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*LOOK WHATS NEW!

*Master of Education in
Leadership with
Concentration in
Teaching Indigenous
Students

<https://tinyurl.com/m9rswca>

*Master of Education in
Leadership in Mental
Health and Wellness

<http://tinyurl.com/k4mszpn>



**Frustrated when
courses are cancelled?
Register early to avoid
possible cancellation of
courses!**

**HAVE YOU REGISTERED
FOR SPRING SESSION?**

<https://tinyurl.com/kvx8dme>

**SUMMER REGISTRATION
IS NOW OPEN**

<http://tinyurl.com/kjngtz5>

Welcome to 2014! Congratulations to the 59 MEd students who graduated at the December Convocation. As I sat at fall convocation I thought about the MEd students who were graduating and why it is so important to celebrate their accomplishments. Almost all of our Masters students complete graduate work while working full-time in a profession that is increasingly complex and demanding. Many of our graduate students also offer leadership outside the classroom to their school community. Add to that the large number of our students who are completing graduate work while in the middle of parenting. I frequently hear our students talk about doing their course readings at the rink early in the morning, or in a van on a way to a sports tournament, or late at night after the children have gone to sleep! Then there are those students who struggle with health issues, either themselves or caring for those around them who are sick. Increasingly I hear stories of graduate students who are taking on the care of parents and elderly relatives. And then there are the full-time students, most of whom come to be with us in Xavier Hall and enter into the busy world of teacher education. These graduate students often co-teach with us, bringing fresh and highly valued experience into our teacher education courses, but are pulled into the intense life of the BEd program. These full-time students also share the same obligations of care (parenting, caregiving, volunteerism) that part-time students experience.

All of the above speaks to the dedication of the professionals we have the privilege of working with in the StFX Masters program. As teacher educators we are inspired by the dedication of working with in-service teachers who, in spite of busy and demanding lives, make time for professional learning and improvement. And ultimately it is all because they want to better serve the students they teach! We celebrate the 2013 graduates and we send a cheer out to all those who are proceeding along in their Master's work.

Thanks to those of you who responded to our survey about summer courses and institutes. We are making course and institute offerings based on your feedback. Please pass on to potential graduate students that we are planning two new cohorts: **Master of Education in Leadership with Concentration in Teaching Indigenous Students** and a **Master of Education in Leadership in Mental Health and Wellness**.

Dr. Joanne Tompkins Chair, Department of Curriculum and Leadership



Congratulations Fall Graduates

SRSB DIVERSITY COHORT

Bowie, Joan Frances
 Burton, Mary Jill
 Deagle, Marie Angela
 Gillis, Mary Francene
 Hawley, Sheila Marie
 Kennedy, Tracey Meagan
 MacDonald, Dara Joanne
 MacFarlane, Sara Ellen
 MacLean, Jason Thomas
 MacLeod, John William
 MacNeil, John Cory
 Mombourquette, Daniel Scott
 Sullivan, Maureen Linda
 Thibeau, Joy Eileen

TRI COUNTY LITERACY COHORT

Albright, Nicole Jane
 Anthony, Rebekah Alana
 Bain, Stacey Lee Grace
 Barnes, Natalie Louise

Belliveau, Rachel Louise
 Chisholm, Kevin Donald
 Cottreau, Amy Louise
 Coyle, Diane Charlotte
 Ettinger, Colette Marie
 Eyre, Petra Susanne
 Flynn, Barbara Jean
 Hiltz, Natasha Dawn
 MacMullin, Courtney Wallace
 Muise-Greene, Shaunda Lynn
 O'Brien, Susan Dianne
 Pitman, Charlene Bernadette
 Samms, Jennifer Lynn
 Sollows, Stephanie Jean
 Sullivan, Heather Dawn
 Whittaker, Albert Joseph
 Whittaker, Jennifer Jean

NON-COHORT MED

Arychuk, Jane Elizabeth
 Brennan, High Allan
 Briand, Colleen Mary
 Bursay, Marjorie Elizabeth

Chisholm-MacDonald, Mary D
 Clarke, Matthew Gary
 Connor, Judith Anne
 Coulter, Heather Anne
 Duggan, Carrie Frances
 Gillis, Angela Marie
 Jackson Farrell, Patricia
 Jamieson, Alanna Lynn
 Jones, Brian Craig
 MacKey, Wendy Lynn
 MacMaster, Steven Douglas
 McPhail, Coralie Anne
 O'Keefe, Kevin Joseph
 Porter, Kenneth Robert
 Proctor, Nicole Lise
 Reyno, Joy
 Sabadash, Jillian Marie
 Scribner, Shelley Lynn
 Taggart, Lloyd Wylie
 Wilkin, Danielle Yvette

Have you applied for Spring
 2014 Convocation? 



*Students from the Strait Regional School Board Diversity Cohort.
 L-R: Joanne Tompkins, Meagan Kennedy, Jill Burton,
 Maureen Sullivan, Sara MacFarlane and Cory MacNeil*



Full time graduate students for the 2012-2013 year celebrate at graduation. L-R: Wendy Mackey, Judy Connors, Darlene Chisholm MacDonald, Carrie Duggan and Marjorie Bursay



Important Information

- **Apply to graduate:** Any student intending to graduate at the **Spring 2014 Convocation** ceremony must apply to do so. The application is accessible through your mesAMIS account.
PLEASE NOTE* to graduate at the **Fall 2014 Convocation** you must meet all the program requirements by the conclusion of summer 2014. If you are enrolled in a fall term course, you are not eligible for this ceremony.
- **X-ring Eligibility:** If you have earned and/or enrolled in 36 credits towards your degree and are in good academic standing, you may consider applying to receive your X-ring. For more information please contact Julieanne Mattie at jmattie@stfx.ca.
- **Registration for spring classes** remains open to all eligible students. Please register as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Elective and core course offerings are contingent on enrollment, and may be cancelled if there are insufficient numbers. Available courses can be found in the Continuing and Distance Education calendar: <https://tinyurl.com/kvx8dme>
- **Summer School 2014** will be held July 7 to July 31 (unless otherwise indicated). The link to the Summer School schedule will be emailed to students once it becomes available.
- **Dropping a course** within 2 weeks of its start date will result in an automatic charge of \$100.00.
- **EDUC 569 Selected Topics** – Students may register for as many as their elective requirements allow, provided the course title for each is different.
- **StFX Email account expired?** Students are now able to manage their accounts by enrolling in the **self-serve password manager**. With this webFX service, you can activate your webFX account, reset your password, update your webFX challenge questions, or unlock your account. For more information go to: http://www.sites.stfx.ca/tsg/guides_and_tutorials

News from the Program Office

Welcome Jodi Van Dompsele to the MEd team as Program Assistant. Jodi is replacing Jen Farrell while Jen is on parental leave. Jodi comes to us having worked in various offices at StFX. She can be reached at med@stfx.ca.

Congratulations to Jennifer Farrell on the birth of Kyler Avery Farrell - born January 15.

Recent Research

Congratulations on the completion of a thesis or project to the following:

THESIS:

Wendy Mackey (2013). **Exploring Instructional Leadership Through A Culturally Relevant Lens in an Inner-City School.**
Supervisor: Dr. Lisa Lunney-Borden

Alana Jamieson (2012). **Which Boys and Which Girls? Seeing Beyond the Gender Gap in Literacy.**
Supervisor: Dr. Anne Murray-Orr

PROJECT:

Darlene Chisholm-MacDonald (2013). **Promoting Scientific Literacy in Grade 9 Students.**
Supervisor: Dr. Anne Murray-Orr

Carrie Duggan (2013). **Social Narrative Writing: Incorporating 21st Learning Skills Within a Writer's Workshop Model.**
Supervisor: Dr. Anne Murray-O

Spring 2014 Course Availability

Seats are still available in the following online courses:

EDUC 527.66 – Principles of Learning

Tuesdays, 6-9pm, April 1 – June 3

EDUC 536.30 – Program Development

Wednesdays, 4-7pm, April 2 – June 4

EDUC 581.66 – The Role of the Principal

Thursdays, 6-9pm, April 3 – June 5

Register online or call **1-877-867-3906** for registration assistance

SUMMER SCHOOL 2014

For more information please refer to the schedule:

<http://tinyurl.com/kjnqtz5>