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Summer Solstice rocks the region - dubbed major hit!

Fort McMurray made a stunning first impression on Shyla Ryan, thanks to Keyano's *Summer Solstice* Picnic-in-the-Park.

Ryan, who moved to Fort McMurray from Newfoundland two weeks ago, attended Keyano's premiere summer event on June 18 and had a grand time with her family.

"I'm actually registering at Keyano College as a Mechanical & Construction Trades Preparation Program student, so it's exciting to see you have such great events," she said.

Ryan was one of thousands who dubbed the event "well-organized" and "lots of fun."

The Dino Martinis rocked the region late into the evening, as children and adults danced to hits from the 80s and today - there was *Billie Jean*, *Shout*, *Poker Face* and *I Gotta Feeling*, just to name a few. There was plenty of applause for the Calgary-based band, who thoroughly enjoyed their first visit to our town.

"It's great to be at Keyano College to celebrate the longest day of the year. The weather in Calgary feels like Christmas, out here it feels like Hawaii," said Pat McGannon, one of the lead singers and founding member of the Dino Martinis.

Sponsored by Canadian Natural, the free event has grown by leaps and bounds since its inception in 2000. Ovation Catering sponsored the free barbecue enjoyed by one and all, and BCTC's Aqua Van from Vancouver drew many ooh's and aah's from children, who were intrigued by sea urchins, sea cucumbers and starfish.

Meredith Lemon, BCTC Aquavan Program Developer was thrilled with the turn-out.

"This is so well-organized. It's great to be at Keyano College and to be able to showcase our marine life. We have a lot of children asking if the fish are alive," chuckled Lemon.

Peter Janson, Senior Vice President, Horizon Operations, Canadian Natural, dubbed the event a great ongoing collaboration between Keyano College and Canadian Natural.

"Our support of *Summer Solstice* goes back nine years. When Canadian Natural was new in town, this was one of the events that allowed us to be visible in the community. Together with Keyano, this is our way of giving back. This year's event was absolutely sensational. It is great to see the numbers grow every year," he said.

Cindy Amerongen, Vice President, External Relations, Keyano College, echoed similar sentiments.

"This was fantastic! The highlight of the event was watching the local performers. There are so many talented young people in our community. I'm so impressed by our staff and students who volunteered and with Canadian Natural and Ovation Catering volunteers," Amerongen said.

Talented community members gave one another a run for their money, as *Summer Solstice Star Search* saw some tough competition from amateur acts ranging from dancers to singers. However, the night belonged to the extraordinarily talented Boostrom family.



Melvin Boostrom won first place and \$750 cash for his rendition of a Fred Eaglesmith song. He also earned an automatic bye into the finals of the Suncor Energy Homegrown Talent Search at interPLAY, Wood Buffalo's annual summer celebration of visual and performing arts, slated for August 6 through 8. His daughter, Karlie, 8, also an exceptional singer, won second place and received \$500, and third prize featuring \$250 went to the Father Merc Glee Club.

Melvin and Karlie also won top honours for their singing, the day before, in Fort McKay's talent contest for Treaty Days.

The Jazz Band Showcase featuring talented ensembles from Composite, Father Mercredi and Westwood high schools rounded out the day.



Far left: Pat McGannon from the Dino Martinis rocks the house. Second from left: Sue Scott, Dino Martinis, had everyone on their feet.

Mikisew Energy Services Group donates equipment - pledges additional support on the spot

For Mike Heck it was just the "right thing to do." During the recognition of the donation of three pieces of equipment for Keyano's *Equipped for the Future* initiative, Heck, General Manager, Mikisew Energy Services Group (MESG), pledged an additional three pieces of equipment on the spot.

"There is so much equipment in our city sitting idle during the summer months. Supporting Keyano College and their training initiatives is just the right thing to do," said Heck.

MESG initially donated a 966 wheel loader and two skid steers which are currently in use by students at Keyano's Suncor Energy Industrial Campus. Additional pledged equipment includes two more skid steers and a tandem dump truck.

Jim Foote, President, Keyano College, appreciated the commitment and dubbed the donation "very generous."

"Mikisew Energy Services Group recognizes the need for this equipment. This is a win-win situation for everyone. We appreciate this donation tremendously," Foote noted.

Heck said their donation enables MESG to support the community while also supporting their own employees.

"Our current and future staff can train on the latest technology at an accredited institution. The College shares our enthusiasm for training and participation in community initiatives. This is certainly a feel good story," said Heck.

John Payne, Heavy Equipment Instructor, Trades & Heavy Industrial Division, Keyano College, applauded the donated items and appreciated the news of additional support.

"This equipment makes a world of difference. It is cutting-edge machinery featuring current technology and it helps our students receive training that is essential in today's workforce," Payne said.

Angele Dobie oversees the *Equipped for the Future* program, which is Keyano Foundation's project in response to the Trades & Heavy Industrial Division's need to cut lease and purchase costs of equipment for use in training.

The donation from MESG is extraordinary notes Dobie.

"Mike Heck and his team have been very supportive of this project. Providing six pieces of equipment is an incredible commitment and we are extremely grateful."



L-R: Michelle MacLennan, HR Coordinator, MESG, Mike Heck, General Manager, MESG, Cindy Amerongen, Vice President, External Relations, Keyano College, Jim Foote, President, Keyano College, Don Empson, Fleet Manager, MESG, Aaron Kaskamin, Regional Manager, MESG and Mike Hayes, Associate Dean, Trades & Heavy Industrial Division,

Keyano College.

Feel like royalty - rent the palace

Ok, so it's not Buckingham Palace. But, it's purple. Keyano College is inviting the community to rent rooms in Clearwater Hall, affectionately known as the Purple Palace.

The Purple Palace is Keyano's single student residence, located at the Clearwater Campus. After students leave for the summer, the College makes residence rooms available for the general public to rent from May to the beginning of August.

Kelly Tetreault, Residence Life Advisor, Keyano College, says not only are the newly renovated rooms affordable at \$250 per week or \$750 per month, but with round the clock security on premises, they are safe as well.

The rooms come with a single bed, mirror, desk, chair, and built-in closet. Phone and free cable television are available as well as free wireless Internet. Access to kitchen, living area and laundry facilities are also provided.

"The rooms are furnished and only need bedding and essential belongings (alarm clock, dishes, towels etc). The Purple Palace is also within walking distance to our state-of-the-art Syncrude Sport & Wellness Centre, restaurants, grocery stores and bus stops. All the utilities are covered during your stay in the Purple Palace," explains Tetreault.

Community response has been great so far. Keyano Housing has already rented 16 bedrooms. Applications are coming in fast so don't delay; apply today to get in on this great rental deal.

For more information, call Kelly at 780-791-4929.

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A touching story 23 years in the making - Keyano Nursing Pinning Ceremony made memorable for the McCutcheons

Michelle McCutcheon had a very good reason for missing her Nursing Pinning Ceremony at Keyano College, 23 years ago - she was in labour with her first child.

"Joshua came early. We had tickets to the dinner. I was actually in labour at the very moment when the ceremony was going on," laughs Michelle, who graduated from the two-year Nursing Diploma Program in 1985 and is now a Unit Supervisor for the Delivery Post-Partum and Ante-Partum Unit at the Misacordia Hospital in Edmonton.

This May, anticipating Joshua McCutcheon receiving his Nursing pin from Keyano College, Michelle's husband, Ben, hatched an idea to make the lost moment happen.

"I wrote to Bev Maron, Keyano's Nursing Chair, and suggested that Michelle be pinned along with Josh, and she was very helpful. She even suggested to keep it a surprise and that Michelle should pin Josh," explained Ben, who is the Director of Mail Operations for Canada Post, Edmonton.

The plan worked and on May 22 during the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Pinning Ceremony, not only did Michelle get her pin and roses, she even presented her son Joshua with his pin. There wasn't a dry eye in the house.

"I was surprised and touched. It was great to be presented with the pin by someone I look up to, my mom" recalls Joshua, now working full-time for the Medicine Unit in the Northern Lights Regional Health Centre.

"It was very moving. I have been in college administration for over 25 years and this was one of

the most emotional events I have ever attended," notes Ann Everatt, Vice President, Academic, Keyano College.

A touched Michelle says she is grateful to Keyano College for helping to orchestrate the event, and surprised that her husband kept it all a secret.

"I was shocked and surprised, doubly shocked because my husband is not known to keep secrets. I was there for Josh and so proud of him. To share this with him made the day special" notes Michelle.

"All the kids were so gracious to me; I want them to know I'm very grateful. To be pinned by Barb Reitz (Keyano Nursing Instructor) with whom I worked for seven years at the Northern Lights Regional Health Centre was an added bonus. Fort McMurray is my home, and Keyano College will always hold a special place in my heart," she said.



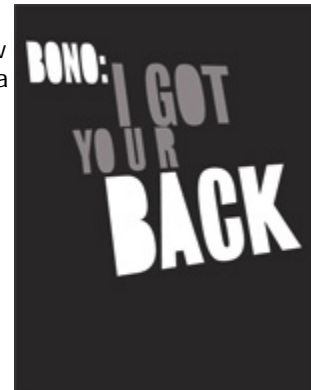
Michelle McCutcheon presents her son Josh with his nursing pin. Supplied Photo.

Nathaniel Crossley's got Bono's back

He's been a big Bono fan all his life. He's eight. When Nathaniel Crossley heard about Bono's injured back, he got very upset, so he decided to show the singer just how much he cared. The result is "Bono, I got your back," a Facebook page to cheer the singer up.

Nathaniel is Keyano Network Administrator, Blake Crossley's older son. He grew up watching his father's passion for U2 and Bono and became a fan as well.

Bono, the lead singer for U2 underwent emergency surgery on May 21, according to U2.com. The singer was rehearsing in Munich during the U2360 Tour and will be out of commission for eight weeks of recovery time.



When Nathaniel found out about the accident, he launched the page immediately after on May 26. As of June 24, he had 1394 friends on the page from across the world. The page tells you a bit about its creator.

"My Name is Nathaniel. I am 8 years old and from Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada! I am a huge U2 fan and have a project that I would like to share with you. I was really upset to hear about Bono's back and just wanted to do something to "cheer" him up. So I created a project called, "BONO, I got your back". I plan on sending him a letter and a card that hopefully he will get it. I hope you will do the same."

The package with a poster featuring names of almost 1400 people from Facebook, a slide show with fan pictures and Nathaniel's pictures, a card and letter have been sent to Dublin, Ireland where Principal Management is based, which manages U2.

"I wanted to send him the letter and card and I wanted everyone to do so also," says Nathaniel, a third grader at St. Martha School.

"I really like his songs, my favourite is *Unknown Caller*," shares Nathaniel.

Blake is proud of his son, and appreciates the gesture.

"I was going to take my father and Nathaniel to the U2 concert for Father's Day, but the accident changed our plans. This is when Nathaniel planned to do something for Bono," explains Blake.

As for Nathaniel, he's just happy that his project is so popular and he hopes Bono gets well soon.



Nathaniel Crossley's Facebook page is a massive hit breaking 1400 in less than a month. Supplied Photo.

Keyano alumna thanks the College for direction and success



When Jodi Whalen needed a new career she thought of Keyano College. Today, the successful young lady works as an Administrative Assistant at the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo with a future goal of becoming a lawyer.

"I was bartending and tired. It was time to go towards a career and I enrolled in Keyano College," recalls Whalen, 26, who graduated in 2006 with an Office Administration Diploma.

She was active on campus, partaking in the annual Administrative Professionals Conference and overseeing securing sponsors. She even returned this year to volunteer for the event.

"When I was a student, the event inspired me to pursue the communications field and I went on to complete a Bachelor of Professional Arts from Athabasca University," recalls Whalen.

She graduated from Athabasca University in 2008 after taking extra transfer courses at Keyano College.

"I specialized in Accounting at Keyano and completed 63 credits instead of 60. I joined Athabasca University right after graduation. Keyano gave me the direction to reach my destination," adds

Whalen.

Gina Langager was her favourite Keyano Instructor. Thanks to her, Whalen ended up liking Accounting.

In 10 years she sees herself as a lawyer in Edmonton.

"Keyano helped me find myself and for that I'll always be grateful."

Alumni Spotlight is a new Campus Connection series. If you or someone you know should be featured in this series, please drop us a line at Kiran.malik-khan@keyano.ca

eCampusAlberta surpasses 10,000 registrations for the first time

As online education gains momentum, access to post-secondary education has become a reality for many people - eCampusAlberta is at the heart of making this happen in Alberta. The online institution recently hit its largest number of registrations since its inception in 2002.



According to an official new release, eCampusAlberta officially exceeded 10,000 course registrations for the 2009/10 academic year and is on track to reach well over 12,000 by June 30.

"We are currently anticipating a year-over-year increase in registrations of more than 30 per cent, whereas in 2008/09 our year-over-year increase was 29 per cent. This is noteworthy as it demonstrates that our registrations are not only growing, but are continuing to grow at a slightly accelerated rate," says eCampusAlberta Finance and Operations Coordinator, Craig Lawson.

A consortium of 15 Alberta colleges and technical institutes, eCampusAlberta facilitates greater access to high quality online learning opportunities.

Ann Everatt, Vice President, Academic, Keyano College applauded the news and says "the 10,000 registrations is indicative of the need to have these courses and programs available to regional and remote communities and truly identifies a need for access through online learning programming."

"We, at Keyano, have been working hard over the past several years to include more and more courses and programs on the eCampus network and we are seeing growth in our efforts and registrations increase," Everatt added.

Barb Armstrong, Senior Strategist, eLearning & Instructional Design, Suncor Learning Innovation Centre, Keyano College, has been involved with the eCampusAlberta since it was first launched. She says the news is not surprising.

"Keyano College always believed in eCampusAlberta. We always knew it would grow and there are still a lot more opportunities coming in the future," said Armstrong.

Keyano College offers the Office Administration Diploma, Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Certificate, and Educational Assistant Certificate programs via eCampusAlberta. Office Software Specialist Diploma and Computer Information Systems are currently in the works.

"Keyano College is a founding member of eCampusAlberta and plays a vital role in creating access

to online education for learners across Alberta. I offer my congratulations to Keyano College on achieving a 38 per cent increase in registrations through eCampusAlberta for the 2009/10 academic year and for achieving its highest number of registrations to date," says eCampusAlberta Executive Director, Dr. Tricia Donovan.

Campus Connection will now break for summer - We'll be back during the last week of August. Stay tuned for Orientation 2010 details.



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