TH&VS Alumni Newsletter

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Want to Donate or Create a TH&VS scholarship?

The process for creating a scholarship for TH&VS students is an easy one. While there are several options depending on the size of the investment, most scholarships are based on the interest generated annually by the investment of funds with the THAA.

As a charitable organization registered with the Canada Revenue Agency, we will issue a tax receipt for the total donation. Contact us at **<u>info@thvsalumni.ca</u>**. TH&VS Student Services is ready to assist the donor in establishing criteria for the award.

Scholarships invested with THAA & awarded at June graduations:

Alumni Awards (2 watches) Brent Read Memorial Scholarship Bruno Toffanello Memorial Scholarship Craig Beda Memorial Scholarship Doug Howie Memorial Scholarship Ed Collins Scholarship Elisabeth Johnson Bursary Eric Peterson Memorial Scholarship Evelyn Rymer Memorial Scholarship Frank Graf Scholarship Hedy Baker-Graf Scholarship Helge Kleven Scholarship Lily Anderson Scholarship

Lori-Ann Teixeira Memorial Scholarship Margaret Clausi Memorial Scholarship May Family Scholarship Polish White Eagle Society Bursary Rita Seccombe Art Scholarship Ryan Reid Bursary Sean Graf Scholarship Shania Twain Scholarships Susan Hall Memorial Scholarship THAA scholarships

What is the THAA?

The Timmins High & Vocational School Alumni Association (THAA) is a nonprofit charitable organization that was established in 1999 by a group of alumni and former staff members of TH&VS. Currently there are ten board members and the TH&VS principal who serves in an advisory role to the Board.

What We Do

The THAA is responsible for the sustained growth and income disbursement of the funds it receives yearly. In return, as a registered nonprofit charity, it issues tax receipts for any donations.

With input from the staff and administration, THAA provides approximately **\$14,000** annually in scholarships and funding for special projects such as the school robotics program, athletic jerseys, white boards for classrooms and upgrading audiovisual equipment in the theatre.

The THAA keeps its connection to TH&VS alive by publishing an annual alumni newsletter, maintaining a newly up-dated website for TH&VS alumni (<u>www.thvsalumni.ca</u>) and supporting school reunions.

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What TH&VS alumni volunteer on the TH Alumni Association Board?

Ryan Taylor (Class of 1997) After obtaining a Bachelors' degree in Automotive Marketing and Business at Northwood University, he returned to Timmins to become Owner/General Manager of Timmins Honda. Ryan, father of 2, strongly believes in giving back to the community. He is involved in fundraising activities for local organizations and has served on numerous boards including The Timmins and District Hospital Foundation as director and treasurer and as a former director and Chair of the Kamiskotia Snow Resort.

Brian Jones is a life-long resident of Timmins, returning in 1982 after earning a Bachelor of Commerce and attaining his Chartered Accountant designation. He and his wife Debbie (Monahan) have 3 grown children. Aside from his role as an enthusiastic grandfather, retirement activities include cottaging at Kenogamissi Lake, performing in the Timmins All-Star Big Band and other musical projects, RV travel and photography, as well as an active role in the Timmins Arts and Culture Scene.

Ross Clausi attended TH&VS in the 1950's and returned after university to join the history department of TH&VS in 1965. His wife Peggy also attended TH&VS, graduating in 1958. Ross has 4 sons including 2 TH grads and 8 grandchildren. He was a founding member of the TH&VS Alumni Association, recognizing a need for celebrating the traditions of TH&VS in a concrete and practical way. Ross was a key organizer for the 1980 Homecoming Reunion and Homecoming 2000.

Barb Reid (Baleck) (Board Secretary) attended TH&VS and was very active in extracurricular activities becoming Head Girl in 1972-73. She married her high school sweetheart, Jerry Reid, and raised three sons, all of whom graduated from TH&VS. Barb is retired from her lifelong nursing career, including her last decade as a Nurse Practitioner. Her life's work now includes volunteerism and being Nana to four beautiful grandchildren, ages 2 to 12! Barb is fortunate to regularly gather with twelve+ TH&VS classmates.

Lynne Ferrari (Stonehouse) was a member of the 1973 graduating class at TH&VS where she had been extensively involved in extracurricular activities. Her TH&VS peer group of nine including Monica Pickens, Glenda Laine, Mary Priest, Barb Baleck, Bonnie Wilson, Roslyn Forsyth and Sue Sangster, have continued to be a very close over the years. She has been a member of the TH&VS Parents' Council for 8 years. She & husband, Louis Ferrari, have 2 children, Patricia & Tom. Lindsay Verdu (Parisi) is a proud member of the graduating class of 2002. Having completed a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Toronto in 2006 and obtaining her CPA designation in 2008, she worked in southern Ontario for a few years eventually deciding to return to Timmins in 2010 to follow in her parents footsteps at a local accounting firm. In 2015 she became a partner of the firm which is now known as MNP LLP. She and her husband Marcus, also a graduate and TH&VS Blues alumni (and die-hard fan), have three children.

Fran Stefanic (Richard) is a proud TH&VS graduate (2003) who enjoyed every second of high school. After completing her undergraduate degree at the University of Calgary and obtaining a Law Degree from the University of Western Ontario, she moved back to Timmins, to begin her legal career. Fran and her husband, Brett Stefanic, also a TH&VS graduate, have two children, Jack and Kate.

Dr. Mike Popovic returned to his hometown after completing degrees at McMaster University in Hamilton and at the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College in Toronto. He established the Timmins Chiropractic Clinic on Pine Street in 2010. A proud TH grad, Mike gives back to the community by volunteering with a hockey team and he enjoys participating in triathlon events. Mike and his wife have two children.

Monique Koski (Beaulne) graduated from TH&VS in 1994 and then from the forestry program at Lakehead University. She has worked in the forestry sector in Ontario for over 15 years and is now Operations Forester at Eacom Timber. Having a family of her own, Monique sees the importance of giving back to her community. She sits as a Director on the Timmins Chamber of Commerce board, the NEOnet board and the Productivity and Innovation board. Past boards include the Kamiskotia Snow Resort where she brought Motocross to Timmins.

Wendy Adams (Board Chair) and her husband, Steve, moved to Timmins in 1969 to begin careers in teaching at TH&VS. During a long career in education, she was a teacher of Family Studies, a Vice Principal and Principal of TH&VS. When Wendy retired in June 2005, she joined the THAA Board. Steve and Wendy relocated to Stittsville, ON in 2014. They have two children, John and Sara, and four grandchildren.