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It Takes a Village to Raise a Teen

Grads Launch their Futures

Every person needs five significant relationships with non-parent adults in order to fully grow and develop through their teen years.

— Chap Clark, professor of youth, family, and culture, Fuller Theological Seminary

by Sophie Vandenberg

When TDChristian students are asked what they appreciate most about their high school experience, their teachers often top the list—and for good reason. There’s an intentionality at the school about connecting teens with the adults who work here. Teachers at TD walk alongside students, befriending, guiding, supporting, encouraging, and challenging them.

Last year the school went a step further in connecting teens with adults who take an active interest in them: a mentoring program was implemented. In this new initiative, students are matched with adult mentors outside the walls of the school in unique and exciting ways.

There are many biblical examples that demonstrate how mentoring relationships can work for the good: Paul and Timothy, Naomi and Ruth, Elijah and Elisha, Moses and Joshua, and Jesus and his disciples, to name just a few.

How does the mentoring program at TD work exactly? The basic idea is that each student is matched with an adult who shares a specific passion, such as a career area, hobby, field of service, or other interest. The adult mentor serves as a guide, sounding board, and encourager for the student. In this issue of @TD we profile some of the teens who have benefited from this new program.

In addition, we present the latest crop of TDChristian graduates. As these young adults prepare to launch into the wider world, taking their gifts and passions to universities, colleges, the workplace, and other endeavours, we proudly send them forward with our blessings and prayers.

*May his love enfold you,
May his strength uphold you.
May his light shine upon you,
And may his peace surround you.*

Blessings, TD grads, as you undertake the life to which God is calling you.

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From the Mentorship Program

We asked a few of the Grade 11 students to share their mentorship job-shadowing experiences.

Here are their comments:



News

“My mentor was a reporter for Chex TV Oshawa. During my time with her I did some location shooting, helped out in the studio, and appeared in a few news stories. I had a great time and this definitely influenced my career plans.”

— Alex Simpson



Health

“My mentor was a family doctor in Woodbridge. When I was with Dr. Maria I spent time watching her examining and meeting with patients. I thought it was a wonderful experience because I learned so much about actually being a doctor, and I found that very exciting.”

— Amelia Plastina



Media

“My mentor was a media buyer for a large ad agency in Toronto. During the day I helped place \$163,000 in advertising, choosing the TV shows to best reach the target audience. I was surprised they gave me real tasks. It was a really fun opportunity and has shown me an option for my future.”

— Kristin Claydon



Medical

Hear from Evonne's Mentor (See page 4)

“My mentor was a plastic and reconstructive surgeon. I sat in on a few surgeries and saw how incredibly busy my mentor is. It was much more meaningful than reading about it in a book; this program allowed me to experience a career that I’m interested in pursuing and it has made me think more deeply about my future plans.”

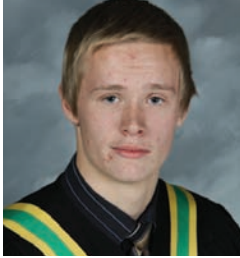
— Evonne Downer



Ministry

“My mentor was Floyd Brobbel from The Voice of the Martyrs Canada. I was able to experience what a Christian charity and publishing company does. I learned about their vision and about the communication and interaction between them and the persecuted church in different parts of the world. I got to develop a relief program for Afghanistan; the best part was, they actually used it, and I even met one of the international contacts from Pakistan. Regardless of my future career choice, it was an amazing experience in communication, development, and responsibility.”

— Ben Hiebert



Carole Allison
Gap year, Art Program
Italy

Susan Bebnowski
Marketing Management
University of Guelph

Caleb Beishuizen
Pre-Service Firefighter
Lambton College

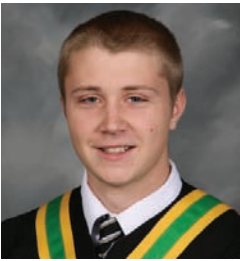
Laura Biersteker
YWAM Missions/
Bible College

Kyle Bishop
Gap year, then
Business - Seneca College

Tyler Boelens
Plumbing Apprenticeship
Conestoga College

Hakyung Bong
Medical Radiation Sci
McMaster University

Anna Bonoffiglio
Social Work
Ryerson University



Alexander DeGeus
Work, then
Music or Construction - College

Austin Dekkema
Electrician Apprenticeship

Holly Dekkema
Primary/Junior Education
Wilfrid Laurier/Nipissing University

Aaron Dekker
Pre-Health Science
Seneca College

David DeVries
Computer Science/Physics
University of Waterloo

Lauren DeVries
Digital Photography
Georgian College

Angela Duraisingam
5th year, then
Social Sciences - University

Peter Dykstra
Mechanical Engineering
University of Guelph



Calvin Greening
Work, then
Music - Hillsong (Australia)

Alison Groot
Design Foundation/Building
Technology - Humber College

Miraya Groot
Arts and Business
University of Waterloo

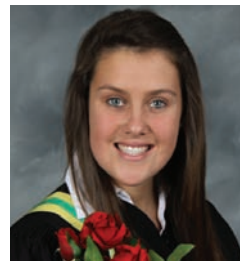
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Business Administration
Wilfrid Laurier University

Jani Harris
Health Studies
University of Waterloo

Thomas Heming
Accounting Co-op
Brock University

Nathan Henderson
Arts and Business
University of Waterloo

Luke Hendriks
Work
Construction



Merry Kim
Flight Attendant
Korea

Rhiannon Knibbe
Art Fundamentals
Sheridan College

Jordan Kooring
Architecture, Construction Eng.
Conestoga College

Andrea Kotys
Software Engineering
UOIT

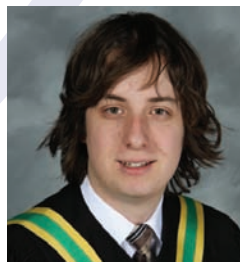
Ariel Lee
Interior Design
Ryerson University

Rachel Lee
Education
Korean University

Leah Lesperance
Travel/Tourism
Kapiolani College (Hawaii)

Ethan Liu
International Foundations
University of Toronto

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Working,
touring with his band

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Queen's University

Michelle Nielsen
Psychology
Brock University

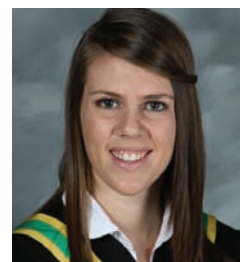
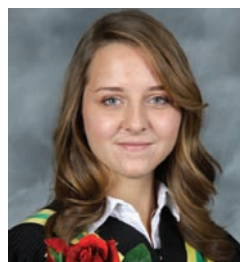
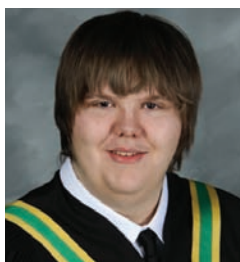
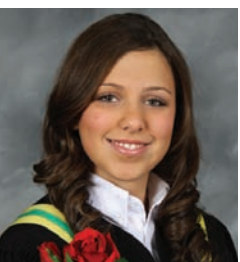
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Animation
Seneca College (January)

Ryan Odenthal
Graphic Design
OCAD

Julie Olthof
Public Health
Brock University

Hyeon Park
Psychology (Arts)
York University

Matthew Petroff
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Electrical Engineering Technology
Mohawk College

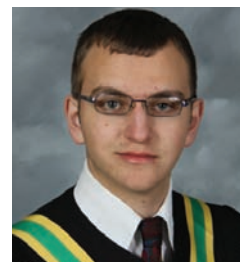
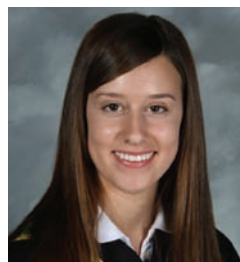
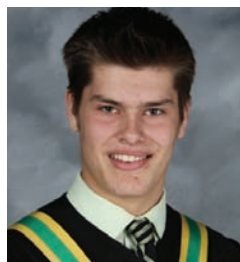
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Chemical Laboratory Technician
Sheridan College

Emily Simon-Rasiah
Nursing
McMaster University

Rachel Sproule
Studio Art
McMaster University

Luke Stevens
5th year TD, then Environmental
Studies - Guelph University

Curtiss Straatsma
Physical Education/Geography
Redeemer University College



Harrison Veldkamp
General Studies
Brock University

Peter Vellekoop
5th year, then
University or College

Brianna Visser
Missions/Bible College

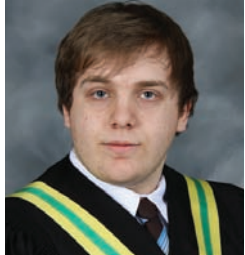
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5th year TD, then
Culinary Arts

Zachary Weening
Landscape Technician
Niagara College

Rachel Westerhoek
Sociology
Guelph University

Heather Weststeyn
5th year TD, then
Practical Nursing - College

Elisha Wielinga
Work, then
Electrical Engineering - University



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Bible - Capernwray (Victoria, BC)
then University

David Bouhs
Media Fundamentals
Sheridan College

William Bowcott
Business: Marketing
George Brown College

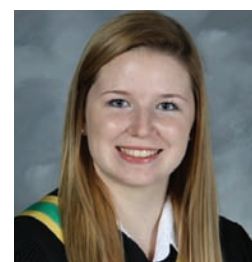
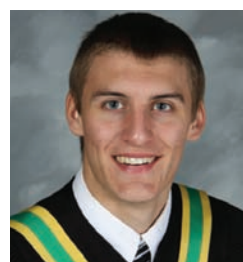
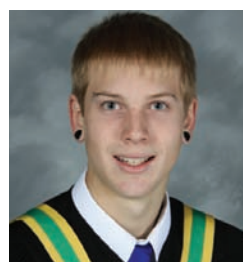
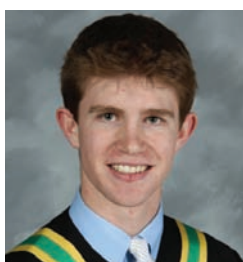
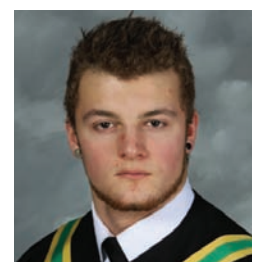
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International Development
Kapiolani College (Hawaii)

Justin Buisman
Forestry Technician
Sir Sandford Fleming College

Nicholas Chuba
Work, then
General Arts - University of Ottawa

Sage Contos
Police Foundations
Niagara College

Donald Crooks
Media Foundations
Humber College



Kevin Elliott
Work, then
Firefighting or Welding

Ashley Elzinga
Practical Nursing
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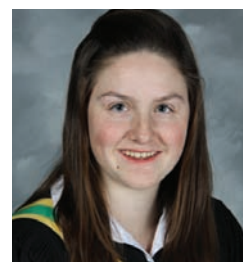
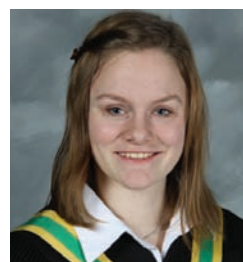
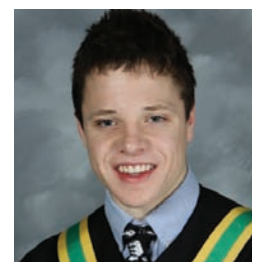
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University of Guelph/Humber College

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Welding & Fabrication Technician
Co-op - St. Lawrence College

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Work, then
Technology - College

Jessie Garbutt
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Seneca College

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Visual Arts - University



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Gap year, then
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Brock University

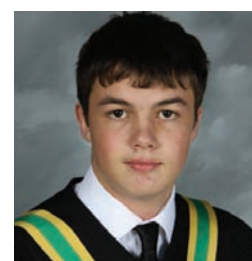
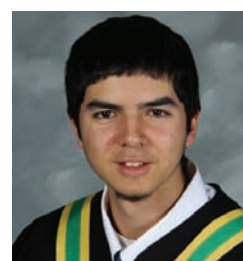
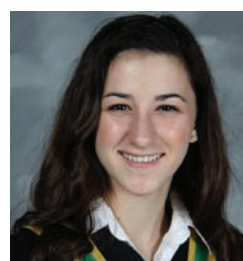
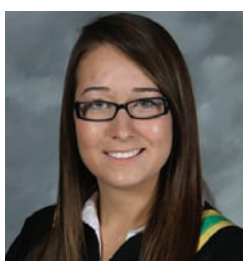
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Community Integration through
Co-op Education - Georgian College

Brenton Huxtable
Media Fundamentals
Sheridan College

Emmalena Huyer
Wildlife Biology
University of Guelph

Genevieve Huyer
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Joseph Kim
Arts
Queen's University



Luna Lu
Bioinformatics
University of Waterloo

Colin Lycklama
Renovation Technician:
Construction - Niagara College

Megan Lycklama
Child and Youth Studies
Brock University

Giulia Malatesta
5th year TD, then
Esthetician - College

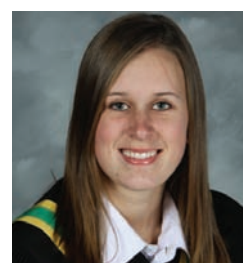
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Construction
George Brown College

Rya Marrelli
English
Queen's University

James McCullough
Electrical Techniques
Fanshawe College

Tyler McNair
Welding Techniques
Sheridan College

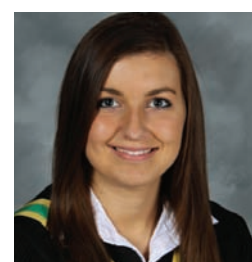
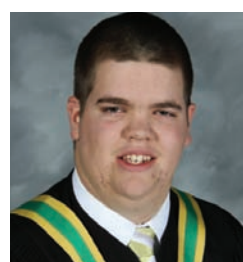
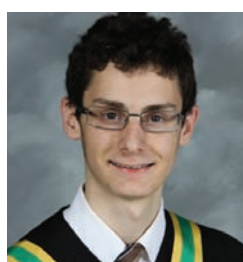
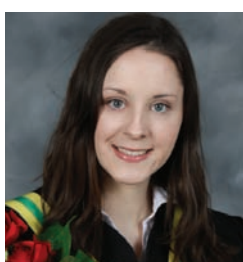
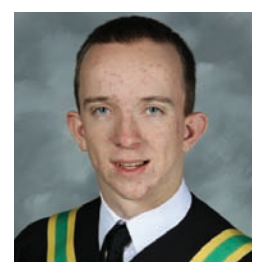
CLASS OF 2011



Emily Mills
Gap year
Missions/Bible College - YWAM

Amanda Moloney
Working, then
College

Hendrik Mostert
Geography
York University



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General Arts and Science
Canadore College

Aaron Postma
Biochemistry Co-op
University of Waterloo

Melissa Prickaerts
Biochemistry Co-op
University of Waterloo

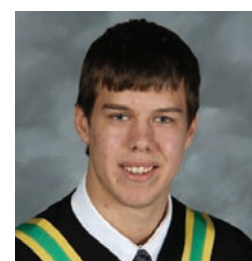
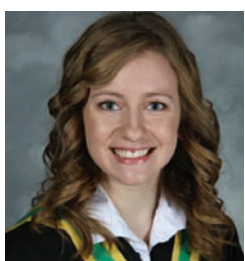
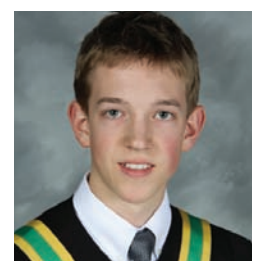
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University of Toronto

Brent Riedstra
Business Administration
Conestoga College

Timothy Riggs
Working

Carl Roeleveld
Explorer/Outdoor Ed.
Prairie Bible College

Dana Roffel
Pre-Nursing
Redeemer University College



Taylor Straatsma
General Engineering
University of Toronto

Kelly Unruh
Bible - Capernwray (Victoria, BC)
then Business - University

Ryan Vanderkooij
Heavy Equipment Operator
Conestoga College

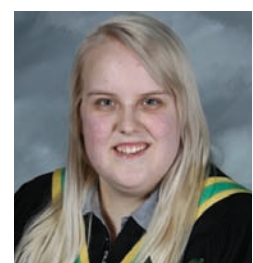
Kendra Vanderkooij
Business Management
Ryerson University

Juliana VanderMey
Foods and Nutrition: Dietetics
Western (Brescia)

Hannah VanSchepen
Life Sciences
McMaster University

Nicholas VanVelzen
Psychology (Arts)
Wilfrid Laurier University

Reuben VanZeuren
Ecological Restoration - Trent
University, Sir Sandford Fleming



Kirstie Wilson
Work, then
Psychology - University

Stuart Winter
Architecture
Carleton University

Brandon Wolfert
Agriculture
Ridgetown College

Emily Woudstra
International Development
Guelph University

Yvonne Yin
Humanities
University of Toronto

Philip Zandstra
Work, then
Canadian Armed Forces

The Mentor's Perspective: Dr. Nancy De Kleer

by Sophie Vandenberg

Not only do students benefit from mentoring, so do mentors. For plastic surgeon Dr. Nancy De Kleer (nee Eggengoor), mentoring was an opportunity to take a step back and reflect on her own work and journey.

Having a curious young person in the workplace was refreshing for Nancy and her fellow surgeons. The experience reminded them what a privilege it is to do the work they do and to care for patients. "It makes you reflect on the purpose of your job and how you do it," she said.

Her mentee, Grade 11 student Evonne Downer, was no stranger to Nancy: they attend the same church. Nancy, a TDChristian alum (83), was impressed by how motivated Evonne was to make the hospital experience a reality. "She had to get a two-step TB test, fill out a stack of paperwork, and make it to Oakville by 7:30 a.m."

Recalling her own teen years, Nancy remembers being very interested in science. She pursued nursing after high school, but when friends encouraged her to continue her studies, she enrolled in the University of Western Ontario and later attended U of T. Nancy has no regrets about her roundabout journey into medicine. "If I hadn't been a nurse, I wouldn't be the doctor that I am today," she says.

Nancy was intentional about exposing Evonne to wide a range of health care experiences. Not only did Evonne observe her mentor perform surgery and interact with patients, she also got to accompany one of Nancy's colleagues on the ward and in the ER. She saw a variety of other health care professionals in action, too: orthopedic technicians, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, and nurses. Being a doctor isn't the only option for teens exploring health care careers. "She could see how we all work together as a team," said Nancy, adding that the mentoring experience had been as good for her as it was for Evonne.

Interested in becoming a mentor next year? Contact buwalda@tdchristian.ca



Alumni News td

Attention Alumni!

Please keep us posted regarding reunions, marriages, births, career moves, and any other important milestones. Simply e-mail alumni@tdchristian.ca. Don't worry if you're late in reporting – we're still interested!

• Marriages

- **Rob Venema** (01) and **Lindsay Snoek** (03), October 16, 2010.
- **Brandon Kooy** (04) and **Kimberley McDonald** of Bradford, August 15, 2009.
- **Will Kooy** (98) and **Emily Huften** of Orillia, October 2, 2010.
- **Susanne Koolma** (96) and **Rev. Jonathan Dennis**, December 18, 2010, in Toronto. Jon is pastor of Fraser Presbyterian in Tottenham; Susanne continues to teach at Dixon Grove Junior Middle School. They live in Etobicoke.

• Births

- **Derek** (99) and **Janice (VanderKooij, 99) deBoer** welcomed a baby girl, **Lauren Elise**, June 29, 2010. A sister for Hailee, born in 2007.
- **Renee (deBoer, 01)** and **Cory McArthur** welcomed their first child, **Chloe Stephanie**, September 7, 2010.
- **Jason** (89) and **Anna (Hordyk) Verkaik** have been blessed with

Upcoming Events 2011

Back in the Groove Again
September 1 (7 pm)

First Day of Classes
September 6

Grade 9 Boys' Service Trip (Downtown Toronto)
September 7 & 8

Grade 9 Girls' Service Trip (Downtown Toronto)
September 8 & 9

Grade 11 Geography Trip to Algonquin Park
September 22 - 26

Doors Open Vaughan, E-Block Tours
October 1

two children: **Adriana Elizabeth**, born March 11, 2008 and **Reyer Douglas Jacob**, born July 26, 2010.

- **Rob** (89) and **Amy Simmons**, who married in 1999, welcomed their first baby, a boy, **Willem Hudson**, April 22, 2010.
- **Sandra (Kooy, 02)** and **Kevin (02) de Winter**, who married July 28, 2007, were blessed with a baby girl, **Zoey Lisa Eden**, May 3, 2010. Her name means "Life Consecrated to God in Paradise". She was named after Sandra's sister **Lisa** who passed away in 2005.
- **Nicole Massaar** (00) and **Glen Coyle**, who married in 2007, had a daughter **Makayla Faith**, born May 7, 2009, and a son **Jackson Glen**, September 26, 2010.
- **Luke** (99) and **Sherri Meiboom** were blessed with a baby boy, **Aiden Michael**, December 1, 2009.
- **Albert** (88) and **Lucy Klein Horsman** welcomed their second child, **Rebecca Rose**, August 5, 2010.
- **Ryan** (00) and **Alysha (Edskes, 05) VanLoenen** had their third baby, **Landon Kale**, January 22, 2011.

- **Andrea Vander Kooij** (92) and **Alan Groombridge** were blessed with their second baby, **James Andries Vander Kooij-Groombridge**, February 25, 2011. He is welcomed by big brother **Kees Alfred**.

• Milestones

- **Chris** (01) and **Rachel deWinter** have accepted a call to **St Catherines**, where Chris is now pastoring at **Trinity CRC**.

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Saturday, June 25, 2011 at TDChristian

Open House: 11:00 am-1:00 pm Celebratory Program: 1:00 pm

TDChristian Alumni Present....

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by Thornton Wilder

Directed by Richard Peters



Friday, June 24, 2011

7:00 pm Tickets: \$10 at the door

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Graduation

Thursday, June 23

Bramalea Baptist Church, 9050 Dixie Road at Hwy 7, Brampton, ON

7:00 p.m. Formal ceremony

Valedictorian: Nathan Henderson

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