



Photo by Justin Tang

Students walk between the main campus and residence buildings as fog blankets Loyalist College. A high of 13 degrees Celcius was a record temperature, reducing snow and ice to meltwater.

Post-grad programs help students focus on career paths

By Lyndsay-Lee Quinn

Loyalist College is now offering two new post-graduate certificate programs for students to focus their education towards a specific career path.

The college is now offering seven post-graduate programs, including the new fundraising and development and human resources management programs. All of the post-graduate programs are one-year in length and offer an internship, excluding 3D video production, which is an accelerated program that has students work towards one major project before graduating.

“Post-graduate programs are really popular right now because of the fact that the economy is still in a bit of a slump. Students who are graduating from universities and colleges are not finding jobs immediately,” said Kerry Ramsay, co-ordinator of both new programs.

Jennifer Monje graduated from the social service worker program at Loyalist and is now taking public relations.

“I liked the event planning part of SSW, so my teacher suggested I take public relations,” said Monje.

The public relations advisory committee found there was a need for a fundraising and development program after noticing about 50 per cent of graduating students in the public relations program were finding jobs with not-for-profit organizations, mentioned Ramsay. According to the on-line program outline, there are over 160,000 not-for-profit organizations in Canada. The fundraising element of the public relations course was not in-depth enough to train students to work in this field, said Ramsay. One of the great things about this particular post-graduate program is that you can have a university or college degree in absolutely anything and still take this program. It offers students a chance to really concentrate on what they’re interested in, explained Ramsay.

Post-graduate programs at Loyalist College have produced students such as Kristen Shilton. Graduat-

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ing from Wilfred Laurier University with a BA in English literature, Shilton soon realized that her passion was in sports journalism. She took the post-graduate program sports journalism, which taught her how to write as a journalist. After graduating from sports journalism, Shilton went on to earn her master’s degree in magazine, newspaper and online journalism at Syracuse University.

“I would have been at a huge disadvantage when I got to Syracuse if I hadn’t been involved in this program [sports journalism]. The program helped get my feet under me and give me a good perspective on the whole industry,” said Shilton.

Shilton now works as a communications intern for the American Hockey League team, the Chicago Wolves, which is the farm team for the NHL’s Vancouver Canucks.



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Jennifer Monje, 21, is taking public relations.

Candidates and voters needed for election

Student government deals with everything from bursaries to trips

By Sofia Rojas

The annual Student Government election is underway and both candidates and voters are much needed.

Throughout the school year, members of this council work hard to make sure students at this college have the best and easiest experience on campus.

President Chris Detering, along with 14 other members, deal with almost everything to do with the students at Loyalist, including the Belleville Transit system, bursaries, the cafeteria, clubs/groups, the fitness centre, residence, the shark tank pub, weekly events, school field trips, and

many more.

As students come and go, the council needs new students to fill in the spots of graduates, however, in the past year there has been a drop in volunteering for positions and voting.

“In the last little while election turnout has been quite low,” said Detering.

“I think it’s (because) a lot of the students are apathetic to the whole thing,” said Detering.

“Last year’s fall election was something around eight per cent to 13 per cent of the student population, so that’s ridiculously low. It’s kind of disappointing because I’m a big fan of students knowing how and when to vote in any election. It’s your right to vote and it’s your responsibility to vote.”

“You have the ability to vote and it’s something that’s extremely important for students to do because it does allow for your voice to be heard,” said Detering.

“I mean if they’re busy with all their

schoolwork, they don’t want to have another thing to have to do. They’re thinking of it as an inconvenience but they don’t think of the long-term consequences of not doing anything about it,” said Detering.

The council is working hard to advertise the election through posters and Facebook but Detering is hoping this year’s turnout is far greater than the last.

When Loyalist student Jessie Greve was asked if she going to cast her votes this year she said, “No. I have no idea how or what is going on or who’s running.”

To vote or run in the election, students can visit the online Loyalist Life website at LoyalistLife.com. Voting opens at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19 and runs until 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21.

“The school is here because of the students, so students are the ones that we need to tell us how to make the school better,” said Detering.

Junior chefs take part in competition

By Jennifer Robertson

The Junior Iron Chef semifinal competition took place at the Loyalist College on Jan. 26, 2013. Two teams of students competed from two high schools, St. Peter’s Secondary School in Peterborough and St. Theresa’s Catholic Secondary School in Belleville. The two teams faced off while demonstrating their cooking skills by completing meals. The winner will be announced before the final competition on Feb. 16. The competition was held in Club 213, a restaurant in the college, organized by Margaret Beaumaster, a staff member of the hotel and restaurant program at Loyalist.



Instagram Pic of the Week

Congratulations to Kendall Anne Rich, (username redhairdonntcare), winner of this week Pioneer’s student Instagram photo contest. To see all the Instagram submissions, search #Pioneerpics with your Instagram app.

Deadline for the contest is each Tuesday by 5 p.m.



Students volunteer to make world better

Community projects impact on quality of life and standard of living for members of community

By Laura Boudreau

Making the community better, one project at a time, is the goal of Enactus Loyalist College.

Enactus Loyalist is a group of volunteer students who believe in a cause.

The vision statement for Enactus is to develop community outreach projects that impact the quality of life and standard of living of members of the community.

“One of my primary objectives is to try and utilize as many of the different students within Loyalist College who can offer a wide variety of skills, passions and interests,” said Bob Millard, faculty advisor for Enactus Loyalist College.

The diversity in this outreach pro-

gram brings together many different types of students making the group more accepting, said Millard. Students from all different programs such as business, TV and new media and child and youth worker volunteer for Enactus.

Enactus competes in competitions across Canada in regional and national competitions.

“You do not have to win regionals to go to nationals – they are just different competitions,” said David Pickett, a third-year business student and president of Enactus Loyalist College.

“Regionals are all of Quebec and Ontario colleges and universities. Regionals are a topic-based entrepreneur competition.

“Nationals are all the teams from Canada. At nationals, you have to demonstrate the impact that your projects have had — and economical, social and environmental challenges that your community-based organizations or your partners have been faced with,” said Millard.

The auditions took place on Mon-

day, Jan. 28 in Alumni Hall at Loyalist. Kaleb McCaughen, a business student at the college was approved onto the team after his audition.

“I present because I love proving a point, so why not do it publicly?” said McCaughen.

Enactus has a few projects on the go at one time. The Bullpen is one of the projects that has just been started. It is the same idea as *Dragon’s Den* on television, where entrepreneurs pitch their business ideas to a group of investors.

“We are really excited about the Bullpen, and hope it will bring more creativity and opportunity,” said Pickett.

Pickett said he feels that it is very important to show people an interest in local business to keep respect in the community.

“It is important to do projects that are for the greater good of everyone.

“In order to keep the public happy, we have a wide variety of ideas for projects to help the planet and the people on it,” said Millard.



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Kaleb McCaughen auditions to be a presenter for Enactus, an outreach program at Loyalist College.