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School Council
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Human Library

March 28, 2017

KCI

Library

7 p.m.

Welcome to the conversation.





**Attend School Council Meetings
You Can Make a Difference
to your child & others**

Want to learn more about KCI School Council and how you can get involved? No fundraising is involved, and it is a great way to learn about what happens at KCI.

All parents and guardians are invited to attend KCI School Council meetings, held **Monday evenings** from **7:00-8:30 pm.** in the Library.

Our remaining meeting dates for the 2016-17 school year are **April 3** and **May 29.**

Special presentations :

April 3 : How to Encourage Your Child to enjoy reading

May 29: Apps used for learning at KCI

For information, call the school at 519-745-6851.

kci.wrdsb.ca/kci-parents-resources-and-information/news-and-events-for-parents/

Rafael Alfaro

Career Diplomat



Ambassador Rafael Alfaro is a career diplomat and former Deputy Foreign Minister, Deputy Minister of Transportation and Ambassador of El Salvador to Canada, Israel, Venezuela, Ecuador, Guyana and Trinidad & Tobago; who has also served as Alternate Representative to the United Nations, in New York; Minister Counsellor of the Embassy of El Salvador to the United States and Charge d'Affaires a.i. of his country to the Organization of American States, in Washington D.C. He has represented his country in multiple conferences and events around the world, including the Inauguration of President Nelson Mandela of South Africa in 1994. Ambassador Alfaro was a member of the Support Team of the Commission of the

Government of El Salvador, which negotiated the Peace Accords brokered by the United Nations, that ended in 1992 the 12-year-old civil war in his country. During his tour of duty at the United Nations, he became Vice-Chairman of the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Affairs) of the 46th UN General Assembly and later Vice-President of the UN World Conference on Human Rights, held in Vienna, Austria.

As a political actor, among other initiatives, he was a founder, spokesman and Director of International Affairs of UNIDAD, a centrist political alternative which participated in the 2014 presidential elections in his country, representing this political force in the national commission in charge of the negotiation and organization of the first presidential debate in El Salvador. For many years, he has been a columnist for different newspapers, blogs and magazines, a regular guest at television and radio talk shows and a lecturer at universities, schools and other institutions around the world.

Since moving to the KW area in 2015, he has been an advisor for an IT start-up company, a volunteer at the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), the Mennonite Coalition for Refugee Support, and for SHAD educational program. He was a guest speaker at CIGI during the 2015 Global Youth Forum, and at schools such as KCI and Saint David. Born in San Salvador, El Salvador, Ambassador Alfaro is the proud father of Rodrigo, studying at Brandeis University, and of Javier, studying at Tel Aviv University, in Israel.

http://www.speakersinternational.com/speakers/alfaro_rafael/

Jennifer Bruce

Community Pharmacist



I have been a community pharmacist since graduating from University of Toronto in 1999. I have worked in a variety of community pharmacy settings, including grocery store, chain and independent pharmacies. I am currently working part-time at Martin's Pharmacy, a small independent pharmacy in St. Jacobs. I truly enjoy being a pharmacist and am excited to share information about my chosen profession.

<http://www.martinspharmacy.ca/>



Natasha Campbell

Professional soprano, & voice teacher

Canadian soprano Natasha Campbell, has been heard in venues across the country. Her repertoire has ranged from baroque to modern, including Handel, Brahms, Britten, Poulenc and Stockhausen. She has been proud to perform the music of many Canadian composers including Tim Brady, David Keane, and Jennifer Butler, and has worked as a collaborative artist, producing and performing with many local artists.

Natasha completed an Honours Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance, and Diploma in Chamber Music Performance at Wilfrid Laurier University. She placed second in the 23th Annual Eckhardt-Gramatté Competition, and emerged as a young performer by winning first place in the Guelph Spring Festival's Edward Johnson Competition. Natasha teaches voice at Heritage College and Seminary, maintains a private studio, and resides with her family in Kitchener Waterloo.

www.natashacampbell.ca/

Carmen Clubine

Social Entrepreneur

Carmen Clubine is an industrial designer who believes in art and design as a means to lessen poverty, break stigmas and bring hope to disadvantaged communities. She was born and raised in El Salvador, but chose to settle in Canada with her husband and three sons. Inspired by the beauty of her adopted homeland, as well as by people she has met and places that she has visited, Carmen has created an exquisite collection of sterling silver jewelry. Deeply affected by witnessing extreme poverty and war while growing up and following in the steps of her father, an architect who devoted his life to low-income housing, she has volunteered her time to make a difference in the lives of others. Her mission is to use art and design as a means to create employment opportunities.



The jewelry pieces are created in Paraguay by Joel Baez, a talented silversmith who had difficulty finding work in the past because of his deafness. Now the designs are doing so well that Joel has hired others to help him.

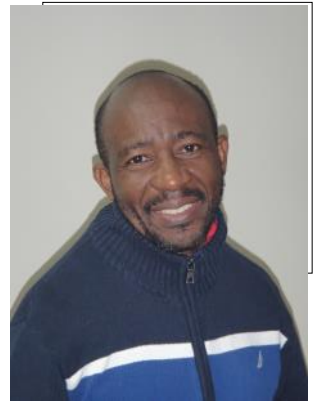
Carmen is also the **proud mother of 2 KCI grads and 1 current KCI student.**

<https://alfarclubine.com/pages/our-story>

Issa Ebombolo

Peace Activist from Zambia

Founder and Director of Peace Club in Africa. Issa has worked with young adults in building the culture of peace in schools, homes, and in the community. He started Peace Clubs in 2006 in three schools in Zambia. Now Peace Clubs have expanded to 13 African countries and 650 schools. The context has been expanded to prisons and religious organizations. Peace clubs help students to work for right relationships, build peace and speak up for their own rights and safety.



Issa is currently finishing off his Masters Degree in Peace and Conflict Studies at Conrad Grebel University College (UWaterloo). He is the proud father of Farajuh, age 13.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d18I-WcNwLA>

Alec Elliot

Paralympic, Para Pan Am & Canada Games Swimmer

Alec is a first-year student in Health Sciences at Wilfrid Laurier University (WLU). He is a competitive swimmer with the Region of Waterloo (ROW) Swim Club for one year when he was 8 and then for the last 8 years since the age of 12. Alec attended the International Children's Games (a mini-Olympic games for children) in Scotland in 2012 and won bronze in the 200 metre butterfly. In 2013, he was named to the Canada Games team for Ontario as a para-swimmer. Alec has a condition called syndactyly in his hands and his feet which causes some of his fingers and toes to be joined. At the Canada Games, Alec won 5 gold medals and 1 silver medal. Alec was selected to swim for Canada at the Parapan Am Games in Toronto in August 2015. He won 5 bronze medals in six events. In September 2016, he travelled to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for the Paralympic Games. He swam his best and achieved a fourth-place finish in the 100 metre butterfly and seventh in three other races. He was named Male Para Swimmer of the Year by Swim Ontario. Since January, Alec has been swimming with the WLU swim team and was named OUA male athlete of the week in February because of great results at the OUA swim meet.



<https://www.swimming.ca/en/swimmer/alexander-elliott/>



Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) and
Waterloo Region Assembly of Public
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SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017

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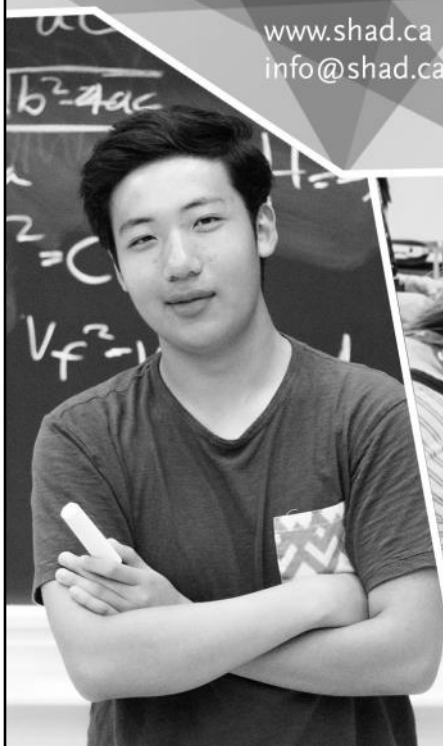


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Mary Hamoodi

VP of Operations, SHAD

Mary is VP of Operations for SHAD Valley International, a registered Canadian charity that empowers exceptional high school students – at a pivotal point in their education – to recognize their own capabilities and envision their extraordinary potential as tomorrow’s leaders and change makers.

Each year, SHAD provides the opportunity for 700 students from across Canada and internationally to attend a month-long summer program, in-residence at a Canadian host university, focused on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts & math).

Mary has worked for SHAD since December 1998. She is responsible for all areas of financial management of the organization, as well as having primary responsibility for all matters relating to the operation of our SHAD programs.

There are currently more than 15,500 SHAD alumni including 30 [Rhodes Scholars](#), Top 40 Under 40 & Top 20 Under 20 award recipients, and many other accomplished professionals, all sharing the transformational SHAD experience and able to leverage their SHAD network for life. Founded in 1980, SHAD is based in Waterloo.

Mary previously worked in the automotive industry as a Controller, obtaining her CGA designation in 2001 and CPA in 2014. Originally from Ireland, Mary lived in the Middle East and the United States before settling in Canada in 1989. She is married and has three sons.

www.shad.ca



Doug Hatton

Automotive Service Technician, Van Holst Automotive

Doug Hatton is an Automotive Service Technician (310S) at Van Holst Automotive Limited in Waterloo. During his grade 11 and 12 years, he participated in an automotive OYAP program at Forest Heights. He completed his apprenticeship training through Conestoga College, and placed in the top three, two years in a row at the Ontario Technological Skills Competition. Doug’s experience ranges from work on new vehicles to classics from the 1930’s.

<https://www.facebook.com/VanHolstAutomotive/>

Leah Lasani

Interior Design Program, Conestoga College



If you have asked me where my career would be 15 years ago, I would have never imagined I would be where I am today. Fifteen years ago, I was completing my Honours Degree in Interior Design at Ryerson University, living downtown Toronto and preparing myself for a lifelong career working in commercial design. And designing multi-million dollar commercial buildings, spanning hundreds of thousands of square feet is exactly what I did for several years upon graduation. It was intense, stressful, and always came down to time and budget, and as a consequence, often stifled my inherent desire to exercise design creativity in my work. I began to feel somewhat disconnected from the design and building industry, and decided to take a break. That break came in the form of spending

two months living on Salt Spring Island in British Columbia, training to become a yoga teacher. This was an adventure and experience that shifted my life path, both personally and professionally: I came back with a clear perspective of my passion. And when it came to my career, it meant that I needed to find a way to ensure that my design work was in some way making a difference in the world around me. My design approach began to fuse environmental and sustainable thinking, recognizing the huge impact the building industry accounted for in both human and environmental health. My time and studies in B.C. had instilled in me a thirst for knowledge, but also a deep respect for our planet. I completed courses on sustainable development, and then became an accredited LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) Green Associate, while also beginning to teach design at Conestoga College. Fuelling my need for more knowledge, I began my Master's Degree in Sustainability Management at the University of Waterloo, completing my thesis and degree while on maternity leave in 2016. My thesis, and current, research explores the use of, and barriers to, green building materials and green building rating systems, with the goal that the findings will help with the industry shift towards creating healthier buildings and interiors. Whether I am working with design clients, or teaching students (on a yoga mat or sitting at a desk), my hope is to help people live healthier and happier lives. My path to my dream career had many twists and turns, but I believe that with passion, integrity and hard work, our potential is infinite.

<https://www.conestogac.on.ca/fulltime/interior-decorating>

Dr. Martha Lenio

Astronaut in training

Dr. Martha Lenio was born and raised in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. She has had a life-long interest in both space exploration and environmental issues.

Martha earned a Bachelor of Applied Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Waterloo in 2004, and completed a doctorate in Photovoltaic Engineering from the University of New South Wales (Sydney, Australia) in 2013. She has worked in the sustainable building industry, the photovoltaics industry, and academia. In 2014-2015 she commanded an 8 month Mars simulation with the Hawaii Space Exploration Analog and Simulation (HI-SEAS), funded by NASA. She currently works in the area of renewable energy consulting at the company that she founded, Mars Green Consulting. She is based out of Waterloo, Ontario. Martha is one of 72 Canadians remaining out of 3,772 applicants vying to be one of Canada's next 2 astronauts.

Martha enjoys traveling and has lived in five different countries on four continents, as well as visited many more. She runs, plays soccer, climbs, SCUBA dives, cycles, hikes, reads, knits, plays piano, and spoils her nieces and nephews in her spare time.

<http://marsgreen.ca/>





Craig Maw *Co-founder & President of Logikor*

Craig Maw is a 1999 graduate of the Business Administration – Materials Management (now Supply Chain and Operations Management) program at Conestoga College. In 2005, he co-founded Logikor, a company that designs and executes customized logistics solutions for such companies as Toyota, General Dynamics, Kongsberg and Raytheon. Over the last 11 years, the company has grown from two to 70 employees and achieved annual growth of 165 per cent. In 2013-14, Craig led the overhaul of Logikor’s vision and values and launched an innovative, company-wide peer recognition and “lunch and shadow” program designed to raise awareness of company roles and promote a shared value system. Under his leadership, Logikor has invested more than \$1.5 million in supporting local communities.

<http://logikor.com/>

Sarah Murphy *Ray of Hope*

Sara Murphy is a youth addictions counsellor and a Registered Psychotherapist. She grew up in Pickering, ON then moved to Waterloo, ON to attend the University of Waterloo where she studied Psychology and Sociology. She later completed a Master of Counselling degree through a distance education program with the University of Lethbridge. For over six years, Sara has been working for Ray of Hope’s Youth Addiction Services program and has taken on the positions of Intake Specialist, Day Treatment Worker, and **Community Treatment Worker here at KCI**. Sara is also a musician, an introvert, a lover of books, and an oldest child.



<http://rayofhope.net/>

Jody O'Malley

Chef and Co-owner of The Culinary Studio

Red Seal qualified Chef Jody O'Malley started her chef training at Stratford Chef's School, after completing her 4-year Sociology degree at the University of Waterloo. Her love of cooking and culture began in Europe where she lived and travelled in Germany, Spain and Ireland. Her cooking career brought her back to restaurant work from Toronto to Kitchener. Her love of the science behind cuisine started her teaching path from the high school level to teaching at Conestoga College. Jody bonded with Kirstie over properly cooked calamari and the rest is history, as the doors of the Studio opened to teach the masses how to properly cook!

<https://theculinarystudio.ca/>



Karen E. Sciuk

Master Gardener



I have been a member of the Ontario Master Gardeners (MGOI), first in Durham region since 2009, and here in the Waterloo-Kitchener area since 2016. Currently I am a Director of MGOI for the SW region.

As a recent manager/buyer for the perennials, trees & shrubs department of a Durham Region garden centre for five years, I helped customers every day choose the right plants, soils, and fertilizers for their gardens as well as giving advice for dealing with pests and diseases, attracting birds and pollinators, rejuvenating lawns, pruning woody plants etc. Recently here in Kitchener, I helped teach several segments of a Seed to Table workshop series and will do so again this spring.

I have given many talks in the past on xeriscaping and waterwise gardening, using natives and growing naturalized gardens, and attracting pollinators. Last year, I was a participant at a weekend Rain Garden workshop held at REEP House for Master Gardeners and other interested parties.

Prior to joining the garden centre staff in Oshawa, I honed my gardening skills as a stay-at-home Mom for 19 years. Prior to becoming a mother, I did medical genetic and immunological research at McMaster University for 10 years. My father, two great uncles, and both my grandfathers were my childhood gardening mentors.

<http://www.mgoi.ca/> & <http://www.kitchenerhs.ca/cms/>



Melanie Steers

**Wilderness Guide & Educator,
Regional Field Officer for
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award**

Passionate about the wilderness and connecting youth from all walks of life to the natural world, Melanie Steers is an accomplished outdoorswoman with a long history in experiential and holistic education, recently obtaining a Masters degree in Experiential Education. Melanie was born and raised in the London area, and has spent many years traveling all over Canada and the world as a wilderness guide and educator. Notable stops on her way around the world include kayaking expeditions in Johnstone Strait, two years of teaching for an American-style school in Kuwait, and volunteering in Ethiopia.

In her teen years, Melanie participated in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and it taught her a lot about perseverance. She went on to assess many Adventurous Journeys for award candidates while working as a wilderness guide, and is now a Regional Field Officer for the Duke of Edinburgh. As the Southwester Ontario Field Officer for the Duke of Edinburgh Award, Melanie is responsible for helping all participants in the area get the most out of the Award experience as well as promote the award to future participants.



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Dan Van Holst *Automotive Technician*

Dan Van Holst is a an Automotive Service Technician Journeyperson (310S), currently working as a faculty member at Conestoga College teaching in the Motive Power Fundamentals and Motive Power Technician Programs. During the first ten years of his professional career, he worked at Van Holst Automotive Limited as an Automotive Service Technician. His interest in the automotive service trade was piqued in high school when he participated in the **OYAP program at KCI**. He pursued his interests in the form of an apprenticeship at Conestoga College. During his time at Conestoga, he participated in the Skills Ontario/Skills Canada competitions at the Provincial, National and eventually at the World level where Dan placed 5th. The Motive Power trades are a great career opportunities that apply technology and hands on work in an ever-changing landscape.



www.conestogac.on.ca/fulltime/motive-power-technician-automotive-service

KCI DRAMA PRESENTS

THE ADDAMS FAMILY

April 28-29, 2017

KCI Auditorium

See website for details



KCI EVENTS

KCI Student Activities

Our Student Leadership program supports many events that are held at KCI. There are always lots of different opportunities to get involved, participate in fun activities, and support each other and our community. Here are a few highlights for semester 2:

March 31 - Inside Ride

This extraordinary indoor cycling event is fun, safe, team-based, promotes volunteerism and encourages physical activity. KCI Students will be participating in this event to make a difference in the lives of children and their families living with and beyond cancer.

May 4 - KCI Semi-Formal Dance at Turret

This event is a wildly popular event at KCI! It brings the entire school together for a great night!

June 9 - ONEKCI Assembly & Summer Jam

What a way to celebrate another fantastic year at KC! In the morning, we will celebrate the accomplishments of our students in our year-end assembly. In the afternoon, all students are invited to attend Summer Jam - a fun-filled extended BBQ lunch where students have opportunity to listen to live music & participate in activities!

June 14 - KCI Prom

Prom is a great night for our grads to celebrate the end of their high school career and the beginning of new chapter in their lives!

Loan Schedule

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| 7:00-7:10 | Welcome and Introductions |
| 7:10-7:25 | Loan Period 1 |
| 7:25-7:30 | Transition |
| 7:30-7:45 | Loan Period 2 |
| 7:45-7:50 | Transition |
| 7:50-8:05 | Loan Period 3 |
| 8:05-8:10 | Transition |
| 8:10-8:25 | Loan Period 4 |
| 8:25-8:30 | Transition |
| 8:30-8:45 | Loan Period 5 |
| 8:45 p.m. | Wrap Up |

What is a Human Book?

A human book is a person who has volunteered to share his or her experience or expertise on a particular topic of interest to others.

How do I "read" a Human Book?

Readers will participate in rotating discussion sessions with 1-8 others, where they can ask questions and discuss the topic about which the Human Book is knowledgeable.

The Human Library is presented by KCI School Council and funded through the Ministry of Education's Parents' Reaching Out grant program.

Special thanks to:

Principal Cathy Vollmer-Ashley

KCI Administration, Staff, & Students

& especially the volunteer "Human Books"

for their support and assistance in bringing the Human Library to life!