



ROCKWAY/WEIERHOF EXCHANGE ALUMNI

2014 is a very special year in that it is the 20th anniversary for the exchange. Three hundred and four students from 1994 to 2014 have thus far participated in this exchange. In celebration of this milestone, we are in the process of writing a book to commemorate the event, and, to that end, we have been collecting pictures and writing brief accounts that reflect the experiences of the alumni.

I would like to extend an invitation to past participants to join us in this literary endeavour. We are open to accepting stories, notes, anecdotes, and photos of your experience and, perhaps, reflections on how the exchange program influenced your Rockway experience and life pursuits. Please forward your email address to: rockwayweierhofalumni@rockway.ca

As well, we will be hosting a banquet at the school, in the fall, for all Rockway/Weierhof alumni. We would like to schedule the banquet to coincide with the visit from the Weierhof group, which will be visiting Rockway in mid-October. Details to follow.

DENNIS WIKERD, ROCKWAY/WEIERHOF EXCHANGE COORDINATOR



Women and girls of all ages are invited to join us for this time of Connecting and Celebrating the Community of women and girls. Building on our successful first event last year featuring Wanda Wagler-Martin, we are delighted to extend an invitation to join us as we welcome Sue Gallagher as she brings the keynote address this fall. Watch our website for further details and ticket purchase information.

SOCIAL MEDIA – www.rockway.ca

- **Rockway Web Site:** All Alumni are encouraged to keep checking our website often as we are regularly posting news stories about current and upcoming activities in our NEWS & EVENTS section.
- **Alumni Facebook Page:** Check in on what is happening with your classmates and keep informed about Alumni events and activities. Join the growing group today.
- **Rockway Facebook Page:** Another spot to learn about events and activities beyond what gets posted to our website. We also share information about recruitment and community arts and athletics activities. One of the best ways to stay informed. Having just passed 900 members, we are looking forward to surpassing 1,000 Facebook Friends of Rockway this coming year!
- **Twitter:** Be sure to follow us and keep connected to what is going on @RockwayMC
- **Linked-In:** Keep growing and learning with our well connected community of professionals. Search for Rockway Mennonite Collegiate Alumni under groups.

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ALUMNI MUSIC RECITAL



Rockway's annual Alumni Recital featured musicians Timothy Shantz '92, John Hess '70, Daniel Lichti '68. The works performed, introduced with appropriate depth and banter, spanned the tension of Hugo Wolf to a rollicking spiritual. The concert was more than musically excellent and thrilling; the three accomplished professionals' talents and performance acumen were accompanied by a shared history and comradery that added a depth to the music that defies explanation.

The concert, preceded by the annual Rockway Donor Appreciation Dinner, was a home coming for audience and performers. Rockway's constituency was represented by an impressive span of generations, leaning a little to the grey side. The shared experience of the Rockway community, which Carl Jung calls the collective unconscious, lent a spiritual quality to the musical performances and attests to the importance of musical excellence as one of the deepest community builders. This was our second concert in the renovated Gym A Performance Space and both musicians and audience commented very favourably on the delightful acoustics and outstanding feel of performing in this newly re-purposed hall.

Each of the featured performers enjoyed the mentorship of either Gerald Loewen, Jan Overduin or Robert Shantz (the latter two were in attendance) and each has become a highly regarded Music educator, performer and director. Both the music and performances cause us to hope that these gentleman will continue to return home to us for more amazing music making.



OLYMPIANS VISIT ROCKWAY

On Tuesday, March 4th, Rockway was excited to have Canadian ice dancers **Andrew Poje** and **Kaitlyn Weaver** as guest speakers at chapel. They were fresh off the 2014 Sochi Olympic ice and shared their Olympic journey and experiences with us in their role as the newest ambassadors of *Right To Play*.

Right To Play is an organization whose mission is to use sport and play to educate and empower children and youth to overcome the effects of poverty, conflict and disease in disadvantaged communities. The UN

recognizes that every child has a right to be a child, to play and to have fun.

Right To Play takes that one step further in believing that games and play can bring communities closer, inspire individuals and teach children life lessons, such as teamwork and leadership.

Thank you **Andrew, Kaitlyn** and *Right To Play* for your educational, interesting and inspiring presentation!

JOANNA LOEPP THIESSEN, FAITH AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR
KIERSTEN HANADA, SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE CHAIR

KEEPING ROCKWAY GREEN

On a sunny Wednesday afternoon, five different classes had a chance to leave a legacy on Rockway school property by planting trees.

Moritz Sanio from the Grand River Conservation Authority and co-ordinator of the "*Trees For Guelph*" program came to lead the work and supply the diverse plant stock.

Every spring Moritz is responsible to engage community and school groups to plant thousands of native trees and shrubs within the Grand River Watershed. He does this work with great enthusiasm and we are fortunate Moritz is willing to come share his vast plant and ecological knowledge with us.

For the past four years Moritz has been coming to Rockway to lead planting sessions, helping us to convert some of our mowed grassy areas into wildlife-friendly native woodlot. Next time you're in the Rockway parking lot, take a look over the back hill and check out the newly growing forest. No longer will our maintenance staff need to mow that steep slope!



BOYS RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP

On May 29 the junior boys rugby team travelled to Delhi to represent our region at the A/AA CWOSSA championship. Coming into the tournament expectations were mixed. On the one hand, the boys had been hardened by a full season playing big Waterloo Region schools. On the other, it was Rockway's first appearance at the tournament, in only the second year of the program.

In the semi-final, the boys played great rugby and were able to defeat Erin District High School 29-5. The win was made all the more sweeter

considering comments made by our opponents upon seeing our bus arrive. They could not believe that they were actually going to be playing against Mennonites! The victory set up a final against Saugeen District Secondary School.

The final was hard fought and extremely close. Tied 12-12 with less than a minute to play, the standout rookie, Jonah Boehm, broke several tackles on his way to the game winning, championship winning score. When the referee blew the final whistle the boys were elated. This was clearly something special. For all players it was their first time winning a championship in rugby, for some it was their first championship in any sport.

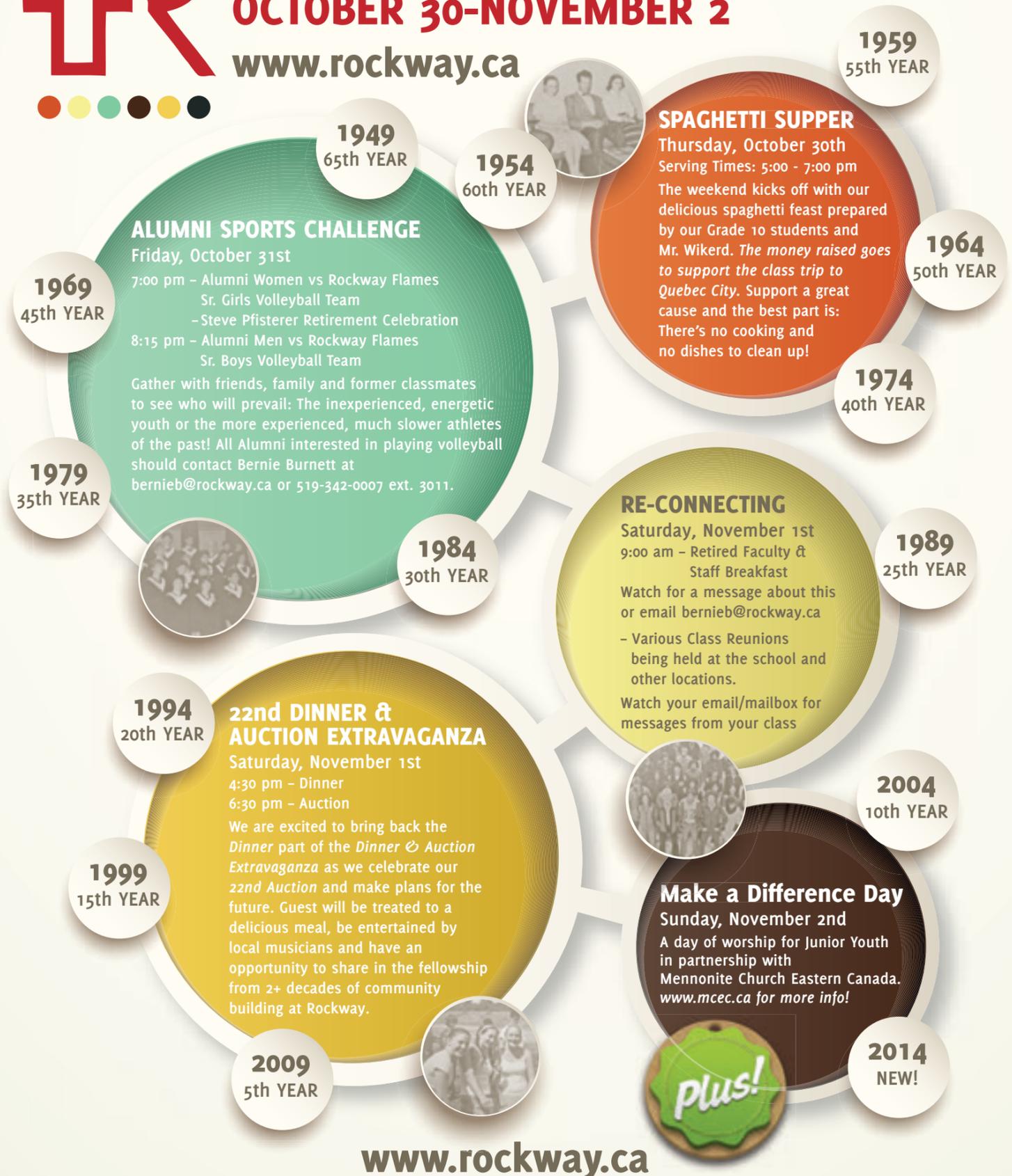
Rugby is a great teacher. The boys learned that perseverance, hard work, teamwork and toughness, both mental and physical, have rewards on the other end. Great work boys.



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Address from our Alumni Association Representatives GRADUATION BANQUET

JEREMY: A very good evening to all the grads, proud parents, as well as the wonderful faculty and staff here at Rockway. It is an honour for us to be involved in this year's banquet. My name is Jeremy Roth.

CHANEL: And I'm Chanel Cressman. Congratulations on your graduation! It is hard to believe that we were sitting in your place 10 years ago. Thinking back it is easy for us to see how much Rockway has meant to us and how it has positively shaped our lives.

JEREMY: Although academics is extremely important, what I hope you will take with you from Rockway is the sense, wait for it...here's a cliché...community. Or more appropriately pronounced (say it in a schtank accent).

CHANEL: But seriously, clichés aside, as I look back on my time at Rockway I think of all the great friends I made and all the fun we had. From running away from the tight chapel security – also known as Mr. Wikerd – to our roller chair races outside the library – although Helmi didn't let those go on for too long...

JEREMY: or coming up with different excuses for leaving design and tech class...“yeah, listen, we gotta go measure...some CDs...uh for the CD case we're making”...and then obviously just hang out in the library for a bit...and that's why I can't fix anything...life lesson.

CHANEL: Another special part of Rockway is the student teacher interaction. All of the teachers know your name.

JEREMY: Although Ann, I'm pretty sure you called me Nathan for my first 2 years. At least you tried.

CHANEL: And they seemed to really care about your learning. From Mr. Pfisterer's perfectly colour coded white boards in exact straight lines in calculus, to Chuck taking time out of his own schedule to help you compare books for your independent literature assignment – not so independent apparently.

JEREMY: I distinctly remember the old history teacher, Roy Stephens, describing the assassination of Arch Duke Franz Ferdinand as “that's when the poop hit the fan”.

Important lessons aside, I also remember arriving at Rockway in grade 9 as a very shy, slightly chubby boy, not sure how I was going to make new friends.

CHANEL: He wouldn't even talk to me in grade 9...and we sat next to each other for a whole semester.

JEREMY: She was terrifying... But, I will never forget how I quickly made friends and was accepted by the established “Lifers”. That truly is very important at that age and I think it was integral for making the person that I am today. One thing that I noticed very quickly was the large amount of interaction between the different grades. I now have friends that graduated a few years ahead of me and a few years behind me. Which I think is an amazingly unique and valuable extension of my friend group and social circle. And something I wouldn't have gotten at many other high schools.

CHANEL: It was only until I left Rockway that I realized how lucky I was to have been surrounded by so many genuinely good people. To this day I am still friends with many of the people I met at Rockway. In fact, I was wedding dress shopping with some of my highschool girlfriends this morning!

As well, although it got annoying at times, it was amazing to see adults who you know inside and outside of these walls, and those relationships don't end after today... don't worry Moyer, I'll be at the next open mic, and I won't mess up my music this time!

JEREMY: As you all prepare to spread out around the country, the world, or throughout the halls of the Grebel residence, think of all the things you have learned here at Rockway. Remember the friends you've made; remember some of the lessons you have learned in Chapel; like the importance of social justice and acting out your faith in order to try to better the world around you; remember the teachers and staff who, even though you, without fail, irritated them by slamming your hymnals closed during chapel or by hiding library books in other students' bags so that they trip the library security system when they exit (sorry Helmi); even after all of that, they still care about your well being and will likely remember you in 10 years, which is amazing. And lastly, thank your parents. They made Rockway a financial priority so that you could be immersed in this great experience. It is something I can't thank my parents for enough.

CHANEL: So as you all go on your way to pursue studies, careers, or cross-cultural experiences, be sure to share the gifts you were given. If you do, good things are sure to come of it.

JEREMY: Thanks so much for having us.

CHANEL: And best of luck as you move on to the next chapter of your life.



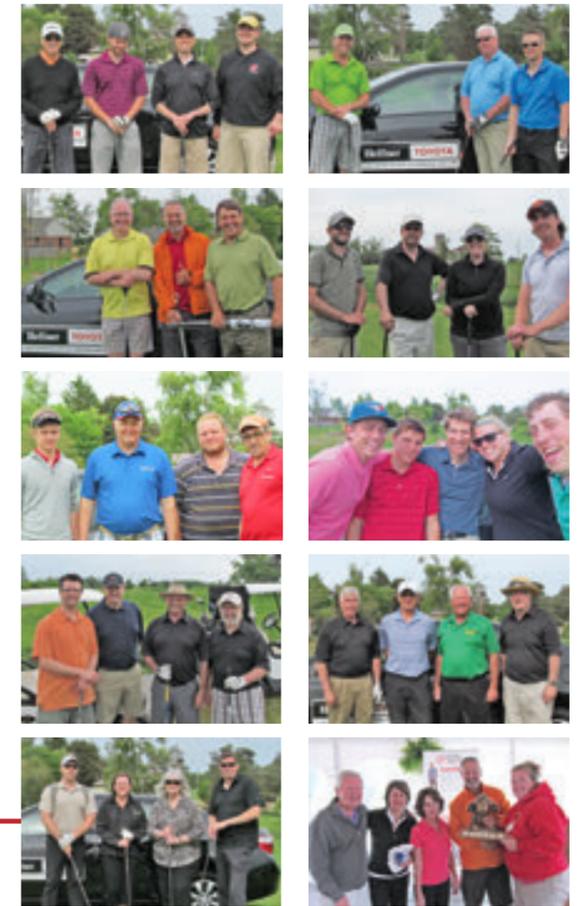
Our annual Grad Banquet for graduates and their parents, was once again a celebration of the accomplishments of our students. Included was the candle lighting ceremony and induction into the Rockway Alumni Association. Student performances and another amazing meal capped off a great day for our graduates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

ROCKWAY'S ANNUAL FUND RAISING GOLF TOURNAMENT

Wednesday June 4th was a glorious day for golfing and 42 talented golfers took to the links to raise money to support Rockway's scholarship fund to assist those with financial needs access the Rockway academic experience. A big thank you goes to all those who contributed as sponsors for the golfers and also to Mennonite Church Eastern Canada as this year's dollars raised were matched by them.

In the end the team of Don Stevanus, Dave Kalbfleisch, Dave Wells and Grant Harkness took away the top honours and the Bugs Bunny trophy with a score of 59 on the par 72 course. “We could do no wrong today” was how they summed up their game as they came one shot shy of the tournament record.

Over \$30,000 was raised and a fun day was had by all. A special thanks to Ron Schiedel and his crew at Willow Valley Golf Course for once again putting on a fantastic day all around! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 3rd of 2015 to be included in this premier event!!



VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

QUINTESSENCE:

the pure and concentrated essence of something

Each year, our Visual Arts students, grades 9 through 12, curate and install an exhibition of work created throughout the year. This year's exhibition, entitled “Quintessence: the pure and concentrated essence of something”, was on view from May 27th to May 29th.

The exhibition featured a variety of disciplines and media, profiling the exceptional creativity and technical skills among our many students. Of note are the unique new media works created by some of our senior students, in addition to the thought provoking, and often challenging, conceptual sculpture works by our Grade 11 students. As seen again this year, our grade 9 and 10 students have mastered multiple technical skills resulting in the creation of exceptional works of drawing, paintings and prints.

The exhibition, “Quintessence”, was well attended and appreciated by all, with a number of alumni returning to support and acknowledge this talented younger generation of artists. It is most rewarding for our students to receive the accolades for this exhibition and the works represented therein from respected members of the greater Arts community.

66th Graduation Ceremony
ROCKWAY CLASS OF 2014



NAME	PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR
Madison Booth	Western University (Media, Information & Techno-culture)
Michael Born	University of Waterloo - Conrad Grebel University College (Kinesiology)
Blair Brock	Wilfrid Laurier University (Honours Arts)
Sarah Brubacher	University of Waterloo - Conrad Grebel University College (Health Sciences)
Wing Fung (Harry) Chan	Cesar Ritz College, Switzerland (Hotel & Hospitality)
Sue Man (Mandy) Chan	University of Waterloo (Global Business & Digital Arts)
Sze Wan Sylvia Cheng	University of Waterloo (Global Arts & Business)
Mackenzie Cormier	Conestoga College (Community & Criminal Justice)
Jeffrey Dixon	University of Waterloo - Conrad Grebel University College (Science & Aviation)
Kameron Evoy	Wilfrid Laurier University (Psychology)
Benjamin Fehderau	University of Waterloo - Conrad Grebel University College (Kinesiology, Co-op)
Benjamin Furey	Niagara College (Horticultural Technician)
Haley Gamble	University of Waterloo (Architecture)
Joshua Gingerich	Wilfrid Laurier University (Kinesiology & Physical Education)
Jack Greaves	Sheridan College (Media Studies & Film)
Megan Hambrock	University of Alberta (Neuroscience)
Ahmed Hameed	Conestoga College (Environmental & Civil Engineering Technology)
Kiersten Hanada	University of Guelph (Honours Science)
Alistair Long To Kim	University of Waterloo - Conrad Grebel University College (Global Business & Digital Arts)
Wonbin (Daniel) Kim	University of Waterloo (Nanotechnology Engineering)
Byung Soo (Ethan) Kim	Gap Year
Olena Klahsen	University of Guelph (Bio-Medical Sciences)
Alexandra Langwieder	University of Waterloo - Conrad Grebel University College (Environment & Resource Studies)

Megan LaRonde	Heritage Bible College & Seminary (Recording Arts)
Kendra Lee	University of Guelph (Arts and Science)
Yijin (Jessie) Liao	University of Toronto (Rotman School of Management; Commerce)
Julian Lichty	Returning to Rockway for One Semester / Gap Year
Robert MacGregor	Wilfrid Laurier University (Political Science)
Nathan Martin	Humber College (Music / Jazz Performance)
Andrew McMurtry	University of Waterloo (Global Business & Digital Arts)
Marissa Morschauser	Returning to Rockway for One Semester/ Gap Year
Sarah Moslehi	University of Waterloo - Conrad Grebel University College (Kinesiology)
Neelis Mueller-Marienburg	Returning to Germany for Further Studies
Kevin Orleman	University of Guelph (Honours Arts)
Wing Yan Pat	Brock University
Quinton Richter	Conestoga College (Community & Criminal Justice)
Lily Roth	University of Waterloo - Conrad Grebel University College (Honours Arts, English)
John Sax	Wilfrid Laurier University (Honours Arts)
Jacob Schumm	Conestoga College (Biotechnology Technician)
Katherine Sheedy	Wilfrid Laurier University (Economics & Accounting)
Wing Ting Sin	Cesar Ritz College, Switzerland (Hotel & Hospitality)
Ella Speckeen	Gap Year
Matthew Steinman	University of Waterloo - Conrad Grebel University College (Political Science, Co-op)
Scarlet Szczepaniak	University of Waterloo (Arts & Sciences)
Erik Teigen	Wilfrid Laurier University (Honours Arts)
Trevor (Chun Kit) Tong	York University (Schulich School of Business)
Joshua Totzke	Conestoga College (Community & Criminal Justice)
Katherine Twigg	Brock University (Bachelor of Recreation and Leisure Studies)
Samantha Veltri	McMaster University (Chemical Engineering)
Tyler Weber	Conestoga College (Business Administration Management)
Isaac Winterfeld	University of Waterloo - Conrad Grebel University College (Environmental Studies & Business)
Mack Young	York University (Schulich School of Business)
Jialin (Lynn) Yu	University of Toronto (Business Administration Management)
Jiadaí (Olivia) Yu	University of Toronto (Business Administration Management)

