

## Simonds High Alumni Newsletter March 2016



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*There is always something happening in the hive. We never seem to give ourselves enough credit, and with that in mind, this section of our newsletter will highlight those people who make Simonds better!*



### **Old Yearbooks!**

Still searching for that special gift for a friend, relative, or even yourself? The Simonds Alumni Committee still has yearbooks from most years (only a few years are sold out). What a memorable gift that would make! Where else can you get such a special gift for \$35 and up (no tax) for yearbooks up to and including 2014? (Newer years may cost slightly more). For more information or to see if your year is still available contact Judy Chapman  
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### **Simonds Memorial Grove**

Over the years Simonds has planted trees in memory of several teachers and students who have passed away. Recently, the Simonds Alumni decided to partner with the school Environmental Club, Team Green, plan some improvements to the school grounds. This initiative will take place over a couple of years. As part of this plan, we are hoping to have some more trees donated and planted in our Memorial Grove. We are seeking individuals or grad-class years who wish to donate a tree in memory of one or more individuals. We invite classes who are planning reunions for this or upcoming years to please consider placing a memorial tree in the grove. What a beautiful way in which to remember a classmate/friend/family member. Inside the school, there is a plaque with the name plates honoring those remembered. The approximate cost of a tree is \$150. All recently planted trees were yellow maples. Eventually there will be a backdrop of green climbing vines that will showcase our green and gold school colours. In addition, a beautiful red maple tree, planted in the quad, was donated for the Class of 1986. Thank you to all who donated trees in memory of friends and family.. Please message Judy Chapman ([chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca)) or any member of the Alumni Committee if you would like to make a donation and be a part of this worthwhile initiative to give back to your school. Next planting of memorial trees will occur in the spring of 2016. If you wish to purchase a tree for this planting, please contact us no later than March 31, 2016 so we may submit our tree order.

### **Teacher Appreciation Week**

In the middle of February is a week dedicated to appreciating the teachers and all they do for their students. To show our gratitude to the dedicated teachers at Simonds, the alumni brought them in some nice treats and a thank-you note. To all of our past and current teachers at Simonds, we say "thank you"! You have helped mold us into the citizens we are today.

### **Missing Previous Newsletters?**

Are you just reading our Simonds Alumni newsletter for the first time? Or, perhaps you have missed a few of our past issues? Our SHS Alumni newsletter was started in 2012; since then, we have produced 3 - 4 issues each year. If you are seeking past issues...perhaps you want to see pics of people who attended reunions or to get caught up on the news of your Simonds classmates, you will find them posted on the Simonds High School website: <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/district8/schools/sh/Pages/default.aspx>. Click on the tab for **Alumni** and enjoy! NOTE: Where possible, several issues have been posted on our Simonds Alumni face book page as well.

### **Retired Simonds Staff Member?**

*Are you a former staff member - teacher, secretary, custodian - from Simonds? If so, we invite you to join us for a monthly lunch date.*

The group of retired teachers and other staff members from Simonds usually meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:30 PM for lunch and socializing. Our lunch date locations are changed up each month and a great time is had by all! Be sure to email us and attend a few of our get-togethers. We are still an integral part of the Simonds family and enjoy reminiscing and keeping caught up. If you are interested in further details, please contact Cathy MacDonald ([ceileenm@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:ceileenm@nb.sympatico.ca)).



**European Travel:** Have you dreamed about travelling to Europe, but were daunted by all the planning? Looking for a hassle-free travel experience? Then, you are in luck! Judy Chapman is now planning a new adult tour to Spain for fall 2016. On this 10-day tour, you will visit Seville, Madrid and Barcelona...with the option of taking a 2-night extension to beautiful Costa del Sol with beaches hugging Mediterranean coast. The tour departs on October 14, 2016 (just after the Canadian Thanksgiving) and is with a very reputable world-wide company. Judy has had lots of travel experience, having planned 17 Simonds student tours to Europe and 5 to New York; she has been organizing adult tours since 2013. Judy invites any interested Simonds alumni, their friends and family (you do not **have** to be a Simonds alumnus) to join our adult travel group. If you are interested in this travel opportunity, please contact Judy at [chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca) or 847-3241 or on face book for more details.

### Simonds High School's Wetland Centre of Excellence

It has been almost one year since the Simonds Pond was created and the 5-yr partnership with Ducks Unlimited began. The creation of a wetland centre of excellence on the school property is an exciting venture! Since then, many interesting things have been underway. One highlight of the past few months has been the celebration of World Wetland Day in February. A day filled with 6 sessions was planned; these corresponded to the school class periods so classes and their teachers could be involved. The community, including the Simonds alumni, were also invited. The majority of activities were offered in both French and English. The sessions / activities were wood carving, connecting with nature, NB Parks and environmental ethics, tracks and scats and 2 sessions on the winter adaptations of animals. Some of the sessions involved snowshoes which were supplied. For special assistance with this day, a sincere thank you is extended to Leo Sheehy (retired Phys ed teacher), Roland Chiasson (Aster Group), Ian Smith (Parks NB), Amanda Didychuk (Nature NB), Danielle Smith (UNB Sustainability) and Nadine Ives (Conservation Council of NB). Simonds teacher, Michele Banks, and Team Green, the environmental group from Simonds are to be commended on this initiative. As this project grows, it hoped that more members of the alumni will join in the special events and take advantage of the walking trails, once they are completed.



Snowshoeing and parachuting with Team Green & Parks NB



Showshoeing at SHS - World Wetland Day 2016

### Little Shop of Horrors

The Simonds High Drama Club will be presenting this fun production during three consecutive nights - April 28, 29, 30, 2016 at 7PM in the Simonds' theatre. Little Shop of Horrors is a well-known rock music comedy horror that had a good run off-Broadway, on Broadway and then, in movie form in 1986. It is about Seymour, a meek nerdy florist shop assistant, who discovers an unusual plant, which he names Audrey II after his secret co-worker crush. This plant survives only on human flesh and blood! Audrey II develops a soulful R & B voice and...yes, a bit of a potty mouth! This new attraction is great for the struggling florist's business! After the "accidental" death of Audrey's boyfriend, Seymour feeds the body to the blood thirsty plant but then must have a new source of food for the ever-hungry Audrey II. Plan on attending this devilish musical filled with 1960s style rock and roll, doo-wop and catchy Motown songs. Some of the more well-known songs are Suddenly Seymour, Somewhere That's Green and Skid Row (Downtown). Tickets will be on sale at the school in April.

### SAVE THE DATE: CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EXPO

The second annual Countdown to Christmas Shopping expo will take place in the Simonds High cafeteria on Saturday, November 12, 2016 from 10AM - 2PM. Vendors who wish to have tables at this event will have the opportunity to book this coming August to hold your place. Shoppers can expect even more great shopping opportunities with our larger venue this year. The shopping expo is a fundraiser for the Simonds High Alumni.

### Brown Bag Lunches

Three United churches in East Saint John have worked together on an exciting, very necessary and much-appreciated project. Upon hearing about the need for lunches for some hungry students at Simonds High and at Woodlawn schools, they developed a plan to help. Men and women from Silver Falls, Park Avenue and Glenview churches get together three mornings a week to make bag lunches to be taken to needy students. A rotating schedule involves about 60 community-minded volunteers who get together to make approximately 60-70 lunches each day. The ingredients for the lunches are donated by the congregations at those churches; as well, some businesses, service organizations and individuals in the community donate necessary items. School guidance personnel distribute lunches to students who need them. Students cannot learn if they are hungry. Sincere appreciation goes out to the volunteers in this worthwhile project. Thank you for not only perceiving the need, but also for organizing and implementing a plan that works to address it. You are indeed true educational partners with those schools. Your community-mindedness and generosity is exemplary! (If anyone wishes to contribute in any way to this Brown Bag Lunch initiative, please contact Joan (Bradshaw) Shillington at joan.shillington@bellaliant.net.)

### Simonds High Scholarship Fund

The Simonds High Scholarship Fund has been in existence for many years. Money from that fund has been used to recognize numerous excellent Simonds graduates and offer them some funds toward their post-secondary education - whether it be a university, community college or another educational institution. Any assistance is appreciated by the students. As a student at Simonds, you may have even been a recipient of this funding. The Simonds Alumni Committee donates money each year to use for scholarships from this fund. Many people donate to the SHS Scholarship fund in memory of a loved one who has passed away; what a great way to "pay-it-forward"! If you wish to donate to this fund and "give back" to your school, you may send your donation to The Simonds High Scholarship Fund, 1490 Hickey Rd., Saint John, NB., E2J 4E7. An income tax receipt will be issued for your donation. Thank you in advance for your support of your school!

### Simonds Alumni Committee Needs YOU

Everyone who went to Simonds High School is automatically a member of our alumni. We also include all teachers, secretarial staff, custodial staff, etc. We are all part of the Simonds family. Our SHS Alumni Committee meets approximately once a month from September until June. Our aim is to provide some activities for alumni and to produce a newsletter to keep alumni in touch with each other and abreast of current happenings with alumni activities, class reunions and events at the school. We also are working on creating a better liaison with the school for former grads. We invite you to join us on the committee; we need your assistance and ideas. If you cannot commit to regular meetings, perhaps you would be willing to be on our call / email list and donate an hour or two to some event or project - perhaps an hour to decorate for an alumni dance or to assist with some project we are doing in collaboration with the school. If you are willing to be on our call / email help list, please send your name, telephone number and preferred email address to Erin McPhee at erin1@nbnet.nb.ca. Even if you do not live in Saint John and surrounding area, you could contribute by sending an email or doing an enquiry for us. Thank you for your help and for giving back to your alumni and your school.

### Skating & Hockey Event

A skating and hockey event is planned for **Saturday evening, March 26, 2016** at the Stu Hurley Arena behind Simonds High School. On the 4-day long Easter weekend, you may be looking for a fun outing with family or friends. From 5 - 6PM, there will be **FREE** skating for all; this will be a good time to bring out the family for some exercise and fun. This will be followed from 6 - 7 PM by a hockey game with the current Simonds hockey team playing a super-duper experienced alumni team. This is apt to be a great game to watch! We are very grateful for the enthusiastic response for players for the alumni team! There are **FOUR** lines of players for that team...and some guys & gals were placed on a waiting list! The current team better watch out as some of those alumni players plan to kick some serious butt on that ice! The game will be followed by a get-together / reception upstairs in the rink! There will be a free-will donation for the hockey game; proceeds from the donations will be passed along to a needy cause in our community. Please bring your family and friends out for this entertaining community event. The evening is sponsored by the Simonds High Alumni. Hope to see you there!

### Simonds Beer Mugs

For the Countdown to Christmas sale which the alumni hosted in November, we had a small order of beer mugs made. The mugs looked very classy with the school crest and "alumni" engraved on them. Several of the mugs were sold at the sale. Afterwards, details on ordering the remaining mugs were posted on our face book page. Well...they sold out in a matter of minutes! We are placing another order for mugs and are taking requests for them. The cost is only \$10. They make great gifts...and are great for personal use too! If you are interested in a mug, please contact Kara (Nobles) McCann at kara.a.mccann@gmail.com or send her a message on face book. Payments can be made by interac e-transfer at simondsalumni@gmail.com. Kara will arrange pick-up with you directly.



### **Simonds Regional High School First championship hockey team 1966-67**

1st row: Francis LeBlanc, Greg Toner, Gary Vincent, Mike Bishop, John Holt

2nd row: Paul Murray, Dave Rice, Al Jones (teacher), Billy Golden, Malcolm Northrup

3rd row: Fred White, Bob Vincent, John Dalton, Ron Chamberlain, Ernie McNeill, Mike Goguen

Seabees Home & Away (or Milestones) is compiled from submissions from our readers who have submitted items by letter, email or phone as well as various public sources.

These submissions will always refer to Simonds' alumni; they will generally be about family milestones (births, deaths, new job opportunities, marriages, moves, appointments, accomplishments, etc). We welcome your information for future newsletters. If possible, please try to include your graduation year with your submission.

Please address any entries to Judy Chapman (chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca) or Tammy Kilpatrick (tamkilp@yahoo.ca). Alternately, entries may be mailed to Simonds High Alumni, 1490 Hickey Road, Saint John, NB, E2J 4E7 or sent as a message through our facebook group, Simonds High School Alumni.

**Andrew Eckstone (2009)** has been a proud member of the United States Military for over 3 years; he just recently returned to his home base of Texas after being deployed to Korea for 9 months. Andrew will be studying Business Administration at UNBSJ starting in September 2016.

**Erin Nobles (2009)** graduated from Dalhousie University in October 2015 with a degree in Social Work. She is currently working as a wellness coordinator at an elementary school in Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan.

**Erin (Cooper) Fraser (2000)** and husband, Brad Fraser welcomed new arrival, Wyatt, into their family on February 23, 2016. This 7 lb 6 oz boy will be younger brother to sister, Addie. Brad is an RCMP officer and Erin, a speech therapist.

**Jessica (Richard) Holland (2000) and her husband, Jeff Holland (1999)** have a second son, Isaac Joseph, born February 7, 2016. Isaac's big brother is Ari Benjamin – 1yr 4 months older. Jessica is a physiotherapist and co-owner of Complete Balance Physiotherapy and Jeff works for Irving Oil. They make their home in Quispamsis, NB.

**Nick Richard (2009)** has been accepted into the University of Victoria for September 2016. There, he will be working on his PhD in Chemistry. To date, Nick's studies in Chemistry have been at the University of New Brunswick.

**Brad Connell (1994)** and wife, Krista celebrated some very exciting news with the birth of their twin sons on February 21, 2016. Evan James (5 lb 15 oz) and George Bradley (6 lb 7 oz) will be spoiled by big sister, Lauren, age 2

**Erin (McGovern) McGrath (2009) and Pat McGrath (2009)** added to their family with a new son, Rowan Everett, 9 lb 5 oz, born on January 29, 2016. He will be younger brother to Sawyer. They live in the Saint John area.

**Maggie (Roy) Boyle (2007)** and husband Alex Boyle welcomed daughter, Emma Quinn Boyle, born on February 19, 2016. Maggie is an Orthopaedics nurse at the Saint John Regional Hospital while Alex works in IT at Centre Beam.

**Craig Josselyn (1999)** and wife, Jennifer have a new daughter, Macy James, 6 lb 12-3/4 oz, born in February 14, 2016. Macy already has an older sister, Aria, born in July 2014. Craig works in IT at CAA and Jen is a social worker. They reside in Saint John.

**Karen (Josselyn) Pattman (2001)** and husband Greg have a new son, Benjamin Everett weighing in at 10 lb 0.5 oz on February 24, 2016. Now, older sister, Scarlett has a brother! Karen is a teacher at St. Malachy's High School and Greg is a trainer / co-owner at Fundy CrossFit.

**Kara (Carlson) McLean (2004)** and husband Jeremy received an early Christmas present, daughter Jovi Jade, born on December 17, 2015. Kara is an audiologist at Saint John Audiology and Jeremy is a photographer / videographer.

**Jessica (Hosford) Moore (2011)** and hubby **Devin Moore (2011)** have a new son Aiden Michael David on February 26, 2016. Devin is a scaffolder / carpenter at the Irving Refinery and Jessica is employed by the Loch Lomond Villa Foundation.

**Jaclyn Bettle (2003)** and fiancé, Stephen Lo were thrilled to welcome daughter Lauren Elizabeth Lo born on October 13, 2015. Jaclyn Works with TD Insurance. The family lives in Toronto, Ontario.

**Ashley (LaRocque) Hogan (2005)** and husband, Jeff, are overjoyed at the February 2016 arrival of their second daughter, Paige, a sister for Brooke. Ashley nurses at the Saint John Regional Hospital and Jeff works as a mechanic.

**Paul Sharkey (2005)** and Alexandra (Allie) Tallis are enjoying being parents to their new baby girl, Addison Elizabeth born February 5, 2016. Allie is a nurse in family medicine at the Saint John Regional Hospital.

**Susan (Carson) Brown (2008)** and husband, **Sam Brown (2003)** announced the birth of their son Mason Samuel, a Christmas Eve 2015 baby! Susan works at the Sussex Health Centre.

**Shawn Peterson (2002)** is a senior software developer for the innovative company T4G Limited. He has more than 10 years experience in designing and developing unique software solutions for customers. A recent online development of Shawn's is free to anyone with an online connection. Anyone in New Brunswick can go online to propertize.ca to check assessments and property tax bills for people in their neighbourhood for the past 5 years. With property tax time here, his recent software is getting a lot of use! Shawn has been involved in numerous interesting software developments. He is also a very community-minded person who contributes time to several working groups and organizations. He is married to Beth (Stiles) Peterson (2002) and they have two children – Julia and Alex. Beth is a pharmacist at Lawtons Drugs. They make their home in Rothesay, NB.



### New Email Address?

Are you receiving this newsletter which has been graciously forwarded by a friend or family member? Why not let us add your name to our Simonds Alumni Distribution list so you may receive it directly? Please send your name (including maiden name), grad year and email address to Tammy Kilpatrick at tamkilp@yahoo.ca or Judy Chapman at chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca. If you have a new email address / changed internet providers, etc, don't forget to update us as well. Thank you.

### Paul Mathieson Exhibit Opening

After a postponement last fall, Paul Mathieson's exhibit opening at the new Buckland Merrifield Gallery on Canterbury Street in Saint John will take place on the evening of April 15, 2016. Paul, a long-serving and well-loved art teacher at Simonds was the 2015 recipient of the prestigious Strathbutler Award. Paul's unique art has enriched the cultural fabric of New Brunswick. His talent and genuinely caring teaching style has also inspired hundreds of Simonds students. Please join him on his opening night in the new gallery or be sure to visit the exhibit in the weeks following.



Chris Bartlett and Erin McPhee modeling some SHS alumni committee swag!



### OBITUARIES

**Carole Keddy (1955)** passed away in January 2016. After high school graduation and New Brunswick Teachers' College, Carole had a 40-year career in education and was a former director of the Canadian Teachers' Federation. For a while she taught at Old Black River Road School; then she took her teaching far and wide. She was a civilian educator with the air force in Europe prior to teaching for many years at Simon Fraser University. While in BC, she also owned and operated a manufacturing company. She also worked for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and was named NATO Professional of the Year in 1966. She was a long-time member of the Royal Canadian Legion - Jervis Bay Branch. Following her career in education, Carole became active in politics. She ran many campaigns for city council in Saint John. She was elected as a representative for the Saint John East riding as part of the PC government from 1999 - 2003. Ms. Keddy also had a strong involvement with the Salvation Army, Mothers March of Dimes, the Heart & Stroke Foundation, the Cancer Society and the United Way. Carole was a hard worker, a very kind lady and a well-respected East Saint Johner.

**Sandra (Cox) Jeffers (1970)** lost her courageous battle with cancer on February 8, 2016. Sandra is survived by her mother, daughters Karen D'Entremont, Amy Fuller & Andrea Gallant, son Billy Jeffers, step daughters Amy Jeffers and Paula Jeffers, sisters Carol Hunter, Christine Flecknell, Edie Guitard and Judy Cannon, half-brother Reginald Cox and 7 grandchildren.

**Mark Daley (1999)** passed away unexpectedly on December 30, 2015. He was a devoted dad, brother, son and friend. Mark is survived by his wife Lindsay, his daughter Jilana, sons Caleb and Brady, sister Kelly McLaughlin as well as his parents and grandmother.

**Rocky Seaman (1995)** passed away on January 26, 2016 after a period of failing health. In spite of his limitations, Rocky had a passion for life and accomplished the goals he set for himself. After 5 years at the Angus John McDonald House in Moncton, he was able to live independently. He was the youngest member to ever work the suicide crisis hotline and continued to be an active volunteer until his passing. He is survived by his father Alfred, mother Judy, step father Paul London, step brother Greg London, step sister Heather London and his maternal grandparents.



**Air Cadet Reunion**

The 527 Simonds Air Cadet Squadron has always enjoyed a great association with Simonds High School, at its original Bayside Drive location and its Hickey Road location. They are planning a 65th Anniversary Reunion in May 2016. If you were a former air cadet, officer or staff member in the squadron, please check out the face book page for the group and their reunion page: face book group page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2313339547/> reunion event face book page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1641655686095508/> Alternately, you can contact Lorna McLean Hargrove by email at [bradlorn@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:bradlorn@nbnet.nb.ca).

**Class of 1976:** Their 40-year reunion will take place on July 9, 2016 at Simonds High School. For more details, please email Treva Colpitts at [sh40reunion@gmail.com](mailto:sh40reunion@gmail.com)

**Class of 1981:** Their 35-yr reunion will be on July 23, 2016. More details will be available shortly.

**Class of 1986:** The 30-yr reunion will be held on July 23, 2016 at O'Malley's Irish Pub, 621 Rothesay Avenue. Stay tuned to the Simonds High School Alumni face book page for more details.

**Class of 1991:** Planning for a 25-yr reunion is taking place. A date, location and other details will be announced soon.

**Class of 1996:** A 20-yr reunion will take place on July 16, 2016. Further information will follow.

**Class of 2006:** Their 10-yr reunion will take place on June 26, 2016. Grads are invited to join the face book group Simonds High School Class of '06 Reunion. Location, time and price for this event will be posted there once they become available

**For updates on these reunion details, please check the Simonds High School Alumni face book page or the Simonds High website under the alumni tab:**

<http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/district8/schools/sh/Pages/Reunions.aspx>

**Remember When...**

In each issue, we will include a picture or two from years gone by at Simonds High School. For this section, we would like you to submit some of your favourite memories in pics from your high school years. Please send your pics to Tammy (Vautour) Kilpatrick at [tamkil@yahoo.ca](mailto:tamkil@yahoo.ca) or Judy (MacKnight) Chapman at [chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca). The following is a pic of the team that captured the first cheerleading title for Simonds in 1999 - 2000. They were the start of formidable Simonds cheerleading dynasty! Do any of you remember this? (Thanks to Brenda MacPherson for this pic.)



### Valentine's Dance

On February 6, 2016, the alumni sponsored a Valentine's Dance at the Simonds' cafeteria. This dance was open to anyone (not just Simonds grads) over 19. There was an excellent response for ticket sales! Many people of all age groups attended and rocked the night away to music by our awesome DJ, Frick (Chris) Wetmore of Alpha One Studios. Chris, a Simonds grad (2003), knows just what tunes to play to keep the dance floor filled!



Please mark your calendars for another dance next February 4, 2017! You don't want to miss it!!

**The Brag Corner**

**Did you know that...?**

1. Simonds High School on Hickey Rd has the largest swimming pool in the district.
2. Simonds has the largest in-school construction shop in the province of New Brunswick.
3. Simonds offers Advanced Placement courses offering the possibility of advanced placement or credit at the post-secondary level.
4. Simonds High is the only school in the Anglophone South School district that offers a credit in Health Care 110 (better preparing the student for any health-related field upon graduation).
5. Simonds is the only school offering Police Foundations and Pathology courses.
6. Simonds is the only local high school in the district with so many sports facilities **on site**: a double gym, a pool, a hockey rink, a playing field, a tennis court, a billiards room and a superb weights and fitness room



**You are welcome to The Work Room!**

Located across from the main office at Simonds High.

The Work Room is a state-of-the art career resource centre open to all members of the public.

We are here to assist you in all phases of career planning and job search.

The Work Rooms can help you:

- Explore Career Fields
- Internet Access for Job Search and Online Applications
- Resume Writing and Cover Letters • Refine your Interview Skills / Mock Interviews
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- Find Job Opportunities
- Fax Machine and Photocopier Service Available

The Work Rooms are open to everyone in the community - FREE OF CHARGE!

8:15am - 4:30pm Monday - Friday.  
(Open on in-service days)

Visit us at [www.careerthatwork.ca](http://www.careerthatwork.ca) or Give Us

**Simonds Alumnus on First Bachelorette Canada**

Simonds' alumnus, Eddie Horgan (2001), was named Canada's Crush after two weeks of frantic voting for one of three contenders vying to be on the first Bachelorette Canada. Fans across the country showed support and encouragement that was "through the roof". This 32-year old Saint John native now resides in Calgary where he works as an oilfield logistics coordinator. He has been working in the industry for about 6 years - starting out on the oil rigs and working very hard up the ranks to head office. Constant work gave Eddie little time to pursue lasting personal relationships. It was a total surprise to Eddie when his sister, Jill Horgan (2009) nominated him for this experience. He is regarding it as a wonderful life-changing opportunity and is very excited about his upcoming involvement in the show.

This smash hit series will feature a bachelorette searching for love among 20 men. Each week, she will go on different individual and group dates with the guys in various places around the globe. Each candidate will hope that the girl will hand them a rose to indicate they are safe for another round. The men will do a variety of charming things to stave off elimination. Eddie says he is looking forward to the experience and to finding the love of his life - hopefully someone intelligent, career-orientated, fit, full-of-heart and real!

**AWESOME**

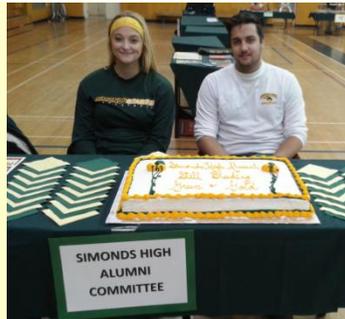


Eddie Horgan

**Simonds High School Open House**

The Simonds Alumni had a presence at the Simonds High 2016 Open House again this year. For those who live out-of-town, all local high schools host an Open House in February for Grade 8 students heading into Grade 9 at high school the following September. Registration and selection of high schools follows these Open Houses. At present, students are permitted to select their high school regardless of where they live. This selection is tempered by a "cap" put on enrolment of each high school's Grade 9 class. After that cap has been reached, students can be placed on a waiting list to get into that school.

This year, the enthusiasm and displays at the Open House night at Simonds were excellent! A huge crowd was in attendance and school pride was evident. The alumni passed out cake to attendees.



Katelyn Denton and Ben Waters - both from the Class of 2009.



**Clean Sweep for the Alumni in Basketball**

In February, the Simonds Varsity girls' and boys' basketball teams played alumni girls' and boys' teams. The alumni guys beat the young ones 96 to 76. The girls match up was quite a close game, but the ladies' alumni team also triumphed over the school team. It was a great night for the "oldies" - proud Seabees one and all! Thanks to everyone who played on these teams and to all those who came out to support them.



**Chili Luncheon**

Did you know that the last Thursday in February is National Chili Day? To celebrate that, and to work with the school, some alumni made crocks of chili and went in on that day to serve some hungry students. Very soon the chili, rolls and cookies were devoured! The hot lunch was appreciated and it was nice to make the connection with current students.



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## SIMONDS' SWAG!

Several alumni have been asking for T-shirts, toques, hoodies, sweatpants, etc. with Simonds logos on them. You are now in luck! The school recently opened an online shop for all your Simonds clothing. If you wish to have your spirit wear say "ALUMNI", you can customize it for just \$4 extra. There is LOTS of selection for men's, women's and youth clothing with several brand names. Shipping takes 4 - 7 work days and is FREE if sent to anywhere in Canada. Best of all, 10% of all purchases goes directly back to the school. Log in to the site, create your own account and pay for your purchase using a credit card. Receive 10% off your order with bonus code ENTRIPYSHOPS10. Check out the online site at:

<http://simondshighschool.entripyshops.com/>

Happy Shopping!

