

That's a Wrap *Westgate Retirements*

FORMER COLLEAGUE OZZIE REMPEL REFLECTS:

KARL LANGELOTZ - It is fitting that Karl is ending his career at Westgate leading a European Study Tour. Like, his sixth. For Karl there is no question – whether as a student or as a long term teacher - time spent making connections outside of the classroom stand out as significant and meaningful.

And goodness, he's done that. More memorable for Karl than even well-delivered classroom lessons was competing and travelling on the bus with teammates and friends; leading

study tours to Europe and the Middle East; and doing the quinzee thing with Marsh and Mountain, as well as cycling and canoe trips.

More than anything, though, it will be Karl's contribution in the coaching arena that defines his legacy. This includes Ultimate frisbee, Junior levels of volleyball and most notably, twenty years of coaching the Varsity Boys volleyball team. That's twenty years of over 200 hours a year of volunteer effort. "It was so much fun," he says. Games, tournaments, travelling to and competing in Provincials; remembering too how, as a player at Westgate, it all **mattered** so much. In Karl's estimate, the quality of AAA volleyball has improved dramatically during his tenure. Clearly he kept pace, as a record of being competitive at the AAAA level in two seasons, and five-time AAA Provincial Finalists, five-time AAA Provincial Champions attests.

"This is such a good place to teach" is the first thing Karl, who taught Ethics, Phys Ed and German throughout, says of that time. Yet he concedes an occasional restlessness and a recognition that he is ready for the opportunities the next chapter will present. Karl's farewell at this year's final chapel will necessarily be via video. His counsel to students: "Be engaged. Be a part of what Westgate offers. Whatever you put in you will surely get out of it." And Karl has followed this mantra, himself a part of Westgate since 1977 at age 11; and a member of staff since 1977, Karl evidently wishes for students an experience akin to his own. With a hint of emotion Karl reflects: "Westgate has shaped me – as a kid, as a teacher. It's a big chunk of who you are."

Picture from left: Brent Micholson, Karl Langeloz, Wilma Johnson



BRENT MICHOLSON - It may well be that the majority of Brent's 15 years as Westgate's Computer Technician have been spent behind the scenes. But his role was very much in the forefront of everyone's minds whenever systems failed to function. Perhaps it was with the long evenings or entire weekends spent restoring systems in mind that he quipped, "I thought I'd get out before I pulled the last three hairs out of my head." To which someone replied, "You know, since you've announced your retirement, I think I can already see some starting to grow back."

Brent came to Westgate with a depth of work experience, but was quite clear on how he'd particularly enjoyed his tenure here. This in spite of sharing, for ten years or so, a really, really tiny office. Brent credits colleague Neil Ens for making that survivable as they took turns lending an ear and sharing ideas, cheek to cheek as they were in there. Significant too, was simply being trusted to get the job done. Not a given, in his experience, and highly valued.

The changes Brent has seen in technology do not loom as large in memory as the job of moving to Chapman, during Westgate's 2017 campus redevelopment, and back. The unknowns were a major contributor to the stress, unsure of the necessary infrastructure being in place to get it all up and running – most of the time.

Brent has enjoyed his work and the staff, especially collaborating with Neil Ens and Ruth Dyck in the computer labs, but he's looking forward to what's next. He has two delightful grandchildren and is

counting on spending a lot more time with them. There's also the cottage that he built with his wife Karen. And travel to Mexico, and to music festivals, and writing more of his own songs... perhaps finally the way he might really like to spend long evenings, even whole weekends.

WILMA JOHNSON - Wilma's retirement announcement came as a bit of a surprise, and not least of all to Wilma. Observing energetic Red River College Practicum students in the library this year might have been the nudge she needed. "Perhaps it's time to give younger folk a chance at this. This does not have to be me," she recalls thinking.

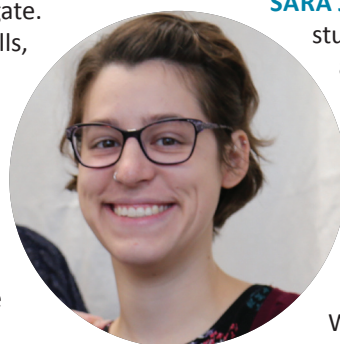
That 'me' has been much more than an efficient Library Technician to Westgate. Beyond her exceptional research skills, Westgate has often also relied on Wilma's keen eye in proofreading documents, her eloquent writing and astute editing. She has worked with costumes, managed props and produced our One Act Plays. Accompanying a Music Tour to New York and Pennsylvania made for some terrific memories as well.

Changes? She's seen a few. Wilma's time spent troubleshooting computers and doing online research are far removed from her electric typewriter and the fierce debate in the '90s over introducing the internet to the school. "And young teachers now depend much less on book use. Still," she says, "some assignments requiring book research only have students surprised at what they can find in there." Some things, though, do remain constant. There are always

students waiting eagerly at her door at 7:50 a.m. Wilma has made the library a special refuge.

Wilma can't overstate the enormity of the task of packing up and moving the library, twice. She remembers Chapman to be a challenging year. She doesn't miss that, but will most definitely miss the bustle, the people, and the students the most – those high school students she'd found a tad intimidating when she first transitioned from work in an elementary school.

Wilma is looking forward to travel and is particularly excited to become a first-time grandmother in July. She says she has a list of good books to read, too.



SARA JANZEN - After studying Psychology and Forensic Anthropology, serving at L'Arche Lethbridge through MVS and being a valued Educational Assistant at Westgate for three years, the logical next step: obvious! Sarah intends to study Accounting at Red River College.

Sarah felt fortunate to join in Westgate's transition year at Chapman and enjoyed the high level of interaction - part of the challenge of sharing space with the library and being in the very centre of things.

Sarah took full advantage of Westgate opportunities as a student; seen now through an adult lens, she appreciates the very intentional community those options foster. And she's kept at it: camping with the Grade 9s, and joining her second canoe trip in as many years this June.

Sarah has especially enjoyed the friendships she has made on staff across the great demographic divide. From young teachers to staff approaching retirement, she noted that all seem to enjoy each other and are united in working toward and celebrating student growth. "That's been the best," she says. "Watching students grow, and seeing them *getting it*."



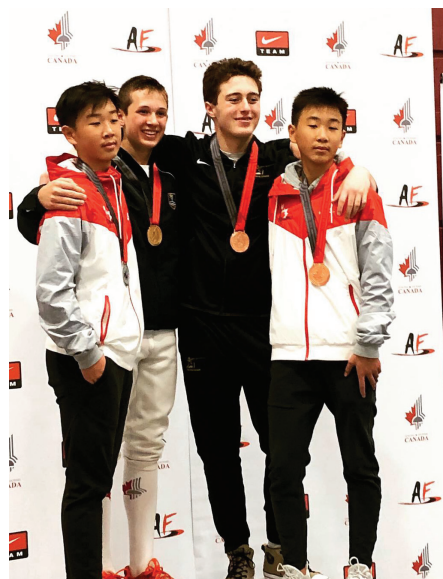
ISAAK FAST ('19) has had quite a year. His volleyball and academic achievements have earned him numerous awards, including the Dr. Dale Iwanoczko Memorial Scholarship, A McDonald's Leadership Award for excellence in athletics, academics, and community involvement, as well as being named to Volleyball Manitoba's All-Manitoba Team and a AAA Volleyball Graduating All-Star. Isaak also made the Volleyball Canada Youth National Team and will be participating in the USA High Performance Volleyball Championships in Fort Lauderdale in July. In the fall he will head to the University of Manitoba, playing for the U of M Bison Men's Volleyball team, and his long term plans include studying medicine. Congratulations on your hard work and success, Isaak!



JULIANA MOROZ ('19) - Juliana has been an important part of Westgate's school music program since grade 7. Her gifts have been on display in the band, strings, and choral programs where she played the baritone saxophone and cello. This summer is going to be a busy one for Juliana, as she leaves for 4 weeks of intensive solo cello study at the Orford Arts Academy in Quebec, flying home for grad in the middle of those weeks. From there she travels to Miami for 3 weeks of chamber music at the Josef Gingold Summer Chamber Music Academy. She returns home the last weekend in July to participate in a family concert (JAGD



quartet) on July 30 in the Millennium Centre. The first week of August includes travel to Saskatoon for the Canadian Music Festival National Final competition where she is representing Manitoba in the strings category. She will then depart for Macon, Georgia to begin university studies at Mercer University. Juliana competed against other musicians from around the world to earn her spot studying at Mercer. We look forward to seeing you on different stages around the world Juliana!



JORDAN DIACOS ('22) is making quite a name for himself in the sport of fencing. He is on the Youth National Team for the 2nd year in a row, and was also on the 2nd place Senior Men's Sabre Team at Nationals - three age groups above his own! Jordan travelled to Quebec City last month and finished in 3rd place at Nationals while being ranked 3rd in Canada for his age group. Jordan is a top U-15 Sabre fencer in the Province, and next season he will be fencing in tournaments in Canada, U.S.A. and Europe. Well done Jordan!

CARRIE SCHULZ ('19) was recently awarded one of four CMU Leadership Awards. Worth up to \$14,000 each over four years, the Leadership Scholarships are awarded annually to recent high school graduates who demonstrate significant leadership ability, academic excellence, personal character, service, and vision. Carrie believes empathy and good communication, which help leaders be open-minded and welcoming, are essential to being an effective leader. She is looking forward to developing as a leader in CMU's community, which she says will be a supportive and safe place to grow. Congratulations Carrie!



GRADE 8 READING WITH NEWCOMERS - This April, the grade 8 Westgate ELA class wrote their second expository essays. Learning how to write an essay is an academic skill that these grade 8 students are conquering. The students wrote about how fortunate they are to live in a country like Canada. Informing their writing, they read the graphic novel *War Brothers* and watched the film *The Good Lie*, and also had an opportunity to spend a morning interviewing newcomers to Canada. The Winnipeg School Division's EAL (English as an Additional Language) Program is run out of 275 Portage Avenue, and the grade 8 students interviewed adults about their experience moving to a new country. Many of the participants are from Syria, Congo, and Eritrea. As one student stated, "I am thankful to be born into the magical world of the Great White North."





JEN HOW - 25 YEAR COACHING

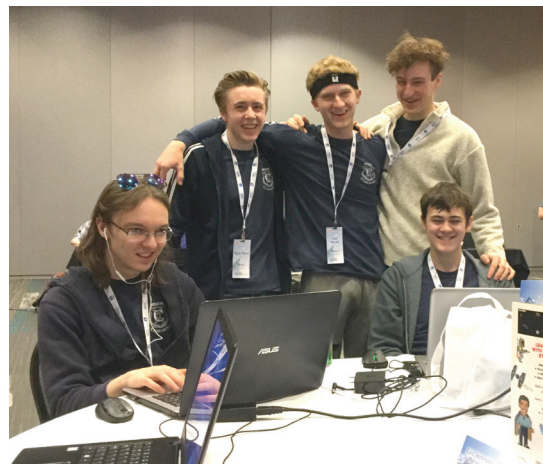
AWARD - Jennifer How was recognized by Coaching Manitoba for her 25 years of service coaching high school students. Jen began as a coach at College Pierre Elliot Trudeau, with other stops along the way, before beginning her tenure here at Westgate. While her primary role has been that of Varsity Girls Basketball coach, Jen has also filled in as needed on the soccer pitch and in various other sports, as so many Phys Ed specialists do. You can also see Jen in a special exhibit at the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame which features the 1992-95 University of Winnipeg Lady Wesmen basketball team where Jen was the team manager. Congratulations Jennifer!

RAINBOW STAGE AWARD - Westgate received a \$1000 Rainbow Stage School Award for our production of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, performed in December 2018 at Asper Centre for Theatre & Film. Congratulations to all involved in this fabulous production!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY BEEN BAPTIZED

Carson Kroeker ('20), Andrew Stoesz ('19), Jessica Thorarinson (22), Cael Penner ('19) Sophie Reimer Epp (22) Mekiah Yonda ('15)

CYBER DEFENSE TEAM - Westgate students Paul Rempel, Ryan Mack, Cael Penner, Daniel Nykolaychuk, Jacob Janzen, known as the Spy Kidz, participated in the Canadian Cyber Defense Challenge Winnipeg at the RBC Convention Center. Tasked with looking for how and who could have hacked a fictitious company's system, they gallantly detected security weaknesses. Initially the Spy Kidz struggled to get points but soon their expertise shone and they dazzled the judges with their final presentation.



GERMAN LANGUAGE CONTEST - The final round of the Manitoba German Language Contest took place on March 5th, 2019 with twenty-eight Westgate finalists being invited to participate in the oral testing. All finalists should be congratulated on their participation and risk taking! Westgate had nine students place in the top three of their categories, putting their names on the trophies and receiving a monetary prize. Scott Maier earned the top prize of an all-expense paid three week study trip to Germany in August sponsored by the P.A.D. Wir gratulieren!

Junior C

- 1st Carly Holland
- 2nd Jeane Bergen
- 3rd Lena Klassen

Intermediate A

- 2nd Sam Ludwig

Senior C

- 1st Scott Maier
- 2nd Nicholas Maier
- 3rd Joe McCallum



Alumni Tuition Reduction Announcement

For decades Westgate has offered a Supporting Congregation Tuition Rate to Parents of enrolled students who are members of one of our 13 Supporting Congregations.

After 60 years of educating youth, it is clear that our Westgate community is consistently supported by its Alumni, and it is now time to offer Alumni Parents of enrolled students an **Alumni Tuition Reduction**.

Parents or guardians who have graduated or completed at least one academic year at Westgate will enjoy the benefit of a **\$750 tuition reduction** per student from the standard tuition rate which is established annually by the Board of Directors.

Please Note: Families who already qualify for the Supporting Congregation Tuition Rate will not be eligible for the Alumni Tuition Reduction.

This is good news for Alumni Parents whose children currently attend Westgate, and it is our hope that this will motivate Alumni Parents who are contemplating sending their children to Westgate to submit an application.



Please visit our website to submit an application, or contact the school directly.

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NECESSARY IDEALISM

a history of
WESTGATE MENNONITE COLLEGIATE



JANIS THIESSEN

Janis Thiessen's
('89) latest book,

**Necessary Idealism: a
history of Westgate
Mennonite Collegiate,**

is available for purchase at
Westgate and the Common Word,
CMU's campus bookstore, for \$25.

The book takes an in depth look
at Westgate's beginnings, while
placing it within the wider context
of independent faith schools
across Canada.

WESTGATE ADULT TOUR MIRRORS STUDENT HOPES FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

After a long tradition of Middle East study tours, and many requests by enthusiastic parents and friends of the student participants, Westgate has finally created a Middle East Adult Study Tour.

James Friesen, originator and leader of most of the ME student tours, speaks about the almost overwhelming interest: "Parents of participants were often astounded at how continuously their sons and daughters would talk about their experiences after returning home." As well, Westgate parents hosting the exchange Palestinian students were intrigued with the new perspectives and deep discussions about life 'out there' that happened at their supper tables here in Winnipeg. "After hearing about the Middle East from so many 'secondary' sources," Friesen continues, "it seemed important to expand the opportunity of primary experiences to the wider Westgate community."

And so, forty adult travellers ventured out on March 4, 2019 for 16 days on the first Westgate Adult Middle East Study tour. Not surprisingly, many of the adult motives for participating matched their student counterparts. Chris Dirks states: "My motivation in going was primarily on my wife's recommendation. She had been part of two of the students' study tours as a teacher and both times came back so very enthusiastic about her experiences, and especially the connection to her faith. This was also a departure from the winter holidays I normally take and promised an adventure a little outside my comfort zone."

Toby Bergman ('19) a participant of the 2019 study tour, also speaks about the faith connections. He comments with enthusiasm about Mr. Friesen's Christian Studies class: "I was interested to learn about how religions interacted with each other, and to see how this was happening in the Holy Land, and how this connected to my faith." Zoe Dyck ('19) and Andrea Sutherland ('19), both chose the Middle East tour because, as



Zoe states, "it was a place I would not feel comfortable with traveling on my own," although Zoe confides that she now realizes "I could have easily traveled there by myself."

Part of the cache for the adult tour was also the leadership. As Chris Dirks indicates: "Knowing that the group leader was James Friesen with his contacts in the Middle East would make this trip extraordinary." And, so it proved to be. Paul Daudet notes: "Kudos to James for managing to keep forty adults engaged and interested with lots of different events and ideas from morning 'til night for over two weeks!"

And what highlights there were indeed! As Chris Dirks reflects: "My knowledge of the Middle East was basically what I have seen and heard in the media. I was hoping that this trip would give me a better understanding of the situation there, as well as experiencing the sights and sounds of the Holy Land. The addition of the Jordanian experience was well positioned in the middle of the trip and provided some major highlights in Petra, the Wadi Rum desert, and the Dead Sea.

"The last number of days in Bethlehem and Jerusalem were to say the least, 'fascinating.' The complexity of three major religions claiming Jerusalem as an important holy city was incredibly

unique. A poignant moment for me was on Friday when I was following Christian pilgrims down the Via Dolorosa. We had stopped at one of the stations of the cross, observing priests and monks leading the faithful in prayer. During that time there was also the Muslim call to prayer thundering out over the loudspeakers, all under the watchful gaze of machine gun laden Israeli soldiers. This is life in Jerusalem.

"We also spent time visiting cities in the West Bank and saw firsthand how Palestinians are coping with the coexistence between them and the Israelis."

Students, too, had their poignant moments, on the 2019 student tour that often mirrored the adults' experiences. Toby Bergman remembers: "We were walking in Hebron (in the West Bank) and our group could easily walk through the checkpoint, but we saw people being stopped and harassed just because they looked different. I couldn't even see how they were different. I have never witnessed anything like this before." As Andrea Sutherland reiterates: "Seeing all the history there and [the history] being made there as we could see the conflict and its effects – this was eye-opening."

But Andrea also notes that her most profound moment was witnessing a fully armed Israeli soldier find a chair to

provide a resting place for a pregnant woman. "This changed my idea of those people," she adds thoughtfully.

After returning home, adult tour representatives Lois Litz, John Ilg, and Terry Dirks along with student reps Toby Bergmann, Andrea Sutherland and Luke Regehr met with Mennonite Church Canada's Working Group on

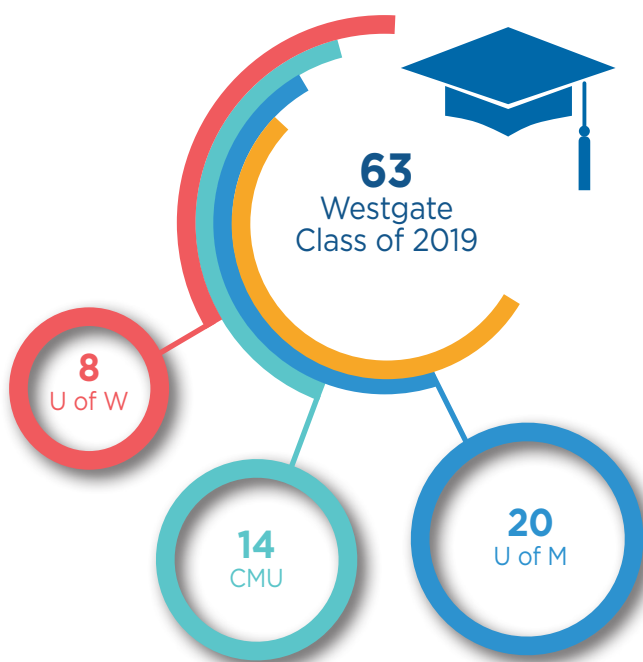
the Resolution for Israel/Palestine. After a two hour discussion of our observations and experiences, our united concern was for the future of this region and our responsibility in this regard. Toby Bergmann reflects for us all: "Most important is now the use of our knowledge to spread awareness of the injustice there. In North America this needs to be brought to the forefront,

with hope that solutions will be found sooner, under this pressure. This has been a transformative experience for us. Others need to understand as well."

It is a keen wish of all participants, that future Westgate Adult tours will be offered and form a new tradition which may offer some hope for peace in this beautiful but troubled part of our world.



WESTGATE BY THE NUMBERS



FROM OUR 2019 CLASS of 63 students, 42 have qualified for entrance scholarships to University of Manitoba, University of Winnipeg, and Canadian Mennonite University. Congratulations to all. The top few recipients are:

Carrie Schulz \$6,500
Andrea Sutherland \$5,000
Toby Bergman \$3,000
Carolyn Currie \$3,000
Sara Dyck \$3,000
Zoe Dyck \$3,000
Isaak Fast \$3,000
Nicolas Harder \$3,000
Nick Maier \$3,000
Aurora Wiebe \$3,000
Rorie Wiebe \$3,000

SPORTS NEWS

ULTIMATE WIND UP - This year marked a first for Westgate Ultimate. Our Senior A team entered the High School National Championships in Ottawa, playing against the top teams in the country. Fellow Winnipeg team, Kelvin High, earned the top spot and were it not for some unfortunate injuries, our team felt they could have placed near the top as well.

Westgate's teams were once again well represented, with approximately 90 athletes competing on four teams from grades 6-12. One of our Junior teams finished 2nd in the Spirit division, while both our Senior teams finished 3rd in the first and second divisions; this means that both our teams were among the top 11 teams in the province, regardless of category. What an amazing accomplishment. Special congratulations to our Graduating All Stars: Zoe Dyck, Justin Kelly, Lukas Bohm and Mollie Brown. Zach Neufeld and Aster Martens were also recognized as the "Next Gen" grade 11 All Stars.

Thanks to all our dedicated coaches for their time and energy:

Lukas Neustaedter ('17), Erika Gustafson-Fish ('16), Eric Loewen ('86), Mekiah Yonda ('15), Vaughn Rempel Snider ('84), Quinn Snider ('16), Debra Kelly, Hillary Rempel ('15), Matthew Page ('15), James Williams ('18)

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BASKETBALL WIND-UP - Both our JV Girls and JV Boys earned a trip to Neelin for the AAA Provincial Championships. The boys played some strong games to earn a Bronze medal. Congratulations to Owen Dyck on being chosen as an All Star and winning the HARV Award, voted on by fellow players as the player who most exemplifies the ideas of hustle, attitude, respect and values.

VARSITY GIRLS CHAMPIONS



Westgate hosted the AAA Varsity Provincial Championships this year as well. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this event a success. Both our teams were ranked 8th going into the tournament, so our Varsity Girls were quite excited to advance to the Consolation Championships and come out with a win. Special recognition goes to Erin Sutherland, who joined the team for this tournament and contributed greatly. The team was led by Alex Grislis, who plans to play for Providence College this upcoming season. Congratulations!

WESTGATE GIRLS MAKE HISTORY -

According to Mr. Pankratz, Westgate Curling's heyday was in the 70's. A much younger Vic Pankratz competed against famous curlers like Kerry Burtnyk at the 1976 Provincial Curling Championships. But Westgate Curling has slowly had a resurgence, thanks in no small part to father and son coaching combo, Bruce and Jared Schulz. When Jared started

curling at Westgate, Bruce was keen to get involved. Since his graduation, Jared has been active coaching our boys team.

This year, with his daughter Carrie in grade 12, coach Bruce and the team had their sights set on our Zone Championships and a birth to the Provincial Championships. With a relatively experienced group, consisting of fellow grade 12s, Jaden Wisneski, Anya Repko and Jessica Siemens, Grade 11 Chelsea Norton, and newcomers

Sara Klassen and Kaitlyn King, the team took time to gel and learn to work together. With busy Westgate lives, it was often hard to get all curlers together for their matches.

But once playoffs came, the girls focussed and earned their way to the finals, defeating a tough Dakota team and representing themselves and the school well. In fact, their play and conduct even earned them the admiration of the opposition coach, who said she would be cheering them on from afar at Provincials. Our Zone Curling Convenor also mentioned what a pleasure it was to present them with the SCAC banner because of the honest and joyful response.

The Provincial Championships in Swan Lake themselves proved to be tougher than expected, but our girls were authentically "just happy to have gotten there". They enjoyed the moments and the experience immensely and will look back fondly on this time. This is the epitome of high school sports: setting goals, striving to improve and working as a team.



Jayden Wisneski, Anya Repko, Carrie Schulz; *Not pictured:* Jessica Siemens, Chelsea Norton, Sara Klassen and Kaitlyn King





LUKAS KORNELSEN ('18) - Lukas's love for football began when he started playing flag football. He eventually took his talents to tackle football where his passion for the game grew. He has been playing football for the last 5 years with the Manitoba Minor League. He was recognized during this last season as the Falcons Football Club Outstanding Defensive Player and received the Falcon of the Year award from his club. At the Manitoba Midget League awards banquet he was also presented with a Defensive All Star Award as well as the Presidents Trophy from Midget Football Manitoba. It was definitely a fantastic way to finish playing for the Falcons Football Club! Lukas was recruited to play with the Valley Huskers in Chilliwack, BC in the Canadian Junior Football League for the 2019 season.

NATASHA NEUSTAEDTER BARG ('16) - Getting out of your comfort zone has been a common yet daunting task this past year for Natasha Neustaedter Barg. Since last August she has been living and serving with Mennonite Central Committee's Serving and Learning Together (SALT) program. SALT is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience where Christian young adults from Canada and the U.S. serve internationally in a wide variety of positions in fields like education, agriculture, health care, information technology, and peace.

Natasha's experience had her living on her own in a small apartment in Viet Tri, Vietnam. She spent her days teaching English to middle schoolers, while her evenings and weekends were spent immersed in another culture while connecting with her fellow SALTERs

making new friends. Some days the task was to "simply show up and be present amidst a life that is so so different than home. Many days were filled with smiles, laughter and picture perfect hospitality."

Summer will bring Natasha back to Camps with Meaning in Manitoba. Integrating her experiences and learning into life back at CMU as she continues her studies will be the next challenge.



MIKE KLASSEN ('98) and **BRAD GERBRANDT** ('96) - As part of our grade 9 Phys Ed. program, Westgate introduces students to careers that are physically active. Brad Gerbrandt ('96) has worked as a personal trainer and runs his own CrossFit gym. Presently, he coordinates the fitness program for the Winnipeg Police service and shared his experiences with our students. One of his clients, Michael Klassen ('98), also visited to talk about the importance of fitness in his job as a police officer.



SARAH CURRIE ('14) - Vice Principal James Friesen was honoured at the Students' Teacher Recognition Reception by the University of Manitoba's Centre for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning in early May. Outstanding U of M students are given the opportunity to identify a teacher and a professor who have made important contributions to their education, and Sarah Currie, a recent graduate from the Faculty of Engineering, cited Mr. Friesen as someone who had a profound impact in her life. Mr. Friesen taught Sarah math, English Language Arts and Christian Studies, where she noted his ability to "create an environment in which students were comfortable sharing their own perspectives on religion and literature. His humility, compassion and patience are traits that I aspire to emulate in my own life." A second time winner of this award, James naturally connects with students individually beyond the class, be it through extra-curricular activities or showing off his Star Wars paraphernalia.



GRAHAM WIEBE ('10) was recently nominated for an Annie Award for Outstanding Achievement for Animated Effects in an Animated Feature Production for his work as the Lead VFX artist on the Netflix Original film *Next Gen*. The Annie Awards are essentially the Oscars of Animation, and the highest honor for an animated production. Wiebe attended the ceremony in Los Angeles earlier this year. As the Lead VFX artist at Tangent Animation, Graham spends most of his time creating explosions, destruction, and magical effects digitally for animated films. From simulating reality to creating entirely impossible impressions, Graham uses a combination of math, simulation, and animation to create his effects.

QUINN SNIDER ('16) had no intention of joining the Minnesota Windchill Ultimate Team this summer, as he knew he would be busy playing for Team Canada at the U24 World Championships in Heidelberg,

Germany in July while also playing for various other squads here in Winnipeg. However, he was encouraged to attend a practice in Minneapolis, and despite not being able to commit fully, the team still signed him.

As a professional Ultimate Player, Quinn gets paid per game in addition to having all travel, room and board costs covered. He is having a very successful first year, scoring 4 goals in his first game and 4 goals and 1 assist in his second. Quinn got his Ultimate start at Westgate, playing from grade 7 to 12, and also played in the summers on Provincial and National Teams and notably winning Ultimate Canada Junior Male Athlete of the Year in 2016. Westgate is proud to have 3 recent grads, Caleb Snider ('14) Matthew Page ('15), and Quinn Snider all playing in the U24 Ultimate Worlds this summer. Best of Luck!



SUSIE FISHER ('02) - Westgate was honored to have Susie Fisher as our Guest Speaker at the 2019 Spring Bursary Banquet. Susie spoke about her research on Mennonite newcomers and their relationship to the Canadian prairies, beautifully relating this to our Chapel theme of the year: Peace In This Place.

Susie holds a PhD in History from the University of Manitoba and an MA in Religious Studies from McMaster University. She has taught sessionally at the University of Winnipeg in both the departments of History and Religion, and Culture. She presently works as the curator for Gallery in the Park, Altona's award winning art gallery. Susie's PhD research focused on the environmental and cultural history of Manitoba's former Mennonite block settlement known as the West Reserve.

CONGRATULATIONS!

BIRTHS



THEO ROBERT BARBER to parents Rebecca Vanderhooft ('05) and Colin Barber on January 5, 2019



AIZALEE ROWAN DANIELLE KLASSEN born on March 26th, 2019 to Jeff ('07) and Stephanie Klassen



FINLEY KAETHE HARMS HEWLETT born on May 13 2018, to parents Lisa Harms ('99) and Dylan Hewlett



ETHAN ROBERT WARREN to Mark ('05) and Kaitlin Hummelt on Jan 2, 2019



ANNETTE LILAH MUNS to Hannah Hildebrand ('07) and Paul Muns on May 2, 2019



NEWTON BISHOP DUECK to parents Chloe Bishop ('08) and Nathan Dueck and younger brother to Mabel on March 16, 2019



SADIE MARGARET MILROY to Lindsay (White) Milroy ('05) and Ian Milroy on April 2, 2019



PAUL and KARLEEN HILDEBRAND – Lenayah Raeanne, April 18, 2019



HUNTER BRI NEUFELD born on April 17, 2019 to Jason Neufeld & Brianna Neufeld ('03) and younger sister to Drew (5) and Blake (3)

PATRICK BRUCE HUMPHREYS to Kathryn Fenny ('01) and Don Humphreys on Dec 17, 2018

ABIGAIL GISELA KLIEWER to Stefan ('98) and Lindsay Kliewer on Nov 1, 2018

THEO BLAKE ALLEN to Monika Neumann ('02) and Dave on Jan 25, 2019. Older sister Ellianna

LENAYAH RAEANNE HILDEBRAND to Paul ('11) and Karleen Hildebrand on April 18, 2019

WEDDINGS



JESSICA KLASSEN ('12) and Kenton Noble – January 12, 2019

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