization*, University of British Columbia Press.

## Conference Presentations

### Arts and Humanities

**Dr. Dominick Grace** (English) – Grace, G. (2011). The last Canadian and the Canadian apocalypse. Presented at Mythcon 41, Dallas TX.

**Dr. Monika Lee** (English) – Lee, M. (2010). Creative writing as deviance in the academy. Presented at the

European Society for the Study of English Annual Conference, Torino, Italy.

### Food and Nutritional Sciences

**Dr. Isabelle Giroux, Dr. Paula Dworatzek, and Dr. Danielle Battram** (Food and Nutritional Sciences) – Giroux, I., Dworatzek, P. D. N., Battram, D. S., Colby, P., Mathyssen, J., Broxterman, J., Mandich, G., & Hramiak, I. (2011). Genesis of the "Prediabetes initiative and partnership". Presented at the Annual Dietitians of Canada National Conference, Edmonton, AB.

**Dr. Colleen Gobert** (Food and Nutritional Sciences) – Glen, K. E., Thomas, H. M., Loebach, J. E., Gilliland, J. A., & Gobert, C. P. (2011). Fruit and vegetable consumption patterns among junior elementary students in a London, Ontario neighbourhood. Presented at the Canadian Nutrition Society Annual Scientific Meeting, Guelph, ON.

### Social Science

**Melissa Jean** (Management and Organizational Studies) – Jean, M. (2011). Mompreneurs. Presented at the Administrative Sciences Association of Canada Conference, Montreal, PQ.

**Dr. Christine Tenk** (Psychology) – Tenk, C.M., Bell, E.A. & Ossenkopp, K.-P. (2011). Sex differences in binge eating of highly palatable foods during adolescence in the rat. Presented at the Organization for the Study of Sex Differences Annual Meeting, Oklahoma City, OK.

### Sociology and Family Studies

**Dr. Wei-Wei Da** (Family Studies) – Da, W.-W. (2011). Reconstruction of gender discourse among recent Chinese Christians in Canada. Presented at the Canadian Sociological Association Conference, Fredericton, NB.

**Dr. Lara Descartes** (Family Studies) – Descartes, L. (2010). Media matter: Comparison, connection, and common ground. Presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

### Student awards and accolades

- Double Major Psychology and Sociology graduate **Kathleen Larion** won the Brescia Council of Trustees Gold Medal for highest standing in an Honors Program;
- **Nadia Maiolino**, completing an Honors Specialization in Psychology, earned the Merici Award in Arts and Social Science for the highest standing in an Honors Program in Arts and Social Science;
- The Sister Felicitas Award recognized English graduate **Lyndsay Schouten** for achieving the highest standing in a third- or fourth-year program;
- **Lisa Mannik** won the Foods and Nutrition Award for graduating with the highest standing in the BSc Foods and Nutrition program in 2011;
- The 2011 Valedictorian distinction was awarded to **Natalie Symons**;
- The Magisterial speaker for 2011 was **Laura Vandervet**.

## Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Net Assets Year Ended April 30, 2011 (000's)

	2011	2010
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>		
Student fees	\$7,510	\$7,056
Government grants	6,355	5,815
Ancillary operations	730	667
Income from investments	89	65
Other revenue	342	323
Grant revenue for distribution as bursaries	306	407
Net gain on investments-mark to market	53	128
Net gain (loss) on disposal of investments	13	(4)
Amortization of deferred contributions	957	957
	<b>16,355</b>	<b>15,414</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>		
Salaries, wages, and benefits	9,700	9,382
Administration	2,371	2,331
Physical Plant	725	513
Student Services	727	684
Scholarships and bursaries	842	977
Academic Services	326	298
Donations-in-kind	324	320
Amortization	1,363	1,343
	<b>16,378</b>	<b>15,848</b>
Change in net assets	(23)	(434)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	19,733	20,167
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<b>\$19,710</b>	<b>\$19,733</b>

## Statement of Financial Position As at April 30, 2011 (000's)

<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$3,131	\$2,963
Accounts receivable	791	262
Inventory	11	16
Prepaid expenses	71	35
	<b>4,004</b>	<b>3,276</b>
Investments	1,287	1,229
Capital assets	34,922	35,889
	<b>\$36,209</b>	<b>\$37,118</b>
	<b>\$40,213</b>	<b>\$40,394</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$1,149	\$636
Deposits on residence	20	25
Deferred revenue	156	38
Current portion of capital lease obligations	20	19
Current portion of mortgage payable	200	200
	<b>1,546</b>	<b>918</b>
Deferred grant funding	129	97
Deferred capital contributions	14,874	15,741
Pension benefit obligation	920	650
Capital lease obligations	34	55
Mortgage payable	3,000	3,200
	<b>18,957</b>	<b>19,743</b>
	<b>20,503</b>	<b>20,661</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>		
Net assets	19,710	19,733
	<b>\$40,213</b>	<b>\$40,394</b>

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprise the financial position summary as at April 30, 2011 and the summary of revenue, expenditures, and changes in net assets for the year then ended, are derived from the audited financial statements of Brescia University College for the year ended April 30, 2011. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated June 28, 2011.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of Brescia University College.

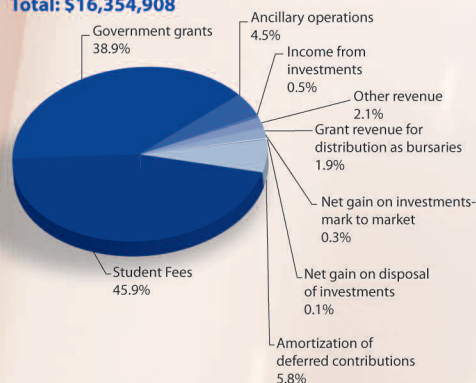
### Management's responsibility for the summary financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial statements on the basis described below.

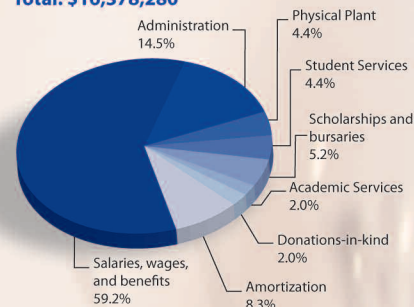
### Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements".

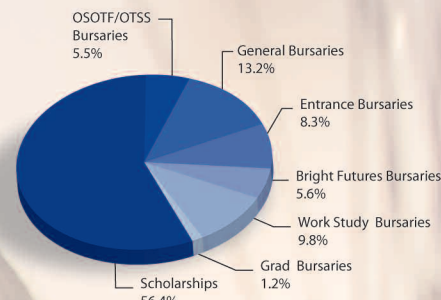
### Operating Revenues Total: \$16,354,908



### Operating Expenditures by Function Total: \$16,378,280



### Scholarships & Bursaries\* Total: \$862,533



## Year Ended April 30, 2010 (000's) 2011

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Admission Scholarships	\$314	
Continuing Scholarships	173	
	<b>487</b>	<b>56.4%</b>
OSOTF/OTSS Bursaries	47	5.5%
General Bursaries	114	13.2%
Entrance Bursaries	72	8.3%
Bright Futures Bursaries	48	5.6%
Work Study Bursaries	85	9.8%
Grad Bursaries	10	1.2%
	<b>\$ 863</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of Brescia University College for the year ended April 30, 2011 are a fair summary of those financial statements, on the basis described below.

The accompanying financial statements summary has been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, with the exception of the exclusion of the statement of cash flows and related notes to the financial statements. The complete set of financial statements with audit report dated June 28, 2011 can be obtained from the Brescia University College Business Office.

*PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP*

Chartered Accountants  
London, Ontario  
June 28, 2011



## Brescia Principal appointed to the London Health Sciences Centre Board

At an annual Community Meeting held in June, London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC) Board Chair, Peter Johnson, announced the appointment of Brescia University College's Principal, Dr. Colleen Hanycz, to the 22-member LHSC Board of Directors. Colleen and two additional Board members joined the LHSC Board of Directors following an extensive seven-step selection process that ensured each nominee's skill set would be an asset and resource to the Corporation.

"We are excited to have these new Board members join us at such an important time in our history," said Peter. "Their combined experience and business acumen will help guide LHSC over the next few years. Their commitment to the mission and vision of LHSC will continue to position our hospital as a leader in our community, dedicated to safe and quality patient care."

## Brescia celebrates graduates and graduands in a two-day celebration

On June 12, 2011 at St. Peter's Basilica, Brescia held its 89<sup>th</sup> Baccalaureate ceremony and first-ever Magisterial service, which celebrated students who had earned post-graduate MSc degrees. Laura Vandervet, a graduate of the Foods and Nutritional Sciences Masters program, was Brescia's first-ever Magisterial speaker. She ended her Magisterial speech on an inspirational note, stating, "We leave here today bound by our shared experiences – accepting the fact that in order to see change in the world we must be leaders." 2011 Valedictorian Natalie Symons addressed the challenges that graduates face in today's world, but offered words of encouragement for the future. The good news to Natalie is that "we leave Brescia privileged with the power and potential to make changes so that one day we too may see our own children walk across a stage such as this one." Dr. John Mitchell, Academic Dean, also announced the Honor Society Members on this day.

Awards Ceremony, Brescia's graduates and graduands processed as a group to Convocation held at Western's Alumni Hall. The procession was led by bagpiper Eileen Robertson, followed by Brescia's Registrar, Marianne Simm, the Director of Campus Ministry, Catherinanne George, plus the 105 graduating students. All walked down Brescia Lane, cheered on by proud parents, faculty and staff members, and friends.

On June 13 students, parents, and friends attended an Alumnae Luncheon and outdoor Awards Ceremony. The ceremony recognized those students who were top-achievers in their areas of study and concluded with the presentation of Brescia University College's Award for Excellence in Teaching earned this year by Dr. Leslie Janes. Following the



## Brescia acceptance rates increase due to student-centred approach

Brescia witnessed phenomenal increases in student numbers this year. Full-time student numbers showed a 10.7 % growth this year over last.

This increase in acceptance rates aligns with Brescia's strategic plan, *Living Leadership*, which highlights an overarching goal to recruit 1,200 full-time students by 2015. With this increase in student enrolment numbers Brescia is well on its way to reaching this recruitment goal and continuing to expand its vibrant, student-centred environment.

Registrar Marianne Simm believes that Brescia's recruitment approach is unique. "Brescia faculty and staff spend a great deal of time engaging in two-way communication with prospective students. We actively listen and respond to students' questions and we're very adamant about building relationships. We use a student-centred approach to recruitment and make students feel like a part of the Brescia community before they even attend their first class."



## Brescia receives City of London's Race Relations Recognition award

On Monday March 21, 2011 London's City Council and Mayor Joe Fontana presented Brescia with the Race Relations Recognition Award in honour of the dedication that Brescia has given to create an inclusive environment both on campus and abroad. Awarded to businesses in five categories, Brescia was the recipient in the 2011 Education and Training category. The winner of each category is recognized for heightening awareness for positive race relations in London and encouraging ongoing

city-wide activities that promote/advance London as a welcoming city.

In addition to the Girls LEAD camp in Barbados and the pro-biotic yoghurt initiative in Africa, at the heart of Brescia's internal attention to race relations and diversity is the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI), administered by Brescia's International Program Co-ordinator, Christina Lord.

## Dr. Leslie Janes receives Excellence in Teaching award



At Convocation on June 13, Dr. Leslie Janes, Professor of Psychology and Brescia University College's Associate Dean, Student Affairs, was awarded the 2011 Award for Excellence in Teaching. It is Leslie's

balance of high standards and compassion, along with her ability to make each member of the class feel welcome and valued, that has set her teaching style apart from others. An upper-year student said of her, "I have yet to meet a teacher who is as skilled, caring, and compassionate.

## Foundress Day

Faculty, staff, and a number of Ursuline sisters gathered to welcome the Class of 2015 as well as returning students at Brescia's very first Foundress Day Ceremony on September 7, 2011. Sister Theresa Mahoney delivered the keynote address, enriching all assembled with stories of Brescia's rich history. A mixer followed with great food, a popular photo booth, and music by the quartet "It's a String Thing" featuring fourth-year student Stephanie Varriano, her sister, and two friends.

*Brescia students enjoy the mixer and the Polaroid shots taken after the formal ceremony.*



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Mission – Brescia University College is a student-centred community that educates women to think critically and to participate actively in society. A Catholic College in the Ursuline tradition, we prepare our graduates to lead with wisdom, justice, and compassion in a changing world.

Vision – Brescia will be the University College of choice for women seeking an inclusive community of learning that combines academic excellence with opportunity for service and leadership.



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