

Fall 2019

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Lee Richards, originally from Moncton, NB began working at Kingsway College in 2015 and serves as the current school President

## Impacting Student Life

"We want projects that directly impact the daily lives of students at Kingsway College." This is the philosophy that Greg Bussey uses as he brings projects to administration each year for us to consider. An alumnus of Kingsway College himself, he understands the personal connection and affinity people have with this institution. Part of this relationship stems from the positive experience they had here as students.

Over the past four summers, Greg has put his philosophy into practice as he has spearheaded projects aimed at improving our campus while positively enhancing our students' experience while they attend Kingsway College. Not only has he lead out in the capital campaigns raising the funds for these projects, but he has also personally overseen, and participated in, the construction involved in each one.

While Greg has been the catalyst for these changes, it is you, our alumni donors, that have been the support allowing these projects to go forward. This September, students were blessed as they returned to a newly renovated cafeteria dining area. How did that happen? Well, there is a story of generosity that you need to hear.

This past year Greg discussed with school administration the various projects that we could embark on and we settled on the cafeteria renovation. This was envisioned as a three-phase approach where we would renovate the dining area, the serving area, and the kitchen itself, over the next few years as funds became available. The dream was

that this year we would be able to redo the dining area to start, refinishing the floor, having new tables and chairs, redoing the ceiling and lighting, and updating the boys' washroom in the foyer of the Cafeteria. All of this had a price tag of around \$120,000 making it an ambitious project.

Greg launched the capital campaign as he visited with our different alumni chapters and contacting potential donors. Our alumni responded wonderfully, and by the beginning of the summer, there was \$80,000 in hand to start the renovations. Recognizing we did not have enough funds to do all that was planned, Greg moved forward with the project figuring we would do what we could with what we had, namely the refinishing of the floor, painting, LED lighting and the replacement of the dining room chairs. Although short of what we wanted to do, it would still be a great improvement.

A couple of weeks into the project, Greg excitedly called me into his office and said: "We are redoing the complete t-bar ceiling!" In response to my query as to what had changed, he told me about a new donation to the project. An alumnus had dropped by the school and he was showing them the work being done in the Cafeteria, explaining what we were able to do with the finances we had, and what else we would like to do. This former student embraced the project saying, "I will pay for the refurbishing of the floor."

It was a couple of weeks following this event

that Greg received a bittersweet phone call from the son of a former teacher at Kingsway College. His father had recently passed and in the former teacher's will there was a financial gift to our school. The son called because the family wanted to know if they could have some input as to how these funds would be used. Greg suggested a split between the Worthy Student Fund and the Cafeteria project as two possibilities. It was with tears that the son told Greg, "My Dad would be happy to know that he was able to be part of this." It was that donation that made it possible to purchase the new tables, completing the first phase of the project as envisioned.

I just want to express a BIG thank you to all of those who gave so we were able to complete this project. We want students to enjoy their experience here at Kingsway College, just as you did when you were a student here. By providing enjoyable spaces for our students to socialize in like the renovated dorm lobbies, and now the Cafeteria, you are enhancing student life here on this campus. Thank you for your care and interest in this school as we continue "To reflect Jesus Christ, and prepare students for His service."

# Alumni Homecoming

TWENTY NINETEEN

May 24-26, 2019 We've celebrated another Alumni Homecoming Weekend. Can you believe how close we are to 2020? Who would have thought it! I thought by now we'd have streets full of hovercars.

We hope your weekend was enjoyable, eventhough the weather was less than ideal (the new adage is May showers bring June flowers). New things are in store for Homecoming Weekend 2020, so stay tuned. We regularly update our website and Facebook, so make sure you check them regularly.



Left (top to bottom):  
 (L1) Morning Star concert; (L2) Rennette Clarke Madill '59, Marjorie Velazquez'59, Dallis Clarke Lane '59; (L3) Louise French '89 and Ron French; (L4) Eli Chant and Judy Toop '59

Right (top to bottom):  
 (R1) Judy (Morgan) Villaneuve '60, Arthur Symonds '59, & Carolynn Myers Maclean '59; (R2) Fred Thomas and Marjorie Thomas '50; (R3) Betty Simcock '59 and Manford Simcock '59 & Lee Richards

## EVENING VESPERS



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- (1) Chante Alleyne Chagoya '08 welcoming alumni to homecoming weekend
- (2) Janette Dooks '52 honoured with flowers by Charlee Blabey
- (3) Saleem Watson '69
- (4) Margaret (Payton) Harewood '79 presenting the tithes and offerings
- (5) (L-R) Jeniffer Oliveira, Ralph Janes '55, Connie (Knutson) Janes '55



What a busy morning! College Park Church welcoming alumni to homecoming sabbath.



Angela Brown '99 and son



Cleve Sandy, Alumni VP, welcome and prayer for Sabbath School



Engaged in discussion



Kingsway alumnus through the years



Lori (Orpana) Dooks '80, Wendy (Woods) Littman '81, Larry Dooks, Chante Alleyne Chagoya '08 at the check-in desk



Alumni singing with the Kingsway College Symphonic Choir during divine service



Pastor Samuel McLeary '88 and daughter presenting the Sabbath School lesson



More alumni, faculty, etc. who have been a part of the Kingsway College family



Guest speaker, Victor Gill '59 speaking for Divine Service

P O T L U C K   A T   T H E   O L D   G Y M



George Clarke '56 & Victor Gill '59



Peter Malgadey '69, Carol (Mercer) Webber '70,  
& Sharon (Mercer) Okimi '66



Dustin Bruce '12, Jason Lane '09 first in line!



Enoch Ramsay '88



Blair & Linda Flowers '68



Myrna Bell & Ilah (Janes) Dalke '60



Enjoying potluck



Shelley (Villeneuve) Bruce '81,  
Jonathan Madgwick '81, Gary Dooks '80



At the potluck line, Bonnie (Buchanan) Bastien '70, Claude Bastien '67,  
Shirley (Upshall) Tarr '66 and John Tarr



Andre Bergeron '00 & Nelly (Meza) Bergeron '00



Alicia Dooks '13

# CLASS VISITATIONS



↑ (1) Class of 2009 (2) Class of 1969; (3) Class of 1999; (4) Class of 1949 and 1959 catching up with old friends

↓ (1) Class of 1999; (2) Darryl Jerome '79 & Sharon (Hartwig) Morgan '79 signing yearbooks; (3) Class of 1989

(1) Class of 2009 opening their time capsule (L-R) Ashley Arriola, Shannen (Nickol) Marciszewski, Platanya (Hardy) Lee, Chante Alleyne Chagoya '08, Andrea (Oliveira) Bessa, Chantel White

(2) Class of 1989 (L-R) Louise French, Kim (Ryan) Kwon, Dana (Thorne) Chant, Michelle Goodridge, Robin Toop, Cheryl (Hort) Chant

(3) Class of 1959

(4) Asley Arriola '09



A L U M N I B A N Q U E T

# ALUMNI BANQUET



↑ (top) Class of 1989, (above) Presentation on College Woodwork, Gordon Dinning '63 (right) Chantel White '09 and Platanya (Hardy) Lee '09 looking at their grad composites



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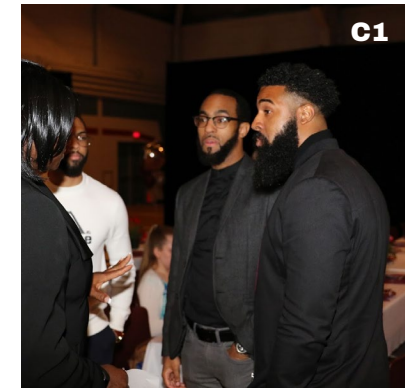
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← From top to bottom (A1) Gary Dooks '80, Shelley Bruce '81, Doug Bruce '81 and Pam Mursic '82 (A2) Arnold Christianssen '49 (A3) Catching up with friends. (A4) Alumnus of the Year, Arthur Symonds '59 being presented his award by Kingsway President, Lee Richards (A5) Enid (Larson) Daniel '99 and Jennifer (Ritchey) Callender '99



← From top to bottom (B1) Alumni Association President, Samantha Jones '13 (B2) Fred Biesenthal '68 and Ibi Biesenthal '70 at the buffet line (B3) Jonathan Mursic '81, Jonathan Madgwick '81, Gayle Hampson, Pam (Lister) Tucker '81 (B4) Shawn Phillips '79, Marilyn (Westrate) Lisk '79, Penny (Pazitka) Dubuc '79, and James Anderson '79



↑ From top to bottom (C1) Julian Grant '07, and Deangelo Valentine '09 (C2) Leslie Carby '99, Christelle Agboka '99, Indra Ambally '99 (C3) Carroll Ryan '65

← Class of 1969

→ from top of page (1) Paul Halminen '77, Lisa Halminen (3) Say cheese! (3) Phyllis (Lemon) Vallieres '59 (4) Class of 1959 (5) Class of 1979



# ALUMNI VS. STUDENT FLAG FOOTBALL GAME



(1) Samantha Jones '13, Tiffany Jones '18, Casey Besito-Pointer '18, Hannah Amankwah (2) Chantel White '09, Shannen (Nickol) Marciszewski

(4) Platanya (Hardy) Lee '09 intercepted by student Emerald Aubin (5) Women's game (6) Men's team (7) Women's Team with guest player Christopher Lee (8) Running a play. (9) Jeremy Juodele '16 (10) Lee Richards, KC President & Chante Alleyne Chagoya '08, Past Alumni President (12) A pause in the men's game

# Reconnected

Sometimes it takes a life changing event to remind us of what's really important...

After reconnecting at the funeral of Jean Proper a dear classmate, from the graduating class of 1976, these former once close classmates vowed to stay in touch after realizing that Kingsway College was the glue that bound them all together after being apart for over 40 years!

Less than one year later, these alumni from the classes of 1975,76,77 planned a mini reunion August 2-5, 2019, which concluded with a visit to Kingsway College for a stroll down memory lane. These friends, as they strolled through the classrooms and dormitories, were so proud to see how progressive Kingsway College has become, and like many of our alumni, they are actively looking for ways in which to give back.

### Group Picture (Top):

Back Row:(Left to Right) Margo Springer-Peterson, Donna Green-Ryan, (Margo's Daughter), Peter Bayer, Carl Pean.

Front Row: (Left to Right) Chantelle Bailey, Carole Brown-Bailey, Frida Contave-Cadet, Loviere Pointer, Ilyn Clarke, Jacqui Henry-Alleyne, Colleen Taylor, Christopher Jones, Bob Smith, Clive Preddie, and Sebert Henry.





# RENOVATIONS

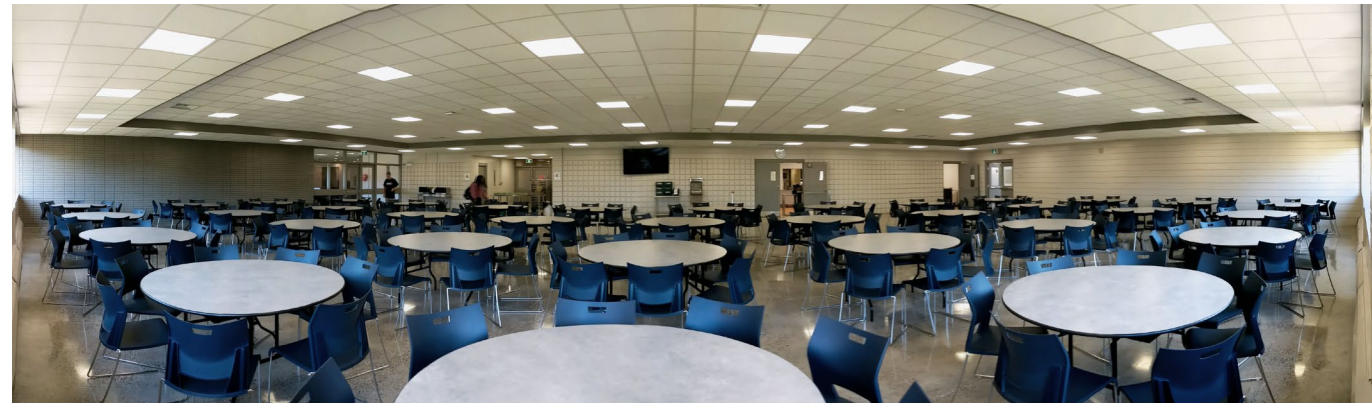
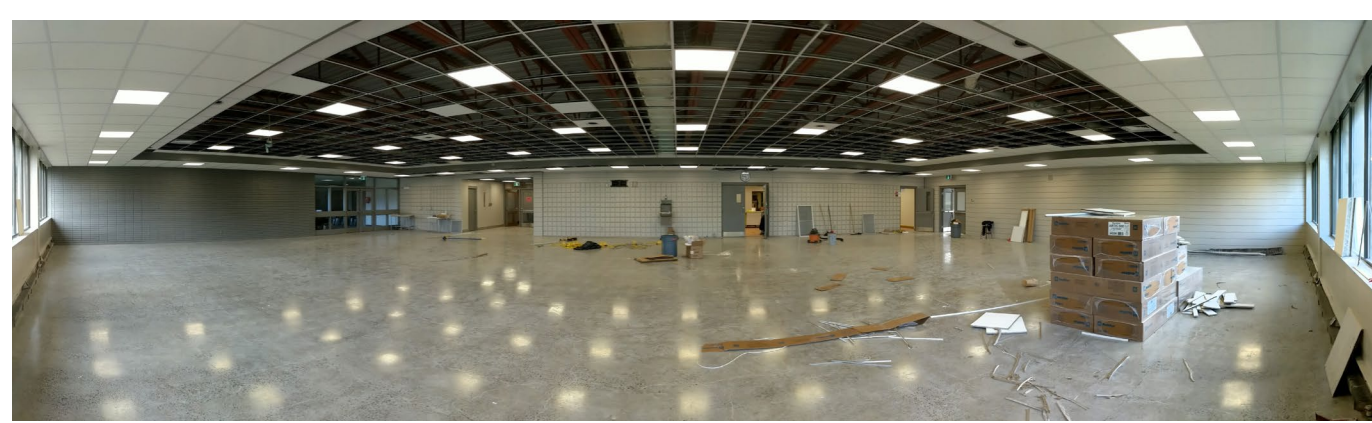
# CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2019

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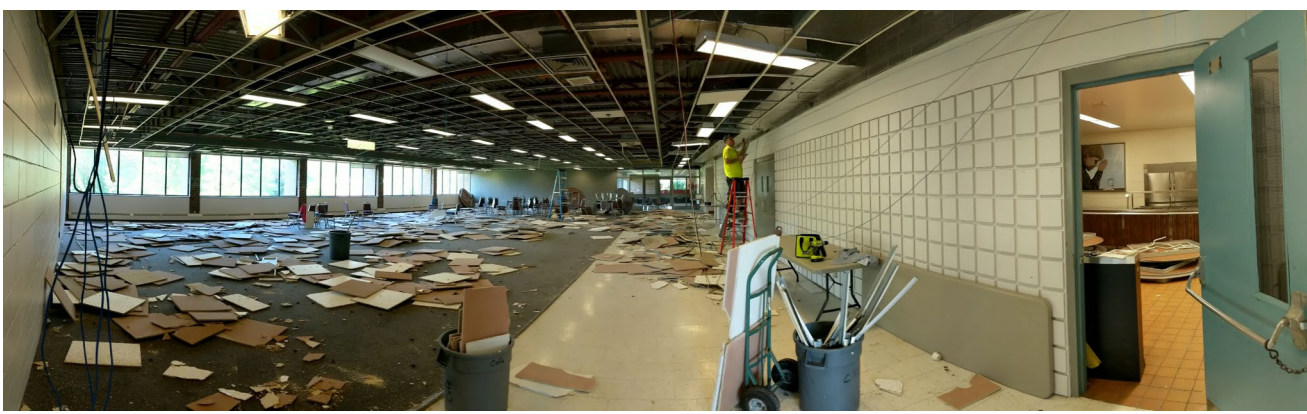
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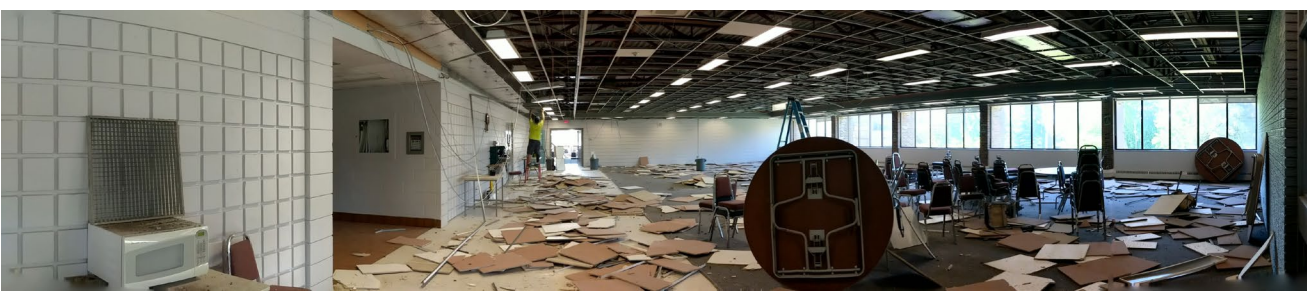
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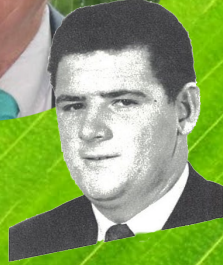
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# ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

← ART SYMONDS, PRESENT DAY & ART SYMONDS, 1959



**Arthur Symonds** was born in St. John's, Newfoundland to Harold and Annie Symonds. He is the oldest of three children. He attended high school at Curtis Academy in St. John's NL, and then went on to Oshawa Missionary College, now Kingsway College. Arthur continued to pursue a Bachelor's of Education degree from Atlantic Union College and his Masters of Education from Memorial University of Newfoundland. After completing his degrees he became a teacher.

In 1968 he married Ethel Earle. For several years Arthur taught in many places as a teacher and principal in the Adventist school system. In 1994 he retired from teaching.

The majority of Arthur's life was spent in Newfoundland, where he raised his children William and Kimberly. He is a proud grandfather of Kaitlynn, Alexander, Laura, and Lacey.

Arthur is known for being a kind hearted, dedicated person who is always willing to help others. You can always find him behind a camera. Arthur is the type of person who will get in his car, and as long as it will move, he will be there to help, no matter if it is across town or country. He may be found stopping along the way to say hello or grab a photo. He loves to serve his community through the Parkinsons Society, Exploits Valley Search & Rescue, Canadian Bible Society, Hospital Visitations and is an active member of the Newfoundland Retired Teachers Association. He was also awarded the Grand Falls-Windsor Citizen of the Year.

In his spare time, you can find him riding his motorcycle, filling out birthday or anniversary cards and sending them in advance never to miss a special occasion, and making sure his family is happy. Art Symonds is an inspiring man, who strives to make sure that everyone he meets will leave with laughter on their heart, a warm feeling of love inside, and a picture for his album.

# upcoming events



PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN

## Evening With The Stars

### Fund Dinner

TO RAISE MONEY FOR  
THE **WORTHY STUDENT FUND**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019  
BEGINS 5:00 PM

LOCATION:

RENOVATED KINGSWAY COLLEGE CAFETERIA  
1220 LELAND RD, OSHAWA, ON, L1K 2H4

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## California Alumni Chapter Meeting

Saturday, Feb 22, 2020 at 1:00pm

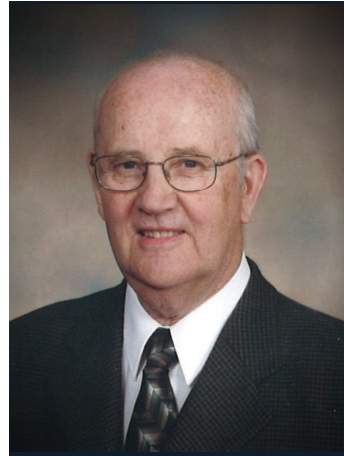
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## FLORIDA ALUMNI CHAPTER MEETING

08 FEBRUARY 2020 • 1PM

North Tampa Christian Academy  
5585 E. County Line Rd.  
Wesley Chapel, FL 33544

# — IN MEMORIAM —



## JOE WESTSTRATE 1929–2019

Johannes (Joe) Weststrate immigrated in 1954 from the Netherlands to begin a new life in Canada. He and his wife Mary, began their new lives in Calgary, Alberta. After working there for several years, he received a call in 1963 from Percy Manuel, President of Kingsway College and was asked to move to Oshawa, Ontario to be the General Manager for College Woodwork. He worked for College Woodwork for 32 years and retired “officially” from College Woodwork in 1995; however, he stayed on as a purchasing and inventory agent until 2015.

While being the General Manager at College Woodwork, he was active in volunteering at the College Park Church. He was on the church board, finance committee as well as the head elder for many years. He was the treasurer for College Park Elementary school beginning in 1972 and stayed in this position until 2015.

Joe served on the Kingsway College board and finance committee for the years that followed his retirement from College Woodwork. He was a strong supporter of Christian Education and the Seventh-day Adventist Church throughout his life. He always made time for his family and has been a man of faith and a true example of Christianity in action.

Joe Weststrate passed away at home on July 6, 2019. He would've been 90 years of age on July 30, 2019.



## WARD HILL

Ward Hill spent around 25 years in Canada as a pastor in Montreal, Ottawa, St. John's, and Toronto (at Willowdale Church). When he was at Willowdale, he also started teaching religion to the nursing students at North York Branson Hospital. When he was at Willowdale, Kingsway College asked him to teach in the religion department there. He taught for 5 years.

At the same time he was working on his Ph.D at York University and the University of Toronto. In 1971, he was called to Union College where he was eventually became a Professor, then Head of the Humanities Division and eventually Vice-President for Academic Affairs. He retired around 1996 but continued to teach classes after that. He developed dementia around 2007. Ward Hill passed away on April 20, 2017, at 88 years old.



## VIOLET PROUTY 1921–2019

Violet Lillian Curtis was born in St. John's, Newfoundland, on July 12, 1921. She was the third of four children, with older brothers Arch and Roy, and younger sister, Winnie (Walter Fedusenko). Violet's father was a sailor, working as a first mate on various ships of the Black Diamond line. Her mother had worked as a seamstress until her marriage.

When Violet was 8, her family became Seventh-day Adventists, and the children attended the SDA school on Freshwater Road. Violet loved school. When she finished high school at 16, she enrolled in Normal School at Memorial University and was a qualified teacher by 17.

She taught at the SDA schools in Corner Brook and St. John's. In 1940, however, the St. John's school had a teacher surplus. To solve the problem, she was offered the paid opportunity to go to Oshawa Missionary College (now Kingsway College) for a year. She happily accepted this offer since her brothers Arch and Roy were already there.

On the afternoon she arrived, her brothers had other plans, so Roy drafted his friend, Stewart Prouty, to show Violet around campus. Thus began a friendship that matured into a romance. Stewart and Violet were married on July 25, 1948. Their first home was an apartment in the basement of the old Administration Building, where Stewart built her a periscope so she could see out the windows! It was the beginning of 58 happy years together.

By then, Violet had been teaching at the elementary school for several years. Soon, however, their first child was on the way and she stopped teaching at Easter in 1949. Janet was born on her mother's birthday that year. Also that year, they began building their first house on Lawson Road. Don arrived in 1950, Bob in 1951 and Joy in 1952. The family seemed complete, but five years later Will arrived, followed by Joan in 1960 and Jean in 1961. The first grandchild, Alex, arrived in 1974 in Loma Linda, California, and the grandkids arrived in spates thereafter. All told, she had 27 grandchildren. And then the grandchildren started having children. At her death, Violet had 41 great-grandchildren, all of whom knew her as Gigi (for Great Grandma).

When her youngest child, Jean, was almost six, Violet returned to teaching in September 1967. She taught first and/or second grade from 1967 to 1984, and her nieces and daughters were trained to call her Mrs. Prouty while they were her students. She introduced hundreds of children to the wonders of reading and math, and it was a rare student who frustrated her attempts. Even in retirement, she could never quite get out of teaching mode. As a volunteer at the elementary school, she helped students learn to read and told children's stories for many years. The old elementary school was re-named V. Prouty Hall in her honour. She received the Alumnus of the Year Award from Kingsway College in 1986.

Violet was fun. She loved jokes, but it was a running family gag that she couldn't tell one: she always blew the punch line. She loved to play games: Lost Heir, Scrabble, Boggle, Rage and Backgammon were favourites, and it didn't take much persuasion to engage her. She was patient with beginners—her grandchildren and great-grandchildren—and assisted where required, but she was too competitive to let anyone win just because losing might hurt their feelings!

By objective standards, Violet's was an ordinary life. It was long and well-lived but not remarkable. But for those of us who knew and loved her, her life was one of extraordinary influence. She taught us to love unconditionally. She taught us to be tolerant. She taught us to be curious. She taught us the value of fun and fellowship. She modeled marriage as an equal partnership. With her brother, Roy, she modeled a sibling relationship that was loving and close for over 90 years. To her family and students, Violet was remarkable, and we will miss her.



# ALUMNI

## *Homecoming Weekend*

may 22 to 24, 2020

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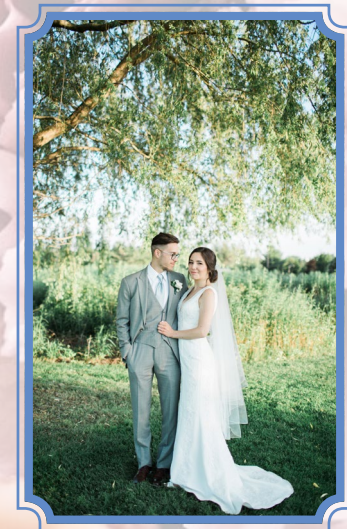
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Cheryl Aguilar-Chancy '83 & Joseph Chancy  
 married by loved ones at  
 College Park Church on May 26, 2019



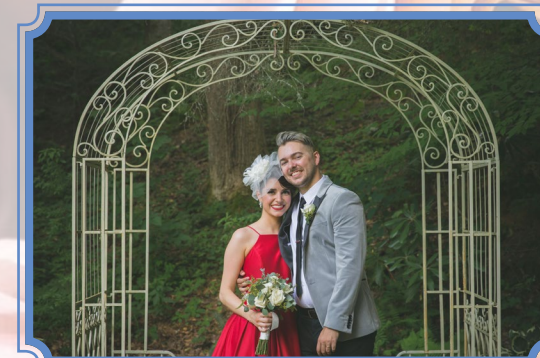
William Kaytor '12 & Stephanie Caran '13  
 married on July 7, 2019



Adams Babida '08 married  
 Jefflyn Rastrollo on July 21, 2019



Chante Alleyne '08 married Ely Chagoya on  
 February 2, 2019 in Tesopaco, Mexico



Amy Ryan '11 married Cameron Duroe  
 on May 25, 2019

*Congratulations to...*

Philippe Stanier '10 married  
 Maria Rengifo on May 19, 2019

Sanjay Swamidass '07 married  
 Sara Merrills on July 14, 2019

weddings



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