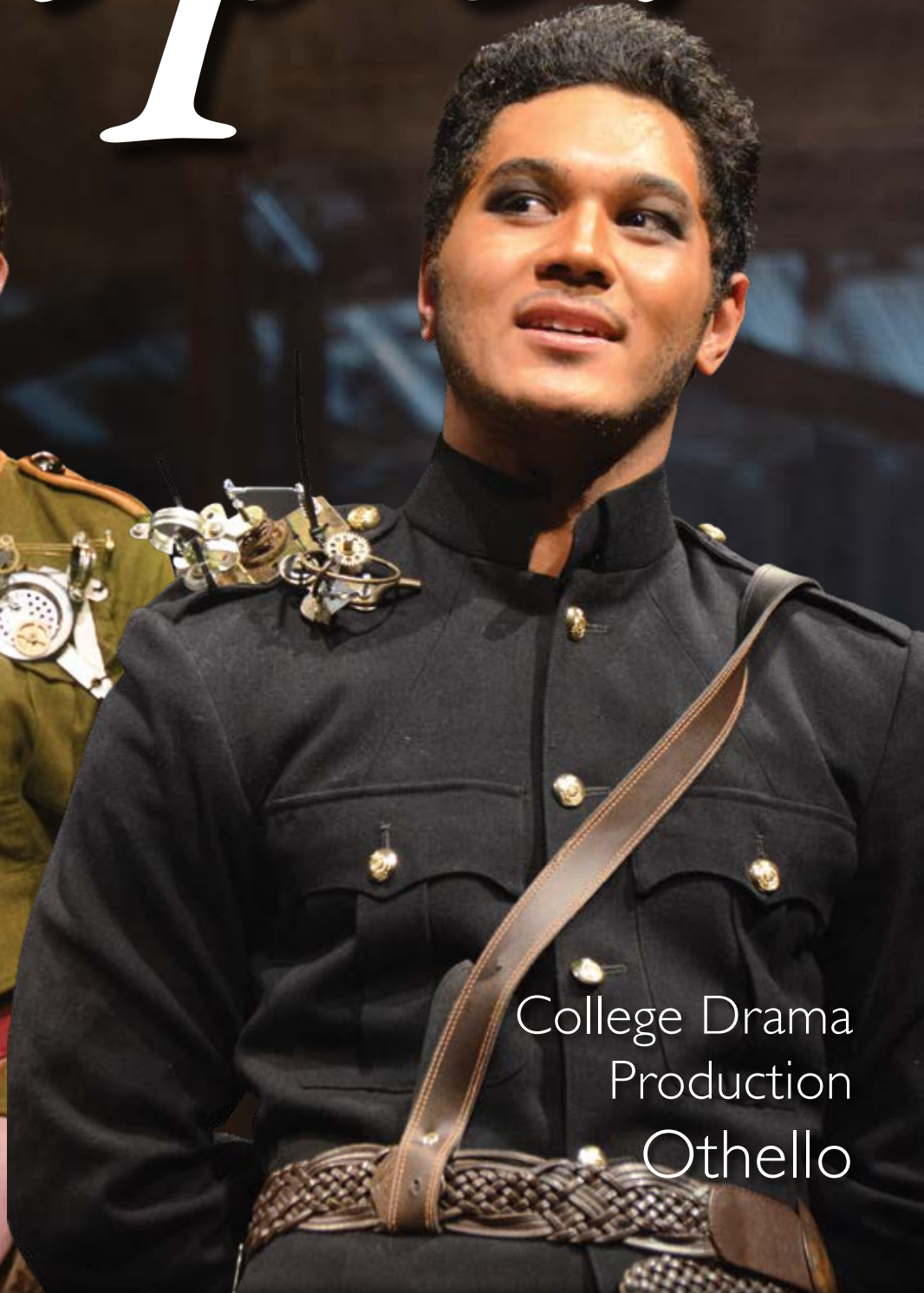


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From the President of the Old Collegians



The London Reunion was held in mid July and was attended by Malcolm Cowie and also Rod Biel who were both holidaying in UK. This year they joined a small committed group of London based OC's, led by Danny Gowan, to enjoy a Thursday shared dinner during what has been a tremendous UK summer.

Malcolm provided an update on the three campuses and coordinated the event with Danny, who has always been proactive in bringing the UK Based OC's together. The 2015 reunion will be held in early October to coincide with the Rugby World Cup event, so if you are attending from outside UK, please note the event when the date is finalised later this year.

The Wellington and Otago ROC's reunions were organised by committee members James Hackett and Bennett respectively and were well attended by Victoria and Otago university students, with Christchurch and Auckland being held in September and November. These gatherings of 18-26 year old OC's is a great introduction for SKOCA members to experience the fun and camaraderie of being an OC and socialising with school friends from near and far.

The Boys' School Decade Dinner for leavers from 1990-2009 was held in JC Chalmers Hall in mid August. The guest speaker was TV sports presenter Peter Lester, who had sons who had attended both the School and College. Peter provided some unseen, riveting video footage of the 34th America's Cup, some filmed by Old Collegian, Hamish Hooper. His father, John, a Boys' School foundation pupil was also at the dinner.

There was a good spread across the years for those attending as was evident when another Boys' School foundation pupil, Peter Nelson led the roll-call.

Principal, Mr Peter Cassie provided an entertaining update of campus life today and an auction followed to raise funds for the SKOCA Scholarship Fund with funds raised on the night to be specifically directed for scholarships at the Boys' School. The auction success was largely due to the lively performance and dogged determination of Mike Gowan, also a Boys' School foundation lad, who worked hard to extract every penny from all participating bidders and others who made the slightest body movement! Mike will be remembered on the night for his skill in extracting all he could from a good-willed John Gilbert's wallet, which left the College 1965 Head Boy reminding Mike several times that he wasn't the only person present and was happy to share Mike's attentions!

We have strong commitment for bookings for the Australian Reunion in Brisbane in mid-October to coincide with the third Bledisloe Test, and we look forward to catching up with many Australian-based OC's at that event.

I hope the year is providing exciting challenges and rewards for all OC's and families and we look forward to seeing you at a SKOCA event soon.

The committee welcomes feedback from members so please keep in touch via the website; skoca@saintkentigern.com

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Andrew Morgan, President

SKOCA Calendar

21 NOVEMBER - FRIDAY
AUCKLAND - ROC'S (RECENT OLD COLLEGIANS) COCKTAILS
Time: 7.15pm
Venue: Juice Bar, 144 Parnell Rd.
Contact: James Bennett/Thomas Steel
RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com, jamesb@brb.co.nz

14 DECEMBER - SUNDAY
BOYS' SCHOOL - TOUCH RUGBY & BBQ FOR 2009 LEAVERS
Time: 3pm - 6pm
Venue: SKS Sports Centre & No 1 Field
RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com, sue.bowskill@saintkentigern.com



BOYS' SCHOOL SKOCA Golf Day

Friday 13 February 2015

Time: 12.00 for 1pm Tee-off
Venue: Auckland Golf Club
Tickets: \$100 per head. (ROCS's \$60)

Refreshments provided.

RSVP: skoca@saintkentigern.com,
sue.bowskill@saintkentigern.com

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Boys' School 1990-2008 SKOCA Reunion Dinner



Guest Speaker, Peter Lester

Many old friendships were rekindled when 'the boys from 1990-2008' were welcomed back to the Boys' School for a dinner in their honour in JC Chalmers Hall. During pre-dinner drinks, the guests took the time to peruse the archival material placed on display by former teacher and current archivist, Brian Matthews, and were treated to a set from the School Jazz Band. As is customary, the Old Collegians' Pipe Band piped the guests to the table.

Principal, Mr Peter Cassie extended a warm welcome to the guests, including a special welcome for former Principal, Mr Geoff Burgess who joined his former students for dinner.

Mr Cassie told the guests that he has enjoyed his many years of teaching and has been happy with all his appointments but over the years he had said that if a position ever became available at Saint Kentigern he'd be the first to apply and feels honoured to have been granted the role. He explained that he believes Saint Kentigern to be the 'jewel in the crown' – the best Independent Boys' School in New Zealand. He cited the strength of the values system and in so doing, acknowledged the work Geoff Burgess undertook in first developing the framework of the Saint Kentigern Way at the School. He also acknowledged all the old boys, as it was their willingness to live these values and actively get out into the community and make a difference that is part of the fabric and success of Saint Kentigern.

Mr Cassie continued on to say that such is the recognition for the strength of a Saint Kentigern education that he is proud to report that next year there are already sufficient applicants to create five classes at Year 7.

Roselle House holds a special place in the hearts of Saint Kentigern boys and guests were told that plans are afoot to 'bring the boys back' to Roselle House which is where they started when the School first opened and the Junior classes occupied the upper floor. Planning is now underway for a Library and Learning Commons to occupy that space; a project that will be watched with great interest!

Following dinner, foundation pupil, Mr Peter Nelson called for a minute's silence to honour Dr Douglas Goodfellow, one of our founding fathers who passed away recently. Father of current Chairman of the Trust Board, Dr Bruce Goodfellow, Douglas gave many years of selfless service to Saint Kentigern and is remembered fondly.

The traditional 'role call' was then taken before special guest for the evening, 'the voice of the America's Cup' and former Saint Kentigern parent, Mr Peter Lester, took to the podium to talk about the rich history of the Cup and how technology has 'changed the Cup for ever.' Questions from the floor included the sticky, 'Who do you think will helm the next Cup?' Peter said that while it is too early to tell, there are exceptional young sailors coming through, including Peter Burling and our own Blair Tuke.

The evening finished with spirited bidding for auction items that raised over \$3000 towards the Old Collegians' Scholarship Fund for the Boys' School.

As Mr Cassie farewelled his guests, he told the former students that they are always welcome to visit the School; they will always be part of 'our family.'



Ashiq Hamid awarded a Fulbright Scholarship



Since leaving Saint Kentigern College at the end of 2003, I've always had the dream to eventually study at one of the world's best universities. Almost ten years later, I am honored to be given an opportunity to make that dream come true!

I wasn't really sure what I wanted to study after college, however, I managed to secure a place in a competitive science program at the University of Melbourne in Australia and a place at Ormond College, one of the oldest and

most prestigious colleges at the University. Initially, I imagined that I would become a scientist and earn a PhD after my science degree, however, whilst questioning the natural world through my science degree, my participation in advocacy groups and political events in Australia made me question the law.

I decided to abandon further study in science and decided to earn a degree in law at the University of Waikato. Looking back at this decision six years ago, it was easily the best decision of my life. The support of faculty and the teaching at Waikato took me to a new level. I finished fourth overall in my class with a few class prizes and as the President of the Law Students Association.

My interests at Waikato were primarily in the area of public law and corporate law. I combined both interests in my role at the New Zealand

Takeovers Panel regulating the capital markets ensuring that all shareholders have a fair opportunity to participate in control-change transactions in certain companies.

Two years after starting at the Takeovers Panel, I anticipated that I was within or at least close to making my dream of studying at one of the world's best universities come true, although you are never really sure because only 6-10% of applicants are accepted. Despite my hesitations, I decided to apply for a Master of Laws in the United Kingdom and the United States. To my surprise, I was accepted into Cambridge, Oxford, Columbia, New York University and the University of Pennsylvania.

At about the same time as I applied to study overseas, I also applied for the Fulbright Scholarship, one of the most competitive and prestigious scholarships in the world. I am honored to have been selected as a Fulbright Scholar in Law, probably my greatest career achievement.

Eventually, I decided to enroll for a Master of Laws focusing on financial regulation and corporate law at Columbia University, an Ivy League School and one of the world's best universities. In addition, Columbia has a reputation as a giant in the area of corporate law and has an incredible reputation amongst law firms domestically in the United States and overseas. Then of course there is New York; a city which lives up to its reputation as the centre of the universe!

My advice to anyone thinking about studying overseas is to keep to that dream no matter how long it takes you to get there (and save money!). The rewards are great and the opportunities are amazing and looking out my window at the greatest city in the world, life will never be the same again!

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Jessie Jarvie, Lawyer



Photo credit: Anna Kaiman Photography

Since returning to the workforce from maternity leave early in 2014, lawyer Jessie Jarvie (nee Emerson) has launched a new consultancy business, proposed a now operating childcare centre where she is employed and assisted in starting up the 'Ladies in the Law' forum series on behalf of the New Zealand Law Society. Recently featured in the National Business Review, the former first Head Girl is undoubtedly 'walking the talk' in her advocacy for returning mothers to the

workforce and women in the workplace.

Jessie's consultancy business, 'Loulamere' - named after her middle name, Louise and 'mother' in French - is a service that assists mothers transitioning back into the workplace. The idea sprang from her own personal experience of looking into childcare options for her young son, George when going back to work four days a week as Legal Counsel at Orion Health. She says she found the process tricky and was surprised at the lack of information out there for working mums.

Through her research, Jessie compiled a database of information, namely advice, tips and tricks from other working mums and much loved products,

and coached several of her acquaintances through the back-to-work transition using the model now used by Loulamere. The new consultancy service involves working closely with mum over three months, charting her personal and professional aspirations and compiling an 'instruction manual' for her, including a detailed transition plan and recommended childcare options to ease her back into the workplace. Jessie hopes she can help these women feel like successful mothers and successful career women.

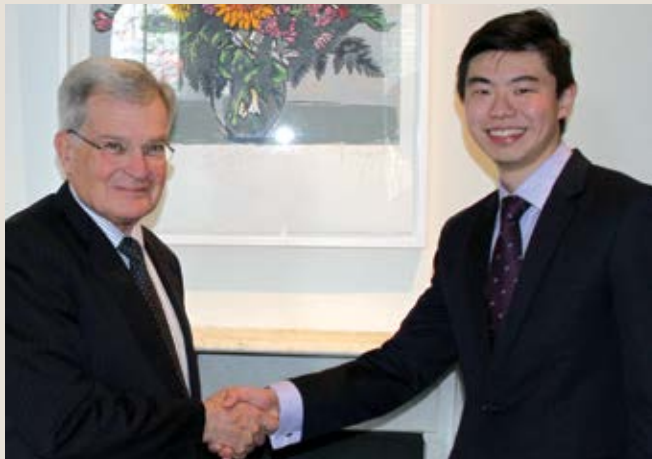
As well as providing bespoke plans for each client, Loulamere works with corporate organisations to contribute to their workplace wellness programmes and to help them recruit and retain women with children.

Likewise, the onsite childcare centre for employees' children at Orion Health stemmed from Jessie knowing that the best place for George when she returned to work was to be near her and, ideally in a childcare centre at her place of employment. This motivated Jessie to put a proposal forward to Orion Health management which was accepted and the centre, 'Milky Way' opened four months later and currently cares for 15 children.

Onsite childcare facilities are uncommon in New Zealand, and typically daytime visits are seen as disruptive to young children. However, Jessie says Milky Way is different to the traditional childcare model as it encourages parents to be able to come and go during the day. She says they anticipate that this will build a culture of resilience amongst the children and it feels like they are one step ahead of what will become a new childcare movement.

Source: *The National Business Review*, July 2014

Nelson Lam awarded Woolf Fisher Scholarship



Old Collegian, Nelson Lam, is one of three young New Zealanders who has just been awarded a prestigious Woolf Fisher Trust Scholarship to study for his doctorate at the University of Cambridge. The Scholarship is worth around \$300,000.

Nelson graduated from Saint Kentigern in 2009 as the Dux Medallist and returned to visit early in 2010 on learning that both he and fellow student, Asher Emanuel had been named as NZQA Premier Scholars; only eight had been awarded throughout New Zealand that year. Nelson was awarded four Outstanding Scholarships in English, Chemistry, Statistics and Calculus with a further scholarship for having the top mark in New Zealand for music. He was later awarded a further Scholarship with the announcement he was one of eight who had been selected to receive a NZST (NZ Educational Scholarship Trust) Award.

In addition to his academic prowess at College, Nelson was also fully involved with the cultural life of the school as a prefect, a member of the Chapel Band, Kentoris Choir and the Orchestra and Concert Band. He also appeared on stage in many College musicals, contributed to SKCTV and played badminton for the College.

Nelson, now aged 22, is currently studying towards his BSc Honours in Medicinal Chemistry at the University of Auckland. His PhD research topic with Cambridge University's Department of Chemistry will be

catalyst-directed, programmable molecular assembly as a new paradigm for constructing chivosazoles and related natural products with potent anti-cancer activity.

We wish Nelson the very best as he pursues the next stage in his career. We are very proud of him!

THE WOOLF FISHER SCHOLARSHIP

Sir Woolf Fisher (1912-1975), co-founder of Fisher and Paykel, set up his Trust in 1960 to recognise and reward excellence in education. Today it has become one of New Zealand's largest education trusts. He was later knighted for his outstanding contribution to industry and education in New Zealand.

Sir Woolf's nephew, Sir Noel Robinson is current Chairman of the Trust. He, too, is a former Saint Kentigern graduate. In acknowledging this year's three recipients he said, 'These young New Zealanders have been selected for their outstanding academic ability and leadership potential, as well as their integrity, boldness of vision and capacity for work – qualities which Sir Woolf valued. We are investing in these young New Zealanders who aspire to return to New Zealand and have the potential to become leaders in their field.'

- The Woolf Fisher Scholarship funds up to three young New Zealand graduates to study for up to four years for a doctorate at the University of Cambridge (initially it was either Oxford or Cambridge)
- This Scholarship is one of the most valuable post graduate scholarships in New Zealand—worth around \$300,000 per recipient (including an allowance of £13,000 per annum, payment of University and College fees, and an annual return fare home to New Zealand)
- In any one year there are around 10–12 Woolf Fisher Scholars studying in the UK
- The Scholars are under 30 years of age, have attended a New Zealand secondary school for at least two years, and have or expect to graduate with a first-class honours degree from a New Zealand university
- The Scholarships Committee of Universities New Zealand – Te Pōkai Tara administers a wide range of nationally available undergraduate and postgraduate awards.

James Ruddell, Vinerian Scholar



After completing his Bachelor of Laws (Hons)/Bachelor of Arts degree, University of Auckland alumnus and Old Collegian, James Ruddell was awarded two scholarships to study at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom. James was the inaugural winner of the FMB Reynolds Scholarship, established last year to assist a New Zealander to pursue

postgraduate study in law at Oxford, and was also awarded a Banking and Financial Services Law Association Scholarship. In his last year at Auckland Law School in 2012, James also received the Auckland District Law Society Prize for the best undergraduate student.

On his time spent at Oxford, James says that it was a fantastic year as 'it presented opportunities to read and think about the law in wonderful

surroundings and discuss it with exceptional tutors and fellow students.'

On completion of his postgraduate degree, the high achieving scholar received the Vinerian Scholarship from Oxford University for the best overall performance in his year, and prizes for three of his subjects: Commercial Remedies, Conflict of Laws and Restitution of Unjust Enrichment.

James started at Saint Kentigern College in 2001, graduating in 2007 as Deputy Head Boy. At Senior School Prizegiving in his final year he was the recipient of a selection of prizes, including those for Classical Studies, English, Debating, Service and Music.

He was also awarded a University of Auckland Scholarship and NZQA Premier Scholar Award. His lasting words in his Year 13 Yearbook profile were that he will look back on years of enjoyment, growth and pride within Saint Kentigern and will not forget the College, its people and the incalculable impact it has had on his life.

James is currently working in the Wellington office of the New Zealand law firm Bell Gully in their litigation department.

Steve Armitage



STRATEGIC AND POLITICAL ADVISOR

Steve is a former student who says he is extremely appreciative of the start in life he was given through his Saint Kentigern years and is one of a growing band of Old Collegians who has offered to 'give back' some time to the College as a role model for the upcoming generation preparing for

tertiary education and the work force.

With experience in delivering fully integrated corporate communications, crisis management, political lobbying, the public policy process, speech writing and shaping media responses, he has much to offer:

Steve completed his 7th form year in 1996 during former Head, Nigel Toy's years. He was a member of the 1st XI Cricket and Football teams and Chairman of the School Council.

He continues, 'After completing an MA (Hons) in Political Science at Auckland University, I then went to work in the NZ High Commission in London. One of the roles I had there was undertaking refugee selection missions. Under our arrangements with the UNHCR (United Nations High Commission for Refugees),

New Zealand can take up to 750 refugees per year and it was my responsibility to travel to refugee camps to undertake interviews of those who had claimed refugee status and wanted to be resettled to New Zealand. This meant travelling to such places as Ethiopia, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Ghana and other interesting locations.

Following the London bombings, I was seconded to work for the Minister of Immigration in Wellington, advising on policy and appeals to the Minister. Eventually I was attracted into the political arena, becoming a Political Strategist under the Clark government.

My understanding of diplomacy and engaging with stakeholders, as well as the political environment and process, has seen me fulfil a range of roles since my time in parliament, including advising Auckland leaders on the formation of the Auckland Council and the insurance industry in the wake of the Canterbury Earthquakes.

In my current role I work as Head of Corporate and Council Relations with ATEED (Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development). ATEED is the economic growth agency for the Auckland region and is one of seven Auckland Council-controlled organisations (CCOs). ATEED is tasked with driving innovation and transforming the local economy so that Auckland is a desirable place to visit, live, work, play, invest and do business. I lead a team responsible for providing high-level strategic and political advice to the business across stakeholder engagement, operational strategy, media and communications.

I fully appreciate the education and guidance I received as a student at the College and look forward to doing what I can to give back in return.'

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John Munro

CRIMINAL LAWYER



Former student of both the Boys' School and the College, John has fond memories of his time at Saint Kentigern. Growing up in Westmere, today he still lives in the area with his young family.

Swimming was a big part of John's school memories, and during 1989 (his last year of College), he qualified for the Commonwealth Games and received the Saint Kentigern Dux Ludorum.

After leaving school, John was offered a swimming scholarship at the University

of Southern California in 1991. Holding New Zealand records for the 400m individual medley for almost a decade, John competed in the 1990 and 1994 Commonwealth Games for New Zealand. After three years in the States, John returned to Auckland and began a law degree, graduating in 2000.

A natural interest in criminal law led John to open his own criminal law specialist chambers, Sentinel Chambers, in Auckland CBD in 2009.

Today the business employs three staff and is busy year-round, often representing high-profile people and cases. Representing clients across the full spectrum of criminal offences, John likens the experience of being in court to the competitive atmosphere he remembers from his swimming days. John particularly enjoys working with young defendants, where he has the ability to 'help change their path in life, as it's a good time to try and change their behaviour because they are still impressionable and they can learn and take on things.'

Law is a popular study path to travel down, as it leads to so many different avenues and vocations. John's advice to others studying law who might be interested in the practice of criminal law, 'be prepared to take the knocks, work late nights and under pressure with little thanks, but be passionate about the pursuit of justice and working in an area that is very challenging but incredibly rewarding when justice is served.'

Frazer MacDiarmid



CHORAL SCHOLARSHIP TO OXFORD

A graduate of the Boys' School and then King's College, Frazer decided against diving straight into university, and chose to pursue his choral singing career by taking a gap year in the UK. Settling in Exeter, he was fully immersed in a Cathedral environment, singing eight services each week as a choral scholar in the Cathedral Choir, while also working as a gap student

at the Cathedral School across the road. His role at the school opened Frazer's eyes as to what a great joy working with children may be, and taught him countless life lessons.

On the choral front, Frazer experienced high-intensity and high-standard singing, which greatly improved aspects of his musicality such as sight-singing and ensemble work, setting him up brilliantly for the next stage in his journey. Having always imagined himself returning to New Zealand for university, he was initially caught off guard when recommended to apply for a choral scholarship to study at the University of Oxford. After undergoing a thorough series of auditions, he was delighted to that he had been awarded a choral scholarship to sing at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, conditional on being accepted academically to study at the university, a process involving several interviews with masters, along with additional assessments.

Stemming no doubt from his religious education at primary level, Frazer has always been fascinated by the concept and nature of God and he feels fortunate to have been offered a place to study Theology at Christ Church in the heart of Oxford. Since then he has been overwhelmed by the experience that is Oxford. The city is simply overflowing with brilliant minds, innovative ideas, books, concerts and lectures. The choir is said to be world-class, and has lived up to this reputation completely. Receiving a standing ovation at every one of their concerts in the US and Canada is a memory always to be cherished.

Frazer says owes a great deal to 'St Kent's,' the love, mental nourishment and discipline he received there prepared the way for his every challenge and success.



Matthew McQueen

BUSINESS CASE COMPETITION SUCCESS



Recently, Old Collegian, Matthew McQueen (2004-2010) was selected to participate in the University of Auckland Business School's team in the HSBC Asia Pacific Business Case Competition hosted by the University of Hong Kong.

The team of four undergraduates travelled to Hong Kong as one of 24 Asia Pacific Universities participating in the intensive two day event. The team battled through

in the 'knock out' competition, competing in three preliminary rounds, where they presented their views on case studies, involving analysis of such companies as Microsoft, KFC in China and an Indian Financial Institute.

The final round involved preparing a business strategy to 'develop the Asia e-commerce market for Toys-R-Us'. After only two and half hours of analysis and review, the team then presented to the panel of three judges, one of whom was a senior executive of Fung Retailing; the operator of Toys-R-Us stores in the Asia region, and a large audience in the HSBC Asia headquarters.

The team outlined their web strategy and its benefits in the 20 minute presentation before answering the judges questions. Their compelling agreement led to the team being placed second, behind the University of Hong Kong team and ahead of the University of Singapore in third place.

Matthew follows in the footsteps of other Saint Kentigern Old Collegians including Alex Jessep (2002-2008), Stefan Katz (2006-2010), Harry de Lacey (2006-2010) and Nelson Lam (2005-2009) who have previously represented The University of Auckland Business School in other case competitions in New Zealand and abroad. Clearly the economic and business understanding gained by Matthew and many others during their years at Saint Kentigern College has put them in good stead for the challenges and leadership in the study of the commercial world at a tertiary level and beyond.

Lucas Cooney SOLICITOR



The College recently welcomed back Old Collegian, Lucas Cooney (2001-2005) to judge the inaugural 'Speakeasy' speech competition.

After finishing College, Lucas went on to complete a Bachelor of Laws (Hon) and Bachelor of Arts from the University of Auckland and was admitted to the bar in 2012. He now practises as a solicitor for Grimshaw & Co, a specialist dispute

resolution and litigation firm.

Lucas currently specialises in construction law and building disputes and is experienced in preparing for and attending hearings in the District and High Courts. In addition to Court appearances, Lucas also represents clients at mediation and other alternative dispute resolution processes.

Prior to joining Grimshaw & Co, Lucas was awarded a summer research scholarship at the University of Auckland, researching account of profits and equitable remedies. He also has experience as a research clerk in commercial litigation and experience in criminal law as a barrister's assistant.

Lucas maintains an academic interest in the law, having written essays for various competitions, including the New Zealand Society of Construction Law essay competition and has provided research and contributed to the book *Accounts of Profits* by Peter Devonshire. This book is a leading text on account of profits, being the principal remedy for breach of fiduciary duty and breach of obligations of confidence.

Jonathan Moore

PHD STUDENT IN HOLLAND



After leaving Saint Kentigern, I moved to Dunedin to begin what initially was a Bachelor of Science with a double major in Biochemistry and Plant Biotechnology (a joint programme between the Biochemistry and Botany Departments). Among my subjects I had taken for university entrance at College were

biology, horticulture and chemistry so Plant Biotechnology and Biochemistry seemed like a good fit to what I had been studying previously; and these did serve me well at Otago. At the end of my second year, I was granted entry to the honours programmes for Biochemistry, Genetics and Plant Biotechnology. Unlike a basic Bachelor degree, a double major at honours level requires spending an additional year (so doing the fourth year twice), so I was forced to choose, and I continued with Plant Biotechnology.

As a fourth year honours student, I began my research project working on photosynthesis in the cyanobacteria *Synechocystis* in the Biochemistry Department at Otago. This project focused more on the molecular level of photosynthesis. After I finished my honours, I continued to work in the same lab, at first as a summer student and then working towards a Master of Science (also in Plant Biotechnology). Although this was a similar project, I was working with different genes related to the function of the protein complex Photosystem II. During my Masters, I also did a lot of undergraduate teaching in the laboratory classes in both the Biochemistry and Botany Departments.

After Dunedin, it was time for that Kiwi tradition of the big O.E. I was lucky enough to get a position as a Marie Curie fellow in Wageningen, the Netherlands. This project, which forms the first few years of a PhD, is also on photosynthesis. The research is focused on a process called non-photochemical quenching, a process that plants use to dissipate excess energy not needed for photosynthesis harmlessly as heat. My research has moved away from the molecular approach that I had used at Otago to plant physiology using plants found in the wild. In this case I'm using epiphytes (plants that live in the branches of other trees) as these species show a large capacity for non-photochemical quenching.

So why did I choose the Netherlands? Well admittedly there was a girl involved – while I was at Otago a girl, Melissa, from the Netherlands worked in the same lab. To cut a long story short, I followed her back to the Netherlands and we're now engaged and planning a wedding for next year.

Of course having a Dutch fiancée does help with the language, but really science is a very international industry. Most of my colleagues are other nationalities and most PhD students here don't learn the language, particularly if they're planning to return home after they have completed their studies.

One thing I've learnt about science over the years is that you never know where this road will take you in the world. I now have colleagues in every corner of the world and after my PhD I don't know where an opportunity will come from – maybe I'll even find a way back to New Zealand.



Matthew Lieshout

US\$30,000 A YEAR SCHOLARSHIP TO USA!



Matthew graduated in 2013. A talented sportsman, he was Deputy Head prefect and a Chalmers House Leader in his final year. Matthew is proud to have recently received a scholarship to university in the USA and reports on the journey:

'Early in 2012, my father happened to come home with a list of people who were accepted into American universities on soccer scholarships. From that moment

on, it became my dream to be one of those people. In order to get an athletic scholarship, it is important to achieve both academically and on the sporting field. They have strict GPA guidelines for student-athletes in order to qualify for and maintain academic and athletic scholarships. For the last two years, I have worked towards this goal and it is finally a reality.

After sending over 400 emails to coaches all over America, I started sifting through replies. I worked the list of prospective universities down to those who focused on my intended course of study. After many phone calls with coaches over several months, I was finally awarded a US\$30,000 a year scholarship to Spring Hill College. This consists of a part academic and part athletic scholarship.

Located in Mobile, Alabama twenty minutes from the coast, it is a small private college that was founded by the Jesuits in 1830. At Spring Hill College, 85% of students live on campus for their entire college life, first in dormitories and then in apartments in their final years. The eighteen hole golf course on campus was another added attraction!

I will be in America for five years studying towards a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Engineering. My goal is now to consolidate my position in the Spring Hill College soccer team and work towards achieving the best possible GPA.

Congratulations! We wish Matthew well with his studies.

Rachel Swindell and Edi Stoica

100% UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS TO USA

Edi Stoica (a current Year 13 student) and Rachel Swindell (2013 graduate) are ecstatic to each receive 100% Scholarships to American Universities to continue their studies! Each of these scholarships is worth in excess of US\$35,000 a year for four years of study!

Edi and Rachel have both been stalwarts of our top achieving Premier Tennis teams. Edi has been a member of the Boys' Premier Tennis Team that has now won the National title for the past three years in a row. Rachel, who graduated last year, played for the Premier Girls' Tennis team in 2013. The girls' team have won the National title an incredible five years in row!

Both Edi and Rachel have had every opportunity to play top level tennis at College and this has gone on to pay dividends. Both students have been awarded fully funded university scholarships split between their academic studies, tennis representation and living expenses.

Rachel will be attending Eastern Washington University in Spokane in the west coast state of Washington. This is a NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) Division I University. Rachel will be studying Sport Science, majoring in Chemistry whilst also playing top level tennis.

Edi is very fortunate to have secured his scholarship whilst still at College and will be attending Wichita State University about 45 minutes from Kansas City. This is another NCAA Division I University. Edi will be majoring in International Business whilst also pursuing top level tennis play.

Congratulations to both students. This is an incredible achievement. Whilst a number of our students over the years have succeeded in being awarded scholarships to overseas universities, it is not often that a full 100% scholarship of this ilk is offered. Edi and Rachel, like Matthew Lieshout, can be very proud of their achievement!



Anthony Allen

WORLD ROWING SILVER MEDAL



Anthony was a keen rower at College and went on to continue his passion after leaving school. He firstly completed two club seasons with the Auckland Rowing Club and realising he wanted to take it further, he moved to Cambridge to train over winter at Karapiro with the aim of being selected for the Regional Performance Centre.

After being successful at selection, he trained with them throughout the summer and then raced at New Zealand Nationals getting a 'red coat' in the Premier Coxed Four, a gold in the U22 Pair, a silver in the U22 Eight and bronze in the U22 Men's Quad.

By winning the U22 Pair, Anthony gained a trial for the U23 squad and after a week of trials, was selected for the Coxed Four. Following selection, he trained intensively for 14 weeks at Karapiro in preparation for the World Rowing Championships to be held in Italy in the northern summer.

The team travelled to Italy and trained at Lake Como for two

weeks acclimatising in readiness for competition. They moved on to Lake Varese for three days preparation before the Championships got underway. The team performed well gaining a place in finals where they missed out on gold to Canada by a mere .5 of a second! Although disappointing, they were pleased to medal and Anthony is proud to gain a silver medal of this status!

Back in New Zealand, Anthony is currently studying computing at Waikato to allow him to compete in the Gallagher Great Race as well as studying sport science at Wintec.

David Bishop

COMMONWEALTH GAMES MEDALLIST



Commonwealth Games Bronze medalist, David Bishop took up gymnastics as a seven-year-old and in Glasgow this year, lived out a 17-year-old dream when he claimed a bronze medal in the Men's floor event. His win was New Zealand's first gymnastics medal at the Games in 16 years.

Floor specialist David said, 'It's incredible. It's been my ultimate goal and for it to happen is surreal really, I'm still waiting for it to settle in. My mouth dropped when I found out I had a medal. Things went my way and I'm incredibly proud to represent New Zealand and do well at the Games.'

David attended the College from 2003 to 2007. During his time at Saint Kentigern he was a keen dancer, taking the subject for four years. In his Year 13 Yearbook profile, David wrote that he counts 'Stage Challenge' as one of his highlights during his secondary years.



The talented male gymnast was one of three New Zealand male gymnasts who competed in the individual all-around finals at the Games after making the top-24 cut. He competed in the floor; horizontal bar; parallel bars, pommel horse, rings, vault, and in the individual all-around and team competition.

Glasgow 2014 was the first Commonwealth Games for David. He has also competed at the 2013 World University Games in Kazan, Russia and the 2012 World Cup in Anadia, Spain where he placed 12th in the floor exercise and 13th in the high bar apparatus. David placed 4th overall and 1st on floor at the 2014 Australian National Championship, and is the current New Zealand National Champion.

The 24-year-old took a year off his mechanical engineering study at the University of Auckland to focus solely on the Games, training 30+ hours a week while working part-time. He plans to complete his degree next year, and in October will be attending the 2014 World Artistic Gymnastics Championships in Nanning, China.

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Nathanael Skelton

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND BALLET DANCER

Recently, the College Dance department welcomed members of the Royal New Zealand Ballet (RNZB) for a workshop with the students. Among the visitors was one special guest, Old Collegian, Nathanael Skelton who graduated in 2002. Nathanael currently dances with the RNZB having recently returned from Europe where he began his career as a professional ballet dancer based in the United Kingdom.

For Nathanael, the return to College was 'coming full circle.' When he attended Saint Kentigern, it was a boys-only College and dance was not a curriculum subject. He was pleased to be able to return and see the changes since his time, especially the inclusion of a dedicated dance studio in the Sports Centre complex and to see dance offered as a curriculum subject.

Nathanael told the students that dance was just one of the many activities he undertook growing up and that during his teenage years it even went on the back-burner for a while. It was about the time he graduated from College that he made a decision to make dancing his career.

Nathanael furthered his training at the International Ballet Academy in Christchurch before being awarded a scholarship to complete his final year at the Elmhurst School of Dance in Birmingham. He worked as an apprentice at Birmingham Royal Ballet (BRB) and was invited to dance at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, as part of a Young British Dancer of the Year gala.

In 2006, Nathanael joined the BRB and was often on tour with the company. He said he feels privileged to have danced on the stage of some of the greatest theatres in Europe but is now pleased to have returned to his roots to become part of the RNZB.



The students were keen to ask about the daily life of a professional dancer and were surprised to hear of the huge physical demands of a working day. A day for a dancer may start with an hour and a half of stretching and pilates, before an hour and a half dance class. This may be followed by a 10k conditioning run, time spent in the pool in a jumping programme that strengthens the leg muscles without putting strain on the body followed by an ice bath before heading into show rehearsals and then an evening performance. This is generally a six day week during performance time!

Nathanael said that whilst their performance on stage may appear a graceful, effortless art form, sports science is applied to their training and technique to ensure that they are at their peak, minimise stress on their bodies and stay injury free.

We thank Nathanael for spending time with our students and will follow his career with interest.

Albert Vete

A SUCCESSFUL SPORTING CAREER



Former Junior Warrior, Junior Kiwi, NSW Cup Team player and Old Collegian, Albert Vete paid a back visit to the College to talk on the importance that the Cultural Group played in his life while he was a student.

The College Cultural Group was first set up in 2007 by Head of Drama, Ms Emma Bishop to give those students from a Maori and Pacific Island descent a place to come together to help them realise their identity within

the College. Running for a few years before disestablishing, the group met once a week to share traditional lunches, listen to visiting guest speakers and learn cultural dances and songs to perform to their families at the College's FiaFia Cultural nights. The group has now been reformed and Albert was invited back to meet its members.

At a relaxed get together, the students shared an Island style lunch before listening to 'Albie' reflect on his time at the College. His strong message to the students was to focus on their studies and to always do what makes

them happy. He said the cultural group was a special place for him where he felt a sense of belonging. He also highlighted the enormous benefits and support given to him by his mentor who was a strong role model, which he was able to return when he became a mentor himself in his senior years.

After captaining the 1st XV and leading the team to victory in the Auckland competition, Albert was scouted by the Warriors during his final year at school in 2011, switching codes from rugby union to league. He explained to the students that as well as having a successful sporting career, it is equally important to have an alternative option to fall back on. He now plays in the Reserve Grade in the NSW Cup team, and is in his third year of a four year Bachelor of Physical Education degree at the University of Auckland. After completing his tertiary studies, his plans for the future are to become a PE teacher and he hopes that this will lead him on to other sporting opportunities.

Plenty of time was allowed for questions from the students, and many focussed around Albert's experience on juggling the high demands of school work and pursuing a professional sporting career. He was able to offer sage advice on unexpected injuries and upsets along the way, encouraging the students to finish their rehabilitation and to look after themselves because 'if you work hard the results will come.'

When asked how his day was going, Albert told the students that morning he had been out in Henderson reading stories to school children for 'League for Libraries', an initiative that aims to improve the literacy levels among primary school children and make reading fun and enjoyable.

Auckland ITM Team Cup players

Joe Edwards (2011), Scott Scafton (2011) and T J Faiane (2013) and Blake Gibson (2013)

The College welcomed the Auckland ITM Cup Rugby team as they moved away from their usual training venue and chose Saint Kentigern College to have their final work out before their game against Tasman.

For Old Collegians, Joe Edwards (2011), Scott Scafton (2011) and T J Faiane (2013) and Blake Gibson (2013), it was just like old times returning to the weights room and Number 1 rugby field where they developed their skills and worked towards rugby as a career while attending the College. All four players are now working full time on taking their rugby to the next level.

Joe played New Zealand Schools in 2012 and New Zealand U20's in 2013. He is now part of the Auckland Blues Squad. This year he played his club rugby for Pakuranga.

T J Faiane also played for the Premier team at Pakuranga this year. T J was a New Zealand Schools player in 2013 and made the U20 New Zealand team that played in the U20 World Cup this year.

Scott Scafton played for New Zealand Schools in 2012 and New Zealand U20's in 2013. He plays his premier club rugby for Grammar Carlton.

Blake Gibson has been playing premier club rugby for Ponsonby. Blake played New Zealand secondary schools in 2013.

When our four Old Collegians took to the field with the ITM Cup team to face Tasman, like old times, they wore their Saint Kentigern College 1st XV socks! Each team member wore their school socks to acknowledge where their rugby careers started.



Laugh A Minute!

OLD COLLEGIANS THEATRESPORTS

'Arguably the East Auckland cultural event of the year...' quipped Saint Kentigern Theatresports Coach and MC, Mr Dave Sheehan, at the 'U Night For Malawi' Theatresports event held in July. The College invited back some of Saint Kentigern's best Theatresports players from the last ten years to compete against this year's Premier Theatresports squad players in a night that certainly lived up to its 'laugh a minute' billing.

An audience of nearly 100 were treated to some inspired comic genius from Old Collegians: Ashton Brown, James Wenley, Jeremy Tant, Alex Leach, Reuben Bray and Callum Warner (with support from current student, Callum Andrews), who proved that they hadn't lost the Theatresports touch and, if anything, had probably improved with age!

Judges for the night were stars in their own right. Head of Drama, Mrs Bishop, kept the players to task as the Technique Judge, along with Old Collegian, former Head Boy and star of TV 1's show, Nothing Trivial, Blair Strang, who was animated and witty as the Storyline judge. Will Hall, also of Nothing Trivial fame, kept the players on task.

The event had a twofold purpose; to unite past and current players for an evening of entertainment whilst also raising funds for a unique Saint Kentigern World Vision project, run by Service Co-ordinator, Mr Robinson, creating financial support for a school in Malawi.

For the reunited Old Collegians, this was their year! With a strong challenge from both the students and each other, it was the team comprising Jeremy, Alex, Reuben and Callum who were winners on the night – proving you're never too old for a bag of lollies! The other Old Collegians team of Ashton and James, with support from student, Callum Andrews, followed in second place, having been pipped on the last game.



Stella Wilson Staab

LIVE ON STAGE



'I started my journey at Saint Kentigern College in 2004 as a Year 7 and graduated with Honours in 2010 as Service Prefect and as part of the first class of International Baccalaureate students. In my time at the school, I involved myself in as many aspects of the College life as possible! The abundance of extracurricular activities that Saint Kentigern offers, and the huge array of support that surround these, have certainly helped me develop as a confident person.

I was fortunate to be recognised by the staff for awards in leadership, academics, service, music, film and drama and so I decided follow my passion and study Film and Drama at the University of Auckland. In 2013, I graduated with a BA and I'm now in my last few months studying Screen Production as a Post Graduate Honours student. I can definitely say that I'm happy with how my College life has influenced my decision to pursue these dreams beyond a mere 'hobby'.

As well as studying, I currently work as a part-time drama tutor and casting assistant and have also been keeping busy playing the role of Penny Lou Pingleton in 'Hairspray The Musical', which opened at Sky City from August to September. I absolutely loved playing Penny; she's so zany, a great contrast to my last role as the sassy Rizzo in Grease late last year!

Having spent the last few years bettering my skills as a director at university, it's been great reliving the onstage experiences I loved so much during the College musicals and productions. Emma Bishop, Ross Gerritsen and Robyn Kennerley played huge roles in helping fuel my love of the stage, having supported me through various roles such as Mina in 'Dracula', Mayzie la Bird in 'Seussical', Babette in 'Beauty and the Beast' and a handful of other wonderful productions.

WHERE ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU DO? EVER WONDERED WHAT YOUR OLD CLASSMATES ARE UP TO? EVER THOUGHT THEY MAY BE INTERESTED IN WHAT YOU DO?

These pages belong to you, our Old Collegians. We need your help to make these pages interesting and informative. Write a few lines to fill us in on what you've been doing since leaving school, or what you are about to do, a recent achievement, a momentous event or any other item of interest. Alternatively, we also welcome more in depth articles, as appear on these pages. Family and friends, tell us what our sons and daughters of Kentigern are up to nowadays.

Pictures speak a thousand words! In this digital age, it's really easy to provide a photo but please email all digital pictures at maximum resolution. We look forward to hearing from you.

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