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The Class of 2004

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Congratulations to the Class of 2004!



Hats off to the class of 2004!

With another exciting year filled with personal and collective successes, lifelong memories and fantastic school spirit coming to a close, it was time to bid farewell to our graduating students, the class of 2004.

On June 4th, parents, grandparents, friends and faculty gathered for the graduation exercises and award presentation, a ceremony which proved to be a perfect ending to our graduating students' days at Centennial Academy. We were thrilled to welcome our guest speaker, the Honorable Judge Gerald Lebovits, class of 1972, who was kind enough to fly in from New York to speak to our young graduates. Judge Lebovits' address was truly inspiring to the grads, their parents and the Centennial staff alike, and was made even more fitting by the fact that he too once walked the halls of Centennial Academy. Though the school was then situated over Chalet BBQ, with no gym or computer labs, Judge Lebovits' experience at Centennial was indeed very similar to that of many of our students. Despite a long list of accomplishments, not the least of which is a brilliant career in Law, Judge Lebovits was candid enough to share his own early struggles,



Judge Gerald Lebovits, Class of 1972

and cited the caring and dedication of his teachers here as one of the saving graces of his high school education. Valecdectorian Rahul Sudarshan's address recalled fond memories that won't soon be forgotten and was filled with the certainty of a promising future for all our grads.

Following the ceremony and with diplomas in hand, our grads and their guests proceeded to a celebratory cocktail, where both tears and smiles abounded. Special thanks are due to the members of the Parents' Association for all their hard work in making this afternoon so special for our grads and their families. To the class of 2004, we wish nothing but continued success and happiness. Congratulations!



Graduating students Lorne Gottlieb and Leigh Efrain

Graduation Ceremony - Awards

SUBJECT AWARDS

Art - Emma Cerulli
Chemistry - Elina Tupamaki
Computer Science - Galit Preisler
Economics - Rahul Sudarshan
Entrepreneurship - Rahul Sudarshan
English - Brittany Stevenson
French - Gio Viele
History - Rahul Sudarshan
Mathematics - Elina Tupamaki
Physics - Pablo Menghini
Media - Heather Horn
Sociology - Richard Bradley

HONOUR ROLL

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Jennifer Azimov | Gabriele Rotili |
| Alexis Bosse | Logan Spiegel |
| Peter Kucer-Dougherty | Thomas Stenason |
| Isabel Kunz | Brittany Stevenson |
| Pablo Menghini | Rahul Sudarshan |
| David Rosenberg | Elina Tupamaki |

YEARBOOK AWARD

Jennifer Azimov and Megan Jack

SENIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARD

Brittany Stevenson

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Jennifer Azimov, Marlene Kagan, Chelsea Patterson and Galit Preisler

ARION MUSIC AWARD

Daniel Maislin

BRUCE M. HICKS AWARD

Pablo Menghini

COUGAR SHOP AWARD

Chelsea Patterson

ROBOTICS AWARD

Pablo Menghini

KEVIN BERLIN SCHOLARSHIP

Katherine Meyendorff

KOENIG AWARD

Megan Jack

ALUMNI SPEAKER AWARD

Chelsea Patterson

ALUMNI AWARD

Galit Preisler

CENTENNIAL ACADEMY AWARD

Marlene Kagan

MCGILL SCIENCE AWARD

Elina Tupamaki

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Elina Tupamaki

HEAD'S AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Logan Speigel

HEAD'S CHOICE AWARD

Mark David

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S BRONZE MEDAL

Elina Tupamaki



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Dates to Remember

High School

Thurs., August 30 – School Opening
Mon., September 6 – Labour Day
Thurs., September 2 – Volunteer
Welcome Wine & Cheese
Thurs., September 9 – Curriculum
Evening
Wed., October 6 – Open House
Mon., October 11 – Thanksgiving
Holiday
Fri., October 29 – Term 1 Ends
Thurs., November 18 – Annual Event

College

Mon., August 2 to Wed., Aug 18 -
Registration and Course Selection
Thurs., August 18 - Orientation
Mon., August 23 – Classes Begin
Mon., September 6 - Labour Day
Mon., September 20 – Course Drop
and Withdrawal Period ends
Mon., October 11 - Thanksgiving
Holiday
Mpn., October 25 - Open House

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Academic Awards

Proud parents, students and faculty gathered on June 3rd to celebrate the achievements of our grade 7-10 students at the annual Academic Awards Evening. This year's guest speaker, graduating student Chelsea Patterson, almost stole the evening away with her heartfelt words of encouragement for her peers and her inspiring story of personal triumph.



Graduating Student Speaker
Chelsea Patterson

"Speaking in front of you all is my #1 fear, and I am hating every minute of it", Chelsea admitted, "but it is also my greatest accomplishment." With special thanks to her teachers for their support and guidance, Chelsea stood up for what Centennial strives to accomplish with each of our students - helping them reach their full potential. For all their efforts and achievements, both academic and community-related, Centennial congratulates the following award winners:

GRADE 7

Most Improved

Mathematics, Diandra Panzera
Science, Alan Richardson
English, Joey Suissa
French, Akenhnhahse White
Geography, Bianca Nudo

Academic Excellence

Mathematics, Michael Le Rossignol
Science, Alexandra Markus
English, Michael Le Rossignol
French, Nicholas Porteous
Geography, Lena Hsieh
Art, Steven Liang
Music, Keaton Stevenson

GRADE 8

Most Improved

Mathematics, Michele Iafigliola
Science, Adam Browman
English, Jarred Rozansky
French, Adam Browman
History, Natasha Molinaro

Academic Excellence

Mathematics, Michael Deom
Science, Michael Deom
English, Adam Zenobi
French, Kelly Mathers
History, Anen Montour
Art, Kelly Mathers
Music, Christos Alexis
Drama, Patrick Cousins
Multimedia, Yonatan Levi

GRADE 9

Most Improved

Mathematics, Phillippe Galipeau-Moreau
Science, Jillian Budd
English, Cheyenne Rice
French, Jessica Farkas
Geography, Azalea Leo Wong

Academic Excellence

Mathematics, Michael Nathaniel
Science, Mark Armano
English, Karissa Stevenson

French, Cole Skye
Geography, Mathew Trifiro-Jarzem
Art, Santiago Menghini
Music, Sean Joyce
Drama, Alexandra Farley
Multimedia, Azalea Leo Wong

GRADE 10

Most Improved

Mathematics 436, Tia Ayrton-Hill
Mathematics 426, Rory Stewart
Mathematics 416, David Schwartz
Science, Sara Araujo-Salas
Biology, Ryan Zimmermann
English, Barbara Charos
French, Nelson Hong
History, Adam Delisle

Academic Excellence

Mathematics 436, Karlie Marquis
Mathematics 426, Alexander Eastveld
Mathematics 416, Marc Rouleau
Science, Karlie Marquis
Biology, Valerie Elbaz
English, Karen Robins
French, Michael Oliver
History, Karlie Marquis
Art, Sara Araujo-Salas
Music, Matthew Antoniazzi
Drama, Brian Azimov
Media, Thomas Reed



Award winner Philip Siroky, with Mr. Lawson

HONOUR ROLL – GRADE 7

Anoosh Ansary-Vaez
James Braginetz
Domenico Carnuccio
Matthew Cheftechi-Furci
Eric Collins
Gianquinto Fatigati
Jacob Featherstone
Alex Hebert
Phillippe Huynh Stevens
Lena Hsieh
Matthew Itovitch
Tobias Kistler
Samara Lax
Michael Le Rossignol
Michael Li
Yi Ming Liang
Alexandra Markus
Alyssa Milani
Nicholas Porteous
Alan Richardson
Emily Rill
Andrew Robins
Leila Sayegh
Marcus Saylor
Harrison Shewchuk
Cody Skye
Kawisakeron Skye
Joey Suissa
Sutheara Taing
Muhanad Talib
Justin Teich
James Thomas
James Usher-Jones
Akenhnhahse White
Phillip Yip
Zakaria Zenasni

HONOUR ROLL – GRADE 8

Christos Alexis
Michael Bronet
Jared Cohen
Patrick Cousins
Elissa Del Papa
Michael Deom
Michael D'ornellas
Marie Faaborg-Andersen
Jeffrey Garner
Aamir Goin-Gyles
Russel Goldberg
Roihtate Horn
Mathew Jakimowicz
Elan Kemeny
Richard Le
Kyle L'esperance
Yonatan Levi
Kelly Mathers
Anna Montour
Nicholas Mullin
Katherine Paradis
Alexander Pouliot
Stefanie Rak
Aharon Silberman
Karl Topping
Alison Usher-Jones
Ignacio Valdes-Manzanedo
Mathieu Vigneault
Adam Zenobi
Katie Zimmermann

HONOUR ROLL – GRADE 9

Mark Armano
Matthew Bishara
Jessica Farkas
James Gardner Gregory
Katherine Kennedy
Azalea Leo Wong
Taylor McArthur
Santiago Menghini
Michael Nathaniel
Adam Rapkowski
Philip Siroky
Cole Skye
Karissa Stevenson
Patrick Tozzi
Mathew Trifiro-Jarzem
Tony Villella

HONOUR ROLL – GRADE 10

Aman Ahluwalia
Matthew Antoniazzi
Sara Araujo-salas
Tia Ayrton-Hill
Brian Azimov
Alexander Eastveld
Valerie Elbaz
Gilbert Fung
Iain Fyfe
Allison George
Olivia Hershorn
Nelson Hong
Lea Kistler
Jonathan Lai
Karlie Marquis
Noah Pollak
Yanick Proulx
Karen Robins
Robert Rotchin
Marc Rouleau
Constantinos Tsimiklis

Middle School French Public Speaking Award

Matthew Cheftechi-Furci

Middle School English Public Speaking Award

Brody O'Connor

Grade 9 Public Speaking Award

Jessica Farkas

Therese Kinsley Science Fair Award

George Franklin

Denny Christianson Music Award

Mark Armano

Grade 7 Award

Emily Rill

Founder's Award

Kelly Mathers

John N. Parker Award

Anen Montour

Grade 9 Award

Jeremy Chartier-Dessert

James Logan Faculty Award

Valerie Elbaz

Community Service Award

Grade 7 Andrew Robins
Grade 8 Kelly Mathers
Grade 9 Justin Klumak
Grade 10 Noor Al-Ghafari

Parent's Association Awards

Grade 7 Akenhnhahse White
Grade 8 Katherine Paradis
Grade 9 Phillip Siroky
Grade 10 Karlie Marquis

Cougar Shop Awards

Grade 7 Phillippe Huynh-Stevens
Grade 8 Patrick Cousins & Lawrence Vachon
Grade 9 Taylor McArthur
Grade 10 William Charbonneau

Prefects: The following students have been chosen to fill the role of prefect for the 2004-2005 school year:

Aman Ahluwalia, Sarah Araujo-Salas, Tia Ayrton-Hill, Brian Azimov, William Charbonneau, Alexander Eastveld, Valerie Elbaz, Gilbert Fung, Christopher Cheftechi-Furci, Iain Fyfe, Allison George, Jacob Greenbaum, Olivia Hershorn, Lisa Kalles Lea Kistler, Stefan L'Espérance, Jonathan Lai, Karlie Marquis, Kiersten Myiou, Noah Pollak, Costa Tsimiklis

Centennial Foundation Bronze Medals

Grade 7 Nicholas Porteous
Grade 8 Richard Le
Grade 9 Mathew Trifiro-Jarzem
Grade 10 Allison George, Olivia Hershorn, Lea Kistler and Karen Robins

Board of Governors Silver Medals

Grade 7 Alexandra Markus
Grade 8 Marie Faaborg-Andersen and Ignacio Valdes-Manzanedo
Grade 9 Phillip Siroky
Grade 10 Valerie Elbaz



Gold Medal Winners: Karlie Marquis (10), Mark Armano (9), Michael Le Rossignol (7) and Katie Zimmermann (8)

Head of School Gold Medals

Grade 7 Michael Le Rossignol
Grade 8 Katie Zimmermann
Grade 9 Mark Armano
Grade 10 Karlie Marquis

In Brief...

Centennial Students Make Their Mark at Regional Science Fair Competition

Centennial's annual Science Fair was held on February 24th, featuring an outstanding group of presentations on topics ranging from astronomy to genetics to environmental pollutants. Special congratulations are due to Jessica Farkas (*DNA Analysis*), Michael Wishe Deom (*pH vs. Electrical Potential*), Andrew Robins and Nicolas



Centennial Academy Science Fair Winners. Six of these projects went on to win medals at the Regional Science Fair

Grenon (*The Wright Bernoulli*), George Franlin (*Two Point Threshold*) Philippe Huyhn Stevens (*What Substances Are Better at Melting Ice*), and Paul Tanner (*Windmill Blade Efficiency*), all of whom went on to win medals at the Regional Science Fair Competition.

Centennial Academy Parents Take a Stand Against Multiple Sclerosis

Despite the wind and the cold, several Centennial Academy parents took to the streets on April 25th to participate in the MS Walk for the Cure (Marche de l'Espoir). Inspired by a desire to honour an old high school friend afflicted with multiple sclerosis, Elisabeth Vanderveldt L'Espérance, who has two children at Centennial Academy and another one on the way, sent out a call to action. Centennial parents, staff and friends responded with resounding support, and in a very short time, this wonderful group raised just over \$1000. Armed with their Centennial Cougars banner, these parents have made us all very proud. "Everyone ended up identifying with this cause", Elisabeth later explained. "So many people came forward with the story of someone they knew who was suffering,



Mrs. Karen Griffin, Mrs. Domenica Catalogna, Mrs. Diane Eastveld and Mrs. Andrea Pouliot

and I'm so proud and grateful to our community for making this happen."

Second Annual Mother / Daughter Event Raises Over \$1500 for Breast Cancer

The mothers and daughters of Centennial Academy continued a tradition begun last year by gathering at the home of Head of School Angela Burgos on May 27th. The popular event gives the mothers and daughters of the Centennial community the opportunity to promote unity among women and come

together in support of a worthy cause. The cocktail was once again hosted in conjunction with KitchenAid Cook for the Cure, a fundraising program benefiting the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. We are pleased to announce that so far, the women of Centennial have raised over \$1500 for breast cancer research.

We were delighted to welcome a guest speaker at this year's event, journalist Donna Nebenzahl. Co-author of *Womankind*, Mrs. Nebenzahl shared the story of her worldwide



Mrs. Fern Vineberg-Karpman, Casey Cooper, Emma Cerulli and Mrs. Carol Fitzwilliam

Athletics Banquet

Though the Girls Touch Football Team still had not played their final game against Bialk High School (32-18!) to become the 2004 GMAA Champions, they and Centennial Academy's many other outstanding athletes had much to celebrate at this year's Athletics Banquet.

From the second placed Juvenile Boys Soccer Team to swimming sensations Tsa Tsa and Anna Montour, Centennial's athletes continue to forge their place in the Montreal circuit. Several were recognized again this year at the GMAA Awards Banquet, and continue to give their competitors a run for the gold. Centennial would like to congratulate all of this year's award winners:

Bantam Boys Soccer

MVP - Karl Topping
MIP - Michael Le Rossignol

Bantam Girls Soccer

MVP - Katie Zimmermann
MIP - Marie Faaborg-Andersen and Emily Rill

Juvenile Girls Soccer

MVP - Emily Cox and Kaherine Kennedy
MIP - Elina Tupamaki

Juvenile Boys Soccer

MVP - Marco Luongo
MIP - Matthew Pollack

Cross Country Running

MVRunner - Iain Fyfe, Wyatt Adam and Anna Montour
MIRunner - Russel Goldberg

Golf

MVP - Daniel Cerulli
MIP - Philip Beretta

Bantam Girls Basketball

MVP - Katie Zimmermann
MIP - Bianca Nudo

Bantam Boys Basketball

MVP - Edward Bondi
MIP - Adam Browman

Midget Boys Basketball

MVP - Cole Skye and Matthew Bishara
MIP - Mathieu Vigneault

Juvenile Girls Basketball

MVP - Brianne Alfred
MIP - Elina Tupamaki

Wrestling

MVW - Jacob Greenbaum
MIW - Chris Cheftechi-Furci

Curling

MVP - Iain Fyfe
MIP - Russel Goldberg and Sean Garland

Swimming

MVSwimmer - Tsa sa Montour and Anna Montour
MVSswimmer - Leila Sayegh

Halo Road Race

MVRunner - Iain Fyfe, Wyatt Adam and Anna Montour
MIRunner - Ben Friedman
Most Dedicated Runner - Russel Goldberg

Bantam Boys Badminton

MVP - Mathieu Vigneault and Udit Ahluwalia
MIP - Ignacio Valdes-Manzanedo

Midget Boys Badminton

MVP - Jacob Greenbaum
MIP - Drew Hannen and Philip Siroky



Girls Touch Football Team, with coaches Mr. Alexander & Mr. Laflamme

Tennis

MVP - Julian Reich
MIP - Giancarlo de Castris

Girls Touch Football

MVP - Offence- Karlie Marquis, Emily Cox and Katie Zimmermann
MVP - Defence- Alyssa Montour
Track and Field

MVP - Wyatt Adam
MIP - Greg Robertson

JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Russel Goldberg, Ignacio Valdes-Manzanedo, Katie Paradis and Wahsontaha: wi Stacey
SENIOR SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
Iain Fyfe, Marlene Kagan and Elina Tupamaki

JUNIOR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Karl Topping, Katie Zimmerman and Anna Montour

MOST PROMISING ATHLETE

Thomas Griffin and Brianne Alfred

TEAM OF THE YEAR

Girls Touch Football



Mr. Haines, Mr. Lang, Jacob Greenbaum, Emily Cox, Wyatt Adam & Mr. Chuprun

WHIT HAINES SENIOR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Jacob Greenbaum, Wyatt Adam and Emily Cox

Centennial College Honours Graduates

In a beautiful ceremony held on May 20th, Centennial College celebrated the outstanding achievements of our 2004 graduates. The intimate setting, string quartet, and several moving speeches from students and faculty alike contributed to making this an afternoon that won't soon be forgotten.



Ms. Michele Turner

Interim Director Scott Conrod welcomed John MacMahon to the ceremony, who will be returning to Centennial as Director of the College in the fall. Ms. Michele Turner, who celebrated 25 years of teaching at Centennial last spring, addressed the graduates with a truly moving speech on the universality of the search for happiness, no matter how one chooses to define it. And following-up on a promising made to her classmates to keep it short and sweet, Meera-Ann Harper summed it all up by reminding her classmates how proud they should be, and how far they've come.



Meera-Ann Harper and Michael Williams

The administration and faculty of Centennial College would like to congratulate the following award winners, and wish all of our graduates continued success. Keep in touch!

SUBJECT AWARDS

Humanities, Jonathan Marx
Mathematics, Alex Pezoulas
French, Enrico Quillico
Physical Education, Michael Williams
Methodology, Lisa Marie Vetro
English, Meera-Ann Harper
Sociology, Rebekah Maccow
Economics, Meera-Ann Harper
History, Ethan Kraus
Geography, Elizabeth De Castro

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Michael Williams

LORNE PARKER MEMORIAL AWARD

Elizabeth De Castro

JAMES C. LOGAN AWARD

Charlie Marie Archambault

GENERAL EDUCATION AWARD

Jonathan Marx

COMMERCE AWARD

Ethan Kraus

SOCIAL SCIENCE AWARD

Meera-Ann Harper

DIRECTOR GENERAL'S AWARD

Elizabeth De Castro

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AWARD

Rebekah Maccow



Rebekah Maccow

2004 College Grads

Michel-Philippe Bambonye
Yann Bergeron-Hotte
Jaclyn Biber
David Borsellino
Anthanasios Boutsoukou
Sarah Brais
Yu-Chia Chang
David Dass
Elizabeth de Castro
Robert Ehrlick
Lara Foy-Cernovitch
Marc Fuoco
Roy Garin
Daniel Gates
Vincenzo Geloso
Meera-Ann Harper
Timothy Howick
Anne Hughes
Alexandra Jacobs
Anne Jarjour
Jarred Kaminski
Robyn Katz
Ethan Kraus
Jeremy Laufer
Maximilien Leger
Michael Leger
Patrick Lortie
Rebekah Maccow
Jonathan Marx
Neil McDonell
Jeanne Michaud-Hedge
Constantine Mountanos
Natalie Murray-Lyon
Joye Ngozi
Lionel Odimbosoukou
Eun Sun Oh
Brandon Osher
Jason Petrosky
Alexander Pezoulas
Christopher Potter
Enrico Quillico
Jason Safford
Jason Safir
Stefano Salvo
Avi Satim
Richard Sims
Nathalie Supino
Casey Tabah
Nathaniel Taran
John Todi
Brian Taylor
Lisa Marie Vetro
Michael Williams

quest to determine what inspires women activists to dedicate themselves to bettering the lives of others.

Teachers honoured on Founder's Day

On Founder's Day, the Centennial community comes together in celebration of our beginnings and to look back on all of those individuals who have helped us become what we are today. Centennial Academy was built on the belief that the best way to help students achieve their goals was by retaining the most caring and dedicated teachers, and we have continued to strive for just that. On April 30th, three such individuals were honoured for their tirelessness, drive and compassion over the course of 25 years of teaching here at Centennial. Mr. Gabe Ottoni, Mrs. Regina Solomon and Mrs. Elfriede Vaccariello have all played an integral part of Centennial's history, and it is thanks to teachers like them that we can continue to offer our families the very best in education. We wish them many more years to come!

Biology Students Visit Huntsman



Grade 10 biology students collect samples at the Huntsman Marine Center

Marine Center

From April 24th to April 28th, our grade 10 biology students were treated to a crash course in marine biology during a field trip to the Huntsman Marine Center in St-Andrews, New Brunswick. The trip offered students the opportunity to explore marine life and oceanography and gain first-hand experience in field study and research. The Huntsman Marine Center offers a fully equipped research vessel, rocky coastlines

and salt marshes, excellent lab facilities and some of the highest tides in the world.

Centennial Bands Blow Audience Away at Spring Concert

Under the musical direction of Mr. Scott Cheyne, all four Centennial bands took the stage on April 15th for a delightful evening of entertainment at the annual Spring Concert. From classical pieces by Beethoven and Handel to jazz classics from the likes of Miles Davis and Dean Sorenson, our young musicians rose to the occasion to deliver an outstanding performance.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



April 15th-17th 2005

Centennial Academy will be celebrating 35 years of helping students reach their potential.

- ✓ Open House and School Tours
- ✓ Family activities and sports events
- ✓ Alumni Reunion
- ✓ Sunday Brunch
- ✓ Saturday Night Gala

Please visit our website regularly, www.centennial.qc.ca, in the fall for more information on this weekend celebration.

IN MEMORIAM

The Centennial Academy Parents' Association wishes to express its deepest sympathies to the family of Francine Grzywacz, who passed away on June 27, 2004. Francine was a long-time volunteer and friend to all of us, and a valued member of the Centennial community. She will be greatly missed.

Alumni Updates

Nicholas George (HS '03) has completed his prep year at Campus Fort St. Jean. He is currently in basic training and will be attending the Royal Military College of Canada this fall, which accepts only 400 students out of a pool of over 4000 applicants.



Nicholas George (HS '03)

Jeremy Plaunt (HS '95) graduated from McGill with a B.A. in History and Political Science (2002). Married in October 2002 to Kelly Hanson, they make their home in Gatineau, and are both pursuing careers in the public service.

Randy Waxman (HS '95) was engaged to Elizabeth Cohene on April 1st, 2004.

Michael Vineberg (HS '94) works as the Director of Operations for Fersten Worldwide, an importer and manufacturer of promotional apparel. Michael holds a B.A. in Economics from McGill University and a MBA from HEC Montreal. Michael has served on both the Foundation and Board of Directors of Centennial, is currently the Co-Chair of the Jewish Chamber of Commerce of Montreal and sits on the

Board of Directors of the Jeune Chambre de Commerce de Montreal. Michael is married to Angela Lehrer and they live in NDG. He can be reached at (514) 482-7475.

David (Auerbach) Hurstfield-Meyer (HS '92, CO '94)

After leaving Centennial, David graduated from Concordia University with a Bachelors in Sociology. He then enrolled into the Flight Safety Academy in Vero Beach Florida and became a commercial pilot. He has worked as a Flight Instructor, Charter Pilot, Corporate Pilot, and is presently about to begin training in St. Louis for a captain's position with American Airlines. He will be based out of Richmond, VA where he plans to move with my wife Amy and newborn daughter Haley.



2004 MS Leadership Award Recipients

Chris Papp (HS '92) was honoured by the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada on April 22nd with an MS Leadership Award, which is presented to individuals whose professional and social achievements have contributed to the growth of their businesses and the development of Quebec society. Chris is a Vice-President at M.O.D.A. folio Int. Inc.

Dominique Mondolini (HS '82) attended Marianopolis College after graduating from Centennial, then moved to France to study law. He became a lawyer and currently works for the firm of Willkie Farr & Gallagher in Paris.

Alumni Profile Mindy Shear - College Class of 1988

Mindy Shear is a woman on the move. A bright, ambitious, and inquisitive person, she has many passions and an undeniable way of turning that passion into a profitable enterprise. She is a business woman, an artist, a traveler and, fittingly, a Centennial College graduate.

Mindy came to Centennial College right after graduating high school - a time during which she claims to have been neither motivated, nor challenged. She decided against attending Dawson College, afraid that she would be signing up for more of the same: a place with little direction and no way to channel her seemingly boundless energy. Unsure of what field interested her most, Mindy came to visit Centennial College with a friend, and ended up meeting with Reverend Mark Gudwin, the College Director. After a few minutes of casual conversation, he told Mindy she was meant to be an Art History student. "That was it", she asserts. "That moment changed my life."

All of a sudden, there wasn't a day that Mindy didn't want to go to class, and she did so well in fact that she was consis-

tently placed on the Honour Roll during her two years at Centennial. She remembers how her teachers cared about her success, and their consideration for her future rubbed off on her. Her time at Centennial made her realize that she loved the arts, but upon graduation, she still wasn't exactly sure where all of that would take her. All she did know was that if she could continue taking the sorts of classes she had come to love at Centennial, she could be happy enough in school to get a university degree. Her wish came true when she was accepted to Concordia, where she completed a double major in Art History and Studio Art. Mindy's mind is clear on the choices that helped her find her way. "If it wasn't for Centennial", she claims, "I would have never continued my education past high school."

Mindy's skills as an entrepreneur were tested early. At the age of 15, she completed a course to become a make-up artist, and three years later, while she was

still a student at Centennial, she opened her first cosmetics store. By the time she graduated from Concordia, Mindy was getting a little restless with her career as a make-up artist. The combination of her



education and her natural curiosity had made her seek a more meaningful existence, and destiny, once again, stepped in. Mindy took a vacation to Israel, and loved the experience so much that upon her return, she immersed herself in the study of her culture. She volunteered in the Jewish community and became a counselor

for the March of the Living. This international, educational program brings Jewish teens from all over the world to Poland to march from Auschwitz to Birkenau, the largest concentration camp complex built during World War II, and then on to Israel. Mindy's store outgrew its location and moved to a larger space in Westmount Square, and she became more and more involved in her art. Her brother, who lived in Israel and was studying to become a scribe, would send her samples of his work, and Mindy

would turn them into paintings. She started working in ceramics as well and before she knew it, she was selling her artwork regularly, was being commissioned by members of the community, and had built up a whole other business.

Though her interests are varied and her life has taken her in many directions, Mindy is not one to drop the ball or leave projects unfinished. Interestingly, her journey into religion and art has not made her turn her back on her cosmetics business, but has instead deepened it into a philosophy. "To me", she explains, "make-up is about inner beauty; it's about making you feel good about who you are." Her clientele has changed as well, which she believes is a result of her increased awareness and understanding of who they are and what they have come to her for.

As for the next step, Mindy is keeping her options open. She has not ruled out the possibility of pursuing her education with a Masters Degree in either Art Restoration or Art Therapy, two fields of study that caught her attention while she was completing some art courses for her undergraduate at Queens University. "I need my life to be constantly evolving", she says with a determined grin. "I learn a lot when I travel, and I have no idea where I'll be going next. One thing is for sure though - there is more to come."

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