



MDAA Spring Newsletter 2024

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President's Message ~

Hello Alumni,

Please read this message carefully and consider the requests.

We are desperately needing help with creating our twice a year newsletter. Some of us directors are carrying multiple responsibilities, such as secretary, primarily taking minutes at our board meetings. We need more hands at our MDAA board table to continue carrying the load of managing our website, supporting reunions, digitizing our archives and covering obituaries and sympathy cards and chairing some committees like Archives. More alumni are needed to be a success and to continue with the MDAA.

We have projects on hold, eg. our Trophies & Awards project, fundraising, as we need more hands to partake and join in to manifest these projects.

We continue to meet every other month on Zoom for our board meetings for the ease & convenience of the directors. We have on occasion in-person committee meeting where needed.

Please contact me if you are interested in participating as a director or an active volunteer. I'm at w.gedney@icloud.com

The board and I do look forward to hearing from you in order to continue.

Sincerely,
Wendy Gedney
MDAA President



Principal's Message ~

Dear MDSS Alumni,

The 2023-2024 school year has allowed for many amazing events, activities, and accomplishments to happen as students grew in their learning and contributed to build the amazing culture of the school.

Mount Doug RAMS athletes have had a very successful winter and spring season of play. This year Mount Doug added a rugby team to the many sports teams being offered. Alumni are always welcome to cheer on the teams as they compete their way to island championships and then provincials.

In the Arts, our Dance students have represented Mount Douglas with 28 pieces in the Victoria Dance Festival in a wide range of dance styles and techniques from large ensembles, small groups and solos or duets. They also presented eight Young Choreographer dances created and performed by the students.

Our music students continue to have exciting performing arts offerings including String Orchestra, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Guitar, Choir, and Drama performances.

Grads have been able to enjoy many Grad Activities this year including: Monthly Jersey Days, Spirit Week, and Winter Formal. Our Grad Recognition Ceremony will be held this year on May 30th with a Grad Lock In the week before to start the final graduation activities which will culminate with a Grad Formal Dinner Dance on Sunday June 2nd at the Delta Hotel. These events will celebrate and honour the accomplishments of the Grad Class of 2024, the next Alumni members.

On a personal note, I want to express my gratitude and appreciation for being so openly and warmly welcomed into the Mount Doug Family just five years ago. I will be moving onto a new school assignment in September and passing on the principalship to Heather Brown. While I know I will be leaving the school in great hands, I will leave a piece of my heart with the school. We have been through so much over the past five years and I couldn't have faced the challenges of COVID 19 without the support of such an amazing and supportive community.

Sincerely,
Donna Thompson, Heather Brown, Maylyn Elliot
MDSS Administration Team



Gone but Not Forgotten

Thanks for those who let us know about alumni they knew who have died, and writing a note to obiteditor@mountdoug alumni.com (often including the obituary too where possible) so we can add the deceased alum to our [In Memoriam](#) section under their class' year on our website.

(since our Fall Newsletter, sent to you on Dec.12/23)

* Kelvin Lo '00 - d. Feb. /05
* Torrie Jones '75 - d. May /21

Barbara Hall Foston Mitchell '64 - d. Nov. /23

Dylan Hoen '00 - d. Nov. /23

May Chow Wong '52 - d. Nov. /23

Steve Henry '00 - d. Dec. /23

Susan Watson Wadsworth '61 - d. Dec. /23

Colin Craig '75 - d. Feb. /24

Andrew Marshall '00 - d. Feb. /24

* denotes alumni who we were just informed about their deaths even though they died some years ago. They are now posted on our website in their class year.



REUNIONS 2024

These classes have shared with us their reunion plans for this year:

[MD '64 class](#) - 60th Reunion - Wed. April 17, 2024
[MD '74 class](#) - 50th Reunion - Sat. July 13, 2024
[MD '84 class](#) - 40th Reunion - Sat. August 24, 2024
[MD '04 class](#) - 20th Reunion - Sat. June 29, 2024

See the [Reunions section](#) on our website for details on these gatherings. Click [Learn More](#) button there.

So far, MD classes preparing to celebrate next year (2025):

MD '75 class'

Also, do let us know if your class is planning a reunion and we will post it on our site for you and your class. Send us your reunion information to: info@mountdoug alumni.com



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