

GUEST SPEAKERS
2012 FANSHAWE COLLEGE SPRING CONVOCATION

Ms. Marti Lussier

Southwest Region Community Events Coordinator
Autism Ontario
June 11, 10 a.m.

Marti Lussier works as the Community Events Coordinator for Autism Ontario, and has spent much of her life advocating for and helping families living with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Holding various Diplomas in Business Administration, Law and Apprenticeship from Westervelt College, University of Western Ontario and Fanshawe College, Marti worked for many years as a paralegal, and began volunteering in the Autism sector after her son Adam was diagnosed with seizure disorder and Autism by age 8.

Over the years Marti has served on many committees, including UWO's Autism Centre of Excellence Committee, Connections for Students Committee, Fanshawe's Program Advisory Committee, and Bridging the Gap Committee. Her dream of a community partnership between CPRI, Thames Valley Children Centre, Community Living London, Regional Support Associates, Fanshawe College and Autism Ontario resulted in the creation of CADDA – (Community Alliance for Developmental Disabilities and Autism) a bi-annual two day conference that attracted 350 attendees in its first conference.

Marti spearheaded and is also President of the *It's Our Home* housing project which builds affordable housing for independent adults living with Autism.

Marti is an accomplished public speaker, presenting to many community groups, colleges, universities and corporations. She is a well-known and respected advocate for those dealing with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Mr. Andrew Lockie

CEO, United Way of London and Middlesex
June 11, 2 p.m.

Andrew is the CEO at United Way of London & Middlesex. Prior to this he worked for the YMCA of Western Ontario as Vice-President of Educational Services.

Andrew grew up in Toronto and moved to London in 1997. He holds a BA from McMaster University and an MBA from the Richard Ivey School of Business at Western University. He has also completed the Non-Profit Performance Management program at Harvard University.

Andrew sits on the London Health Sciences Centre advisory panel, United Ways of Ontario Council, the President's Advisory Council for United Way Canada, Action Leaders Program for United Way Worldwide, CEO panel for the Child & Youth Network (and Chairs the CYN Ending Poverty Workgroup), United Way Canada Strategic Planning Task Force, and has served on the board of directors for Emerging Leaders.

He has also been a speaker at a TEDx event, and a guest lecturer for Western University at the Richard Ivey School of Business and King's College.

Mr. John Winston

General Manager and CEO, Tourism London

June 12, 10 a.m.

John Winston is the General Manager and CEO for Tourism London. He holds an Honours Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and Political Science from Northern Michigan University, and has completed Master's degree course work in Political Science specializing in International Relations at the University of Western Ontario.

With an annual operating budget of approximately \$2 million, Mr. Winston leads the team of passionate and committed Tourism professionals who oversee leisure travel, convention and sport tourism sectors on behalf of the City of London.

Prior to joining Tourism London, Mr. Winston worked for the City of London as Director of Inter-Governmental Relations and Community Liaison. He was charged with the responsibility to develop and foster strong communication and business relations on public and confidential matters with senior political and administrative officials.

Prior to joining the City of London Mr. Winston was the Director of Business Development and Corporate Affairs for Diamond Aircraft Industries. During his tenure there he was instrumental in developing the Aviation Management Program at the University of Western Ontario.

Mr. Winston has served on various boards including Ontario Place in Toronto. Currently he is a Board member of the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario and serves on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army.

John is a passionate advocate for London and has exhibited exemplary commitment to ensuring Tourism London plays a key role in the city's economic and tourism development.

Ms. Nancy Maltby

COO, Middlesex Hospital Alliance

June 12, 1 p.m.

Nancy Maltby is the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Middlesex Hospital Alliance, a position she has held since December, 2000. The Alliance is a partnership of Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital and Four Counties Health Services.

Prior to this position, Nancy was an employee at London Health Sciences Centre, Victoria Hospital for 21 years. Nancy started her career as a staff nurse specializing in trauma and emergency. She held various management positions throughout her career and was very active in clinical research.

Nancy holds a diploma from Fanshawe College School of Nursing (1979) and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from The University of Western Ontario (2000). She completed a fellowship at the Wharton School of Business in Philadelphia (2003), and most recently holds a Masters Degree in Health Studies/Leadership from the Athabasca University (2007). She is also a member of both the American and Canadian Colleges of Healthcare Executives.

Nancy is an active participant in a variety of healthcare partnerships and associations provincially, nationally and internationally. She is the first and current chair of the SW LHIN Chief Nursing Executive Committee. She has received various awards throughout her career, most recently the 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award for Health Sciences from Fanshawe College.

Nancy has been actively involved in volunteerism throughout her life and currently sits on three voluntary Boards.

Ms. Jill Wilcox

Owner, Jill's Table

June 13, 10 a.m.

Jill Wilcox is the owner of Jill's Table, an award-winning specialty food and kitchen store in London, Ontario.

Jill is well-known for her 32+ years as a food columnist for The London Free Press and Sun Media, and for leading cooking classes – most recently at Jill's Table – for more than 17 years. She also leads culinary tours to France, and has been the subject of numerous national magazine and newspaper articles.

Jill was recently awarded the London Y Women of Excellence award in the Business, Trades and Profession category, and has been nominated twice for RBC Royal Bank Canadian Women Entrepreneur Award.

Earlier this year, Jill's Table received the London Chamber of Commerce Business Achievement Award in the small business category. Jill's Table is also a proud recipient of the Retailer of the Year Award for Housewares and Gourmet Foods, awarded by the Canadian Gift and Tablewares Association.

In 2012, Jill started The Jill Wilcox Foundation to grant funding to food-related and education projects that support women and children in need. She is an active member of the local food movement and volunteers her time on a number of food-related boards and committees.

Jill has published four cookbooks: *Jill's Starters*, *Jill's Soups*, *Welcome to Jill's Table* and *The Creative Kitchen*. She is currently working on another book to be published in autumn, 2013.

Mr. Keith Gibbons

President and CEO, McCormick Canada

June 13, 2 p.m.

Keith Gibbons is the President & CEO of McCormick Canada located in London, Ontario. During his tenure with McCormick, Keith has held positions as President, McCormick Asia Pacific, and CFO, McCormick Canada.

Over the course of his career, Keith has held senior leadership positions with London Life Insurance Company and Ernst & Young. Keith holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Western Ontario (1976) and received his Chartered Accountant designation in 1979.

He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the United Way of London and Middlesex, London Chamber of Commerce, London Economic Development Corporation, Alzheimer Society of Ontario, and Food and Consumer Products of Canada (FCPC). Keith's prior community involvement includes board positions with the Children's Aid Society of London and Middlesex, Huron University College, Parkwood Hospital Foundation and St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mr. Marvin DeVries

President, Trojan Technologies

June 14, 10 a.m.

“Marv” DeVries is President of Trojan Technologies, a global leader in the supply of ultraviolet-light-based treatment systems for municipal water and wastewater operations. Trojan employs over 450 people across Canada, and an additional 250 in 14 countries around the world.

Marv holds a BScEng in Hydrological Engineering from the University of Guelph, and a Masters of Engineering with specialization in water and wastewater treatment from the University of Western Ontario.

He serves on the board of directors for the London Economic Development Council, and holds membership with the Professional Engineers of Ontario, the Water Environment Federation, and the American Water Works Association.

Mr. Paul Seed

President, StarTech.com Ltd.

June 17, 10 a.m.

Paul Seed is President of StarTech.com Ltd., a global manufacturer of connectivity and technology parts for the high-tech sector. From humble beginnings in a residential basement, StarTech.com now employs over 240 people in locations around the world. It has also been consistently recognized as one of Canada’s 50 Best Managed Companies, one of the 50 Best Small and Medium Employers in Canada, and London, Ontario’s Large Business of the Year (Chamber of Commerce award, 2010). It was also named INC 5000 Honouree for 6 consecutive years.

Mr. Seed was born and raised in Thunder Bay, Ontario. He studied Chinese at the Taiwan Normal University, holds a degree in economics from the University of Western Ontario, and is a graduate of the Quantum Shift© program for Canadian entrepreneurs at the Ivey School of Business.

He is an active member of TEC Canada, an organization that helps increase the effectiveness and enhances the lives of Chief Executives, and served as London’s United Way Campaign Cabinet Chair, raising \$8.5 million during the 2011 campaign.

The Honourable David Peterson, P.C., Q.C., O.Ont., C. St. J., C.L.H., D.U., L.L.D

June 17, 2 p.m.

Honourary Degree Recipient

Mr. Peterson is Chairman of the law firm of Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP, where he practises corporate/commercial law.

Mr. Peterson is Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Toronto, a director of St. Michael's Hospital and was Chairman of the successful Toronto Bid for 2015 Pan Am Games.

He is a director of a number of public and private companies, including Rogers Communications Inc., Franco-Nevada Corporation and Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc. He was Founding Chairman of the Toronto Raptors Basketball Club Inc. and Chapters Inc.

Mr. Peterson is or was director or active with a number of charitable, educational and environmental organizations, including the Shaw Festival, the Ontario March of Dimes, the Ontario Canada Day Committee, Canadian Club, Cercle Canadien, Council for Canadian Unity, Young President's Organization, World President's Organization, the Society for Educational Visits & Exchanges in Canada, Frontier College, Peter Lougheed Medical Research Foundation, Canadian Medical Hall of Fame, Magnetic True North Theatre, West Park Health Centre and Toronto Abuse Centre. He has also served on the Advisory Board of the Coady International Institute and the Steering Committee of the Toronto City Summit Alliance.

He was chairman of the Commonwealth Team observing the 1992 elections in Guyana. He was chief federal negotiator for the devolution of the Northwest Territories and has worked on a number of important negotiations with Canada's First Nations. He was an adjunct professor at York University, a fellow of McLaughlin College, Executive-in-Residence at Rotman School of Management and a senior fellow of Massey College. He speaks often on national and international issues, and is also a frequent television commentator.

Mr. Peterson holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Western Ontario and a Bachelor of Law Degree from the University of Toronto and studied at the University of Caen, France.

He was called to the Bar in Ontario in 1969 and appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1980 and was summoned by Her Majesty to the Privy Council in 1992. Mr. Peterson has received honorary doctorates from the University of Toronto, the University of Western Ontario, the University of Ottawa, the University of Tel Aviv and the American University of the Caribbean.

In 1994 the government of France appointed him a Knight of the Order of the Legion of Honour of France. In 1995 the International Assembly of French-Speaking Parliamentarians presented him with the Ordre de la Pléiade. He was awarded the Order of Ontario in 2009.

In 1975 he was elected as a Member of the Ontario Legislature, and became the leader of the Ontario Liberal party in 1982. He served as Premier of the Province between 1985 and 1990, overseeing a very active period of reform and playing a major role in the country's constitutional discussions.

He lives in Toronto and Caledon with his actress/author wife Shelley. They have three children — Benjamin, Chloë and Adam and two grandsons, Luke and Harry Dirksen. Mr. Peterson's interests include theatre, riding, biking, skiing, tennis, reading and gardening.

Miss Wilma de Rond

Director of Education, London District Catholic School Board

June 18, 10 a.m.

Wilma de Rond was born, raised and educated in London, Ontario. She received her undergraduate degree in Honours English Literature from Brescia University College and her Bachelor of Education and Masters of Education from the Faculty of Education at the University of Western Ontario.

She began her career in northern Ontario as an elementary school teacher at our Lady of Fatima in Longlac, Ontario. A few years later, she returned to London and became the first teacher hired for the then London and Middlesex Roman Catholic Separate School Board's Adult and Continuing Education Program. She taught literacy and numeracy in the pre-credit program and eventually became principal of the program in 1995. In 2003, she was appointed principal of Catholic Central High School, the school she herself graduated from some years earlier. In January 2005, she was appointed principal of St. Mary's High School in Woodstock and in July of 2005 she was appointed Superintendent of Education for the London District Catholic School Board, with responsibility for the Student Success Program and for Communication, Information, Resources and Technology. On August 1, 2007, she was appointed Director of Education. She has been a proud educator for 32 years.

She is an active member of St. Peter's Cathedral parish, has served on the Council of Trustees for Brescia University College, is a member of the Board of Directors for Junior Achievement London/Middlesex, and serves on the Board of Shareholders for St. Peter's Seminary. She has actively been involved in the United Way for London/Middlesex, serving as Co-Chair of the Education Sector and now as a member of the Special Gifts Committee.

Wilma comes from a large family and has thirteen nieces and nephews and four great nieces and nephews with whom she is very involved, attending school and sports activities whenever possible. She is an avid reader and enjoys a good walk spoiled by golf. She loves to travel and has enjoyed the sights of Rome, Paris, London, Prague, Budapest, Vienna, New York, San Francisco, and Chicago in recent years.

Ms. Susan Ferley

Artistic Director, The Grand Theatre

June 18, 2 p.m.

Honourary Diploma Recipient

Originally from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Susan received her theatre training at the Department of Drama, University of Alberta, and apprenticed at both the Vancouver Playhouse and the Stratford Festival.

Susan became Artistic Director of the Grand Theatre in September, 2011. Prior to the Grand, Susan was Artistic Director of the Globe Theatre in Regina for eight years.

Susan has worked in theatres across the country as an actor, director and teacher. She has taught in professional theatre-training programs in colleges, universities and conservatories across the country. She enjoys sharing her passion for theatre and has taught acting and directing to young people and adults interested in exploring theatre recreationally.

Susan received a YWCA Woman of Distinction award for her work in the Arts in Regina. She served on the Canada Council for the Arts, Board of Directors 1998 to 2001.

This season marks her 12th Season as Artistic Director of The Grand Theatre.