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Official Newsletter of the BCI&VS Alumni Foundation

History Department

TOUCHING LIVES ACROSS THE GENERATIONS



Warrant Officer (N) John Joseph Reansbury,
1920 - 1943

The BCI & VS Alumni Foundation has made a long term commitment to a student project that touches the lives of past and present school generations.

Two memorial plaques hang in the front hall of historic BCI listing the names of BCI students who died in the First and Second World Wars.

Under the leadership of teacher Richard Eyre (BCI '85), each of the veterans on these plaques will one

day have their portraits and biographies hanging on the walls of BCI.

The veterans portrait project began in 2011 when Gail Lovett, then principal of BCI, was contacted by Brantford resident John Manners, who wanted to display some portraits of school alumni killed in action.

Through Manners, Mr. Keith Reekie of Hamilton, has generously funded this project to date. There are now 37 professionally sketched portraits with biographical information line the wall in the lower front hall and library. Each portrait, is created by artist Sergej Malina.

Each interested history student chooses a veteran to research. The students learn research skills at the Brantford Public Library, provided in part by Geoff Moyer (BCI '86). Tutored by Moyer, students use research sources, including Casualty Forms, Commonwealth War Grave Registers, First World War Attestation Papers, the London Gazette, Canadian Virtual War Memorial, Brantford Expositor obituaries, birth, marriage and death registrations, and print-based reference books to track information about veterans.

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COMING SOON

BCI&VS Entry into the
Sears Drama Festival

LONDON FOG

Friday Feb 20th - 7 pm

Sat Feb 21st - 7 pm

An original play written by grade 11 BCI student Emma Tseronis.

"London Fog finds it's home in a small but quirky coffee shop. Lilac Alithia has left home to move to Paris. Her glamorous plans are cut short when she is brutally murdered and left in the street. Lilac re-appears in the coffee shop run by Edgar, the young owner of the establishment. She encounters numerous characters who, like Lilac, have a story of their own to tell."

Tickets: Students \$7, Adults \$10 can be purchased from the BCI main office.

Feb 23 - 27th - BCI is hosting the Regional Competition for the Sears Drama Festival! Good luck BCI!

BCI&VS Drama presents...

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

April 24th - 7 pm

April 25th - 1 pm & 7 pm

April 26th - 1 pm

May 1 - 7 pm

May 2 - 1 pm, 7 pm

Tickets on Sale in April from the BCI Main Office.

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Relatives of these men and women who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom also meet with the student researchers.

“The project will take about 15 years to complete,” said Eyre. “When it’s done, 400 different BCI students will have researched every name on the memorial plaques.”

“It’s one thing to glance at a long list of names etched into bronze”, said Eyre. “It’s something else to see their faces and learn their stories, to walk past the houses where they grew up, see their youthful yearbook photos and then, just a few years later, pictures of them looking earnest in their military uniforms.”

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While the school plaques contain 42 names from WW1 and 149 from WW2, the project has shown that at least one name was omitted (Reg Robbins). In the future, a plaque and portraits will also be done for Trooper Rudd and Captain Leary who were killed in Afghanistan.

Subject to annual review, the Foundation is committing \$5000 per year for 10 years to fund the successful completion of this project. Each completed sketch costs about \$230

and 37 have been completed over 3 years.

Placing a high value on the inter-generational connections this project is making, the Foundation believe that every BCI student who died in military service should be recognized in this way. We are also grateful for Richard Eyre’s leadership.

We need, however, your help with this worthy project. To share a part in advancing this student endeavour, please forward your cheque to BCI & VS Alumni Foundation, c/o Millard’s, 96 Nelson St., Box 367, Stn. Main, Brantford, ON N3T 5N3.

Ted Oliver (BCI ‘62)

& excerpts from the Expositor Article (Nov 2013, written by Michelle Ruby)

NEW PRINCIPAL HAS BCI ROOTS



The new year has begun with exciting changes at BCI. Shayne Mann has transferred to Sprucedale Youth Centre as principal and I have changed positions from Vice-Principal to the Principal of BCI. I have been a vice-principal at North Park Collegiate and for the past 5 years, VP at BCI. Prior to my move to administration, I was the Department Head of Science at BCI.

I am absolutely thrilled to be principal of this great school which has played a pivotal role in my life. To outline a bit of family history, my parents, Donna and John Terdik, are graduates of BCI and my father was Head of Geography at BCI from 1963 until his retirement in 1997. My sister, Martha, and I are graduates of BCI and we both met our husbands,

David and Jeff here. Both of my sons and my niece currently attend BCI.

When I was a student at BCI, staff left a lasting impression on me. They encouraged me to get involved and make a difference. It was their encouragement that led me to pursue a career in education. Having been involved with BCI’s 75th and 100th Anniversary, I look forward to more celebrations in the years to come! Being able to watch the next generation get involved with the BCI community is an honour and a privilege.

BCI staff strives for academic excellence and provides opportunities for students to get involved in our community. All staff, including secretaries, caretakers and teachers put our students first and I consider myself to be very privileged to work with such an outstanding group of professionals.

I look forward to fostering relationships with our alumni. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Ann Myhal (BCI ‘86)

BCI&VS Alumni Foundation
ALUMNI STUDENT AWARD RECIPIENTS
CLASS OF 2014

Each October, the BCI&VS Alumni Foundation provides eligible graduating students with monetary awards based on their average marks in their graduating year. This program was developed and initiated in 2004 by the BCI&VS Alumni Foundation which continues to support and administer the fund with assistance from BCI Staff.

At the October 2014 graduation, 48 students were awarded a total of \$18,150 to assist them in their post-secondary studies. To date, the Alumni Foundation has assisted over 600 graduating students with over \$225,000 in scholarship money.

2014 Award Recipients:

Valerie Bauman	Rachel Hyett	Ronak Patal
Rachel Bencic	Madeleine Leadbetter	Kendra Pearce
Liam Bielawski	Emily Mancini	Madeleine Perreault
Kaitlyn Butt	Brandon Mank	Joelle Proctor
Kaitlin Case	Joey McDonough	Amrit Sahota
Alexander Chan	Bryn McIntosh	Parvinder Sahota
Yaroslav Chudin	Ashlyn McNabb	Jenna Schonbacher
Rushi Dave	Aidan Newsome	Brooklyn Seal
Jenna Davis	Mackenzie Nyssonen	Sharelle Simpson
Megan Davis	Nikolai Jakub	Braden Smeda
Paul-Mark DiFrancesco	Laura Jin	Jakob Smeda
Andi Dimanshkie	Stephanie Johnston	Emily Summerhayes
Oliveah Friesen	Austen Jones	Nicholas Terry
Carlie Goodall	Sarah Kennedy	Sam Tinevez
Laura Gowling	Makayla Kugler	Bayley Vachon
Allyson Griffin	Alexandra Leadbetter	Amber Vallee

Current students may pick up Award Applications in the Guidance Office. Students who achieve an average of 80% - 84.9% in their best six senior subjects receive \$150; 85% - 89.9% receive \$250 and students over 90% receive \$400. Applications are due on June 30, 2015 and are presented at Commencement in October.

**HELP US KEEP THE STUDENT AWARDS
PROGRAM GOING!**

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FOUNDATION TODAY!**

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THE PRINCIPALS' GALLERY

BCI's Principals now have their own place of recognition and honour in the original 1910 school.

Beautifully milled hardwood panels, to match the replicas of the classroom doors, have been installed on the east wall of the main floor west corridor.

This area is now known as "The Principals' Gallery". It recognizes the school's 14 headmasters to date. The picture plaques also indicate the years served by these twelve men and two women.

Thanks are extended to the BCI&VS Alumni Foundation for providing the funds to continue to ensure this important part of the school's history is not lost.

In Honour of the Following Principals:

A.W. Burt – 1910-1918
Dr. A. M. Overholt – 1918-1938
J. S. Wilson – 1938-1948
W. S. Turner – 1945-1956
B. W. Switzer – 1956-1965
K. J. Dagg – 1965-1969
R. G. Wilson – 1969-1977
C. W. Leonhardt – 1977-1983
M. Schertzer – 1983-1994
J. F. Wibberley – 1994-1999
R. McCulley – 1999-2004
G. C. Lovett – 2004-2013
F. O'Connor – 2013-2013
S. Mann – 2013-2014

OBIT

Former BCI teacher, Ross Mann passed away peacefully in his sleep, on Wednesday, January 21st, 2015 in his 78th year.

Ross was a teacher at BCI & VS for over 33 years, and was a two-term president of the local O.S.S.T.F.

SPORTS TEAM UPDATES

SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

On Friday Feb 13th, the BCI Mustangs capped off a remarkable run to the Brant senior girls volleyball championship Friday, defeating Assumption in three sets. Coaches Lindsay Ham, Mike Antonowicz and Logan White. See photo.

WRESTLING

BCI wrestlers won the boys division at last Wednesday's CWOSSA South wrestling meet at W. Ross Macdonald School. CWOSSA will be held Thursday Feb 19 at BCI.

TENNIS SUCCESS!

Junior Tennis Team

Alex Bakker - Singles boys champ
Marco Jakovljevic and J.J. McDonough - Boys doubles champs
BCI&VS tied for second place overall with St. John's at BCSSAA.

Senior Tennis Team

Adam Bakker- Singles boys champ
Raina Ritchie and Vincenzo Prior - Mixed doubles champs
Shasta Ritchie - Girls singles champ
The Senior team placed first overall at BCSSAA.

The tennis team thus ends up with the overall title as well. Adam Bakker also placed first of the high school ranked players at CWOSSA, and will be competing at OFSSA in June.

CROSS COUNTRY - Results

Kyleigh Farmer - placed 9th in Para division at OFSAA
Noah Tinevez - placed 12th in Senior Boys at CWOSSA

Best of luck to Bob Boos in his retirement!



Expositor Photo

THE LAST WORD IS YOURS . . .

“So happy to hear from my favourite school - I ended up teaching in five different schools, four of which are in York Region...I am now retired(!), but when I was desperately looking for a job as a new graduate, jobs were hard to come by!! (1984)...luckily, Mike Schertzer hired me - my favourite (still!) principal... and I drove 75 miles each way to BCI - as a novice driver to boot!! - the good days!!

- Diana Lipton, former BCI&VS Staff

YES! I WANT TO SUPPORT THE BRANTFORD COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE & VOCATIONAL SCHOOL ALUMNI FOUNDATION



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