

# KC

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Official Alumni Newsletter of Kingsway College

## Kingsway's 120<sup>th</sup> Celebration

1903 - 1912 Lornedale Academy

1912 - 1916 Buena Vista Academy

1916 - 1920 Eastern Canadian  
Missionary Seminary

1920 - 1963 Oshawa Missionary College

1963 - Present Kingsway College



**KC  
Aerials  
1984**



**Current KC Aerials**

## The Aerials are turning

# FORTY

## Celebrate with us on Homecoming Weekend!

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# MESSAGE *from the* PRESIDENT

I guess you could say things have changed a bit in 120 years, in so many ways! Transportation, society, technology are just some of the ways the world looks different from when Kingsway College was founded in 1903. For 120 years, Kingsway has been educating the young people of Canada and beyond to help them in not only their academics but also their spiritual lives. Today, in spite of the changes in our society, Kingsway still strives "To Reflect Jesus Christ, and Prepare Students for His Service."

In its 120th year, Kingsway has experienced significant growth that makes this year's enrollment the largest since the 1980s. We jumped from 194 students in September 2022 to 278 students this September with just over half of our student population being new to our school. This has caused us some growing pains as all of our grades now have over 60 students requiring us to have three sections for our classes, whereas we only needed two sections for most of them previously. This necessitated us hiring four additional teachers.

What has caused this influx of students? In speaking with the parents of our new students, they say their choice was influenced by families who currently attend, or recently attended our school, and the positive experience they had in our Adventist Christian school environment. The other theme that came out in our conversations was that it was their child who wanted to attend, and this was due to their friends telling them what a great place Kingsway is.

Through the years, the academic face of Kingsway College has changed from time to time, with different programs being offered according to circumstance and need. One of the programs that Kingsway was well known for was the nursing program in association with Branson Hospital. With the closure of Branson Hospital School of Nursing a number of years ago, Kingsway College became the official holder of the documents for the students who were in that program.

Following this year's 50th BHSN reunion, Kingsway's Alumni Department discussed plans that would include BHSN students in all future Kingsway College Alumni events and functions. Since Kingsway College is happy to

officially embrace those former students who feel an affinity to Kingsway for the time they spent on our campus to complete the educational component of their nursing degrees. We are pleased to include this group of alumni.

As we come to the end of this calendar year, we do not know what the future holds for Kingsway College, any more than those who founded our school 120 years ago. However, just like those pioneers, we do have the knowledge that as God is the author and finisher of our faith, we have the blessed assurance of His promise in Jeremiah 29:11 that tells us "... I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and future.'" In addition to that, we can look back at the 120 years of His leadership that has seen this institution through the highs and lows experienced by this world, and Kingsway is still here, and thriving!

As we look towards the new year, we want to wish you and your family the very best of the blessings God has in store for you and yours. God Bless.

Lee Richards



# NOTE *from the* EDITOR

On a chapel talk earlier this year, Kingsway students were challenged with the question: "Why are you here?" While students were called to value the combination that discipline and clear objectives have on building the foundation of a successful life, the query persists beyond the student body and even unto all who would dare to consider it at the different stages of their life.

God working through Kingsway College has helped build the foundation for the successes all of us Kingsway alumni have achieved. Yet, the words keep echoing as though a gentle knock on our heart: Why are you here? It's healthy to check regularly whether our life is on the course we have set for it, and get an honest compass reading. Are we on the straight and narrow or are we kicking the goad like Saul, hiding in a basement like Gideon or perhaps running away in fear like Elijah? We may make many plans, yet it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.

This year, Kingsway College was able to look back at 120 years of history. Striving through and beyond the challenges of the past twelve decades of service, Kingsway College and its community continues to be blessed. After withstanding the stress these past few years spilled upon our school, heaven smiles upon Kingsway College with a notable increase in enrolments, allowing 275 students to be a part of the Kingsway experience this year. Much more has occurred in a hundred and twenty years than any of us could boast to know. The school has grown and changed over the years, trailing behind it a path all Kingsway alumni have helped pave. Difficulties were experienced, decisions were made, celebrations were had.

Now the captivating question to Kingsway College: Why are you here? This small, yet great, impactful, life-changing institution is bursting with potential. But potential must be harnessed with an intentional vision and raised up with clear actionable projects. Trailblazing in pursuit of sustainability about a dozen years ago, plans were made to set Kingsway College on course for a bright future; to ensure its operation would be well funded for the foreseeable future. However harsh life can be, this wise pursuit of sustainability must be continued.

Jesus came to serve, and the benefits and reach of His presence extended far beyond the people of Israel. So, does Kingsway College exist to serve? If so, there should be plenty to sustain the school and enough to turn towards service projects.

André Bergeron '00



# INCOMING FACULTY AND STAFF

We would like to introduce our newest members at Kingsway College. We welcome them to our team and look forward to the continued growth, progress and expansion of our school.



## SERVICE NOT FAME

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, Colossians 1:9-10

## CONGRATULATIONS

Little Amelia Aleksandra Hernandez



was born on December 7th at 10:20pm. She weighed 6lbs 15oz, was 51cm tall and had a full head of hair! We chose the name Amelia

because the Hebrew/Biblical meaning is "Work of the Lord", as she is our little miracle from God. Aleksandra was a callback to both moms as Alicia's mom's middle name is Sandra and Josh's mom's first name is Sandra. We chose the Scandanavian spelling because Alicia's great grandmothers name was spelled this way. Alicia (Dooks) Hernandez '13 & Joshua Hernandez



Kyle Lisk '07 & Stefani Chokka welcome Lennon Cameron Lisk born November, 3, 2023 in St. Albert, Alberta.



Tyler Dooks '07 & Sarah Pardy '10 married July 27, 2023



Monu Gupta & Monica Singh welcome Azriel Joe Gupta born November 30, 2023

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6



# RED CARPET *Fun(d) Dinner* 2023



Kingsway College is truly fortunate to have a remarkable group of individuals who are dedicated to making Christian Education a reality for our students. And this year was certainly no exception. The evening kicked off with our students warmly welcoming our guests at the entrance. As everyone mingled and enjoyed each other's company, the room was filled with laughter and countless smiles. Leading us through this incredible night was none other than Pastor Rooney '87 who did an outstanding job.

We were treated to a delectable meal while being serenaded by the enchanting melodies of the KC String Ensemble and KC Jazz Band. The Symphonic Choir looked impeccable and their performance was simply breathtaking as they sang two beautiful songs. Additionally, we had the privilege of watching a captivating video clip showcasing our Aerials team, (who will soon celebrate their 40th anniversary) performing at Acrofest, held at Andrews University this year.

As the night progressed, our guests had the opportunity to participate in a silent auction, and we were pleasantly surprised when five daring individuals pledged to donate \$200 each if our president would grace us with a song. And boy, did he deliver!

The evening continued with delightful desserts as the MC announced the winners of the silent auction items. Our goal this year was to raise \$25,000, and with the incredible support of our sponsors, donors, and guests, we not only achieved that goal but surpassed it. Thanks to God's grace, we were able to raise a grand total of over \$28,000 towards our Student Worthy Scholarship.

Kingsway College is dedicated to helping its students being a Kingsway student. Each year, Kingsway College allocates in the neighborhood of one million dollar in student financial aid initiatives, such as scholarship, matching fund allocations, and our internship program, so that Kingsway College can continue to be an accessible option to all students who are called to join the Kingsway experience.

Each year, many students benefit from the generosity of partners who give joyfully and faithfully. May God bless you all.

Nelly Meza '00

*Beyond Grateful!*

"The highlight of the dinner was Mr. Richards singing Happy Birthday for a lady in attendance, raising \$1000 in just 2 minutes." **Tonnata Tjhatra**

"The highlight of the KC Fun(d) Dinner was definitely the Band they are amazing and the decor was with the back drop was dazzling" **Natasha Woods '00**

"Highlight aside from the students performances was the delicious butternut squash soup and dessert, overall a great evening" **Anonymous**





# Homecoming 2023



Roberta Woods, class of 1941 - finally receives her diploma. Shown with her family, Wendy (Woods) Littman '81 and Bradley Littman '19



Minnie Edison - Lifetime achievement



Floyd & Eileen Peterson - honoured for contributions to Kingsway College



Class of 1963



Class of 1973



Class of 1983

Alumni weekend seems to always be a whirlwind, to those of us that work at Kingsway College. There is so much planning that goes into 3 days, and it seems as if you blink, it's over.

Friends and family jet into the area and take pause on their everyday lives to check in with a moment in time. Kingsway College has been a part of each of our lives, whether we just graduated or it's been 50 years since you graduated.

In the evening, the banquet featured presentations for our Alumnus of the Year, Floyd & Eileen Peterson, beloved science teacher and school nurse at Kingsway College during the mid 1970s-80s. A Lifetime Achievement presentation for Minnie Edison, our beloved Ladies Dean, who has given so much of her time, love and life to Kingsway College and it's students.

Finally, a special graduation ceremony was held for Ms Roberta Woods, who attended Oshawa Missionary College and was part of the class of 1941, but never officially received her diploma. Roberta was surrounded with love from her family and friends when she was honoured, over 80 years after her time at OMC. **Erin Mortenson '98**

## Class of 1973

### BRANSON HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING

On September 4, 2023, fourteen BHSN (Branson Hospital School of Nursing) graduates gathered in Bobcaygeon at an amazing home right on the water and many screams, tears, joyful sounds were heard as we reconnected after 50 years of seeing each other. We had classmates from Australia, Washington state, New Hampshire, and all across Canada who dedicated this week to be part of an amazing time together.

We went on the boat cruise in Peterborough and were treated to a restaurant quality Greek meal by Elaine Cotie-Thurnhofer and her husband Walter on our last evening together. Another highlight was the quilts made by Sandra Foulston-Upton that were given to each one of us to cherish forever. One of the girls dressed up in our old uniforms, cap and cape and that was also a highlight. Many hugs, prayers, and sharing times were had by all. We plan on getting together in 2025 and are saving our dimes as we speak. A few of us are still working and not retired.

CONGRATULATIONS BRANSON GRADS on 50 years of giving care and love to many of their patients! **Nancy Cleghorne '73**



# Next: Homecoming 2024

As we race towards that last weekend in May, we notice that the Kingsway College Alumni Association team needs reinforcement as most members have completed their term.

*Are you interested in helping organize events?*

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together and make a positive impact on that special gathering. We believe that with our collective passion and dedication, we can create an alumni association that is well-equipped to plan, organize, and deliver a weekend where we can catch up and reminisce; a homecoming weekend that really feels like coming back home.

We can't do it without you, though. Reach out to [alumni@kingsway.college](mailto:alumni@kingsway.college) if you would like to help.

Mark your calendars for **May 24-26, 2024**, as it's time to return home!

We are excited to celebrate and honor the classes of '54, '64, '74, '84, '94, '99, '04, and '14. If you belong to any of these classes, your classmates are eagerly anticipating your presence.

Homecoming is a special occasion where we reunite with old friends, and we understand that not everyone can attend every year.

Officially, this year marks the inclusion of BHSN for Kingsway's Alumni. Being part of the Kingsway College community, you will always be valued. We hope you can join us and take a stroll through campus, reminiscing about the memories you made here.



Stairs, top to bottom: Elaine Cotie-Thurnhofer, Heidi Sperling-McLellan, Wendy Wilson-Williams, Grace Kneller-Dublanco, Sandra Foulston-Upton, MaryAnn Tanner-Robertson, Yolanda Tomaszewski, Janice Nugent-Soley, Nancy Daigle -Cleghorne, Jeanne Booth-Strahan, Brenda McGinn-Wilson, Marianne Stenfors-O'Bery, Rae Blackmore and Gracie Stewart-Uljarevic



# Aerials' 40<sup>th</sup> Together Again

## Uniform Fundraiser

We're devising a plan to keep our team well stocked with uniforms.

We'll need your help!

More information to come on how to give to be posted on:  
[kingsway.college/alumni](https://kingsway.college/alumni)

Here are some interesting statistics and historical facts about the Aerials team:

- To date, there has been 644 Aerials team members
  - 51 attended all 4 years
  - 106 attended 3 years
  - 149 attended 2 years and 338 for 1 year
- In 1983-1984, the team was composed of 25 members
- This year, the team has 37 members
- Smallest team sizes: 0 members in 2020-2021 (Covid year) and 17 members in 2005-2006
- Largest team size was in 2011-2012 with 44 members
- In the late 80s, the Aerials had a small troop of students from the local high school Eastdale CVI



Celebrating 40 years of Aerials  
on May 24-26 2024

*Once an Aerial... always an Aerial!*

## Capital Campaign

We are continuing to raise funds to modernize our science classrooms. This includes the Physics, Biology, and Chemistry classrooms. Thanks to your generosity, we have raised just over \$18,000 to-date.

The goal is to open up the rooms and arrange for plenty of space for collaboration and hands-on projects and labs to take place.

Preliminary drafts have been drawn. Reeling in teachers, we're ensuring our plans are going to be effective for teaching before official drawings are produced.

We'll have quotes for the new labs in the new year, once the official drawings are made and a work permit is acquired.





# In Memoriam



In Memory of  
Gordon Eric Greentree  
August 10, 1936 - September 9, 2023

Eric went to sleep in Jesus on September 9, 2023. He was born and raised in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada and graduated from Oshawa Missionary College (now Kingsway College). He immigrated to the United States and studied at Andrew's University before joining the US Army.

He served in the Army for 33 years with assignments in Korea, Vietnam, Germany, as well as all over the United States. He served as a dental technician then licensed vocational nurse, rising to the rank of Sergeant First Class. After serving in Vietnam, he was selected for the first class of the Army-Baylor Physician's Assistant (PA) program and served as a PA for his last 20 years in the Army, retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer Four.

He continued to work as a civilian PA for 15 more years at a rural health clinic in Freer, Texas, then he and Ruth Ann retired to Windcrest, Texas where they have lived for the past 16 years. Surviving him is his wife of 60 years, Ruth Ann; daughter, Sonja Rossow and her husband, Jon; son, Stephen and his wife, Cheryl; granddaughter, Morgan Saxton and her husband, Tucker; grandson, Ryan; great-granddaughter, Everlyn. He was laid to rest at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on September 28, 2023 at 1:30pm.



In Memory of  
Pharolyn Jean Perk

Pharolyn was born February 18, 1945 in Oshawa to Jules and Doris von Gunten. Grampa Hey came up with her name: There is a Carolyn and a Marilyn, why can't we have a Pharolyn?

Pharolyn attended Courtice Public School (grades 1-3), Oshawa Missionary College (OMC) Elementary School (grades 4-8), OMC and then Kingsway College (grades 9-14), and Atlantic Union College graduating in 1969 with a major in Secretarial Science & a minor in Home Ec. & Education.

The fall of 1970 found her back at Kingsway College. She took on various roles on the Kingsway campus, notably Girl's Dean, typing teacher, secretarial and accounting work at Kingsway Publishing House (at Maracle Press Building), working for Home Health Education Services (where It Is Written is currently), Redwood Furniture, KC Store, Kingsway Greenhouse, KC Records Office, Ad-a-day doing accounting and office work (located where ADRA was), Christian Record Services processing donations & accounting, and It Is Written for 20 years doing donations and computer work.

She married John Perk on August 24, 1975. She took some time off when she had her daughters Melinda and Julie. Her grandson Alexander brought her much joy and happiness. Pharolyn passed away on Nov 25, 2023 6 pm. She volunteered with Pathfinders, playing the piano for VBS, assisting with vegetarian cooking classes.



Carolyn Ruth Russell Osmond March 6, 1943- November 14, 2023. Carolyn was born in Bay Roberts, Newfoundland. She attended Oshawa Missionary College, graduating in 1960. She later attended Atlantic Union College, receiving her Bachelors Degree in 1965. During her career she served in various roles for the Seventh Day Adventist church. She taught business education at Kingsway College and later took on the position of Business Manager. Other roles included VP of finance and development at Canadian University College (Burnam University) and VP of finance, Alberta Conference. She retired from service in 2010.

Although she had many achievements in her career none were greater than her 35 years at Kingsway College. She and her husband Aubrey took great pride in their commitment to Seventh-day Adventist education. She loved hearing from former students and it is evident the impact she and her husband had on students during their lengthy career at Kingsway College.

Kingsway has always held a special place in her heart. Not only was she educated there, it was the place she met her husband (when she sat down beside him in the cafeteria on their first day of Grade 12). They were married at the College Park Church and raised their family on the campus where they served from 1965-1996. Carolyn is survived by her loving husband of 59 years Aubrey, "her girls" daughter Kristi, granddaughter Kaely (Cole), great grandson Jackson and nephews Raymond, Jim, Matthew Russell.

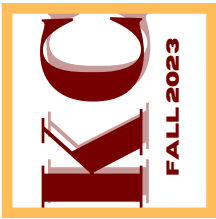
Jim, Matthew Russell great grandson Jackson and nephews Raymond, Jim, Matthew Russell. "At 80 our common goal is to be in heaven together when Jesus comes, with our entire family, and with all of you who believe in him" - Carolyn Osmond August 2023.



*"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed." Revelation 21:4*



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## REMINDERS



### CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

Saturday February 17, 2024

### FLORIDA CHAPTER

### BURMAN CHAPTER

More info to come at:  
[kingsway.college/alumni](https://www.kingsway.college/alumni)

### PREVIEW WEEKEND

When: April 26-28 2024

Where: Kingsway College

Contact: [nellymeza@kingsway.college](mailto:nellymeza@kingsway.college)

### HOMECOMING

When: May 24-26 2024

Where: Kingsway College

Contact: [alumni@kingsway.college](mailto:alumni@kingsway.college)



Please notify us of address changes and send us an update/photo about what you have been doing at:

[www.kingsway.college/alumni-updates](https://www.kingsway.college/alumni-updates)

### Nearby Hotels, Book Early! For Homecoming

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◦ (905) 571-1333

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Oshawa Downtown

◦ (905) 434-3666

Best Western Plus Durham Hotel & Conference Centre

◦ (905) 723-5271

Travelodge by Wyndham Oshawa Whitby

◦ (905) 436-9500