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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

### Letter from the Director



Our fall convocation and awards reception is always a highlight of the Local Government Program year. On October 29th, newly-minted MPA and DPA graduates, along with family, friends, and program instructors – more than 70 people in total – gathered in Western’s Social Science Centre to celebrate. Several speakers, including Political Science Department Chair Charles Jones and Local Government to Alumni Society President Lee Anne Doyle, offered warm congratulations to the new graduates. The lively gathering also featured an awards ceremony that honoured top academic achievement among this year’s graduating cohort. *The Allan O’Brien Academic Medal* for top achievement among part-

time MPA students went to Siu Ming Kwok. Mary-Anne Bedard took home the *Ron Farrow Academic Medal* for outstanding achievement in the DPA program. Alexander Harras received the *Andrew Sancton Academic Medal* for top achievement among full-time MPA students. This last medal was newly named this year, to recognize Andrew Sancton’s exceptional leadership over many years in the Local Government Program. Congratulations again to our award winners and to all the new graduates, and special thanks to Josh Morgan for organizing what was a memorable event for all concerned.

**Martin Horak**

*Director, Local Government Program*

News *and* Views

## Western's Local Government Program Alumni Society 2010 Annual Conference

The University of Western Ontario Local Government Program's Alumni Conference Organizing Committee, are delighted to announce the great success of our 2010 Annual Conference which was held on Friday, November 12, 2010 at the Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre in London, Ontario.

This year's theme "Growing Effective Leadership in the Public Sector" attracted a first ever SOLD OUT Conference thanks to the leadership of Susan Reid DPA '05 and Milena MacLean DPA '05, this year's co-chairs. They searched and found inspirational speakers who delivered a thought-provoking agenda that focused on leading-



Conference co-chairs Susan Reid (left) and Milena Maclean (right).



The 2010 Alumni Conference Committee

edge strategies to keep public sector organizations attractive to new hires; how to keep the current work force motivated and inspire leadership.

This year's conference featured a Visionary Address from Amit Chakma, President and Vice-Chancellor, The University of Western Ontario on producing our future leaders. Michael Fenn, Interim President and CEO of the Canadian Urban Institute delivered an Inspirational Address on motivating the workforce. Dr. David Siegel, professor/author drew on his research to discuss the qualities of successful public sector leaders; and Mary Crossan, professor/author walked us through leadership lessons learned from the economic

crisis. The day ended with the inspirational words of wisdom from long-time public servant and recently retired London Police Chief, Murray Faulkner.

This event offers a unique and affordable professional development experience and terrific learning opportunities for those with an interest in municipal government. Highlights include interactive seminars with commentary from those facing these issues in their daily work as well as networking opportunities.

If you are interested in working on next year's Conference Planning Committee, please contact 2010-2011 Alumni Society President Cathy Cuyllé at [Cathy.Cuyllé@lhsc.on.ca](mailto:Cathy.Cuyllé@lhsc.on.ca)

## Local Government Program Convocation



2010 MPA graduates, just after convocation



Alexander Harras receiving the *Andrew Sancton Academic Medal*

## Alumni Society Member Updates

**Kelly McCarthy (MPA '10)** has recently been promoted to Committee/Council Administrator at the City of Toronto.

**Albert Frootman (MPA '97)** has returned to western Canada as Director of Community & Legislative Services for the County of Lethbridge, Alberta. He invites friends and colleagues to keep in touch with him at [afrootman@lethcounty.ca](mailto:afrootman@lethcounty.ca).

**Dan Mathieson (MPA '08)** was re-elected for a third term as Mayor of the City of Stratford. He was also recently appointed by the Minister of Finance (Ontario) as Chair of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

**Beverly Scanlan (MPA '08)** and her husband Paul welcomed their daughter Monica into the world on October 3rd, 2010 at 9:30am.

**Rose Kucharuk (MPA '09, DPA '06)**, a member of the Chatham-Kent Police Service, was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant on Tuesday November 16th, 2010. Rose has been a police officer in the Chatham-Kent area for 23 years. She is currently the Staff Sergeant of the Training and Professional Development Unit and will be transferring to the Community Patrol Branch in late January 2011.

**Ron Coristine (MPA '03)** has been elected to the Council of the Municipality of Kincardine. Ron believes well-designed and supported public participatory processes are important adjuncts to informed government decision-making. Ron is also the Principal of Coristine & Associates Consulting, offering strategic planning, research, evaluation, training and policy development services.

### Alumni Updates

Did you get a promotion? New Job? Have a baby or get married? Why not update your Alumni Colleagues by letting us know about it.

Alumni Updates will be posted to our website and a few will be featured in future newsletters.

Just send an e-mail to [jmorga8@uwo.ca](mailto:jmorga8@uwo.ca) with a short (one paragraph) update.

[www.localgovernment.uwo.ca/alumni/memberupdates.asp](http://www.localgovernment.uwo.ca/alumni/memberupdates.asp)

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