

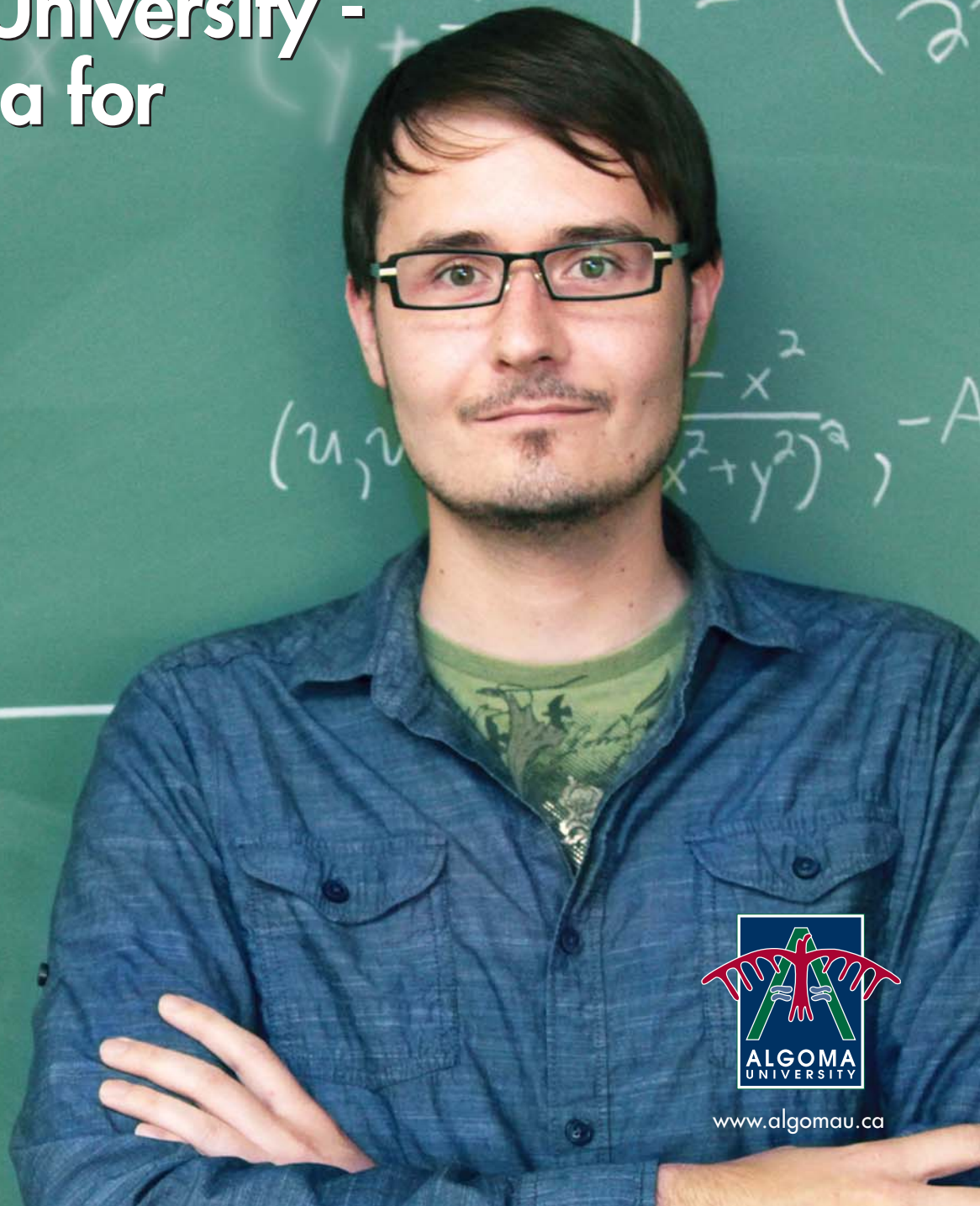
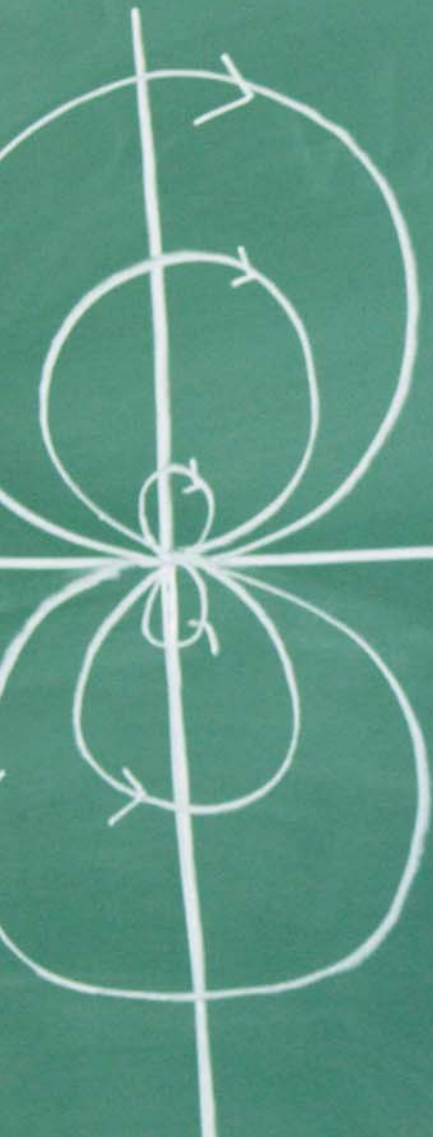
T O D A Y

# algomau

FALL/WINTER 2012

ALGOMA UNIVERSITY ALUMNI MAGAZINE

## Algoma University - A Formula for Success



[www.algomau.ca](http://www.algomau.ca)



# Little things make a big difference

**T**hat's why, at Johnson Inc., we pay attention to the details. Above and beyond extensive coverage, here are a few of the other ways we take care of Algoma University Alumni.

- Savings and discounts
- AIR MILES® reward miles
- 24/7 live customer support
- Dedicated service representative

Special  
Discounts  
for  
Members

Contact us today for a quote, and to learn more!

**1-800-563-0677**

**[www.johnson.ca/algoma](http://www.johnson.ca/algoma)**



Group ID code:A4

**JOHNSON** 

**Home & Auto Insurance**

## Contents

Alumni Council Chair's Message 3  
 President's Message - Dr. Richard Myers 4  
 Current Student Profile: Broderick Causley 5  
 Alumni Profile: Jessica Wilson 6  
 Alumni Profile: Mike Storozuk 7  
 Exchange Program 8  
 Alumni Profile: Angela Coccimiglio 9  
 Sports Profile: The Road to the OUA 10  
 Algoma U People: Jonathan Dewar 11  
 Algoma U Convocation 2012 12-13  
 ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS: The Campaign for Algoma University 14-15  
 ESSAR Now Part of the Campus Equation 16-17  
 First year Excitement, Trepidation, and Enthusiasm 18-19  
 Advertorial: Creating a legacy by investing in futures 20  
 Keeping in Touch - A Message from the Alumni Office 21  
 Algoma University News 22

### Contributing Editors

Joanne Nanne,  
 Communications Officer  
 joanne.nanne@algotoday.ca

Bev Teller, CFRE  
 Alumni & Development Officer  
 bev.teller@algotoday.ca

Kevin Hemsworth  
 Divisional Director, External Relations  
 kevin.hemsworth@algotoday.ca

### Photos

Colin Crowell  
 Ken Armstrong  
 Curt O'Neil  
 Joanne Nanne  
 Tiina Keranen

### Contributing Writers

Nadine Robinson  
 Rick McGee  
 Marc Capancioni  
 Kevin Hemsworth

For information about this publication, please contact:

Algoma University  
 c/o Communications Department  
 1520 Queen Street East  
 Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada P6A 2G4  
 705-949-2301 ext. 4120  
 communications@algotoday.ca

**Cover photo** - Broderick Causley  
 Photo credit: QMI Agency

**Canada Post Publications Mail Agreement no. 40005450**

Return Undeliverable Canadian Addresses to:  
 ALGOMA UNIVERSITY  
 1520 Queen Street East · Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario  
 Canada P6A 2G4

Algoma University Alumni Magazine is published by the Communications Department of Algoma University.

Algoma University Alumni Magazine is printed in Canada.

Algoma U Today is published by the University for the University's alumni, faculty, staff and friends. The magazine is the University's primary vehicle for providing information on the accomplishments of alumni, faculty and students, and on significant issues and developments within the University community.



## ALUMNI COUNCIL CHAIR'S MESSAGE

By: **Jessica Ferlino**, Chair, Algoma University Alumni Council

A question I am commonly asked is, 'Why did you choose Algoma U?'

The problem that I have with answering this question is that my reasons for choosing Algoma University vary greatly from my reasons for staying connected to it.

So why did I choose Algoma University? I had been accepted at other universities in the province but I made the choice to stay close to home and save money. I compared the cost of living in bigger urban centres and it made the most economic sense to choose Algoma U. My intention was always to go on to graduate studies, so it made sense to save money while I could. I just happened to seriously underestimate the quality of the education and the value of the experiences I would have at Algoma U.

During my time at Algoma University I had some of the most memorable moments of my life. I was a part of a community that made me a better person, inside and outside of the classroom. For these reasons, I carry with me the Algoma U Grad C.A.P. It is this Grad C.A.P. that has allowed me and many other Algoma U Alumni to succeed in graduate school, internships, on teams, committees and boards, and in the workforce. It was obtained during our unique undergraduate experience here, at Algoma University.

### The Grad C.A.P.

C is for the confidence that is instilled in Algoma U grads by their mentors and peers.

Individuality and diversity is embraced and fostered at Algoma U. It is because of the small class sizes and institutional commitment to excellence that this self-confidence can be achieved. Algoma University has a wealth of academic and extra-curricular activities which promote the development of confidence!

A is for ability which is taught, developed, and honed at Algoma University. Students are challenged according to their own individual capacities, allowing learning to happen on an individual basis in a community setting. Having the confidence to cultivate one's own abilities and foster the development of others allows Algoma U Alumni to succeed in all that they do!

P is for the pride that each and every student feels when they cross the stage at convocation, knowing that tomorrow is the first day of the rest of their lives and that they have the tools and skills necessary to face the world head-on. Graduates are able to hold their heads high and be proud of what they have accomplished during their time at Algoma U.

Algoma University is a stepping stone to greatness – whatever you may aspire to achieve! In my case it was a strong foundation for a graduate education, one that prepared me as a student, an academic and as a person. I am thankful that I chose Algoma U. It was an invaluable investment in my future and this is the reason I continue to be an active part of the Algoma University community.



This year, Sault Ste. Marie marked the 100th anniversary of its incorporation as a city. The celebrations included appearances by Soo celebrities such as Dr. Roberta Bondar, Canada's first female astronaut, and the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada. At one of the events, someone remarked that for a city of this size

to produce so many talented people, there must be something special in our drinking water.

I disagree. One conclusion I have reached over my twenty-eight years as a university professor is that raw talent is pretty evenly distributed across our world. You can find very bright young people in any community.

The real question is what the community does to cultivate them. Is there a university in their home town to provide both access and inspiration? Does it offer a range of programming wide enough to take advantage of their particular talents? Will the education it provides serve to both nurture and challenge them?

In Sault Ste. Marie, the answer is now a resounding YES. I have lost count of the number of parents who have told me how grateful they are that our community now has an independent university of its own with a range of programming that meets the interests and needs of most high school graduates. And there is no question that Algoma University is providing the nurturing and challenging environment that will cultivate and develop their innate talent. That's precisely what we mean by *Small University, Big Education*.

This issue of the magazine focuses on the achievements of some of our current students and alumni. Many of them are graduates of local high schools. They have excelled in a variety of academic areas, but the basic storyline is in each case the same: Algoma University has provided them with outstanding opportunities to develop their talent and advance their education. We are delighted to have students of this calibre at our university and pleased that we have been able to help them progress. I will not be surprised to learn that one of them eventually becomes an astronaut or a Governor General!

Aside from the achievements of some of our local students, one of the biggest stories about Algoma University these days is the extent to which it is no longer simply a local university. In order to provide the best educational experience possible for local students, we need to bring the world to our campus. And we're having terrific success in that respect. The majority of our new students are now coming from outside of Sault Ste. Marie, and that's good for everyone. Further into this issue you'll read an interesting piece that compares the experiences of a student from abroad, a student from Southern Ontario and a student from Sault Ste. Marie. I think you'll find it very enlightening.

Thank you for your interest in, and support of, YOUR UNIVERSITY.

## BRODERICK CAUSLEY: A FORMULA FOR SUCCESS

By: Kevin Hemsworth

In many ways, **Broderick Causley** is your average university student. Currently in his third year at Algoma University, he dreams of graduate school, and of one day becoming a professor. But with a 98% average in the Mathematics program and entrance this past summer to a very prestigious math institute at the University of Alberta, Causley is anything but average.

The Fluid Dynamics Summer School, put on by The Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences (PIMS) took place from July 23-27, 2012 at the Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinary Science at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. It is intended for senior undergraduates, Masters students and starting PhD students having a strong background in mathematics, physics and/or engineering. In total, 18 students attended, from schools like The University of Cambridge in the UK, University of Göttingen in Germany, and Yale University in the US.

During his second year at Algoma U, Causley sought direction on a future in mathematics. He asked Algoma University Professor Dr. Michelle Atkin about possible opportunities, and she passed along the names of some contacts at Carleton University. One of those contacts recognized Causley's potential, and recommended he apply to the PIMS Summer School. He did, and much to his surprise, was accepted. *"I couldn't believe it when I read they were offering me a place at the school,"* he recalls from that Saturday evening. *"I thought it was one of my friends playing a trick on me."*

Causley comes from a fairly modest academic background. His mother is a bookkeeper, and his father worked at Algoma Steel. Even so, he remembers being interested in mathematics and wanting to attend university from a young age. He tells the story of peeking into a Grade 7/8 classroom when he was only in Grade 2, and understanding with delight the solution of an algebraic equation. *"Right there was my Eureka moment,"* he said.

He claims to have always wanted to be a University professor, and still does. Causley works as a teaching assistant at the University, delivering lectures and marking papers in some of the first and second-year classes. He admits that speaking in front of a large group can be intimidating, *"But when I'm speaking about math, I'm very much at ease,"* he said.



Math is Causley's life. He co-founded the first Math Club at Algoma U, and when he's not snowboarding or out walking – *"I walk all the time, especially in the winter when it is storming"* – he is constantly mulling over complex problems. He admits to riding the bus rather than getting a ride with friends or family, *"just so I have time to think."*

As a child, he was constantly counting by doubles and doing math puzzles, but wasn't certain of where math fit in his life. His studies took him to Sault College to study in the Mechanical Engineering Technician Program before coming to Algoma University in the fall of 2010. He credits the faculty at AU with helping to discover his path forward. *"I couldn't have dreamed bigger than where I am right now,"* he says of his experience at Algoma University. *"Everyone here wants you to succeed, not just learn. I am convinced that I would not have had these opportunities at any other institution."*

His experience at the PIMS Summer School was one he will never forget. Aside from the challenge that the daily experiments presented, Causley felt a very special bond with his new friends almost instantly. *"I feel like I won the lottery,"* he said of the experience. *"For us to be able to come together and meet like-minded people was really spectacular."* The diverse student group created for some interesting moments, such as when they first entered the West Edmonton Mall and were confronted with a skating rink. *"The rest of the group wanted to know whether it was common in Canada to find a skating rink in a mall,"* he said. *"I had to set them straight on that one."*

Causley's lessons at the PIMS had real-world applications. He explains that his studies would be less on the science, and more on how everything moved. *"We experimented with pouring syrup and pasta sauce on paper. It was to compare theory on how far an avalanche will move, and at what speed it will travel."* Another big topic Causley studied was pollution. *"We studied how pollution shifts and how it becomes trapped,"* he notes.

The social aspect of the trip is what surprised Causley most, such as the invitation to the Faculty Club after the culminating presentations on the Friday. The group stayed for most of the evening, which Causley described as *"a taste of what the future could hold"* for him.

Causley is very appreciative of the opportunity that has been afforded him, and understands what a privilege it was to be selected this early in his academic career. *"It was an honour to work directly with the professors, and learn from them, but even more an honour to work alongside students who will be future leaders in their field,"* he said.

More recently, Causley has been accepted into the MATH in MOSCOW (MIM) program for the spring semester of the 2012/2013 academic year. He will travel to the Independent University of Moscow in Russia where he will study alongside other accomplished students from prestigious institutions such as Harvard, Princeton, MIT, Cornell and Toronto.



## JESSICA WILSON: A GRADUATE LOOKS BACK

By: Rick McGee

Because Algoma University's baccalaureate programs emphasize the development of research skills, graduates advancing into further studies are well prepared for continued success.

Jessica Wilson is among Algoma U alumni who appreciate the solid undergraduate grounding they received.

In September, the 22-year-old began working towards a Master of Science degree in Human Health and Nutritional Sciences at the University of Guelph. A Natural Science and Engineering Research Council of Canada graduate award is providing financial assistance for one year.

*"My research is under the direction of Dr. James Kirkland," Jessica explained. "We are focusing on the susceptibility of cancer cells to a type of programmed cell death (apoptosis) with differing concentrations of niacin, which is more commonly known as Vitamin B3. These results may eventually show that giving chemotherapy patients niacin could be beneficial since niacin maintains DNA repair mechanisms of normal cells to prevent mutation of those healthy cells and increases death in cancerous cells."*

Spending four years at Algoma U wasn't part of Jessica's thinking when she graduated from Sault Ste. Marie's St. Mary's College in 2008.

The Goulais River resident intended to

complete one year of university studies locally and then transfer to a larger institution.

Those plans changed shortly after classes at Algoma U began, as Jessica recalled.

*"I just really liked Algoma U and I got into a lot of things. I really didn't want to leave after that. The biggest part was the opportunities that I had. In January of my first year, I started volunteering with Dr. Brandon Schamp (Department of Biology/Chemistry) and then I ended up getting a summer job with him. I had some neat opportunities that I probably wouldn't have had elsewhere, like getting involved in research and independently conducting a lot of experiments."*

Much of that work involved the study of how plant species are organized within natural communities. Undergraduate student research awards from the Natural Science and Engineering Research Council of Canada supported related work under Dr. Schamp's supervision during two summers.

Such opportunities are more accessible at a small university, Jessica believes.

*"I like how accessible the professors are at Algoma U. I felt more comfortable in asking questions in the smaller class sizes. Algoma U was great for this because I was able to speak directly with the professors instead of being assigned to a teaching assistant who may not be as informed about the subject matter."*

Other aspects of life at Algoma U appealed, too.

Jessica served as the Student Union's science representative and was a member of

the Senate. She also sat on the Curriculum Committee, was active in the Historical Society and helped with student recruiting.

Jessica spent the fall 2011 semester as an exchange student at Canterbury Christ Church University in England.

*"I took a biology major but I'm also very interested in history," she said. "I got to travel quite a bit in the United Kingdom. After learning about England's history through my courses at the exchange university, actually seeing it was amazing."*

During that period, and with assistance from Dr. Schamp, another unique opportunity arose. Jessica was able to present her undergraduate research thesis poster at the British Ecological Society's annual conference in Sheffield, England.

Back in Canada, Jessica maintained high grades right through to Convocation 2012 when she graduated cum laude with an honours degree in Biology and received the Award for Excellence in Biology.

Among other awards, Jessica earned the prestigious John R. Rhodes Scholarship during each of her four years at Algoma U. The award directs \$3,000 annually to high-achieving recipients.

Studies at the master's level will be completed in August 2013.

*"My ultimate goal is to get into medical school," the Algoma U alumna said. "I'm at Guelph because I wanted to go into a graduate program that was medically related. I would like to become a general practitioner and practice in Northern Ontario."*



## BEING SMALLER, A TRUE ADVANTAGE

By: Rick McGee

Three years ago, a life-changing epiphany, totally unexpected but gratefully embraced, greeted a University of Waterloo student enrolled in summer courses at Algoma University.

After successfully completing first-year undergraduate studies in southern Ontario, **Mike Storozuk** had returned home to Goulais River for the off-semester. Taking advantage of the local university, he realized, would lighten two demanding loads during his second year at Waterloo. While pursuing a kinesiology degree, the recruited student-athlete also played quarterback with the varsity football Warriors.

As the summer of 2009 unfolded, some carefully considered plans gave way to others that couldn't have been anticipated only a few weeks earlier.

"I saw just how personal Algoma U was," Mike remembered. "I got to know all of my

classmates. I really enjoyed the environment and culture on campus. I realized not only would it cost me less money staying home, but I also thought I would receive a better education and benefit from more opportunities. I decided to stay."

With all of his Waterloo course credits transferring to Algoma U, Mike became a second-year student in a new setting.

"It kind of happened quickly," he recalled. "My life and career path changed completely. In hindsight, it was a good choice. I was able to get involved professionally with my teachers, serving as a teacher assistant in my second year and going on to work as a research assistant."

Over the three years, Mike's expectations would be fully met, if not exceeded.

In June 2012, the 24-year-old graduated cum laude with a BA (Honours) in Law & Justice/Psychology. During Algoma U's Convocation ceremony, he received the prestigious J. D. Greco Award of Excellence in Law & Justice. That recognition of scholastic excellence followed other academic awards earned earlier at Algoma U.

The smaller university met more of his needs.

"I would say the difference is that Algoma University is more opportunistic," the Algoma U alumnus enthused. "You have to reach for the opportunities but they are more available because there are fewer students and you get to know your professors. I took a statistics class with Dr. Paul Dupuis (Associate Professor, Department of Psychology), became interested in his research and decided to pursue that interest."

In late August, Mike began related graduate studies at the University of Toronto. He received a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council research scholarship that provides financial support for students en route to a master's degree.

But ties with Algoma U are being maintained, Mike emphasized.

"Paul and Dr. Julian Hermida (Assistant Professor, Department of Law and Politics) have been major influences. I was able to publish with both of them. I'm currently conducting research with Paul and Julian. Our intention is to continue collaborating on research as colleagues. The research focuses on violent altercations (such as assault and homicide), with respect to third-party bystanders' perceptions and understandings of how the Criminal Code is applied in such circumstances. Not all altercations are criminal, but the Criminal Code sets specific standards on what is legal and non-legal."

"If people are not aware of, or fail to understand, the provisions in the Criminal Code, they may make errors when faced with complex social situations. For example, they could fail to call the police because they think a crime isn't occurring. Or they may commit a criminal act while under the incorrect impression that they were justified in their actions."

Mike, who attended high school at Bawating in Sault Ste. Marie, will complete his master's in August 2013 and recently applied for doctoral studies to begin in September 2013.

"My goal is to obtain a PhD at the University of Toronto and work as a professor in the field of criminology or criminal justice," he said.

Looking farther ahead, Mike easily envisions an ideal future.

"I would love to come back to work as a professor at Algoma University. I really enjoyed my experiences there."



**THE INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM: A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE TO THE FULLEST**

By: Nadine Robinson

**Colin Reed Elder**, of Sault Ste. Marie, and **Carlee Wilson**, of London, Ontario, met during Frosh week in first year at Algoma University. Neither had ever considered doing an international exchange, but they befriended several students on exchange at Algoma U and started considering it. *“Meeting these students and sharing in their experience really motivated me to pursue this sort of adventure for myself,”* Colin said. Their mutual story ends there, however, as Colin was selected to study at Canterbury in England and Carlee went to Australia.

Colin had hoped for an exchange to Europe because of the vast opportunities to travel. *“I was given really good advice not to plan my travels in advance and just go with the flow. The other advice I would give someone is to go in with no expectations and just be open to whatever happens.”*

Colin managed to pack in trips to Scotland, Belgium, France, Turkey, Holland, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, Lithuania, and Spain. *“This experience definitely changed me as a person, I learned about European lifestyles and I began to realize more what it means to be Canadian.”*

He shared a house with 25 other students from around the world: *“First semester I had American and English roommates who found each other very difficult to understand, so it was a bit strange translating English to English.”* Then in his last two semesters only three people spoke English as their first language, but with patience, charades, and sound effects, they made do. *“The highlight of my exchange was without question my new housemates and friends, not to mention the potlucks at our house, followed by trips to the pub.”*

Carlee, who is taking a BSc. in Psychology with a minor in French at Algoma U, hoped to go on exchange to France to improve her French, but was thrilled to be accepted at Murdoch University in Perth, Australia.

She believes that the International Exchange Program is a definite benefit for AU since there are fewer people vying for

placements: *“If I had gone to a larger university I probably wouldn’t have even bothered trying to go on exchange, and I know my friends at larger universities haven’t.”*

While in Australia, Carlee travelled extensively. She rented a car with four new friends and drove South to the pinnacles and also went camping in the outback for ten days: *“It was one of my favourite memories from Australia. We saw kangaroos, emus, koalas, manta rays, sharks, dolphins, and dugongs, to name a few. We also went climbing in the gorges and learned a lot about the Australian aboriginals which was great!”* Her last trip in Australia was to Cairns (Great Barrier Reef) and Sydney.

She advises students to: *“Save up before you go so that you can see and do a lot! It’s a once in a lifetime opportunity and you want to be able to experience it to the fullest.”*

When reflecting on the international exchange Carlee said: *“It made me more independent and confident. I also learned to appreciate family so much more while I was far away from them. And I learned firsthand that at larger universities the professors have no real time for you, not like at Algoma U.”*

Colin and Carlee’s mutual story picks back up when, over Skype, Carlee decided to meet up with Colin and they travelled around London and Amsterdam together. And while theirs is not a tale of romance, it’s definitely one of adventure. They’re already looking to hit the road again, but perhaps this time on one of the History Society’s annual trips.





## TWO SISTERS, ONE CAREER PATH:

By: Nadine Robinson

When Angela Coccimiglio left for her orientation at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) in August, she wasn't perhaps as worried about missing her family as the other students, because her sister is already there. Vicky, her older sister, graduated from Algoma University College in 2008, and they both chose to pursue a career in medicine at NOSM.

Born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie, Coccimiglio attended St. Basil Secondary. Upon graduating, she didn't feel ready to go away and saw Algoma University as a great option. *"I was able to receive the same education as my friends in Southern Ontario while working, volunteering and enjoying all the perks of living at home."*

She chose a BSc Psychology (following in her sister's footsteps) because she liked the mix of science and social science. *"Not only did it satisfy my craving for chemistry and biology, but it also helped me grow into a more understanding and compassionate individual. I think psychology definitely helped with that. Overall I think it made me a more well rounded person."*

Coccimiglio classifies Algoma University as a "different breed" of school: *"I can't think of any other school in which you can just strike up a conversation with another student in the computer lab, work one-on-one with your professors, and have other students smile as you pass them in the halls."*

She always wanted to be a doctor, but thought it was out of her reach. Through her lifeguarding work at the Sault Ste. Marie YMCA, her summer placement with the City of Sault Ste. Marie at the local Social Housing office, and her volunteer work, she knew that medicine was for her. Now she had to work hard and find a way to make it happen: *"With a much needed push from a few of my professors at Algoma University I made the jump."*

Coccimiglio worked very hard indeed, making the Dean's list annually, and maintained the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie award throughout her undergraduate degree.

Even though she called the Arthur A. Wishart Library her second home for her final year as she worked feverishly on her thesis, she still had time for her passions, including cooking and sewing. In fact, she proudly wore a dress that she had sewn herself when she presented her thesis. She also managed to stay active in university by swimming, running and cross-country skiing.



Coccimiglio believes that Algoma University was a great foundation for medical school. *"One theme that most medical schools share is 'small group learning.' Going to school at a small university such as Algoma U, I was able to gain the skills and knowledge to work efficiently and effectively in small groups. Some of my classes were only eight people, so I was effectively in the same sort of work dynamic as medical school."*

She feels fulfilled and happy in helping people, and is truly excited at the prospect of getting to do that for the rest of her life. Coccimiglio plans to become a family physician and return to Sault Ste. Marie to practice.

We wish both Coccimiglio sisters great success at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, as Angela begins her first year and Vicky enters her fourth!



ALGOMA U ATHLETICS: THE ROAD TO THE OUA By: Marc Capancioni

Along with new campus buildings and increases in student population, another growth area for Algoma University lies with its athletics program.

Specifically, the school has been accepted into **Ontario University Athletics (OUA)**, the regional body for Canadian Interuniversity Sport. Starting in 2013, five years after becoming an independent institution, Thunderbirds varsity sports teams will compete with fellow universities, essentially entering the highest level of play in the province.

Along with the three varsity sports currently offered – basketball, curling and soccer – the university is adding Nordic skiing, cross-country running and wrestling.

Mark Kontulainen, Athletics & Recreation Director, sees the expansion and move to the



OUA as a giant leap forward on a number of levels. *“For student life and varsity athletics, it’s a really exciting time,”* he said. *“It’s also exciting for the community, who will get to see a high level of sport.”*

Beginning his role about 12 years ago, Kontulainen saw varsity teams at Algoma University College first enter the Ontario Colleges Athletics Association (OCAA) in 2001. Seven years later, when the school broke away from Laurentian University and gained autonomous status, *“the wheels started turning,”* he said. *“Algoma University has been independent for several years now, and we wanted to offer what other universities do.”*

After Dr. Richard Myers became President of Algoma U in 2010, the trip to the OUA was accelerated. Coming to Sault Ste. Marie from St. Thomas University in Fredericton, New Brunswick, where the scholar and sports fanatic was an assistant coach with the varsity men’s basketball team, he set his sights on a number of initiatives, including expanding the Thunderbirds’ athletics program.

*“Dr. Myers has been a solid champion,”* said Kontulainen. *“His support has been huge for us.”*

In anticipation of the 2013 season, a new set of bleachers was installed in the George Leach Centre, home of the men’s and women’s basketball teams. The venue can now accommodate about 700 spectators, more than doubling capacity of past years.

Meanwhile, with his squad joining the OUA in 2013, men’s basketball head coach Thomas Cory also sees a ton of upside in the move. For recruiting talent from across Ontario, Canada and the world, it helps when your team is competing at the *“highest level in the country,”* he said. *“It opens a lot of doors.”*

While excited for both him and his players, Cory also knows that competing in the OUA won’t come easy. *“It will be fun, but our dedication and time commitment will have to increase,”* he said evenly. *“We’ll be playing against the best schools in Canada.”*

Women’s soccer coach Bill Howe is taking a similar approach. Knowing his squad will be facing tough competition when they join the OUA in 2014 – a year after Algoma U’s other varsity teams – he’s now focusing on development and recruitment.

*“We’re getting players used to the fast pace of the game,”* said Howe, who played varsity college soccer in London, England, his hometown, and for Conestoga College in Kitchener. *“We’re building a solid base.”*

To better prepare local soccer players for higher levels of competition, Howe established the Junior Thunderbirds Program, which provides indoor training for high school students during the winter months.



Developing Sault talent, while also recruiting from southern Ontario and the international student population, the coach sees potential for 2014 and beyond.

*“We’re looking to build a strong, disciplined team that can compete,”* said Howe, who’s also a local high school teacher. *“We’re a small school, and we have to develop a profile.”*



Having a pair of experienced assistant coaches, Aniela Pulici and Deandra Fransizi, both of whom played soccer at the Division 2 level in the U.S., should go a long way, he added. *“They’re great role models for our players to look up to.”*

Meantime, other Thunderbirds varsity coaches include Ryan Vetrie (women’s basketball), Neil Ovey (men’s soccer), Bob Lewis (women’s curling), Ross Boston (men’s curling), Helen Lindfors (Nordic skiing), Cam Wilson (cross-country running) and Trevor Manchester (wrestling).



## DIRECTOR OF THE SHINGWAWK RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS CENTRE APPOINTED

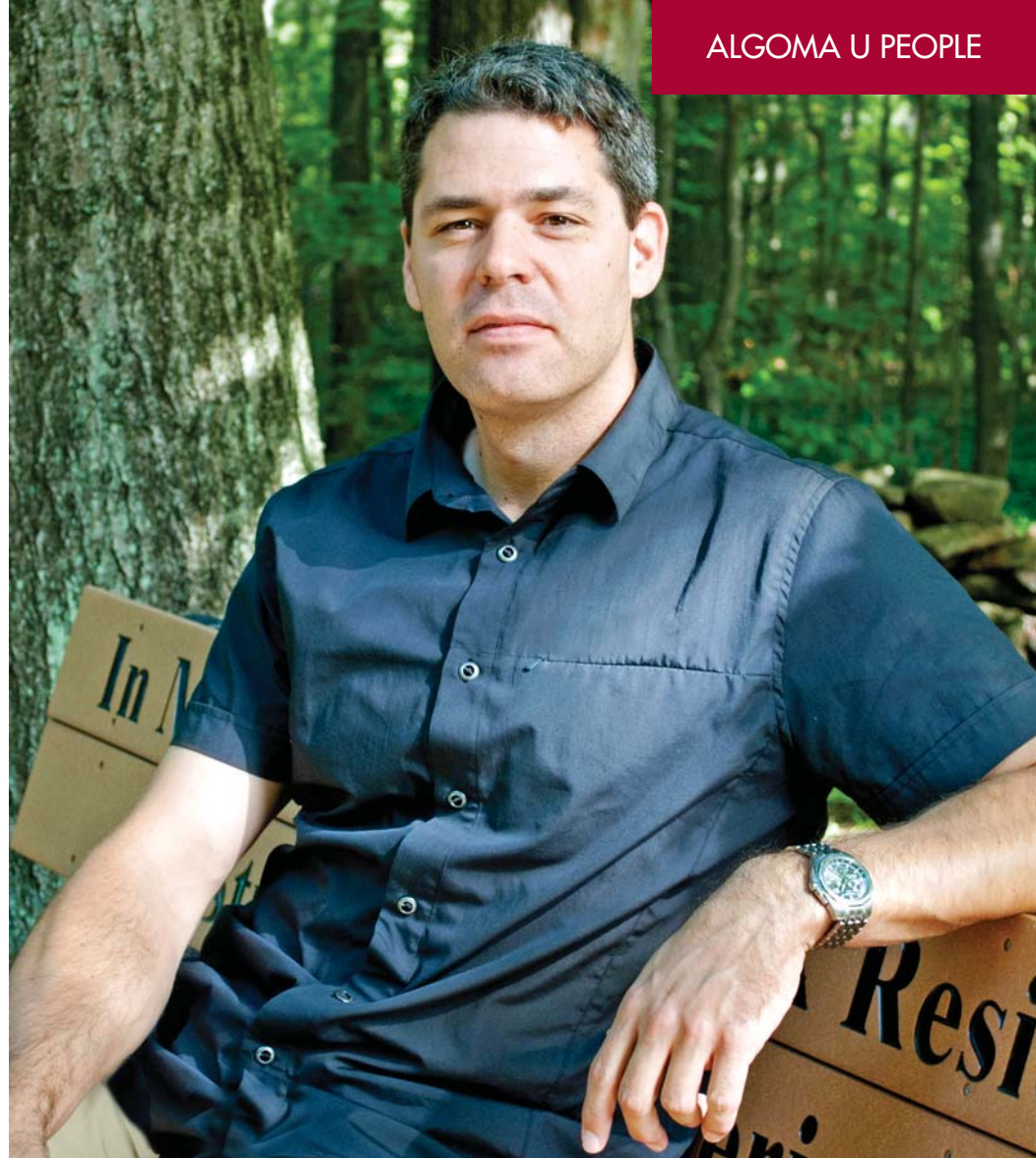
By: Nadine Robinson

As Jonathan Dewar began his path through university his thoughts turned to his ancestry and how to connect or reconnect with his family's culture and community. Living in Ottawa at the time, he found it easy to learn about his French-Canadian and Scottish grandparents, but not so for his Huron-Wendat lineage. He didn't know where to begin, so he turned to books. His passion turned into an MA in Literature and Creative Writing from the University of Windsor, where he specialized in Aboriginal literatures and drama. He's also now completing a doctorate in Canadian Studies at Carleton University where his research explores the role of art and artist in truth, healing, and reconciliation with regard to Residential Schools and the broader Canadian context.

Once into the work world, Dewar served as Director of Research at the Aboriginal Healing Foundation (AHF) from 2007 to 2012 and is a past director of the Métis Centre at the National Aboriginal Health Organization. He has several years of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis-specific policy and research experience and also worked with the Office of the Languages Commissioner of Nunavut and the Inter-governmental Affairs and Inuit Relations unit within Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. In June 2012, Algoma University appointed Dewar as the Director of the Shingwauk Residential Schools Centre and Special Advisor to the President for the Residential School Legacy.

*"I got into this work to honour my maternal grandmother and the heritage I inherit from her." said Dewar, "And then several years ago an Elder reminded me I had four grandparents and I should honour each of them. I really feel like this work, and especially the focus on reconciliation, is a part of that."*

In his role as the Director of the Shingwauk Residential Schools Centre (SRSC) Dewar hopes to build upon the work already done by the Children of Shingwauk Alumni Association and the National Residential



Schools Survivors Society. They founded the Shingwauk Project in 1979 and the Residential School Research, Archive and Visitor's Centre in 2005. *"The collection is amazing – and still growing – and the relationships with partners is inspiring,"* commented Dewar.

He plans to continue the over three decades of their work, to: research, collect, preserve and display the history of Residential Schools across Canada; develop and deliver projects of *"sharing, healing and learning"*; and accomplish *"the true realization of Chief Shingwauk's Vision"*.

The goals, as he sees them, are pretty straightforward: *"What's important is acquiring a space on campus that allows us to better serve all of our objectives including a safe and inviting space for Survivors; assuming a position of significance within the national network of sites and parties dedicated to addressing the legacy of Residential Schools and related issues; assisting Survivors and their families and communities; and educating Canada and the world about the history and living legacy."*

In context with the above, Dewar is hoping to develop museum and gallery programming, and continue to speak and lecture across the country. Having taught at the UBC Okanagan Summer Institute for Interdisciplinary Indigenous Graduate Studies, he would also like to see a Summer Institute developed at Algoma U to build on the strengths of the Centre and its partners.

*"While the spotlight on the legacy of Residential Schools is brighter than ever and that's attributable to the courage of Survivors and their families, communities, friends and allies; there's still a lot of work to do,"* said Dewar. *"The two biggest challenges we face are that of funding, and convincing people that this issue is a contemporary Canadian issue. There is apathy, misconception, and even willful ignorance. We have to change that."*

Passionate about his life's work, Dewar has happily relocated to the North. He lives in Bruce Mines with his wife, two daughters, and three dogs, on a Great Lake aptly named after his ancestors.

# algomau

## Convocation

### 2012

By: Marc Capancioni



While paying homage to its graduating class and the hard work that got them to the finish line, Algoma University's convocation is also a time to honour alumni, faculty and others associated with the success of the school. The 2012 event, held at the Roberta Bondar Pavilion in downtown Sault Ste. Marie, was no exception.

*"It's a great day for graduates, along with their families and friends, to get together and celebrate,"* said David Marasco, Registrar of Algoma U. *"The convocation is centred around the students, but it's also inviting for the entire community, especially being held in a large, outdoor venue like the Bondar Pavilion."*

To start the ceremony, 169 students received their well-earned degrees, making it one of the largest graduating classes in the history of the institution. Following the commencement, an "Expression of Thanks" was given by graduate Nee-Klu Lance Adjetej, the first such address in the history of Algoma U. After that, it was on to the awards portion of the event.

The 2012 Alumni Achievement Award was presented to Team Jacobs, the curling squad that has seen most of its members earn a spot at the men's national championships (Tim Hortons Brier) four times in the past five years, with a top finish of third place in 2010. The honour went to skip Brad Jacobs, brothers E.J. and Ryan Harnden, and Scott Seabrook.

*"We all have strong ties to the university,"* said Jacobs, who graduated from Algoma U's Geography program in 2007. *"I remember running around the hallways when I was a kid. Having those ties and getting our degrees, then being recognized with the award was very special for us."*

In the meantime, the captain chalks up his team's success to a strict practice schedule, which sees them at the rink as much as five times a week. And when not at the curling club, members can often be found in the gym – usually the George Leach Centre at Algoma U – where they stay in shape, something crucial in curling, particularly for sweeping rocks down the ice.

*"Being physically fit is very important,"* said Jacobs, who works at RBC Royal Bank. *"There's a ton of talent out there, and we feel very fortunate to be where we are today."*

↓ From left: Dr. Richard Myers, President; Brian Curran; and Dr. Arthur Perlini, Academic Dean.



↓ Robert Key, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient; and Jessica Ferlino, Chair, Algoma University Alumni Council.





↑ Team Jacobs, 2012 Alumni Achievement Award recipients.

Along with the Alumni Award presented to Team Jacobs, a number of other honours were also given at the 2012 convocation. Dr. Gayle Broad, a Professor in the Community Economic and Social Development program, was presented the “Distinguished Faculty Award.”

For his volunteer service to the school, Brian Curran was presented the Senate Award. The President and CEO of the local PUC Services Inc. is the Chair of Algoma University’s Essential Elements Campaign.

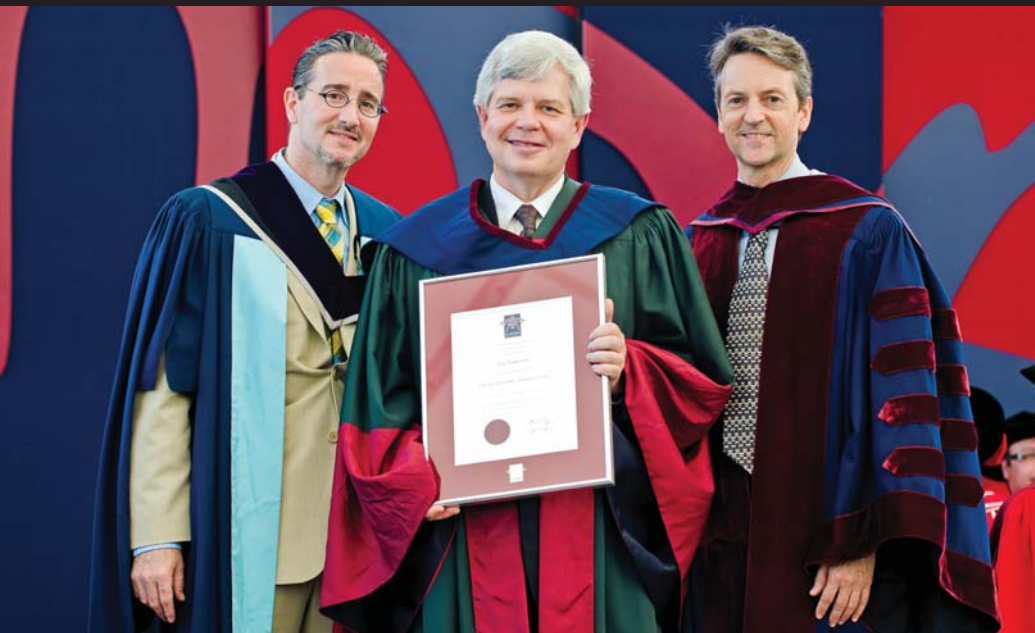
Meanwhile, Guy Traficante, Principal of the Algoma Conservatory of Music, was conferred with an Honorary Degree – Doctor of Letters (honoris causa) – while Nicholas Cerilli was presented with the Governor General’s Silver Medal.

Finally, the Distinguished Alumni Award was given to Robert Key, who graduated with the highest grade in the Business Administration program in 2000. He has since gone on to become Director of Treasury Operations at Research In Motion (RIM) while also holding Director positions with the Association for Financial Professionals Canada and the Bank of America CashPro Advisory Board.

Watching alums like Key and Team Jacobs succeed always brings a smile to the face of Algoma U President Dr. Richard Myers. *“It’s great to be able to celebrate the success of our graduates, and I was very pleased to hear them both say that their university education played a part in their success,”* he said.

With the growth of Algoma U – in student body, faculty, program offering and campus infrastructure – Dr. Myers expects to see achievements like these replicated for years to come. *“There will be many more in the future,”* he said. *“As we continue to provide a quality education, we’ll continue to see distinguished graduates find success.”*

Dr. Arthur Perlini would certainly agree. The Academic Dean for Algoma University beams with pride when alumni develop into upstanding citizens and export their talents around the world. *“When we see graduates go on to make an impact beyond the community, we love it,”* he said. *“It provides a measure of the impact of our grads. We want to produce global citizens and role models, and there are plenty of examples of both.”*



↑ Guy Traficante, recipient of the Honorary Degree – Doctor of Letters (honoris causa).

↓ Dr. Gayle Broad, recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award.



# ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS: *The Campaign for Algoma University*

## GABRIEL BARBAN LEAVES A LASTING LEGACY ON CAMPUS By: Marc Capancioni

Gabriel Barban left a lasting legacy on Sault Ste. Marie. A journey to any part of the city is all it takes to see this firsthand.

As a mechanical engineer, who began Nor Mech Engineering in 1972, he was involved with many construction projects throughout the community. And at Algoma University, Barban had a key role in just about every major building development in the past four decades.

When he passed away, at age 70 last year, family, friends and colleagues – all of whom fit in more than one category – wanted to do something to commemorate the man they loved and respected. From that, the Gabriel Barban, P. Eng. Bursary was born. Starting in 2014, when the university begins its Engineering program, the bursary will go to an entering student.

Dr. Richard Myers, President of Algoma U, sees the bursary as extremely suitable, given the linkages between Barban and the institution. “It’s fitting that an excellent engineer is remembered while helping to support students who may be following in his footsteps,” he said. “Gabe played a significant role in developing our campus.”

For instance, Nor Mech Engineering helped with the development of the ESSAR Convergence Centre, student residences and the Arthur A. Wishart Library. Barban was also instrumental in constructing Algoma U’s athletics facility, the George Leach Centre, labeled the most energy-efficient building in the province by Ontario Hydro when it was built in the early-1990s.

The son of Italian immigrants, Barban grew up in a blue collar family that stressed hard work and education. With this push, he ended up studying Mechanical Engineering in the 1960s at the University of New Brunswick.

After graduating, Barban came back to the Sault and found a job at Algoma Steel. He went to teacher’s college a few years later and taught math, physics and other subjects at Sir James Dunn high school.

During the day, Barban was in front of the classroom. By night, he used his skills as an engineering consultant. When the later role got too busy, he stopped teaching and established



*Gabriel Barban, P. Eng.*

Nor Mech Engineering, which specializes in the mechanical design of heating, air conditioning, plumbing and other layouts.

Through the years, more and more buildings in the community went up with Barban’s designs. Seeing these buildings brings a sense of gratification to his loved ones, according to his son. “It gives us a great sense of pride, as Saultites, an engineering firm and as a family,” said Dave Barban, himself an engineer who now operates the business his father started.

Meanwhile, as time passed, Barban’s passion for his job never frayed. “He didn’t want to retire,” said Dave. “He always said, ‘Why would I? Half my friends are work associates.’”

Though always committed to his work, Barban never lost sight of the thing most important in life. “Dad was a family man first,” said Dave, who helped start the bursary in his father’s name. “That’s the way he always was.”

Along with Dave, the bursary was developed by friends and associates in the industry. The original idea came from Chris Tossell, an architect who worked with Barban for 30 years.

Not only was Barban extremely smart and reliable, he was also easy to get along with and an all-around great guy, said Tossell. “Gabe was a remarkable man and a remarkable engineer. It was a real privilege to work with him.”

Also instrumental in starting the bursary was Bruce Caughill. The engineer, who owns and operates Caughill Consulting Services, first crossed paths with Barban in the early-1970s when the two were up-and-comers. They worked together on a few projects and soon became close friends.

“He was very people-oriented,” said Caughill. “Gabe had many friends from all walks of life. He was a family man, honest and fun loving.”

With their solid friendship, Caughill jumped at the opportunity to get involved with the bursary. “We felt it was appropriate to focus on his legacy,” he said. “Gabe did a lot of great work at the university and in the community.”



*Rick Thomas presents a cheque on behalf of the Harvey Buchan Memorial Golf Tournament to David Barban, Bruce Caughill, and Chris Tossell.*

# ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS: *The Campaign for Algoma University*

## LANDSCAPING FOR A FUTURE

By: Rick McGee

Distinctively attractive grounds encircling Algoma University's ESSAR Convergence Centre thematically complement and visually enhance the striking building.

Opened in 2011, the \$21.4-million facility houses expanded science programming, along with research and commercialization activities fostered by the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre, Algoma Games for Health, the Health Informatics Institute and the Invasive Species Research Centre.

Careful planning by local landscape architect Ernst Kreps has produced aesthetically pleasing outdoor approaches with a decidedly Northern Ontario feel about them. Commitments to environmental leadership, sustainability and functionality are also evident.

The practicality and beauty of open green spaces combine with hard paved plazas to make a highly utilized, vibrant and memorable addition to Algoma University's growing campus.

Ernst's design choices have created a landscape that features a topographical montage representing a northern microcosm.

A diverse selection of growth achieves three objectives. The mix requires little maintenance, eliminates the need for an irrigation system and delivers eye-catching appeal.

"Many varieties and cultivars of both native and non-native plant species were selected not only for their ornamental qualities and ability to withstand our harsh northern winters, but also their drought-resistive characteristics," Ernst explains.

He artfully placed less drought-tolerant plants where they could benefit from elevated landscape features or taller plants, thereby providing shielding from the hot afternoon sun and the drying effects of strong westerly winds.

Prioritizing water efficient landscaping helped to make the Centre the city's greenest building and achieve gold certification under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system.

Stacked limestone boulders -- allegorical northern cliff faces -- further support the central theme in conjunction with two connected storm basins. Nearby, stones are used to emulate an attractive dry river bed on the Centre's south side.

Despite a sizable natural grade between the university's westerly parking lot and the Centre, the connecting asphalt



walkway provides a barrier-free access route. Chicanes (meandering turns) reduce the slope's original angle to facilitate negotiation for people with mobility issues.

Further, adds Ernst: "We wanted to demarcate a barrier-free pathway of travel from the bus loop directly to the front door. Coloured concrete definitively outlines the route. Changes in grade and intersections exiting from the walkway proper and crossing the street where there's a crosswalk are highlighted by a tactile warning mechanism. Yellow truncated mats cast into the concrete walks indicate an approaching change. They make a sound, as well. So, there are both audible and tactile prompts to warn you. For people with a white wand, there's a tapping sound when their cane brushes over the mat as they walk on it."

Attempting to be "as modern as possible," Ernst chose stainless steel -- and maintenance-free -- perforated transit benches to be "artfully placed throughout the landscape for impromptu gatherings. Trying to make this an elegant building in its appearance and functionality, we also used stainless steel handrails and guards on the exterior, which is very nice to see."

A somewhat futuristic look shows itself near the Centre's southeast corner.

"We definitely wanted to bring attention to alternate modes of transportation by providing abundant bike storage and a bike shelter pavilion," Ernst notes. "We also introduced the Bike Garden, something that's new for Sault Ste. Marie. The unique bike rack system consists of arching stainless steel posts that seem to grow organically from the ground. They provide a striking appearance, while offering a varied arrangement of fastening locations."

# ESSAR NOW PART OF THE CAMPUS EQUATION

By: Rick McGee

Frequent references to “convergence” wove through the August 30th, 2012, dedication ceremonies for Algoma University’s newest academic building.



The occasion’s significance was heightened by the presence of His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, and the announcement a \$1-million Essar Steel Algoma donation to the university’s Essential Elements capital fundraising campaign.

As a result of the substantial gift, what had been the Biosciences and Technology Convergence Centre became the Essar Convergence Centre.

Algoma U President Dr. Richard Myers described the facility’s importance during his opening remarks.

*“People sometimes refer to it as the University’s new science building. And to some extent, that’s what it is. But it’s much more than that. While the building houses classrooms and labs for our science program, there’s far, far more happening inside. Half of the ground floor is given over to the Community Geomatics Centre, an operation with an international reputation for excellence in applied geomatics.”*

*“Approximately half of the second floor is occupied by the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre, a municipal organization that provides leadership, coordination and support for the development of new technology-based industries in our city,”* he said.

In addition, Dr. Myers continued, the structure houses two university research institutes, Invasive Species and Health Informatics, led by externally funded scientists.

*“There’s even a fledgling Computer Games Studio, staffed mainly by Algoma University grads, that we hope will be the cornerstone of a niche industry in Sault Ste. Marie that applies computer games technology to health care,”* he said.

*“What we have here, then, is not a typical university building, but a Centre that hosts an extraordinary convergence of all the parts in the great chain of science and technology, from the theoretical research in our faculty labs, through the dissemination to students and the application to industry as mediated by entrepreneurial support agencies.”*



## Small a big advantage at Algoma U

While describing the \$21.4-million addition to campus as “a one-building version of a typical university research park,” Dr. Myers emphasized the Centre’s uniqueness.

*“We believe that small is an advantage. Our research and technology park is not located off-campus somewhere where students are unlikely to see it -- it’s right on the campus. And better yet, the students have their classes right in the middle of it. I think the real beauty of the concept is that a student coming out of our introductory psychology or biology classes will be walking past the Innovation Centre or Algoma Games for Health or the Invasive Species Institute each day. She’ll see that whole science and technology chain from one end to the other in a way that is very hard to see elsewhere. And, hopefully, that will give her the curiosity, the motivation and the opportunity to apply her learning in the manner we need if we’re to build a sophisticated, innovation-based economy in this city.”*

During a modest event to open the Centre in 2011, Dr. Myers promised a more formal ceremony at some future point.

*“Well, that time has arrived,”* he said. *“It has arrived, in part, because we are receiving a major donation for the building and we are now ready to give it a proper name that recognizes the generosity of the donor.”*

*“But the timing is right for a second reason. Yesterday marked the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie and we had received some intelligence many months ago that the Governor General would likely be in town to mark that event. The opportunity to have him present for this dedication was one we could not afford to miss.”*

The President cited two reasons for the university moving quickly to make this ceremony happen.

*“One, of course, is that he’s one of us. And I don’t mean that simply in the sense that he grew up in Sault Ste. Marie. He’s also one of us here at Algoma University in that he holds a degree from this institution. This little institution had the foresight to recognize David Johnston’s unique talents and contributions a long time ago. He holds a doctorate of laws conferred on him by Algoma University College way back in 1993.”*

The second reason involved another leadership position held by his Excellency.

*“Before his appointment to the position of Governor General, he was president of the University of Waterloo, a university which is the paragon, I think, in this country of the power of science and technology to drive economic progress through innovation. Indeed, the University of Waterloo’s own research and technology park, located immediately*





across the street from the campus, is now called the David Johnston Research and Technology Park.”

“So if anyone in this country understands the significance of a Convergence Centre, and its importance for a community like Sault Ste. Marie, it is our Governor General. We’re therefore delighted to have him with us today and it’s been well worth the wait to have him present.”

His Excellency enjoyed being part of the ceremony.

“As you know, this is my hometown,” the Governor General enthused in his address. “I’m delighted to see this kind of convergence taking place at Algoma University. Wonderful things happen when people join forces in common cause and that’s what we celebrate today in this great Centre. Such breakthroughs are the result of a number of key factors, including the ability and willingness first of all to think big, see new horizons and be ambitious in setting goals. One of my favourite expressions in managing universities is, ‘Think big, start small, scale up.’”

His Excellency emphasized “the importance of having the courage and the desire to lead. This building is the result of such leadership, and let me commend all who worked together to transform the dream into reality. It is impossible to overstate the importance of science and technology in the world today. The complex, interrelated challenges of the 21st century demand that we work together, harnessing knowledge to wisdom in the building of smarter, more caring communities, and this is one. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement and I look forward as a proud alumnus of this university of many great years to come.”

Acknowledgements of project support followed.

Dr. Myers said such a facility had long been discussed. “What was needed was some leadership to make it happen and, as I understand it, the person who deserves most of the credit for pushing that forward and making it happen was my predecessor as President, Dr. Celia Ross. Celia, you can be very proud of having left such a remarkable building

here as part of your presidential legacy and we are all very grateful for your persistence.”

Thanks were also extended to local MPP David Oraziotti for approximately \$10-million in provincial support, to MP Bryan Hayes for \$8.2-million in federal funding and to the City of Sault Ste. Marie for a \$1-million contribution.

Attention then shifted to the ceremonial presentation of Essar Steel Algoma’s cheque and the unveiling of signage for the newly named Essar Convergence Centre.

“I am pleased to announce that in recognition of this significant gift, the Board of Governors has decided that henceforth this facility shall be known as the Essar Convergence Centre,” Dr. Myers announced.

Essar Steel Algoma is proud of their association with the University.

James Hrusovsky, Essar Steel Algoma’s Chief Executive Officer, spoke about the company’s Community Investment Fund. “The fund focuses on four key areas that impact quality of life of our employees, families and also of the broader community. Education is one of our focus areas. We support initiatives that develop and sustain the supply of skilled labour, grow future community leaders, promote academic excellence and facilitate lifelong learning. Vibrant postsecondary educational institutions are an important element of the community’s social fabric and economic fabric. They foster academic and private sector initiatives, drive innovation and build real economic value.”

Mr. Hrusovsky added: “The Essar team is inspired by the collaborative nature of the Convergence Centre and we hope to tap its high potential in support of our own R&D and process engineering initiatives. We believe that this model is indeed the way forward in the highly competitive global market place.”

In concluding, he noted: “This is a very significant contribution for us and we’re proud to attach our name to this magnificent new Centre and the promise it holds for our community.”



# FIRST YEAR EXCITEMENT, TREPIDATION, AND ENTHUSIASM

By: Nadine Robinson



↑ From left to right: Jeremy Pereira, Catherine Lambert and Sarah Hollingsworth.

**Walk into any classroom at Algoma University and you'll find as many interesting stories as there are people in the room. In one class, three first year students from different backgrounds are united by a variety of emotions, as well as their desire for a solid education in a smaller setting.**

## Jetlagged and 'Air-bagged'

**Jeremy Pereira**, arrived from Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) a couple of weeks before school began. His friends had all left to other Canadian universities before him and he was getting restless. Jeremy's father, Francis, travelled with him to help him settle into the Sault, but Jeremy felt pretty prepared. *"Studying internationally didn't really worry me. I was in a British school with students from 68 different countries--and I'm Portuguese/East Indian and have been living in Abu Dhabi. I'm air bagged--you know--no matter what comes at me it doesn't hit me as hard."*

He also felt prepared for his experience at Algoma University because of the research his mom had done for him: she and Jeremy met with Joanne Elvy and Dave Marasco when they travelled to Abu Dhabi. A conversation with another Algoma U student from the UAE sealed the deal, however. *"He explained that with Algoma U it's the full university atmosphere, but small enough that your name will be known... Everyone knew me back home through sports as vice-captain of the field hockey team, and that's important to me."*

Jeremy also appreciates the student teacher ratio: *"I like the two digit number classrooms -- we are given attention -- your name is going to be known and you'll get the help you need."*

Since arriving at Algoma U, Jeremy feels like he's made the right decision. *"You get opportunities here that you wouldn't get in bigger schools. I know so many people already and I feel like I belong -- I feel like I can be someone here."*

When he graduates, he'd love to do marketing for the music industry, but he's not getting too far ahead of himself. Jeremy's focus right now is getting through his classes, making some good friends, and figuring out where he can get good winter boots.

## A family tradition and music to her ears

**Sarah Hollingsworth** followed in her parents' footsteps when she chose to attend Algoma University.

*"I'm excited to begin this new endeavor in my life, and looking forward to meeting new people from around the globe, but there are always a few concerns when you begin anything new in your life. Staying at home makes the transition from high school to university much easier."*

Sarah is studying in the BBA program, with an accounting specialization, and plans to become a Chartered Accountant. However, she loves learning and is open to other career paths, *"Anything is a possible for my future."*

She chose Algoma University for their *"commitment to learning and achievement,"* which is important to the AU Excellence Award: Platinum Scholarship winner, high school valedictorian and recipient of the Governor General's Academic Medal for highest academic standing.

*"At Algoma University, I will not just be another student in a classroom, but a person whose education is a top priority of the professors and the school. I do not believe that a large university is the right environment for me and I believe that I will be more successful at a smaller university."*

Another reason that Sarah chose Algoma University is because she loves her part-time job teaching piano at Case's Music.

*"I've been taking piano since age six and I love sharing my passion for music with the youth of Sault Ste. Marie. I started teaching three years ago and have loved every minute of it."*

In addition to teaching music, Sarah continues to pursue her piano studies in the Royal Conservatory of Music; currently working towards her Basic Harmony theory exam and her Grade Six piano certification.

*"Algoma U has something to offer everyone, and I want to become involved in my university and become part of a school community. I hope to find my place within the school, and wish to take on leadership roles where I can make a positive difference. I believe that everyone can become involved in something whether it's sports, clubs or any other extracurricular activity."*

Sarah's mother, Susan, holds a diploma in Child and Adolescent work from Sault College, a BA in Psychology from Algoma U and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Ottawa. Her father, Daniel, has a BA in Economics from Algoma U and a Master's in Business Administration from Lake Superior State University.

## It all adds up for this recruit

**Catherine Lambert** says it takes six hours to drive home to Hearst if you take the short cut, but she's in no hurry to go back just yet. *"I was so excited to come to Algoma University that I packed my stuff two weeks early--I couldn't wait to be officially independent!"*


She first heard about Algoma U at the university fair at her school, Ecole Secondaire Catholique de Hearst. The *'Small University, Big Education'* messaging caught her eye as she went from booth to booth. She thought *"That's just what I'm looking for!"* When she visited the campus over March break she wasn't disappointed: *"I got a personal tour from one of the recruiters, and met with several professors -- I felt like I mattered."*

Catherine is studying towards her BA in Mathematics, along with a Certificate in Accounting. She hopes to continue on to complete a Masters and a PhD so that she can become a mathematics professor at a university. *"I love numbers. It's always a challenge... and I also like that there's always an answer."*

*"It's like the perfect semester every semester for the next three years for me - I love all of my courses!"* Her love of learning has made Catherine the first in her family to go on to postsecondary; though her parents are now going to university too.

She's not afraid to blaze new trails: *"I'm not too worried, I'm a cadet. I'm used to travelling alone, trying new things, and spending time away from home."* She's already loving being exposed to all the new cultures on campus, is making friends from Brazil, Japan, and the Middle East, and is interested in going on an international exchange herself. Catherine has also found the Hub Trail that crosses through campus; she enjoys biking and rollerblading it. Once she settles into her courses, she'd also like to join the reserves in the Sault.

Before arriving, Catherine was worried that university might be an unmanageable amount of work, but she thinks her cadet training will help her along the way. *"In cadets, you learn leadership, independence, life skills, time appreciation, and time management."* Given that Catherine was an honour roll student in high school and was also the recipient of the highest award a cadet can receive--The Lord Strathcona Medal, this math student may already have solved the equation for success at University.



# Creating a legacy by investing in futures

A planned gift to charity through your will ensures that the causes and organizations you have deemed important during your lifetime continue to benefit from your support in perpetuity.

A bequest is a planned gift made through your will.

Why consider a bequest

- A bequest provides you the opportunity to make a substantial gift to Algoma University in the future without diminishing your assets today.

- Your legacy lives on through your bequest. With a bequest of \$20,000 or more, you can create an endowed fund that will benefit Algoma University in perpetuity.
- Your estate can benefit from considerable tax savings. Gifts made through your will provide charitable tax credits that can offset taxes owed that would otherwise diminish the value of your estate.

There are different types of bequests for you to consider:

- A general bequest allows you to designate a specific amount of money to Algoma University.
- A residual bequest allows you to direct all or a percentage of the remaining estate to Algoma University, after debts and other bequests have been paid.
- You may choose to make a specific bequest to Algoma University. Bequests can also be made in the form of stocks.
- A contingent bequest is a gift that is left to a secondary beneficiary. If the

first beneficiary is unable to receive the gift, it is directed accordingly to the secondary beneficiary.

For information on how you can leave your legacy, and possibly receive considerable tax benefits, please complete the following form and return it to:

**Bev. Teller, CFRE**  
 Alumni & Development Officer  
 Algoma University  
 1520 Queen St, E,  
 Sault Ste Marie, ON P6A 2G4  
 Ph: (705) 949-2301, Ext. 4125

Your will is an important legal document that allows you to continue to care for the people, causes and interests that have mattered most to you during your lifetime. A bequest to Algoma University will provide acknowledgement of the importance you have placed on post-secondary education. Your memory will live on in perpetuity through your gift and will help students in years to come.

Please provide me with information on making a planned gift to Algoma University through:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bequests        | <input type="checkbox"/> Securities                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Insurance  | <input type="checkbox"/> Charitable Gift Annuities   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RRSP/RRIF Funds | <input type="checkbox"/> Charitable Remainder Trusts |

Mr.     Mrs.     Ms.     Miss     Dr.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel # (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ Tel # (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

- I have already included Algoma University in my estate planning and/or will.

*Algoma University encourages you to explore the options that best suit your personal philanthropic goals. The information provided will outline the benefits of making a planned gift to Algoma University. We strongly recommend that you consult with your financial and/or legal advisor prior to making your gift to determine specific tax advantages and requirements.*

**ALGOMA**  
 university

## KEEPING IN TOUCH - A MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE



**Bev Teller, CFRE,**  
*Alumni & Development Officer*

Storytelling has long been recognized as an art form, an important method to convey information, knowledge and wisdom. Often entertaining, storytelling helps to provide understanding and details of events in a way that helps us to reflect and remember - our history, events and experiences that have shaped us into who we are today; the efforts and sacrifices of those who have gone before us; the friendships that we have made. Each is a unique experience to those involved, and collectively they form many chapters in the novel of our history.



As members of the Algoma U family, each one of us has written chapters in the history of Algoma University. As time passes and people move on in their lives, these stories are at risk of being lost.

The Algoma University Alumni Council wants to capture these life experiences, memories and friendships. Officially launched at Homecoming 2012, the Alumni Council is providing all members of the AU family the opportunity to tell your story with **Algoma U Memories**.



*What was YOUR Algoma U like?* The campus has changed in many ways since its early beginnings as Algoma University College. New buildings have been added, spaces have changed from what they once were. *Where did you spend hours cramming for exams... or relaxing between classes?* Who inspired you, or challenged you, or helped you make it through one more project when you thought you had nothing left. *Who were those people that you swore you would never forget?*

During my time at Algoma U, I have had the privilege of hearing many stories from the pioneers of AUC. The perseverance and dedication of people who knew there was a need for a post-secondary school in Sault Ste Marie and who gave their heart and soul to make it happen. It never ceases to amaze me when I hear of the sacrifices that people made to make Algoma U into what it is today. Those sacrifices and hard work continue today to help Algoma University grow to meet the needs of today's students.

There are thousands of stories of students who got their beginnings at this institution, students who in their own way made their mark on Algoma U. Some have been featured in this publication. Others are writing their chapters in Algoma U's history now.

It's time to share your story. We'll help to get you started. Check out our website at [www.algomau.ca/memories](http://www.algomau.ca/memories) to complete your **Algoma U Memories** form. Stories were meant to be told – this is your opportunity.

For more information, contact **Bev Teller, CFRE, Alumni & Development Officer** at 705-949-2301, ext. 4125 or by e-mail at: [bev.teller@algomau.ca](mailto:bev.teller@algomau.ca)





# Algoma University News

## Algoma University's First Induction Ceremony "Wraps" Up

On September 14th, Algoma University and Mayor Debbie Amaroso officially welcomed new students at the first annual induction ceremony at the Roberta Bondar Pavilion. With hundreds of students and their guests in the audience, and faculty in full regalia on stage, each new student was called forward to receive a special induction scarf sporting the university logo and the iconic symbol of the Thunderbird and to sign the official register.



First year student Mekaela Comery received an Algoma U scarf at the university's first annual Induction Ceremony.

"The induction ceremony is seen as a means of formally welcoming new students into the Algoma University family, helping them to feel more connected to their new community," said Dr. Richard Myers, President, Algoma University.

For many of the new international students, this may be the only winter scarf that they own. Approximately thirty percent of the incoming student body is from abroad.

For more "Algoma U News" visit: [www.algomau.ca/news-events](http://www.algomau.ca/news-events)

## Custodian Cleans up at Algoma University's Thunderbird Award Ceremony

*Annual ceremony honours years of service and exceptional accomplishments.*

Every year, Algoma University presents a member of its support staff with the prestigious Thunderbird Award. Gary Taylor, now in his thirtieth year of service in the Physical Plant Department at Algoma University, was given the top honour this year.

"Gary is an all-star. He always goes the extra mile to make sure the needs of the employees and students at Algoma U are being met," said Sean Dwyer, Vice President of Finance and Administration.

The Thunderbird Award is conferred on someone who consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty and/or in recognition of exceptional accomplishments.

When he received the plaque, Taylor, an alumnus who graduated from Algoma U in 1993 with an economics degree, asked to say a few words: "I'm deeply touched by this honour. My contribution at the university is a humble one; and we are all a part of the ongoing success of Algoma U, so this award is for everyone positively impacting the university community. Algoma University occupies a special and unique place in the educational landscape of Canada, and I am truly humbled by all of this and most thankful."



Gary Taylor, recipient of prestigious Thunderbird Award.

## Thunderbirds Basketball Teams Rise to the Occasion Against OUA Opponents

*Losses Overshadowed By Tough Competition, Great Venue and Fan Support.*

In front of a loud and boisterous crowd of over five hundred Algoma University supporters, the Men's and Women's Thunderbirds Basketball teams began their Road To The OUA on October 3rd. While the results on the scoreboard did not favour the home side in either contest, both teams acquitted themselves well against their opponents.

On the Women's side, the Thunderbirds jumped out to an early 19-10 lead against Laurentian, but eventually lost by a score of 64-48.

In a 67-57 loss to the Lancers, the men were without CCAA Men's Basketball Player of the Year Jovain Wilson, but fortunately got big games from several players to hang with the Lancers.

Head Coach Thomas Cory couldn't say enough about the support. "The student section was into the game, and the atmosphere that they created is going to go a long way towards what we want to build here."



## Algoma University Creates Ambitious Scholarship Program for International B.A. Students

Algoma University has announced the creation of a significant scholarship program to attract the best and the brightest from around the world into its Bachelor of Arts program. The scholarships are worth \$5,000 and are renewable for up to four years.

Algoma University President Dr. Richard Myers says that these scholarships "will help the University advance toward its goal of becoming one of the most diverse learning communities in the country."

The new scholarship program is designed to attract students into liberal arts subjects such as history, political science, fine arts and literature.

Once fully subscribed, the program will fund up to three hundred international students - a considerable number for a university with a total enrolment of just over 1,400. "It's a good investment in the quality of our programming," said Myers. "We strive to offer our students the best learning experience possible. In the 21st century, that has to be an international and intercultural experience."

# FIND US ON facebook!

**Algoma University Alumni** have an official page on **Facebook**. We've added graduation pictures and many photos from recent Alumni events and from days gone by at Algoma U. We'll continue to add photos from the archives and keep alumni informed with the latest Alumni news and events from Algoma U. Visit the page, "Like" us and connect with old friends! Go to: [www.facebook.com/algomau.alumni](http://www.facebook.com/algomau.alumni) Or visit: [www.algomau.ca/alumni](http://www.algomau.ca/alumni) and follow the Facebook link.

To reach the Algoma U Alumni Office, contact  
Bev Teller, CFRE  
Alumni & Development Officer  
Algoma University  
1520 Queen Street East  
Sault Ste. Marie ON P6A 2G4  
Ph: 705-949-2301, ext. 4125  
Email: [bev.teller@algomau.ca](mailto:bev.teller@algomau.ca)



**EXPLORE A DREAM AND  
DISCOVER A PASSION  
DIGITAL FILM PRODUCTION  
AT SAULT COLLEGE  
2 YEAR DIPLOMA PROGRAM  
COMING SEPTEMBER 2013**



**DIGITAL  
FILM  
PRODUCTION**



**LEADERS IN PRINT  
FOR 111 YEARS**

- Office Stationery
- Cheques & Forms
- Notepads
- Invitations
- Tickets
- Event Promotion
- Publications
- Reports
- Campaign Printing
- Branding Packages
- Pocket Folders
- Posters
- Flyers
- Booklets
- Brochures
- Rack Cards
- Photo Editing
- Banners
- Decals
- Design
- Bindery
- & much more!



*your printer in the north*

**PRINTING** **COPY CENTRE** **SIGNS** **DIRECT MAIL CENTRE** **DESIGN** **PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS**

705-945-8215 [print@cliffeprinting.ca](mailto:print@cliffeprinting.ca)

toll free: 1-888-433-2139 fax: 705-942-6928

117 Spring Street, Sault Ste. Marie, ON, CANADA P6A 3A2 [www.cliffeprinting.ca](http://www.cliffeprinting.ca)

