



## Annual Event Raises \$45,000 for the Centennial Foundation



Event Co-Chairs Elisabeth Vanderveldt L'Espérance and Lois George, with Coordinator of Special Events and Parent Relations Marie Saba

On November 13th 2003, over 300 parents, supporters and friends gathered at The Sheraton Four Points Dorval for a wonderful evening in support of the Centennial Foundation. This year's Annual Event, co-chaired by parent volunteers Elisabeth Vanderveldt L'Espérance and Lois George, featured a stand-up comedy show hosted by Montreal's own Ernie Butler, as well as live

and silent auctions. Without question, the Centennial spirit was at an all-time fever pitch as parents and friends outbid one another on a variety of fabulous auction items, including a 2-night stay at Topnotch in Stowe Resort and Spa, 4 V.I.P. tickets to a Montreal Alouettes game with the opportunity to meet the team and a \$1500 shopping spree from Triple 5 Soul.

An immense debt of gratitude is due to all the event committee members, sponsors, advertisers, staff and guests who contributed to this huge success. Thanks to your support and through your generous participation, \$45,000 was raised for the Centennial Foundation. These funds allow Centennial Academy and College to remain on the leading edge of technology and teaching resources. They allow for the provision of scholarships and bursaries and the development of innovative learning tools. In short, they allow us to maintain the standards of

excellence in education of which we are all so proud.

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*Special thanks to Peter George and Robert L'Espérance*



## Meals on Wheels Still Going Strong

As part of its promise to encourage students to become responsible, well-rounded citizens, Centennial Academy is committed to incorporating a wide-range of community-service based activities into the curriculum.

For the past three years, Centennial Academy students have been volunteering at the Greene Centre as part of the Meals-on-Wheels/Senior Lunch Club program. Meals-on-Wheels originated during WWII, providing meals for air-raid victims. After the war, it evolved into a home-care service for the elderly, delivering hot meals to clients as a support service so they can continue to live in their own homes. There are currently over 200 Meals-on-Wheels groups at work across the province, and over 40 Lunch Clubs affiliated with the Volunteer Bureau of Montreal. A complement to the Meals-On-Wheels Program, Lunch Clubs are congregating dining projects for seniors with greater mobility. At the Greene Center, the Senior Lunch Club takes place every second and fourth Wednesday of the month, when a dedicated group of volunteers drive around the city to pick up the participants and bring them to the Center for a home-cooked meal amongst friends.

Mr. Haines, the Centennial Academy teacher who had the idea of involving Centennial students in the initiative over three years ago, feels strongly that the

program benefits all those involved. Under his supervision, two Grade 9 students make their way to the Greene Centre on the second Wednesday of each month and help by serving food, doing dishes, and socializing with the seniors. As a result, the students not only learn the value of giving of themselves and bettering their community,

but also have the opportunity to see the effects of their service first-hand. "The seniors love seeing the kids there helping out, and they certainly appreciate a hot, home-cooked meal," Mr. Haines explains. "It's great for the students too, mind you. They always have very positive things to say in the car on the way back to school, and they're often surprised at just how much they've enjoyed themselves."

On October 8th, Jillian Budd and Brian Kertzer were the first two Centennial students to participate in the program this academic year by helping serve up a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner, complete with all the trimmings. Though a little shy at first, the two quickly warmed up in the kitchen. Anna Johansson, Coordinator of the Meals on Wheels program at the Greene Centre, agrees that Centennial students are always a welcome addition to the group

of volunteers. "It's always nice to have new faces come and help each month", she says. "The other volunteers show them around, and they do a good job." Maureen Hanley, who has been managing the many volunteer drivers, cooks, servers and dishwashers for the past thirteen years, explains that to many of the regular participants, the



Jillian Budd helps serve Thanksgiving Dinner to the Meals on Wheels club

Lunch Club is their only opportunity to get together. "Some of these people live pretty far away, and without this, they would never see each other. This way though, they create their own little network."

Through community service initiatives such as this, students learn to understand and appreciate the value of service to others. And that is a lesson that will last a lifetime.

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## Dates to Remember

### High School

Wed., February 11th - Career Day  
 Fri., February 13th - Teachers  
 Appreciation  
 Mon., February 16th - Ped Day  
 Tues., February 24th - Science Fair  
 Fri., March 5th - Ped Day  
 Fri., March 12th - Term 3 ends  
 Mon., March 15th to  
 Fri., March 26th - Spring Break  
 Fri., April 9th & Mon., April 12th -  
 Easter Holiday  
 Thurs., April 15th - Spring Concert  
 Tues., April 20th - Mother / Daughter  
 Event  
 Thurs., April 22nd - Parent / Teacher  
 Interviews (by appointment)  
 Fri., April 23rd - Ped Day  
 Fri., April 30th - Founder's Day

### College

Tues., February 24th - Parent Teacher  
 Night  
 Mon., March 15th to  
 Fri., March 26th - Spring Break  
 Tues., February 17th &  
 Wed., February 18th - Comité  
 D'Évaluation Visit

# Congratulations to our Honour Roll Students

## GRADE 7

### Terms 1 & 2

Anoosh Ansary-Vaez  
James Braginetz  
Domenico Carnuccio  
Matthew Cheftechi-Furci  
Eric Collins  
Gianquinto Fatigati  
Jacob Featherstone  
Alex Hebert  
Lena Hsieh  
Matthew Itovitch  
Tobias Kistler  
Michael Le Rossignol  
Michael Li  
Yi Ming Liang  
Alexandra Markus  
Nicholas Porteous  
Andrew Robins  
Leila Sayegh  
Marcus Saylor  
Harrison Shewchuk  
Cody Skye  
Kawisakeron Skye  
Suthera Taing  
Muhanad Talib  
Justin Teich  
James Thomas  
James Usher-Jones  
Akenhnhahse White  
Philip Yip  
Zakaria Zenasni

### Term 1

Jonathan Napolitano  
Luciano Randisi  
Alan Richardson

### Term 2

Alyssa Milani  
Jean-Phillippe Provost  
Joey Suissa

## GRADE 8

### Terms 1 & 2

Christos Alexis  
Michael Bronet  
Patrick Cousins  
Michael D'Ornellas  
Elissa Del Papa  
Michael Deom  
Marie Faaborg-Andersen  
Jeffrey Garner  
Russel Goldberg  
Roiatate Horn  
Mathew Jakimowicz  
Kyle L'Esperance  
Richard Le  
Yonatan Levi  
Kelly Mathers  
Anna Montour  
Katherine Paradis  
Alexander Pouliot  
Stefanie Rak  
Aharon Silberman  
Karl Topping  
Ignacio Valdes-Manzanedo  
Mathieu Vigneault  
Katie Zimmermann



### Term 1

Andrew About  
Daren Elkrief  
George Franklin  
Neal Irvine  
Brodie O'Connor

### Term 2

Anthony Michael Di Censo  
Aamir Goin-Gyles  
Justin Lam  
Nicholas Mullin

Dimitri Alexander Pivnicki  
Alison Usher-Jones

## GRADE 9

### Terms 1 & 2

Mark Armano  
Matthew Bishara  
Jessica Farkas  
James Gardner Gregory  
Kaherine Kennedy  
Robert Knecht  
Azalea Leo Wong  
Taylor McArthur  
Santiago Menghini  
Michael Nathaniel  
Philip Siroky  
Karissa Stevenson  
Mathew Trifiro-Jarzem  
Tony Villella

### Term 1

Justin Cadloff-Rudick  
Sean Garland  
Brian Kertzner

### Term 2

Joshua Rosenstein  
Cole Joseph Skye  
Lorne Steven Zylberberg

## GRADE 10

### Terms 1 & 2

Aman Ahluwalia  
Matthew Antoniazzi  
Sara Araujo-Salas  
Brian Azimov  
Alexander Eastveld  
Valerie Elbaz  
Gilbert Fung  
Allison George  
Olivia Hershorn  
Nelson Hong  
Lea Kistler  
Jonathan Lai  
Karlie Marquis  
Noah Pollak  
Yanick Proulx  
Rae Brooke Rice  
Karen Robins  
Robert Rotchin

Marc Rouleau  
Costantinos Tsimiklis

### Term 1

Lisa Kalles

### Term 2

Maryam Anvari  
Tia Ayrton-Hill  
Patrick Blair-Timothy  
Emily Cox  
Iain Fyfe  
Ryan Zimmermann



## GRADE 11

### Terms 1 & 2

Nicolas Cantarovich  
Isabel Kunz  
Pablo Menghini  
David Rosenberg  
Gabriele Rotili  
Logan Spiegel  
Thomas Stenason  
Brittany Stevenson  
Rahul Sudarshan  
Elina Tupamaki

### Term 1

Jennifer Azimov  
David Landy  
Arik Messalem  
Gioacchino Viele

### Term 2

Kevin Armour  
Richard Bradley  
Alyssa Montour  
Galit Preisler  
Peter Willox

## Grade 8 Student Is Making a Difference in the Community

In the summer of 2002, Michael D'Ornellas wanted to find a way to earn a little extra pocket money. He began collecting returnable glass bottles and before long, this environmentally-aware young man had founded his own company, Michael Recycle. Around the same time, an old and dear family friend of the D'Ornellas', Liza Bouchard, died after a year-long fight with cancer. Michael describes Liza as a "very generous, giving and determined woman" whose passing inspired him to carry on her legacy of lending a helping hand to those in need and bettering his surroundings. With Liza's memory as his inspiration, Michael put his company's efforts into high gear and created the Liza Fund. He continued collecting glass bottles from family and friends, and dedicated a percentage of his earnings to his charitable fund. Soon, he began recycling plastic bottles and pop cans as well, allotting 100% of this income to the fund.

Since that first summer two years ago, Michael has raised over \$1000 through the collection of recyclable bottles and various donations. He has also organized food and clothing drives to benefit the N.D.G. Anti-Poverty Group, collected books and puzzles for the Lakeshore Hospital Auxiliary, organized garbage pick-ups along Fielding Avenue and hosted his 1st Annual

Corn Roast, sponsored by Molson Breweries. Michael Recycle has also made a contribution to Mission Mexico, a volunteer humanitarian project supported by the Montreal West United Church. Michael's donation will go towards the purchase of supplies to build two homes for needy families in Tijuana, Mexico. Despite his busy schedule, Michael's academics are in full form. At least year's Academic Award Ceremony, he



Michael D'Ornellas presenting a cheque to Vicky Pearson, President of the Anti-Poverty Group

received an Honour Roll certificate, as well as the Middle School French Public Speaking Award. Michael remains on the honour roll for the first two terms this year, and has no intention of letting his studies suffer. One of his biggest supporters is, without a doubt his proud mother Gillian. "Michael is a very driven young man", she explains, "and I am thrilled that he chose to put such an effort into keeping alive the memory of a great friend of mine and

following in her philanthropic example. If he continues the momentum of all his achievements so far, who knows what he will accomplish?"

Every month, Mrs. D'Ornellas helps Michael produce a newsletter which is distributed among his supporters. It contains news of the donations that Michael has made in the name of the Liza Fund, as well as information on upcoming events and fundraisers. Each month, Michael includes a short inspirational message. Last July, the anniversary of Liza Bouchard's death, Michael

selected an inspirational quote that sums up his mission very well: "No person is ever honoured for what he received. Honour has been the reward for what he gave." Together we work hard to be able to give a little of our good fortune to others who aren't as lucky as we are. If more people felt this way, we'd live in a better world."

## Centennial Students Ace Canadian History Exam

Centennial Academy students outdid themselves in last year's final exams. With 100% pass rates in Chemistry 534, Physics 534 and Mathematics 536, our students are proving that the close monitoring, structured supports and intervention Centennial provides is truly making a difference and helping students achieve success. Our most impressive feat in the 2003 MEQ exams is our Canadian History results. Centennial Academy is proud to congratulate 5 students who achieved 100% on the exam last June. These students, Peter Kucer-Dougherty, Sara Lawlor, George Liu, Logan Spiegel, David Rosenberg and their teacher, Mr. Laflamme, were honoured at the

Palais des Congrès for this achievement on November 13th 2003. The awards for excellence in history were given by the Provincial Association of Social Studies Teachers and the Quebec Ministry of Education. Students received their award from the Assistant Deputy Minister of Education, Mr. Noel Burke.



George Liu, Sara Lawlor, Logan Spiegel, Peter Kucer-Dougherty, David Rosenberg and Mr. Laflamme

Please note that Sara Lawlor's name erroneously appeared as Sarah Laxer in the 2003 Annual Report. We sincerely apologize for this error.

## In brief...

### Grade 8 Camping Trip to Camp Edphy- September 18 and 19 2003

This year's community building camping trip took place at Camp Edphy on September 18th and September 19th 2003. All students from Grade 8 were expected to attend the experiential learning program at Camp Edphy in the Laurentians, which is designed to encourage students to enhance leadership skills and engage them in cooperative and interactive activities.



### Grade 11 Students vs. Staff Softball Game - September 24, 2003

What a day for a ball game!! The long-awaited challenge marks the first major event in the list of special celebrations for Grade 11 students during their graduating year. The excitement was shared amongst the team of 30 students, while many others joined the cheering squad in the stands. But the staff would not go down without a fight! Everyone had a great time, but in the end no one lost, no one won.... it was a tie!!

### Terry Fox Run- September 25, 2003

Centennial Academy students participated in the annual Terry Fox Run on Thursday September 25th. Despite the rain and cold weather students were very determined and made every effort to lead the way. Their enthusiasm was recognized, as groups of friends laughed and talked as they participated in the walk. Prior to the day of the walk students were given 2 weeks to collect as many pledges and donations in support of the research into finding a cure for cancer. Their sentiments were very positive and as a team, students managed to raise \$8347.50 towards the Terry Fox Foundation.



### Grade 7 Day Trip to Fort Angrignon- October 17, 2003

Students from Grade 7 participated in a community building trip to the Fort Angrignon Activity Center. The many activities offered at Fort Angrignon include several challenging obstacles and cooperative games. Students learnt many valuable methods of positive interaction, cooperation, respect and self-discipline.



### Halloween Carnival - October 31, 2003

In order to raise funds for the Graduation Dance, Grade 11 students organized a Halloween Carnival for Middle School students in the school gymnasium. Our seniors organized several booths and stations at the carnival, including long-standing favorites such as bobbing for apples, face painting, fortune telling, the inflatable boxing ring and the official Best Costume contest. This is a most popular event for middle school students, who helped raise over \$800 for the graduation committee.



### Grade 7 Students Correspond with Pen Pals in France

Ms. Trenholm's grade 7 French students have been corresponding since October with students of the Saint Louis Saint Bruno school in Lyon, France. Centennial students prepare their letters in French, attach photos and send them electronically to their pen pals. In response, the students in France have prepared crossword puzzles and other word games.



### Share the Warmth

Once again this Holiday season, Centennial students gathered clothing, food and toys to benefit needy families in the community through the Share the Warmth Foundation. Boxes upon boxes of donations were collected in homeroom classes and delivered to local families. A special thank you is in order for the parents who volunteered to help transport the gift baskets to many grateful families in the community.

## Centennial Students To Visit the City of Lights

Led by Ms. Cummings, Ms. Roubos, Mr. MacPherson and EF Educational Tours, twenty of Centennial's grade ten and eleven students will be embarking on a nine day tour overseas this March. What better way to celebrate, learning, discovery, adventure, personal creativity, and artistic exploration than to join a Centennial Academy tour of Paris, the Loire Valley, St. Malo, and Normandy?

Ms. Cummings, Centennial Academy's Visual Arts teacher, explains: "As a teacher, I believe that going abroad will change each student's outlook on life. I want our students to fully appreciate the French language and to be better able to understand part of its

history. I also want them to have fun, by experiencing the life and beauty of a different culture. Just imagine... art, architecture, old castles, shopping, learning, and fine French food: the experience of a lifetime."



## Centennial College Hosts Information Session For Local Guidance Counsellors

On January 30th, 2004, Centennial College extended an invitation to over 50 local guidance counsellors to attend an information session and learn why Centennial College is one of our best kept secrets. Director General Angela Burgos delivered a presentation outlining our strategy for helping students achieve success in CEGEP. Centennial College students successfully complete the two-year pre-university program in the prescribed time in



large part because they are taught the life skills, discipline and self-advocacy that are the keys to success. Guests also had the opportunity to hear the perspective of current students Charlie Marie Archambault, Meera-Ann Harper, Joye Ngozi, Christopher Potter and Michael Williams, who spoke about how Centennial College is meeting their needs, resulting in new-found academic success.

## Scott Conrod Joins Centennial College Team

Centennial College is pleased to announce that Mr. Scott Conrod has assumed responsibilities as College Director for the remainder of this school year. Scott comes to Centennial with 41 years of experience in education and has been recognized both provincially and nationally as an educational leader. He has worked in many areas of the educational sector over the years: as a science teacher, a guidance counselor, an elementary school principal, a high

school principal and as Director of Student Services for the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal.

In 1985, Scott became the Director General of the Laurenlval School Board, where he prepared the amalgamation of English language school boards with the establishment of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. Scott retired in 1998 and, in retirement, served as the Assistant Director General of the Lester B. Pearson School Board, as well as a professor of Educational Psychology and Educational Leadership at McGill University. Over the past three years he has also worked as a consultant with the Ministry of Education helping schools and school boards develop their school success plans.



Scott is also active with non-profit organizations in the Montreal community. He is the Chairman of the Board of Directors at the Constance Lethbridge Rehabilitation Centre, and on the boards of Youth Employments Services, Portage Drug Rehabilitation Centre and

the McGill Anti-Gambling Project. Scott is married with three grown children and lives in Montreal West.

Obviously, Scott has a wealth of experience in education and all at Centennial are pleased to have him among us. "I am very happy to be a part of such a unique college", Scott says. "The students and staff have been very welcoming and I am proud to be a part of it".

## Alumni Updates

**Gerald Lebovits (HS '72)** left Montreal for Ottawa, New Orleans, and then New York after graduating in 1972. He graduated from Carleton University and received three law degrees -- from the University of Ottawa, Tulane University (in New Orleans), and New York University -- and two diplomas in law, from Sherbrooke and Dalhousie Law Schools. He became a public defender in Manhattan handling criminal trials and then a



Judge Gerald Lebovits

law clerk to a New York State Supreme Court Justice. Since 2001 he has been a Judge of the New York City Civil Court, Housing Part, in Manhattan. He has also taught as an adjunct professor of law at New York Law School since 1989. Judge Lebovits lives in Manhattan with his wife, Carol, and their two children.

**Serge Chalhoub (HS '92; CO '94)** graduated from Bishop's University in 1998, with a BSc in Honours Biology and recently completed his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Montreal. On May 17th, 2003 he was married to Jessica Lawrence at the Fairmont Chateau Montebello. She has also just graduated in Veterinary Medicine from Guelph University. Serge's fellow class of 1992 graduate, Mark Vignali, was in attendance at their wedding. Serge and his wife are currently residing in Tampa, FL. He can be contacted at schalhoub@yahoo.com.

**Jamie Lim (HS'94)** graduated from McGill with a BA in 2000 in Political



Serge Chalhoub & his wife, Jessica Lawrence

Science and Social Studies of Medicine and is currently in her second year of the MA program in Public Policy and Administration at Carleton University. She has recently accepted a position at Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) in their Disability Policy Unit in Ottawa.

**Cameron Stevens (HS '88)** received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for his contribution of service to Canada, to his community and to his fellow citizens. The awarding of the medals focused on the achievements of persons who, over the past 50 years, have helped create the Canada of today, as well as on the achievements of younger Canadians who are actively contributing to our future.

**Colin Bartel (HS '87)** and his wife Jessica ten Vaanholt are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Kyara Nadia Bartel on August 16th 2003. They live in Apeldoorn, the Netherlands and can be reached by email at colin.bartel@akzonobel.com.



Kyara Nadia Bartel

## Alumni Events

### The Class of 2003 Returns to Centennial

The Class of 2003 filled the student lounge on October 23rd for their very first of many alumni reunions. As the youngest class to join the ranks of Centennial Academy alumni, we are always pleased to welcome them back among us and share news of their current endeavors. Nearly every graduate in the class returned to Centennial to receive their yearbook and alumni pin, and reconnect with the classmates and teachers that marked their years at Centennial.



Class of 2003 grads Sarah Toulch and Andrea Santoianni

Present at this year's event was Stephen J. Hall (class of 1980) to introduce himself to these young alumni and share with them our plans for the establishment of a formal alumni association. As it is every year, this event was a great success and a perfect way to formally welcome this class of 2003 into a new branch of the Centennial community. We are confident that we will hear many great things of them in the years to come. Best of luck to the class of 2003!

### Centennial Alumni Support the Share The Warmth Foundation

Centennial alumni gathered on December 16th 2003 to bring some holiday cheer to those in need. Guests were asked to bring canned goods, clothing and toys to be donated to the Share the Warmth Foundation, a nation-wide organization that distributes baskets to needy families over the holidays. Alumni of all ages



Top Row: Martin St-Denis, Annie St-Denis, Ms. Giguère, Michael Bresciani. Bottom Row: Dayna Kucer, Ms. Gonçalves, Mr. Ottoni.



Aqilya Lawrence, Brittany Leborgne, Dayna Kucer, Katherine Meyendorff, Elaina Montour and Lauren McComber

responded generously, arriving with bags full of donations to this worthy cause. Many found Centennial much changed and received a tour of our new facilities, while others visited old haunts and relived many a shared memory. A special thanks to the teachers and staff who attended the event and made it so special for our returning alumni.

## Alumni Profile Jonathan David Class of 2002

Every few months, Ms. Viires, Head of the Science Department, comes into the alumni office with a newspaper clipping in hand and a wide smile on her face. "Jonathan won another race", she'll say proudly. After hearing that he finished the Montreal Marathon in 3hrs and 32 minutes last September, teachers started talking about how Jonathan first started running here at Centennial, and what a nice, talented young man he was. I decided it was high time I met this alumnus who keeps making headlines.

Jonathan graduated with honours from Centennial Academy in 2002. That year, he received the Citizenship Award, which is presented to a graduating student who has exhibited honesty, respect, ambition, self-discipline and leadership, and whose presence at Centennial Academy contributes to its betterment. He also received the Senior Sportsmanship Award from both Centennial Academy and the G.M.A.A., and was named Most Valuable Runner, with Karlie Marquis, for the Centennial Halo Race Team. Since he has left our hallways, Jonathan continues to excel both athletically and academically. He will be graduating from John Abbott College in June with a D.E.C. in science and plans to pursue his education in either Chemistry or Biology at McGill. He also takes his training schedule quite seriously and hopes to make the McGill Track and Field team. "There comes a point when you can't rely on natural talent anymore", he explains, "you have to work at it."



Jonathan David

Jonathan began running track and field at Dorset Elementary School, but he credits Ms. Viires for encouraging him to get serious about his training. "He was very interested in the high jump", Ms. Viires recalls, "but I knew I had to get him into running." And it seems that her hunch paid off. In grade 10, Jonathan came in ninth place at the G.M.A.A Mount Royal Halo Race. The following year, after much hard work, dedication and encouragement from his coach, he

## Join the Centennial Academy Alumni Student Association Today!

The Alumni Association is the perfect to reconnect with your former classmates and teachers, network, help plan alumni events, and play a part in the future of Centennial Academy.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Laliberté at [jlaliberte@centennial.qc.ca](mailto:jlaliberte@centennial.qc.ca) or (514) 486-5533 ext. 226

won. "That was the highlight of my days at Centennial", he says with a wide grin. "I remember thinking when I was in grade 9 that these guys were so fast, I could never beat them. But I did."

Since high school, Jonathan has become a long distance runner to be taken very seriously. Last May, he won the under 19 age category of the National Capital half-marathon in Ottawa with a time of 1hr 25 mins. He also won the Vermont Sap Run, which is open to all age groups and welcomes over a hundred participants. And his results at the Montreal International Marathon in September are quite impressive indeed. Jonathan faced incredible heat and a humidity factor that made it feel like 35 C, and still managed to finish those 42km with

a time that placed him 30th overall out of over 3000 participants. Like any serious marathon runner, Jonathan has got his eye on the Boston Marathon, the world's oldest annual marathon that ranks as one of the world's most prestigious road racing events. Only 20,000 participants are eligible to participate each year; to qualify, entrants must run a qualifying time at a certified marathon. Though he isn't quite there yet, those that know him are confident that Jonathan will make the cut before long. "People spend a lifetime trying to qualify", Ms. Viires explains, "and I'm sure the minute Jonathan sets his mind on it, he will." From what I've seen of this talented, humble young man, it seems clear Ms. Viires is right.

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