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## The Eldercollege Initiative

by C. Lloyd Brown-John

Canterbury College at the University of Windsor has launched a remarkable new educational initiative known as "Eldercollege". The concept is a creative, innovative and absolutely future-oriented means for offering exciting educational opportunities to persons over age 55.

Modelled after a well-established (21 years) program at Capilano University in North Vancouver, B.C. Canterbury's Eldercollege will offer interesting and challenging short courses for persons over age 55 throughout Essex County and Windsor.

Eldercollege is based upon voluntary course development and delivery. Courses tend to be short—anywhere from 2 hours to 12 hours over two or three weeks. Courses are designed by those who volunteer to "facilitate" them and they can range in subjects from Lawn Bowling to Bridge to Canoeing, Greek Mythology, Wine Appreciation, Family Histories, Health and more. Indeed, courses are limited only by the imaginations of those involved.

Eldercollege courses are delivered in locations friendly to Seniors such as churches, seniors centres and residences, public libraries and even wineries. Courses are offered only during the day so that Seniors need not contend with heavy rush hour traffic.

Course fees are charged—after all, one cannot develop, administer and promote a specialised educational and social program without financial support — but fees are also generally affordable so that no interested Senior would be deprived of an opportunity to participate in Eldercollege. And, there is also a "Buffet-

fee"option—one fee for as many courses in one Semester as you like. All course facilitators must arrange coffee, tea and cookies!

On May 12<sup>th</sup> the Ontario Legislature unanimously passed a Resolution both recognising the uniqueness of the Eldercollege program at Canterbury College, and its course offerings in the City of Windsor and in centres throughout Essex County. The Legislative Resolution also called upon the provincial government to examine development of Eldercollege programmes based upon the Canterbury College model throughout the province.

In May the Hon. Sophia Aggelonitis, Minister Responsible for Seniors, presented a cheque from the Province to Canterbury in support of the start-up of Eldercollege.

Additional financial support and additional sponsors are being sought. And, of course, there can never be enough creative people willing to facilitate development of new courses.

Eldercollege will launch in mid-September, 2011, with an array of about 20 to 25 courses delivered throughout Windsor and in Essex, Kingsville and Leamington.

As Canterbury's Eldercollege reaches out to the community with exciting educational opportunities for Seniors we sincerely hope the community will reciprocate with course participation, development of new course and financial and other support.

Eldercollege is for those who see retirement as a creative opportunity. It is also a magnificent opportunity to meet other people and to develop innovative new ideas.



## Our Second Annual Gala with Lt. Governor David Onley

by Gordon W. F. Drake

*ACCESSIBILITY* — that was the watch-word for Canterbury's Second Annual Gala dinner held March 29, 2011 with guest speaker The Honourable David C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. As a champion of accessibility in all its forms, the goals and objectives of David Onley match well those of Canterbury College.

Our aim is to break down the barriers that block accessibility to higher education for our students. Physical barriers are obvious, but equally important are the cultural, linguistic, mental and social barriers that are more subtle. International students often have difficulty adjusting to life in a strange land. For them, these barriers become very real.

As the Lieutenant Governor entered the room on the scooter that he uses to get around, the stiff formality of the opening reception quickly dissolved into an impromptu sequence of short interviews with each Head of House. Of the ten students who serve as Head of House, four are international students. The interviews revealed the rich diversity of countries

and cultures that is characteristic of Canterbury College.

We heard from Hasan Mohseni (Iran), Daniel Carrero (Venezuela), Katrina Schwenk (Germany) and Shoaleh Hashemi Namin (Iran). The students



described the stresses they experienced when they first came to the strange country called Canada and the barriers they had to overcome to do the simplest tasks, such as going shopping or taking the bus, to say nothing of feelings of loneliness and isolation.

The support system and community spirit provided by Canterbury College is designed to help students overcome these barriers and become integrated into student life at the University of Windsor. In

addition to the international students, our Head of College, Robert Onley, also introduced Joe LaBine, Giovanni, Fez Khalil, Sarah Jo, and Amelia Roy-Weber, all from Canada.

Before dinner, David Onley spoke passionately about the need to broaden the definition of the term "accessibility" to include all barriers people encounter to achieving their potential and growing the human spirit. His message is one that we continually strive to incorporate into our thinking at Canterbury College. It was very gratifying to have the support of 239 enthusiastic participants.

The dinner provided a great beginning for both our fund-raising initiative, and new dimensions for the future in both educational programs and the chaplaincy role of Canterbury College. Although our student body is nondenominational, our Chaplain, the Rev'd. Bev Diet, supports our students with essential counselling services, and instils a distinctively Christian character into the College within its Anglican tradition.

## The Aggelonitis Presentation

by Gordon W. F. Drake

Our Provincial Minister responsible for seniors, Sophia Aggelonitis, knows a good thing when she sees it. On Thursday, May 26, she came all the way from her riding of Hamilton Mountain to present Canterbury College with a cheque for \$5000.

I knew from the moment that she sprang from the car to receive our greeting that this was a dynamic and charismatic woman intent on supporting bold initiatives for the public good. She had heard about the ground-swell of public support for the fledgling ElderCollege under development by Canterbury College (see article by Lloyd Brown-John in this issue), and she was aware of the need for initiatives of this type across Ontario. Her seed money of \$5000 makes possible the start-up phase of ElderCollege this September.

The formal part of her presentation provided a great photo-

op and TV coverage on the A-Channel. She spoke about the need for continuing education and life-long learning, especially among retired people, and the benefits of mental as well as physical exercise throughout life.

The accompanying picture shows Minister Sophia (as she likes to be called) chatting informally with Larry Duffield and myself. Larry is a member of the Canterbury Board of Management and strong supporter of ElderCollege as well as local chair of CARP.



left to right: Larry Duffield, Gordon Drake, and MPP Sophia Aggelonitis

## Scholarships

by Omid Tavakoli

Canterbury College is proud to provide a scholarship program designed to attract the best and brightest students, both nationally and internationally, to reside at Canterbury College. The scholarship fund assists students with the costs of their post secondary programs. The scholarships are designed to recognize all round excellence while assisting students in financial need.

A recent review of the scholarship program created three new \$1000 awards to

provide financial assistance to students who otherwise may not be able to afford a University education.

In addition to the scholarship program, a recent contribution from St. Paul's Anglican Chapel at Canterbury to the University of Windsor Scholarship program provided a significant annual financial award to a student in financial need, residing at Canterbury College while attending the University of Windsor.

The awards recipients for 2010-11 are as follows:

*Amelia Roy Weber, Dorothy Kosinska, Hassan Mohammad Asgari Kaji, Hassan Mohseni Nameghi, Hyejung (Sarah) Jo, Nasim Nezhadmohammad Namaghi, Priyanka Trivedi, Sahand Ashtab, Shoaleh Hashemi Namin, Someya Mohammad Ali Mirzaee, and Taroonsingh Mareachealee.*

## A Pleasant Surprise

by Gordon Maitland

For several years now Canterbury College has hosted a hospitality suite at the Huron Diocesan Synod as a way of saying "thank you" to Canterbury's many Anglican supporters. However, this year proved to be a little different.

A short while before the hospitality suite was to open, the Rev'd Gordon Maitland was approached by a synod delegate from Trivett Memorial Anglican Church in Exeter, Ontario. To the surprise and delight of the Canterbury staff and the guests

there assembled, two representatives of Trivett Memorial church presented a cheque for \$5,000.00 to Canterbury College as seed money for programs in education.

Canterbury is deeply grateful to the people of Trivett Memorial Church in Exeter for their generous support. It is a joy to know that concerned Anglicans care about the future of the College and have made the realization of our vision possible.

## Meet Roy Gentles—Head of College 2011-2012

by Omid Tavakoli

Canterbury College is happy to introduce its new Head of College, Roy Gentles. He is a second year law student who loves sports, travelling, and meeting new people. He wants everybody's stay to be as memorable as possible, and he has planned a host of events to make that happen!

The fall season will start off with a tour through Windsor's artistic sculpture park along its beautiful river. Following that, there we hold a House Competition Day where different houses team up to compete in volleyball, soccer, badminton, and more!

Get ready for the big fall event with a trip to *Wagner's Orchard and Winery*. With Windsor being the most southern point of Ontario, the climate is ideal for cultivating the best grapes so that you get

to sample some of Canada's finest wines. This culminates with a visit to *The John Freeman Walls Historic Site and Underground Railroad Museum*. There you get to see Windsor's rich history as being the North Star for slaves escaping to freedom.

For the winter, we will hold our annual trip to Charles Clark Square for ice skating and games. Be prepared to warm up your vocal cords, because we will cap off the season with an open mike night for our talented residents!

In addition to the big season events, Canterbury College will continue hosting its weekly and highly popular Toonie Dinners. Residents are invited to come every Wednesday for a delicious meal prepared by our generous volunteers for only two dollars a person! Non-residents

are invited to come for just an additional dollar.

We are also happy to introduce weekly Latin dance lessons held right at the College. Learn how to dance salsa, bachata, and merengue with the help of our instructors. It's a great opportunity to make friends and develop a new talent!

We hope you are as excited as we are to be joining us this year. We can't wait to see you in the fall!



Roy Gentles

## Our Facilities and Services

### What to expect:

- A supportive academic environment
- On-staff Chaplain
- A community of mature students from all walks of life
- Safe and comfortable housing
- A short walk from the UWindsor Campus
- Riverfront setting

### Accommodations

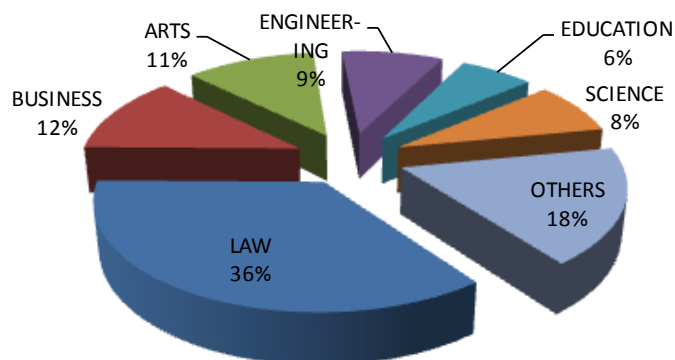
- Furnished single rooms and unfurnished one bedroom apartments
- College-wide wireless internet
- Fully equipped kitchens in every house
- Central A/C in most houses
- In house laundry facilities
- Weekly housekeeping services
- Onsite parking available with passes

### For Short-Term Residents

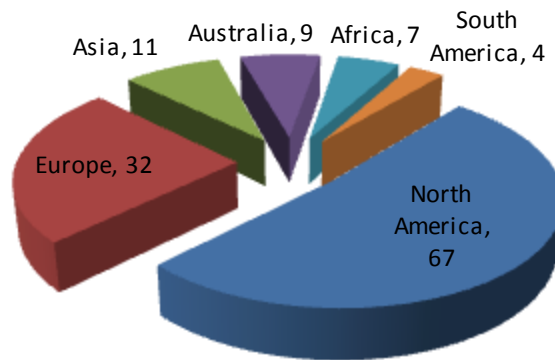
- Visit family
- Attend conferences and events at UWindsor
- Travelling
- Rooms are available at \$50 per night or \$200 per week. All rooms are single with shared bathrooms, kitchenettes, and lounge areas. We offer easy access to the University campus and downtown Windsor. Short-term parking is included.

## Our Students

### By Program



### By Region



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