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ALUMNI MUSIC RECITAL



The followup to last year's inaugural Alumni Music recital did not disappoint as Carol Isaac '80 and Stephanie Kramer '74 accompanied by Alison Enns '93 enthralled the audience with their musical talents.

Stephanie and Alison wowed the audience with their selections of "A Love Sampler: Renaissance to Broadway." Stephanie has been performing for over 25 years and has been very active as a teacher both privately and within the school system. Alison has lots of acting credits and has participated in many groups since her graduation. She is currently living the parent's dream of having her children follow in her footsteps with son Liam and daughter Adrienne pursuing their own acting accomplishments. Carol Isaacs' accomplishments in the world of music since leaving Rockway include being one of the most sought after vocal coaches in North America, a full time employee and accomplished performer of the New York City Metropolitan Opera and a world traveling performer and an active educator. Performing pieces from Josef Suk and Leos Janacek she mesmerized the audience with the skill of a true professional.

It was a wonderful evening. We hope that next year's performers will also serve to inspire and entertain as we welcome Daniel Licht '68, John Hess '70 and Timothy Shantz '90 as the feature artists for our 3rd Annual Alumni Music Recital Series on Thursday, May 29th, 2014!

◀ GUATEMALA EXPERIENCE 2013

Eight students and two chaperones had an incredible two week experience in Guatemala from March 7 to March 20. Over way too fast, the physical, health, emotional and social challenges inherent with this trip provided lasting memories and hopefully will impact everyone down the road as they deal with whatever life throws their way. From meeting new friends, to spectacular mountain scenery, to working with local youth in the villages on projects, to experiencing amazing hospitality, to learning the history of the country and the impact of multinationals along with occupiers, to experiencing the culture of the indigenous people.....so many different aspects of the trip which as a whole provided the trip of a lifetime for many! Thanks to the parents for trusting us with your children!

JO SCOTT AND BERNIE BURNETT, CHAPERONES



CHINA EXPERIENCE 2013 ▶

This year 9 students and 2 teachers had the opportunity to leave home and travel to China for 18 days. I believe that all of us would agree that China was a life changing experience which provided us with memories that will last a lifetime. Not only did we get the chance to see and explore China's land and historical sites, we were given the opportunity to make new friends, stay with a host family, and enjoy some very different food.

All 9 students were placed with a host family from the school to stay with for 36 hours. For most of us this was an exciting experience and for others it was a bit of a challenge to be so far away from home, but we all managed to get through it and appreciate our friends when we gathered back together at the school in Xindu!

We climbed many stairs and walked many km in order to see wild monkeys, Tiananmen Square, the Terracotta Warriors, The Great Wall, and so many other fascinating sites. The Great Wall was lots of fun and as a group we decided to dress up in funky outfits and do a dance on the wall just to say we did it on the great wall! The wild monkeys were not as cute as they might look; never hold things in your hand, and never leave your pockets open with stuff in them unless you want to be attacked. They were not afraid to jump on us, go into our pockets or, for one girl on the trip, to go ahead and bite her!!!

We were introduced to so many new and fascinating things that we will never forget. I believe that if you have the chance, you should travel the world. Gaining knowledge and experiencing other countries can help you appreciate the country you live in, and for me, going to China helped me understand and appreciate what a beautiful country I live in.



JESSICA MUSSO, GRADE 12

◀ OFSAA

It's always exciting for Rockway's teams to go to OFSAA however the days of sending all of our teams to the provincials has come and gone. Having said that this year saw three OFSAA experiences unfold - Jon Wong and Micah Brubaker-Zehr culminated an undefeated season in D8 and CWOSSA with Rockway's first ever trip to badminton OFSAA. They did manage to win a match while there but bowed out in the quarter finals. They were coached by Robyn Farlow and AJ Snider.

Will Russell finished first at the area's track and field events in the 3000 meter steeple chase, then kept reaching subsequent personal bests through CWOSSA and OFSAA regionals and eventually got to OFSAA ranked 10th in the province! He placed fourth in his heat to advance to the final and again with new personal bests each time managed to place seventh overall in the province! Steffen Pauls was the coach.

The Senior Boys basketball team capped off their season on a spectacular note by defeating Woodland (for the fourth time!) at CWOSSA to advance to the OFSAA play downs in North Bay. While there they had two losses in the preliminary rounds followed by two victories on the consolation side, 60 to 58 over the local Algonquin school and 43 to 39 over Rideau. This put them in the final against a very good team from North Dundas. The Rockway men played their best ball of the season and came very close to pulling off the upset. Regardless they finished 10th and beat their 12th place seeding. The boys were over the top in sportsmanship to the refs, their opponents, the fans and the organizers leaving a proud legacy for Rockway and proud coaches - Bernie Burnett, Ian Kemila, Luke Moyer and David Burnett!





ANNUAL FUNDRAISING GOLF TOURNAMENT

It was a beautiful day at Ron Schiedel's Willow Valley Golf Course for the 18th annual Rockway Fund Raising Golf Tournament. It set the stage for a thrilling victory from the sage golf team of David Seyler, Jim Blair, Bob Shantz and Dale Brubacher-Cressman who took home the Bugs Bunny Championship trophy with a stellar 8 under 64. Over \$20,000 was raised by 28 golfers to help support Rockway's tuition assistance fund. Thank you to Ron, his staff and all the golfers who made the day such a great success!! (www.willowvalleygolf.com)

VISUAL ART EXHIBITION

May 29th was our annual art show held in the Assembly Area, Student Lounge and foyer at the school. The many talents of our Gr. 9-12 students were on display as we celebrated the Rockway Arts community through Visual Art, Music and delicious desserts in our Cafe & Coffee House.



Ben Wong



Bobby Soosaar



Isaac Beech, Bobby Soosaar and Aaron Ruby perform at the Coffee House



Christy Au-Yeung



Lavinia Catana



SEUSSICAL, THE MUSICAL February 13 - 15, 2014

Continuing in the tradition that has produced Godspell, High School Musical, Cotton Patch Gospel, Annie, Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and The Sound of Music, Rockway is very pleased to announce that the all-school musical for 2013-2014 is Seussical, the Musical. Seussical is a fun, vibrant and heartwarming romp that brings to life many of the favourite Dr. Seuss characters including Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie and a little boy with a big imagination--Jojo. The colourful characters transport us from the jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus to the invisible world of the Whos.

Information on ticket sales will be posted on our website in the fall.

65th Graduation Ceremony

ROCKWAY CLASS OF 2013



NAME

Au-Yeung, Christy
 Barré, Avery
 Bauman, Lucas
 Bilenki, Brody
 Brown, David
 Brubacher-Cressman, Letitia
 Brubaker-Zehr, Micah
 Cameron, Jocelyn
 Carr-Pries, Laura
 Catana, Lavinia
 Chau, Kathleen
 Chen, Pengyu (James)
 Cullen, Ashley
 De'Ath, Graham
 Deeming, Rebecca
 Diller Harder, Micah
 Dömling, Erik
 Dumitru, Bogdan
 Dunne, Jennifer
 Frey, Leah
 Friesen, Simon
 Gascho, Alyssa
 Gerber, Faith
 Goertz, George
 Gossen, Robyn
 Hainer, Noah
 Hashemi, Melika
 Hebel, Ryan
 Heeney, Noah
 Huxman, Emily

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

Western University (Media, Information & Techno-Culture)
 Queen's University, Honours Science
 University of Guelph in Kemptville (Heavy Equipment Machine Maintenance)
 Fifth Year Co-op at Cameron Heights (Apprenticeship at Conestoga College to follow)
 Canadian Mennonite University (General Arts)
 McMaster University (Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour)
 University of Waterloo (Honours Arts/ Teaching Specialization)
 University of Guelph (Psychology)
 Canadian Mennonite University (Outtatown Program/ French Africa)
 Gap Year
 University of Waterloo (Arts & Business/ Economics)
 University of Toronto (Computer Engineering)
 Lakehead University (Concurrent Education/ Outdoor Recreation)
 Gap Year
 Gap Year (Music Studies at University to follow)
 University of Waterloo (Co-op Biology)
 Kikidan Institute in Germany (Neuro-Linguistic Programming)
 Laurier University - Brantford (Honours Arts/ English and Literature)
 Brock University (Business Administration/ International Business)
 Conestoga College (Early Childhood Education)
 Gap Year (Physics at University of Waterloo to follow)
 Gap Year (University to follow)
 Gap year (Service work)
 Royal Military College (Business Administration/ Armour Officer)
 University of Waterloo (Social Development Studies)
 Constance University, Germany (Philosophy)
 University of Waterloo (Arts & Business)
 Wilfrid Laurier University (Honours Arts/ History)
 Gap Year (Jewelry Arts at George Brown College to follow)
 Bluffton University (Marketing and Communication)

Kara, Nathaniel	Trinity Western University (Inter-Cultural Studies & Theology)
Klassen, Emilia	University of Waterloo (Kinesiology)
Kneller, Joshua (Josh)	McMaster University (Nuclear Engineering)
Kschesinski, Emma	Wilfrid Laurier University - Brantford (Concurrent Education)
Laptey, Sergey	Wilfrid Laurier University (Honours Science/ Computer Science)
Lau, Hoi (Julia)	University of Waterloo (Environmental & Resource Studies)
Lee, Jared	Conestoga College (Electrical Engineering Technology)
Liu, Kinon (Kyle)	University of Waterloo (Computer Engineering)
Loepp Thiessen, Anneli	Canadian Mennonite University (Music)
Lu, Xuexuan (Will)	Fifth Year at Rockway
Luo, Xiao (Lois)	University of Toronto (Finance Management)
McCann, Alysha	Brock University (Honours Science)
Morschauer, Cassandra	Fifth Year at Rockway
Morshedi, Ali	Western University (Biological Sciences)
Musselman, Daniel	Gap Year (University to follow)
Musso, Jessica	Niagara College (Child & Youth Worker)
Neufeld, Janelle	Canadian Mennonite University (Outtatown/ Guatemala)
Nguyen, Nguyen (Nguyen Khoi)	Conestoga College
Osunbunmi, Temilolu (Temi)	Carleton University (Journalism)
Rangaswamy, Alana	Queen's University (Biochemistry)
Reusser, Jacob	University of Waterloo (Environmental Engineering & Science)
Ruby, Laura	University of Guelph (Psychology/Adult Development/Applied Human Nutrition)
Russell, William (Will)	Dalhousie University (Biochemistry & Microbiology)
Sangster, Oliver	Carleton University (Honours Arts)
Sax, John	Fifth year at Rockway
Schieck, Matthew	Gap Year (University to follow)
Schneider, Julia	Gap Year (York University - International Studies to follow)
Schwartzentruber, Tyler	University of Waterloo (Physical Sciences)
Sidahmed, Zeinab	University of Waterloo (Mechatronic Engineering)
Soosaar, Laura	Ryerson University (Creative Industries)
Strathdee, Ella	Gap Year
Tam, Kyle	University of Toronto (Psychology)
Tang, Peixi (Emily)	University of Ottawa (Commerce/ Management)
Veltri, Stephanie	McMaster University (Engineering)
Wen, Jun (David)	McGill University (Engineering)
Wong, Benjamin	Ryerson University (Image Arts - Film Studies)
Wong, Jonathan	University of Toronto (Kinesiology)
Wong, Kenneth	University of Toronto (Computer Science/ Math)
Wright, Hayley	Carleton University (Psychology)
Xie, Hongye (Ethan)	University of Waterloo (Mathematics)
Xu, Xitao (Edward)	Fifth Year at Rockway
Xu, Chenghan (Peter)	Gap Year
Yang, Suyuan (Jenny)	McMaster University (Environmental Studies)
Zwart, Alison	Gap Year (Working as a Nanny in Italy)





Address from our Alumni Association Representatives GRADUATION BANQUET

ANDREW: Good evening everyone. Thanks for inviting us to be a part of your induction ceremony. I'm sure you've heard this before today, but congratulations on your graduation! Today is a special milestone in your lives and you should be proud.

As Bernie mentioned, My name is Andrew Gilbert. ...



ASHLEY: ...and I'm Ashley Cressman. We graduated from Rockway in 2003 - 10 years ago...YIKES!!! I'm sure a lot has changed since we were here, although my guess is the best parts are still the same. Morning announcements, daily candy from the tuck shop (which was always paid for in full), seeing how long you could keep Chuck off topic during a lecture (I think our record was 2 and a half periods),

ANDREW: Mr. Wikerd chasing people down the driveway when they tried to skip out of chapel and go to Timmies instead, Mr. Boehm's 12 minute runs (the Cooper test?), watching in amazement at how excited Mr. Pfisterer gets over Physics concepts - I assume everyone has seen him demonstrate the Doppler effect in at least 1 chapel...? Helping out Helmi by voluntarily checking that the library security system was working.



ASHLEY: By that Andrew means they used to sneak books into the grade 7's backpacks and laugh when they got up to leave and set off the alarm!

ANDREW: We have many wonderful memories of the staff and friendships developed here. The point was always emphasized so much throughout high school, but Rockway really does teach the value of community. When we left the doors here for the last time, there were lots of doubts and fears amongst our classmates about if and how we could all remain friends. I'm pretty sure Ashley and the girls did about 8 rounds of hugs while trying to hold back the tears before finally saying good-bye. I may also have held back a few tears saying good-bye to Ashley when we went our separate ways.



ASHLEY: Everything felt so up-in-the-air and unknown. It would be crazy to think that we could hold onto those friendships for years down the road with everyone going in separate directions and making new friends and connections. Some were going to schools in different cities, some going away for work opportunities, and some volunteering overseas. What's probably even crazier is that now, 10 years later, we remain very close friends with so many of our old classmates. It's not uncommon when the boys are hanging out that they actually start acting like they're in high school again! We each chose to make our friendships a priority, and although it wasn't always easy, they have stood the test of time. Rockway gave us many things. For us, the most important of those was our friendships.

Our annual Grad Banquet for graduates and their parents, was once again a celebration of the accomplishments of our students. Included was the candle lighting ceremony and induction into the Rockway Alumni Association. Student performances and another amazing meal capped off a great day for our graduates and their families.

ANDREW: Hey what about your husband??? As you move on to the next stage of your lives, you have the opportunity to choose what you will take with you. Rockway offers us so many opportunities - maybe you enjoyed taking part in dramas and will go on to participate in community theatre, maybe you took part in an exchange and developed a thirst for travel that will compel you to spread your wings and go abroad. Maybe you've been inspired by the many stories told in Chapel about volunteering and will continue to make serving part of your life. Maybe you loved playing ping pong at lunch and will ummm, go on to play more ping pong.

ASHLEY: The point is that Rockway has given us all these wonderful and valuable gifts that we get to carry with us - Friendships, skills, passions, knowledge. As you begin the next chapter of your lives, take your favorite parts of Rockway with you.

WE THANK YOU AGAIN FOR HAVING US AND WISH YOU ALL THE BEST IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS. CONGRATULATIONS.

1948 65th Year
1953 60th Year
1958 55th Year
1963 50th Year
1968 45th Year
1973 40th Year
1978 35th Year
1983 30th Year
1988 25th Year
1993 20th Year
1998 15th Year
2003 10th Year
2008 5th Year
2013 NEW!



NOVEMBER 1-3 CONNECTIONS WEEKEND 2013

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SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Friday, November 1st

5:00 pm

The weekend kicks off with our delicious spaghetti feast prepared by our Grade 10 students and Mr. Wikerd. *The money raised goes to support the class trip to Quebec City.* Support a great cause and the best part is: There's no cooking and no dishes to clean up!

ALUMNI SPORTS CHALLENGE

Friday, November 1st

7:00 pm – Alumni Women vs Rockway Flames Sr. Girls Basketball Team

8:15 pm – Alumni Men vs Rockway Flames Sr. Boys Basketball Team

After your spaghetti feast, you can join the action in the gym (as either a player or a spectator). Gather with friends, family and former classmates to see who will prevail: The inexperienced, energetic youth or the more experienced, much slower athletes of the past! All Alumni interested in playing basketball should contact Bernie Burnett at bernieb@rockway.ca or 519-342-0007 ext. 3011.

20th ANNUAL AUCTION EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, November 2nd

6:00 pm

Rockway's premiere fundraising event has something for everyone. The silent auction features 5 closing times and runs alongside the live auction with auctioneers from M.R. Jutzi Auction & Co. Spend some time enjoying coffee and delicious snacks in the cafe which raises funds for the Grade 11 France/Germany exchange.



Make a Difference Day

Sunday, November 3rd

A day of worship for Junior Youth in partnership with Mennonite Church Eastern Canada.

www.mcec.ca for more info!

www.rockway.ca

Oh, the places you have been...



Dear Alumni and Parents,

As we celebrate our:

- 21 years of travelling to China
- 18 years of visits to France and Germany
- 5 years of service in Guatemala,

we would like to learn more about the effect of Rockway's international experiences.

We are asking for Alumni and Parents to go to our website and take part in one of the surveys found at the link as noted below:

www.rockway.ca/globalcitizens

Your survey responses will be kept confidential; however, there will be a space to tell us more about yourself and keep connected to Rockway.

Regardless of whether you participated in an international experience or not, we want to hear from you!

THANK YOU for your assistance and your ongoing support of our school!

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**JOIN OUR
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**CONNECT WITH YOUR ROCKWAY FRIENDS!
KEEP UP WITH ONGOING EVENTS AT ROCKWAY!
RECONNECT WITH YOUR CLASSMATES!**

To join, go to the Rockway website at www.rockway.ca

Look under "News and Alumni" and

click on: Alumni Events

Find and click on "Rockway Alumni Group" which will take you to the "Alumni of Rockway Mennonite Collegiate" Facebook Page

NOTE: Recent changes to Facebook resulted in our original Rockway Mennonite Collegiate Alumni group being deactivated so you will need to rejoin through the above process to get back on board.



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