



COLLINGWOOD SCHOOL

ALUMNOTES

Dear Collingwood Alumni and Alumni Families,

The energy in the hallways has been high the last month as staff, faculty, and students begin a new school year at Collingwood! It has been exciting to see the return of familiar faces on campus, as well as refreshing to welcome new students and colleagues into the Collingwood community. We are so appreciative to you, our alumni, for your continued support and efforts to connect with the school. We have an exciting year ahead filled with lots of alumni programming to look forward to, and we are so looking forward to catching up with you at an alumni event soon.

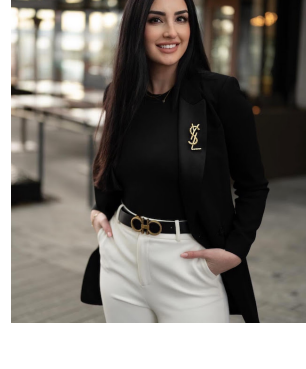
If you have any questions, concerns, or if you'd like to connect, please contact us at alumni@collingwood.org. Here's to a great 2023/2024 school year!

- Advancement Team

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE ALUMNI EXECUTIVE

Dear Fellow Alumni,

Myself and the Directors of the Alumni Executive Committee are excited to welcome you back to another year of events and initiatives designed to connect alumni with one another, as well as with the school. I'd like to extend a special welcome to our most recent members of the Alumni Association, the graduating class of 2023. I was fortunate to meet these students on numerous occasions: at the Student Executive mixer, at the CollingwoodU LinkedIn session, and officially welcoming them to the Alumni Association at Commencement. Our network of alumni benefits greatly from the addition of these bright and determined individuals, and I have no doubt that they will make Collingwood proud as they enter the post-CW world.



Opportunities to get involved

Our alumni come from all different backgrounds, each with their own unique experiences. It is an incredible resource to have access to this vast network. As alumni, we are so lucky to be afforded the opportunity to connect with one another. This year, I hope to continue the momentum of affording these same opportunities of networking and connection to current students. Participating in CollingwoodU was a huge highlight for many of our alumni last year, as it gave them a chance to connect directly with the grade 12s who would shortly begin their post-secondary careers. Whether you're able to offer our future grads a work experience placement, speak about your university experience, work industry, or teach our grads a beneficial life skill, CollingwoodU is a rewarding program that connects alumni with our current students and soon-to-be graduates. If you'd like to know more about this program, please email alumni@collingwood.org.

Call for nominations for Alumni Association Awards

To recognize the excellence and growth of members in our alumni network, each year the Collingwood community has the opportunity to nominate alumni for three prestigious awards: The Mackenzie Awards, the Alumni Association Honours Award and the Alumni Association Volunteer Award. The Mackenzie Awards are presented to alumni who have exhibited outstanding performance in one of the four strands (Academics, Athletics, Arts, or Service). The Alumni Association Honours Award recognizes outstanding accomplishments as a result of business or professional achievements, or the display of courage in the face of adversity. The Alumni Association Volunteer Award recognizes an alumni for service to the Alumni Association and/or Collingwood School.

If you wish to nominate someone, or wish to learn more about the Alumni Awards, please fill out [this form](#). Award recipients will be announced in the first quarter of 2024.

We want to hear from you

We are always looking for new and innovative ways to engage our community. If you or anyone in your network has an idea to share, please reach out to alumni@collingwood.org.

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming in-person gatherings. Stay tuned for an invitation for our first CAVS Business Networking Lunch in the fall.

Best regards,

Ariana Sairafi
Chair, Alumni Executive

SAVE THE DATE(S) FOR OUR UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS!

CAVS Business Lunch

Our alumni-favourite CAVS Business Lunch is back again this fall! Mark your calendars for November 9th, and join us for a fascinating conversation with Marc Low, class of 1996, surrounding the new landscape of business and technology as AI becomes more prevalent and is integrated into our professional and personal lives.



When: Thursday, November 9, 2023 - 11:30am to 1:30pm
Where: Glowbal Restaurant, Gold Room - 590 W Georgia Street, Vancouver

We are so looking forward to this discussion with Marc!



Winter Party

We're excited to announce that the Alumni Winter Party is returning for 2023! We invite you to join us on **December 13th** for a wonderful evening of mingling with fellow alumni, reconnecting with peers and faculty, and kickstarting the holiday festivities.

When: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 - 5:00pm to 9:00pm
Where: Steamworks Brewpub, Harbourview Room - 375 Water Street, Vancouver

We hope to see you there!

Alumni in California

San Francisco Bay Area Meetup

Feedback from last year's alumni survey indicated that alumni who no longer live in Vancouver still wish to remain connected to Collingwood and the CW community. We have taken this feedback and are excited to announce our first alumni meetup outside of Vancouver! Please fill out [this form](#) to indicate your interest in participating in an alumni meetup in the San Francisco Bay Area.

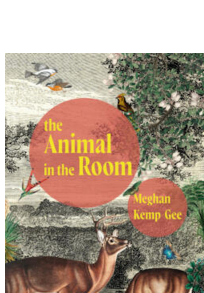
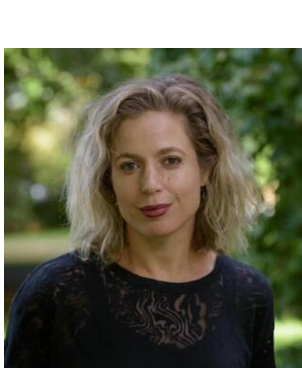


When: Thursday, October 26, 2023 - Time TBD
Where: Location TBD - San Mateo, CA or elsewhere in the San Francisco Bay Area

ALUMNI NEWS

Meghan Kemp-Gee

Earlier this year, Meghan Kemp-Gee '03 published her debut, full-length book of poetry, *The Animal in the Room*. *The Animal in the Room* uses satire and the personification of animals to reflect on human experience and behaviours.



"Throughout *The Animal in the Room*, there are poems that sparkle with inventiveness and wit, as she composes a bestiary of sentences and syntax. Each of her animals, as well as her sentences, retain their wildness, even while set up against a particular element of constraint or restraint."

- Rob McLennan

You can purchase a copy of Kemp-Gee's book from [Coach House Books](#) or [Amazon](#), as either a paperback or e-book.

Going for Gold!

Grad of 2023, and recent member of the Collingwood Alumni Association, Michael Scherker took home a gold medal in the 110m hurdle at Canadian Nationals this past summer. Michael spent his final year on the Collingwood track-and-field team aiming for sub-14 seconds, and accomplished this goal at the meet in July! Not only was his time of 13.68 seconds a personal best, but it landed him the 5th all-time fastest for U20 Canadian! Michael has recently begun his post-secondary career at Duke, where he has joined the track team and will continue to race.



2022 ALUMNI SURVEY REPORT

Last year we asked you, our alumni, to share feedback on your experience as both an alumnus and a student at Collingwood. We are so appreciative to everyone who took the time to fill out this survey and provide their honest feedback regarding their experience as a Collingwood student and alumnus. We have been working hard to compile your answers into a report, and we are gearing up to share the results with you.

Thank you for your patience and we look forward to sharing the survey report with you soon!

BRIDGE MAGAZINE

Bridge is now digital only!

Our Collingwood magazine is sent tri-annually, and gives an in-depth look at what is happening in the community.

Email us at alumni@collingwood.org to be added to the Bridge mailing list.

STAY CONNECTED

Update Your Contact Info:

Want to stay in the loop about alumni events, ways to get involved at Collingwood and receive alumni SWAG?

Keep us up-to-date with your contact information by [filling out this form](#).

Be sure to follow us for throwbacks and updates on our upcoming events:



Join the Alumni Network Group on LinkedIn:



Or 'Like' and 'Follow'!



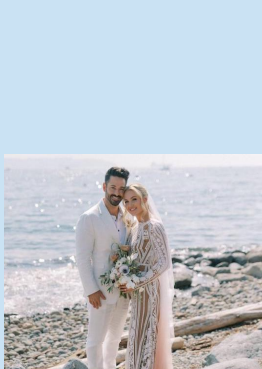
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Catherine Brent
Alumni Coordinator

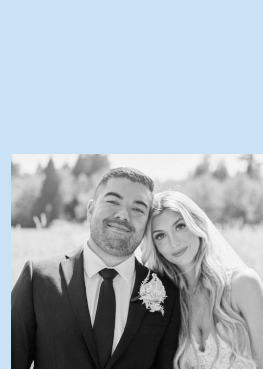
Khushboo Moolchandani
Associate Director of Advancement

SUMMER LOVIN'

Katrina Davis, grad of the Alumni Executive Committee, married Gregory Smith on August 26th at Davis' childhood home in West Vancouver. Kat and Gregory met at UBC while they were each captains of respective varsity teams (Field Hockey for Kat, and soccer for Gregory). Familiar faces and fellow alumni were also in the wedding, including Kyra Stewart '10 who was Kat's maid of honour.



Amanda Kanai (nee Shawhin) '10 and Shawhin Kanai '11 met during choir class at Collingwood in grade 7! After 6 years together, Amanda and Shawhin were married at Glass House Estate Winery on July 8th. Their 2 year-old son, River, was the ring bearer.



Congratulations Amanda and Shawhin!