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### Our Cover

Windsor student Tessa Virtue and Ice Dancing partner Scott Moir practice their now-famous goose lift in preparation for their historic victory at the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games.

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[uwindsor.ca/olympicconnections](http://uwindsor.ca/olympicconnections)

Tessa Virtue photos courtesy of Myra Klarman Photography.

Canada played host to the world at the Vancouver 2010 Olympics and alumni and others from the University of Windsor were involved from start to finish, capped by the wondrous win by our own Tessa Virtue.

To mark this excitement and achievement, we held a University Night at the Olympics during the Games. Alumni living in Vancouver or visiting for the Olympics were invited. The event was organized with the help of Vancouver-area alumni and friends. Special thanks to former Olympian George Short MHK '73, long-time Vancouver chapter volunteer Drew James BComm '89, Abu Arif BA '07, MA '09 Political Science and Natalie Aversa.

Our theme, "Being Influential," came from students. They've told us that's what their education is about. It's what they want their lives to be about. Influencing their future. Shaping their world. Future issues of *Being Influential* will show how university supporters are influencing students and the greater community through their donations and activities.

*John Bergholz, Vice-President, University Advancement*

### Carrying the Flame: From sea to sea to sea

UWindsor alumni carried the Olympic torch in communities across the country.



Stephen Clark BComm '05, a senior account manager for RBC Royal Bank in Toronto, was chosen by his company and flown to St. John's, Nfld., where he ran his leg of the relay.

Josée Young BFA Acting '98 says, "It was something I wanted to do since

the 1988 games when I was 12." Josée was selected randomly in a contest to run on Sussex Drive, Ottawa. Her leg stretched from the Foreign Affairs building to just before the Prime Minister's residence. She met synchronized swimmer Carolyn Waldo, retired General Romeo Dallaire and "12 other amazing Canadians" who shared that prestigious leg.

Young works in theatre administration, producing, publicity, acting, voice-over as well as directing a documentary. "Always something different - keeps it fresh," she says.

Gerald Freed BA '58 was given the opportunity by *The Windsor Star* to run with the torch in LaSalle.

Mark Mattson LLB '88 ran with the torch in Vancouver on February 10.

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## CAMPUS COMMUNITY ELATED AS STUDENT WINS GOLD MEDAL

UWindsor students cheered past midnight in the CAW Student Centre pub. Many, including students, faculty, staff, and President Alan Wildeman stayed up to watch at home. The next morning, there were wide smiles and high fives across campus in celebration.

If anyone hadn't stayed up, they knew as soon as they opened their computer to the campus news or the University's Web site, where a banner on the home page declared "Good as Gold!" or saw the front page photo and story in their morning newspapers.

Tessa Virtue with her skating partner, Scott Moir, had won an historic Gold Medal in ice dance for Canada at the Vancouver 2010 Olympics. And Virtue is one of ours. She has been taking classes part-time at the University of Windsor since Fall 2007, majoring in Psychology and taking a course in Kinesiology last summer.

The pair from the London area entered the Olympic ice dancing competition as Canada's reigning champions. They have been skating together 14 years.

With their training headquarters in Michigan, Virtue juggled her studies at UWindsor with international competitions that recently included Paris and Tokyo. Prior to leaving for Vancouver, Virtue said she was "thrilled" to know that people across campus were rooting for her.

"I love the University of Windsor. Even with the travel, all of my professors have been supportive and helpful when I tell them what I do," she said. "I'm taking the winter semester off, for obvious reasons, but will be back for some classes later in 2010."



Virtue and Moir are the first North Americans to win Gold in ice dancing, and at 20 (her) and 22 years old, also the youngest. Their romantic free-dance program was called graceful technical mastery over the sport's demanding lifts, spins, twizzles, and precision—virtually perfect.

Aaron Lowe BHK '03, MHK '07 and Megan Wing BA '03, MA '08, were in the stands to witness the Gold Medal performance. The pair competed in ice dance in the 2006 Olympics and had trained with Virtue and Moir.

"With the home crowd cheering, there was so much excitement," said Wing. "Their performance was spectacular and their Gold Medal was well deserved.

"That's what you want. You want to win when everyone skates their best."

Follow Tessa and Scott at [virtuemoir.blogspot.com](http://virtuemoir.blogspot.com)

## ALUMNI BEHIND THE ACTION

University of Windsor alumni played important and interesting roles to ensure the success of the Vancouver 2010 Olympics.



Yvon Deschenes



Dr. Salvador Ferreras



Dr. Scott Martyn



James Allen, son Nathan, and Vancouver 2010 Olympics mascot, Quatchi.

### JAMES ALLEN BHK '97, MHK '00

A senior advisor for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Federal Secretariat, James Allen has worked since summer 2006 on planning and co-ordination in support of federal participation in the 2010 Winter Games. It is a huge undertaking.

Allen's primary focus has been "co-ordination of Game-time operations," to support the numerous federal departments and agencies in their preparations and in their work with the Vancouver Organizing Committee to ensure that they are lined up and ready to deliver key federal services for the Games.

The Secretariat works with 2010 Games Partners, federal departments and agencies, and other stakeholders to provide leadership, advice, and co-ordinating functions.

"We are caught up in the excitement, but we are also looking past the Games. We are committed to ensuring lasting legacies for all Canadians, and that involves sport, culture, social, economic and more," he says.

### TED BATTISTON BHK '94

Ted Battiston is the manager of sustainability initiatives at the resort municipality of Whistler (RMOW) and has been involved with planning sustainability legacies, energy infrastructure and similar considerations for most of the last four years. During the Games, he worked with the RMOW's media relations in Whistler.

### CHRIS BOUCEK BA '08

Chris Boucek was an expatriot living in Prague during the bid there for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic games. "I was active in the Canadian community, and was offered the opportunity to assist the Olympic Committee, acting as an English translator and being a security guard checking identification and name tags during the night of the bid. Part of the security preparation the day before was creating everybody's name tag. I am proud to say I made Wayne Gretzky's security ID!"

### YVON DESCHENES BA '98

Thank Yvon Deschenes for those great replays on Olympic coverage, the stats and facts from commentators, and the on-screen graphic information boards. Those were among his responsibilities at the 2010 Winter Olympics for everything that is aired during the primetime hours on Sportsnet channels.

The 13-year veteran of Sportsnet productions worked the Olympics at the downtown Vancouver International Broadcast Centre, with over 7,000 of the world's top accredited technicians and broadcasters crews from more than 100 countries.

### NELLY FARGEON BA Drama '08

Nelly Fargeon volunteered in the International Protocol department for the Games, specifically on the Protocol Flags Team, working primarily backstage retrieving, preparing and sending out all flags for all events, venues and victory ceremonies.

### DR. SALVADOR FERRERAS BMus '78

Salvador Ferreras is the producer/creative director of the 2010 Aboriginal Pavilion for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

The pavilion, hosted by the Four Host First Nations, showcases Aboriginal artists in the fields of music, dance, literature, film, theatre and video.

Dr. Ferreras is dean of the Vancouver Community College School of Music.

"The Olympics create a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to show the world how tradition and the contemporary come alive in our music and performance," he says.  
[www.salferreras.com](http://www.salferreras.com)

### BILL HALLETT BComm '78

A director on the Board of the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC), Bill Hallett may have been one of the busiest people in Vancouver. Hallett volunteered at Canada Olympic House, the home away from home for Canadian athletes and their families. "I was also our COC board contact for the provincial delegations," he says, "and I was on call during the Games to fill in where a COC board member may be needed."

Triple duty suits Hallett who, as an athlete, has competed in more than 150 triathlons. He is the past president of Triathlon Canada and advocates for amateur sport through Sport BC.

"I want more Canadians to see the value that high performance in sport has for moving our youth in a positive direction," he says.

### RACHAEL KING BA Drama '02

Rachael King was a supervisor for Event Services at the Vancouver Olympic Centre (the curling venue). Event Services is essentially "the face of the games," she says. "We are involved in working the venue information booth and spectator

marshalling, which includes ticket scanning, ushering and monitoring access to restricted areas. Our staff also assisted with the screening process to enter the venue."

### CAITLIN JENKINS MHK '06

Caitlin Jenkins is a Specialist, Anti-Doping, with the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. She has been working since 2007 on the system that was used to detect any performance-enhancing drugs at the games.

### DR. SCOTT MARTYN

Sport historian Scott Martyn believes in miracles.

To witness yet another, he goes back to the Olympics. He has attended numerous Olympic events since 1984, and wouldn't miss Vancouver in February 2010.

"Athletes rise to great and sometimes unexpected achievement, overthrowing the pressure of coming to that precious moment that has been the golden goal of an average of nine years of work, training and sacrifice," says the UWindsor kinesiology professor.

Dr. Martyn's new book on the Olympics comes out later this year.



Amy Rivard

## VANCOUVER EVENT

Cheerful alumni and friends converge in Vancouver.

### Candy Canadiana wins trip to the Games

Amy Rivard BFA '98 won a nationwide contest sponsored by The Bay called "What are you made of?" Her prize was roundtrip tickets to the Olympics, a hotel for three nights, two tickets to the Men's Gold Medal hockey game, two tickets to a snowboarding event and some Hudson's Bay Olympic apparel.

"For about 10 years, I have been developing a character called Candy Canadiana and last year, I began shooting a Youtube series called, What's Up Canuck? So, I knew what I was made of – all things Canadian – and made a video for the contest," she says.

[youtube.com/user/CandyCanadiana](http://youtube.com/user/CandyCanadiana)

### JANET MILLER BMus '76, BEd '77

Janet Miller joined the Vancouver Olympic Committee (VANOC) team as the manager of communications for the Cultural Olympiad and Ceremonies. Cultural Olympiad 2010 is the massive, 60-day festival of contemporary music, dance, theatre, visual and digital arts with 600 performances and installations in 60 indoor and outdoor venues in the Vancouver area and throughout the Sea to Sky region to Whistler.

After VANOC, she will return to the Canadian Tourism Commission to promote Canada as a cultural destination.

### Carrying the Flame: From sea to sea to sea (continued)

UWindsor alumni carried the Olympic torch in communities across the country.

Dan Campana BComm '94, a teacher at General Amherst High School, ran along Main Street in Ridgetown, Chatham-Kent.



UWindsor kinesiology student Chris Beausoleil, the Community Torchbearer for Chatham-Kent, lit the community torch.

Gerry Girard, of the University's IT Services Department, held his torch high in LaSalle.



Dr. George McMahon BA '56, former assistant VP of the UWindsor alumni office, ran along Riverside Drive in Windsor.

Eric Vandenbroucke BComm '00, MBA 01, of the University's Athletics and Recreational Services, ran with the torch in Tecumseh.

### DR. RICHARD POUND LLD '97

Canadian member of the International Olympic Committee, Richard Pound, received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Windsor in 1997 for his work in promoting improvements in drug testing that is now common in most professional and international amateur sport competitions. Dr. Pound continues to be a popular guest lecturer at the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Human Kinetics.

If they gave out medals for support and pride, the 125 University of Windsor alumni and friends who packed into Dix BBQ and Brewery in downtown Vancouver would get the gold, says George Short MHK '73.

Short, who lives in Vancouver and helped organize the event, was a sprinter for Canada in the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome.

Drew James BComm '89 described the energy in the room as fantastic. "Everyone enjoyed sharing their stories about the University of Windsor and what they are doing now."

President Alan Wildeman, Vice-President John Bergholz and Athletic Director Gord Grace joined the Vancouver crowd to cheer on Canada's men's hockey team in its 8-0 victory over Norway to open the Olympic tournament.

Whether alumni came from B.C.'s lower mainland or New Zealand, were recent graduates or from decades past, or grads from business, science, law, the arts or otherwise, they mingled and laughed and cheered together.

For more photos, see the events page at [www.uwindsor.ca/alumni](http://www.uwindsor.ca/alumni)



Canada scores



Alan Wildeman, George Short, Megan Wing, Aaron Lowe



Sharon Spicer, Brian Souchuk, their son Carson

## The University of Windsor congratulates Olympic Ice Dancing Gold Medalists, Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir.



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