



**Tech Camp:** STEP summer camp in skilled trades for Grade 8 students from Avon Maitland and Huron Perth Catholic District School Boards.

## School-To-Work Highlights Supported by *Passport To Prosperity*



Held over two days in April 2009, this showcase presented over 50 leading industries and post-secondary institutions to 1100 students.

### Employer Registry

The Foundation is excited to bring news of a new online community dedicated to bringing employers and educators together and facilitating further experiential learning opportunities across the province. EmployerRegistry.ca is the result of extensive provincial consultation and collaboration and operates as a no-cost, revolutionary Web 2.0 gateway connecting educators and their students to new local employers.

shaping experiences for students and help them make informed career decisions. Log on today and find out more about how Employers, Educators and *Passport to Prosperity* Coordinators are coming together to support students as they make the transition from School to Career.

By June 2010 the Foundation for Education had registered 77 employers and 21 educators and 56 opportunities.

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### foundEdTV SHSM Video Project

“Earlier this year, the Foundation for Education Perth Huron announced the official launch of a series of videos starring students across the Avon Maitland District School Board (AMDSB) involved in Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM) - a provincial “hands-on” learning initiative.

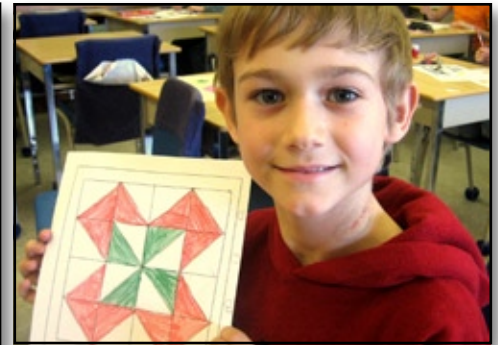
The video promotion initiative was spearheaded and funded by AMDSB and the Foundation For Education with support from Ministry of Education program, *Passport to Prosperity*. The production of the 8-video series is a collection of work composed by MS2 Productions (Stratford) and Thyme Square Media (Goderich) and boasts interviews with dozens of Perth and Huron students and teachers, with appearances by Federal Cabinet Minister, John Wilkinson and cultural icon, William Shatner.

Aldo Cianfrini, the Ontario Ministry of Education official in charge of Student Success, a program that works with communities to improve the learning experience for Grade's 7 to 12 students, speaks highly of the achievement. “The video (Introduction to SHSM) is very effective and maybe even more effective with students,” Cianfrini states. “[We] are very impressed [and will] share the videos with SHSM coordinators from across the province.”

“The complete series...<http://vimeo.com/channels/foundedTV>.”

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### QUICK STATS

#### ARTITUDES 2009-'10

- . 14 artists
- . 145 workshops
- . 173 classes
- . 5100 students
- . Budget: \$38,275

#### Dance

with artist **Lesley Walker Fitzpatrick**  
 "My class was extremely fortunate to participate in the grade 5 dance workshop with Lesley Walker Fitzpatrick just last week. They had a fantastic day. They benefitted tremendously ... Lesley taught them with gentle love and understanding, and infinite patience. I was amazed by how well they did. Students that are usually reticent and reserved blossomed and took leadership roles, some for probably the first time all year. I held my breath when we got to the improvisational part of Lesley's program, but it was fantastic to see how safe and comfortable my students felt, and how willing they were to take risks in front of their peers. It was truly a wonder. Every student bloomed and grew, not just the students who take dance classes outside of school, or the more outgoing and confident students - literally every student enjoyed the day, thought it was awesome and made progress. It was a wonderful day. I would like to thank Lesley, and the Foundation, for giving us such a great opportunity!"

Daphne Livingston, Central Perth School



"Here are some pictures from a fantastic morning with Shannon Thunderbird at Clinton PS last week. Thanks for having us participate!"

Kalen Carroll, Clinton Public School

#### Poss'Abilities Within Watercolour

with artist **Brenda Kaufman**

"Students learned an awareness of their own abilities, discovered hidden talents, learned patience and perseverance, learned new technical art skills and watercolour techniques."



"It was a great creative way to learn about medieval architecture and combine the social studies and art curriculum. The students gained ideas about the nature of a medieval town. They also gained some skill in drawing perspective drawings."

I think that any of your art programs that bring a real artist into the classroom brings a higher skill and ability into the children's classroom ... Art is not a subject that many teachers have training in and this is a great way to enrich the learning of both students and teachers."

Deb Jagger, Mornington Central



210 students participated in the 2010 Junior and Senior Science Fairs, up 24 students from 2009.

558 students participated in the 2010 Junior and Senior TechnoChallenges, up from 390 in 2009.

## Silver Birch, Red Maple, White Pine...read on!

Twenty-four AMDSB classes received a grant in 2010 from the Foundation's Canadian Reading Fund to participate in the Reading Competition sponsored by the Ontario Library Association.



The sixth annual *Girls Unlimited* in May saw 18 dynamic women from unique career fields met in Exeter to encourage and inspire young women in Grade 8 and 9 by talking about different career options available to them. The event was generously supported by **United Communities Credit Union, Four County Labour Market Planning Board, and Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program of the Avon Maitland District School Board.** Photos above l-r: Kamila Calko of the Canadian Coast Guard and Trish Trenter of eLearnNetwork.ca

## Administrative Changes at The Foundation!

In mid 2009, the Foundation Board endorsed a plan brought forward by Lynda McGregor to create a one-year job-sharing arrangement for the position of Executive Director during 2009-10 with Wes MacVicar becoming the Associate Executive Director.

Wes became familiar with the Foundation's operations during a nine-month contract in 2008-09 as Co-ordinator of the Career Symposium. Set to become the new Executive Director in September, Wes has a wide spectrum of experience in both the arts and administration. A graduate of Mount Allison University, he was a former teacher for the Atlantic Conservatory of Music and consultant for the Humber-St Barbe Board of Education in Newfoundland. Moving back to Huron County, the region of his origins, he has

been Executive Director of The Livery Theatre and Goderich Celtic Roots Festival in Goderich and co-founded the Gairbraid Theatre Company.

Much of Wes' work this year with the Foundation has concentrated on raising the profile of the organization while becoming familiar with the many facets of its operations. He was also tasked with the school-work programs carried out through the *Passport To Prosperity Initiative*.

Current plans for September will see Lynda retain responsibility solely for the fund development work of the Foundation in Special Events and specific campaigns as well as working as a fund raising consultant with the schools, while Wes will have the full responsibility of Executive Director.

Welcome to The Foundation Team, Wes!



## Opera Comes to Huron & Perth

The Aldburg Connection features four young grads of the University of Toronto Opera School in performance. June 2010 will see them return for a second eight-school tour of AMDSB schools.

*"This the first event of its kind put on by visitors to our school. We have had musicians & singers but not with the classical content. 350 students from K to 8 enjoyed this musical experience, due not only to the talent, but also song choice and charisma of performers. Students were wowed by the soprano's voice and the baritone's acting."*

Tyler Schaefer, Listowel CPS

*"Awareness of body & breathing, creativity, free movement."*

Wallace P. S. teachers

*"Excellent programming, timing, pacing, interest, student-centered, grade-appropriate."*

K. McLeod  
Grey Central PS

*"We always try to sign up for the Artitudes workshops as they are terrific!"*

Heather Ball &  
Jacqueline  
VanPoucke  
Victoria PS

*"Telling stories without a book is a great learning experience. The students listened intently and with awe. Foundation workshops never disappoint."*

Laurie Little  
Teacher - Colborne  
Central P.S.

Re: ARTITUDES  
Storytelling  
Workshop  
*"[Students gained] a deeper knowledge of geometry terms and a more thorough understanding of quilts and their significance."*

Darrell Uhler  
Teacher - Listowel  
Eastdale

**CD PROJECT** - "Thanks so much for coming out to Downie and offering our students this wonderful opportunity to develop their lyric and song writing expertise. The exposure was a great opportunity to offer them a new area for growth. Much thanks," Cathy Bachner, Back Home — songwriting competition.

## Fun Tech: Spotlight on Education



**Fun Tech:** The **Technical Training Group** partners with Stratford North-Western Secondary School Staff and volunteers to provide an all-day experience in Skilled Trades for Grade 8 students one Saturday in November.

*"Thank you for all the hard work you and everyone did to make this possible for the children. I think this is such a great program you run."* — Sue, parent

*"My children attended the FunTECH program in November and LOVED IT! Your team at Northwestern certainly did an awesome job of planning and running this awesome learning experience for youngsters. My kids are eager to attend again next season."* — Marie, parent

*"My son loved the program and can't wait until the next one. Thank you."* — Edna, parent

*"Awesome program and cool projects."* — Kenny, student

*"I had so much fun at FunTECH and I'm going to tell all my friends about it next year."* — Erin, student

*"I would like to thank all the people who made this day happen! It was a lot of fun and I learned a lot!"*  
— Mackenzie, student

Since 1998, the Foundation has funded an arts workshop experience for over 1491 classes, impacting 44,730 students.

## Preparing students for Careers ... Band of Brothers



Community partners are vital to the collaborative activities of the *Passport Initiative*. These partners include:

- . Avon Maitland District School Board
- . Community Matters Huron
- . County of Huron
- . Four County Labour Market Planning Board
- . Gallery Stratford
- . Healthkick Huron
- . Heritage Cultural Partnership
- . Hermione Presents' Artist Collective
- . Huron Business Development Corporation
- . Huron Manufacturing Association
- . Huron Perth Catholic District School Board
- . Job Connect - Conestoga College
- . Ministry of Training, Colleges and University
- . Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program
- . Partners in Employment
- . Perth Economic Development
- . Student Success Program
- . Technical Training Group

**OTHER PARTNERSHIPS:** Through a partnership with Big Brothers/Sisters, the Foundation continues to support an *In-school Mentoring* program in Stratford and area schools from the sale of break-open tickets.

In partnership with two Health Units, the Foundation funds and prepares its historic *Baby Literacy* packages for all new borns' parents in Huron and Perth.



**Band of Brothers**, the first Career Day for Grade 9 boys was held in Listowel on May 27th. I-r: Students speak with Canadian Armed Forces Officer Robert Krizanec, NHL player Justin Peters, and Canadian Coast Guard Officer, Brent Gauthier (right). A student tries on a coast guard wet suit in the third photo. 19 exemplary male mentors from a wide spectrum of career fields came together to inspire boys in one day to make informed career decisions.



### Foundation offers new Fund for schools

The funds for **Britta's Big Idea** grants were made available by the imagination and creativity of Stratford Central student, Britta Johnson, from the production of her 2009 musical **Big Box Story**. The 18-year-old's musical **Big Box Story** was performed at the festival's Avon Theatre for a one-night-only performance, on Aug. 31, 2009.

"Growing up in Stratford, [the festival's] stage is kind of like the pinnacle," she told CBC News. "That's always where you imagine yourself in your wildest dreams. That's where I've always gone to the theatre, so just to think that something I'm involved in is going to be up there — even for just one night" is beyond anything I could ever imagine. It's so surreal."



*"Thank you for all the time you and Wes take to connect, plan and vision for the future. Your passion, experience and commitment, facilitates existing projects and helps make dreams for our youth come true."* Eileen Smith, Coordinator, Perth County Back Home Initiative.



Avon Public School acknowledges the role of the **Ideal Supply Company Limited's Green Fund** donation that made the completion of their special **Butterfly Garden** (Monarch Waystation & Habitat) possible. Photos submitted.

### "Kudos"

*"Lynda McGregor has guided the committee for Little Falls, **Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow** campaign with her expert knowledge and insight of fundraising. Our ambitious campaign was clearly planned and now 6 months in, we are over 60% of our goal. I have no doubt that with the Foundation's continued support, we'll meet our full goal in no time! Thank you Lynda and the Foundation!"*

Lynn Hainer, Parent's Council, Little Falls P.S.

*"Thank you so much for all of your support. Because of the funds that you provide to us, we have been able to run a Work Experience program for our senior foods students and we have been able to show our support to our co-op employers by our Employer Appreciation Luncheon. Transportation funds have helped the students access their work experience placements."*

Liz Yundt, Co-op Teacher  
St. Michael Catholic Secondary School

## Saving the Environment ...

*“Having Peggy Coffey in your English class is a delight! Her Shakespeare programs are curriculum specific and ‘rebuilt’ every year as she learns from the students of the previous year. She is very responsive and sensitive to the kids, going to their comfort level.....and then challenging them!”*

Secondary Teacher

*“The Conservation Fairs spark ideas through activities, presentations and displays. While addressing the issue of sustainability is commonplace in schools, the opportunity to see and touch products like a kilo-watt meter, solar panel and lawn furniture made from recycled plastic strengthen students’ understanding. Connecting environmental concerns to potential action projects is key in moving forward with a sustainable agenda”*

Conservation Fair Project

Lead, K. McManus



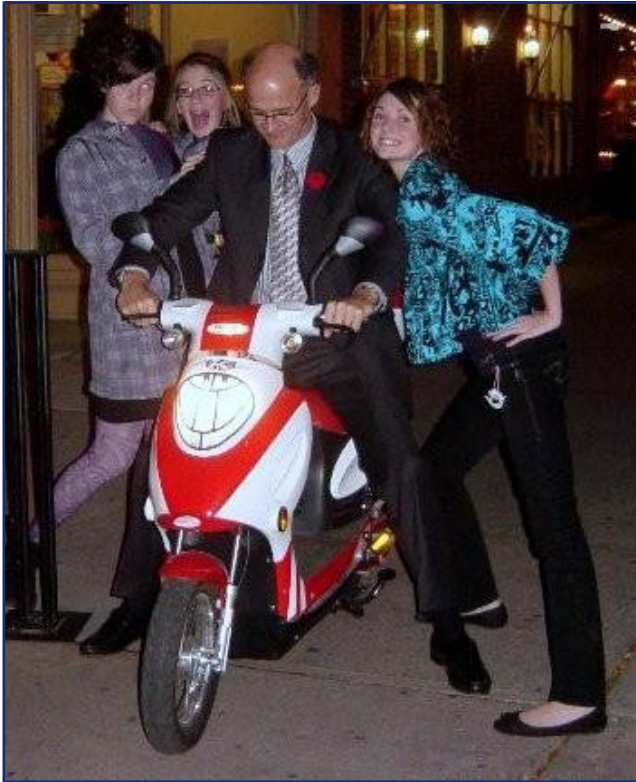
**Photo submitted: Environmental project at Anne Hathaway P.S.**

*“Sprucedale is a Healthy Active School. This can be seen in classes and in extra-curricular activities. We have an active Green Team that composts, reminds us of energy saving tips, and feeds our birds. We have also had an interested committee on the Highway bypass project in Shakespeare. We are excited to be hosting a conservation fair here at Sprucedale Public School.”*

Helen Orr, Principal



**Storyteller** — Heather Whaley toured five AMDSB schools through a partnership amongst the **Ontario Storytellers’ Association, Ontario Arts Council and the Foundation.**



## Don't Miss These Fabulous Foundation Events

- **ARTITUDES** tours
- **Foundation Golf Challenge** – each June
- **Gourmet & Gavel Dinner Auction** – November 6 at The Church Restaurant, Stratford



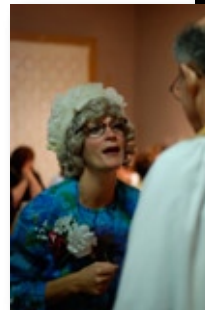
## Gourmet & Gavel GALA

Hundreds of generous donors support our annual Gourmet and Gala, Dinner and Auction each fall, by giving gifts for monetary donations that leverage great packages up for bid for our event guests. PHOTO at left: Dr. Dennis Nuhn is the successful bidder on the green bike, donated by Green Ride Bikes, Stratford.

Pictured with Dr. Nuhn are his daughters, l-r: Kristen, Hilary and Sarah.

## Brad and Gail's Marvelous Wedding Adventure

netted \$6,150 for ARTITUDES programs this spring. A corps of 35 volunteers, under the direction of Duncan McGregor, performed 3 public performances a few weeks ago. PHOTOS (l-r) Laurie Nuhn (grandma speaks with the Priest), Dennis Nuhn. l-r (Priest) Dennis Nuhn, groom Steve Cook, Bride Susanne Daniels, Kevin MacDonald and Nisa Howe-Lobb – Best Man and Maid of Honour, respectively. Brad and Gail's Marvelous Wedding Adventure was written by Rob Bundy.



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