

Dear Acadia Recreation Grad

The faculty members and staff of the Recreation Management program invite you to a special Recreation Management Alumni Day on November 17, 2006 at Acadia. Our aim is to strengthen our relationship with you. We plan to share with you recent developments at the university as well as the exciting program developments we are embarking on in the next year, including an integrated, experiential core term and 6-week community practicum for 4th year students. We want to hear about the issues you are facing and to get your thoughts and ideas on how we can better recruit and prepare students to become professions in the field. As well we need your feedback on how we can increase Alumni involvement in the program and strengthen relationships. We want to discuss ideas such as...

- the revamping of the Recreation alumni award
- the development of the alumni component of the new recreation website
- the roles and ways to connect students, faculty and alumni through research and community engagement
- the potential of hosting a special 35th program anniversary celebration for our alumni in 2007

We hope the day can also be an opportunity for you to connect to other alumni around the Maritimes who you may not have seen recently. Recognizing that we will be taking a day of your time and good energy, lunch is on us and we promise to be engaging and interactive in the tradition of good recreation programs.

The agenda for the day is included below. **Please RSVP to Kim Vaughan at 585-1307 or kim.vaughan@acadiau.ca if you plan to come no later than November 1** as we need to order lunches for you.

If you are unable to come to the alumni day, we would still very much like to talk to you and get your input on the issues described above. Please give the faculty member of your choice a call or chat with Kim Vaughan— we will have a few questions for which we would appreciate feedback.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 17th.

Thanks,
Brenda Robertson, Glyn Bissix, Scott Hennigar, Alan Warner,
John Colton, Susan Markham-Starr, Kim Vaughan, & Gary Ness

**Recreation Management Alumni Day
November 17, 2006
Acadia University, Wolfville, NS**

Morning Session: Theatre Festival (Old arena)

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| 9:45am – 10:00am | Reunite with faculty, classmates and other professionals over coffee and muffins. |
| 10:00am – 10:15am | Gary Ness, Director of the School of Recreation Management will welcome everyone and give insight to the new mission and vision of the Recreation Management program at Acadia University. |
| 10:15am – 11:15am | Alan Warner will give an overview of the curriculum. |
| 11:15am – 12:00pm | Glyn Bissix will lead this session on Civic Engagement seeking input on how our students might become involved in your initiatives. |
| 12:00pm – 12:30pm | Lunch |
| 12:30pm – 1:30pm | Guided tours on the many recent developments on the campus. |

Afternoon Session: SRMK (Gym 491-old gym)

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| 1:30pm – 2:30pm | Susan Markham-Starr will chair a networking panel of students and alumni discussing their respective contribution and expectations regarding professional education. |
| 2:30pm – 4:00 pm | Brenda Robertson will lead an interactive session exploring the current challenges and opportunities within the field and what assets are required of our graduates. This session will also feature discussion on ways and means that the alumni might assist the School to carry out the new mission, maintain connections with graduates, and better prepare future professionals. |