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### FROM THE EDITOR

BY REMY GUENIN, '86

Dear Kingsway Alumni,



I recently asked a parent to write an article for the Canadian Messenger regarding her experience with Christian education. She has two children currently enrolled at

Kingsway College and I want to quote her analogy of what Kingsway College is for her children. She shared the following comparison: "While Noah and his family were in the ark, the rain, the wind and the raging sea tossed the boat to and fro. The inside must have been very smelly, with all the animals. It must have been very uncomfortable, but it was the ark of safety. Kingsway College – and all Adventist schools - have their challenges, but they are our modern-day arks of safety. They represent parental compliance to God's Word, which is equivalent to the obedience Noah demonstrated in the face of ridicule. Although there are no guarantees, would you rather have your children inside the boat, or [leave them] in a place where they may be swept away by the attractions of the world?"

As you look through the pages of this edition of the KC Contact, I challenge you to think about your experience at Kingsway College and how much your parents sacrificed to send you to this school. Many times it was not just a financial sacrifice. For some

of them, it may have been ridicule from others at the very idea of paying to send their kids to Kingsway College for an education they could get for free at public school.

We are still looking for interesting stories from our alumni regarding your experience at Kingsway that was meaningful to you. Was the sacrifice made by your parents worth it and how did attending this school change your view on life or even the direction of your life? Kingsway is not a perfect school by any stretch of the imagination, but we continue to provide a place where young men and women can come and have a life changing experience. If you have kids, grandkids, great grandkids, nephews, cousins or even neighbours that could benefit from this modern day "ark of safety", make sure to contact Kingsway because I "noah" guy.





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# Spiritual Life and Academics at KC

BY SCOTT BOWES, President

WE ARE A LITTLE OVER HALF WAY through the 2014-15 school year. I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you about some exciting spiritual programming that has happened this year as well as give you a little information about the academic program at Kingsway.

H.O.P.E. Taskforce – H.O.P.E. is an acronym for "Helping Other People Everywhere." This is a new student-led service club on campus. In consultation with the Campus Ministries department, the students decide what service activities they would like to participate in, and then Campus Ministries helps to make it a reality. The students have a goal of completing one project per month. This club started in January and their first activity was to deliver 54 care packages (24 to homeless people on the street and 30 to women and men's shelters). In February, they joined with the New Life Community Centre to serve breakfast to people in need.

Panama Mission Trip – From December 11-22, 2014, 25 students and 6 adults travelled to Las Boquillas, Panama for a mission trip. The group built the foundation and frame for a church, and built the frame and roof for a Sabbath School building. They also completed a concrete floor for a Sabbath School building in Penonome, Panama. Each evening, the students ran an evangelistic series for the adults and a VBS program for the children. This trip was an amazing blessing to both the people of Las Boquillas and to the participants on the mission trip. Check out the Kingsway College Facebook page for pictures from the trip.

Graduation Rates – The academic program at Kingsway continues to be very strong. Over the last 8 years, 95.9% of Kingsway's students have graduated after 4 years of secondary school. According to <a href="https://www.ontario.ca">www.ontario.ca</a>, 75% of public school students in Ontario graduate after 4 years of secondary school. 83% graduate after 5 years of secondary school. Over the last 5 years, 95.6% of our graduates directly enrolled in post-secondary education programs after graduating.

1-1 Tablet Program – Kingsway College has entered the 21<sup>st</sup> century with the launch of our 1-1 tablet program. All students have been provided with a Dell Venue 11 Pro Tablet when they came to Kingsway in the fall. The servers have all been upgraded and wireless access blankets the campus. This program has provided equal access to technology for all of our students. We are the first Adventist Academy in Canada to launch a tablet program and we are very excited to be able to provide this for our students.

It would be impossible to do everything we do without the support of our alumni. Thank you so much for your prayers and everything you do to support Kingsway College!!!

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## A Winter in Paris

BY CHRISTINA LISTER

## THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S FUN(D) DINNER WAS "A WINTER IN PARIS,"

and it was seen in every aspect of the night. The evening began with guests being greeted in the lobby of the A. E. King Fitness Complex by a market-place of hors d'oeuvres, bistro tables and chairs, live musicians, and mimes from the Drama club. Once signed in at the registration table, you found yourself transported to the streets of Paris, with it's unique doors lining the streets, dimly lit lampposts, and a view of The River Seine and the Eiffel Tower. Tables were decorated with lanterns and handdrawn chalkboard bottles.

Choir Director, Sharon Foreman began the evening with the singing of the Canadian and French National Anthem. Our entertainment for the evening consisted of performances by the Kingsway Philharmonic Ensemble, the Symphonic Choir, as well as the Aerials. James '79 and Cathy Anderson '79 kept the evening rolling with their skits and playful banter. There was even a visit

from Napoleon Bonaparte himself.

Grade 12 student and Worthy Student Fund recipient Antannia Aguilar shared what an impact the funds raised has had on her own experience at Kingsway.

The Aerials served the delicious meal prepared by Kingsway's own Fred Tenerife, Alfredo Tumangday, and Zahwa Deeb. Fresh baguette, soup, savory crepes, french style green beans, roasted potatoes, petit fours and fruit salad were all part of the dinner service. The Silent Auction table was bursting with over 25 wonderful items such as Green Fee Passes to Black Diamond Golf Club, Oshawa Generals tickets, a portable table saw, and even an American Standard Flowise Toilet! All of the items as well as the companies who donated them can be found in the Business Directory on our website at www. kingswaycollege.on.ca. Please be sure to take a look at the companies that support our school, and use their services whenever possible.

The Worthy Student Fund gives out

more than \$200,000 in scholarships every school year to deserving students. If you feel impressed to make a difference in the lives of our students, please contact Christina Lister in the Development office at (905) 433-1144 ext 210 or listerc@kingswaycollege.on.ca.

Over \$28,000 was raised with the help of our guests and sponsors. A huge thank you to our attendees and even those who were not able to attend but still contributed. A special thank you to all of our table sponsors and silent auction sponsors. Also to the kingsway Faculty and Staff that helped before, during, and after the event. We couldn't have done it without you!



## Alberta Chapter Meeting



OCTOBER 4, 2014 MARKED THE FIRST ALBERTA ALUMNI CHAPTER MEETING held at Casey's Cabin on the campus of Canadian University College in Lacombe, AB. Over 30 alumni came from the Central Alberta area, including some of Kingsway's recent graduates who are currently studying at CUC. President Scott Bowes gave a presentation on the current happenings at Kingsway. The meeting gave our alumni the opportunity to reconnect with old friends, and to make new ones.

If you are in the Alberta area, please keep an eye out on our website, Facebook, as well as upcoming issues of the KC Contact for more information about this year's Chapter Meeting.

## California Chapter Meeting

FEBRUARY 28, 2015 - The annual California Chapter Meeting was held in the Alto Camino Mobile Estates in Loma Linda, CA.

A potluck lunch and presentation by Scott Bowes was enjoyed by all.

A special thanks to David Reeves '55 for sending in these photos!



Joy (Perpelitza) Shankel '54 and Yvonne (Vallieres) Chamness '54



Esther (Abramoff) Wood '51 and Leroy Miller '51



Arnold ('49) and Lina Christiansen



Bill and Heidi (Heghesan '65) Bardsley and Trisha (Gutman) Morda '64



Taly Dorn '63, Beverly (Blackwell) Reeves '63/'65 and Allan Bock '65

## Mission Trip: Daily Blog

TRAVEL DAY: The morning started off with inclement weather, making the trip to the airport a little more difficult than anticipated, but God ultimately had a plan in place. Once we arrived at Toronto Pearson Airport, we were not able to depart due to Newark Airport in New Jersey not accepting flights. After finally being allowed to check in and get on the plane, we sat on the runway for three hours! Our connecting flight was scheduled to depart at the same time that we arrived at Newark, but was held to allow us to make the connection to Panama. A few bags and a guitar were left behind due to the TSA, but eventually made it to the final destination a few days later. All in all, an eventful but exciting start to this incredible experience.

DAY ONE: After waking up at the apartments, all 31 students and staff piled into a small 20-seater bus and drove a half an hour to the construction site. We had breakfast and began work shortly after. Some of the team worked on building a fence, others were working on the foundation, and the rest worked on building a frame for the roof.

DAY TWO: Feliz Sabado! We woke up to sunshine pouring into our windows after a rain shower. The morning started off with praise singing and Sabbath School, with Mr. Bowes taking the Kingsway side. Our discussion revolved around Heaven, what it would be like, and what we would ask Jesus. The main service began shortly after, with Pastor Decena preaching a wonderful sermon. Lunch was the Adventist staple of Haystacks! We spent the afternoon making paper flowers and decorations for the VBS programs that we would be holding during the evangelistic series – even some of the boys took part. We were also given the opportunity to walk around the community to hand out invitations to the series we would be holding, praying with the locals, and singing for them. This was a definite highlight of the Sabbath. One of the women we visited with was 100 years old.

DAYTHREE: Today was cement day. We had to build a bridge to get from one side of the ditch to the other with the wheelbarrows. It was pouring rain this morning, so any spilled concrete made the bridge slick and difficult to cross. The sun came out in the afternoon, and with it came more heat.

DAY FOUR: Most of the girls left the main worksite to help out at another location in Santa Cruz. To get to the site, they had to walk through the jungle and cross a wobbly log that was seven feet above a river! The original plan was to paint the walls of the church, but it had been torn down due to safety reasons. This left the girls with the job of mixing concrete – BY HAND – for the floor of the building. It took a full day of work, but they were able to complete the entire floor! At the main site, the team that was left finished the foundation of the church. During our break, a group of children walked down the street near us with reindeer antlers and Santa hats. We went over to them and started to play with them. Five of the kids in the group walked over a mile to get to the evangelistic series every night. The work got harder today, but our love for the people of Panama increased!

day, the frame of the church was complete and holes were dug for the preparation of the Sabbath School building. After lunch, some of the girls stayed to help our hosts prepare for supper, while the rest of the team continued work. One of the girls taught a few of the local kids to speak and write English. In return, she was able to learn some Spanish as well. At the series, our song service was done in Spanish and English, and ended with a sermon by one of our fellow students. Because our usual translator was not with us, one of our Spanish students filled in and did a fantastic job!

DAY SIX. Today was our day off. At 8:30, our bus arrived to take us to our destination – a resort! When we arrived, it was like we had walked into a tropical paradise. Multi-level pools leading down to the snack bar and

TRAVEL DAY: The morning started off with inclement weather, making trip to the airport a little more difficult than anticipated, but God ultibroke off into groups around the resort. One of the biggest hangouts was at the beach. Everyone enjoyed the chance to relax and spend time with each other.

DAY SEVEN: We are making progress on the Sabbath School building. Unfortunately we are not able to complete as much of the church building due to limited supply of building materials, but we are doing everything we can.

DAY EIGHT:Our project is almost done! All that is remaining is the roof of the children's Sabbath School building, and leveling the ground. We were told that if we could get everything done before lunch, we would be able to do a fun activity. For our fun activity, we went to the river for a few hours. The water was very cold, but refreshing. There were people jumping off of a little cliff into the lake, swimming, sitting in the mini rapids, and just hanging out. This evening at the evangelistic series, the kids from the VBS program came over and sang two songs they had been taught throughout the week. Tonight was a special night. There was an appeal for those who wanted to give their life to Jesus through baptism, or to recommit themselves to Jesus. By the grace of God, there were a few people with the courage to walk up to the front and give their life to the Lord.

DAY NINE: Today was our last Sabbath in Panama with the church congregation. We were able to spend the first Sabbath in their new church to praise the Lord for the blessings that had been given to their congregation. Throughout the service, the church showed their appreciation to us through their words and actions. Some church members from the Santa Cruz church came to thank us, especially the eight people that helped build the foundation for their church. The most touching thing that was said by Pastor Mario was, "I still think that this church is a dream, but it is actually real." Truly our motto "Service not fame" was fulfilled and lived out by all of us. Pastor Mario also told us, "God has planned a future for you and the talents given to each one of you have no limits. You are a blessing."

After church, we went on a hike. Once we got to the mountain, we realized how steep and towering it was. It was a struggle, but the view of La Pintada was beautiful. It was amazing to see the luscious green trees that towered around Panama. We took time to reflect on the various moments of this trip that not only blessed us, but blessed others.

DAY TEN:Sunday morning, we visited one of the Seven Wonders of the World, The Panama Canal. Soon after we arrived, a small boat approached the gate of the canal. We were able to see how the locks at the Canal operated and how it shortened the travel time of the ships by passing through the Panama Canal. When we arrived at the Riande Aeroporte Hotel, we had some free time before worship to enjoy what the beautiful hotel had to offer. There were so many things to do like the spa, pool, and food. We closed off the mission trip with worship in a gazebo and prepared to head home the next day.

All in all, this trip was an amazing opportunity for us to live out the "Service not Fame" motto of Kingsway College. We were able to be used by God, and served as a blessing to the community members that were impacted by our involvement in the building of their new church. We are unbelievably thankful for every experience we had during these last 10 days. Thank you for your prayers and support leading up to and during our mission trip to Panama.









# A New Perspective

BY MALISSA FLORES, '16

WHEN I WAS ASKED to write about my experience in Panama during our Kingsway mission trip this past December, the first thought that entered my mind was "Where should I begin?"

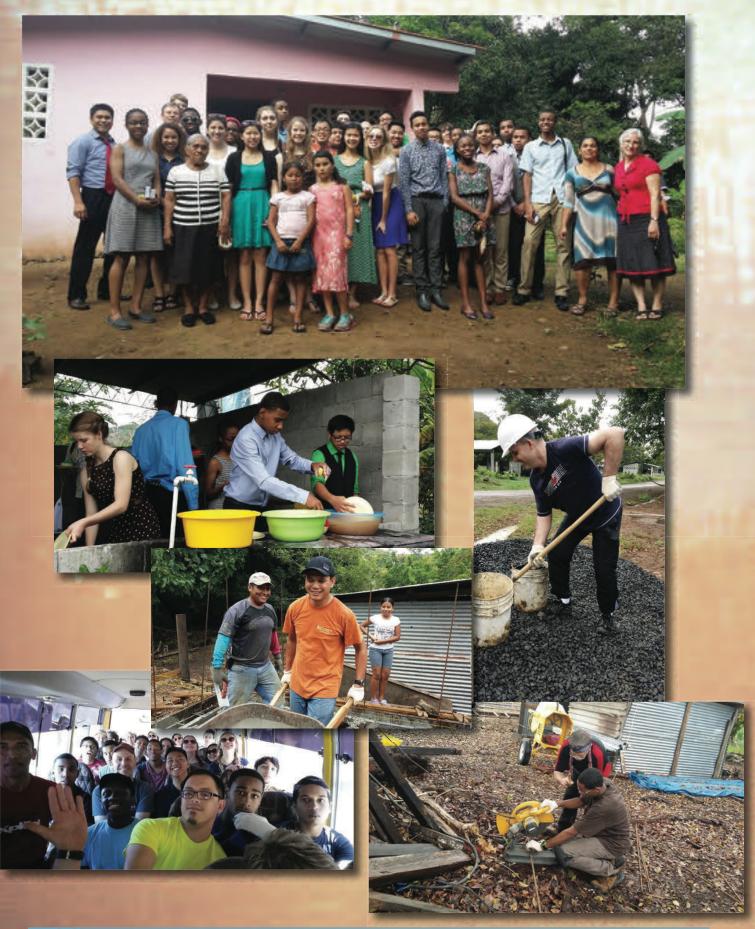
For ten days in Las Boquillas, a city in Panama, six staff and 25 students from Kingsway took part in building a church and holding an evangelistic series. Every day we would go to our worksite half an hour away from our apartment. At the worksite, we would work hard to build the foundation, frame, and finally the roof of the church and Sabbath school building. In the evenings we would change into Sabbath clothes and go to a school across from our worksite. Some of us would stay at the school and help with Vacation Bible School while others went to the evangelistic series. It was such a blessing to help out with VBS and be a part of the evangelistic series and witness the people growing in number each night that we held the program. It especially touched me during the last night of our evangelistic program when an alter call was made and a number of people came forward. It was amazing and inspiring to see the tears of those who went up and witness how blessed and touched they were by the evangelistic series. I believe heaven was rejoicing that day.

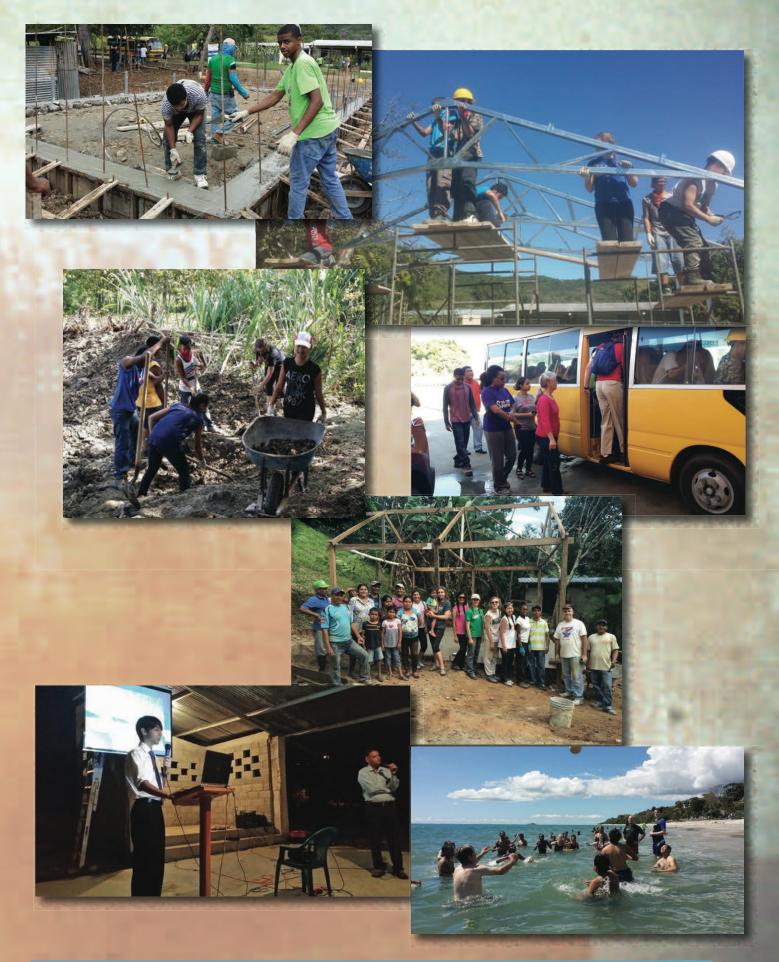
Halfway through our stay in Panama, we took a day off from construction work and had an excursion day at a resort. I truly appreciated God's creation when we went to the resort because the palm trees, beach, and the whole scenery was breathtaking. We all had so much fun at the resort and it was a nice break especially since we had been working hard at the construction site for the past couple of days.

Another significant part of our mission trip was the two Sabbaths we spent there. On the first Sabbath, we were able to walk to different houses and sing to the people. We then prayed for them and gave them tracks and invited them to the evangelistic

series that took place that week. The last Sabbath we spent there, the church members could not stop thanking us for taking part in building the frame and roof of their new church and Sabbath School building. Although we were not able to complete the church due to a limited supply of building materials, they were still so happy and thankful that they had a place where they could worship God with all their heart and soul sheltered from the heat of the sun and rain. And that was an inspiring sight to see.

Being able to visit a less fortunate country also really helped me appreciate what we take for granted here in North America. In Panama, people have so little but yet they are very grateful and happy for what they have. The children who came to our VBS program each night were so happy and excited to learn about Jesus and even though we did not understand each other, the language barrier was not a hindrance for us because we all came with the knowledge of whom we were worshipping. Going on this mission trip was a real blessing for me and put a lot of things into perspective. Every day that I spent in Panama, I was able to witness and enjoy the beautiful creations of the Lord. The country side, mountains, and beaches were breathtaking and showed how creative our Father in heaven is and has an imagination far greater than any human being can comprehend. It was such a blessing and amazing experience that has helped me grow in my spiritual walk with God and I learned to appreciate Him so much more. I thank God that He allowed me to have this experience and I pray that God will continue to use me and other students at Kingsway to bring others to a knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.





# EVERYONE

is welcome to attend the KC homeshows, and entrance is

**Choir:** Friday night April 17, 8:00P.M. at College Park Church.

**Band:** Sabbath morning April 18, 11A.M. at College Park Church.

**Aerials:** Saturday night April 18, 8:30P.M. at the A.E. King Fitness Center.





## **Excellence in Education Award 2014**

The Excellence in Education award is one of the ways the SDACC Office of Education has chosen to recognize outstanding teachers and administrators in our school system.



J. Scott MacDonald graduated from McMaster University in 1994 with a BA (Hon) and from Brock University in 1996 with a B.Ed. He has been teaching for 17 years in schools in Alberta and Ontario. Currently he is an English teacher at Kingsway College in Oshawa, Ont. Scott is married to Lori MacDonald, and they have two children: Eowynn and Eirik. His hobbies are taking road trips with his family, playing racing games, reading anything that is not in essay format, enjoying music and films, and finding various collectables.

Scott recalls a memorable experience while teaching at lan Bazal-gette Jr. High School. He was approached by some Grade 8 boys who wanted to form a junior boys' basketball team and asked him to coach them. He accepted, letting them know that he was not a seasoned coach. Although they lost every game, he had a great time coaching them and ended the season with a great party. The good thing about that experience, he recalled, was the friendships that were formed with those young men, many of whom still keep in touch with him to this day.

Scott chose to become an English teacher rather than pursuing a career in medicine because it offered him the option of working with young people and literature. He opted to teach in an Adventist school after teaching public school for nine years because he is convicted that this is where God wants him to be at this time.

[Canadian Adventist Messenger, November 2014]

## The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada is now accepting nominations for the 2015 Excellence in Education Awards.

The Process for Nominators

- Must be a stakeholder (superintendent, principal, school board member, teacher, pastor, school staff member, parent, student, or church member).
  - Must not be immediate family members of the nominee.
  - Must complete the Nomination Form, Letter of Recommendation Form, and a Letter of Recommendation.
- Must find two other stakeholders (one from each of the two other categories), unrelated to the nominee, to complete the Letter of Recommendation Form and write Letters of Recommendation. For example, if the nominator is someone from the School Leadership category (Superintendent, Principal, or School Board Member), the remaining two letters of recommendation must be from each of the remaining categories, one from Colleagues (Teacher, Pastor, or School Staff Member) and one from School Community (Parent, Student, or Church Member).

Nominee:

- Must have a valid Standard, Professional or Administrator denominational teaching certificate.
- Must have a minimum of one full year teaching experience in the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada school system.
- Must be a teacher or administrator who is employed at least half time for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada school system.
- Must not have received an Excellence Award within the last five years.

(A list of teachers who have received awards are posted on CAT~net – http://catnet.adventist.ca.)

It is our hope that the SDACC Excellence in Education Award will inspire our teachers and school administrators to always strive for excellence in teaching and service, and that those who are presented with this prestigious award will truly appreciate it as a token of our thanks for having them as excellent teachers in our school system.

Please take the time to nominate your Adventist school teacher or principal today. Nomination forms can be found on CAT~net, http://catnet.adventist.ca under Resources – SDACC – Excellence in Education Award or you may call the SDACC Office of Education at 905-433-0011 x2072.

## Alumni/Faculty vs Student Football Game

September 27, a bus load of students from Kingsway arrived at the South Courtice Arena to watch their fellow students go up against Alumni and Faculty in the annual Alumni/Faculty vs Student Football Game.

The first game, Mens Faculty vs Students, was won by Faculty. The second game was Womens Alumni vs Students, which was won by the Alumni. The third game, Mens Alumni vs Students, was cut short due to the lights being shut off when we ran out of time. The students and spectators were kept warm by hot chocolate and cookies brought over from the KC Cafeteria. All in all, a good time was had that night, with only minor injuries.

Thanks to all those who came out to support the event!



#### WOMENS ALUMNITEAM

Left to Right: Marie-Eve Giguere '02, Lydia Sola (staff), Suzanna (Chang) Emera '02, Candice Juodele '14, Joan (Prouty) LaPointe '78, Cathy (Guenin) Anderson '79, Christina Lister (staff), Erin Mortenson '98



MENS ALUMNI VS STUDENTS GAME: Jason Scott '16, Coulter Sukumaran '18



Quick prayer before the start of the games.



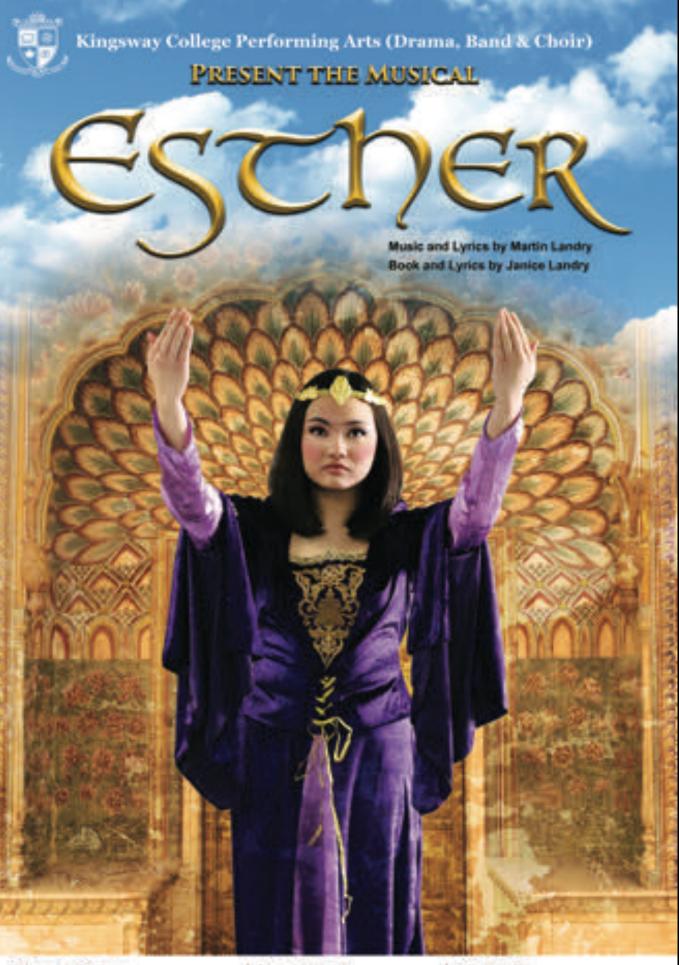
Check out the Kingsway College spotlight in the Canadian Messenger every month!





MENS FACULTY TEAM

Left to Right: Adam Mohns '92, Larry Dooks '78, Allen Decena (chaplain), Edgar Pilapil (faculty), Kevin Magdamo '08, Jason Wilkins '05



### **Show Times:**

Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 7:00p.m. Saturday, May 02, 2015 at 9:00p.m. Sunday, May 03, 2015 at 2:00p.m.

### Location:

Kingsway College Old Gym 200 Kingsway College Drive, Oshawa, Ontario

### Tickets: -Tor actions

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# Congratulations!!



Tiniel Parredon '04 married Tyler Pelley on June 29, 2014 in Toronto, ON



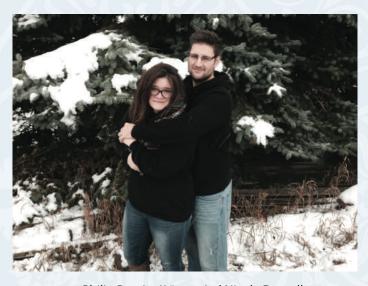
Pastor Allen (KC Chaplain) and Jelene Decena have been blessed with two beautiful children: Matthias (June 6, 2013) and Chloe (December 22, 2014)



Kelly Culmore '07 married Richard Norton on August 24, 2014 in Berrien Springs, MI



Pam Lister '81 - named Executive Director for the Quiet Hour Canada Ministries Inc.



Philip Romito '05 married Nicole Dutnall on December 30, 2014 in Edmonton, AB









### **Important Dates**

**Preview Weekend** April 17-19, 2015

Esther - Drama Production April 30, May 2 & 3, 2015

> Alumni Weekend May 22-24, 2015

Alumni Golf Tournament May 24, 2015

> **Graduation Weekend** June 19-21, 2015

We missed you!!

Fall 2014 KC Contact
Class of 1964 (front cover)

Marianna (Ewanko) Nicolls
Colleen (Cox) McLellan We missed you!!

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### STUDENT VS ALUMNI HOCKEY GAME

The Kingsway Alumni Relations Office held it's annual Student Vs. Alumni Hockey Game at the Legends Centre in Oshawa. Thanks to all those who came out to play as well as those who braved the cold arena to support the game! Congratulations to the Alumni team, who won the game with a score of 6-2.



Alumni team L to R: (back row) Richard Hahn '85, Robert Hahn '85, Zechariah Chappell '11, Joshua Santos '12, Timothy Aka '81, Damon Thorne '85, Harold Dunn '72, Nick Mulders '11

(front row) Matthew Feeley, Doug Bruce '81, Arthur Mann '86, Gary Dooks '80, Sammy Schuam