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**Acadia  
Recreation  
Reunion 2012**



ACADIA UNIVERSITY  
**RECREATION MANAGEMENT**

## HISTORY

The School of Recreation Management and Kinesiology has gone through major changes in the past decades. Before the School of Recreation Management and Kinesiology was formed it was the Department of Physical Education and Recreation. The School, as it is today, would not have been possible without the help of the five founders: Donald Wells, Elizabeth Vermeulen, Robert Vespaziani, Gilbert Chapman and David Joos.

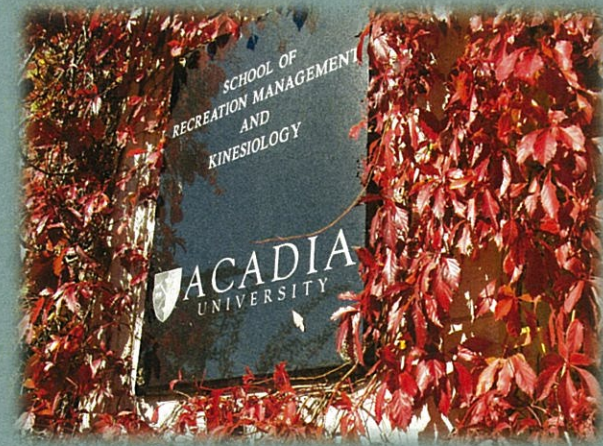
The journey to today's school began in the fall of 1890 when a new gymnasium was built at Acadia. In 1910, an introductory and required course in physical education was formed. From 1911 until 1914 all first year students were required to take the Physical Training course as a requirement for a Bachelor of Arts degree. During World War One the course was removed but returned in 1921. At this time all first and second year students were required to take this course for the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees.

In the early 1920's the Department of Physical Education was formed within the Faculty of Arts. During the 1940's, there was a program offered at the university to train recreation leaders. In September 1969 the name was changed to the Department of Physical Education and Recreation which offered a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Arts in Recreation and Physical Education. In June 1974 the Department changed its name to the School of Recreation and Physical Education. Fall of 1972 was when the university first offered a designated program of study for those wishing to pursue recreation although many courses in the early years were still physical education courses. In 1997 the School name became the School of Recreation Management and Kinesiology. In 2008 the program name was expanded to Recreation Management and Community Development.

## Mission

*Society of Acadia University  
Recreation Graduates*

The Mission of the Society of Acadia Recreation Graduates is to establish lifelong connections between graduates of the program through initiatives that promote connection, collaboration, and celebration



## President's Message

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Society of Acadia University Recreation Graduates (SAURG) I would like to welcome you to this historic reunion, our first in 40 years!. One hundred and thirty Recreation Graduates from across the years, and from all parts of the country and beyond are back on campus for this special weekend. I would to express appreciation to Brenda Robertson '75, a faculty member in this program for the past 30 years, for the vision and hard work in enticing us back to where it all began. Enjoy the next few days and I look forward to meeting and talking with you about the future of SAURG.

Carroll Randall '76  
**President SAURG**

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## Society of Acadia University Recreation

The Society of Acadia University Recreation Graduates become officially incorporated March 27, 2012 under the Societies Act of Nova Scotia. The objectives of the Society are:



- To provide an avenue for program graduates to connect with one another through the implementation of a program of reunions and events as well as through print and electric communications;
- To create vehicles for networking and ongoing personal and professional development;
- To foster a sense of connection to Acadia University and encourage participation in university activities;
- To provide a means of recognizing and celebrating the history of the Recreation program;
- To recognize distinctive contributions by members to the betterment of society.

The interim Board of Directors for the newly formed Society of Acadia University Recreation Graduates has been selected. The interim Board will be in place until the first AGM to be held at the reunion Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup>. Members of the Interim Board of Directors include the following: Carroll Randall '76 (President), Laura Wanamaker '86 (President Elect), Ivy Warren '83 (Treasurer), Chad Haughn '00 (Secretary), Bill Boyd '75 and Brenda Robertson '75 (Directors at large), and decade representatives Jude Hirsch '77, Robin Norrie '86, Donna Hendy, '88, Oonagh Proudfoot '95, Eric MacKenzie '06, and Andrew Waters '10.

## Reunion Program at a Glance

### Friday, May 25

- 1:00-5:00pm Check in at Festival Theatre  
1:30-2:30 Campus tour departing from the Fountain Learning Commons  
2:30-3:45 Opening Reception in the KCIC (Irving Centre) Garden Room  
4:00-5:30 Official Reunion Welcome-Fountain Commons.  
6:00-6:45 Kick-Off Dinner-Wheelock Dining Hall.  
7:00-8:30 Free time to roam the campus and town or settle into your dorm room.  
8:30-1:00 Nostalgia Night-Fountain Learning Commons.

### Saturday, May 26

- 8:00-9:00 Breakfast available in the first floor lounge of Eaton house  
9:30-11:30 Concurrent Offerings: Meet at the Fountain Commons  
1. Recreation Soap Box:  
2. Irving Centre/Gardens Tour-Irving Centre.  
3. Come Play with Me (CPWM)  
12:00-12:45 Lunch – Wheelock Dining Hall.  
1:30-3:00 Concurrent Offerings: Meet at the Fountain Commons  
1. *Take a Hike!*  
2. *Special Interest Group Discussions-*  
3. *Come Play with me Session #2*  
3:30-5:30 Return to Planet Earth: Fountain Commons  
6:00-8:00 Dinner on your own in local restaurants.  
9:00+ Reunion Dance-Axe Lounge in the SUB.

### Sunday, May 27

- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast for those staying in residence.  
9:15-10:15 Chapel Service-Manning Chapel.  
10:30 Tree Planting  
10:45-12:15 SARG AGM-Student Union Building.  
12:30-1:30 Closing Luncheon: Fountain Commons.

## Detailed Program

### Friday, May 25

- 1:00-5:00pm Check in at Festival Theatre (old arena at 540 Main Street). This is when and where you pick up your registration package and get your residence room assignment.
- 1:30-2:30 Campus tour departing from the Fountain Learning Commons (old McConnell dining hall). No doubt there have been many changes since your day so tour the campus and hear about campus life today.
- 2:30-3:45 Opening Reception hosted by the Society of Acadia University Recreation Graduates in the KCIC (Irving Centre) Garden Room in the Irving Centre. Come to this grand room, to begin reuniting with former classmates and meeting fellow graduates.
- 4:00-5:30 Official Reunion Welcome-Fountain Commons. At this event, we will officially welcome you back to campus, and you will discover who is attending the reunion, details of upcoming events, and begin the stroll down memory lane. Distinguished guests including Acadia President Ray Ivany, our own Hugh Bray '75 who is President of the Associated Alumni of Acadia, and Wolfville Mayor Bob Stead, former Acadia Director of Admissions.
- 6:00-6:45 Kick-Off Dinner-Wheelock Dining Hall. Many will be amazed at the posh surroundings and quality of food available to students in dining hall today.
- 7:00-8:30 Free time to roam the campus and town or settle into your dorm room.
- 8:30-1:00 Nostalgia Night-Fountain Learning Commons. Come dressed in the fashion of your era to relive and share the special moments and memories of your experience at Acadia, and learn what resonates with other Acadia Recreation graduates. The evening will feature a "campfire" with musical entertainment provided by Acadia Recreation finest, videos from the vault, tables of memorabilia from each of the decades, live and silent auction, themed open mic sessions, an opportunity to reconnect with current/past faculty members, and of course lots of food and drink.

## Saturday, May 26

8:00-9:00 Breakfast available in the first floor lounge of Eaton house for those staying in residence.

9:30-11:30 Concurrent Offerings: Meet at the Fountain Commons

1. **Recreation Soap Box:** In this session, participants will have the opportunity to learn more about other members of the Acadia Recreation family and have others learn about you by taking turns on the 'recreation soap box, taking five minutes to express their thoughts on whatever topic of their choosing. It may be a commentary on a current issue, description of a best practice, promotion of a particular product/service, etc. This may be your final opportunity to make a presentation at Acadia!

2. **Irving Centre/Gardens Tour-Irving Centre.** Donated to Acadia by the Irving family in 2002, this venue is a centre of excellence for the study of the natural environment, concentrating on the ecology of the native flora of the Acadian Forest Region. The main building of the K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre contains state of the art research laboratories, greenhouses, and a conservatory. The Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens occupy more than 6 acres and represent a place where nature and science come together.

3. **Come Play with Me (CPWM)-**The first of the Come Play with Me Sessions. In your registration package you will find a list of 25 interesting things to do in the area today. If you would like to invite other to 'come play with you' at a certain activity, you can post a sheet on the bulletin board at the information desk in the Fountain Commons any time before 9:30am stating what they want to do during the designated time period and invite others to sign up to join you. Volunteers will be on hand at the information desk to assist you with ideas, directions, logistics and whatever else you might need to go play. Meet up at the Commons at 9:30 and off you go for a couple of hours of fun!

## Saturday, May 26

12:00-12:45 Lunch – Wheelock Dining Hall.

1:30-3:00 Concurrent Offerings: Meet at the Fountain Commons

1. **Take a Hike!-Meet at the Fountain Commons.** Head out for a guided hike around the woodland trails that surround the campus. The Woodland Trails cover a space that was once part of the old Acadia University Farm. In the 1940's, orchards, field crops and farm animals were scattered throughout the area. The Woodland Trails consists of walking paths that follow a brook and a variety of forest habitats.

2. **Special Interest Group Discussions-** During this time, reunion attendees can facilitate a discussion session on anything that interests them, and invite others to join them by posting their topic on the bulletin board at the information desk. Topics could relate to shared career interests, current issues and challenges in the workplace, trends, best practices, or more personal topics such as parenting/grand parenting, wellness, or retirement planning. Anything you want to get a group together to talk about is fair game. One discussion session will focus on the Society of Acadia University Recreation Graduates, exploring initiatives that we may want to take on after this reunion. Suggestions already proposed include development of a history of the 40 years of the Acadia Recreation program, creation of a website, development of a database/directory of Grads and what they are doing now, educational tours/experiences, and future reunions/gatherings.

3. **Come Play with me Session #2-Fountain Commons** (see description above).

## Saturday, May 26

### 3:30-5:30 **Return to Planet Earth: Fountain Commons**

Anyone who attended Acadia Recreation Program in the early years, especially during the 80s will surely remember Spring Camp...that annual ritual where a resource team of alumni, under the direction of Jude (de Guerre) Hirsch, would facilitate an amazing week long camp experience for the first year class. Each year there was a themed program and each was more creative, innovative, and mind blowing than the one before. Now, nearly a quarter century later, Jude returns with another one of a kind themed experience, in the spring camp tradition, entitled *Return to Planet Earth*. This 2 hour adventure will take us all back to our common root, our Acadia experience, while weaving the threads that bind us. This is not an experience to be missed!

### 6:00-8:00 **Dinner on your own in local restaurants.**

Wolfville and area boasts a broad range of culinary experiences and local eateries and are waiting to welcome you as reunion attendees. Form your own group or let us assist you to do so. Detailed information about the various restaurants and their respective fares will be available in your registration package.

### 9:00+ **Reunion Dance-Axe Lounge in the SUB.**

Come ready to strut your stuff showing off your best dance moves from your era at Acadia. There will be a taking requests and dedications who will feature a mix of music from across the decades.



## Sunday, May 27

7:30-8:30 Breakfast available in the first floor lounge of Eaton house for those staying in residence.

9:15-10:15 Chapel Service-Manning Chapel.  
A time for us to reflect upon and celebrate our common Acadia experience together and to remember those members of the Acadia recreation family who are no longer with us.

10:30 Tree Planting to acknowledge 40 of the Recreation degree program at Acadia University, and the fact that we gathered here, on this day, to celebrate. A plaque will be placed at the base of the tree that reads: In Celebration of 40 Years of the Recreation Program at Acadia University - 1972-2012-Placed by The Society of Acadia University Recreation Graduates

10:45-12:15 Society of Acadia Recreation Management Graduates AGM-Student Union Building.  
This will be the inaugural AGM of the SAURG and all reunion attendees are strongly encouraged to attend. A report of the work of the Interim Board of Directors will be given, an election of officers will be held, plans for future initiatives discussed, and committees formed.

12:30-1:30 Closing Luncheon: Fountain Commons.  
The luncheon will officially close to the reunion and will be an opportunity to reflect upon the events of the past few days, to bid farewell to old friends and new, as well as to look ahead to the future initiatives under the auspices of the newly formed Society of Acadia University Recreation Graduates. It is at this final event that one lucky alumnus will win the trip for two anywhere WestJet flies!

## Planning Committee

1970 - 1979

Carroll Randall  
Brenda Robertson  
Jude Hirsch

1980 - 1989

Robin Norrie  
Donna Hendy  
Laurie Wanamaker

1990 - 1999

Donna Conrad  
Oonagh Proudfoot

2000 - 2009

Rachel Bedingfield  
Eric MacKenzie  
Heather MacDonald

2010 +

Andrew Waters  
Simone Spears  
Karol Halliday



## James Bayer Award

James Bayer was a pioneer in the field of recreation in Nova Scotia and was a faculty member and Dean of the School of Recreation and Physical Education 1975-85. This award was started by his students in his memory when he died from cancer at age 47. The James Bayer Award is awarded annually to a graduating student in Recreation Management for expressed qualities of leadership, fellowship, and professionalism. The recipient of the award is chosen annually by members of the graduating class. James Bayer Award winners are as follows:

- Alex Atkinson '12
- Michael Chiasson '11
- Andrew Waters '10
- Katherine Heckman '09
- David Greene '08
- Kate Pearce '07
- Eric MacKenzie '06
- Lindsey Boland '06
- Graham Marshall '05,
- Hannah-Ruth Feldberg '04,
- Noelyn Fulcher '03,
- Rachel Bedingfield '02,
- Erin Sarsfield '02,
- Mary Sweatman '02,
- Heather Wickstead '01,
- Christine Wilson '00,
- Aggie Weighill '99,
- Devin Trefry '98,
- Shayna Allen '97,
- Dr. Charlene Shannon '96,
- Jodi Nicholson '95,
- Sarah Baird '94,
- Senior Seminar Class '93,
- James Crockwell '92,
- Dr. Wanda George '91,
- Laura-Lee MacLean '90,
- Sean Parady '89,
- Donna Keen '88,
- Carol Schurman '87,
- Laurie Dickson '86.

## Student Volunteers

Alex Atkinson  
Danica Montgomery  
Jean Kelly  
Karol Halliday  
Miranda Collins  
Rachel Morrison  
Ryan Alguire  
Simone Spears  
Stephen Hall  
Tom Dalmazzi



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## 40 Year Conference/Reunion Participants

### Alex Wright Award

This award was started in 1998 in memory of Dr. Alex Wright who was Director of the School of Recreation Management and Kinesiology and a faculty member since the late 1970's. Dr. Wright died in the Spring of 1997. In recognition of his love of scholarship, this award recognizes outstanding commitment to scholarship as demonstrated by a graduating student within the School of Recreation Management and Kinesiology. The names of past recreation recipients are listed below.

- 2012 Chris Falconi
- 2011 Michael Chiason
- 2010 Ashley Beck-Sayer
- 2009 Colin Gillis
- 2008 Sarah Wagner
- 2003 Mary Sweatman
- 1999 Pamela Murphy
- 1998 Roberta Watts



Carol Davis-Jamieson 1974

Cynthia Stacey 1975

Marilyn (Cleversey) Johnson 1975

Bill Reeves 1975

Brenda Robertson 1975

Jim Campbell 1975

Steve Stairs 1975

Hugh Bray 1975

Carroll Randall 1976

Bill Boyd 1976

George Taylor 1976

Bob Suffron 1976

Ron McCarville 1977

Margaret Tibbo 1977

Jude Hirsch 1977

Glenda MacKinnon 1977

Heather Hickman 1977

Joanne Tompkins 1977

Terry Keyko 1977

Janet (Barlett) Baccardax 1977

Linda (Tanner) Atkinson 1978

Gary Raymond 1978

Mike Trinacity 1980

Jim Archibald 1980

Deb Ryan 1980

Laurie (Miller) Winder 1980

Janet (Stevenson) Margeson 1980

Elaine Kenny 1980

Kate Friars 1980

Pauline Doucet 1982

Helene Ouelette 1982

Sue Ross 1983

Norm Amirault 1983

Keith Publicover 1985

Neal Viger 1985

**Thank you for attending**



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